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Our footy stars lead the way



THERE are four teams left in the 2016 Australian Football League season and four remaining in the National Rugby League competition. What a thrilling couple of weeks we're in for. Buddy Franklin, above left, was again inspirational as he kicked four goals in the Sydney Swans' demolition of the Adelaide Crows at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday night. The night before, Johnathan Thurston, above right, weaved more of his magic to steer the North Queensland Cowboys to another memorable win over arch rivals the Brisbane Broncos in Townsville. The Swans have booked a showdown with the Geelong Cats for a grand final berth, while the Cowboys will be up against Cronulla in Sydney this weekend in an attempt to book their second successive grand final appearance. As if that's not enough, rugby league fans can look forward to the big Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Rugby League carnival starting at Redcliffe today and the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout starting on Friday at Leichhardt Oval, Sydney. Pictures: AAP

Protect our kids



Territory governments to

LEADING Indigenous and human rights organisations are urging the Federal and Northern

immediately protect the human rights of young people currently in detention.

Their calls follow reports that youth continue to be held in solitary confinement-like conditions at Darwin's notorious Don Dale

detention centre. National television coverage from inside the centre immediately led to the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the NT, which opened this month.

The mistreatment of Indigenous children in custody has been in sharp focus following national reports and claims of abuse at detention centres around the country.

But in what is being hailed a

positive development in youth justice, the Queensland Government has moved to end the policy of locking up 17-year-olds in adult jails.

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My FAMILY Eloise Walker – Baryulgil, NSW



Eloise Walker, from Baryulgil, northern NSW, with her brother Noel and mother Linda.

WE'VE got a big family around Baryulgil here in northern NSW. Growing up, Mum was always looking after cousins, and now I'm a foster carer too. I have seven brothers and I'm the baby of the family. Mum is the youngest of 12, so we've got lots of family around. The family is always growing, too.

Mum is part of the Mundine family – Mundine is her maiden name.

I grew up always babysitting for my cousins. I just like to look after people, especially my family. I started as a respite carer for my cousin.

My brother was a foster carer and that inspired me to be a foster carer as well.

I've seen family get their kids taken away. Things happen and those kids get taken away from culture. I hope that I can help my family by being a foster carer and look after their kids if anything happens like that.

We loved growing up in Baryulgil. We went hunting, fishing, and turtle diving. We got to do all the cultural things and be around our family.

I love to be able to look after my family and keep our kids in culture.

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OUR CHILDREN



Local students welcome visitors to the eighth Obe Geia Junior Rugby League Challenge at the Palm Island Oval this month. Nine mainland and three local sides took part. Obe Geia Jnr was the first Palm Islander to play A grade for the North Queensland Cowboys. See our report on page 68. *Picture: Alf Wilson*

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Silver for cyclist



SYDNEY cyclist Amanda Reid, pictured here on the podium and in competition, posted a personal best time to claim the silver medal in the C1-2-3 500m time trial at the Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. She also contested the 20km road time trial, finishing 11th. Meanwhile, track athlete Torita Isaac just missed out on a medal, finishing fourth in the final of the women's 400m for T38 (vision impaired) athletes. See page 76 for our Paralympics coverage.



WA move to cut jail rate



FINE defaulters in Western Australia will be given the option to work in the community to pay off the penalty, under plans aimed at reducing high Indigenous incarceration rates.

WA has the nation's highest proportion of Indigenous people in jail, representing 38% of the prison population.

Aboriginal people made up 3.1% of the state's population in 2011, according to Census figures.

Under a sentencing legislation amendment bill introduced to Parliament this month, courts will be able to impose a fine on low-level offenders but then immediately offer them the option of attending a rehabilitation program or working in the community instead.

"While legislation applies to everyone equally, one of the key aims of this amendment is to reduce the incarceration of Aboriginal people for the non-payment of fines for low level offences which don't warrant imprisonment," Attorney General Michael Mischin said.



Chief Justice airs concern

Western Australia's top judge, Chief Justice Wayne Martin, (pictured above) says the gross overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in prison is the biggest issue confronting his state's justice system. See our report on page 14.

"These changes are reflective of the Government's commitment to prevent and reduce the number

of Aboriginal deaths in custody, as well as the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in the justice system."

A particularly tragic case was in August 2014 when 22-year-old Aboriginal woman Ms Dhu died two days after being locked up at South Hedland Police Station for unpaid fines totalling just \$3622.

The grandmother of Ms Dhu wants CCTV footage of her granddaughter's final hours released to the media in its entirety.

Carol Roe has written a letter to State Coroner Ros Fogliani saying she has "no objection" to the entirety of the CCTV footage of Ms Dhu's final moments released "in a non-exclusive manner".

Ms Dhu's death was subject to a coronial inquiry, where Ms Fogliani dismissed applications to release the footage, saying it was distressing and Ms Dhu's privacy outweighed the public interest.

Renewed calls for the footage to be released publicly has resulted in the matter being listed for hearing on September 28. — AAP



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Alice prepares to see the light

Pictured: Artist Lenie Namatjira with a skirt from the installation *Inti Ljapa Ljapa Irapakalam* (Butterfly Going Round and Round), which is part of the Parrtjima festival.



INDIGENOUS artworks will brighten the desert sky when Parrtjima – A Festival in Light starts in Alice Springs this Friday (September 23). The free public 10-day event will run until October 2. Parrtjima, which means ‘lighting up’, is a showcase of contemporary and traditional Indigenous art, culture and stories using light and sound, created by the Northern Territory Government with events planner AGB Events and local Aboriginal artists, students and community members.

NT Major Events Company general manager Andrew Hopper said Parrtjima offers visitors from around Australia and the world the chance to experience the oldest continuous culture on earth in a new and exciting way.

In addition to the multi-coloured projections on the MacDonnell Ranges, a series of installations will be on show at Alice Springs Desert Park. For more information see www.ParrtjimaAustralia.com.au



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Dialysis is closer for APY Lands



LONG-awaited community-based dialysis services are a major step closer for South Australia’s APY Lands.

After years of campaigning, the South Australian Government has finally given the go-ahead for the services at Ernabella, to be provided by Alice Springs-based Western Desert Dialysis (Purple House).

But there is a sting in the tail.

While the Federal Government has agreed to provide \$1.7 million to build a dialysis room and staff accommodation, the SA Government says it can’t afford to pay running costs for the new clinic.

But under a special deal, SA says it will pick up these costs, only if Purple House can cover the expenses – that’s \$250,000 – for the first year.

It’s a challenge, but the Purple House’s Sarah Brown is confident her organisation can do it.

“It will take about 18 months to build the new clinic, so we’ve got that time to raise the \$250,000 to operate it,” she told the *Koori Mail*.

“We’ve opened the Pukatja (Ernabella) Dialysis Fund to help get that money. All donations are tax deductible and will be gratefully received.”

Increase

Ms Brown said about 20 people were in need of dialysis around Ernabella, and sadly that number was certain to increase.

Pukatja Community chairperson Rupert Jack welcomed the clinic, saying locals wanted it built next to the old mission hospital in the heart of Ernabella.

Anangu (APY people) are already talking about a name for

the clinic, with one in memory of the late Mr K McKenzie being suggested.

Mr McKenzie, a traditional owner of Uluru Kata Tjuta, worked hard for many years to get dialysis services for Pukatja and other centres. His work led to traditional owners choosing to use Uluru Rent Money allocations to support Purple Truck trips to APY Lands, allowing dialysis patients to stay on country when receiving treatment.

Meanwhile, Purple House is looking at expanding its dialysis coverage area to north-east areas in the Northern Territory. It also has support from the Federal Government for dialysis facilities in Ampilatwatja, Utopia and Kalkarindji.

The service already covers a huge area across the Northern Territory and the north of Western Australia.

Qld change welcomed



YOUTH justice advocates have welcomed the end to Queensland's "irrational and unfair" practice of locking up 17-year-olds in adult jails within the next year.

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk's Government has introduced legislation into Parliament to move the inmates – a great many of them Indigenous – into the youth justice system within 12 months.

"It is the right thing to do," she said.

"We cannot have a situation where Queensland is the only state in this nation

that is treating 17-year-olds differently."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service Qld chief executive Shane Duffy said he was overwhelmed by the announcement.

"The most important part about that is we're going to be working with the Government as key stakeholders," he said.

"I think 12 months is a big ask, but nevertheless the commitment's there."

Youth Advocacy Centre director Janet Wight said she had almost given up hope of the day arriving, with the centre lobbying for change since 1992.

"Twelve months is at least a time

commitment – we've never had that time commitment," she said.

Ms Wight said the move was good for the children and good for the community.

"Seventeen-year-olds are children," she said. "You can't vote, you can't buy a drink, but apparently you can be held responsible as an adult for your criminal actions. That is irrational and it is unfair."

The Government says it will set up a Cabinet sub-committee to work through the complexities of the move, including the possible need for extra inmate accommodation.

It will mean an extra 50 inmates are

added to the state's youth justice system, which already has about 150 youths in its care, some as young as 10 and many of them Aboriginal.

Sisters Inside chief executive Debbie Kilroy recalled once being locked up as a 17-year-old in 1988 as a "highly traumatising" experience.

"Now I'm a lawyer," she said. "We can change our lives and if we don't traumatise children we will get the best out of them and our community."

Queensland courts will continue to place 17-year-olds in adult jails until the proposed law is in place. – AAP



Royal commissioners Mick Gooda, a Gangulu man who resigned from the Human Rights Commission to take on the role, and former Queensland judge Margaret White.

Potentially a watershed moment, says lawyer



THE Northern Territory royal commission into the detention of young Indigenous children could be a watershed moment for Australian justice, the lawyer for one abused boy says. The inquiry, being led by co-commissioners Margaret White and Mick Gooda, has outlined what will happen over the next few months.

Lawyer Peter O'Brien appeared in the ABC program which sparked the royal commission, after showing footage of youths in Darwin's Don Dale detention centre being gassed, stripped naked, hooded and tied to restraint chairs.

"This is a watershed moment potentially, not only in the history of detention in the NT but potentially also right across the country," he said outside the Supreme Court in Darwin.

Mr O'Brien said the treatment of two of his clients, Dylan Voller and Jake Roper, in the system was "deplorable" and that they were willing to give evidence.

Mr Gooda, a former human rights commissioner, and Ms White, a former judge, plan to proceed "with a high degree of cultural competence" to create a safe environment for people giving evidence to the commission, which will examine the treatment of juvenile offenders over 10 years.

"Many wrongs"

"Many wrongs have been committed in the past which have caused great trauma and lasting damage to many people," Mr Gooda said in his opening statement.

"Despite being a painful process, for the community to move forward, it must come to understand where these wrongs have occurred and ensure those wrongs are not repeated."

The commission will look at the period between August 2006 and August 2016.

"There can be no one in our community who is not anxious to find out if there are ways to bring about a significant reduction in child offending," Ms White said in her statement.

Before the commission was first announced, Mr Gooda was criticised for being biased after he called for the sacking of the now ousted NT Country Liberal Party Government. He again rejected this, assuring of his impartiality.

"I wish to assure ... that I will look only at the evidence and other information given to the commission and that nothing extraneous will affect the conclusions I reach with my co-commissioner," he said.

The commissioners will start hearing public evidence from next month, ahead of a final report to be delivered by the end of March 2017.

They've already visited Darwin, Alice Springs and Kalkarindji and met with more than two dozen stakeholder groups. – AAP

● Don Dale issue cost me, says defeated Chief Minister Adam Giles. Report page 12

Action urged to protect children



LEADING Indigenous and human rights groups want the Federal and Northern Territory governments to immediately protect the human rights of young people currently in detention.

Their calls come as the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory prepares to hear evidence. The commission was called after an ABC TV *Four Corners* report on the treatment of young people in detention in the NT.

The Human Rights Law Centre, Amnesty International and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS) urged both governments to be proactive and ensure children in detention are not exposed to mistreatment while awaiting the royal commission's recommendations, expected early next year.

The three organisations have received reports that young people continue to be held in conditions amounting to solitary confinement in the high security unit of Don Dale detention centre in Darwin.

They called on the new NT Government to immediately prohibit the use of solitary confinement; introduce an independent inspector of youth detention to prevent abuse; and meaningfully engage with Indigenous communities and

organisations. NATSILS also called for the establishment of a special youth court in central Australia.

NATSILS executive officer Karly Warner said more than 95% of young people in detention in the NT are Aboriginal.

"The Federal and NT governments should immediately commit to working closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations to find ways to reduce the alarming rates at which Indigenous young people are locked up," she said.

Permanent harm

Amnesty International Indigenous Rights campaigner Julian Cleary said human rights law prohibits the use of solitary confinement on children for any duration, because evidence shows that it can cause permanent psychological harm.

"The NT Government should immediately commit to upholding its human rights obligations and prohibit the use of solitary confinement on children," he said.

Human Rights Law Centre director of legal advocacy Ruth Barson said the NT has the highest rates of youth detention in Australia and that having independent oversight of youth detention facilities is critical if the Government is truly

committed to preventing mistreatment.

"It is essential that children in youth detention are protected from abuse," she said.

"We shouldn't need to wait for the royal commission's findings to ensure children are safe. Independent inspections and oversight of detention facilities are proven to work to prevent the type of appalling treatment we recently saw in the Don Dale youth detention facility."

The HRLC, Amnesty and NATSILS are also calling on the Federal Government to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, which Australia signed in 2009; and to properly fund Aboriginal organisations to engage with the royal commission.

"There is no reason for delaying ratification any further," Ms Barson said.

"The Commonwealth Government has an important leadership role to play. Ratification will ensure proper and independent mechanisms are in place to prevent the mistreatment of people in detention."

"The Commonwealth Government must adequately fund Aboriginal organisations to engage with the royal commission. This will ensure affected Aboriginal people, organisations, communities and children are able to have their voices heard."

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Stolen Wages workers launch class action



A CLASS action has been launched on behalf of hundreds of Indigenous Queenslanders over an estimated \$500 million Stolen

Wages bill dating back to the 1930s. The lawsuit has been lodged on behalf of Hans Pearson – the uncle of prominent Aboriginal man Noel Pearson – who says he received next to no remuneration for 10 years of work in the 1950s and 1960s because his wages were held in a trust and

never paid to him.

Historians estimate the Queensland Government may owe up to \$500 million in stolen wages to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers due to wage control legislation that was in place between 1939 and 1972.

Bottoms English Lawyers (BELAW) principal John Bottoms said Mr Pearson and other Indigenous Australians had suffered significantly from “protection” legislation.

“As part of this action, we allege that the State held Mr

Pearson’s wages for work completed between 1953 and 1963 in trust pursuant to a fiduciary duty and yet has not returned the vast bulk of it,” Mr Bottoms said.

“Because of this policy, Mr Pearson essentially worked a decade of his life for next to no remuneration.”

Historians have said it is likely that many millions may be owed to Indigenous workers in other Australian states and territories.

Cairns-based law firm BELAW and Shine Lawyers are working

together on these claims, with BELAW running the Queensland action and Shine Lawyers handling investigations in other Australian states and territories.

Shine Lawyers partner Jan Saddler is leading the national investigations into similar actions.

“We’re talking about stockmen, farm hands, laundry assistants and other domestic workers who worked tirelessly in harsh, isolated conditions for next to nothing,” she said. “These policies were supposed to protect people but instead left thousands of

Indigenous people effectively working as slaves because they never received their wages.

“We will be working on behalf of thousands of these deserving workers and their families to recover the wages that remain unpaid because of unfair and unjust government policies.”

People can register their interest in joining the action at www.shine.com.au/service/class-actions/stolen-wages-class-action/. Further information is also available at www.stolenwages.com.au/



BLAKflip participants show off their circus skills.
Picture: Rob Blackburn

CircusOz artists flip out



TEN Indigenous artists have come together for the sixth CircusOz BLAKflip

masterclass in Melbourne, honing their circus and performance skills during the two-week program.

BLAKflip offers professional circus development for Indigenous performers, with this year’s group including one internationally-based artist. BLAKflip has run for five years and CircusOz was involved in the first Indigenous production of *Corked Up*, and has had three Indigenous performers – Dale Woodbridge-Brown, Ghenoa Gela

and Mark Sheppard – among its ranks.

Program manager Davey Thompson said there is a “real hunger” to bring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture into contemporary circus.

“Circus is a fusion of dance, theatre, music and athleticism – these are skills that are naturally present in the storytelling of the oldest living culture in the world,” he said. “BLAKflip is creating an amazing foundation to develop artists. In circus there are no rules, so the possibilities are explosive.”

CircusOz ensemble member Dale Woodbridge-Brown says he

doesn’t know why more Indigenous people don’t take up circus.

“It’s in our blood,” he said. “Circus is storytelling, it’s physical and it’s what we were meant to do.”

This year’s BLAKflip participants are Lara Croydon, Ally Humphris, Jairus Riley and Pearl Thompson from Queensland; Munnawarra King, Harley Mann and Elsie Smith from NSW; Jack Shepherd and Dylan Singh from Victoria; and Britain-based Rose Chalker McGann.

CircusOz artistic director Rob Tannion said BLAKflip breaks

barriers to professional circus development for Indigenous artists.

“How can we call circus in this country truly ‘Australian’ if we don’t have Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander circus artists’ voices and stories deeply embedded into the very fabric of the artform?” he said.

“Combining forty thousand years of culture with unique, irreverent humour and the excitement of contemporary circus makes sense to us – we’re looking forward to seeing what these incredible artists cook up over the next few years.”

Hottest 100 considers question of changing the date



RADIO triple j has ruled out moving its Hottest 100 countdown from Australia

Day in 2017, but has left the door open to changing the date in future.

“In 2017, triple j’s Hottest 100 will be on January 26,” the ABC’s national youth radio station said.

“Future years are under review and we’ll continue to talk to Indigenous communities, artists and our audience about this.”

Campaigns to shift the date gathered momentum in recent weeks over concerns holding it on January 26 was disrespectful towards Indigenous Australians.

A change.org petition pushing for the shift was launched in August and attracted close to 3000 signatures, while social media has been abuzz with the hashtag #ChangeTheDate.

Indigenous rappers Briggs and Trials added to the debate last week with the release of their track *January 26* under their collaborative name A. B. Original and featuring Dan Sultan.

They said it “represents the annual frustration many Indigenous Australians feel from the farce of a holiday”.

On January 25 this year, Julian Hamilton and Kim Moyes of electronic duo The Presets said they would not celebrate Australia Day because it was “frankly sickening that we continue to celebrate on this cruellest of anniversaries” for Indigenous Australians.

The Hottest 100 counts down the year’s most popular songs according to a listener poll, and has been broadcast since 1989.

Cartoonist contender for racist of year title



GLOBAL movement Survival International has named cartoonist Bill Leak as one of its four contenders for its racist of the year title. The title is given annually to the person deemed to have displayed the greatest prejudice against tribal peoples.

Leak, a cartoonist for *The Australian*, is on the list for his cartoon (at left) depicting an Aboriginal man as a drunken and irresponsible father. It drew widespread criticism when published earlier this year.

The other nominees are:

- The organisers of the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, for accusing Brazilian tribal

peoples of infanticide, sexual abuse, rape, slavery and torture and describing them as "traditional practices".

- Botswana's President, General Ian Khama, who said that the Kalahari Bushmen live lives "of backwardness".

- Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, an Indian filmmaker who made *MSG-2 the Messenger*, a film which described Indian tribal peoples (known as Adivasis) as "evil".

Established in 1969, Survival was established to champion tribal peoples around the world.

Meanwhile, after receiving more than 700 complaints about

the Leak cartoon, the Australian Press Council decided this month that "the best outcome in the public interest is to promote free speech and the contest of ideas through the publication of two major op-ed pieces in *The Australian*, providing Indigenous perspectives on the cartoon and shedding light on the underlying issues".

The Australian published pieces by NSW Aboriginal Land Council chair Roy Ah-See (Stereotyping a barrier to Aboriginal advancement) and SNAICC chief executive Gerry Moore (Being hurtful is no help to kids).

New senator in plea on marriage equality



Senator Malarndirri McCarthy makes her maiden speech in the Senate. "It's time the Commonwealth encouraged more seriously the growth of the Northern Territory as perhaps the seventh state," she said.



FIGHTING back tears, Labor senator Malarndirri McCarthy had to pause for a moment after pleading to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull to stop the marriage equality plebiscite.

In her first speech to Parliament, the new Aboriginal senator spoke of a female relative who committed suicide because of the difficulty of reconciling her sexual identity with her Aboriginal culture.

"She was suffocating from her inability to find balance in her cultural world view," Senator McCarthy said.

"So one night she left this world – just gave up at the age of 23."

The former journalist urged the prime minister to reconsider the plebiscite bill introduced to Parliament earlier that day. "Please pull back from this brink of public vitriol," the Yanyuwa woman said.

With an Indigenous print shrouded over her lectern, Senator McCarthy also spoke about the struggle for land rights and recognition.

Call for statehood

She used the speech to call for the statehood of the Northern Territory, saying it would help give Indigenous people a greater say in a constitutional recognition referendum.


"It's time the Commonwealth encouraged more seriously the growth of the Northern Territory as perhaps the seventh state," the senator said.

She urged federal parliamentarians to understand the decades-long battle for country among First Nation families and drawn-out legal battles that had worn out so many.

That was why she fully understood the impatience and, in some cases, total rejection among some towards Parliament's push for recognition.

"It's a difficult pill to swallow as First Peoples to yet again have to ask others to respect us, our place, our culture, our families in this country when we know we've been here well over 60,000 years," Senator McCarthy said.

Supporters in the public gallery cheered and waved the Aboriginal flag during her speech. – AAP




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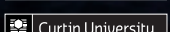
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Homeground to show *Collisions*



COLLISIONS, a virtual reality experience by artist and filmmaker Lynette Wallworth, will have its Sydney premiere

as part of this year's Homeground, the Sydney Opera House's showcase of First Nations art and culture, on October 8-9.

Collisions is a combined live-action/animated journey to the homeland of Aboriginal Elder Nyarri Nyarri Morgan and the Martu people in Western Australia's Pilbara.

"This story I carry is until the end, from our grandfathers and grandmothers; not just my story alone, for everyone," Mr Morgan said.

Ms Wallworth said she is excited to show the film, which had a simultaneous premiere at the Sundance Film Festival and the World Economic Forum in Switzerland, at Homeground.

"Since its premiere in January this year we have been waiting for the moment we could show *Collisions* in Australia," she said.

This is Ms Wallworth's third work with the Martu people of the Western Desert.

Sydney Opera House head of Indigenous programming Rhoda Roberts said she is delighted *Collisions* is on the Homeground program.

"Homeground is about how we all connect to country," she said.

"The opportunity that virtual reality technology affords to connect us with stories of our land and people is extremely powerful."

More details at www.sydneyoperahouse.com/homeground.aspx

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Martu Elder Nyarri Nyarri Morgan.
Picture: Piers Mussared

New Ministry has Aboriginal voices

Tensions high in Kalgoorlie



TENSION and the threat of more racially-charged violence was high in Kalgoorlie at the weekend after the home of a

man charged with the manslaughter of 14-year-old Aboriginal boy Elijah Doughty was deliberately set alight.

The South Kalgoorlie house went up in flames on Thursday night, with the building and contents completely destroyed at a cost of about \$250,000.

No one was home at the time, but the 55-year-old man, who is currently in custody, had lived there with his family.

Elijah died last month, when he was believed to have been hit by a car while riding a motorbike. The alleged driver of the 4WD ute involved reported the motorbike stolen the day before.

The charge of manslaughter, which carries a lesser punishment than murder, sparked a riot outside the Kalgoorlie courthouse before the man's first appearance in court, receiving national attention and exposing divisions in the gold mining town.

Local police and Aboriginal Elders called for calm, worried about racial tension exploding again, partly driven by responses to social media sites that have become toxic forums for racist abuse and a youth crime problem in the Goldfields region. — AAP



NEW Northern Territory Labor Chief Minister Michael Gunner has announced a fresh approach to Aboriginal Affairs, after his party

wiped the floor with the Country Liberal Party, who only have two MPs in the 25-member Parliament.

Mr Gunner has taken charge of the portfolio, which will be supported by an Aboriginal Voice — the Shared Future sub-committee, chaired by him and with two of Labor's Aboriginal MPs, Selena Uiho and Chansey Paech, named as assistant ministers.

The sub-committee will be made up of all bush and Indigenous MPs, along with senior Aboriginal leaders from across the Territory.

"This will ensure Indigenous Territorians have a permanent voice in Labor's Cabinet," Mr Gunner said.

There are six Aboriginal parliamentarians, Labor's Ms Uiho (Arnhem), Mr Paech (Namatjira), Ken Vowles (Johnston), Ngaree Ah Kit (Karama), Lawrence Costa (Arafura) and Independent Yolngu Elder Yinigya Mark Guyula (Nhulunbuy), who campaigned on a treaty platform.



Three of NT Labor's new NT Aboriginal MPs, from left, Ngaree Ah Kit, Chansey Paech and Selena Uiho.

Mr Gunner said all decisions of the Aboriginal Voice — Shared Future sub-committee would need full Cabinet approval before being implemented.

He told *Guardian Australia* that he believed the people of the NT were "mature enough" for a conversation about treaty.

"It's very clear there is a message for treaty, a demand for treaty, and the first step is listening," he said.

Mr Gunner said that the sub-

committee will focus on:

- delivering Labor's plans to guarantee local decision making, particularly in housing, local government, education, health, youth justice and community safety;

- ensuring land and sea ownership delivers on the economic and social aspirations of Indigenous Territorians; and

- progressing public discussion about a treaty with Indigenous Territorians.



Northern Territory Chief Minister Michael Gunner.

"As Chief Minister I will drive the strategic coordination of our jobs, children and trust agenda with a particular focus on delivering for Territorians living remotely and in the bush," Mr Gunner said.

Mr Vowles was named Primary Industry and Resources Minister.

Mr Gunner will also take responsibility for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Trade, Business and Innovation, and Northern Development.

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Report shows healthy growth



THE largest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations are showing healthy growth, according to Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven.

His annual report on the top 500 earning corporations under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act* in 2014-15 showed their average income increased from \$3.48 million to \$3.76 million.

And the 10-year average annual growth rate of total income for the corporations was a healthy 9.4%.

More than one-third of the top 500 corporations were based in the Northern Territory and, for the first time, corporations in the NT averaged more than \$5 million in income. NT corporations also employed 4449 people, more than in any other jurisdiction.

Average income for Western Australian corporations exceeded \$4.2 million but declined for the first time since 2009-10, led by a fall in

the average income of Pilbara-based corporations from \$8.99 million to \$7.81 million.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations play an important role in the economies of remote and regional Australia, particularly in the NT," said Mr Beven.

"While some corporations are adapting to reduced mining income, the sector as a whole remains strong."

This year's case study features the Brisbane-based corporation Winnam Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation, which started 25 years ago on the back of a \$100 donation.

Mr Beven says it's thriving, with more than \$22 million in assets, providing housing,

aged-care services and social and cultural support to the community.

To download the top 500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations 2014-15 or earlier top 500 reports, visit www.oric.gov.au

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"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations play an important role in the economies of remote and regional Australia, particularly in the NT."

Indigenous retirement age battle continues



AN apparent lack of interest is not stopping Brett Nutley in his campaign to have the official age of retirement for Indigenous people lowered to 55.

The Yugambeh (Qld) man has been left disappointed that just 1400 people have signed his petition to have the Indigenous retirement age reduced to 55 – the current age is 65 – in line with recommendations from the Closing the Gap report.

His campaign, which calls for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to receive pension and other benefits on retirement, was sparked by concern over the life-expectancy gap, with Indigenous people dying on

average 20 years earlier than other Australians.

"In two years I've only collected about 1400 signatures," Mr Nutley told the *Koori Mail*.

"I think people are sharing and liking the petition on Facebook, but they're not actually signing it."

Mr Nutley, who is 48, said he knows that many Indigenous people die before they reach retirement.

He said reducing the retirement age would be helpful for those with health issues, but those who are still healthy should be able to feel free to keep working.

To sign the petition, visit www.gopetition.com/petitions/lower-australian-indigenous-peoples-retirement-age-to-55-years.html and click 'sign'.



Model Shanice Whiley wears fashion by Aboriginal designer Colleen Tighe Johnson.

Picture: Global Indigenous Management

Americans to get taste of fashion



INDIGENOUS Australian fashion and models will be in the spotlight at events in

North America in coming weeks. Talent agency Global Indigenous Management is taking its 'Global Indigenous Runway' to Canada and the United States to showcase First Nations fashion, including from Indigenous Australia and Pacific states. The runway has been a

focal point for recent major events, including the Virgin Australia Melbourne Fashion Festival Cultural Program and Melbourne Spring Fashion Week.

Global founder Tina Waru says the Indigenous Runway will be on show at Saskatoon in Canada this Saturday, and in the US city of Los Angeles early next month. Both events will feature Aboriginal designers, models and production talent.

Ms Waru says the Global Indigenous Runway's goal is to celebrate diverse cultures.

"It presents a modern interpretation of cultural identity featuring delicate hand-woven garments, printed fabrics, incredible haute-couture pieces and striking Indigenous models, talent, make-up artists, and many other creatives," she said.

"It's a show unlike any other."

Rirratjingu will appeal decision



THE Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation of east Arnhem Land has appealed a Federal Court decision which it claims makes its members wards of the state. The corporation has acted

after losing a long-running dispute with the Northern Land Council (NLC) about mining royalties.

The judge found the NLC, and not the court, had the right to determine a split of mining royalty payments.

Rirratjingu said the judgment created a two-tiered system that blocked

Indigenous groups from having the same right of dispute resolution as other groups.

The corporation has decided to now take its case to the Full

Bench of the Federal Court.

Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation chair Bakamumu Marika said the appeal is the next step in getting the Rirratjingu "what is rightfully theirs".

"The decision of the court was that the Rirratjingu cannot control their land, and that land councils – which are Commonwealth bureaucracies – decide borders," he said.

"This is our land. We cannot let this stand. This would makes us second-class citizens ..."

land as other Australians do.

"The Rirratjingu should have self-determination over their land, not bureaucrats who are in Darwin."

"This is our land. We cannot let this stand. This would makes us second-class citizens ..."



Sharnie Everett, Raylene Foster and Andry Sculthorpe, from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, answer questions outside the Federal Court in Hobart on Friday.

Confusion after Tas court ruling

By JILLIAN MUNDY



LAST week's Full Federal Court decision on the Tasmanian Government's

appeal of a case which effectively stopped the reopening of three off-road vehicle tracks through a spectacular and fragile Aboriginal landscape has left a lot to be debated.

The case, which began in December 2014, is the first to consider Indigenous heritage under the *Environmental Protection Biodiversity and Conservation Act* (EPBCA).

Whether the tracks in north-west Tasmania remain closed remains unknown, and it appears the final decision may rest with Federal Environment Minister Josh Frydenberg.

The court published 43 pages of joint reasons. It has given the State Government and the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) until this Friday (September 23) to consider the detail.

If agreement is not reached, potentially the case could go back to the original judge.

Aborigines and their supporters, who had gathered in the courtroom for the judgement, were left confused by what has been labelled an

unusual move and a cautious and complex judgement.

Part of the case hinged on what is an 'action' under the EPBCA. While the court agreed with the State that reopening tracks was not an 'action' under the Act, it said that works proposed to implement the reopening may be actions if they are likely to have a significant impact on the Indigenous heritage values the National Heritage-listed area.

Therefore, the State needs to consider if these actions would pose a significant impact to the Indigenous values, and if so consider referring them to the federal minister for assessment.

Rejected

The court rejected the State's argument that the values of the area were confined to places where hut depressions, seal hunting hides and shell middens were found nearby, but found the original judge had adopted too broad an approach in identifying Indigenous heritage values.

The area in question is recorded on the National Heritage List as the 'Western Tasmania Aboriginal Cultural Landscape'.

Aboriginal heritage professionals have long pushed for Aboriginal heritage 'landscapes' to be recognised,

recorded and protected as opposed to singular smaller Aboriginal heritage sites.

TAC Aboriginal heritage officer Sharnie Everett believes the ruling is a significant step forward for the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

"The Government have basically been directed to go through due process like they should have in the first place," she said.

"We didn't win on every point, but I personally think we are in a much better position now than before the judgment was made. We've still got work to do; it's an ongoing process."

Ms Everett said the case has also raised awareness of issues in the area with the broader community.

Former Greens leader Bob Brown, who joined forces with the TAC to promote protection of the area, has hailed the ruling a victory.

In a short statement, the Tasmanian Government simply acknowledged the decision.

The TAC says it will lobby Minister Frydenberg for control of the area in question.

As the *Koori Mail* went to press, lawyers from the Environment Defenders Office, on behalf the TAC, were in discussions with the Tasmanian Government.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Wiri Yuwiburra Community Benefits Trust Applications for Appointment of an Independent Trustee

Applications are now open for persons wishing to be considered for appointment to the role of Independent Trustee of the Wiri Yuwiburra Community Benefits Trust.

The successful applicant will work with and assist a team of five other Trustees who together manage the business of and exercise the powers and make decisions for the Trust.

Applicants should demonstrate in their written application that they are able to demonstrate aptitude, skills and experience relevant to the tasks and responsibilities of a Trustee.

The existing Trustees will consider the merits of each application received against the above criteria and any other criteria they deem relevant prior to resolving the appointment of the incoming Trustee.

Interested persons applying are invited to send their applications, resume and supporting information to:-

Wiri Yuwiburra Community Benefits Trust
c/- Gilkerson Legal, GPO Box 3333, Brisbane, QLD 4000

For a copy of the position description and for more information please visit www.wycbt.com.au

Applications should be no longer than 2 pages (not including resume) and must be received by no later than 5pm on 19 October 2016.

Previous applicants will be considered and need not reapply.

Heritage Act 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

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

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

Hydraulic Engine House And Crane Bases Nos. 7, 8, 9 And 10, Carrington

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 4 November 2016.
Enquiries to Sonia Limeburner on (02) 4927 3129 or sonia.limeburner@environment.nsw.gov.au

Nielsen Park, Vacluse

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 5 October 2016.
Enquiries to Alexandra Boukouvalas on (02) 9585 6004 or alexandra.boukouvalas@environment.nsw.gov.au

The Heritage Council of NSW is considering whether to recommend the curtilage adjustment for the place below on the State Heritage Register.

The Grange, Bathurst (SHR NO. 1904)

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 10 October 2016.
Enquiries to Nicole Secomb on (02) 9873 8532 or nicole.secomb@environment.nsw.gov.au

The Heritage Council of NSW is considering whether to recommend the place below be removed from the State Heritage Register as it is not considered to meet the threshold of state heritage significance.

Wauchope Railway Station Group, Wauchope (SHR NO. 1283)

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 6 November 2016.
Enquiries to Lucy Hampton on (02) 9873 8535 or lucy.hampton@environment.nsw.gov.au

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by email, telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this group of places.

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

Direct submissions to:
Heritage Council of New South Wales
Locked Bag 5020
Parramatta NSW 2124
or
heritage@heritage.nsw.gov.au

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Baryulgil man takes action over asbestos

By KEIRA JENKINS



AS a child growing up in Baryulgil, northern NSW, Ffloyd Laurie remembers playing with the white dust that came from the nearby asbestos mine.

Now aged in his 50s, Mr Laurie, who has never worked with asbestos, has the fatal cancer mesothelioma, which is usually found in people who worked directly with the deadly fire-retardant mineral.

Now he's started what is likely to be complicated legal action in a bid for compensation.

"As a kid at Baryulgil I didn't know what it was," Mr Laurie said of the white dust.

"My father worked on the mine and we used to go up and see him where he was working. Dust would float around us and we'd ride on the equipment.

"We used to eat the fruit near the mine; we never used to wash it off."

Major building products company James Hardie, which operated the Baryulgil mine until 1976, established a huge compensation fund after widespread media coverage and legal action from former workers and unions.

But because of a clause in a settlement agreement the company struck with the NSW Government in 2005, Mr Laurie is unlikely to see any compensation from the mining company.

That clause dictates that James Hardie can be sued in relation to the mine at Baryulgil only as a 'last resort'.

Consequently, Mr Laurie's lawyer, Tanya Segelov, said she

Ffloyd Laurie and his wife Noelene.



has started a legal case against the NSW Department of Education because Mr Laurie and his classmates were exposed to the dust at Baryulgil Primary School.

"Normally we'd sue James Hardie, but because it was dust around the playground we have to sue the Department of Education," she said.

"They used it (asbestos dust) to cover the surface of the playground. There's a special section of the deal James Hardie made with the Government that

only covers the mine in Baryulgil.

"It means that we're required to sue the Government or anyone else who can be sued before we can sue the company. So we're suing the NSW Government because it had a duty of care to keep those kids safe.

"There's no doubt the school had a duty of care, but we would have normally sued James Hardie. It's a very unusual provision that was agreed on as part of those negotiations."

Mr Laurie says he can no longer work with the Aboriginal

Medical Service, where he has been employed for the past nine years.

"I used to be a health worker," he said. "I used to walk a lot and do lots of driving, and now I can't do that any more.

"I would have been coming up to long service if I could stay.

"The chemotherapy treatment for my cancer is draining and sometimes my eyes blur. I get blurry vision. I started chemo in June."

Mr Laurie's wife Noelene said the cancer has also had a

significant impact on her and the couple's children.

"It's frustrating, and it's tiring, and it's something you'd never think would happen to someone you love, so it's had a big impact," she said.

"We lost a daughter a few years ago, then last year we lost another daughter, which had a big impact.

"We're handling this as well as we can. All we can do is put our faith in God."

Mr Laurie is the first of his family who went to the school in Baryulgil to develop mesothelioma.

He said he hopes the upcoming court case will help his family get the treatment they need if they find they have the fatal cancer. "Dad didn't get any compensation so I want to do this for my family," he said.

"I hope it benefits my family. We just didn't know what asbestos was.

"I never smoked and I never drank, so the cancer can't be from that."

The Baryulgil community has now rallied around Mr Laurie and his family, raising money through an online funding website for the couple to have the honeymoon they never had. In less than a week more than \$1000 was raised.

"It just makes me feel like there's people out there who care," Mr Laurie told the *Koori Mail*. "I'm well known in the local community. I've got lots of connections. I was raised in Tabulam and I've been all around."

To donate to Ffloyd and Noelene Laurie's honeymoon fund, visit www.gofundme.com/2nzpfbkn

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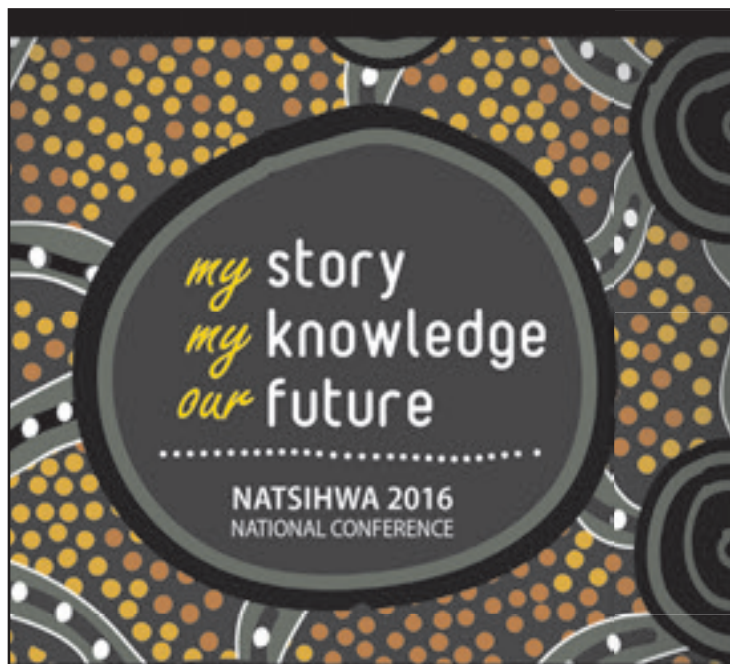
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Cancer Australia's 2017 priority target areas for the grants are included within a framework (applicants will choose from one category only):

Category one will improve outcomes for people whose outcomes are poor and demonstrate impact at a health systems level and/or community systems level for:

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Applicants can apply for grants of up to \$120,000 (GST exclusive) over a three year period (2017-2020). For further information, the application form and grant guidelines see the contact information below.

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email: contactofficer@canceraustralia.gov.au

Applications are now open. Closing date: 2pm (AEDST) on 16 November 2016



Australian Government

Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

End of year checklist for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations

Now that the 2015-16 financial year has closed it's time to prepare your reports and hold your annual general meeting (AGM).

Do it now. Don't be late!

- ☒ Call and hold AGM

Due between 1 July and 30 November

- ☒ Lodge 2015-16 reports with the Registrar*

Due between 1 July and 31 December

*All corporations must lodge their 2015-16 reports with the Registrar according to their registered size and income.

Lodge your 2015-16 reports online!

It's easy and it will save you time.

Register at <https://online.oric.gov.au>.

The Registrar may take action against any corporation that does not report by 31 December 2016. Under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* the maximum penalty to corporations for each report not lodged is \$22,500.

NEED HELP?

If you need help filling in your reports, are not sure what to lodge or you just need extra time, contact the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC).

Freecall: 1800 622 431 (not free from mobiles)

Email: info@oric.gov.au

www.oric.gov.au

Don Dale cost me, says Giles



FORMER Northern Territory Chief Minister Adam Giles says the Don Dale youth justice scandal cost him his seat. Mr Giles, Australia's first Indigenous head of government, said he was on the back foot while fighting for re-election in his Alice Springs seat of Brainting, which he held for eight years with a margin of about 19%.

Following the final count this month after the postal vote deadline expired, almost two weeks after the NT election, Mr Giles lost his seat to Labor's Dale Wakefield by 27 votes on a two-party preferred basis, although he led her by almost 500 first preference votes.

It's the first time Labor has won the seat in Country Liberals heartland.

"When the Don Dale case came up I thought it would be a losing seat. I won't challenge it, I didn't expect a different result," Mr Giles said.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull called a royal commission after report of young people allegedly being abused over a six-year period by staff at the NT's Don Dale juvenile centre.

"Bit worried"

"I feel a bit worried for Alice Springs. I think most certainly Alice Springs will go backwards," Mr Giles said.

"I was elected to do a job. I think I did a job over the last eight years, but the voters have decided they want someone else to do the job now, so it's up to them."

Mr Giles would not comment about the CLP's single term in government or answer

questions about his leadership, which has been criticised by former leaders Shane Stone and Jodeen Carney.

They also poured cold water on rumours Mr Giles would be in line to succeed Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion as the CLP's NT senator.

Of the 25-seat Legislative Assembly, Labor has won 18 seats, with only two CLP MPs and five independents.

The CLP stormed to power in 2012 after 11 years of Labor rule with a 16-seat majority, but then bled members during four years of instability and scandal.

"I was elected to fix the crime in Alice Springs, get the economy back up and running, fix tourism, and all those things have been done, so I'm quite satisfied I've been able to turn Alice Springs around," Mr Giles said when asked of his political legacy. — AAP

Yingiya Mark Guyula during the NT election campaign.



Focus on national treaty as Guyula takes NT seat



THE campaign for a national treaty with Indigenous Australia is in the spotlight after Yingiya Mark Guyula's victory in the Northern Territory seat of Nhulunbuy.

Mr Guyula defeated Labor Deputy Leader Lynne Walker by just seven votes after a recount in the Arnhem Land seat. Ms Walker would have been Deputy Chief Minister had she won.

A Liya-dhailinyirr Djambarrpuynu man from Arnhem Land, Mr Guyula is an Elder

and spokesperson of the Yolngu Nations Assembly.

He has been a vocal campaigner for a treaty between Indigenous and wider Australia, rejecting the Recognise campaign for recognition in the Constitution.

Mr Guyula, who was born and raised in Mirngadja, has had several jobs, most recently being a senior lecturer at Charles Darwin University in its Yolngu Studies program. He will be one of five independents in the 25-seat NT Parliament.

Art studio is helping prison inmates



A CORRECTIONAL centre's Indigenous art studio – the first of its kind in Australia – is also helping inmates to continue their art

after release. The Girrawaa Creative Work Centre's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art studio was opened by Corrective Services NSW in 1998.

The Corrective Services Industries initiative aims to help Aboriginal inmates reconnect with their culture through art, and also to raise funds for the centre through art sales.

Located at Bathurst Correctional Centre in the state's central-west, the program encourages inmates to develop their art skills, build a portfolio and learn how to sell their works.

Girrawaa manager Bryan Reiri said that with the financial support of the Bathurst Local Aboriginal Land Council the studio was now able to supply art materials and advice to former inmates.

"If they need art materials they call me and I organise for them to collect them from the Aboriginal land council," he said.



Inmate Justin at Girrawaa Creative Work Centre's art studio.

"They can also send their artworks to Girrawaa to be framed. I always encourage them to call me when they're out in the

community. Sometimes they just need to be reminded of Girrawaa and the skills and support they received here.

"Lowering recidivism rates is a tough one, but if we can teach them skill sets that they can use to supplement their income, they have a better chance of staying in the community."

Apart from being reconnected to their culture through art, participating inmates learn how to commercially market their products.

The centre also has a commercial contract to supply an arm of the Department of Education with framed artworks that are given as awards to gifted students, in place of the traditional plastic and glass trophies.

Wiradjuri man Justin, 35, who has been at the centre for the past six months, said he found "peace and freedom" through art.

Fellow inmate Ronnie, a Wangkumarra man, agreed.

"I was going through a rough time out there – as soon as we get out we just go back to our old problems and our old crew," the 32-year-old said.

"Now with being able to call Bryan from the outside, he will be able to empower and help us in the community."

Apology from psychologists



AUSTRALIA'S first Aboriginal psychologist has welcomed a formal apology from Australian psychologists for their silence on the Stolen

Generations and for contributing to the mistreatment of Indigenous people.

Professor Pat Dudgeon was overcome with emotion during the Australian Psychological Society's apology, delivered during its congress in Melbourne last week.

On behalf of its 20,000 members, the society apologised for dismissing the importance of culture in the treatment of the community and not speaking up about the harms of the forced removal of children that resulted in the Stolen Generations.

"It went into a place of quite deep and profound ownership," Prof Dudgeon said.

The apology also pointed the finger at psychologists who conducted research that furthered their careers rather than improving the lives of Indigenous Australians.

Prof Dudgeon took aim at many of the culturally inappropriate tests



"(The apology) went into a place of quite deep and profound ownership."

– Australia's first Indigenous psychologist Pat Dudgeon

psychologists use to make a diagnosis or assessment.

In many cases, they had been developed in the United States for a Western experience.

Something like a simple IQ test was so subjective it unfairly penalised culturally diverse people, she said.

"There's a point where people's diversity is such that it's actually meaningless and you don't know what the hell you're measuring," she said.

"We know that people from non-Western Anglo-Saxon backgrounds perform badly on those tests anyway."

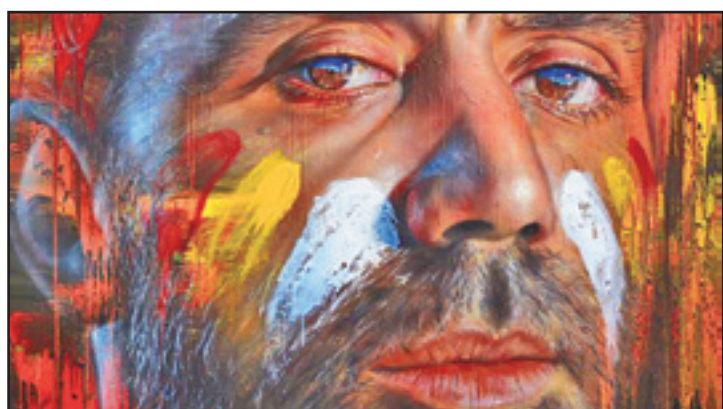
Prof Dudgeon said

many Indigenous people avoid seeking mental help because they feel "they're not welcome there".

She wants psychologists and mental health practitioners to become more culturally competent, and more investment in culturally appropriate mental health materials.

Prof Dudgeon became Australia's first Aboriginal psychologist after completing her postgraduate training in 1987, and going on to complete a doctorate in 2008. She is a member of the executive board of the Australian Indigenous Psychologists' Association.

Goodes portrait a chance for prize



THIS portrait of former AFL star and 2014 Australian of the Year Adam Goodes, an Aboriginal man, is in the running for the nation's richest art prize. Artist Matt Last's portrait of Goodes is titled *Be Brave*.

A total of 104 portraits, chosen from more than 1000 entries, have been announced as semifinalists for the \$150,000 Doug Moran National Portrait Prize.

This year's prize judges, artist Anne Wallace and art historian Doug Hall, say the entries cover an array of techniques, ranging from traditional realism to expressionism.

This year's winner will be named on October 26.

AQUACULTURE ZONE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

PIRSA has prepared a draft *Aquaculture (Zones – Eastern Spencer Gulf) Amendment Policy 2016* outlining proposed changes to the aquaculture zone policy area along the Eastern Spencer Gulf adjacent to the Yorke Peninsula.

The new policy will replace the current *Aquaculture (Zones – Eastern Spencer Gulf) Policy 2005* and has been released for public consultation until **Wednesday 9 November 2016**. Two public meetings will be held for the community to find out more about the proposed changes.

Wallerawang - Wednesday 28 September,
Wallerawang Sailing Club, 5.30-7 pm

Minlaton - Thursday 29 September,
Minlaton Town Hall, 5.30-7 pm

Please register your attendance by email
emily.heywood-smith@sa.gov.au or phone (08) 8226 0900.

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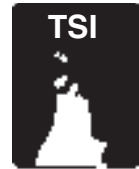
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New leadership at TSRA



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority has a new leader. Port Kennedy member Pedro Kennedy was elected chairperson at the authority's 100th board meeting, held this month. He takes over from Joseph Elu, who remains a member of the TSRA board.

Member for Ugar Jerry Stephen was elected deputy chairperson, with Member for Boigu Eric Peter alternate deputy chairperson.

Mr Stephen, the former mayor of Torres Shire Council, said it was an honour to be given the responsibility to guide the board, along with the other officeholders, "for the best outcomes for the people of the Torres Strait region".

"It is important that we build on the work of the previous board, but also look for opportunities to work together with the community and stakeholders to achieve real outcomes for the future," he said.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, who attended the TSRA meeting, said the board provides important leadership across the Torres Strait, including as the region's native title representative body.

"This year, 40 candidates were nominated for election to the TSRA board, and I am pleased to say that 10 of these were women," he said.

"The new TSRA board consists of three women and 17 men. Of the 20 members, 11 are returning members, seven are new and two are past members of the board.

● **Pictured: New TSRA chair Pedro Stephen with deputy chair Jerry Stephen, left, and alternate deputy chair Eric Peter.**



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Jail rates concern top judge



WESTERN Australia's top judge says the gross over-representation of Aboriginal people in prison is the biggest issue

confronting the state's justice system.

In a speech at a Law Society of WA and WA Bar Association dinner, Chief Justice Wayne Martin said there were almost 1000 more Aboriginal people in WA prisons than there were when he was appointed 10 years ago.

"The fact that this increase is only two-thirds of the increase in non-Aboriginal prisoners is cold comfort indeed when consideration is given to the very small proportion of Aboriginal people amongst the general population," he said.

WA has the highest proportion

of Indigenous people in custody in Australia.

Chief Justice Martin also noted a 70% increase in the prison population over the past decade, more than double the increase in the overall population, and female

prisoners had increased by more than 130%.

He described the figures as extremely depressing.

The judge also said it was regrettable the proportion of women on the Supreme Court bench had fallen, and was now the lowest of any court in Australia.

But he believed webcasting in WA courts might be introduced before the end of the year.

"I am hopeful that this facility will be achieved before the end of the year and

utilised sparingly initially as we gain experience of its strengths and weaknesses," Chief Justice Martin said. — with AAP



Western Australia's Chief Justice Wayne Martin.

Birch takes out literary award



MELBOURNE author Tony Birch has won the \$25,000 Victorian Premier's Literary Award for Indigenous Writing for his novel *Ghost River*.

The book, a coming-of-age story, centres on two unlikely young friends, Ren and Sonny, who find freedom and adventure along the banks of the Yarra River.

Ghost River, which is published by University of Queensland Press, was chosen from a shortlist of three from a total of 37 entries.

The other shortlisted entries were Ali Cobby Eckermann's *Inside My Mother* and Ellen van Neerven's *Heat and Light*.

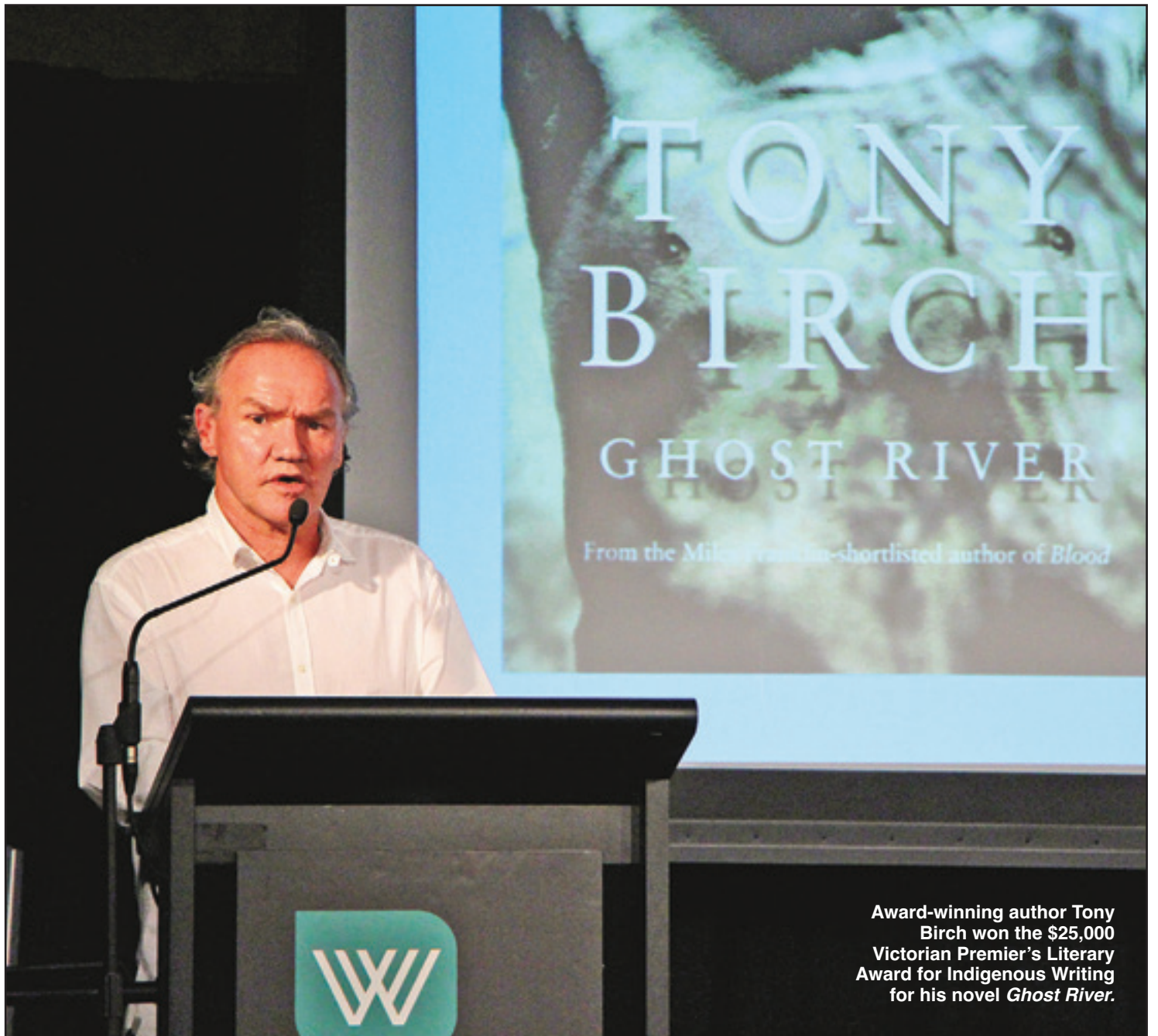
The Victorian Premier's Literary Award for Indigenous Writing is a biennial prize designed to reward and promote books in all literary categories written by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander authors.

Previous winners include Melissa Lucashenko in 2014 for *Mullumbimby* (University of Queensland Press) and Anita Heiss in 2012 for *Am I Black Enough For You?* (Random House).

The Award for Indigenous Writing is part of the Victorian Premier's Literary Awards, which are administered by the Wheeler Centre on behalf of the Victorian Government.

Creative Industries Minister Martin Foley said the biennial award plays a major role in advancing the Victorian community's appreciation of Indigenous literature.

"The award honours Indigenous literature, ideas, innovation and learning and, in doing so, assists Indigenous writers in their careers, while promoting Victoria's literary and publishing industries," he said.



Award-winning author Tony Birch won the \$25,000 Victorian Premier's Literary Award for Indigenous Writing for his novel *Ghost River*.

Concerns over custody death



THE family of an Aboriginal woman who died in police custody in the NSW

Hunter region says a report shows she had no illegal drugs or alcohol in her system, which contradicts police claims.

Rebecca Maher, 36, was found dead in a Maitland police cell less than six hours after being picked up in Cessnock in the early hours of July 19 by police who believed she was drunk.

Ms Maher's mother Debbie

has told ABC TV she saw a report that shows her daughter did not have illegal drugs or alcohol in her system.

She also wants to know what kind of medical attention Ms Maher was given before she was found dead in the cell at 6am.

Questions

"I asked them straight away: Was there medical staff brought in to her? Was she assessed? And they said 'no'," Debbie Maher told 7.30.

The Aboriginal Legal Service

NSW has called for an independent investigation into the death, saying police failed to alert them to Ms Maher's incarceration, as required by changes introduced following the Royal Commission into Aboriginal deaths in custody.

The ALS says it was eventually notified a month after Ms Maher's death, and it believes she could have been saved if police had followed protocol and notified them.

Ms Maher's death was the first Indigenous death in NSW custody in 16 years.

Ex-principal banned from teaching



THE former principal of a top Indigenous college convicted of multi-million-dollar fraud has been banned from teaching until next year. Jean Illingworth, 69, is serving a suspended sentence for

defrauding the State and Commonwealth by inflating student numbers to get \$3.4 million in extra funding for Djarragan College, near Cairns, between

2010 and 2011. All the funds went to the school.

The Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal last month banned Ms Illingworth from re-applying for registration as a teacher until October 2017 when her sentence ends.

She has also been banned totally from acting as a principal or deputy principal.

Ms Illingworth had told the tribunal she only pleaded guilty because she was under extreme emotional and financial stress



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Housing transfer praised



MORE than 1400 State Government-owned properties will be transferred to Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) in a move that has been widely praised.

The transfer will bring to 1500 the number of houses owned by AHV, which the organisation says will provide housing for more than 4000 Indigenous Victorians.

AHV chief executive Jenny Samms said many Aboriginal people in Victoria live in public housing and find it difficult to buy a house or even find a rental property because of disadvantage and issues with racism.

"This will allow AHV to determine our own future," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"We're self-funded and we run our business on that basis. We've been doing responsive repairs on some of the properties.

"Some of the properties have reached the end of their economic life or they've been severely damaged.

"Some of them are too old so it's not economically viable to repair them any more. But this will allow us to have the opportunity to redevelop."

Ms Samms said the initial benefit to tenants is simply that AHV has become a 'one-stop shop' for all their housing repairs.

She said that in the past having repairs done could be

confusing for tenants because the Victorian Government looked after some and AHV others.

Ms Samms said tenants would also benefit in the long term, with AHV looking to start a home-ownership program.

"Some of the tenants have lived in the properties for more than 20 or 30 years," she said.

"We can't just sell the properties. We have to sell them at market value, but I've had plenty of people saying they love their house and would be happy to pay that for it so now we can start moving towards arrangements so they can own their house.

"Self-determination"

"But this is more than that; this is the Government saying that an Aboriginal organisation can do this. We've met their standards and this is self-determination."

An initial transfer of 511 titles has already occurred, with the remainder to be transferred in coming months.

Ms Samms said AHV has long aspired to take on the properties.

"The real work has occurred over the past two or three years," she said.

"Our application to obtain ownership of these properties has required some intensive work over the past few years, but I believe we're the only Aboriginal organisation in the country that has met the standards."



All smiles: Aboriginal Housing Victoria chair Tim Chatfield and chief executive Jenny Samms.

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Suicide concern in WA



INDIGENOUS people are being denied appropriate consultation, funding and co-ordination of services, a Western Australian parliamentary inquiry examining Aboriginal youth suicides has been told.

The Education and Health Standing Committee is conducting the inquiry after a 10-year-old girl from the community of Looma, in the Kimberley region, took her own life in March.

Aboriginal Health Council WA chairperson Michelle Nelson-Cox said she was frustrated by the lack of consultation with Indigenous people, adding Aboriginal community-controlled health organisations were best placed to offer services and support.

"We need both the state and federal governments to engage with them and consult with them, because they are the ones on the ground who know what's going on," she said.

"The last thing we need is more fly-in fly-out services being

introduced into communities without proper engagement with those communities about what they really need.

"We need our people who are already on the ground to be trained and supported to adequately deal with suicides in their communities."

Needed

More 24-hour services were also needed, Ms Nelson-Cox said.

Youth Affairs Council of WA chief executive Ross Wortham said governments needed to

broaden their focus from funding clinical and acute services to funding preventative programs that addressed underlying issues such as housing, employment and family support.

"For those that do not feel comfortable accessing services, we need to equip communities to develop peer and mentoring programs," he said.

"We simply cannot have a one-size-fits-all approach. We need to listen to individual communities, find out what they need, and then find a way to provide it."

Both organisations agreed there had already been too many inquiries and reports on Aboriginal health, and said that while they saw value in a royal commission, it should not be a priority.

Their joint submission called for an Aboriginal-specific youth suicide strategy to complement Western Australia's broader Suicide Prevention 2020 Strategy.

● **Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14.**



RUOK? Day ambassador basketballer Aaron Bin Tahal

Aaron's an okay guy



INDIGENOUS Basketball All Star Aaron Bin Tahal spent September 8 asking people if they were okay. That's because the Cairns Marlins Queensland Basketball League guard was an ambassador for national RUOK? Day.

RUOK?, a national suicide prevention campaign, is particularly relevant to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, with Indigenous men aged 25-29 having the highest suicide rate in the world.

Overall, Indigenous males are nearly twice as likely to take their own lives than other men (30.5 to 17.0 per 100,000 respectively), while Indigenous women are more than twice as likely to do so than their non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander counterparts (12.1 to 5.8 per 100,000 respectively).

Bin Tahal, a Torres Strait Islander, said he hoped his role as an ambassador inspired other young Indigenous people to check in with friends and family.

● **Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14, the Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467, or Kids Helpline (young people aged 5-25) on 1800 55 1800 78.**

● **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support services can be found at www.naccho.org.au or www.sewbmh.org.au or www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au**

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Helping young people shine

By KEIRA JENKINS



FOR more than three decades children and young people affected by a family member's offending have been supported by SHINE for Kids. The organisation, originally created as the Children of Prisoners' Support Group (COPSG), operates in justice centres in NSW, Victoria, ACT and Queensland.

Chief executive Gloria Larman said the organisation was shocked at the recent allegations of child abuse in juvenile detention centres in the Northern Territory and Queensland.

But she says they are what makes SHINE for Kids so important.

SHINE runs 'Stand As One', a program specifically for young people in the justice system. 'Stand As One' assigns the young person a volunteer mentor who assists with finding accommodation and employment, as well as being an understanding and supportive presence as the young person leaves detention.

This program is run at Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre, in Kariang, NSW, and Bimberi Youth Justice Centre, in the Canberra suburb of Mitchell.

"There are programs like ours that help young people while they're in detention then help them transition back to the community, which is so important," Ms Larman told the *Koori Mail*.

"I think it's important to highlight the programs doing good



SHINE for Kids' Lloyd Gibbs and Barbie Cohen get down to work with Raylene Ballangarry and Krystal Lockwood.

things for these young people because they could be developed to run in local areas.

"What we've found is that if you can support young people before they leave the centre they transition really well into the community.

"To have a mentor stand with the young person makes it easier to integrate back into the community."

SHINE for Kids also runs programs for adult inmates and their families. These include the 'Belonging to Family' program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents with between six and 12 months' jail left to serve.

The eight-week program aims

to reduce reoffending by helping inmates connect with their families and build stronger bonds during their time in prison and after their release.

It uses group work to invite inmates to consider their importance and responsibility to their children and partner.

"All our programs for Aboriginal inmates are run by Aboriginal people, which I think is the key to their success," Ms Larman said.

"We work holistically with Aboriginal people in prisons and their family on the outside as part of 'Belonging to Country'.

"We work with people 12 months after they're released as well. And we work in eight-week

group programs while they're in custody.

"It's all about the transition. It's one thing providing a service to a captive audience, but putting it into practice when they enter the community – that part of the process requires more support."

For children of inmates at June Correctional Centre, an art therapy program called 'Colourful Dreaming' encourages fathers to connect with their children through art.

The program is aimed at children aged between 10 and 15, encouraging them to use artwork to express their challenges and explore their culture. It culminates in a travelling exhibition of

artworks created by the children.

"Unfortunately, children of people in prison are five times more likely to end up in prison," Ms Larman said.

"This is because often they've lost a positive role model. The percentage of young people in custody who've had a family member in prison is very high.

"It's important for kids and families to break the cycle. It's also important for the economy. A lot of money is being wasted on detention, which is not working as a deterrent.

"We need to work with the offenders because there are more factors to them being in custody than just their crime."



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The Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR) is a competitive assessment process for new and existing providers to apply for new Australian Government funded aged care places.

The Department of Health is inviting applications for 10,000 residential aged care places and 475 Short-Term Restorative Care places.

The government recognises greater investment in residential aged care services is needed and up to \$64 million funding is also being made available for capital grants under the *Rural, Regional and Other Special Needs Building Fund*. This includes around \$11.5 million earmarked to support access to residential aged care for older people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Application Details

The 2016-17 ACAR Essential Guide is available and provides information on the assessment process, guidance on completing the application form(s), and incorporates the 'Distribution and Targeting of Aged Care Places' that identifies where places are being offered in this year's ACAR and any geographic locations, key issues or special needs groups that are the focus of this round.

The Essential Guide, application forms, and the Questions and Answers for the 2016-17 ACAR, as well as additional guidance material for culturally and linguistically diverse applicants, can be downloaded from the Department of Health's website at www.agedcare.health.gov.au/2016-17ACAR.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their completed forms in the electronic format detailed in the Essential Guide.

Applicants who are not already approved providers are encouraged to submit their approved provider application form as soon as possible. The application form is available on the Approved Provider Information page of the department's website.

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All ACAR applications must be received within the Department of Health by:

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'Astounding' find in west



A TEAM of researchers from The University of Western Australia has uncovered evidence of one of Australia's most ancient settlements.

The team has been working in the National Heritage-listed Dampier Archipelago in the north-west of Western Australia.

UWA Centre for Rock Art Research and Management director Professor Jo McDonald said that while the research was in its early stages, the first rock shelter excavation in the area had uncovered evidence of Aboriginal occupation dating before and through the last ice age.

Prof McDonald is leading a 14-person UWA team funded by the Australian Research Council and Rio Tinto and working with the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC). The team aims to document the National Heritage values of the archipelago and understand the earliest human uses of the area.

"Excavations on Rosemary Island, one of the outer islands, have uncovered evidence of one of the earliest known domestic structures in Australia, dated between 8000 and 9000 years ago," she said.

"This is an astounding find and has not only enormous scientific significance but will be of great benefit to Aboriginal communities in the area, enhancing their connections to their deep past and cultural heritage."

Murujuga

Known as Murujuga, the archipelago in WA's Pilbara region is made up of 42 islands as well as reefs, shoals, channels and straits and is the traditional home of five Aboriginal language groups.

It was formed 7000 years ago when rising sea levels flooded what were once coastal plains. The underlying rocks are among the oldest on earth, formed in the archaean period more than 2400 million years ago.

Prof McDonald said that for the site to gain World Heritage listing, her team needed to learn more about deep-time archaeology, the contemporary cultural values of Aboriginal people and to understand how they managed their cultural sites across the string of islands.

"As well as containing more than one million rock engravings of great scientific and cultural significance, the archipelago is home to one of the country's largest industrial ports," she said.

"This industrial landscape includes multiple industry stakeholders as well as five traditional owner groups represented by MAC. Murujuga National Park is jointly managed by MAC and the Department of Parks and Wildlife of WA.

"Management authorities and community stakeholders will all be better informed about the scientific and cultural significance of the area following our study."

Canberra elderly get new homes



Members of the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body, the ACT Government and community members and children attend the opening of Mura Gunya.



CANBERRA now has new purpose-built homes for the Indigenous community's elderly people.

The units have been built in suburban Kambah at a cost of more than \$2.1 million.

The ACT Government worked with the territory's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body (ATSIEB) to complete the project.

The properties have been built to meet Adaptable Housing standards and feature shared common areas and a covered outdoor communal area.

Gardens at the site include

medicinal and bush tucker plants for residents to use.

ATSIEB chair Ross Fowler said completion of the units had been "a long journey".

"I believe that the finished product would meet the expectations of the Elected Body members who have long advocated for this project, and worked with Housing ACT to develop a culturally appropriate property," he said.

"I believe that these homes will support residents to start their own pathway home – a pathway that will lead to better life outcomes.

"A safe home, a healthy home and a happy home."

Man is on the road for justice



ABORIGINAL activist Clinton Pryor is on the road for justice. The Wajuk, Balardung, Kija and Yulparitja man is undertaking a 3720km walk from Perth to Canberra in a bid to raise

awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues and to demand justice for his people.

He left at the start of the month and, if all goes to plan, will visit Uluru, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney before finally arriving in Canberra in early January.

He'll be camping at communities, speaking

with Elders and collecting messages he plans to deliver to Parliament House on his arrival in the national capital.

Mr Pryor's already gained some high-profile attention, with former prime minister Kevin Rudd telephoning to congratulate him on his quest.

Mr Pryor knows all too well the plight of his people, having lost both parents and being homeless for two years.

The need for self-determination and a treaty for Indigenous people are among his goals.

"I am doing this to give my people hope, to show my people that we can't give up and we need to fight for justice," he said.

Mr Pryor is also opposed to



Western Australian man Clinton Pryor on the road to Canberra.

"By removing people from country, our connection with our ancestors and spirituality is put at risk. I know because I grew up on country," he says.

To support Clinton Pryor, go to www.startsomegood.com/clintonswalkforjustice

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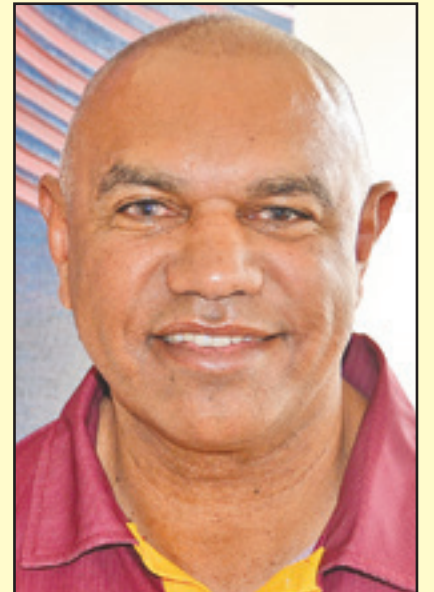
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Ricky Walford

Indigenous rugby league program manager at NSW Country Rugby League, Sydney

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My mother's kangaroo pies.

Favourite other food?
Seafood.

Favourite drink?
Apple juice.

Favourite music?
Country and Western.

Favourite read?
Koori Mail. It keeps me up to date with everything happening in our communities.

Favourite holiday destination?
Hawaii.

What are you watching?
NCIS and *NITV*.

What do you like in life?
Being able to create opportunities to help others.

What don't you like?
Pretentious people.

Who would you most like to meet?
Basketball great Michael Jordan, and I would have liked to have met Gurindji leader Vincent Lingari.

What is your ultimate goal?
To be healthy and happy.

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous people?
I'd help ensure our people get opportunities and all they are entitled to.

Quote



"I think if you do something special from your heart, it just works."

– Sydney Elder Aunty Beryl Van Oploo

● See page 51

Unquote



OUR SAY

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(See *Rights Matter* on page 24.)

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Tapsell delivers in her latest role



Miranda Tapcell in *Words with Gods*.

MIRANDA Tapcell, who has been performing since she was seven, has become renowned for her film, television and stage performances.

She's well known for her role in the film *The Sapphires* and for her television roles in *Redfern Now* and *Black Comedy*.

And the Larrakia and Tiwi woman from Darwin has also won two Logies for her role as Martha in the television drama *Love Child*.

Most recently, the 27-year-old has featured in the film *Words With Gods*, which has been a feature at this year's Darwin International Film Festival.

Tapcell says it's still "very daunting" to realise she has become a household name across the country.

"I forget people have seen me on TV," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I'll go to get my groceries and people will be staring and I'll have to remind myself that they recognise me from a movie or television.

"I'll think why are they looking at me? And then I'll remember and feel touched by how much *The Sapphires* and *Love Child* mean to people."

Tapcell says her role in the film *Words with Gods* was also quite daunting because she felt the pressure to get it "absolutely right".

"But I felt safe with director Warwick Thornton because he's from Alice Springs," she said.

"That was a comfort, but it was still intimidating trying to portray the story because I didn't grow up in the desert – I'm a saltwater girl.

"There's something daunting about portraying an Aboriginal person from a different background to you and it makes it especially important to get it right because I know so many non-Aboriginal people will be watching the film. I wanted to show who we are."

The screening in Darwin was the first time *Words with Gods* had been seen, which Tapcell said was exciting for her and Thornton, who came to prominence with the film *Samson and Delilah*.

"I shot the film with Warwick in 2011," she said.

"That's how long it takes to make a film and get it out there.

"It's special to me personally and I'm sure it's special for Warwick too.

"The special thing about this story is people will get to see it around the world because it's a universal story that people try to understand life and in adversity they have to turn to something to help them find their way."

Words with Gods collates the work of nine internationally acclaimed directors to explore questions of faith and spirituality across the world.

Tapcell's role was to express the Aboriginal perspective of spirituality. In the film, her heavily pregnant character goes into the desert to contemplate the next chapter in her life.

She said viewers don't know the circumstances that have caused the woman to flee to the desert, but there is a sense that things in her life have not been easy to understand.

Several international and Australian films have featured on the Darwin festival program.

One highlight was *Stingray Sisters*, a documentary filmed at Maningrida in the Top End which follows the story of three sisters and their campaign against a gas company looking to 'frack' their land.

Aaron Petersen's film *Zach's Ceremony*, which tells the story of one young Aboriginal boy's initiation into manhood, has been another highlight.

The Darwin International Film Festival continues until this Monday (September 26).

For more information visit www.diff.net.au

"There's something daunting about portraying an Aboriginal person from a different background to you and it makes it especially important to get it right because I know so many non-Aboriginal people will be watching the film. I wanted to show who we are."

Students get with the program



Students Warren, Jackson, Jason, Cassidy, Chloe and Coedie enjoy making new friends during the program. All pictures by Wayne Quilliam



There are plenty of smiles from these Indigenous Youth Leadership Program participants on one of their activities.

Taste of leadership



MORE than 70 Indigenous students from across the country gathered in Sydney this month for leadership and networking activities.

Participants in the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP), an initiative run by the Smith Family and funded by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, included

many from remote communities. The IYLP aims to help Indigenous students complete Year 12.

Participant Savannah Fraser, from Tenant Creek in the Northern Territory, said the four-day gathering was a great way to meet people from across the country.

"We did an 'amazing race' and we were in teams with people from all different schools," she told the *Koori*

Mail. "It took us out of our comfort zones. We also went to work-inspiration workshops.

"We went to the Novotel Hotel and practised interviewing for a job and got to meet some of the staff and found out about what they did in a 'speed dating' activity."

Cultural experience

The students also had a quiz night, a Tribal Warrior cultural experience, a breakfast bonfire

with local Elders and created a music video about what the IYLP means to them.

"It was fun to meet new people and become comfortable with them," Savannah said.

"I'd recommend the IYLP for other students. It gives you an opportunity to go out of your comfort zone that you wouldn't have a chance to do otherwise and meet new friends."

The IYLP works with 16 schools across the country.

Since 2009, 192 program participants have completed Year 12.

Another participant, Markell Stapleton, who attends Penbrooke School in Adelaide, said he learned a few things from the experience.

"I learnt about how to do an interview," he said.

"It gave me some ideas about how to come into a job. And it was good to meet new people."



A student takes part in the program's 'amazing race'.



Student Kaimani participates in one of the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program activities, under the watchful eye of mentor Jordan.



On page 24, Amnesty International Indigenous Right Team member Julian Cleary writes about why our children deserve so much better.

Havelka was not the first

WHILE I love reading great stories like that of Ella Havelka (page 21, edition 633, see the tear sheet at right) and of the accomplishments of our people, I am finding of late there is a lot of firsts that aren't our firsts.

Contrary to claims that Ella was Indigenous Australia's first ballerina, Roslyn Watson, a Birri woman (yes, my cousin), was an internationally recognised ballerina in the 1970s, fondly known as the 'Black Swan'.

By not researching appropriately you disempower those who have achieved these things before us. Achievements from the early 1980s and before weren't publicised widely, but they still happened and we need to celebrate these many great things. For those interested, Roslyn's career bio is in the Trove archives; trove.nla.gov.au/people/724057?c=people

LARA WATSON

● Editor's note: The *Koori Mail* apologises for the error.

Reflections



We have survived

AS I walk barefoot on country the slightest of winds pushes the dust of Mother Earth over my feet and up my heels, as if our ancestors are embracing and guiding me.

As I wander and gaze around I see many reminders of our ancient being, our everlasting and harmonious connection to this great southern land.

As I walk I occasionally catch a glimpse of one of our unique animals watching, as if they are fascinated by me. Or could it be our passed ancestors guiding, protecting, encouraging me to be at ease, as they appear in their chosen spiritual animals.

As I continue the walk leaving but the lightest footprints on the ground, my feeling of being lost, being undervalued, being less significant in me and my ancestors' country eases and pure enlightenment falls upon me – the feeling that things are going to be optimistic for our culture.

We have much to be grateful and thankful

for. Grateful we had resilient ancestors, grateful we have survived, grateful we can connect as a community better than any other race I know, and thankful we can overcome, even if it takes time.

As I walk some more I find a shady tree, a grand old gum tree. It looks so old. If it could talk I think it would have some wise tales to tell.

As I sit under this master of a tree, I reflect on what my ancestors have endured, and what we still endure.

I find the feeling overwhelming and I start to get teary and angry. I grab a handful of the red dirt which I rest on, furious with my thoughts on the things I have read in the past; of the treatment of our people, our Elders, our children and our babies.

Some of the stories are so horrific that it runs through my mind as though these things could not have possibly happened, but sadly and heartbreakingly they did.

As I sit, I think, I cry, I reminisce, I listen to the winds, I listen and look for the signs from our beloved ancestors, whether it's a visible sign or a spiritual feeling. I know I'll get up and leave with the knowhow and the skills they bestow on me to be as resilient and strong as they were.

As I get up and dust myself off, I look up. There are eagles flying high. As I walk I see goannas on branches.

As I move through the landscape I see indications of how we lived, how we tell our stories, and while scanning the passage out the hairs on my neck and arms stand on edge like a prickly pear.

Not until then do I realise they are with me, they are watching me, guiding me.

And most of all they are telling me, "We have survived."

MARK MORGAN
Mildura, Victoria

POETRY

Criminal Hearts

Dotted Paintings And Great Works Of Art
The Toil And Labour Of
Aboriginal Hearts.

In The Hands Of The White Man
His Pockets Are Lined With Bundles Of Cash From
The Black Man's Spine.

Working All Day In The Hot Desert Sun
The Big Profits Are Taken
But The Natives Have None.

It's Rations For Slaves And
The Abuse Goes On
Our Captors Are Happy
With Their Victory Song.

Robbing The Poor With Cheap Labour Per Day
The Indigenous Still Hungry
With The Crumbs They Are Paid.

The Tears Of Pain Just Roll
Down Their Eyes
While The Captains And Colonels Are Wearing
Disguise.

Possessing The Dark Spirits Of The Monsters
Back Then
They're Acting Like Humans
But Their Cover's Been Seen.

Natives Feed Their Addictions With Their Little Pay
Now Tell Me My Friends,
What Do You Have To Say?

Abi DRabi
Sydney, NSW

Wound in the nation

There is a wound in the heart of this nation
A new chapter needing to be written
From a story needing to be told

As deep as the wounding is
As shocking as the truth is
As red as the blood is
And the anguish untold
Though the heavens fall
Truth needs to be heard
Justice needs to be done
Our children need to be freed
Freed from the inhumane
They call it detention.

BRUCE DOCKER
Brisbane, Qld

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We need to find strength in asking our mob for help

I WROTE last edition about the importance in our people being able to develop strategies to resist ongoing trauma and pain. At times it seems almost daily that another story breaks of horrific circumstances and atrocities faced by our people.

People can feel powerless and unable to change their situation and we become victim to our circumstances. This leads to issues of mental health, anxiety and depression.

For our mob these circumstances are compounded over generations, leading to poverty, substance abuse, violence and despair.

I may be seen as successful, but, as an Aboriginal man, I feel our people's pain every day.

Over the past two weeks every time I have driven passed a four-wheel-drive utility I can't help but think of the last moments of Kalgoorlie teenager Elijah Doughty who was killed by such a vehicle.

To all those people who condemned the riot after Elijah's death, you need to know that

many of my colleagues overseas had no idea what had happened until the riot hit the news.

Many of my African American colleagues likened this death of an Aboriginal child to a public lynching generated by collective hate through social media.

Many are left traumatised by deaths like Elijah's, and believe justice will not be served.

It was the same with the death of young TJ Hickey in Redfern, Mulrunji Doomadgee on Palm Island in north Queensland, Ms Dhu in Western Australia's north and Mr Ward in WA's Goldfields.

The deaths were at the hands of white people, with many of our mob seeing no alternative but to take to the streets in anger.

In response to all these traumas we are being told that we need to take responsibility for our own actions as focus moves from apparent institutionalised racism towards the helplessness felt in many of our communities.

But there is a fine line between personal agency – those who have the ability to



Woolombi Waters

help themselves – and in denying the need or responsibility a civilised society has in helping those most in need.

Such a cultural shift in the

delivery of Aboriginal services that once looked after the most vulnerable means there will be greater pressure put on our families than ever before as people turn to family members for support.

In such an environment it becomes so important that those of us who are capable of becoming independent relieve the stress on those having to carry others, rather than make judgments against those most vulnerable.

The last thing those who are struggling should do is to live in denial and try to cope on their own. They need to talk to family and friends. They need to find someone who will listen, otherwise they risk going deeper into themselves and breaking off communication.

It's not about being mentally weak or shame. Something has broken and needs to be fixed.

So for the sake of our families and loved ones and our future, we need to get ourselves fixed. Not just as individuals but as a community.

In such an environment there will be times when many of us feel sad, angry or isolated, and this is normal. But when someone experiences these feelings over long periods it becomes depression – a serious mental illness that affects many of our people.

We can no longer let it get to these levels.

It may be just you who is hurting at first, but trust me, you will end up hurting others around you, including loved ones.

So please get help early.

The only way we can begin to organise resistance against the ongoing events that are traumatising our people is to create a culture of wellbeing and strong mental health.

This can be done only if we come together and have empathy with those who need us the most.

● Dr Woolombi Waters is an award-winning writer, educator and academic at Griffith University. He is a regular Koori Mail columnist.

Kids deserve better

By JULIAN CLEARY*

THE footage of two small boys cowering in their cells as tear gas – a chemical weapon, banned in warfare – is pumped into their tiny concrete box is etched in my mind. They thought they were going to die in that cell.

The horrific Guantanamo-like images of Dylan Voller shackled to a chair in a spit hood shocked people around this country and around the world to their core.

And the abuse and torture of children finally 'piques' the interest of our decision makers.

A royal commission is swiftly called in the Northern Territory.

But Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and human rights advocates loudly affirm that this is far bigger than the NT's Don Dale detention centre.

And it seems that finally, hopefully, governments are listening. Those courageous boys from the Northern Territory who spoke out create a ripple effect.

Finally the big media begin to take notice. Other stories begin to be reported.

All around Australia.

In every state and territory.

In Victoria, a child spends 10 days in solitary confinement – banned under international law for children.

The Victorian Children's

Commissioner announces an inquiry into "isolation, separation and lockdowns" at Parkville in Melbourne and at Malmsbury in regional Victoria.

In South Australia, children are self-harming. Children are being locked down for extended periods because there are not enough staff. A crisis meeting is held.

In Tasmania, a child is held three weeks in isolation. By the end of August, the manager of the centre has resigned, and the Government has appointed an independent inspector to report on concerns at Ashley Youth Detention Centre.

In Queensland, former youth detention staff who have been speaking out are finally being heard.

Amnesty International's freedom of information request to the Queensland Government yields 1000 pages of incidents over the past five years in Brisbane and Townsville.

The ABC's 7.30 Report and Lateline cover the story.

In Townsville, Russell Johnston, now 17, tells ABC's Lateline he was mentally and physically abused in youth detention: "They used to call me black dog or caged monkey or Abo or, they used to call me all sorts of filthy names, you know," he says. "Still having bad dreams about the staff coming in my cell

Rights Matter

A column from Amnesty International Australia



in the mornings, waking me up, yeah. Cleveland has scarred me for life."

In Queensland, a boy at risk of taking his own life is confronted by 14 staff members when he refuses to return to his room. They push him to the floor and shackle his arms and legs. They take him to an isolation cell and cut off his clothing with a knife. The boy is left naked in the cell for over an hour.

In Queensland, a girl trying to get out of a pool is intimidated by an un-muzzled dog – a torture method known around the world.

The Queensland Government initially denies systemic problems in its youth detention centres. But after media reports, it announces an independent inquiry.

Many demand the royal commission be expanded beyond the Northern Territory.

The Prime Minister puts youth detention and child protection on the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agenda to discuss with all premiers and chief ministers.

Will we finally see national leadership to close the justice gap?

In Brisbane, a 17-year-old boy in an adult prison is manhandled by seven prison guards. He is shackled, cuffed and forced into a mask that conjures images of Hannibal Lecter in the movie *Silence of the Lambs*. The *Courier Mail*, not known for its interest in social justice, make the story front-page news.

The Premier announces that after more than 20 years of imprisoning 17-year-olds in adult jails, Queensland will introduce laws to bring them into line with the rest of the country and with international human rights obligations.

In NSW, a minister admits to the use of solitary confinement in youth detention and claims never to have heard of the United Nations Mandela Rules that ban its use for children.

In Western Australia, more disturbances and property damage are reported at Banksia Hill Youth Detention Centre.

In Canberra, police are investigating an 'incident' at Bimberi Youth Detention Centre. The department won't reveal the nature of it. The ACT Human Rights Commissioner launches yet another inquiry.

In the Northern Territory, a royal commission begins.

In Australia, we have to start looking after our children better. We have to start supporting our children and their families, instead of punishing them.

We have to ensure all kids have the chance to reach their limitless potential.

We have to ensure prison is a last resort.

We have to end the secrecy in places of detention.

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● To find out more about Amnesty's work, visit www.amnesty.org.au/indigenousrights

The opportunities are there

LAST week there were three announcements by Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion signalling big positives for Indigenous people. Together they are arguably the best news we've had in Indigenous affairs all year. Did you notice them?

One announced the findings of 'The top 500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations 2014-15 report' produced by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations. The report found that the combined annual income of the 500 top-earning ATSI corporations increased by 8.2% in 2014-15, growing to a total of \$1.88 billion.

Total assets under management increased by 5.7% to \$2.22 billion. The average annual income of native title bodies across Australia increased by 66% from around \$845,000 to more than \$1.4 million.

Native title bodies, in particular, own assets capable of generating economic income and driving economic development. These figures show there's been growth in Indigenous community assets and wealth and therefore greater potential for generating economic activity for Indigenous people.

In the same announcement, the Government noted the huge increase in Commonwealth contracts awarded to Indigenous-owned businesses under the

Indigenous Procurement Policy, which came into effect just over a year ago. In the first 11 months of the IPP, the Commonwealth awarded 1070 contracts, in total worth \$229 million. In 2012-2013 the figure was around \$6 million. It's a big leap.

The IPP is arguably the most effective Indigenous affairs policy enacted by any government in decades. It provides tangible benefits for Indigenous business owners through participation in the real economy; not handouts or sit-down money but real income paid for goods and services supplied to government agencies and departments. And it involves no additional cost to government because governments would have had to purchase those goods and services anyway.

The IPP sets targets for the number of new Commonwealth contracts to be awarded to Indigenous-owned suppliers. By 2019-20 the target will be 3%, with interim targets until then. The target for the first 11 months was 256 contracts and Commonwealth departments exceeded those targets by 737 contracts. So it looks like they will hit the 3% figure well ahead of plan.

Initially, most contracts awarded to Indigenous-owned businesses will be to small and medium



Nyunggai Warren Mundine

enterprises. But Indigenous people will also participate in the large contracts, which typically go to big corporations, because those suppliers must also meet parity targets in their own procurement chains and in Indigenous jobs.

The IPP also requires certain contracts to be set aside for Indigenous-owned businesses. For

these contracts, departments must first identify if there is an Indigenous-owned business which can perform the contract at value-for-money. If so, they must offer the contract to the Indigenous business first with no need to go through a tender. These mandatory set-aside rules apply to any goods or services supplied in remote areas and all contracts worth between \$80,000 and \$200,000.

Governments purchase all sorts of goods and services. Cleaning, maintenance, security, catering, transport, building, painting, entertainment, advertising, media, gardening, landscaping, moving services, technology and more. The Commonwealth has a wide array of operations – from offices to infrastructure and public works; from the NBN to Australia Post to the ABC; and large numbers of personnel doing everything from paperwork to science to defence.

Indigenous people don't need to wait for someone to approach them. If you see something in your community that government needs to pay someone to supply and you have a small business (or want to start a small business) who can supply it, then you can ask for that contract – including the services that government is supposed to be performing in remote communities but isn't. Have a look around and

ask who is doing (or supposed to be doing) things in your community and think about whether you could do them. The onus is on the Government to justify why you can't.

Which brings me to the second announcement: that the Turnbull Government will invest \$2.1 million to improve Northern Territory roads through the national Black Spot Programme. These projects will generate Commonwealth contracts in remote areas. Indigenous-owned firms will have first dibs on them.

Minister Scullion's third announcement last week was that tourism is up in the Territory, including a 26% increase in visitors to Darwin in 2015-16 compared to the previous year, spending \$848 million and visitor nights increasing. About 30% of the Territory's population is Indigenous. So when an industry grows in the NT it creates opportunities for Indigenous people, especially when that industry is tourism. And the Government has committed \$629 million for Tourism Australia. So that's more contracts that Indigenous businesses can bid for.

The opportunities are there. You don't need to wait for an invitation to seize them.

● Nyunggai Warren Mundine is chair of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council.



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If this sounds like your ideal role, we encourage you to submit an application by 11:30pm (AEST), Sunday, 25 September 2016

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Big program for Homeground



Last year's Dance Rites competition winner Naygayiw Gigi will be back this year.



TWO days of free music, art and performance are on the program for this year's

Homeground festival at the Sydney Opera House.

The celebration of Indigenous culture will be held in the heart of Sydney from October 8-9.

The musical line-up includes Yolngu rock band East Journey, New Zealand's Trinity Roots, and Brisbane-based band Dubmarine.

There will also be an Indigenous arts market, food by Indigenous chef Clayton Donovan, and interactive workshops.

And Indigenous dance competition Dance Rites will be back for a second year, showcasing the talents of dance groups throughout Australia.

Winners

Last year's Dance Rites winners Naygayiw Gigi are on the bill. Dancer Leonora Adidi said the win was totally unexpected, but the whole group was proud and looking forward to this year's festival.

"It was the icing on the cake because we'd only just formed a few months before, so it was a highlight for last year," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"It was also a poignant moment because just a few weeks before the competition we'd lost an important member of our group."

Ms Adidi said it is important that a "national icon" like the Opera House is committed to showcasing Aboriginal culture.

Dubmarine's D-Kazman said he always feels lucky to be performing at Homeground.

"I can't explain the sense of pride I get," he said. "It's such a spiritual place. It says that this country and our culture have a global mouthpiece for an international movement."

Brisbane-based band Dubmarine will perform.



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Councillor a first for shire



KODI Brady has become the first Aboriginal councillor in the history of central NSW's Warrumbungle Shire Council.

The Gamilaraay and Weilwan man ran on a platform of minority rights, environmental preservation and sustainable growth of the community.

A Coonabarabran local, Cr Brady has run many businesses and held representative roles in the Aboriginal community.

He says he has supported remote communities in Australia as well as the Watoto Children's Foundation in Africa.

Cr Brady has been a vocal opponent of coal seam gas mining in the Pilliga Scrub, near Coonabarabran.

"I am passionate about



Cr Kodi Brady

preserving our environment," he said.

"While at a local government level there's not much we can do but add our dissenting voice to destructive mining practices such as coal seam gas mining and open-cut mining on arable farmland, we can work to ensure we preserve the natural assets that we have."

"I've never been one to sit back and wait for things to improve."

"If I see things that need to

be changed, I work hard to see that change realised.

"The sad fact is our community has been declining and this trend needs to be reversed, and I see the only way to achieve that is by creating unity and ensuring there are good services, especially disability services, so that people can see the value of living in this community."

Mr Brady said he was pleased to be the first Aboriginal councillor in the Warrumbungle Shire.

"It makes me proud because it will mean that there is an Aboriginal voice speaking up," he said.

"We have a large Aboriginal community and I think that Aboriginal voices need to be heard on issues affecting the community given that this is Gamilaraay country."

PROPOSED FEDERAL ELECTORAL DIVISIONS RELEASED FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Redistribution Committee for the Northern Territory has released proposed federal electoral divisions for the Northern Territory.



PROPOSED FEDERAL ELECTORAL DIVISIONS

The Northern Territory's entitlement remains at two members of the House of Representatives.

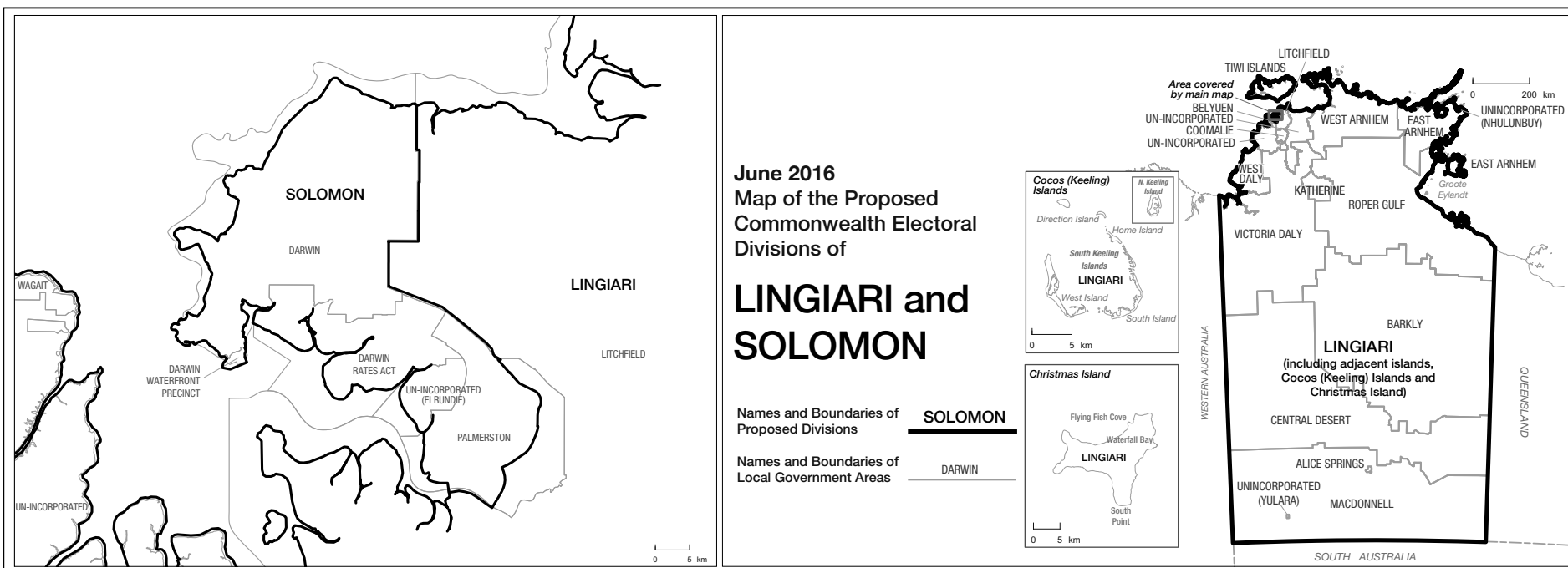
The Redistribution Committee proposes retaining the names of both the Division of Lingiari and the Division of Solomon.

The Redistribution Committee proposes altering the current boundary between the Divisions of Lingiari and Solomon in the following manner.

- It is proposed that the entirety of the Litchfield Municipality is located in the proposed Division of Lingiari.
 - This includes the transfer of the suburbs of Holtze, Knuckey Lagoon, Mickett Creek and part of Shoal Bay from the Division of Solomon to the proposed Division of Lingiari.
- It is proposed that parts of the Palmerston Municipality are located in the proposed Division of Lingiari.
 - This includes the transfer of the suburbs of Farrar, Johnston, Mitchell, Zuccoli and part of Yarrowonga from the Division of Solomon to the proposed Division of Lingiari.

The Redistribution Committee proposes retaining the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Island and the Territory of Christmas Island in the proposed Division of Lingiari.

Under the proposed redistribution, 2 680 electors or 2.07 per cent of electors would change from their current federal electoral division.



VIEWING THE PROPOSED FEDERAL REDISTRIBUTION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Members of the public and organisations are now invited to inspect the full report of the Redistribution Committee and maps showing the names and boundaries of proposed electoral divisions at www.aec.gov.au/nt-redistribution.

This report contains detailed information regarding the proposed electoral divisions, including reasons for the proposal as well as submissions considered by the Redistribution Committee.

The report and maps can also be inspected at the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for the Northern Territory at Level 7, TCG Centre, 80 Mitchell Street, Darwin.

INVITATION TO PROVIDE OBJECTIONS

The redistribution process provides opportunities for individuals and organisations to lodge objections to any aspect of the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution. Objections may refer to one or more proposed electoral divisions and may be about:

- the proposed names of electoral divisions,
- the proposed boundaries of electoral divisions, or
- the proposed names and proposed boundaries of electoral divisions.

Written objections must be lodged by **6pm ACST Friday 7 October 2016**. Objections received after this time cannot be considered.

In making an objection, members of the public may find it helpful to consider the range of information relating to the Northern Territory federal redistribution available on the AEC website at www.aec.gov.au/nt-redistribution. This includes:

- guidelines for making a public submission,
- guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions, and
- information about who makes the final redistribution and the factors they consider.

INVITATION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON OBJECTIONS

All objections received by the deadline will be made available for public inspection from **Monday 10 October 2016** at www.aec.gov.au/nt-redistribution and at the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for the Northern Territory (Level 7, TCG Centre, 80 Mitchell Street, Darwin).

Members of the public can then lodge written comments on the objections up until **6pm ACST Friday 21 October 2016**. Comments received after this time cannot be considered.

All comments on objections received by the deadline will be made available for public inspection from **Monday 24 October 2016** at www.aec.gov.au/nt-redistribution and at the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for the Northern Territory at Level 7, TCG Centre, 80 Mitchell Street, Darwin.

WHAT HAPPENS WITH OBJECTIONS AND COMMENTS ON OBJECTIONS?

All objections and comments on objections received within the legislative timeframe will be considered by the augmented Electoral Commission for the Northern Territory. The augmented Electoral Commission may, if necessary, hold public hearings and/or make a revised proposal. In this case, the augmented Electoral Commission will consider any further objections before making a final determination of divisional boundaries and names in a notice published in the *Commonwealth Government Notices Gazette* (the Gazette) on **7 February 2017**.

The augmented Electoral Commission's decisions, reasons for those decisions, and maps of the new electoral boundaries, will be provided in its redistribution report. After publication of the Gazette notice on **7 February 2017**, the report will be tabled in Federal Parliament. Following tabling, the report and maps will be available on the AEC website at www.aec.gov.au.

HOW TO LODGE AN OBJECTION OR A COMMENT ON AN OBJECTION

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- **by mail to:** The Australian Electoral Commission (Att: Redistribution Secretariat), GPO Box 21, Darwin NT 0801,
- **by fax to:** (08) 6383 8016

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Health retreat for Elcho Island



Community planning gets under way for the Hope For Health retreat on Elcho Island in the Top End.



PEOPLE on Elcho Island off Arnhem Land have raised more than \$80,000 for what they say

will be the first traditional health retreat in the country.

The Hope For Health retreat is designed to offer people traditional medicine and healing along with mainstream detox techniques.

The Elcho Island initiative resulted after 12 local Yolngu women travelled to Queensland for an intensive health retreat.

The retreat plan attracted more than \$80,000 through crowdfunding, as well as \$20,000 in donations from other donors including local churches, Cheer Australia, and the Arnhem Land Progress Association.

Hope For Health co-founder and Why Warriors

project manager Tim Trudgen said the support was "amazing".

"Going over our goal means we will be able to increase the capacity and provide better facilities for the participants," he told the *Koori Mail*.

Mr Trudgen said it was important that the retreat, which brings together modern nutrition and Western health support with culturally relevant education built on Indigenous knowledge of health, was Aboriginal-led.

The initial retreat will be available to 30 Indigenous people from Elcho Island, but Mr Trudgen said this would be expanded if the two-week program went well.

There was interest from other communities in Arnhem Land, he said.

For more information on the retreat, visit www.hopeforhealth.com.au

Language, culture nests on agenda

By KEIRA JENKINS



PEOPLE from across the state have met with the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) to discuss the Aboriginal Language and Culture Nest initiative launched two years ago.

The nests are designed to allow Aboriginal people and communities across NSW to reclaim, revitalise and maintain their traditional languages.

They have been set up on Bundjalung, Gumbaynggirr, Wiradjuri, Paarkintji/Barkindji and Gamilaraay country.

At the AECG-run meeting on Bundjalung country at Lismore, northern NSW, participants said they were disappointed by a lack of consultation and guidance from the Department of Education about the initiative.

Teacher Glen Rhodes said just five schools out of the 120 on Bundjalung land taught the language.

"Baryugil Public, Brunswick Heads Public, Ballina High, Cabbage Tree Island Public and Casino High are the only schools teaching language," he said. "We only have four language tutors, and Ballina and Cabbage Tree Island share a tutor."

"The problem is we don't have as many language keepers here compared to the rest of the state. We need to look at how we can move forward without that resource."

There was discussion about having someone to work with existing language keepers, and establishing a reference group to guide the project.

"We need a community person to work in the community and develop resources within the community," Mr Rhodes said.

"This hasn't happened yet and it needs to. That's how we will pass the knowledge on and move forward."

"This person would work closely and directly with the community then the resources they develop can go back to the language 'nest' or temporary keeping place, which is Southern Cross University's Gribi unit in Lismore."



Participants at the Aboriginal language and culture nest community meeting in Lismore.



Sue Freeburn and Uncle Charles Moran at the Lismore gathering.

Mr Rhodes said he was becoming frustrated with being unable to move forward and not having any outline of what the language nest project should look like.

"There's no blueprint," he said. "I've been saying we need a blueprint in every report I've done for the past 18 months so that

brings about the question: Who is listening to us?"

"Is anyone interested in what we want? We're getting to the point now that we're frustrated because we haven't seen much movement and we're worried this will all go nowhere."

Bundjalung Elder Aunty Irene Harrington also aired concerns about the project, which dictates that language speakers who want to be tutors must have a qualification, gained either through TAFE or recognised prior learning in the case of Elders, before they can teach language to children.

"How can they expect us to do this?" she asked. "It's an insult. I grew up on a mission and I'm proud I grew up with my language. I don't need a certificate to prove that."

"We don't want our language to die out. We want to teach it to the young ones."

Meetings were also held on Gumbaynggirr, Wiradjuri, Paarkintji/Barkindji and Gamilaraay country, which also have 'language nests'.

The AECG said it will take seriously the ideas and concerns raised at all five meetings.

Nominations deadline for awards nears



HUMAN Rights Awards nominations are being sought for people, organisations and businesses who have made significant

contributions in Australia.

The awards recognise and celebrate contributions in promoting and protecting human rights and freedoms each year.

Nominations can be submitted in eight categories: Human Rights Medal; Young People's Human Rights Medal; Law Award; Business Award; 'Racism. It Stops With Me' Award; Tony Fitzgerald Community Individual Award; Community Organisation Award; and Media Award.

Nominations are open until this Saturday (September 25) and finalists will be recognised at the Human Rights Award ceremony on December 9 at the Westin Hotel, Sydney.

More details and nominations at www.hrawards.humanrights.gov.au/

Wilcannia's WINGS wins



AN award recognising initiatives that enhance the lives and wellbeing of children and young people has been

presented to Wilcannia's WINGS Drop In Centre. WINGS was one of two recipients at this year's NAPCAN Play Your Part awards, which were announced in Sydney during National Child Protection Week.

The WINGS Drop In Centre is run by Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation.

Maari Ma chief executive Bob Davis said the award recognises the important role WINGS plays in the lives of Wilcannia's children and young people, and reflects the good work of the staff.

Hidden stories revealed

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL writers and artists, mainly from Tasmania, have come together for 'Hidden Stories', a two-day program of thought-provoking discussion, storytelling, dance, song and film.

The event, held in Hobart, was presented by the Tasmanian Writers' Centre and the Children's Book Council of Australia.

MC and presenter, Tasmanian Aboriginal activist and artist Jim Everett, encouraged the audience to learn about the philosophy of Aboriginal people.

"Whitefellas think the difference between them and us is just our culture, but we have totally different philosophies, and we want them to understand our philosophies," he said.

"Writing is a tool to help people understand."

Highlight

A highlight of the event was a screening of *Blood of Life*, a short film by Jim Everett and filmmaker Troy Melville based on one of Mr Everett's poems.

Aboriginal author Bruce Pascoe, from Victoria, told the audience that while Australia was having a "better conversation" about the history of the country than it was 10 years ago, there was a still along way to go.

"While we cannot swallow the bitter pill of our nation's history, we are going nowhere," the award-winning author said.

"We have to go to that debate, and we are going to



Bruce Pascoe, Patsy Cameron and Jim Everett attend 'Hidden Stories' in Hobart.

hurt each other, but it has to be done," he said.

"We fixate on Vegemite and (cricketer) Donald Bradman instead of the magnificent Aboriginal history.

"There is an allergy to our history."

Other highlights included the presentation of the children's story *A Bird Named Patricia* by Dr Patsy Cameron,

performances by local Aboriginal singers and dancers, and a discussion about the new animated children series *Little J & Big Cuz*, directed and designed by Tony Thorne, with

the premier of an episode written by Bruce Pascoe.

All profits from door sales at Hidden Stories are being donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

New Indigenous leader at UniSA



THE University of South Australia has a new Indigenous leader. Professor Irene Watson (pictured) has been appointed pro vice chancellor for Aboriginal leadership and strategy and Unaipon chair at the Adelaide-based university.

A Tanganeakald, Meintangk-Bunganditj woman, Prof Watson has been a solicitor, representative for First Nations peoples at the United Nations and researcher in a varied career.

Since 1989, she has taught in all three South Australian universities and she continues to combine teaching with academic research.

She has published extensively in law and Indigenous knowledge and recently completed two books.

Prof Watson has had a close relationship with the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement in South Australia since its inception in 1973, serving as a member, solicitor and director.

She served as a solicitor advising the legal service on the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody and has advised communities on law and justice issues.



Justice issues at symposium



INDIGENOUS presenters from Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Nigeria will come together in November to talk about Indigenous perspectives on social harm.

The Decolonising Criminal Justice Symposium will be held at the University of Wollongong on November 24-25.

Symposium co-convenor and presenter Juan Tauri, a Maori man, said the aim is to focus on Indigenous issues, and invite a range of scholars and practitioners from the field to cover a wide base of topics.

Speakers will include Wiradjuri Nyemba lawyer Virginia Marshall, who will talk to the topic of 'healing a fractured society', her experiences working with Indigenous youth, and the flaws and weaknesses of the justice system.

Torres Strait Islander psychotherapist Kanat Wano will talk about his work with

Aboriginal inmates as part of his own anti-violence program, and how he tailors his programs to Aboriginal men.

Brinja woman Amanda Porter, from the south coast of NSW, will speak about her experience studying criminology and how she found that once she began working with Indigenous people, much of what she had learned was not applicable.

There are also international speakers.

Inclusive

Mr Tauri said the Forum for Indigenous Research Excellence (FIRE) at the University, which is organising the symposium, wanted to make sure the event was inclusive.

"This symposium doesn't run along the usual academic processes because we wanted practitioners and academics to come together," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"It doesn't follow the normal presentation style where the people who

come don't really get time for questions or to share their experiences, which is just as important.

"On day two of the symposium there will be yarning circles which have quite general topics. They are open forums to discuss and critique what the presenters said the day before."

Mr Tauri said while the idea of decolonising criminal justice has been around for a while, it is apt that the symposium is taking place in the wake of the Don Dale juvenile detention centre "revelations" in the Northern Territory, and subsequent royal commission.

"It's a common idea that tries to underline that the little alterations and the usual response of the governments and the most common response won't actually bring about the type of change that is required," he said.

"What is happening at the moment in the Northern Territory just reflects the validity of the term."

Colouring to help preserve Alawa



Enterprise Learning Projects and Minyerri Arts and Cultural Centre representatives Lillian Tait, Laura Egan, Phelecia Daylight, Margaret Duncan and Sarah Barrow hold the *Alawa Colouring Book*.



A \$1500 community grant has helped develop a teaching resource that aims to create cultural awareness and help younger generations preserve the Alawa language in the Northern Territory.

The result of the project, run by the Minyerri Arts and Cultural

Centre and Enterprise Learning Projects, and partially funded by Roper Gulf Regional Council, is the *Alawa Colouring Book*.

It features the outlines of a range of animals with their Alawa name, allowing children to learn as they colour in.

Minyerri Arts and Cultural Centre's Phelecia Daylight said she hoped the novel approach to

language would make it more interesting for children.

"I hope kids learn more about language," she said.

"Maybe it makes language easier."

Enterprise Learning Project's Sarah Barrow thanked the Roper Gulf Regional Council for its involvement.

"Language preservation is a

priority for the Minyerri community," she said.

"Elders know that language strengthens connection to culture."

"It's a terrible tragedy that over 150 traditional Aboriginal languages have been lost, so it was a privilege to work alongside the community to produce the colouring book."

"This grant was wonderful – it was very flexible, which was just what was needed for this project."

The book is available at the Finch Cafe, Katherine Visitor Information Centre and via the Enterprise Learning Project website, with a digital copy also accessible for download at the Katherine Public Library.

Aurukun welcomes knowledge centre



LIBRARY services including book lending, children's story time and free Wi-Fi access is now available in Aurukun, north Queensland, after the opening of the Wik Mungkan Indigenous Knowledge Centre (IKC).

Mayor Dereck Walpo said the community was looking forward to accessing books and the internet. "Community radio broadcasting will begin soon and we are keen to get local people involved in the programming so it has relevance to life in Aurukun," he said.

"IKCs are important keeping places of Indigenous culture and history. They provide a space for community members to hold cultural events, to get together to yarn and to share knowledge."

"Over the coming months Aurukun's Wik Mungkan centre will be working with community members to develop its cultural collection and programs."

"The centre is another step forward for Aurukun as we make our community a happier place to live and work towards economic



Wik Mungkan IKC manager Jacki D'Arcy and State Library of Queensland project officer Joshua Kitchens at the centre.

opportunities for our people."

Wik Mungkan manager Jacki D'Arcy says she is looking forward to introducing Aurukun to the benefits of having a library and IKC.

"I've done a lot of work in native title with the Bunurong community on the Mornington Peninsula (Victoria) so I am excited to be working with the Wik people," she said.

"My main goal with Wik Mungkan is to make it community friendly so it is a place for all ages as well as for visitors who want to read more about Aurukun and the Wik people."

Leadership skills goal

By KEIRA JENKINS



FIFTEEN young men from Western Australia are working on their leadership skills thanks to a program they have

started.

Called Kadadjin Boodja Bidi Caring for Country Pathway, the program is being run through the As One Nyitting group and Muresk Institute.

It is just one of the leadership programs being offered by the First Nations-owned As One Nyitting.

Chief executive Zoe Davis said the 15 men make up the first group to undertake Kadadjin Boodja training, which has been

in development for 12 months.

"As an organisation As One Nyitting is quite green, but we've all made a commitment to give back to our youth," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"Over the past 12 months we've worked with about 150 youth. We want to get the whole community involved."

"In total, 45 young men will complete the training this year."

Certificate

Successful participants will receive the Certificate 3 in Rural Operations.

Balladong man Brodie Bennell said he took up the program so he could learn more about his culture.

"I've been away for a while so I wanted to get back to country,"

he said.

"We go out bush and learn about culture. It's a good experience."

Program manager Leon Davis said the idea of the training is to get the young men into jobs while making sure cultural knowledge isn't lost.

"Sometimes the young generation isn't as culturally strong as the older generations," he said.

"So we have to pass on the culture to the young ones to make sure the knowledge isn't lost. They've got culture inside them, so it doesn't take a lot to teach them."

Mr Davis said the young men are always happy to go out to country and work on the land.



Ngunya Jarjum chief executive Lenore Marlowe and chairperson Larissa Smyth with local MP Chris Gulaptis.



All Ngunya Jarjum staff with the 20th anniversary cake.

Two decades of service celebrated



Dylan Clarke with Lorraine Green, his foster carer and a woman he affectionately calls Nan.



Ngunya Jarjum case manager and case worker staff.



The members of Armidale band Terra Firma with local musician Jarrod Hickling in the centre.



ITS name means 'all our children' in the Bundjalung language, and

that's who Ngunya Jarjum Aboriginal Child and Family Network has been helping for the past two decades.

The organisation, committed to improving services for Indigenous children and families on the NSW far north coast, celebrated its 20th anniversary this month with a gala dinner in Casino – the birthplace of the organisation.

More than 170 people including guests, original and current staff and board members, and past and present carers and children turned out for what organisers said was a great celebration.

Ngunya Jarjum's focus is to meet the needs of Indigenous children requiring out-of-home care by providing a



Ngunya Jarjum's first manager Russell Freeburn with foster carer Eileen Bolt, centre, and Christine Freeburn.

quality service that ensures their safety, welfare and wellbeing.

The organisation recruits, trains and supports Aboriginal foster carers to look after children placed in the service.

It provides culturally appropriate voluntary care, crisis, and short- and long-term out-of-home care in the

Clarence, Richmond and Tweed Valley areas.

The celebration included a welcome to country, live entertainment and dancing, acknowledgements and presentations.

Ngunya Jarjum is recruiting for Indigenous foster carers. People interested should call (02) 6626 3700.



Ngunya Jarjum board members with the organisation's chief executive Lenore Marlowe.



Members of Tjuntjuntjara Community School and Mt Margaret and Menzies communities with illustrator Ann James, who ran the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) Spinifex Writing Camp, and former governor-general Dame Quentin Bryce, who is the ILF patron.

WA kids now authors thanks to foundation



CHILDREN from Tjuntjuntjara, Mt Margaret and Menzies in Western Australia have had their stories published in the Indigenous Literacy Foundation's (ILF) latest book *The Goanna Was Hungry*.

The book features a collection of stories by children from the remote communities who attended a five-day writing camp with authors Ann James and Sally Morgan.

The ILF is a not-for-profit charity which focuses on publishing works written or developed by people, especially children, to improve literacy for Indigenous people.

Illustrator Ann James said working with the children on their stories and guiding them

through the writing process was "a wonderful feeling".

"We worked with 10 kids on the book and the goal was for each to have their own story by the end of the camp and to get them all published," she said.

"We decided we all had dogs in common, so each story, except the *The Goanna Was Hungry*, features dogs.

"Quickly"

"*The Goanna Was Hungry* was written by Gary Tucker who's only 11 years old but he did eight pages of his story very quickly, so his story is actually twice the length of the others."

Ms James said she is proud of each of the participants.

"All the kids were exhausted by the end of the

week, but each wanted to get their story done," she said.

"We showed the kids at this year's camp the book and they were just elated. Some of them were related to the kids from last year so they were proudly telling the other kids, 'Look, that's my cousin.'"

"The kids who wrote the book are so unaffected. They were like celebrities on Indigenous Literacy Day when we went to the Sydney Opera House; they were just proud of what they had done and haven't become 'smarty pants'."

The ILF has funded more than 40 community literacy projects in its five years, including books published in Indigenous languages.

For more information visit www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.com

Council support on RAPs



REPRESENTATIVES of 14 organisations from the Lismore area on the NSW north coast have gathered at the local council for a workshop to help regional businesses develop Reconciliation Action Plans (RAP).

The workshop, 'Embracing a RAP in the Region', was an initiative of Lismore City Council to share its knowledge of creating a RAP as well as discussing some of the challenges it had and mistakes it made.

Dianne Harrington, who is on the council's Aboriginal Advisory Committee, spoke about involving Indigenous people in the development of a RAP.

"The biggest thing is just to be real and engage meaningfully with community," she said.

"You need to be aware of who the local mob is and aware of the cultural protocols and traditions in place because they can be quite complex.

"Although there's not that many around this area, you can use Indigenous businesses as a guide and establish an Aboriginal advisory group."

Ms Harrington said reconciliation is not about blame and doesn't have to be hard, but involves everyone working together.

"There is a history of Aboriginal people not being treated like humans," she said. "But for me reconciliation is



Lismore Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee member Dianne Harrington with former Lismore mayor Jenny Dowell.

not about playing the 'blame game'. It's about accepting and understanding what has happened and moving on from that.

"It's really important to learn from each other. This country as a whole needs to heal."

Lismore City Council integrated planning manager Annie McWilliam, who organised the event, said it was about helping local businesses on their first step to creating a RAP.

"We wanted to share our experience and the challenges we had and the lessons we learned," she said. "Lismore City Council has a commitment to justice and equity so this process is about moving towards Aboriginal success and creating opportunities for local organisations."

Batchelor takes out NT training awards



BATCHELOR Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education has been successful at the NT Training awards, held this month.

Batchelor senior lecturer Liam Fraser won the VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year for his work in teaching construction skills.

The institute's Indigenous Development Program, run in partnership with the Australian

Defence Force, took the Industry Collaboration of the Year title.

And Batchelor also won the Training Provider of the Year title.

Batchelor Institute chief executive Robert Somerville said he felt fortunate to have a team of staff committed to improving education.

"These awards are testament that we are heading in the right direction," he said. "I am very proud of the achievements of our staff and students who have been recognised."



Batchelor Institute's Liam Fraser with chief executive Robert Somerville.

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Proud educators



TORRES Strait Islander sisters Maizie Nai, Veronica Coutts and Nazareth Youngblutt are successful teachers after graduating with education degrees from the Australian Catholic University. Members of a family of proud educators, they have their mother's determination to thank for their success. Read the inspiring story of this family originally from Yorke Island on page 43.



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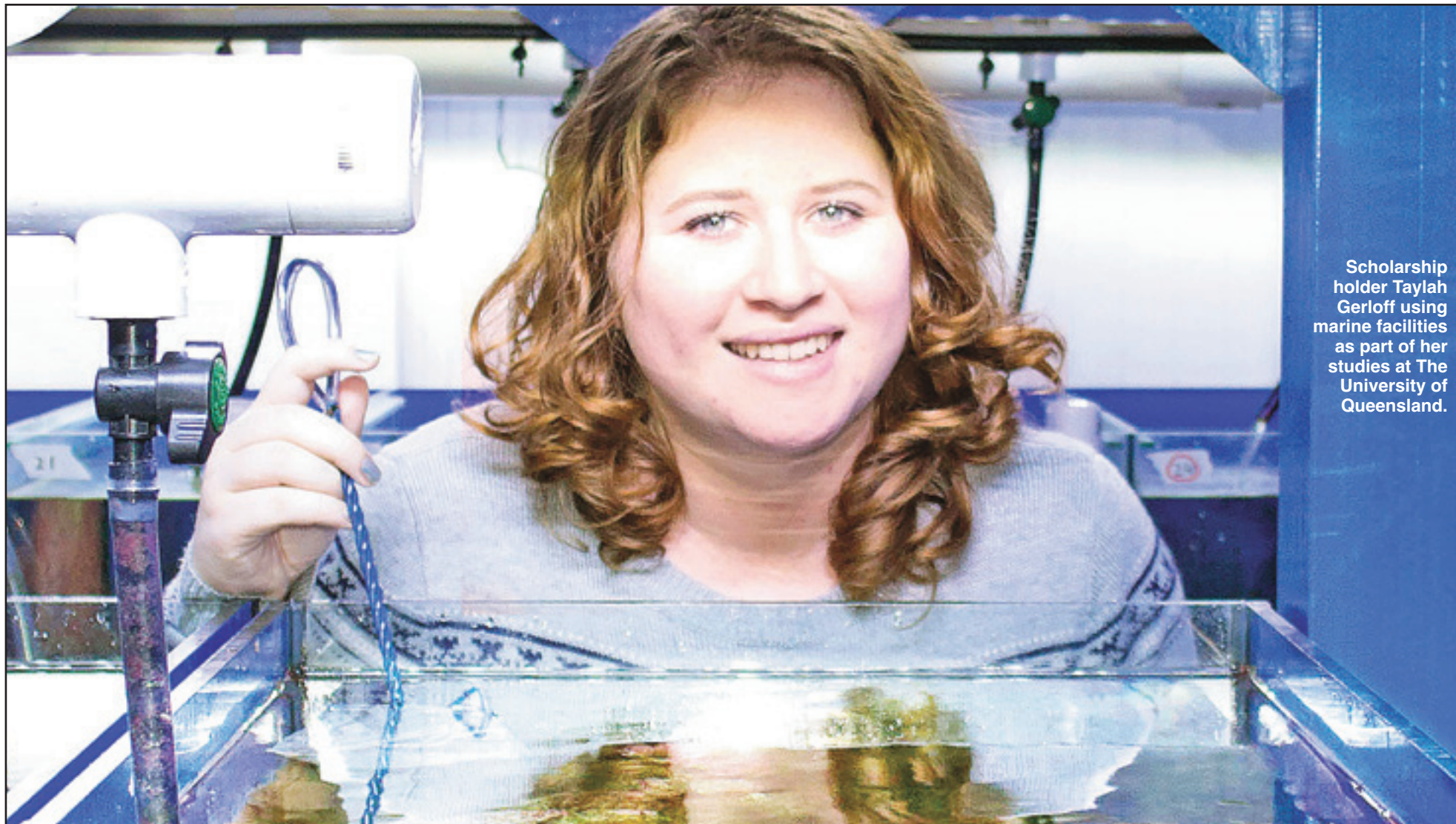
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Scholarship holder Taylah Gerloff using marine facilities as part of her studies at The University of Queensland.

Scholarship for aspiring scientists

A CAREER in science will be a step closer for an Indigenous student interested in environmental science, biotechnology, biomedical science, mathematics or general science thanks to a \$20,000-a-year scholarship at The University of Queensland (UQ).

The Indigenous Science Scholarship will be offered in 2017 to support a student for up to four years, depending on the program in which they enrol.

Current scholarship recipient Taylah Gerloff encouraged all Indigenous students with an interest in science to apply.

"The scholarship has helped me more than I could have ever imagined," she said.

Ms Gerloff is in her last year of a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in marine biology.

She plans to continue with scientific research and intends to complete an honours degree next year.

"I love the hands-on

approach UQ has offered, especially the field trips to the marine research stations at Moreton Bay and Heron Island," Ms Gerloff said.

UQ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (ATSIS) Unit director Shane Drahm said the scholarship could be used for tuition fees, books and study expenses,

"The scholarship has helped me more than I could have ever imagined."

accommodation or basic living expenses.

"As well as financial support, the recipient will have access to a range of support services and benefits including personal and academic support from the University's ATSIS Unit to assist their transition to university," he said.

The scholarship is made possible through a donation from Independent Marine

Bio-chemistry Research Pty Ltd, and is supported by the Faculty of Science at UQ as part of the university's commitment to increasing the numbers of Indigenous students in tertiary education.

Work experience placement at the company, which is based on North Stradbroke Island in Queensland, adjacent to UQ's Moreton Bay Research Station, may also be offered to the recipient.

The Indigenous community of North Stradbroke Island was heavily involved in the establishment of the scholarship, and has two representatives on the selection panel.

For application forms and further information, visit scholarships.uq.edu.au/scholarship/indigenous-science-scholarship or contact the Faculty of Science at science.enquiries@uq.edu.au.

Applications for this scholarship close on October 21. Applicants will be advised of the outcome after the first round of university offers is made in mid-January 2017.



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This scholarship is supported by the North Stradbroke Island Indigenous community.

Photo: 2014 Indigenous Science Scholarship recipient Taylah Gerloff



Create change

Wollongong leads quest

THE University of Wollongong (UOW) will lead researchers from around the world on a seven-year, \$45.7-million research quest to investigate the beginning of Australia's unique biodiversity and Indigenous heritage, while inspiring Australian children to engage with science.

The Australia Research Council (ARC) Centre of Excellence for Australian Biodiversity and Heritage will bring together 20 institutions and museums worldwide to unlock the history of Australia, Papua

New Guinea and eastern Indonesian from 130,000 years ago until the time of European arrival.

The first of its kind in the world, the centre will encourage budding young scientists through an outreach program at schools and museums in Australia, and will focus on nurturing the careers of Indigenous and female researchers.

Centre director Professor Richard Roberts, an ARC Laureate Fellow and the director of UOW's Centre for Archaeological Science, said Australia's

environmental history and Indigenous heritage were fundamental to understanding the story of human dispersals, adaptations to changing environments and interactions with the world's past landscapes and ecosystems.

The centre, which will open in 2017 and run for seven years, will be funded by \$33.75 million from the ARC, \$1 million from the NSW Government, and \$11 million from participating universities, museums and other groups.

● JCU's role, page 47



University of Newcastle Indigenous students Martin Roberts, Elizabeth Skillen, Joseph Wright, Tessa Flick and Haidee Allan.



Michael Donovan's work is as valuable as it is value-laden. Simply focused on finding the best ways to engage Aboriginal children and adolescents in education, the early career researcher's qualitative studies are also as interdisciplinary as they are innovative, straddling the pedagogical and professional development arenas and dovetailing into leadership.

"I concentrate on the compulsory schooling years," he elaborates.

"The aim is to make learning easy, fun and worthwhile."

At the same time concerned about the inequalities between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, Michael is committed to formally addressing disadvantage and its deep, underlying causes too.

"There is one population within our society that sits at the negative end of all the social indicators – education being no different to health or housing ownership or heart disease," he affirms.

"While policies like 'Close the Gap' have resulted in some improvements, there is still a long way to go."

"I recently presented data at the United Nations, for example, which demonstrates that apparent retention rates through secondary school are only on the increase because the government has upped the leaving age."

UAC applications are now open for 2017 if you would like to join the 1,000 plus Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at the University of Newcastle. For assistance in applying please contact the Wollotuka Institute on 02 4921 6863 or email Wollotuka@newcastle.edu.au.



Lakkari Pitt envisages her tertiary studies as a privilege. She is committed to maintaining and further achieving high academic outcomes with an eye on optimising not only career aspirations but future postgraduate opportunities.

Lakkari is a Gamilaroi/Ularoi woman and moved from Walgett in North West New South Wales to undertake university studies. Studying a Bachelor of Aboriginal Professional Practice through The Wollotuka Institute, Lakkari believes that this degree will help her achieve her career goal of working in an Aboriginal organisation helping to improve opportunities and outcomes for Aboriginal people.

University has been an exciting experience for Lakkari with many new opportunities being made available for her. The most noteworthy experience thus far has been participating in the 20th National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games, which were hosted by The Wollotuka Institute in 2015. "It's a great opportunity to meet other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from across the country and build networks with future bankers, lawyers, teachers etc". She credits The Wollotuka Institute as being an environment that has enabled her to succeed over her first two years of her degree and the efforts of the Indigenous Student Engagement Team of creating a welcoming and encouraging space.

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Milestone reached at Newcastle University

THE University of Newcastle (UON) has reached a major milestone of more than 1000 Indigenous enrolments for the 2016 year to date. The number means Indigenous students make up 3.5% of the total enrolments, the largest percentage ever at the university.

Acting dean of ATSI Education and Research Professor John Lester said the results were a testament to UON as a national leader in the area of Indigenous education.

"I am absolutely over the moon... this has been an impossible dream for me, and one I am extremely proud the university has achieved," he said.

UON has had steady growth in Indigenous enrolments in recent years and has been a pioneer in assisting Australian Indigenous students gain better access into the fields of health, science, business and education.

In particular, UON's Joint Medical Program has pioneered a pathway for Indigenous students into medicine. Almost half the country's Indigenous doctors are graduates of UON.

"The great activist Chika Dixon once said he thought he would never live to see one Aboriginal doctor," Prof Lester said. "His legacy lives on and I am so proud to say that the university has seen Indigenous medical students and health enrolments rise from 2.9% in 2014 to 3.6% this year."

"I truly believe Newcastle is now producing some of the best Indigenous graduates in the country, largely down the fantastic staff and support systems in place."

The university is a proud supporter of Indigenous education, with the largest number of Indigenous students at any Australian university. It also recently celebrated the success of the Wollotuka Centre's accreditation by the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium – an Australian first.

"I am absolutely over the moon... this has been an impossible dream for me, and one I am extremely proud the university has achieved."

ANU IT traineeship has Lachlan on right track

LACHLAN Jordan is the Garruru trainee at Australian National University's College of Asia and the Pacific.

Mr Jordan, 19, who has Kalkadoon and Muruwari heritage, started his traineeship with the college IT team 12 months ago.

When he bought a second-hand computer nearly five years ago and became transfixed on improving it, Mr Jordan never imagined this would lead to a career in IT.

It wasn't just this interest in computers and electronics that led him to IT. Mr Jordan says his grandfather was also a big influence on him.

"I've always been inspired by my pop – he's worked in IT for 40 years," he said.

Mr Jordan says that during his 12 months in the traineeship he's gained greater confidence.

"This program is a great way to get started, without too much pressure," he said.

"You get to do a lot of hands-on stuff."

Mr Jordan says one of the best things about his job is the opportunity to meet a range of

Lachlan Jordan



people, from students to academics. He says he enjoys the satisfaction of helping others through IT support.

Mr Jordan's hoping his traineeship will lead to fulltime employment with the college.

The Garruru traineeship program runs in partnership with the Australian Training Company and forms part of the ANU College of Asia and the

Pacific's commitment towards practical reconciliation through the Garruru Education and Employment Strategy.

The strategy also offers scholarships to postgraduate and undergraduate students studying at the college.

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NAISDA still celebrating

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander dance college NAISDA will continue its 40th anniversary celebrations with a special production season *From Sand to Stage* at Carriageworks, Sydney, this November.

The college, which has produced some of Australia's finest Indigenous performers, has enlisted the help of some of its most celebrated former students to present a tribute to its past, present and future.

Directed by award-winning choreographer Frances Rings, a NAISDA graduate and now head of creative studies at the college, *From Sand to Stage* will be on the Carriageworks main stage and feature three distinct dance performances, each paying homage to an important part of NAISDA's story.

NAISDA graduate and world-class choreographer Vicki Van Hout has recreated one of NAISDA's first public performances, *Embassy*, by NAISDA founder Carole Y Johnson, giving audiences a glimpse into the college's fascinating beginnings.

Embassy was an early

example of NAISDA's blend of contemporary and traditional cultural dance, which was the foundation of NAISDA's Indigenous contemporary arts practice. Van Hout said it would be an honour to recreate this on stage with a new generation of NAISDA Developing Artists.

NAISDA graduate and Bangarra Dance Theatre senior dancer Elma Kris will also remount one of her works, *Emeret Lu*, for the production. Originally created by Bangarra, *Emeret Lu* is a performance about today's Torres Strait Islander culture.

Finally, as a nod to NAISDA's promising future, the college's current diploma developing artists will compose and perform the closing piece.

"We are excited to put the final piece of *From Sand to Stage* into the capable and gifted hands of our developing artists," Ms Rings said.

"They represent the future of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander talent and I am sure that many of them will go on to enjoy long and prosperous careers in the performing arts."

Before *From Sand to Stage*

starts, audiences will be taken back to where NAISDA's inspiration originates. *Speaking Countries* is a celebratory performance in the public space by cultural teachers who have given much to many NAISDA students over the past 40 years.

Speaking Countries will see the Carriageworks public space transformed into a community dance ground as cultural communities from around Australia who have played a significant role in NAISDA's growth share stories, culture and dance. Communities from Mornington Island, Saibai Island, Moa Island, Yirkala and Elcho Island will present their cultural dance as part of a free public exhibition which runs until December 11. It runs from 6pm-7.15pm each day, before the theatre presentation of *From Sand to Stage* starts at 8pm.

The *From Sand to Stage* season will run from November 15 (community night) to November 24 at Carriageworks Sydney. Bookings are essential for all shows and can be made through the Carriageworks website at www.carriageworks.com.au



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Parents take the plunge

WHEN Lawrence Cole and Donna McKenzie hopped in the car to drive their children from country NSW to Western Sydney University, neither dreamt they too would end the trip by applying to study at university themselves.

But after staying overnight on campus and hearing more about what the university offered to Indigenous students, the parents decided to take the plunge.

"The amount of support I received and encouragement from staff was incredible; they had more faith in my abilities than I did," says Ms MacKenzie, who lives in Parkes, in central-western NSW.

"Not long after the application process, I received the phone call to say that I was offered a place."

"What made it more surreal was the fact my daughter Kia also made it into her chosen course.

"Being at the same uni means we can have that common bond. I'm over the moon."

Ms McKenzie studies at the university by block mode, which allows her the flexibility and support to travel to Sydney to study her degree. In her case, she travels five times a year for set residential classes held over two weeks while completing her Bachelor of Education (Primary) ATSI degree.



Happy at Western Sydney University: Donna McKenzie with daughter Kia and Lawrence Cole with his son Galen.

Mr Cole became interested in the application process after making the journey from Kandos to the university with his son Galen. Like Ms McKenzie, Mr Cole decided to complete the assessment tasks alongside other applicants, with his remarkable results encouraging him to enrol in a Bachelor of Community and Social Development course.

"I am so happy to be sharing my university experience with my

son Galen, who has been a great help with the technology side of things," he said.

"Such a bonus"

"It's such a bonus that I get to spend time with him when I attend my study blocks in Sydney."

These stories were made possible only through the university's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alternative Entry Program.

As part of the program, potential students are required to attend a two-day assessment program including an interview. Applicants who do not live locally are accommodated on campus and university staff support them with travel, meals and other logistics.

Galen and Kia have moved away from home to live on campus and fulfil their study aspirations. Galen is studying a

Bachelor of Construction Management and is doing an internship with Lend Lease through his involvement with the Career Trackers Program.

Kia is studying a Bachelor of Science (Zoology)/Bachelor of Natural Science (Animal Science), a combined degree that she says inspires her even more to follow her passion of working with animals and science.



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QUT's Oodgeroo Unit

Winter school at QUT opens opportunities for Indigenous students



Western Cape College students (L-R) Jaimee-Lee Braes, Riley Maxwell and Georgia Glanville attended this year's Winter school for Indigenous students.

The QUT Winter School for Indigenous students brought together students from Queensland, South Australia and New South Wales to get a glimpse into life after school.

Each student had to apply for the week-long camp and once they were selected they participated in a range of on and off campus activities facilitated by QUT faculty staff and site visits.

They completed workshops at QUT's The Cube – Australia's largest interactive and learning display centre for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) studies.

Other activities included chemistry experiments, including an introduction into the use of forensics and a trip to the Australian Army's Gallipoli Barracks as well as physical training sessions.

The Indigenous Australian Science and Infrastructure Development (SID) winter school has a strong focus on science, technology, stakeholder engagement, urban development and planning.

Thirty-two students were hosted by QUT's Oodgeroo Unit with support of global engineering firm WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff, the Queensland and South Australian Governments, the Brisbane-based philanthropic organisation the Bryan Foundation and CareerTrackers.

"The camp is about bringing together a wide variety of children and letting them know about the wide variety of career opportunities available to them," said Professor Anita Lee Hong, QUT's Oodgeroo Unit director.

"The SID winter school is about demystifying university to Indigenous students and encouraging their interest into higher education."

WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff Regional Director, Gerard Ryan praised the program's success in reaching out to a broader community of students.

"This year's school has been very rewarding and special. It goes above and beyond our core business and we are pleased to continue our partnership with QUT in a unique program that is leading the way in enabling Indigenous high school students to pursue science and maths in tertiary studies and into exciting careers in our industry," he said.

"It's been great to see the positive interaction between the students and our team, and we've received a lot of great feedback about the program which seems to be getting better every year."



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QUT Oodgeroo Unit

Top opportunities at UNE

RECENT great results from Aboriginal students and new research scholarship opportunities for postgraduates highlight the fact that the University of New England (UNE) offers top opportunities for Indigenous students, starting with enabling courses through to higher degree research programs.

This is reflected in the latest Good Universities Guide results for student experience which place UNE in the top 20% of all Australian universities in the categories of overall quality of educational experience, teaching quality, learner engagement, learning resources and student support.

According to the guide, UNE and other NSW regional universities outperformed metropolitan universities when it came to securing jobs and top salaries for graduates.

Three Aboriginal students were recently included in the 2016 UNE Vice-Chancellor's Scholars list, which recognises students who have scored consistently high grades.

James Dries, a Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science student, Jackie Hodges, who studies a Bachelor of Psychology with Honours, and Jackie Lobban, who is studying to become a secondary teacher, achieved the required GPA of 6.7 (out of seven) to qualify as



Oorala graduates at the University of New England with centre director Greg Davison.

Vice-Chancellor's Scholars.

Last trimester, three Aboriginal students received the top marks in a first-year Criminology unit – Sharona Halstead, who received the equal top mark, Sharon Jackson (Bachelor of Arts) and Jaygen McClenaghan, who is enrolled in the Bachelor of Criminology.

Associate Professor Elaine

Barclay described the students as "absolute superstars, not only in their marks, but in their frequent and highly informed, in-depth contributions on Moodle" (UNE's online learning platform).

Sharona's result is even more remarkable as she was undertaking her Criminology unit as part of her studies in the TRACKS tertiary preparation

program, offered by the Oorala Aboriginal Centre.

'Growing our own'

UNE is calling on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholars to take advantage of new career and study opportunities currently on offer at the university.

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In addition, UNE's pro vice chancellor for research is calling for applications from Indigenous people who want to complete a research masters, PhD or professional doctorate. Ten scholarship opportunities are available.

UNE Oorala Aboriginal Centre director Greg Davison said the scholarships reaffirmed UNE's commitment to improving access and support to further education for Indigenous students.

"The Vice-Chancellor's Australian Indigenous Research Fellowship and the 10 Higher Degrees by Research (HDRs) scholarships represent excellent opportunities to join a growing community of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers at UNE," he said.

"Creating a culturally secure study environment will enhance UNE's Aboriginal research student experiences and success."

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Students go the Distance

TWENTY-FOUR Year 12 distance education students from across the Northern Territory have come together to take part in the second residential program at the new NT School of Distance Education.

The residential program gives Year 12 students the opportunity to work with their teachers and peers in a face-to-face learning environment as they prepare for their final exams.

NT School of Distance Education principal Marcia Harvey said the program was a critical component of the teaching and learning program for distance education students in their final year.

"The main focus is for students to work with teachers to complete any final coursework and prepare for exams," she said.

"The program provides an excellent opportunity to enhance student engagement and enables collaboration between students who are in the same education situation.

"The co-location of the school with Darwin High School further enhances the social experiences for our distance education students with the use of gymnasium, science labs and school canteen."



Students and staff from Xavier Catholic College on the Tiwi Islands ready for the NT School of Distance Education.

Students travelled from remote parts of the NT, including Yuendumu, Dundee Beach, Alyangula, Bathurst Island, Jabiru, Ngukurr, Lakefield Station (near Katherine) and Ambalindum Station (near Alice Springs) to participate in the program.

Year 12 student from Alyangula on Groote Eylandt Michael Gill said: "We are all here for one reason – to finish our NT

Certificate of Education and Training.

"Extra opportunity"

"The residential program and the lessons involved are great and I really enjoy the extra opportunity for after-school study as the teachers are able to concentrate on us completely.

"We are able to make great use of our study time here in

Darwin in this new facility which is pretty cool and in an amazing location."

The new NT School of Distance Education was opened in August by the Northern Territory Government, in partnership with the INPEX-operated Ichthys LNG project.

INPEX general manager Darwin Sean Kildare said: "The

Ichthys LNG Project will be operating in the NT for at least 40 years and will continue to deliver opportunities for generations of Territorians.

"Our investment in the NT School of Distance Education will help young Territorians, particularly those in the bush, access state-of-the-art education systems to help reach their full potential."



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Smoking ceremony at uni

THE University of Southern Queensland (USQ) has held a smoking ceremony to mark new beginnings at the College of Indigenous Studies, Education and Research (CISER).

Friends of the college, including current and former staff and students, gathered this month at USQ Toowoomba's CISER building for the special occasion.

The ceremony followed a period of change for the college, an orientation for a number of new staff and a refurbishment of facilities.

CISER operational support manager Phillip Dreise said the smoking ceremony was also a celebration of decades of Indigenous involvement at USQ.

"Our focus is to support Indigenous students, teach Indigenous studies, and engage in Indigenous research, but we are open to everyone," he said.

"There are more than 500 Indigenous students studying through USQ and we have regular contact



At the ceremony, from left, Jamaine Brown, head of CISER Prof Tracey Bunda, USQ senior deputy vice-chancellor Prof Janet Verbyla, and Josh Brown.

with many of them. They come from many areas – undergraduate and postgraduate.

"This smoking ceremony gave the university community a chance to come together to

celebrate the college and its services."

Head of CISER Professor Tracey Bunda

said the college provided students with a high level of support from committed and enthusiastic academic

and professional staff, who worked to constantly improve the suite of programs offered to students.

"CISER is strengthening its curriculum offerings in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies at undergraduate and postgraduate levels," Prof Bunda said.

USQ vice-chancellor and president Prof Jan Thomas said the college was located across USQ's three campuses – Toowoomba, Springfield and Ipswich.

"The main purpose of the college is to encourage and assist the further education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students," she said.

"The university respects and acknowledges our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, staff, Elders and Indigenous visitors who come from many nations."

For more information about the USQ College of Indigenous Studies, Education and Research, visit www.usq.edu.au/ciser

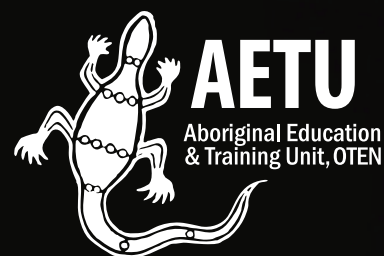
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Mum's determination pays off



LaToya Williams, one member of a family of proud educators.

VERONICA Coutts's mum was determined her five children would have the education she never received, and she worked hard to make sure they finished high school.

Now Veronica and her four sisters have taken this a step further, with each committing to becoming teachers.

Veronica initially trained as a teacher in the 1970s, and went back to complete a further year of study at Australian Catholic University (ACU) in 2014.

Sisters Nazareth Youngblutt and Maizie Nai, and Maizie's daughter LaToya Williams, all graduated from ACU in May this year with a Bachelor of Education (Primary Education) (Indigenous), two years after Veronica completed the same degree.

Veronica, Nazareth and Maizie are now working at Bwgcolman Community School on Palm Island, North Queensland, while LaToya teaches at the Northern Peninsula Area State College at Bamaga.

Veronica's sister Martha Asai was working at St Michael's Catholic Primary on Palm and studying for a diploma before she passed away. Their youngest sister Sarah Lowatta and Veronica's daughter Yolanda Coutts completed

their bachelor degrees together.

Sarah is also teaching at Bwgcolman, Yolanda is principal at Bamaga, and another daughter, Virginia Chatterton, teaches at Caravonica State School in Cairns.

It was no mean feat for the family.

Originally from Yorke Island in the Torres Strait, their language is Torres Strait creole, and they found learning in English quite a challenge as they juggled their university studies with working in schools and other parttime jobs to support their families.

As head of the family it was Veronica who blazed this path for her family.

"Biggest issue"

"Poverty is biggest issue in our community," Veronica said.

"Mum was a single parent who brought us up. Mum saw that even though she was illiterate, it was important to put us through school. That's how we've broken the cycle of poverty through education."

While 99% of the students at Bwgcolman are Indigenous, fewer than half the staff are.

When Veronica started at the school, she said it took almost a year to settle her class, which included students with special needs and many who were not used to going to school regularly.

Since then she has seen a "huge transformation" in the children who are now settled and who turn up more often than not.

"It's very important for them to see people like themselves," she said.

"We want them to believe that when they grow up, they have choices to get an education and a job."

Maizie said she was glad to follow her sister's footsteps. "We had no choice, but I'm glad we did it! The struggle paid off," she said.

Maizie said understanding the challenges their students faced helped them be better teachers and role models for the children.

"When I went to school it was a struggle because English was a second language," she said. "My passion was to be a teacher to teach our kids, the Indigenous kids."

One of the biggest challenges while studying was to attend residential weeks at the university in Brisbane and gaining the 'prac' (teaching experience) in schools.

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Allanah to study in England

BUDDING writer Allanah Hunt is keen to make a profession of her craft so she can spotlight issues affecting contemporary Australia, including problems faced by the Aboriginal community.

Ms Hunt focused on Aboriginal deaths in custody during her Bachelor of Arts (Honours) studies, recently completed at CQUniversity.

She's due to arrive at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge, England, late this month to focus on PhD studies using 'transformative works' as a platform to explore contemporary issues and certain questions, such as racism. "I'm hoping to use the lenses of media and perhaps politics," she says.

Ms Hunt accepts that the issue of Aboriginal deaths in custody is complex, but says it's clear that the "stereotyping used to justify such deaths and ignoring of facts to support wayward theories" needs to be handled better.

"Despite the sympathetic language of the most recent royal commission, it still falls back to the premise that Aboriginal people die more frequently in custody because of health or suicidal thoughts despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary," she says.

"Truthfully, the entire system needs an overhaul because a justice system cannot function properly when police are investigating police.

"I think that would be the first change that has to be made to try to get the investigations on the right track and give the families the closure they deserve."

Ms Hunt says her study journey has benefitted from an Arrow Energy Go Further Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship, valued at \$10,000 a year.

"The Arrow Energy scholarship has enabled me to concentrate solely on my studies at CQUniversity without being worried about financial debts," she says.

"I believe it has allowed me to get better grades because I have not had to take on extra outside work to try to make ends meet, so this scholarship is extremely meaningful to me."

While preparing for her trip to the United Kingdom, Ms Hunt also found time to visit Hawaii to present her honours thesis at the North American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA).

As an undergraduate, she received a highly commended for her young adult fantasy novel *Lyoness: The Inhabitation* in the national Kuril Dhagun Indigenous writing awards.

And she still finds time to play music with her family's band, The Huntsmen.

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CQUniversity's Professor Bronwyn Fredericks with Allanah Hunt.

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Experience is closing gap

CORPORATE and educational leaders have joined forces to help close the gap for the remote Indigenous community of Lockhart River following an immersion experience in the far north Queensland township.

A VIP delegation spent five days in Lockhart, talking to traditional owners, Elders, community leaders and families as part of Bond University's award-winning Yarning Up initiative.

"This is the second delegation we have taken to Lockhart River following our inaugural Yarning Up visit in 2014," said Bond University pro vice-chancellor pathways and partnerships Catherine O'Sullivan, who co-hosted the group with Indigenous leaders Leann Wilson and Jeremy Donovan.

"Previously, our Yarning Up trips have focused strongly on education and the role of women in Indigenous communities, with the group mainly comprised of female principals from the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia.

"This year, we included male principals and corporate representatives which expanded the focus to a broad range of community issues such as health, justice, economic



Bond University's Catherine O'Sullivan, Lockhart River artist Elizabeth 'Queenie' Giblet and director of Regional Economic Solutions Leann Wilson during Yarning Up.

opportunities and art and culture."

The corporate contingent included founder and managing director of Blue Sky Alternative Investments Mark Sowerby; executive general manager – specialised services for ISS Facility Services Australia and New Zealand Andrew Weaver; chairman of partners for McCullough Robertson Dominic McGann; Sydney-based barrister and philanthropist Fiona Sinclair; and Indigenous art dealer Adam Knight.

Their input included identifying a number of potential business opportunities designed to generate jobs and income, such as a community-owned cleaning company to service the local school and other facilities.

The educational contingent included executive director of the Anglican Schools Commission Sherril Molloy, Emmanuel College principal Patrick Innes-Hill and executive director of Worawa Aboriginal College (and original member of

The Sapphires) Lois Peeler.

For Ms Molloy and Mr Innes-Hill, the group's visits to Lockhart State School, as well as AFL Cape York House and the Cape York Girl Academy in the Cairns region, had a major impact.

"Our Gold Coast students engage with rural Queensland communities like Quilpie and St George through Emmanuel College's ConnECT Trips so I can definitely see the potential to expand that program to remote Indigenous communities,"

Mr Innes-Hill said. "But Sherril and I were impressed with the AFL Cape York House model which provides a supportive boarding facility for boys from the Cape York communities so they can attend various day schools in Cairns. We identified the potential for a similar facility in other regions, such as the Gold Coast."

While all of the Yarning Up participants were affected by the reality of life in Lockhart River, the community was equally inspired by the visit.

"We really value the fact that these businesspeople and principals are prepared to take five days out of their schedule to experience life on the Cape and, most importantly, to spend time listening and talking to the local community," Lockhart State School principal Siobhan Jackson said.

"During Bond's first Yarning Up visit two years ago, one of our teenagers helped out with the catering and spent a lot of time with the principals. They included her in conversations and were genuinely interested in her story.

"That experience was life-changing for this young girl. She now helps run the Verandah Café here at the school and hopes to open her own coffee shop one day."



Arrabella King Pawala Medical Student at Monash University

Study for a Health Career at Monash University

Monash University has many health science courses. These include Medicine, Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedics, Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Physiotherapy, Radiography and Medical Imaging, Nutrition Science and Biomedicine.

Storm Henry is an Indigenous student in her final year of Nursing and Midwifery at Monash, Storm says "The university staff have been really supportive, especially the Midwifery staff they keep in contact and ask how I'm going. The Indigenous Unit is helpful for textbooks and tutoring. What really helped me succeed was taking a pathway because it was a year for me to figure out how uni timetables worked, how to do assignments, how to reference, it was sort of a practice year in a sense. You get to meet other Indigenous students too".

Arabella King is a Palawa student in her second year of Medicine and says

"Living on campus has been pretty useful because lots of people who do my course also live there and it's a nice environment where we study together, do questions together and motivate each other which is really good. Also the Indigenous VESPA (vertical peer program) I found really helpful, it's a really nice way for us to improve our clinical skills, it's a safe environment".

There are scholarships for Indigenous students studying health sciences at Monash. Students can apply to have costs of accommodation and course related expenses covered. There are regular gatherings of Indigenous health science students to discuss patient case studies and practice clinical skills. You can also take a six or 12 month preparation pathway to courses. For more information contact the Gukwonderuk Indigenous Engagement Unit, Indigenous Engagement Coordinator Peggy Swindle on 03 99053828 or med.indigenoushealth@monash.edu

MONASH University
Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

Photography by Joel Birnie 'The ancestors are looking after you'

Doctor's desire is study

FROM the age of 13, Dr Paul Collis knew he wanted to go to university. It was when he saw others speak a language in a way that produced power which sparked his desire to study.

Born in the far north-western NSW town of Bourke, the Barkindji descendant knew he wanted to continue developing his knowledge of power politics and identity. With postmodern philosophy and post-colonial thinkers being his major influence to study, Dr Collis was inspired to become a novelist, poet and a teacher.

He chose to study at the University of Canberra as he was told that it was a "great university that valued theory in the field of communications".

"I had two wonderful tutors, Dr Heidi Nietz at the University of Canberra, and Dr Joe Williams at University of Newcastle," he said.

"They were fantastic, patient and thorough in tutoring me.

"The University of Canberra provided me with tutors, scholarships and some Aboriginal cultural understanding and support. I couldn't have completed my studies without the support of the Ngunnawal Centre."

After enrolling in the University of Canberra Foundation Program, Dr Collis continued to complete a Bachelor degree in Media and Multimedia, and Honours (first class). He was awarded the equivalent of an APA Scholarship by the university for three years to continue his doctorate in communications.

Now as a recent University of Canberra graduate, Dr Collis' future goal is to continue writing and teaching at university level, as well as continuing his studies of philosophy.

His message to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people thinking about studying is: "Be bold and brave and study. Do it for yourself. Do it with others. Help our peoples."



Dr Paul Collis at the University of Canberra's Ngunnawal Centre.



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For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, the Ngunnawal Centre at the University of Canberra is like a home away from home. It exists to offer Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people a range of pathways and support to achieve academic success.

The University offers valuable support including:

- Scholarships to assist with the cost education and living expenses
- Access to a Government funded tutorial assistance program
- Study areas, computer lab including a culturally safe place and learning support
- The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation Program which helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students prepare for university study.

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JCU to have crucial role

JAMES Cook University will play a crucial role in a new national seven-year, \$45.7 million research centre that will investigate events and processes that have shaped Australia's biodiversity and Indigenous heritage.

Federal Education Minister Simon Birmingham recently announced the establishment of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Australian Biodiversity and Heritage. The centre will be led by the University of Wollongong and funded by a grant of \$33.75 million from the Australian Research Council (ARC), \$1 million from the NSW Government, and \$11.1 million from participating universities, museums and other organisations.

JCU will receive more than \$3 million to fund its involvement.

The first of its kind anywhere, the centre will use the collective expertise of 27 leading researchers from 15 institutions around the world, plus an additional five organisations in Australia, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, to study the natural and human history of Australia, Papua New Guinea and eastern Indonesia from 130,000 years ago until the time of European arrival.

The centre will be focused around seven Australian universities, including James Cook University.

The JCU node of the centre will comprise Prof Michael Bird, Prof Sean Ulm and Dr Christian Reepmeyer on the Cairns campus, with Prof Martin Nakata, the pro vice chancellor for Australian Indigenous education and strategy in Townsville. The centre will support eight new postdoctoral positions



Kaiadilt Aboriginal community members working with James Cook University staff on the excavation of a 3500-year-old shell midden on Bentinck Island, in the southern section of the Gulf of Carpentaria. Picture: Daniel Rosendahl

and eight new PhD studentships at JCU.

JCU senior deputy vice chancellor Prof Chris Cocklin said he is delighted with the announcement.

"The high-level involvement of JCU in this new ARC Centre of Excellence underscores the significant impact of research and collaboration at the university across earth sciences, archaeology and our country's Indigenous heritage," he said.

The centre, which will run for seven years from 2017, represents a unique integration of interdisciplinary expertise. It

will bring together researchers from science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines – including earth and climate sciences, ecology and genetics – with scholars from the humanities and social sciences disciplines, such as archaeology and Indigenous and museum studies.

Encouraging school students into STEM subjects will be a priority of the centre's education and engagement program. Support for emerging Indigenous and female researchers will also be a priority of

the centre, which is supported by the Irinjili Research Training program, named after respected Indigenous leader Mick McLean Irinjili, who travelled and worked extensively with linguists and anthropologists across southern Australia to learn and record endangered traditional knowledge.

Researchers in the centre will combine novel insights from archaeology, palaeoanthropology, genetics, ecology, earth sciences and climate science to reconstruct the past environments and human activities in Australia and the neighbouring regions to our north, which were joined to Australia by a land bridge for most of the past 130,000 years.

Centre director Prof Richard (Bert) Roberts, an ARC laureate fellow and the director of University of Wollongong's Centre for Archaeological Science, said Australia's environmental history and Indigenous heritage are fundamental to understanding the story of human dispersals, adaptations to changing environments and interactions with the past landscapes and ecosystems. These lessons provide the necessary background to managing Australia's biodiversity and cultural heritage into the future.

"By filling these vast gulfs in our knowledge, we will be better able to predict the responses to future environmental changes and the knock-on effects for biodiversity and Indigenous heritage, and so protect our precious national assets," he said.

"To adapt successfully to future changes, we must dramatically improve our understanding of Australia's past."

Congratulations

James Cook University (JCU) medical graduate, Dr Shannon Springer has been awarded the prestigious JCU Chancellor's Outstanding Alumnus Award for 2016

Along with 11 other JCU alumni, Dr Springer accepted his award at a presentation on 12 September. Among the winners were a Retired Queensland Senator, a rural veterinarian, a Senior Associate and a Partner of MacDonnells Law, and the CEO of the Australian Institute of Marine Science.

Dr Springer, of Aboriginal and Australian South Sea Islander descent, was born and raised in Mackay and moved to Townsville in 2000 to study Medicine at JCU. He was one of the first two Indigenous graduates in the University's inaugural medical cohort, and has since built a career as an outstanding advocate for the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Today, as Discipline Lead for Indigenous Health at Bond University, Dr Springer is responsible for overseeing their Indigenous health curriculum, developing clinical placement opportunities in Indigenous communities and engaging with the Gold Coast's Indigenous communities.

Dr Springer undertakes his clinical work by flying to Charleville to work at the Charleville and Western Areas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service. He has sat on several boards, including the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association (AIDA), and is an active member of various grassroots organisations dedicated to closing the life expectancy gap of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

He is also a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, and received a 2015 Australian Government Office for Learning and Teaching's Australian Awards for University Teaching. In 2014, Dr Springer added a VC Quality Award for Teaching Excellence to his accolade.

During his time at JCU, Dr Springer sat on the Board of the Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Health Service, as well as serving as the student representative on AIDA. He completed his internship at the Gold Coast Hospital and worked at the Royal Brisbane Women's and Children's Hospital, before moving into general practice when he returned to Mackay to work at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Centre.

JCU is committed to the knowledge and teaching practices that assist students to set and achieve their goals. The University honours Indigenous knowledges and voices, and provides a space where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and cultural diversity, are celebrated. Students enjoy learning and pastoral care support, and the welcoming academic environment that JCU fosters.

For more information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support at JCU, visit jcu.edu.au/australian-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-information



JCU medical graduate, Dr Shannon Springer

IPROWD graduates right at home

GROWING up in Glen Innes on the NSW Northern Tablelands, Cheryl-Leigh Partridge says the relationship between police and the local Aboriginal community was not always positive.

It was an experience that inspired her to want to become a police officer, to help build better relationships with Aboriginal communities around NSW.

"Growing up in a small town of 6000 people, police officers weren't always people you had a good rapport with," she said.

"I've got five younger brothers and sisters and I want to become someone they are able to look to for help."

Early this year, Ms Partridge was accepted into Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery (IPROWD) in Sydney, a specialist program to help Indigenous people gain entry into the NSW Police Academy.

But she said she needed help with accommodation in order to complete the 16-week course.

The Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) ERA (Employment Related Accommodation) program was able to support Ms Partridge and two of her colleagues by providing them with a furnished three-bedroom



Cheryl-Leigh Partridge, left, with fellow Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery (IPROWD) graduates Aliasha Prince, centre, and Jazmin Mary Brown.

unit close to their study and training centre.

Ms Partridge says the housing program was critical to her being

able to complete her course and take the next step on the path to becoming a member of the NSW Police Force.

"If I didn't have this accommodation I wouldn't have been comfortable enough to stay in a hostel in Sydney and,

honestly, I don't think I would have been able to complete the IPROWD course," she says.

"The program I was in involved doing four training sessions a week. We had to get up at 5am and were getting home really late. It was great having somewhere safe to come home to."

Ms Partridge and some of the other IPROWD graduates are now heading to Dubbo to undertake further study at Charles Sturt University. She is aiming to apply for the January 2017 intake at the NSW Police Academy in Goulburn and go on to serve in regional NSW communities.

"Before this, I didn't realise that these accommodation opportunities were available to me as a student," she said.

"I'd definitely recommend that people get in touch with the Aboriginal Housing Office because it really did make our lives so much easier."

The ERA Program provides secure and affordable accommodation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people needing to spend time in larger regional or metropolitan areas for work or study.

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Evans River shows its true colours



The 'human flag' at Evans River K-12 School. Picture: Mark Flaherty

By KEIRA JENKINS

In a show of NAIDOC spirit, 600 students and staff from Evans River K-12 School on the NSW far north coast made a giant 'human' Aboriginal flag.

Students and staff at the school dressed in red, yellow and black for the event, based on their year group, and gathered on the field in an Aboriginal flag formation to have their picture taken from a drone operated by parent Mark Flaherty.

Aboriginal education officer Simone Barker said the school tries to involve everyone in NAIDOC activities.

"Every year we try to make it bigger and better," she told the *Koori Mail*. "We looked at making a human flag and came up with ideas about how to mark out the oval. We never gave up on the idea."

But with almost a quarter of students at the school identifying as Indigenous, it is not just during NAIDOC Week that Evans River celebrates Indigenous culture. Each week students take part in a 'Yarn

Time' where they do cultural activities with Ms Barker and other Aboriginal education staff.

Tutor Robin Mather said students take part in many cultural activities.

"Simone talks to the kids about culture and language," he said.

"At the moment she's making interactive board games with them about sacred sites.

"Really supportive"

"Our head of Aboriginal education, Craig Gillespie, is really supportive of everything we want to do with the Aboriginal kids, too, so that's a great help."

Mr Mather said the parents and wider school community are also supportive of the Aboriginal education team.

"The way the kids were all dressed in their right colours for the flag just shows how supportive the parents are," he said.

"We had 100% faith that it would go well, but it was also a huge relief when it went better than expected.

"We were just so happy and proud of our school."

Partnership set to score

PARTNERING with Aboriginal communities is a key factor in providing a successful tertiary education for Aboriginal students.

A new collaboration between the University of New England, the Oorala Aboriginal Centre and the Armidale-based Narwan Eels Football Club is providing opportunities for growing together in 2016 and creating pathways into tertiary education for local Aboriginal people.

Oorala and UNE will be major sponsors for two Narwan teams at the 2016 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival over the October long weekend.

In the leadup to the Knockout, the Eels trained at SportsUNE's facilities to prepare for their tilt at the title.

They have also co-delivered a Koori Youth Development Camp for future Narwan players and potential UNE students.

In August, an Aboriginal Youth Development Camp saw male students in Years 9-12 from local schools come together for a two-day on-campus experience.

Local Narwan club members worked with former professional rugby league players and staff from NRL development units to teach camp participants the leadership and teamwork skills needed to be successful at university and in football.

By combining the discipline of sport with the rigour of tertiary

study, the Narwan Eels and SportsUNE led participants through goal-setting and personal development workshops.

"I loved it all!" said one young Armidale man when asked what he enjoyed most during the camp.

Mentor, Narwan veteran and NRL Player Welfare Unit team member Dean Widders said it is inspiring to come back home and be part of helping the next generation come through.

"You can see that giving the boys a sample of what's

achievable through footy and at UNE, it has helped shaped their ambitions," the former *Koori Mail* columnist said.

Regional Australia Bank was a key sponsor for the boys' camp.

Further initiatives under the partnership with Narwan include the inaugural Girls' Camp for local students in Years 8-10, and four on-campus Experience Days for local Year 11 Aboriginal students.

These programs will give students a preview of what UNE life could be like and help build pathways for local Aboriginal families to UNE.

- 'Like' the Oorala Aboriginal Centre Facebook page to keep up to date on what's happening at Oorala and for opportunities to get involved in future programs.

- Look out for the Eels at the 2016 Knockout as they play to bring home a sixth title for the community.

Justin Doyle, Eliam Galindo and Dean Widders at the Aboriginal Youth Development Camp at UNE.



"You can see that giving the boys a sample of what's achievable through footy and at UNE, it has helped shaped their ambitions."

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This means-tested scholarship is open to students entering the secondary school as day girls in either Year 7 or later years. It covers all fees and will be awarded on the basis of academic work, commitment to study, school and community activities.

Further information may be obtained from the Registrar on (02) 9332 1133.

Applications may be downloaded at www.sceggs.nsw.edu.au

Applications close on Friday 24 February, 2017



Didgeridoo player Mark Atkins says the Reflections2 tour is a great opportunity.



Reflection2 tour covers much of WA



DIDGERIDOO player Mark Atkins, guitarist Stephen Pigram, the Narli Ensemble, cellist Judith Hamann, percussionist Greg

Sheehan and flautist Tos Mahoney have been covering a wide area of Western Australia as part of the Reflection2 Tour.

Mr Atkins, a Yamatji, Wongi and Widi man from Albany, said the tour, which follows the inaugural Reflections last year, is a great opportunity to engage with communities.

"I get a kick out of going to remote communities," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"The people there don't get a lot of musicians coming through so I like to inspire them. You can see it in their eyes.

"You're giving something to those kids that can't get to major cities to see a band."

The group has visited Kununurra and Warmun, Wagkatjungka, Fitzroy Crossing, Derby, Broome, Beagle Bay, One Arm Point, Djarinjina and Lombadina, with a final performance today (September 21) in Perth.

"I remember seeing a band when I was young, because

nobody would come to our schools to perform," Mr Atkins said.

"I was just inspired by they way they sang and played guitar."

Yawuru singer and songwriter Stephen Pigram said he's always keen to "jump on the train" to tour around the Kimberley.

"It's a good way to bring music to people who might not otherwise get to," he said.

"It's good for the kids, too, who may not have seen some of the instruments – violins and cellos – we bring with us."

Mr Pigram said that even though he's done a Reflection tour, he always learns something from the trip.

"I love to work with these incredible musicians," he said.

"We don't see each other very often. There's new people in the band this time too. Greg is an amazing percussionist and Judith, our cellist, is a talent.

"The other highlight of the trip is performing with traditional dancers from these communities and workshoping with the wide-eyed kids.

"I've also gotten to collaborate with the musicians, so that's a highlight on the creative side of things."

Works of utmost gravity on display



THE new exhibition *Gravity (and Wonder)*, on display until November 27 at

Penrith Regional Gallery and The Lewers Bequest, features works by Indigenous artists.

Among them are sister and brother Mabel Juli and Rusty Peters, from Warmun in Western Australia, who have paintings of their ancestral Dreaming – The Moon. And there is also art by Gali Yalkarriwuy Gurruwiwi and Paul Buwang Buwang, from Elcho Island in the Top End.

Images of the ancient Dreaming and understanding of the universe will be displayed alongside related Western scientific objects and newly commissioned contemporary artworks.

Western Sydney University academic Ray Norris will speak about Aboriginal cosmology, navigation and astronomy at the exhibition's Gravity Geeks



Warmun artist Rusty Peters' painting *Three Mothers for the Moon* is part of the *Gravity (and Wonder)* exhibition.

Symposium in early November.

The exhibition explores human fascination with gravity and its invisible governing of the world's existence.

More details available at www.penrithregionalgallery.org/gravity-and-wonder/

Works mark nuclear tests



BLACK Mist *Burnt Country*, an art exhibition featuring artworks by more than 30 Australian artists

commemorating the British atomic tests in the 1950s, is set to tour the country.

Works by Jonathan Kumintjarra Brown, Yvonne Edwards, Mima Smart, Terrence Edwards, Kunmanara Queama, Hilda Moodoo, Lance Atkinson, Trevor Nickolls, Warren Paul, Judy Watson, Blak Douglas, Tjariya Stanley, and Yatala Community Artists are among the many that will be on display.

The exhibition aims to tell the history of the atomic bomb testing at Maralinga and Emu Field, South Australia, and the



Blak Douglas's *Tjarurja Tragedy* is in the *Black Mist Burnt Country* exhibition.

Montebello Islands, off Western Australia, and the devastation it caused to the country as well as the stories of the forced removal of Indigenous people from their lands.

The exhibition will be launched in Sydney at the

National Trust Ervin Gallery on September 27, the 60th anniversary of the first atomic test at Maralinga. It will then tour until 2019.

For more information visit www.blackmistburntcountry.com.au

Taste of culture for city

By KEIRA JENKINS



A FOOD and floral installation by artist Anna McMahon is one of the four art installations to hit the streets of Sydney next month as part of *We the People*.

The exhibition is part of the annual Liveworks event, with artists producing several works with local people.

Ms McMahon said her food and flower installation, made under the guidance of Gamilaroi Elder Auntie Beryl Van Oploo at the Yaama Dhiyaan Hospitality Training College, will be “an interesting experience to share in Aboriginal culture”.

“The installation will be based on the conversations I’ve had with Auntie Beryl,” she told the *Koori Mail*.

“She has a role of amazing importance. She is well respected as a mother and community member.

“Food is important in history. It’s a social practice and experience that people love. Coming to the space means that the art is activated by the community’s presence.”

Auntie Beryl said the project will be a great way for people “to taste the culture of Aboriginal people in a different light”.

“My Elders lived off the land and that’s where they got their food,” she said.

“We’re bringing that to life. We’re sharing with everybody by putting that food on the table and talking about how our Elders used those ingredients.”

Auntie Beryl said Aboriginal people are natural artists.

“We can share our culture with trained artists to get it seen,” she said.

“This is for our mob too. People can

experience Aboriginal people’s culture and go away with the concept in their heads. It’s a wonderful experience to showcase our culture around Sydney.

“There’s a lot of young people and young families around who might be interested in the stories of this food and cooking up all sorts of food.

“I’m working on developing a heap of recipes at the moment. I think if you do something special from your heart it just works.”

Also on the Liveworks program is a project by musical duo the Stiff Gins, where the pair – Nardi Simpson and Kaleena Briggs – explore the stories of Indigenous objects and artefacts kept in museums.

Ms Briggs said the performance had morphed into becoming the end result *The Spirit of Things*.

“Opportunity”

“It evolved from what it was, which was giving us more opportunity to explore outside our music,” the Wiradjuri and Yorta Yorta woman said.

“We’ve been playing music for 17 years so it’s nice to have the opportunity to explore and experiment with something new.

“We found we didn’t need to stay within the realm of music and we could move and try other things as the project evolved.”

Ms Briggs said the pair was inspired to pursue the project after speaking to Yuin Elder Max Harrison and hearing his ideas about the rocks and land absorbing the stories of the people who cross paths with them.

For more information, visit www.performancespace.com.au/events/liveworks-2016/



Auntie Beryl Van Oploo and Anna McMahon worked together to produce a food and flower installation for the *We the People* exhibition.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts invites nominations for:

RED OCHRE AWARD

This prestigious award pays tribute to a senior Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artist for their lifetime achievement in the arts and their outstanding contribution to the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island arts and culture, nationally and internationally.

DREAMING AWARD

This award recognises an inspirational young artist aged 18 to 26 years, and supports the opportunity for them to create a major body of work through mentoring and partnership, either nationally or internationally.

Australia Council for the Arts supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, arts organisations and communities.

Nominations close: Tuesday 4 October 2016.

MORE INFORMATION

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Settlement View, 2011; artist: Nici Cumpston

KLUGE-RUHE RESIDENCY

Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander artist?
Would you like support to develop and exhibit your work in the US?

Applications are now open for the Kluge-Ruhe residency. This is an exciting professional development opportunity which offers Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander visual artists the chance to undertake four weeks residency at the Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection of the University of Virginia, and exhibit a collection of work.

The grant is intended to cover return flights to Virginia and a stipend towards living expenses. The Kluge-Ruhe Collection will provide the following support:

- accommodation at a guest cottage on the grounds of the museum
- program costs
- exhibition support
- reception and other social events and
- marketing and promotions.

Nominations close: Tuesday 4 October 2016 AEST.

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WA campaign aims to prevent FASD



THE Western Australian Government has launched a new phase of an initiative aimed at preventing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD). The 'Strong Spirit Strong Future: Promoting Healthy Women and Pregnancies' campaign promotes the message to Aboriginal women that while pregnant,

planning a pregnancy or breastfeeding, no alcohol is the safest option.

"This unique campaign, which is fronted by Aboriginal personality Mary G, has a proven record of influencing Aboriginal women's attitudes," WA Mental Health Minister Andrea Mitchell said.

"Evaluation of the campaign in 2015 revealed nine out of 10 women who saw the advertisements were aware that no

alcohol was the safest choice when they were pregnant or breastfeeding.

"This is a very positive response that shows the power that public education campaigns such as this can have in preventing alcohol-related harm."

The WA Mental Health Commission started the next phase of the campaign this month to coincide with international FASD Awareness Day.

The ninth day of the ninth month of the year was chosen as FASD Awareness Day, as a reminder that during the nine months of pregnancy a woman should abstain from alcohol.

For this phase, the WA Mental Health Commission has partnered with Telethon Kids Institute to expand the campaign in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions of the state's north.

Cancer test to benefit women



A NEW partnership aims to alleviate some of the stigma associated with a cervical cancer Pap test for Indigenous women.

Marathon Health, Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation (MPREC), NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) and Western Sydney University have formed the partnership, which will provide a HPV self-sampling test as a free and effective identifier of cervical cancer.

The screening tests will detect changes that could be indicative of cervical cancer in Aboriginal women in rural and remote areas.

Primary health service manager at Marathon Health Shellie Burgess says the pilot program is a first. "Marathon Health is leading the way in innovative clinical service delivery with Aboriginal women, giving options and empowerment to take control of their own health and wellbeing through accessible and culturally appropriate health services," she said.

"This trial will look at improving clinical pathways for cervical cancer screening including a pathway of care for those who return with positive results,"

Eligible women

Trained local Aboriginal land council community workers in Baradine, Gwabegar, Coonamble, Gilgandra, Gulargambone, Nyngan, Trangie and Warren will be working with eligible women in their local communities on the project.

Eligible Aboriginal women will receive a HPV self-sampling kit to screen for cervical cancer and be supported by Marathon Health Primary Health Care nurses in the process, including sending their kit to pathology for testing.

"Research has shown that the incidence of cervical cancer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women is more than twice that of non-Indigenous women, and mortality was four times the non-Indigenous rate," Marathon Health primary health care nurse Laurinne Campbell said.

MPREC, NSWALC and Western Sydney University are key partners in the project.

"This trial has significant potential across the region and would be a positive step in detecting cervical cancer and the Closing the Gap initiative," MPREC's Rene Wykes said.

"Western NSW has a lower rate of cervical screening than the state average and this will provide an accessible test for many women who may never have had a pap test."

For more information and education around the HPV test, contact the nurse team on (02) 6826 5200. The service is funded by the Western NSW Primary Health Network.



Rapper Naomi Wenitong sings the *Stroke Rap*.

Rap 'packs a punch' in raising stroke awareness



A NEW rap song promoting stroke awareness and prevention to Indigenous people was released during National Stroke

Week last week. Written by Cairns speech pathologist Rukmani Rusch and performed by Indigenous singer Naomi Wenitong, *Stroke Rap* was created to raise stroke awareness in Indigenous communities.

Stroke Foundation Qld executive officer Libby Dunstan said the rap "packed a punch", delivering a powerful message in a fun and accessible way.

"Too many Australians couldn't spot a stroke if it was happening in front of them," she said. "In Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities this awareness is even lower.

"We want all Australians, regardless of where they live or what community they're from, to learn the signs of stroke.

"Music is a powerful tool for change and we hope that people will listen to the song and remember the FAST message – it could save their life."

FAST stands for Face – check a possible stroke victim's face for drooping; Arms – can they lift both arms? Speech – Is their speech slurred? and Time – speed is essential if a stroke is suspected.

Speed Saves

This year, National Stroke Week centred on the theme Speed Saves in recognition of the impact time has on stroke treatment.

Ms Dunstan said too many Australians continue to lose their lives to

stroke each year. "There will be more than 50,000 strokes in Australia this year, and sadly many people miss out on accessing life-saving treatment as they don't get to hospital on time," she said.

"We want the community to be aware that stroke is always a medical emergency. When you have a stroke, your brain cells start to die at a rate of almost two million per minute.

"Being aware of the signs of stroke and knowing to call 000 as soon as it strikes is crucial.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are between two and three times as likely to have a stroke than non-Indigenous Australians, which is why increasing stroke awareness is crucial."

For more information, visit www.strokefoundation.com.au

Qld plan targets hearing loss in kids



QUEENSLAND'S health, education and early childhood sectors will combine in a joint annual plan

to fight ear disease and associated hearing loss affecting Indigenous children.

A 12-month plan to improve the ear and hearing health of

Indigenous children has been released as part of a new program.

Health Minister Cameron Dick said the Deadly Kids, Deadly Futures Action Plan 2016-17 was an important step in the Government's 10-year commitment to closing the gap in health and education for Indigenous children.

Children's Health Qld Deadly Ears program director Matthew Brown said there was a strong focus on supporting primary healthcare providers.

"Early management of the disease in the primary health setting, including ensuring ear and hearing health screens are included in all routine child health checks, is the best way

to ensure children can hear, talk and learn," he said.

The Deadly Kids, Deadly Futures framework builds on the foundations of the Deadly Ears program.

Since launching the statewide service, the team has conducted more than 12,200 assessments of children at clinics in remote and rural areas.

Groups work to tackle smoking

By KEIRA JENKINS



HEALTH organisations from around the country are coming together to talk about how to tackle smoking in Indigenous communities.

The National Best Practice Unit for Tackling Indigenous Smoking (NBPU TIS), established to help organisations funded under the Department of Health's Tackling Indigenous Smoking Programme, has been organising workshops nationwide. They have already been held in Queensland, Victoria and the Northern Territory, with Western Australia, NSW, Canberra and South Australia to come.

NBPU TIS manager Desley Thompson said the role of the unit is to support organisations develop plans to tackle smoking, provide information, and monitor outcomes.

"Support"

"We're not a hands-on organisation; we support the organisations who do the hands-on work," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"They like to know there's someone looking after them. We can share the stories of what is best practice.

"There are different organisations with different experiences and knowledge bases that can share their stories."

Ms Thompson said the workshops provide a way to spread the message and attract people wanting to quit smoking.



Participants at the Tackling Indigenous Smoking workshop held recently in Darwin.

"We're also looking at how we can get people to not start smoking in the first place," she said.

"There are people who are in their 40s and they get stressed or something and take it up. These organisations will be able to support that person.

"They can get the message out there

about the effects it has on your health.

"The recent workshop in Darwin was really interesting because there were a few organisations from remote areas.

"How they can best get the message out will be different to how an organisation in the city should do it."

Ms Thompson said Elders also play a

significant role in helping to tackle smoking in their communities.

"Elders can talk about not smoking," she said. "They don't have to growl at people. They can just explain how it impacts your health."

More details at www.tacklingindigenoussmoking.com.au

AMA pledge over health



THE Australian Medical Association has vowed to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander health remains a top priority.

The organisation, which represents registered medical practitioners and medical students, says it will continue to advocate for and support efforts to improve the health of Australia's First Peoples.

The pledge comes as the AMA works on its annual Report Card on Indigenous Health, which makes practical recommendations to governments on how key

Indigenous health issues should be addressed.

This year's focus is on the eradication of rheumatic heart disease (RHD).

The AMA says RHD is "an entirely preventable condition that is wreaking havoc on the lives of Indigenous people in remote communities, primarily those in central and northern Australia".

Support

The association says it will support policies and initiatives to reduce other chronic and preventable diseases, many of which are more common in remote Indigenous communities. An example is the

little-known blood-borne virus HTLV-1, which in Australia occurs exclusively in remote communities in central Australia.

The AMA says it recognises that Aboriginal people in central Australia face many complex health issues, and that these require specific research, training and clinical practice to properly manage and treat.

The organisation has called on the Federal Government to support the establishment of a Central Australian Academic Health Science Centre. The centre is being backed by leading health and Indigenous groups.

Health hub for rugby league Knockout



PLANS are coming together to transform Sydney's Leichardt Oval No 3 into a smoke-free health hub this October Long Weekend. About 25 people from a variety of agencies and groups gathered in Sydney this month to plan for a health hub at the oval as part of this year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS) in partnership with Sydney

Local Health District and Knockout host club Redfern All Blacks is coordinating the smoke-free health precinct, which will feature health and wellbeing stalls and healthy activities.

"The goodwill and commitment of the agencies joining forces to transform Leichardt Oval No 3 into a health hub is extraordinary and very inspirational," RAB committee representative Dr Heidi Norman said.

WACHS chief executive Darren Ah See welcomed the initiative.

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We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Keep them short and include a daytime telephone contact number. Send them to any of the addresses in the panel on page 23.

National

Ongoing: Lifeline – saving lives, crisis support, suicide prevention. For assistance call 13 11 14.

Ongoing: Carer Line is a free national telephone information and support service for and about carers that provides access to information, emotional support and referrals to a range of services for carers. Call 1800 242 636, Monday to Friday.

Western Australia

Until September 27: *Mowaljarlai Vision and Voice* exhibition. Explores the life and legacy of Ngarinyin lawman Bungal (David) Mowaljarlai. Held at the University of WA's Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery, 35 Stirling Highway, from Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm. Details: (08) 6488 3707 or visit www.lwgalleries.uwa.edu.au

October 8: 2016 Yalgoo Emu Cup and Family Concert. Activities include breakfast, emu costume races, dance, music and craft workshops, children's activities, live performances and fireworks. Held at Yalgoo, WA, from 8.30am. Free event. Details: Jodi Reilly on (08) 9964 6088

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan Street, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903 or text 0429 423 116.

Ongoing: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous people across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

During School Term: Goorie Playgroup, for Indigenous families with children to age five. Held at YWCA, Rous Road, Goonellabah, every Thursday from 11am-1pm. Details: Zoe Dodd on (02) 6625 5800.

Now Open: Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery Program (IPROWD) applications. Details: 1300 832 939 or email IPROWD@tafensw.edu.au or visit www.iproud.tafensw.edu.au

Until September 30: Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will take registrations for a private session only until this date. Details: Aboriginal Legal Service on (02) 8303 6699.

Until October 1: *Passive-Aggressive Dream* exhibition, by artist Clinton Nain. Held at the Art Atrium, 181 Old South Head Road, Bondi Junction. Details: (02) 9388 9908 or visit www.artatrium.com.au

Until October 9: *Dhuululu-Yala (Talk Straight)* exhibition. Focuses on situations of state child removal. Held at The Western Plains Cultural Centre, 76 Wingwarra Street, Dubbo, from 10am. Details: (02) 6801 4444 or visit www.westernplainsculturalcentre.org

Until October 21: Koori Netball Tournament team registrations. Held at Charlestown Netball Complex, Bula Street, Newcastle on October 28-29. Cost: \$250 a team. Details: 13 13 02 or visit www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au

September 22: Youth health consultation. Expressions of interest are being sought from young people to talk about their experiences and views in relation to health. Held at Ballina Surf Club from 9.30am-3.30pm. Details: email murray.spriggs@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au

September 22: *BAMBA (Strong)* exhibition opening. A group exhibition from Euraba Paper Artists showcasing new works on handmade paper. Held at Boomalli Artists Co-op, 55-59



The main office of Nunkuwarrin Yunti in Adelaide.

Service to celebrate



SOUTH Australian Indigenous health care and community support provider Nunkuwarrin Yunti is gearing up for a major celebration.

The organisation will mark 45 years of service with a special open day from 10.30 on October 5 at its main office in Wakefield Street, Adelaide.

Community members are invited to join in lunch and family activities including face painting, cartoon portraits, health checks, a balloon artist, smoothie bike and reptile display. There will be live performances by Dusty Feet Mob

and the Gully Winds Aboriginal Elders Choir.

Nunkuwarrin Yunti has been at the forefront of initiatives to improve the health, life expectancy and lifestyle prospects for Indigenous people in South Australia. The service works with the community, staff and other organisations to improve and expand service delivery.

Nunkuwarrin Yunti has grown from a welfare agency with three employees to a multi-faceted organisation with more than 100 staff who deliver a range of health care and community support services.

For more details, visit www.nunku.org.au

Flood Street, Leichhardt, from 6-8pm. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

September 23: Cancer screening and health information day for Aboriginal women. A breast and cervical screening day, with activities and health packs available at the event. Held at Kyogle Memorial Hall, Stratheden Street, from 9am. Details: Debbie Caldwell on (02) 6662 3514.

September 24-25: Lismore Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival. Held at Oakes and Crozier ovals, Lismore. Details: Grantley Creighton on 0402 309 582.

September 30: Koori Knockout celebration party. Includes DJ and live performance. Held at The Oxford Hotel, 134 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst from 7.00pm-3am. Cost: \$20 entry at door or buy online.

October 1: 'Being and Belonging' Aboriginal art talk. Artist, curator and academic Garry Jones contemplates the meaning of country for Aboriginal Australians as expressed in contemporary art practices. Held at Wollongong Art Gallery from 12.30-1.30pm. Details: (02) 4227 8500 or visit www.wollongongartgallery.com

October 7-9: 2016 National Indigenous Youth Rugby Sevens Championships. For boys and girls under 17. Includes personal development workshops and the selection of the National Indigenous Youth teams. Details: Visit www.lloydmcdermott.com.au

October 9: Dance Rites 2016. Australia's national Indigenous dance competition, with more than 150 participants from 10 Indigenous communities across NSW, Queensland and the Torres Strait. Held at the Sydney Opera House. Details: (02) 9250 7281 or visit www.sydneypoperahouse.com/dancerites

Queensland

Until October 16: *Beyond the Surface: New Textiles and Ceramics* exhibition. Explores the ways in which images and designs are applied to contemporary ceramics, textiles and furniture as an expression of culture and identity. Held at Cairns Regional Gallery, 40 Abbott Street, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm,

Sat, 10am-5pm and Sun 10am-2pm. Details: (07) 4046 4810 or visit www.cairnsregionalgallery.com.au

Until October 30: *Over the fence: Contemporary Indigenous Photography from the Corrigan Collection* exhibition. Featuring 18 artists and showcasing the diversity of contemporary Indigenous photography. Held at The University of Qld, St Lucia, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3365 1111 or visit www.artmuseum.uq.edu.au

Until November 20: *Art of the Skins* exhibition. Explores the tradition and artistry of possum skin cloaks through contemporary community works. Held at the State Library of Qld, South Bank, Brisbane, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm and Sat-Sun 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (07) 3840 7666 or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

September 20-23: Library on the Lawn. Play 'Message stack', an Indigenous Jenga-style game that encourages audiences to learn urban Indigenous slang words and phrases. Held at the State Library of Qld Cultural Precinct, Stanley Place, South Brisbane from 10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm. Free. Details: (07) 3840 7666 or email kuril.dhagun@slq.qld.gov.au

October 1: Hip Hop with Jordon. A Diamonds, Pearls and Rural Girls project, activities include culture safety, cooking, health, goal-setting, make-up and photoshoot for females aged 12-21. Held at the Uniting Church Hall, Herbert Street, Proserpine from 9am. Cost: \$5 entry, Bookings required, maximum of 30 people. Details: Juanita Halden on 0473 214 352.

Victoria

Until September 25: *Indigenous Ceramic Art Award* exhibition. Features the work of seven artists shortlisted for the exhibition. Held at Shepparton Art Museum, Shepparton, from 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (03) 5832 9861 or visit www.sheppartonartmuseum.com.au

Until October 2: Blaaq Catt performance – Melbourne Fringe Festival. Held at La Mama Theatre Courthouse, Carlton, Wed and Fri 6.30pm, Thurs and Sat 8.30pm and Sun 4pm. Cost: \$25 full, \$15 concession. Details:

(03)9347 6142 or visit www.lamama.com.au

Until October 2: *Carved Out of Life: The Next Generation* exhibition. Showcasing the fine art and tradition of emu egg carving, featuring eggs held in the Koorie Heritage Trust collection. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne, daily from 10am. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.kooriheritagetrust.com

Until October 4: Call for abstracts for The Leaders in Indigenous Medical Education (LIME) Network biennial conference. LIME Connection VII themed 'The Future of Indigenous Health Education: Leadership, Collaboration, Curriculum' will held in Melbourne next April 4-7. Details: Caitlin Ryan on (03) 9035 8294 or visit www.limenetwork.net.au

October 2, 6, 7 and 8: Koorie Heritage Trust celebration. As part of the Victorian Seniors Festival, celebrations include emu egg carving artist, oral history collections and storytelling, demonstrations and workshops of Koori art forms and music and performances. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne, daily from 10am. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.kooriheritagetrust.com

October 7: Monthly weaving workshop, with Yorta Yorta woman Donna Blackall. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne, from noon. Cost: \$16.50 a person. Details: (03) 8662 6336 or visit www.kooriheritagetrust.com

September 28: 2016 Healthy Happy Deadly event. It includes cultural and children's activities, market stalls and more. Held at the Sunbury Memorial Hall from 11am-2pm. Free. Details: Gail Radford on (03) 9744 9564 or visit www.sunburychc.org.au

Northern Territory

September 23-October 2: Parryeme – a Festival of Light. An Indigenous light festival held over 10 nights, featuring Australia's biggest light show installation. Free. Held at Alice Springs Desert Park, Alice Springs. Details: Rachel McKenzie on (02) 9292 7011 or visit www.parryemeaustralia.com.au

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AES business development operations manager Leroy Wilkinson and Awabakal chief executive Raylene Gordon.

Partnership in place

KEY Newcastle Indigenous organisations the Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) and Awabakal Ltd have formalised a partnership to improve employment and health for people in NSW's Hunter and Central Coast region.

The partnership will involve the development of specific recruitment and training opportunities in the health sector for Indigenous people, closer communication between the organisations to improve services, and support and mentoring for Awabakal staff.

"Building partnerships with like-minded services is key to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people of the region," AES Newcastle, Hunter and Central Coast business development operations manager Leroy Wilkinson said.

"Awabakal is one of the largest Aboriginal organisations in the Newcastle region. They have comprehensive primary healthcare services, aged care, social and emotional wellbeing preschool and dentistry, so they're quite diverse in what they do for the community.

"They are leading community action around health and wellbeing through the way they offer these solutions and services to the Aboriginal community.

"We are privileged to partner

with Awabakal to collectively work towards generational employment and closing the gap on a number of initiatives for health and employment."

The AES office in Newcastle, established in 2006, services a broad area.

Largest

Awabakal was established in 1973 (then known as the Newcastle Aboriginal Advancement Society) and has expanded to become the largest Aboriginal community-owned and run organisation in NSW, providing services to Indigenous people in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens and the Hunter Valley.

The new partnership will

primarily involve the AES assisting Awabakal with human resources practices.

"Recruitment is what the AES specialises in," Mr Wilkinson said. "We can make sure Awabakal is getting the right people for the right jobs, and we'll also look at training opportunities, so we can forward-plan for workforce development, succession and new opportunities."

Awabakal chief executive Raylene Gordon says partnering with the AES will allow the organisation to improve its services while building capacity.

"My philosophy is that your organisation is only as good as your people," she said.

"We've got over 80 staff and

the majority of them are Aboriginal people; we're trying to grow our Aboriginal workforce and provide career pathways, and I think the AES can help us do that.

"It's about recruiting Aboriginal people who have a passion to work with their own community, and that's where the AES can support us to recruit the right people, and then keep people in the organisation by providing them with mentoring and the support they need to grow in their jobs."

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For more information on Awabakal Ltd visit www.Awabakal.org

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- Experience in management of capital, financial and human resources with knowledge and understanding of Not-for-profit organisation and in particular Government funding criteria.
- Addressing workforce issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the health sector.
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MORE INFORMATION

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Location: Malabar

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

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Enquiries: Glen Charlesworth, 0429 970 145

Reference Number: 347711

Closing Date: 27 September 2016

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Classification: Health Manager Level 2

Location: Malabar

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Closing Date: 9 October 2016

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Location: Nowra

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Reference Number: 347231

Closing Date: 9 October 2016

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- Great opportunity to utilise your stakeholder engagement skills
- Ongoing, full-time position
- Salary range \$109,567 - \$146,622 plus superannuation

The Koori Justice Unit (KJU) is primarily responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system to improve justice outcomes for the Koori community.

Reporting to the Director - KJU, this role will be responsible for managing the Stakeholder Engagement team and for providing strategic and operational leadership to ensure efficient and effective day-to-day operational procedures and processes in the implementation of the AJA.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Koori community, both society and culture and the issues impacting on it
- a proven ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with members of the Victorian Koori community
- excellent stakeholder management and leadership skills to achieve business objectives.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Sunday 9 October 2016.

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



AIATSIS
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL
AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES

**Join Australia's leading
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Over its 50-year history, AIATSIS has evolved into a national authority on Indigenous studies. It is a hub for collaborative, ethical collecting and research and develops Indigenous staff and researchers. AIATSIS Collections are one of the world's leading collections of printed, audio and visual materials on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and societies.

PHOTOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN

**APS Level 4 – Ongoing, Fulltime
\$58,915 - \$64,308 pa**

Working closely with the Senior Photographic Technician and the relevant Collection Management Units, Photographic Technicians undertake digitisation of items from the Pictorial and Art & Object Collections using a range of technology.

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Special Measures

This will be filled using the Special Measures provision, which allows for the targeted recruitment of Indigenous Australians into the Australian Public Service. The vacancy is only open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

Closing Date: 5pm Wednesday 05 October 2016

How to apply:

Please consult the AIATSIS website www.aiatsis.gov.au for more information and download the Application Pack. Follow the instructions on the Application Pack and submit your application to recruitment@aiatsis.gov.au by the closing date.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate a high level of cultural proficiency in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and the capacity to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as stakeholders, colleagues and peers.

This is an identified position

The Institute values a skilled and diverse workforce to meet the needs of the organisation in the promotion of knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Community and Economic Development Officer (4 Positions)

Sydney/Newcastle Region based in Parramatta
Wiradjuri Region based in Fyshwick
South Coast Region based in Fyshwick
Western, Central and North West Regions based in
either Dubbo or Broken Hill

Full-time Permanent Opportunities
Salary Range \$86,118 to \$104,203

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is a not for profit organisation offering diverse and exciting opportunities for experienced and motivated people interested in undertaking the above vacancies.

The Economic Development Unit fills a crucial role in the successful operation of NSWALC by implementing the Council's strategic priority for achieving wealth creation and wellbeing for the Aboriginal Land Council Network through the implementation of the Economic Development Policy.

The Community and Economic Development Officer will work closely with Local Aboriginal Land Council's (LALCs) in the Zone area to facilitate engagement in early stage business enterprise development and supports capacity building towards this aim, including the development of planning, financial, business and entrepreneurship skills in LALCs.

The successful applicant will have effective community engagement, business enterprise and capacity development skills. A willingness to travel is also required.

The position offers an attractive remuneration package and an extensive range of benefits and conditions including access to salary packaging options. This together with working in a dynamic progressive organisation offering a rewarding challenging career and great potential for development and advancement provides a unique opportunity.

If you have any specific enquiries regarding this position, please contact the Executive Director of Policy and Programs, Kate Aubrey-Poiner by email: kate.aubrey-poiner@alc.org.au or (02) 9689 4428.

All applicants must obtain a recruitment package and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Human Resources Officer, Kody Boney by email: recruitment@alc.org.au or (02) 9689 4490.

Please identify which position you are requesting a package for and forward completed applications to recruitment@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Officer
NSW Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1125
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Applications close 5pm Wednesday, 5 October 2016.
Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



Health Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District

Aboriginal Chronic Care Program Outreach Service Registered Nurse

Population Health
Temporary Full-Time
Registered Nurse
Salary: \$1,114.30 - \$1,564.80 pw
Enquiries: Libby Brown (02) 4734 3860

Closing Date:
4 October 2016



Applications must be lodged
electronically. Please go to
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search
Job Reference Number 346643

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Office Manager

– Full time 38hrs/week

NATSIHWA the national peak body representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers is seeking to employ an experienced Office Manager to work full time in the Canberra, Phillip office.

Working closely with the CEO and Finance Manager the requirements of this position will include:-

- Have an understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and protocol's.
- Oversee the development of financial plans/budgets
- Oversee Human Resources
- Oversee quality assurance, risk management
- Compliance
- Familiar with requirements of funding bodies for reporting
- Facility management

Salary will be based on experience and qualifications.

Interested applicants should address the Person specification within the Job Description in 2 pages, with a current resume and 2 work experience references and email to ceo@natsihwa.org.au or contact Karl Briscoe 02 6221 9222 for further information.

Applications Close: 30th September 2016



Health and Human Services

Senior Adviser, Aboriginal Employment Careers that value people, families and communities

Diversity and Inclusion

Are you interested in a diverse career in helping shape the future of Victoria's public sector to deliver culturally responsive services to Aboriginal communities?

The Senior Adviser, Aboriginal Employment will support the implementation of the Department of Health and Human Services Aboriginal employment strategy.

This is an exciting opportunity to support the department's commitment to improving employment outcomes for Aboriginal people across the state of Victoria.

Are you

- An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person with skills and experience building workforce capacity?
- Passionate about improving outcomes for Aboriginal people and communities?
- Action-oriented, keen on getting the job done?
- Have contemporary knowledge of human resource practices?
- A good communicator – able to talk and negotiate with different types of people?
- Flexible, open to new ideas and different ways of doing things?

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit
www.careers.vic.gov.au

For further information or support to apply for the role contact Prue Stewart on
(03) 9096 9283 or email diversityinclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

Job Reference No: **DHHS/PCO/483081- Senior Adviser VPS 5**

Applications Close: **Midnight, Sunday 9 October 2016**

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit
www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit
www.careers.vic.gov.au

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health and Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au



Australian Government Director of National Parks

■ APS 6 ASSISTANT OPERATIONS MANAGER

Location: Kakadu National Park

Salary: \$76,224 - \$86,545 (plus additional allowances)

Non-Ongoing with possibility of extension

Applications close: 11.30pm 3 October 2016

Kakadu National Park is World Heritage listed and one of the most ecologically and biologically diverse places in Australia.

Kakadu's traditional owners maintain strong links to their country through cultural practices, spiritual beliefs and traditional management use of country.

About The Role

As the assistant operations manager you will mentor and coach a team to complete a variety of operational needs of the park. You will assist with the management of fire operations, engage with traditional owners and representative groups, manage compliance and enforcement duties within the park and implement and report on conservation and visitor management program delivery.

You will have extensive experience in park management with the ability to lead a team including logistics of staff management such as attendance, performance management, mentoring and supporting learning and development; as well as actively adapting to and promoting changes in the workplace. You will share the Traditional Owner's vision for the future of the park and participate in the exchange of knowledge, experience and skills between Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff, the community and the public.

About Kakadu

To find out more about Kakadu National Park please view:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/parks/kakadu/index.html>

Indigenous Engagement

People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply. This position is identified. An identified position is one in which part or all of the duties involve interaction with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people including service delivery.

How to apply

If this sounds like you, please submit an application and your resume. Your responses to the Selection Criteria should be no more than a two page address and applications should be made through the department's online recruitment system: <http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/about-us/employment>

Applications will not normally be acknowledged on receipt. Only short listed applicants will be contacted regarding the next phase in the selection process. To those applicants who are not short listed, we extend our thanks for considering the Department as a potential employer.

Contact Officer

For more information please contact Chris Artiemiew:

Chris.Artiemiew@environment.gov.au

Ph: 08 8938 1103

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



Academic Literacy and Learning Advisor, Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education

Ref 1336/16

Penrith Campus

Full-Time, Ongoing Position

Western Sydney University Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education is committed to improving the educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Badanami works closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, students and key stakeholders to activity promote and share the cultures, languages, history and contemporary experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

An opportunity exists for an experienced and dedicated Academic Literacy and Learning Advisor to join the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education, to be based at Penrith (Kingswood) campus. As the Academic Literacy and Learning Advisor, you will provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students: identifying academic literacy and tutoring needs, including within the Tutoring for Success program; designing workshops and embedded curriculum support; and ensuring standards and quality of tutoring. You will be working with the Badanami Centre Coordinator, as well as senior management of Western Sydney University, to identify strategies for academic literacy support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

To be successful in this role, you have the ability to design, organise, and deliver academic literacy programs and resources in both online and face-to-face environments. You also have strong administration skills, the ability to work under tight deadlines, experience in multi-tasking and are comfortable with working independently and within an academic team environment. You should also have experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities.

Please review the position description and address the selection criteria to be considered for this role.

To obtain a copy of the Position Description, and/or to apply for this role please visit: http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/employment/home/current_vacancies

Remuneration Package: Higher Education Worker Level 7 \$96,255 to \$103,862 per annum (comprising Salary \$81,337 to \$87,765 p.a., 17% Superannuation and Leave Loading).

Position Enquiries: Nathan Tyson, Coordinator, Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education on 0447 634749, or email: n.tyson@westernsydney.edu.au

Closing Date: 2 October 2016

Please note: This is an identified position and applicants must be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. Being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised under Section 14(D) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW.

Applicants must provide evidence of a current Working with Children Check clearance from the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian with their application.

Full details on how to apply for these positions can be found at our website.
Western Sydney University values workplace diversity.



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Join one of Australia's most innovative community mental health services

Improve outcomes for people living with mental illness in our community

Transition Liaison Officer
Neami Merrylands and Seven Hills

Bring your enthusiasm and passion for social justice to this varied and fulfilling support role:

- Provide direct and meaningful support to people with a mental illness living within the community
- Apply a recovery-based approach to support work
- Work within a values based, progressive, Not for Profit
- Comprehensive training and development provided
- Work in a collaborative team

Applications close Sunday 2 October 2016.

Visit neaminational.org.au/careers to apply.



Aboriginal Youth and Family Caseworker Get a career that matters.

Uniting is seeking a dedicated and experienced Aboriginal Youth and Family Caseworker to join their Youth Hope Western team.

The successful applicant would require to provide assessment and intensive case management in line with the Wraparound service model to children, adolescents and families who are at risk of escalation within the child protection system.

Applications close: Monday 26th September 5pm

Apply online on getacareerthatmatters.com.au or call Sam Nelson on (02) 63911700 for role related queries
We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.

Uniting



MID LACHLAN ABORIGINAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT CO-OPERATIVE LTD

Quality Systems Developer

- Full time, fixed term (12 months)
\$80 000 per year + superannuation. Salary packaging available.
- Located in Dubbo, New South Wales (NSW)

Mid Lachlan Aboriginal Housing Management Cooperative (MLAHMC) is the largest approved Aboriginal Community Housing Provider (ACHP) in NSW. MLAHMC manages in excess of 800 properties in various communities between Lithgow in the east, Wilcannia in the west, Wagga Wagga/Dareton in the south and Goolooga/Enngonia in the north.

We are seeking a trained and experienced Quality Systems Developer to create an efficient and effective quality management system for use across several locations. You will need to implement an electronic quality management system, review current processes and documentation and improve or create where required. Compliance with legislative and accreditation requirements is essential.

Among other duties the Quality Systems Developer will report to the Corporate Services Manager and will:

- Identify, plan and implement quality management software in a manner that includes change management strategies.
- Conduct process mapping workshops and develop final processes, and the required systems and documentation and review and improve as required.
- Review current documentation and develop as required to ensure best practice and compliance with current legislative and accreditation requirements. This includes, policies, procedures, forms etc.
- Develop and implement a change management process to ensure version control of documentation.
- Actively lead/participate in the preparation and completion of internal/external audits.

To apply you must obtain an application package by contacting Danika Tonna, Corporate Services Manager, danika.tonna@mlahmc.org.au or call 02 6862 4066. Packages can also be collected from our Dubbo office, Level 2, Suite 1, 31-37 Macquarie Street, Dubbo.

Applications close on 30 September 2016



Creating a Brighter Future

James Cook University (JCU) strives to be a leader in Indigenous education through the delivery of successful and sustainable services and programs that empower staff, students and communities to reach their full potential and achieve their goals.

Reflecting this commitment a unified Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre has been established to provide leadership and co-ordination across student and community engagement, education and research relating to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We now have a fabulous opportunity for a;

- Head, Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Development – Townsville or Cairns

JCU seeks to appoint an experienced Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander academic and leader with vision, the capacity to develop a sense of common purpose and a strong track record in research projects, nationally competitive grants, research leadership and management, and supervision of HDR students.

Applications close: 28 September 2016

To find out more information please visit: www.jcu.edu.au/jobs

JCU is committed to equal opportunity, diversity and sustainability



Health and Human Services

INTRAIN Scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

Careers that value people, families and communities

A limited number of training and recruitment scholarships are available commencing in 2017.

The INTRAIN scholarship program supports employment participation and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Victoria.

The scholarships are each valued at \$25,470 per annum plus superannuation. They will be paid fortnightly for a year to assist eligible students complete full time studies and achieve one of the following outcomes:

- the last one or two years of an undergraduate course
- the last one or two years of a postgraduate course
- a nationally accredited diploma course.

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person
- be accepted by the Aboriginal community in which she/he lives or has lived as a member of that community
- currently reside in Victoria or be based in Victoria
- have a desire to work for the Department of Health and Human Services; the Victorian Public Service or the health and/or community services sector in Victoria;
- must be undertaking a nationally accredited diploma or undergraduate course or post graduate course and be willing to meet the study load requirements for the scholarship.

To view the scholarship guidelines and obtain an application form visit the Department of Health and Human Services website at: www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/our-organisation/careers/aboriginal-employment

For further information or support to apply for a scholarship contact Prue Stewart on (03) 9096 9283 or email diversityinclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

Job Reference No: **DHHS/PCO/INTRAIN Scholarships**

Applications close: **Midnight, Sunday 16 October 2016**

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

For other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

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Family & Community Services

Project Officer (Aboriginal)

- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Department of Family and Community Services
- Housing NSW
- Location: Bankstown
- Salary range: \$90,215 pa - \$99,862 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.
- Requisition No. 00004N5E

About the role

The focus of the Project Officer role is to lead the implementation of South Western Sydney District's Aboriginal Cultural Inclusion Framework Plan. This includes providing support to the District's Aboriginal Community Consultation Group.

Job Notes

This is a temporary, Identified (Aboriginal) role in accordance with the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013* for a period of up to nine months.

Our Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

FACS is committed to building a workplace culture that values diversity and inclusion. We actively promote the employment of people with disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, LGBTI and other diversity groups.

FACS encourages applications from people with disability and will provide reasonable adjustments in our recruitment processes and in the workplace.

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Applications Close:
Wednesday 5 October 2016 (11:59pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Cathy Noble on (02) 9781 5566.



Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00004N5E

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Senior Administration Officer

– Full time 38hrs/week

NATSIHWA the national peak body representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers is seeking to employ an experienced Senior Administration Officer to work Full time in the Canberra, Phillip office.

Working closely with the CEO the requirements of this position will include:-

- Have an understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and protocol's.
- Arrange meetings/functions, responding to phone or email inquiries, making travel arrangements, filing and records management.
- Use of information technology, including word processing packages, electronic mail, databases and spread-sheets.
- Undertake planning and organising meetings and functions

Salary will be based Level 5 pro-rata \$68,843 - \$74,451

Interested applicants should address the Person specification within the Job Description in 2 pages, with a current resume and 2 work experience references and email to ceo@natsihwa.org.au or contact Karl Briscoe 02 6221 9222 for further information.

Applications Close: 7th October 2016



Finance Manager

– Part Time, 22.5hrs/week

NATSIHWA the national peak body representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers is seeking to employ an experienced Finance Manager to work part-time in the Canberra, Phillip office.

Working closely with the CEO and Office Manager the requirements of this position will include:-

- Have an understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and protocol's.
- Have a minimum 3 years MYOB experience including Payroll
- Have minimum Cert IV Finance or Bookkeeping qualifications or relevant experience
- Previous work experience in the NGO sector
- An understanding of not-for-profit accounting
- Familiar with acquittal requirements of funding bodies
- Preparation of budgets and month end Actual v Budget reporting

Salary will be based on experience and qualifications.

Interested applicants should address the Person Specification within the Job Description in 2 pages, with a current resume and 2 work experience references and email to ceo@natsihwa.org.au or contact Karl Briscoe 02 6221 9222 for further information.

Applications Close: 7 October 2016



MANAGER

Mt Isa Recovery Service Centre

Full time Fixed Term to June 2018

- **Opportunity to make a difference in the Community**
- **Lead a dedicated team**
- **Attractive salary packaging arrangements – pay less tax!**

Mt Isa RSC delivers the Bridge Program which aims to provide a safe, drug-free environment to help establish a healthier lifestyle, focus on the problems that underlie addiction, provide a holistic treatment service that will help achieve physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual wellbeing via medical treatment, one-to-one and group and pastoral support, impart living skills to not only overcome addiction but to lead a more meaningful and fulfilling life.

About the position;

This role provides management of daily operations of the Mt Isa RSC, including staff and volunteers to ensure efficient and smooth running of the Centre and oversee service delivery ensuring participants receive appropriate case management services, assessment and referral, education and support within a client focused recovery framework.

Essential requirements;

- An appreciation of and the ability and willingness to promote and support the values and ethos of The Salvation Army.
- Tertiary or other qualifications within Community Services, Social Work or similar discipline, or extensive relevant experience within AOD or other Human Service environments.
- Minimum of 2 years' team or program management experience.
- Evidence of extensive knowledge in legislative requirements that govern this type of service environment.
- Evidence of Professional Development.
- Current Drivers Licence and First Aid Certificate.
- Positive Notice Blue Card (Working with Children) or willingness to obtain one.
- Willing to undertake a National Police Check.

Send your resume and cover letter addressing the essential requirements to email hr.qld@aue.salvationarmy.org.



Fair Trading

The Tenants' Advice and Advocacy Program (TAAP) provides funding to not-for-profit organisations to provide information, community education, advice and advocacy services to public and private tenants in NSW.

NSW Fair Trading is inviting applications from NSW service providers to operate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tenancy Advice and Advocacy Services in Sydney and Western New South Wales.

Specific information relating to the operation of this service is contained in the TAAP Guidelines, available through www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au

Funding will be provided from 1 December 2016 to 30 June 2019.

Application packages are available by contacting Mr Lee Watson at Fair Trading's Grants branch on (02) 9619 8731 or e-mail to grants@finance.nsw.gov.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE Friday 7 October 2016

Applications should be emailed to: grants@finance.nsw.gov.au

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Professional Development Officer

– Full time 38hrs/week

NATSIHWA the national peak body representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers is seeking to employ an experienced Professional Development Officer to work Full time in the Canberra, Phillip office or where mutually negotiated.

Working closely with the CEO the requirements of this position will include:-

- Have an understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and protocol's.
- Preparation and facilitation of courses for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the health sector.
- Preparing and presenting formal presentation material, facilitating forums and formal correspondence.
- Use of information technology, including word processing packages, electronic mail, databases, spread-sheets and PowerPoint presentations.
- Building relationships and advocating with relevant key stakeholders.
- Preparing and presenting comprehensive reports.
- Undertaken Project evaluation

Salary will be based Level 6 pro-rata \$77,067 - \$86,946

Interested applicants should address the Person specification within the Job Description in 2 pages, with a current resume and 2 work experience references and email to ceo@natsihwa.org.au or contact Karl Briscoe 02 6221 9222 for further information.

Applications Close: 7th October 2016



Office of Environment & Heritage

Chief Executive Officer

NSW Office of Environment and Heritage

This is a highly visible and hands-on leadership role. Your mandate will be to proactively assist with strategies that deliver quality, integrated and localised policies and services that strengthen NSW's natural environment, Aboriginal country, culture and heritage, as well as built heritage and state waste, in a collaborative and cohesive manner.

You will lead and coordinate the activities of OEHL as well as ensure the significantly geographically dispersed workforce, in conjunction with other cluster agencies, work together collaboratively. This will be achieved by assisting to devise and implement sophisticated, innovative and meaningful strategies and policies that heavily influence the direction and delivery of national park and wildlife management advice, biosecurity, scientific thought leadership, heritage and natural resource management and support and enable an ethos of 'customer first' services and participation provision.

You will have experience in leading and managing a large and complex organisation with a large operational focus.

You will have the reputation as a strong lateral thought leader who has the expertise to inspire, guide, leverage and engage a very diverse stakeholder set to bring initiatives to life in a genuinely collaborative fashion. Importantly you excel at negotiating, influencing and driving commercial and transformational outcomes.

Proven experience in extracting the real issues and implementing responsive governance will be complemented ideally by intimate knowledge or the ability to get across current trends in environment, cultural, heritage and natural resource management.

Innovative thinking coupled with an outstanding ability to strategically drive internal and external buy in, broader organisational goals and a track record for leading, energising and developing high performance organisations are of equal importance.

Confidential enquires can be directed to our Executive Search partner Allan Laurie / Isabelle Truong at Omera Partners on (02) 8922 7222. To apply or request a candidate brief, please email itruong@omerapartners.com

More information on the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage can be found at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/>



Magistrates' Court
of Victoria

KOORI COURT OFFICER

Magistrates' Court, Warrnambool

VPS 3

\$ 62,535 - \$ 75,930 *plus super*

Role No: MC1783

(Ongoing, part time 0.8)

The position of Koori Court Officer is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement.

The aim of the Koori Court Officer is to assist in reducing the issue of over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Victorian justice system by working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients when they enter the court system. In addition, the service assists Aboriginal people to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention. Details of the purpose of this surface are outlined in the position description.

This is a designated position under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.

Further information: Robyn Young on (03) 9032 0943

Applications to: careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close 2 October 2016



Australian Government

Department of Human Services

Expression of Interest

Social Workers in Northern Australia

The Department of Human Services is currently recruiting Social Workers in Northern Australia.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with a Social Work degree are strongly encouraged to apply.

Please visit <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/corporate/careershuman-services> to apply or contact **Tanya Smith** on **08 9194 9622** to seek further information.

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humanservices.gov.au



Premier
and Cabinet

Project Officer

An exciting opportunity exists for a self-motivated team player to support the Principal Treaty Adviser and other senior advisers in the Office of the Executive Director, Aboriginal Victoria. The successful applicant will provide secretariat and administration support for the Aboriginal Treaty Interim Working Group. The position also provides opportunities to provide project planning, communications and events support on matters relating to self-determination and treaty.

To succeed in this role, you will have demonstrated organisational and project management skills, as well as stakeholder management experience and a commitment to providing excellent service. You will enjoy variety in your tasks and show a willingness to be flexible.

The closing date for this position is Midnight 27 September 2016

How to apply:

All applications should include only a resume and a completed application form.

Please contact Ms Jacki Turfrey, Principal Treaty Adviser on (03) 9208 3002 or at jacki.turfrey@dpc.vic.gov.au if you have any questions regarding the job vacancy. Position Number 1237211

Other relevant information:

Employment of successful candidates will be subject to a National Police Check.

DPC is an equal opportunity employer and our recruitment process focuses on essential skills and abilities. We welcome applicants from a diverse range of backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds and people with disabilities.

DPC values its people and is committed to attracting, developing and retaining diverse talent. DPC actively promotes diversity and inclusion in the workplace and does not discriminate based on age, sex, carer or parental status, disability, race, religious belief, sexual orientation, gender identity or other characteristics.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet's vision is to be recognised and respected leaders in whole-of-government policy and performance.

We work for the people of Victoria by helping the government achieve its strategic objectives. We do this by supporting the Premier, Deputy Premier, Special Minister of State, the Ministers for Aboriginal Affairs, Equality, Multicultural Affairs, Prevention of Family Violence, Veterans and Women, as well as the Cabinet.

We lead the Victorian Public Service by:

- Setting clear expectations
- Driving the government's objectives
- Providing unifying intelligence within the Victorian Government
- Pursuing excellence in whole-of-government outcomes in delivery and reform.

Website: www.dpc.vic.gov.au

Headquarters: 1 Treasury Place Melbourne Vic

Company Size: 500 - 1000

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Join one of Australia's most innovative community mental health services

Improve outcomes for people living with mental illness in our community

Community Rehabilitation and Support Workers (CRSWs)

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Bring your enthusiasm and passion for social justice to this varied and fulfilling support role:

- Provide direct and meaningful support to people with a mental illness living within the community
- Apply a recovery-based approach to support work
- Work within a values based, progressive, Not for Profit
- Comprehensive training and development provided
- Work in a collaborative team

Applications close Sunday 2 October 2016.

Visit neaminational.org.au/careers to apply.



Female Aboriginal Health Worker


Temp F/T 38hpw at Community Health, Hoxton Park

Salary: \$964.93 - \$1,421.17 pw

Enquiries: Anne King (02) 9827 2222

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Being female is recognised as a genuine occupation qualification and is authorised under section 31(2h) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date:
4 October 2016

 Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 341181

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Family and Community Integration Worker

(Recovery Services)
Mt Isa Recovery Service Centre
Full Time Fixed Term to 30 June 2018
About us;

Mt Isa RSC delivers the Bridge Program which aims to provide a safe, drug-free environment to help establish a healthier lifestyle, focus on the problems that underlie addiction, provide a holistic treatment service that will help achieve physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual wellbeing via medical treatment, one-to-one and group and pastoral support, impart living skills to not only overcome addiction but to lead a more meaningful and fulfilling life.

About the position;

This role provides a range of supports and services to families residing at Mt Isa Recovery Services experiencing the negative impact of alcohol, drugs or gambling. This role is also responsible in providing support and services to families and individuals to assist them to integrate with the community, including the provision of ExtendedCare support. Support is achieved through recovery-based case management activities and working effectively with other members of a multi-disciplinary team to provide a comprehensive client focused service within the values and mission of TSA.

Essential requirements;

- Tertiary or other qualifications within Child and family related work, AOD and / or Community Services, Social Work or similar discipline and / or extensive relevant experience.
- Willing to undertake a National Criminal History Check.
- Minimum of 2 years' experience working with disadvantage and/or complex needs client groups.
- Knowledge of factors that impact on and influence drug and alcohol use.
- Experience working with people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds.
- Experience working in collaboration with other organisations to develop and tailor programs to meet clients' needs.
- Desirable that the successful applicants have an understanding of the issues faced by families and individuals experiencing substance use disorders, mental ill health and other disabilities.
- Evidence of ongoing professional development.
- Imperative that the incumbent maintains an Alcohol, Drug and Gambling free presence.
- Current Drivers Licence and First Aid Certificate.
- Positive Notice Blue Card (Working with Children) or willingness to obtain one.

Send your resume and cover letter addressing the essential requirements to hr.qld@aue.salvationarmy.org.

This is an Aboriginal identified position. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



TRANSPORT DRIVER (FULL-TIME)

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service is looking to employ a Transport Driver to work in their Clinical Department.

The role of the Transport Driver will be responsible for the conveying of patients to and from their home to the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service and externally referred appointments.

The successful applicant will possess the following:

- A basic first aid certificate or willingness to undertake training.
 - A knowledge of the Melbourne Metro Road Network.
 - An understanding of and Commitment to the Aboriginal community.
 - Ability to work reliably with minimal supervision.
 - The demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a multi-skilled team.
 - Good written and verbal communication skills.
 - A current full Victorian Drivers Licence.
 - The capacity to participate in the extended hours roster
- Transport Drivers will be rostered to meet service needs as follows:
7:00am to 3:00pm, 8:00am to 4:00pm, 9:00am to 5:00pm or 10:00am to 6:00pm
- Must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (provided for by Section 12 of *The Victorian Equal Opportunity Act 2010*)

Please note: To be a successful candidate you must meet the position requirements as well as undergo a National Victorian Police Check, hold a valid Working with Children Check prior to your appointment and complete a Safety Screening Statutory Declaration.

Salary Packaging benefits are available.

For a copy of the Position Description and Key Selection Criteria please contact Lesley Day on (03) 9403 3300 and if you wish to find out more about the position please contact James Brown on (03) 9419 3000.

Closing Date: Friday 7th October, 2016

Applicants should address the key selection criteria and state full details of qualifications and experience including referees to: Michael Graham, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, 186 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy 3065.

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POSITION VACANT - RECOGNISE FIELD LEADER

Would you like to work on a once in a generation campaign? Can you organise, motivate, and lead volunteers to take action?

Title: Field Leader

Reporting to: National Field Team

Start Date: Sept / Oct 2016

Salary: \$75,000 - \$82,000 inc. Super

Locations: Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Hobart, Thursday Island (Torres Strait). Sydney, Darwin, and Brisbane positions are filled. We hope to bring on more locations next year. If you are in a different city or regional centre and this job interests you, feel free to get in contact with us about future opportunities.

RECOGNISE is the movement building community awareness and understanding about the need to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution and to deal with racial discrimination in it.

More than 298,00 Australians from all walks of life have already declared their support to recognise the First Australians in our founding document and to fix the racial discrimination that still exists in it today.

Our Field Team is currently recruiting for a number of leadership positions across the country. The team's goal is to rapidly grow the movement on-the-ground through volunteer driven community events, face-to-face conversations, phone calls, and online one-to-one discussions.

We are looking for people that are confident in forming and leading diverse teams of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to raise awareness and understanding of constitutional recognition and reform. This means hiring, training, and organising a small team of paid staff as well as hundreds of volunteers. Key responsibilities will include supporting team members and volunteers to run events, door-knocks, call centres, and digital chat centres that reach tens of thousands of people and potential supporters. This will be an exciting and fast-paced part of the campaign that will be crucial to our overall success.

People with a background in campaigning, advocacy, communications, and/or marketing would be well suited to the roles. However, smart and creative generalists who can lead and organise others and are keen to learn quickly are also encouraged to apply.

To access a full job description go to <http://www.recognise.org.au/get-involved/jobs/>. For further information about this position please contact Mickey Kovari on (02) 8204 1500.

Please send applications to:
mickey.kovari@recognise.org.au

Applications close: October 10, 2016, 6pm.



Indigenous Safety, Environmental & Quality (SEQ) Officer

This is an Australian Indigenous Designated position, classified under section 12(7) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Australian Indigenous persons are eligible to apply.

About the team

The South Western Alliance (SWA) is a joint venture between VicRoads and Fulton Hogan. The SWA is responsible for delivering Routine and Periodic Maintenance activities, along with major and minor civil projects for the South Western Region across a network of over 4000 carriageway kilometres of road network and in excess of 800 bridges.

Stretching from Little River to the South Australian border the SWA has established six depots across the South Western Region in order to provide this service.

About the Job

The SWA is looking for an Indigenous Safety, Environmental & Quality (SEQ) Officer to join our team. The position will work alongside our existing SEQ team members and report to the Alliance SEQ Coordinator.

The core duty of the Indigenous SEQ Officer role is to provide practical, hands on SEQ support to our busy business across the region and ensure best practice standards are being met and exceeded.

This role is responsible for:

- Collaboratively working with staff at all levels of the business, providing support and advice on SEQ matters
- Implementing SEQ related plan and procedure requirements
- Conducting SEQ assessments
- Assist the business with SEQ inspections to promote and provide continuous improvement
- Drive and champion a culture that is focused on the pillars of safety, environment & quality
- Report incidents, non-conformances and near misses and coordinate/participate in investigations as required

What we are looking for?

- A consummate SEQ professional with sound industry experience
- An understanding of AS/NZS ISO 14001, AS/NZS ISO 9001 and AS/NZS 4801
- Sound systems implementation and management experience
- A strong commitment to a Zero Harm culture
- Ability to travel within the region to provide support to our regional teams
- Proactive self-starter with exceptional communication skills

At VicRoads we embrace diversity and inclusion and we are proud that our workforce reflects the community we serve.

Applications close 2 October 2016.



for people going places

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Premier & Cabinet

Director, North Coast, Hunter and Western NSW

- Lead and Drive NSW Government priorities across the region
- 00004Q2T - Director, North Coast
- 00004Q0S - Director, Hunter
- 00004Q2W - Director, Western NSW

The NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) is the lead central agency in the NSW Government. DPC support the Premier the Cabinet, Ministers and agencies by coordinating policies and services across government. Our mission is to enhance the lives of the people of NSW by driving priorities, brokering outcomes and delivering programs and services.

The work of the Regional Coordination Branch in DPC is unique in Government and we are currently looking to appoint a **Director** for each region based in Coffs Harbour, Newcastle or Dubbo.

As the **Director** you can be involved in any part of the business of Government in a very practical way working closely with local government, agencies, NGOs, the private sector and the community. You will work closely with NSW Government agencies in the areas to coordinate activities and resources and to ensure the Government's priorities are met at a regional level, especially on multi-agency issues with whole-of-State significance.

You will need to demonstrate leadership and management experience with a successful track record in providing strategic input into and facilitating the development of strategic planning processes of large scale reform agendas with multiple stakeholders. You will require excellent relationship management skills, with the ability to partner, influence and negotiate in environments where there is no line authority and competing priorities.

Our Commitment to Diversity: DPC is committed to ensuring the sector reflects the NSW community it serves. Diverse workforces are more innovative, productive and increase the delivery of high-quality services. We welcome and encourage applications from diverse community groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, LGBTI, people with disability, women and other diversity groups.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Numbers 00004Q2T, 00004Q0S and 00004Q2W

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Looking for a meaningful new role?

We partner with at risk families to identify needs and provide intensive support to increase the safety of children reducing the numbers entering care.

We currently have the following permanent positions available in Brisbane:

Child & Family Practitioner – Specified Child & Family Practitioner – Identified 3 x Child & Family Practitioner

You will have a tertiary qualification and relevant experience working with at risk children and families using strengths based approach.

In our work we partner with our local Aboriginal Community and welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for all positions.

Working in a culturally safe environment, you will enjoy genuine flexibility, ongoing development, salary packaging and accrued days off. To find out more go to www.benevolent.org.au/jobs

To apply email Amanda.Dunn@benevolent.org.au or call on 07 3412 8900



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Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

Solicitor – Civil Law Legal Officer Grade IV

- Package up to \$129k
- Ongoing Role in Sutherland

We are looking for a solicitor to work in Sutherland to provide senior management and leadership in the provision of civil law services to socially and economically disadvantaged people. This includes directly providing legal services to clients of Legal Aid NSW, including in more complex matters.

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Closing Date:
Friday 30 September 2016

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Sally Bryant on (02) 6650 6026.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00004PE5



Government of
Western Australia
Housing Authority

Housing Officer

Service Delivery

Web Search No: 04001672

Level/Salary: PSGOGA Level 3 \$67,896 - \$73,717 pa + Super

Responsible for the provision of professional and responsive property / housing management services to remote communities in accordance with the Housing Authority's service delivery agreement policies and procedures.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. 04001672 to access detailed information or Ph: 9923 4430 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Gary Heir on 9923 4452.

Location: Carnarvon

Closing Date: Friday, 30 September 2016 at 9.00pm.



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Remote Fly In Fly Out Hospitality Job Opportunities

Morris Corporation is an equal opportunity employer. Morris aims to be an employer of choice for Indigenous Australians and we encourage Indigenous people to apply for this and other positions with us.

Morris Corporation is Australia's largest privately owned facilities management specialist; delivering industrial hospitality services to the remote mining, resources and construction sectors.

We currently have exciting opportunities to join our WA Team as a General Utility on a Casual basis.

As a General Utility you will work in a variety of departments including Housekeeping and General Cleaning, Kitchen and Dining Room, Industrial Cleaning, Retail and Tavern operations, Grounds Maintenance.

We have ongoing casual work available, that provides flexibility, variety of work and family friendly roster options.

We are looking for

- Previous experience working in one or more of the following areas - catering/kitchen, cleaning, Minesite cleaning, grounds maintenance, laundry, Bus Driving, bar/retail, or

storeman work, preferably within a similar remote area.

- A positive attitude, strong work ethic and a commitment to consistently deliver a high standard of customer service
- Current RSA, white card, Food Handlers certificate etc. would be advantageous for this position.
- A strong commitment to safety and safe working practices at all times

What's on offer?

- Fly in Fly Out from Perth
- A supportive and engaging team environment
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If you are interested in making application, please go to our website www.morriscorp.com.au and click on **Careers**

If you have any difficulty making application, you can call us on 6389 2555.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA NGV

Curator, Indigenous Art (Aboriginal Designated Position)

VPS 4.1: \$74,962 gross per annum + 9.5% superannuation
Full Time, Ongoing

The National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) is seeking a Curator, Indigenous Art who will have responsibility for an area of the collection under the direction of the Senior Curator, Indigenous Art. As part of a team, this position will work alongside the Senior Curator to make a tangible and effective contribution to Departmental planning, projects and activities.

ABOUT THE POSITION:

In consultation with the Senior Curator you will identify and recommend works for acquisition in accordance with departmental priorities and Gallery guidelines and complete supporting documentation where required. Other key responsibilities include:

Initiating, researching, developing and coordinating exhibitions in accordance with departmental requirements in consultation with the Senior Curator, and assisting with other NGV exhibitions and programs as required.

Initiating research, producing texts and contributing to the production of publications, as relevant to departmental needs and priorities.

Representing the Gallery to external patrons, corporate sponsors, Government representatives and other stakeholders, including giving presentations and floor talks and contributing to planning and hosting local, national and international events, as required.

To be successful you will have specialist knowledge of Indigenous Art and culture gained from demonstrable experience in an Australian and/or international art context and supplemented with a tertiary qualification in Art History, Fine Arts or equivalent. You will also have appropriate art museum experience and the ability to contribute to the development of acquisitions, exhibitions, publications, educational and public programs, collection management and policies relating to Indigenous Art.

You can generate new ideas and produce project plans where objectives are clearly defined and action steps for achieving them are clearly specified. You regularly communicate with, and support project team members and ensure project objectives are met by anticipating and managing potential and emerging issues. You confidently convey ideas in a clear and interesting way when delivering lectures and interviews; you can conduct research and prepare catalogue essays and didactic information as well as letters, emails, proposals and reports using clear, concise and grammatically correct language.

Please note: this is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

HOW TO APPLY:

For full application details and a copy of the role statement, please refer to our website <https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/about/people-and-careers/join-the-team/>.

Closing date for applications: 5pm on 30 September 2016

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Do you want to be part of Sarina Russo Job Access, a leader in the employment, education and training industry and help our candidates gain sustainable employment?

We are looking for an ambitious, passionate and results driven individual who will challenge the status quo, deliver with speed and urgency and exceed expectations to join the Sarina Russo Team!

In this role your will work with a diverse range of candidates and organise appropriate interventions and strategies to help candidates find and maintain employment. Working on resumes and applications and matching candidates to suitable vacancies. Business development skills with Employers to foster long term relationships and assist in coaching candidates to stay in employment.

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<http://sarinarusso.com/work-for-us/>

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Principal Project Officer

Web Search No: PCO05042

Location: Perth CBD

Level/Salary: Level 7, \$115,725 to \$124,033 p.a. PSGOGA

The Principal Project Officer is an important role that:

- Leads and undertakes complex projects and whole of office programs on an individual basis, or through a team;
- Undertakes qualitative and quantitative research and prepares reports, briefing notes and presentations for the Ombudsman and other senior staff.

People from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background are encouraged to apply.

Visit: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: (08) 9220 7509 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Job Related Information: Please contact Rebecca Poole on Ph: (08) 9220 7571.

Closing Date: Monday 3 October 2016 at 5:00pm (WST)

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Looking for a meaningful new role?

We partner with at risk families to identify needs and provide intensive support to increase the safety of children reducing the numbers entering care.

We currently have the following permanent positions available in the Hunter:

Child & Family Practitioner – Brighter Futures Child & Family Practitioner – Family Mental Health

You will have a tertiary qualification and relevant experience working with at risk children and families using holistic strengths based approach.

In our work we partner with our local Community and welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for all positions.

We offer a family friendly, culturally safe environment with a regional Aboriginal Staff Reference Group, ongoing professional development and accrued days off. To find out more go to www.benevolent.org.au/jobs

To apply email CCHMNCrecruitment@benevolent.org.au or call on Kathryn on 0420 958 383



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Health
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Aboriginal Graduate Program Careers that value people, families and communities

We are seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graduates.

Are you interested in a diverse career in helping shape the future of Victoria's public sector to deliver culturally responsive services to Aboriginal communities?

Eligibility for the program includes that you:

- identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- have completed or be in your final year of your undergraduate degree or postgraduate degree
- be prepared to undertake a police check
- have not received a voluntary package from the Victorian Public Service in the last three years.

The location of graduate roles is varied. Employment is at the VPS2 classification. Salary starts at \$47,655 plus superannuation and the role is full time for a period of one year. Graduates completing the program secure ongoing employment in the Victorian Public Service at the VPS3 classification.

To apply online and view the position description and the selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

For further information and support to apply for the graduate program can contact Mikala Purton on (03) 9096 7933 or email diversityinclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

Job Reference No: **DHHS/PCO/444444** x 4 Positions

Applications Close: **Midnight, Sunday 09 October 2016**

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health and Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

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Toorong Marnong Project Officer

La Trobe University's success is driven by people who are committed to making a difference. They are creative and highly motivated, pursue new ideas and create knowledge. Our teaching and research address some of the most significant issues of our time and we're passionate about driving change to benefit the communities we serve.

Toorong Marnong is a joint initiative between Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc. (VAEAI) and the Victorian Vice-Chancellor's Committee (VVCC). The initiative is enshrined in the Toorong Marnong Accord first signed in 2008 and resigned in 2015 and is predicated around a collaborative spirit in Indigenous higher education. All nine universities are signatories of Toorong Marnong Accord and contribute equally. Toorong Marnong aims to improve higher education retention rates and outcomes for Indigenous students. Examples of this collaboration features three signature programs including 'Big Day Out', 'Tracks2Uni' and a '1800 support line' around ATAR and change of preference advice. The Toorong Marnong group meets quarterly with sub committees formed when necessary. The position will be housed for the next two years at La Trobe University.

In this role

This position is responsible for the organisation and management of the Toorong Marnong project and initiatives. Responsibilities will include;

- Facilitation of the Toorong Marnong Committee meetings.
- Development and preparation of bi-annual reports to the VVCC.
- Event management and organisation of the 'Koorie Big Day Out'.
- Management of the 'Change of Preference' hotline, including staff rostering.
- Oversee the development and maintenance of the Tracks2Uni website.
- Manage and review Toorong Marnong resources & budget.
- Liaise with each of the partner universities and disseminate appropriate materials.
- Raise the profile of Toorong Marnong through promoting broadly within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, higher education sector and social media.
- Improve financial sustainability and long-term viability of the project by assisting in sourcing external funds.

To apply and to view position description please visit <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/jobs> and search for position no 551147 under current vacancies. Please address Key Selection Criteria and attach these with your application.

Job Number/Reference: 551147

Closing Date: 9 October, 2016

Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply as this position is exempt under the Special Measure Provision, Section 12(1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2011 (Vic).



Numeracy Teacher 2017

Do you have good number sense and are keen to help young people develop their numeracy skills?

Have you ever questioned the relevance of traditional schooling for 21st Century learners, especially those on the margins of our community?

Do you wish to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and other young people for whom the traditional schooling sector has not worked?

Are you passionate about Education as a tool for Social Justice?

Jabiru Community College (JCC) is based in Bracken Ridge, North Brisbane. We are a young, small community that provides education for 75 young people seeking a flexible, caring and holistic approach to learning. 20% of our current students identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

JCC has been simplistically described as a cross between a drop in space and a learning space. We aspire to it being much more than this.

We are looking for a Teacher (eligible for registration with the Qld College of Teachers) to come on the journey with us as we reimagine quality education for young people on the margins. Workers in our learning community aspire to the following:

- Giving young people the space to take charge of their own lives;
- Inventively applying social constructivist ideas in a learning community;
- Contributing to the reconciliation process and working together with Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities for the benefit of all of our community members;
- A willingness to listen to and share the diversity of experience of the young people and workers in the community, including those who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, those who come from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, those from marginalised or disadvantaged backgrounds and those who have a diversity of gender or sexual identities.
- Listening out for the hopes, dreams, capacities and skills of young people and the colleagues we work with;
- Working collaboratively with peers and students to constantly reinvent learning opportunities;
- Engaging in an action research cycle with a reflective team that learns and grows together;
- Working in a trans-disciplinary way - sharing with and learning from colleagues from other disciplines and backgrounds;
- Taking care of ourselves and holding on to hope and optimism;
- Reimagining how school can be and having the courage to try new ways of working;
- Being able to work hard to lovingly put our ideas into action.

If you are interested in joining us, please follow the steps:

1. Complete the application form and download the position description at <https://goo.gl/KZdeUP>.
2. Email your Cover letter responding to the position description and a copy of your CV to Emma Chambers via emma@jabiru.org.au.
3. Please ensure that your application has up to date phone numbers and email addresses for at least 3 professional referees.

For any further information regarding this position, please phone Frances Missen or David Powell (Co-Principals) at Jabiru Community College on 3269 0044.

Closing date for applications is 30th October 2016



Overview of the ANFPP

Established in Australia in 2008, the Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program (ANFPP) is a part of the Australian Government's commitment to improve the health of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island people, with particular focus on maternal health and early childhood development. The ANFPP includes 18 critical model elements of the internationally recognised Nurse Family Partnership Program, with over 30 years of research showing compelling evidence of its effectiveness in improving pregnancy outcomes, child health and development, and parental life course. For more information on the ANFPP, please visit www.anfpp.com.au.

The Opportunity

We are currently seeking a Nurse Educator to join the ANFPP Team for an immediate start. As the Nurse Educator, your role will be to facilitate the development and delivery of a high quality ANFPP core education curriculum that maximises staff learning experiences, and achieves ANFPP objectives and outcomes.

This role is based at our Milton head office, and will require the successful applicant to be available to undertake occasional domestic travel to regional sites. Working hours are between 8:30am – 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Key Duties

- Develop expertise in the practice and theory of the ANFPP (NFP) model, including underpinning theories, principles, tools and education curriculum
- Prepare, facilitate and deliver the ANFPP education curriculum to ANFPP site staff (and NPC staff) using education strategies that integrate culturally safe and teaching best practices; support fidelity against the key Program elements and drive ANFPP learning outcomes;
- Contribute to the ongoing revision of the ANFPP education curriculum and the development of high quality education components to ensure they are contemporary and contextualised within the Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island setting;
- Facilitate and support the delivery of the FPW/ACW education curriculum by working in partnership with the FPW Educator;
- Develop lesson plans and other educational support materials;
- Support the "on-boarding" of new sites by facilitating and participating in relevant Implementation Workshops; and

Nurse Educator - ANFPP

Full Time Contract (until 30 June 2018)

Immediate Start

Milton Location

- Engage ANFPP implementing site staff in a diverse range of learning and professional development activities specific to achieving ANFPP outcomes that maximise ANFPP implementing site staff learning experiences.

Key Requirements

- Current Australian nurse registration; and a Certificate IV in Training & Assessment (or other similar post-graduate tertiary qualification);
- Demonstrated recent experience working on Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island early intervention programs, social and emotional well-being programs, or maternal and child health programs;
- Experience as a coach and mentor to less-experienced health professionals;
- Demonstrated knowledge/experience working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island health organisations and/or workers, including demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services; and
- Demonstrated knowledge/experience of the current Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island health landscape.

Further Applicant Information

It is a requirement of this position that the successful candidate identify as a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island descent. This is a genuine occupational requirement under section 25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld).

For any further enquiries, please call Tania on 07 3114 4614 or email tania.wyngaard@abtassoc.com.au. The Position Description for the role is available from the Careers page of Abt Associates' website at: <http://www.abtassociates.com.au/careers/job-search/>. Applications should be submitted online via the Careers page of Abt Associate's website, and must include a CV and covering letter addressing the key requirements listed above. We welcome and thank all applicants, however only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

You must have full Australian working rights to be eligible for consideration for this role. We encourage applications from experienced and capable women, people with disability, and persons who identify as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island descent.

Applications close 6:00pm, 30th September 2016 (AEST).





NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2844 & 08/2848	BERKUT MINERALS PTY LTD	69BL	129km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 47' S Long: 116° 5' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2182	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	26BL	99km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 29' S Long: 115° 58' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2202	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	9BL	161km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 9' S Long: 116° 27' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1522	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	3BL	14km SW'ly of Widgeemooltha	Lat: 31° 35' S Long: 121° 28' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1531	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	3BL	15km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 121° 14' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1534	MANDURAH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	2BL	18km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 121° 11' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/490-I	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	8BL	63km E'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 120° 7' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	24/205	NORTON GOLD FIELDS LIMITED	5BL	45km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/583	NORTON GOLD FIELDS LIMITED	1BL	45km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 121° 29' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2575-I	GOLDTRIBE CORPORATION PTY LTD	55BL	88km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 6' S Long: 122° 35' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2634-I	BLACK RAVEN MINING PTY LTD	13BL	116km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 9' S Long: 122° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2638	LEGEND MINING LIMITED	2BL	112km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 124° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2639	LEGEND MINING LIMITED	2BL	85km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 124° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2640	LEGEND MINING LIMITED	4BL	91km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 124° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/980	ALTO METALS LIMITED	70BL	40km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 56' S Long: 121° 19' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/993	MAINCOAST PTY LTD	1BL	86km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 120° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/880	TYRANNA RESOURCES LTD	13BL	45km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 8' S Long: 121° 4' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1277	INDEPENDENCE JAGUAR PTY LTD	2BL	58km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 23' S Long: 121° 10' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1278	INDEPENDENCE JAGUAR PTY LTD	17BL	49km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 121° 15' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3127	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	66BL	11km E'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 37' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3143	DUKETON MINING LTD	42BL	46km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 49' S Long: 122° 28' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1863	WILLIE GROCER PTY LTD	3BL	80km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 122° 34' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1864	WILLIE GROCER PTY LTD	10BL	73km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 122° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1866	MONUMENT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	70BL	48km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 36' S Long: 121° 54' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1958	MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	68km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 122° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1988	MCA NOMINEES PTY LTD	23BL	60km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 3' S Long: 122° 1' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4756	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	4BL	44km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 35' S Long: 120° 22' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4778	BARACUS PTY LTD	3BL	53km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 14' S Long: 119° 14' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4779	MACARTHUR LITHIUM PTY LTD	40BL	48km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 20' S Long: 119° 19' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4782	PANDELL PTY LTD	13BL	47km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 120° 27' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4808	GREAT SANDY PTY LTD	70BL	31km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 7' S Long: 120° 1' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4809	PANDELL PTY LTD	69BL	42km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 7' S Long: 120° 8' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4810	DRILLABIT PTY LTD	70BL	50km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 15' S Long: 120° 13' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4813	SAYONA LITHIUM PTY LTD	19BL	42km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 120° 6' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1134	CUVIER RESOURCES PTY LTD	17BL	39km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 40' S Long: 120° 24' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1140	FORRESTANIA PTY LTD	23BL	24km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 6' S Long: 120° 3' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1149-I	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	70BL	49km NE'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 7' S Long: 120° 8' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3522-3	GOLDEN MOUNT PTY LTD	120BL	121km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 21' S Long: 118° 14' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	51/1741	LARSEN, Paul	22BL	115km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 49' S Long: 119° 16' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3303	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	2BL	64km E'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 24' S Long: 118° 15' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3416	HOLCIM (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	8BL	13km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 21' S Long: 119° 36' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3417	HOLCIM (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	10BL	23km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 21' S Long: 119° 30' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3447	VENTNOR PILBARA PTY LTD	6BL	43km S'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 44' S Long: 119° 49' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1830	ECHO RESOURCES LIMITED	18BL	9km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 40' S Long: 120° 52' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1005	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	17BL	66km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 27' S Long: 119° 35' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2186 & 59/2188	GALAHAD RESOURCES PTY LTD	113BL	65km NE'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 28° 0' S Long: 115° 48' E	GERALDTON CITY, MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/3732	MOUNT GIBSON MINING LIMITED	70BL	46km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 28° 7' S Long: 115° 34' E	GERALDTON CITY
Exploration Licence	70/4886	GALEA, Michael	19BL	18km S'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 30' S Long: 115° 54' E	CHITTERING SHIRE, GINGIN SHIRE, WANNEROO CITY
Exploration Licence	70/4887	BANKS, Aaron Peter BRINE PROCESSORS (WA) PTY LTD	70BL	74km NW'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 13' S Long: 117° 29' E	DALLWALLINU SHIRE, KOORDA SHIRE, MOUNT MARSHALL SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4891	HANSON CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PTY LTD	55BL	30km NE'ly of Albany	Lat: 34° 47' S Long: 118° 2' E	ALBANY CITY, PLANTAGENET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4892	HANSON CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PTY LTD	20BL	18km E'ly of Mount Barker	Lat: 34° 38' S Long: 117° 51' E	PLANTAGENET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/592	FORRESTANIA PTY LTD	70BL	96km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 32° 43' S Long: 119° 55' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, KONIDININ SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/605	ACH MINERALS PTY LTD	1BL	17km SE'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 41' S Long: 120° 10' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/606	TRAKA RESOURCES LIMITED	43BL	39km NW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 16' S Long: 119° 52' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE, RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/607	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	1BL	7km NW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 31' S Long: 120° 0' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/608	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	6BL	19km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 25' S Long: 119° 59' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2389	HURRICANE PROSPECTING PTY LTD	9BL	46km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 36' S Long: 119° 31' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5034	NORTHGATE RESOURCES PTY LTD	39BL	50km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 35' S Long: 127° 23' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5035	MUNRO MINING PTY LTD	68BL	125km W'ly of Balgo Community	Lat: 20° 10' S Long: 126° 47' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	12/20	THE GRIFFIN COAL MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	21.25HA	4km E'ly of Collie	Lat: 33° 21' S Long: 116° 11' E	COLLIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6033	FOCUS MINERALS LTD	104.10HA	23km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 120° 57' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6071	KENT, Ryan Wayne	28.59HA	9km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 121° 11' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6072	ALLIANCE (SA) PTY LTD	118.38HA	26km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 10' S Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2983	NANKIVELL, Dennis William	113.80HA	40km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 120° 58' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	21/748	GONELLA, Dorothy Susan	9.11HA	5km S'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 28' S Long: 117° 53' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2397	MANSEN, James Karl	187.75HA	21km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4079	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	131.51HA	60km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 121° 15' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4185	SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED	179.16HA	35km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 58' S Long: 121° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4196	BORROMEI, Rino	10.00HA	12km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 35' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2260	BUDD, Jeffrey Wayne	195.75HA	53km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 121° 46' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2261	BUDD, Leslie Alan				
Prospecting Licence	27/2261	TORIAN RESOURCES LIMITED	143.48HA	15km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 32' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2383-7	ZINFANDEL EXPLORATION PTY LTD	932.51HA	10km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 46' S Long: 121° 2' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8737	KIN MINING NL	199.73HA	29km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8738	KIN MINING NL	151.53HA	37km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 37' S Long: 121° 34' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8739	KIN MINING NL	35.40HA	37km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 35' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8740	KIN MINING NL	75.41HA	38km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 35' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8741	KIN MINING NL	109.18HA	29km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 121° 36' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8742	KIN MINING NL	198.37HA	30km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 121° 37' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8743	KIN MINING NL	186.43HA	32km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 38' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8744	KIN MINING NL	199.90HA	30km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4214-17 & 38/4226-35	DE ARAUGO, Bernie	2612.85HA	72km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 45' S Long: 122° 12' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4238	DE ARAUGO, Bernie	157.31HA	73km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 122° 13' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4239-41	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	488.04HA	73km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 38' S Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4242	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	107.59HA	68km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 40' S Long: 122° 18' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4243	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	31.13HA	68km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 41' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4244	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	26.00HA	67km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4245	DE ARAUGO, Bernie	127.13HA	88km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 35' S Long: 122° 7' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4246	DE ARAUGO, Bernie	191.81HA	88km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 34' S Long: 122° 7' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4251	DUKETON MINING LTD	24.09HA	12km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 31' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5626	WILSON, Walter Scott	156.57HA	56km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 121° 58' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5654-7	BREWER, Gerard Victor	652.23HA	58km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 121° 54' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5659-68	MCA NOMINEES PTY LTD	1846.84HA	55km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 121° 59' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1400-3	PRITCHARD, Kim	696.30HA	49km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 121° 25' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1404-S	CRAIG, Steven Charles	9.95HA	39km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 121° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1405	NOBLE, Jennifer Anne	132.65HA	39km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 121° 24' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2977	LEAHY, Murray Ian	99.97HA	57km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 6' S Long: 118° 31' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1398-S	BENNETT, John Paul	9.01HA	83km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 34' S Long: 119° 49' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	74/369	ACH MINERALS PTY LTD	34.66HA	15km SE'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 41' S Long: 120° 8' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 21 September 2016

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **21 December 2016**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 21 January 2017**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518

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The under 14 Bundjalung Angels from the Bullinah Netball Club, at Ballina, in northern NSW.

Instant success for Ballina girls



THE all-new all-Indigenous Bullinah Netball Club wasted no time in leaving its mark around the NSW Northern Rivers.

The club plays in the Ballina competition and is sponsored by the Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service.

Twenty girls between the ages of nine and 14 formed two teams – under 12s and under 14s.

For some of the girls, netball was a new experience, but there was plenty of support from parents, aunts, cousins and friends.

The under 12s, with no experience, recently entered a carnival at Casino and went through undefeated.

More recently, the under 14s, the Bundjalung Angels, won the Ballina winter competition, beating Ballina RSL Club 21-18 in the final.

Six of the players for the

Angels represented the Bundjalung Nation of Origins netball carnival at Raymond Terrace, where they were runners-up.

Bullinah AHS board member Nita Roberts has been mightily impressed with what she has seen.

"I had opportunity to watch the Bullinah-sponsored young Goori girls," she said.

"I have seen the active participation of these young girls and best sports persons on display as well as their parents, carers, siblings, aunts and uncles supporting them at training and attending the weekend sports and great family atmosphere in a cultural Goori way of caring and sharing.

"I extend my congratulations to these young ladies, their families, the coaches who made not only a sporting aspect, health wellbeing focus but connecting these Jarjums to important cultural values and aspects."

One-day course on offer

INDIGENOUS athletes between the ages of 12 and 25 are being offered the opportunity to take part in a program to develop leadership and resilience skills.

The course is being offered by Victoria Cricket through its Noogal Toengorrt Tani program.

It will be presented by former Australian cricketer Melanie Jones and sports psychologist Matti Clements and includes six modules:

- Your leadership spirit
- Ignite your can do
- Stand strong

- Stepping up for yourself and others
- Your resilience superpower
- Reach for the stars

The one-day course also includes cultural heritage education and a tour of the Koorie Heritage Trust in Federation Square, Melbourne, followed by a cricket session at the Melbourne Cricket Ground nets.

The free program is open to a limited number and will run from 9am to 4pm on Thursday, September 22.

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER LOWER GWYDIR GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL on Lot 580 DP 821673 has been received from **MOREE EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL**. (A08702)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to PO Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call Chris Binks on 02 6763 1465.

A02273

WATERNSW LOWER NAMOI FLOODPLAIN

An application to amend FLOOD WORK APPROVAL 90FW834390 has been received from **NICK LENNON** for extension of storage on Lot 51 DP 753954.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 382, Narrabri NSW 2390 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A008598)

Any queries please call (02) 6799 6625 Annita Kennedy, Water Regulation Officer.

A02184

WATERNSW LACHLAN FOLD BELT MDB

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **JOHNSTON'S PROPERTIES PTY LTD** for a bore proposed to be on Lot 501 DP634374 for irrigation purposes. (A008693)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 829, Albury NSW 2640, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6024 8852, David Finnimore, Water Regulation Officer.

A02218

WATERNSW PEEL FRACTURED ROCK WATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **PARADISE TOURIST PARK PTY LTD** to construct up to 2 bores on Lot 94 DP 832 628, up to 2 bores on Lot 1 DP 1009355, up to 2 bores on Lot 11 DP 786997. (A08644)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to PO Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call Ben Hanks, Senior Water Regulation Officer on 02 6763 1470.

A02272

Notice of non-claimant applications for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales



National Native Title Tribunal

Notification day: 5 October 2016

These applications are 'non-claimant' applications, being applications made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicants have a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application(s) as described in the notices below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in any of these areas may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 4 January 2017. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before **4 January 2017**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to any of these non-claimant applications must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17 Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 on or before 4 January 2017**. After **4 January 2017**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Scott David Cowdroy and Catherine Cowdroy
Federal Court File No: NSD777/2016

Non-native title interest: Licence No. RI548507 reserve for travelling stock

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: Part Lot 7300 DP1148433, about 65.49 Ha located south of the Olympic Highway about 14 km north east of Young
Relevant LGA: Young Shire Council



Applicant's name: Warren Hill and Sue Hill
Federal Court File No: NSD904/2016

Non-native title interest: Licence No. LI465322 for access

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area covers about 2.6 Ha located about 4 km east of Turondale and about 3 km west of Sofala.
Relevant LGA: Bathurst Regional Council

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Sylvia Jagtman on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Exploration Licence Application

Notice is given in accordance with Section 13A of the Mining Act 1992 and Clause 15 of the Mining Regulation 2010, that Exploration Licence ELA 5326 for Group 1 minerals and described as that area, all Map Sheet Bourke, Block No. 2825 unit w Block No. 2897 units begjkmnoprstuvwy, Block No. 2898 units abcfghlmnqrsvwx, Block No., 2969 units bcdeghjk, Block No. 2970, units abcfgh, has been lodged with the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development by PGM Management Pty. Limited, ABN 004 933 055, over an area of about 48 units (144 sq. km.), which is located approximately 42 kms. WNW of the town of Cobar, as shown in the diagram below. Information regarding this application can be obtained from Graeme Weber, 0419 303 061.

Information about landowner's rights is available on the department's website:

<http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/landholders-and-community/landholders-rights>



Australian Government

Director of National Parks

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 1999
Subsection 368(2)

INVITATION TO COMMENT

ON THE PROPOSAL TO PREPARE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR THE SOUTH-WEST, NORTH-WEST, NORTH AND TEMPERATE EAST COMMONWEALTH MARINE RESERVE NETWORKS AND THE CORAL SEA COMMONWEALTH MARINE RESERVE

This notice is to let interested parties know that I plan to prepare draft management plans in accordance with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* for the:

- South-west Commonwealth Marine Reserve Network
- North-west Commonwealth Marine Reserve Network
- North Commonwealth Marine Reserve Network
- Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserve Network
- Coral Sea Commonwealth Marine Reserve

Individual reserves which make up the networks are listed in the Schedule to this Notice. The South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserve Network, for which a management plan is already in effect, is not part of this process.

These reserves are in Commonwealth waters, generally beyond 3 nautical miles (5.5 kilometres) from the coast. They are managed by Parks Australia on behalf of the Commonwealth Government; and in conjunction with marine parks in state and territory waters form part of the National Representative System of Marine Protected Areas. The system protects and supports a range of habitats and biodiversity values and provides opportunities for recreational and commercial use as appropriate.

I invite all interested parties to comment at this stage on what you think I should take into account in preparing the five draft plans for the Commonwealth reserves.

On 5 September 2016, the Minister for the Environment and Energy, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, released the reports of the independent Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review and noted the Government's intention to finalise management plans by mid 2017.

The two reports of the independent Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review were the result of significant consultations with local communities and representative bodies to improve on the environmental, social, cultural and economic outcomes contained in the management plans made in 2013. The report of the Expert Scientific Panel confirmed the shape and size of the overall marine reserve system was based on the best available science and provided recommendations to continue to increase our knowledge about the biodiversity and values of the system. The report of the Bioregional Advisory Panel contained a range of recommendations on use and zoning options within each network and on management approaches.

I will use the recommendations in the independent review reports and your comments as the basis of the draft management plans. I encourage you to read the reports and provide me your views on the recommendations or provide me with other options you think staff in Parks Australia and I should consider in drafting the management plans. Your comments may relate to all five plans, a single plan, or just to a single reserve – the extent of your comments is up to you.

All comments received in response to this notice will be taken into account in preparing draft management plans.

When the draft management plans have been prepared, I will make them publicly available for your further comment and input.

How to provide comment

Comments on the proposal to prepare draft management plans and recommendations contained in the Expert Scientific Panel report and Bioregional Advisory Panel report may be sent until **11.59pm AEDT Tuesday 11 October 2016**. Comments must be sent by one of the following means:

- 1. Email** - Comments can be sent to managementplanning.marine@environment.gov.au
- 2. Post** - Comments can be sent free of charge to:
Marine Reserves Management Planning Comments, Department of the Environment and Energy, Reply Paid 787, Canberra ACT 2601

Please note comments sent after 11.59 AEDT Tuesday 11 October 2016 or to an address other than those listed above may not be taken into account as input to the draft management plans.

Personal information provided to us will be dealt with in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles. Our Privacy Policy is available online at: www.environment.gov.au/privacy-policy. Your personal information may be disclosed to the Minister, relevant government agencies and where required by law. Please indicate clearly and give reasons if you would like your comments to be treated as 'confidential'.

For more information about the reserves and to have your say on the intent to draft marine reserve management plans visit www.parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/ or call 1800 069 352.

Sally Barnes
Director of National Parks

Schedule - Commonwealth Marine Reserves for which management plans to be prepared

Draft management plans will be prepared for the **Coral Sea Commonwealth Marine Reserve** and each of the following Commonwealth Marine Reserve Networks:

South-west Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network

Southern Kangaroo Island Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Western Kangaroo Island Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Western Eyre Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Murat Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Great Australian Bight Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Twilight Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Eastern Recherche Commonwealth Marine Reserve
South-west Corner Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Bremer Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Geographe Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Perth Canyon Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Two Rocks Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Jurien Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Abrolhos Commonwealth Marine Reserve

North-west Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network

Shark Bay Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Carnarvon Canyon Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Gascoyne Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Montebello Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Dampier Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Eighty Mile Beach Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Roebuck Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Argo-Rowley Terrace Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Kimberley Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Mermaid Reef Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Ningaloo Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Ashmore Reef Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Cartier Island Commonwealth Marine Reserve

North Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network

Joseph Bonaparte Gulf Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Oceanic Shoals Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Arafura Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Arnhem Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Wessel Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Limmen Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Gulf of Carpentaria Commonwealth Marine Reserve
West Cape York Commonwealth Marine Reserve

Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network

Gifford Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Norfolk Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Lord Howe Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Central Eastern Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Solitary Islands Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Cod Grounds Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Hunter Commonwealth Marine Reserve
Jervis Commonwealth Marine Reserve



Jamie Bennell Picture: Peter Argent

Eagles release Bennell



THE West Coast Eagles have axed former Demon Jamie Bennell.

He was one of three casualties as West Coast eliminated the Bulldogs in the week exit from the Australian Football League (AFL) 2016 flag race.

Utility Patrick McGinness and former Blue Kane Lucas have retired from AFL ranks after failing to earn new deals with the Eagles.

McGinness, Lucas, Bennell, Brant Colledge, Alec Waterman and baseball recruit Corey Adamson were all officially delisted by the Eagles on Monday of last week.

It came just days after West Coast's 47-point elimination final loss to the Bulldogs.

Bennell notched 57 games over four seasons at Melbourne before being handed a career lifeline by West Coast via the 2013 rookie draft.

—AAP

Lalor, Pattison in trial game

INDIGENOUS players Josh Lalor and Jonte Pattison were in a team that contested last weekend's NSW Blues State Challenge intra-state cricket trial at Hurstville Oval, Sydney.

The match featured four current Test players.

Labor and Pattison were in Peter Nevill's Team Maroon that took on Moises Henriques' Team Blue.

The NSW Blues will return to Hurstville Oval to start their Matador Cup title defence against the Cricket Australia XI on October 7.

NSW Blues coach Trent Johnston said it was good to have players the caliber of Henriques and Nevill available for selection so close to the first match of the Matador Cup.

Young mum joins Crows



NORTHERN Territorian Jasmine Anderson has signed with the Adelaide Crows as a rookie ahead of the inaugural Australian Football League (AFL) national women's league in 2017.

A star player with the Hellenic Soccer Club in the Northern Territory for the past three seasons, Anderson made the decision to return to Australian rules following the announcement of the national women's league.

A talented sportswoman, Anderson played soccer as a junior for Olympic Soccer Club before moving to Hellenic in 2011. She also represented the Northern Territory in 2012.

She also represented the Northern Territory in touch football between 2001 and 2008.

The 25-year-old last played Australian rules for the Darwin Buffaloes in the 2013-14 NTFL Women's Premier League where she impressed as a midfielder.

Thrilled

Adelaide Football Club head of football David Noble said the Crows were thrilled to have signed Anderson to the inaugural women's team.

"Jasmine is a hard-working and competitive sportswoman and we're excited to have her join our inaugural squad," Noble said.

"She plays in the midfield in soccer and has great endurance and speed.

"Our club has always been prepared to give alternative talent a chance through the Category B rookie system and we are excited about Jasmine's prospects."

Crows senior coach Bec Goddard said Anderson had

impressed at the AFL's National Female Talent Search in Darwin in July.

"Jasmine's endurance, agility and speed were on show at the AFL's talent search and we feel she will bring a lot to the Crows," Goddard said.

It wasn't until the day before the AFL's National Female Talent Search that Anderson decided to nominate.

Performing strongly in the physical testing, she also caught the eye of selectors in the skills session.

One of eight children, Anderson has five brothers and two sisters who are all involved in football.

The midfielder is the third member of her family to find herself on an AFL list – her brother Joe played for the Carlton Football Club while her younger brother Jed plays for North Melbourne.

Anderson's younger sister Jacinta will represent the Northern Territory at the AFL National Female Diversity Championships later this month while her youngest brother Jinomei is a junior talent in the NTFL.

A mother to 15-month-old Isaac, Anderson is also studying full-time at Charles Darwin University where she is undertaking a degree in teaching.

Anderson said she was looking forward to participating in the inaugural competition.

"I can't describe the feeling. It's pretty awesome to be selected to play for the Crows in the first ever AFL women's competition," she said.

"Even though I haven't played in a while, football is in my blood; I have two brothers with AFL experience and my grandad Jimmy was chosen in the AFLNT Team of the Century last week."



Jasmine Anderson and son 15-month-old Isaac. Picture: AFLNT

Bianca transitions from playing to refereeing



AFTER playing basketball, Bianca Baldwin has turned to refereeing and is making a name

for herself.

The Year 12 Ashwood Secondary College student is looking at going to university next year.

She was introduced to basketball as a player and while she was good at it, she decided

to take on refereeing because it offered the opportunity to earn some pocket money.

Her dedication paid off with her being named the winner of the Junior Victorian Basketball Referee Award at Victorian Referees' Association function.

She undertook her refereeing course through the Knox Referee's Association, but is now refereeing at the Waverley Basketball Stadium because it is closer to home.



Former basketball referee Bill Mildenhall presented Bianca Baldwin with her Victorian junior refereeing award.



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	09/167	YANGIBANA PTY LTD	1164.62HA	162km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 55' S Long: 116° 18' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Mining Lease	16/542	EVOLUTION MINING (PHOENIX) PTY LIMITED	2785.83HA	34km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 121° 8' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	27/493	COVE MINING PTY LTD	685.60HA	21km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 30' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	70/1351	PERILYA LTD	120.42HA	49km SE'ly of Morawa	Lat: 29° 23' S Long: 116° 28' E	PERENJORI SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 21 September 2016

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **21 December 2016**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 21 January 2017**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
15/1197	AVOCA RESOURCES PTY LTD	492675	76.46HA	17km S'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 23' S Long: 121° 41' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
24/197	YANDAN GOLD MINES PTY LTD	492453	60.68HA	20km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 121° 19' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
30/333	CARNEGIE GOLD PTY LTD	493124	38.93HA	47km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 42' S Long: 120° 33' E	MENZIES SHIRE
37/981	INDEPENDENCE JAGUAR PROJECT PTY LTD	491518	93.97HA	56km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 16' S Long: 121° 4' E	LEONORA SHIRE
47/891-I	DOMAIN MINING PTY LTD	492859	358.04HA	73km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 57' S Long: 118° 25' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 21 September 2016

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **21 December 2016**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 21 January 2017**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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'Invaders' go home victorious

By ALF WILSON



DOZENS of Badu Islanders travelled to Thursday Island in outboard motor-powered dinghies to watch their side Mulga Tigers beat Suburbs 22-20 in the grand final of the Kaiwalagal Rugby League Zenadth Kes competition.

The decider was held on Thursday Island's Ken Brown Memorial Oval on September 3 and the premiers won the Island Rooster Cup. The oval is next to the beach where numerous dinghies were dragged ashore after fans' 45-minute trip from home.

One of the referees was Cairns-based game development officer Sean Durant, who said the standard of play was top-class. The other referee was Theo Mosby.

Fierce contest

"The atmosphere was amazing and the crowd was very vocal and it was a fiercely contested decider," Durant said.

"In a physical game that ebbed and flowed, it was the forwards from Mulga who laid the platform, with second-rower Joey Laifoo stinging in defence and provided go forward in attack.

"It was the power running and quick play-the-balls at crucial stages that was a big factor in the result."

Five-eighth Reimus

Mulga Tigers celebrate their big win.



Phineasa was judged man of the match after a courageous display, capping off a great season where he also performed strongly for NQ United in their victory over Qld Country.

For suburbs, Daniel Mairu showed glimpses of class with his his speed and agility and and Ishmael Soki tried all day to

urge his side forward.

A match official told the *Koori Mail* it seemed like the entire Badu community travelled to support their boys.

"The field was brightly coloured in orange and black and also green and gold," he said.

The half-time score was Mulga 14, Suburbs 8.

Best for Mulga were Remus Phineasa, George Morseau, Henry Mareko and Lewis Whap.

Best for Suburbs were Ishmael Soki, Gabriel Bon, Bauz Harry and Isaiah Wigness.

MEANWHILE, on the mainland, the Northern Peninsula Area grand final was won by Injinoo Crocs who beat

Alau Eagles 28-20.

The other sides in the competition were Bamaga Roos United and New Mapoon Warriors.

After the decider, a certificate of appreciation was awarded to Marsat Newman for his work in maintaining the competition and refereeing games each Friday night.

Great day on Palm

By ALF WILSON



THE eighth Obe Geia Jnr Rugby League challenge on Palm Island was a great success, with nine mainland school teams and three local sides competing.

It was held on September 9 at Palm Island Oval at the Farm and there were three local teams – two from Bwgcolman State School and one from St Michael's Catholic School.

Obe Geia Jnr was the first Palm Islander to play A grade for the North Queensland Cowboys.

The Palm Island carnival is more than a football carnival – it is a cultural exchange for mainland and island students.

It is a rare opportunity for local kids to play in front of family and friends.

For the mainland visitors, it's an opportunity to experience the island's hospitality, culture and environment.

Importantly, each young footballer earns the right to play in the carnival thanks to their regular attendance and positive behaviour at school.

As part of their reward, each player receives an Obe Geia 2016 T-shirt from the North Queensland Cowboys.

The game of the day was an entertaining local grudge match between St Michael's and Bwgcolman.

Townsville school Marian won the final.



Obe Geia Jnr with his family.



Palm's Bwgcolman Crayfish team with Obe Geia Jnr and Palm Island mayor Alf Lacey.

Walker's reward

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

IN my previous column, I identified some of our outstanding rookie players who have emerged this season and I have been pulled up by more than one person for omitting Cody Walker from my list.

To make matters even more uncomfortable, Walker was named Rookie of the Year at the Rugby League Players' Association awards presentation night last week.

It was not that I had forgotten Walker!

I had him ready to be named one of the great successes of the year, but I just felt that to call him a rookie actually took away the real magnitude of what he has achieved.

Walker has always had the talent to play at the National Rugby League (NRL) and when he was at the Titans I actually thought I would have the opportunity to play alongside him.

Pathway blocked

But his path was blocked and he had to ply his trade in the state leagues before he got his chance to shine.

And shine he has!

Walker made his NRL debut with the South Sydney Rabbitohs in round 1 against the Sydney Roosters.

At 26 years old, the versatile player has made an impact in Souths' attack, taking on a number of roles in the backline, including five-eighth, halfback, fullback and wing.

Walker had an overall great performance throughout the season, scoring eight tries in his debut year.

He clocked up the highest Rabbitohs statistics with 12 try assists, 15 line breaks and 80 tackle breaks.

On top of this, he made 2022 metres over 225 runs and 1635 kick metres through 73 kicks.

Walker extended his contract with South Sydney in June and will continue to run on for the red and green until the end of 2018 with coach Michael Maguire



Cody Walker looks to pass during South Sydney's round 15 NRL match against the Parramatta Eels at the Sydney Olympic Park on June 17.
Picture: AAP

pleased with his decision to stay.

"Cody has shown that hard work and persistence pays off," Coach Maguire said.

"We have seen him grow with his opportunities in first grade and I believe he has a lot more growth in him as he progresses in his career.

"He's a very versatile player who has shown he has what it takes to play regular first grade football and we're all looking forward to continuing to work with him on his game over the next few seasons."

Walker's story has been one of persistence and his success speaks to all those young players who give up when they don't crack the top grade at their first attempt.

Moving to Souths and playing alongside the likes of 'Gl' has been the making of him.

He has obviously felt at home at Redfern and this was probably the main factor in his rejecting a contract offer from the Broncos.

The Rabbitohs have a proud Indigenous history and you could sense how much this meant to Walker when he played against the Titans in a history-making game.

He was proud to learn that the match against Gold Coast in Perth had the highest representation of Indigenous players in NRL history.

Walker, who is of Bundjalung and Yuin heritage, was one of 12 Rabbitohs and Titans teams – 11 of whom started the match.

Forty-two per cent of the players on the field at kick-off and 35 per cent of the 34 involved in the game were

Indigenous players.

"I am very proud of my heritage," Walker said.

"I know a few of the Indigenous boys in the Gold Coast side and obviously our side as well, so it is something that is pretty special to have been involved in.

"It is something the game should be proud of."

"We have got a very good Indigenous support system at Souths.

"They asked us to put our hand prints on the Indigenous jersey and it is something we are very proud of. I had my hand print there and my two tribes."

The connection between the Rabbitohs and the Indigenous community is one reason Walker extended his stay at Redfern for another two seasons.

"Cody is putting a lot back in at the moment and it is paying off for him because he is in a really happy space at the moment," said Dean Widders at the time.

Settled

"I think it is because he is settled, he feels part of the community, he is loving his football at Souths and I think he is going to get even better.

"He is getting more confidence, his future is secure and next season he will be ready to rip into the pre-season."

Another reason Walker is happy with his decision to join Souths is because of his family.

As tempting as it was to move north, Walker only had to take one look at his sons Kian, Kade and partner Nellie to realise his future resided in South Sydney.

"Brisbane is obviously a great

club and Wayne is a great coach and bloke, but I just thought for my family this was the right place to be," Walker said.

"My son Kian starts school next year and I can't wait for that and his mother grew up in the area and only lived two streets up the road from Redfern.

"They love Souths – the whole family loves them.

"They are all very proud of me and they never miss a game, whether it's on the TV or at the game.

Walker's re-signing at the Rabbitohs capped off a memorable season to date for the Nowra-born utility.

His debut was a moment of sheer joy for Walker, especially when you consider how long he had to wait.

"My first game running out at Allianz and the crowd was unreal," he recalled. "It's just a feeling you can't explain running out there for your first game with the crowd going nuts.

"I've never felt walking out for a game with the hairs on the back of your neck standing up – it was great."

They may have been the words of a rookie, but to me they were also words of satisfaction after a long journey travelled.

To me, Walker is one of the great stories of the year.

He should be an inspiration not only to the rookies, but to all those guys with talent running around in the state leagues and in the bush.

Opportunity does not disappear if you get an initial knock-back.

Success comes to those who put in the hard work and never give up on their dreams.

Crows kick goals for remote students



INDIGENOUS children in remote South Australian communities are set to benefit from a partnership between the

Federal Government and the Adelaide Crows.

They have joined forces for the Ready Set Crow Project to help remote Indigenous children attend school in Adelaide and develop pathways to further education.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the Government would invest \$300,000 in the Ready Set Crow Project to build on the success of the Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) in South Australia.

The Ready Set Crow Project will provide mentoring and support to primary school students in years 5, 6 and 7 from remote communities across SA.

The Adelaide Football Club will collaborate with Wiltja Residential to provide scholarship opportunities.

The Ready Set Crow Project involves Adelaide Football Club staff directly engaging with students and their families to promote opportunities for the students to further their education and access boarding school facilities.

Senator Scullion said attending school gave children the best chance for a good start in life.

"The Government's RSAS program is helping to get more Indigenous children in South Australia to school, which is vital to opening up higher education and employment opportunities later in life," he said.

"The Ready Set Crow Project provides students with opportunities to attend school in Adelaide so they can continue their secondary education and build pathways for further education."

Adelaide Football Club CEO, Andrew Fagan, said the club was thrilled to extend its reach in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands and Far West Coast regions.

"The Ready Set Crow project began last year as an intensive mentoring program designed to engage youth, provide support to families and students and encourage educational pursuits in partnership with the Wiltja Residential Program," Fagan said.

"Led by Crows legend Andrew McLeod and his wife Rachael, the program has seen great results so the club is delighted to be able to expand its work in this space thanks to the support of the Australian Government."

Zac worth millions

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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ONE of the great highlights of the success of the GWS Giants has been the emergence of some new Indigenous talent with Zac Williams creating a new pathway for Aboriginal kids in Western NSW, which has hardly been an AFL heartland.

All 3871 residents of tiny Narrandera, in NSW, would have tuned in to watch Williams in the game against the Swans and what they saw would have even exceeded their wildest expectations.

Williams, 21, one of four Indigenous lads in the GWS Giants and at the club since 2013, rated highly in the Giants' first finals appearance against their cross-city rivals.

Narrandera is in the Riverina region of NSW, the nursery of so many great Australian sportspeople.

The two main football codes – Australian football and rugby league – are strong and youngsters often grow up playing both.

Williams was one of those and his decision to play football is paying off.

Smooth operator

He was a smooth operator across half-back in his side's shock 36-point defeat of the minor premiers and put his body on the line and his dash from the backline served his team well.

In many respects, Williams is yet another product of inaugural coach Kevin Sheedy's commitment to the Indigenous cause.

Williams says the vote of confidence he earned from the legendary coach was an enormous boost when he started at GWS four years ago.

"Whenever I see Kevin in Melbourne or at games, I always get a photo with him. I'm a big fan of his," Williams said.

"I didn't get picked up in the national draft and came in as a rookie. 'Sheeds' told me he would take me in the rookie draft

Zac Williams takes the ball forward for Greater Western Sydney.
Picture: AFL Media



and from that moment on, I knew he was going to look after me.

"It gave me a lot of confidence to know I had someone like that backing me all the way. It's starting to pay off after four years in the system."

Williams has also received great support from his home town, with 65 kids from his old high school travelling by bus earlier in the season when GWS played Collingwood.

They had the time of their lives and Williams is already a role model for the kids at home.

The teacher in charge of the big day out – Beth Chappell –

said the experience was priceless for the boys and girls from the bush.

"It shows the kids dreams are achievable," Chappell said.

"Zac is a massive inspiration for our kids. To see a kid from Narrandera like Zac doing what he's doing is fantastic.

"The Giants had us involved in the pre-game events as well. The boys and girls held the flags of the world as part of the

multicultural round. It gave the kids the chance to be involved."

To have 60 kids jump on a bus at 3am and come all the way to Sydney just to watch the Giants is pretty special," Williams said of the support.

"They waited around for a bit after the game so I could have a chat with them. It was fantastic to see these kids and know people are interested in seeing how we're going."

As appreciative as he was of the support from the school, Williams has always acknowledged the central importance of family.

For much of his childhood, it was just Williams' mother Joy, and his older sister.

And that's how it still is today – the Williams clan is an incredibly tight bunch.

Williams' mother has given her son a strong understanding of his Indigenous culture and why nothing is more important than family.

When she can get off work, she makes the trek from

Narrandera to watch Williams play in Melbourne or Sydney – but near or far, she's always with him.

"I pretty much owe everything that I'm doing today to her; it's a really big credit to her," he said.

"She raised my sister and myself pretty much by herself from when I was six years old.

"Family is the biggest part of my life. That takes over football and every other aspect of my life.

"Family plays a really big part in Indigenous culture because everyone is just a close knit family.

"I'm not saying that families in other cultures aren't close, but I think in particular the Indigenous culture, your family is the most important thing in your life.

"At the club we move away from our families and all the Indigenous boys, we're actually pretty close. We know what it's like to move away from our families, but once we got here, we just looked after each other."

Williams' true sense of belonging is obvious in the way he plays his footy.

As he prepares for the preliminary final, he has nominated stability of backline personnel as a key factor in his club's significant improvement in defence.

While the Giants have earned plaudits for their free-flowing, high-scoring football, their defence has arguably been an even bigger key in their rise to premiership contention.

Decimated by numerous long-term injuries to key defenders in their first few years, the Giants are benefiting from having healthy players and consistent selections.

Williams has been a key part of that equation.

The young boy from Narrandera has come a long way in football terms.

He is just a step away from playing on the biggest stage of all.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!!

Focus on health at NSW Knockout



A SMOKE-free health hub will operate at this weekend's

Redfern All Blacks NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival at Leichhardt Oval, Sydney.

Leichhardt Oval No 3 will be transformed into the health hub thanks to the efforts of the Wellington Corporation Health Service (WACHS) and the Sydney Local Health District and the Redfern All Blacks (RAB).

About 25 people from a variety of agencies and organisations gathered in Sydney recently to progress the plans for the health hub.

The smoke-free health precinct will feature health and wellbeing stalls and

activities across several marquees from a variety of services.

"The goodwill and commitment of the agencies joining forces to transform Leichhardt Oval No 3 into a health hub is extraordinary and very inspirational," said RAB committee representative Dr Heidi Norman.

WACHS CEO Darren Ah See said: "Everyone is on the same page and working together to use the opportunity of the Knockout to reach out to our communities with education on how to improve their health and wellbeing."

"The coordination behind the scenes is enormous involving hundreds of people providing support services ranging from emergency health services, health

screening, smoking cessation, nutrition, kids activities, and Elder's respite.

"WACHS will have a specific priority focus on tackling smoking with all of our QUITBFIT team on deck to talk to people attending the Knockout about how to cut back or even quit the smokes."

"We will be encouraging spectators and players to come to have a yarn with us as there will be opportunities to have photos with special guests, and we'll have lots of giveaways and prizes."

"In partnership with Sydney Local Health District, we will be conducting health screens during the Knockout so we encourage all people of all ages to visit the health hub and talk with one of our staff."



People gathered in Sydney recently to discuss the smoke-free health hub at the RAB NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.

National summit planned

By GRAHAM HUNT



THE inaugural National Indigenous Sports Summit, where it is hoped to establish the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Sports Foundation, is planned for next March or April.

The sports foundation is the brainchild of Indigenous Sport Queensland chairman Wayne Coolwell and he has been working behind the scenes to bring people together to fulfil his dream.

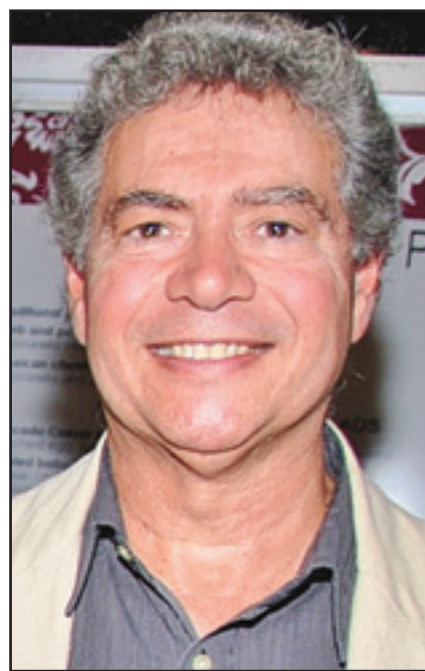
Coolwell said the idea of a national Indigenous sporting body was conceived by the late Charles Perkins and others through the 1980 and 1990s who saw how critical this could be for Indigenous people and groups who were left out too many times.

Coolwell has brought together a number of high-profile Indigenous people to drive the inaugural meeting.

It includes himself, Townsville rugby league administrator Jenny Pryor, Townsville Corrective Services cultural-community engagement officer Dean Saunders, AFL legend David Worrup (WA), David Worrup Foundation CEO Lisa Cunningham (WA), Wallaby legend Glen Ella (NSW), South Australian Aboriginal Engagement Commissioner Frank Lampard, South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy manager Andrew Smith and Sport Australia Hall of Fame founder and chairman Garry J Daly, from Victoria.

In a statement, the committee said the aim of the national foundation was to advocate on behalf of Indigenous people to promote the values of sport and recreation.

One of its aims would be to push for



Wayne Coolwell

a national Indigenous sports hall of fame or museum to acknowledge the significant contribution of First Nations sportsmen and women.

It is proposed to hold the inaugural meeting in Townsville and that the national sports foundation committee will be endorsed by delegates and a working strategy ratified.

Coolwell said his organisation was inviting all major players in sport in Australia, including the Australian Football League, the National Rugby League, Australian Sports Commission, Australian Rugby Union, Football Federation Australia and the Australian Olympic Committee.

Other organisations at state and local levels would also be invited.

It's the ultimate sport



ULTIMATE – a relatively new sport to Australia – wants Indigenous participation and is running an event in

Melbourne on November 12 to introduce people to the sport.

It is being organised by the Indigenous Ultimate Association and Ultimate Victoria, and will be held at the George Knott Reserve, Clifton Hill, from 2pm.

There will be a learn-to-play session, followed at 3.30pm by an All Star game.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders, kids, teenagers, and adults are encouraged to check

out this free event.

Ultimate is a non-contact team sport played with a frisbee. It combines element of AFL, netball, touch football and grid-iron into a fast paced, athletic sport.

It is also self-refereed, even at World Championship level, and as such it focuses on ideas of honesty, integrity and respect.

The learn-to-play session will be run by Dan Rule and is open to people of all abilities and experience. Rule was the coach of the Australian mixed team that won silver at the 2012 World Championships and the Australian men's team that won bronze at 2016 World Championships.

The All Star Game will feature Victoria's best male and female players from the East who will battle it out against the best from the West.

The teams will feature many players who participated in this year's World Championships in London, including silver medallists from the Australian mixed team, and bronze medallists from the Australian men's team.

Details: <https://www.facebook.com/uvalstar/> Rueben Berg is the director of the Indigenous Ultimate Association. He can be contacted on 0431 152 856. Email: indigenousultimate.org.au

Youngster to play in Barooga trial series

PROMISING cricketer Damon Egan is in one of four squads now taking part in the 2016 Barooga Country v Metro under 19 trial series.

The righthand batsman right-arm off-spinner plays with the St Kilda club in the Melbourne competition.

The Barooga tournament began last Monday and ends tomorrow and features two T20 and two one-day fixtures across the week, played on dual grounds at the Barooga Cricket Club.

The sides are Victoria Country Green and White and Victoria Metro Blue and Silver.

The series provides an opportunity for the players to showcase their skills in front of a wide range of coaches and selectors.

Egan, a Gunditjmarra man, is playing with the Metro Blue team.

He played for Victoria in this year's National Indigenous Cricket Championship in Alice Springs.

From netball to AFL

By CHRIS PIKE



KIRBY Bentley has long been a trailblazer since choosing Australian rules football over netball in 2009 and now she will be part of history in next year's AFL Women's competition.

Bentley was always a talented netballer through her teenage years and then she graduated to play with the Perth Orioles in the national competition prior to the inception of the ANZ Championship that featured clubs from Australia and New Zealand.

However, it was the oval ball that Bentley had always wanted to play and she turned her attention to football in 2009 playing in the West Australian Women's Football League (WAWFL).

Impact

She had such an impact and has done some tremendous work with Indigenous youth that she had the Kirby Bentley Cup named after her which is an annual competition for Aboriginal girls to play in a carnival where the best players go on to be selected in the WA Female Kickstart team.

That has proven to be a tremendous success and Bentley's football has continued to grow with her playing in the AFL Women's exhibition matches of recent years for Melbourne against the Western Bulldogs.



Kirby Bentley finds plenty of ball on the footy field.

And now on the back of playing in a WAWFL premiership with Swan Districts, Bentley has been selected as a priority pick with the Fremantle Dockers for the inaugural AFL Women's competition to be run early next year.

Bentley isn't the only convert

from another sport to be named by Fremantle either, with Olympic javelin thrower Kim Mickle and basketball pair Gabby O'Sullivan and Ebony Antonio selected by the Dockers to play under coach Michelle Cowan.

Playing with Fremantle seemed a natural fit for so many reasons

for Bentley and not just because it was her local team in the new AFL Women's competition, but also because Cowan also coached her in recent years with Melbourne in the exhibition matches.

Bentley has had such an impact on and off the field in recent years that she was excited

when found out she would be signed for Fremantle to play in 2017.

"It's great to be picked up in WA because we're providing a pathway for the next generation," Bentley said.

"Being a part of Fremantle and having played in the West Australian Football League since 2009 is giving us a good chance to make way for the next tier of players. It's a privilege and an honour within itself."

While Bentley had tremendous success as a netballer before turning to football and there was every chance she would have continued to be a standout in the ANZ Championship and even playing for her Australia, it was AFL that was her passion.

She has no doubt that her netball skills helped her with the transition back to football and she now hopes that young Indigenous girls can see that there is a clear pathway for them to follow with their sport if they learn from her example.

"I grew up watching the game and understanding football and playing it. Football was all I knew and then I got to a certain age where I wasn't able to play, so netball was the pathway," Bentley said.

"Coming across from one sport to another, I think they sort of complement each other in style. Short, sharp movement has been beneficial for AFL."

Malpass just keeps on winning

By CHRIS PIKE



WEST Australian basketballer Kate Malpass has continued to build her legacy as one of the state's all-time great players leading her Willetton Tigers to another State Basketball

League (SBL) championship in stunning fashion.

Malpass was again captain of her Willetton team for the 2016 SBL season with the Tigers looking to make amends for a heartbreaking grand final loss last year to the Rockingham Flames.

Right throughout the season it seemed inevitable that the Tigers and Flames would meet again during the playoffs and it just happened to be that the grand final rematch took place in the best of three semifinal series.

Malpass and her Willetton team managed to prevail by winning twice on Rockingham's home floor to set up another grand final appearance – this time against the minor premiers Joondalup Wolves.

The grand final went right down to the wire and with scores tied and the Tigers with possession, it seemed destined that it would be Malpass who decided the contest.

As the seconds were ticking down, the ball found its way to Malpass and the Wolves put all their defensive pressure on to trying to stop her. That saw her forced into a rushed shot that only just managed to graze the rim.

But Malpass reacted quickly to grab the rebound and then get off another shot. This one made its way into the basket and that was enough for her to once again show her remarkable ability to deliver with the game on the line.

Malpass not only hit the game-winning basket, but earned another grand final MVP award for her 28 points, eight rebounds and two blocked shots during the game that the Tigers won 60-58.

That saw Willetton cement itself as the dominant club in the Women's SBL in WA with eight championships and Malpass has now been there for five of them – 2005, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2016.

Along with her five championships, she is soon to be announced as a seven-time club MVP with Willetton and has earned three All-Star selections in the SBL Team of the Year.

That's just in her SBL career.

Malpass also played in the WNBL with the Perth Lynx and West Coast Waves, and played in the SEABL in Melbourne while working with AFL club Richmond as a physiotherapist.

She has now settled back in Perth working as a physical education teacher at Perth College for the past two years.

In eight SBL seasons, she has now played in seven grand finals and won five championships.

Malpass is weighing up what 2017 might hold for her in life and basketball, but there's no doubt that Willetton will also hold a huge piece of her heart.

"Willetton has been a great club for me. I played my first game with them in

under 16s and have played eight WSBL seasons now," Malpass said.

"Our success has everything to do with our junior program, and our ability to keep players at the club.

"I won my first WSBL championship with Zoe Harper 15 years ago in 2005, so it's pretty cool that we still get to line up together.

"I think when you play with some of your best friends, you trust each other, you work for each other and more than anything you are genuinely happy to see each other succeed. It's the best part of the game for me."

Malpass was especially motivated this season to beat the Flames after losing last year's grand final to them. To be able to win over a team that featured three WNBL players – Sami Whitcomb, Darcee Garbin and Ifunanya Ibekwe – was something Malpass took great pride in.

There's no question that the Flames targeted her as the player to stop as well, but the 28-year-old enjoyed that pressure and certainly delivered when it mattered and now has another championship to show for it.

"I think you are always motivated to play against arguably the best team in the league.

"Coming up against four WNBL players is enough to motivate most teams I think, because you already know the only way you are going to win is to work hard for four quarters," Malpass said.

"All season, teams have played me pretty tightly. It's nothing new. It has definitely helped me get better and forced

me to develop a few more tricks throughout the year.

"But that's all part of the game. The best thing about playing at Willetton is we trust each other, and if anyone's shots are taken away, we have no problem passing the ball to the next person to step up and make the play."



Kate Malpass

Ebonie's raw talent



WITH no formal training, 17-year-old Ballina girl Ebonie Cooper swept all before her at the recent NSW Combined High Schools athletics

championships in Sydney, winning all seven events in which she entered.

Ebonie, in Year 11 at Ballina High School, was competing in the events for para-athletes at Sydney Olympic Park.

She won the 16-19-years 100m, 200m, 800m, shot put, javelin, discus and long jump.

Her 'coaching staff', consisting of her grandfather and grandmother, David and Wendy Kapeen, felt a bit overawed when they saw specialist coaches advising other young athletes at the CHS carnival.

For the Kapeens – proud Bundjalung people – their knowledge of athletics comes from watching events on TV – observing the techniques of topline athletes and then suggesting ways Ebonie might be able to improve her performances.

New experience

Running in spikes on a synthetic track was something fairly new to Ebonie. She recalled running once before on an artificial surface, but not like the one she encountered at Olympic Park.

Using starting blocks... that was something new as well.

But despite her rawness, her natural ability was on show for all to see and she did not disappoint.

'Team Cooper' knew nothing of running tactics and when Ebonie was a long way behind leading into the home straight in the 800m, they thought her chances had slipped away.

But in her grandfather's words, Ebonie "applied the after-burners and she romped it in".

By modern standards, the Cooper training methods may lack technical expertise, but the team does the best it can.

For example, training for the shot put consists of a visit to Lighthouse Beach, East Ballina, and finding a rock of comparable size and weight to a shot.

For the long jump, a towel on the sand marks the take-off point.

For javelin practice, it was a matter of finding a stick on the beach and throwing it.

Ebonie Cooper shows the seven gold medals she won at the NSW Combined High Schools athletics championships in Sydney.



As for discus, David Kapeen wasn't sure if Ebonie had actually held one in her hand before she lined up for the event at the CHS carnival.

And technique... it's pretty much copying what the elite athletes do on TV. Ebonie's grandparents have no idea how good she is, but they would like to see her reach her potential and would like to make contact with anyone who could take her to another level.

Ebonie not long ago gave up basketball after playing for 10 years and also competed at state level in swimming – in

breaststroke. She also holds a surf lifesaving bronze medallion.

Last year she did not touch track and field, focusing instead in cross country.

She was good enough to compete for NSW at the All Schools national cross-country titles in Melbourne, coming home with two silver medals.

But this year she decided to give cross-country a miss and concentrate on track and field.

Next up is the state All Schools athletics carnival in Sydney next month, and then she hopes to compete in the

national all Schools in December in Canberra.

With the focus on the Rio Paralympics, Ebonie is hoping to represent Australia as early as the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.

But all of this takes money and the Kapeens do the best they can to give Ebonie every opportunity.

The Kapeens would love to hear from anyone who can take Ebonie to the next level or can assist financially.

David Kapeen's number is 0402 530 222. – *Graham Hunt*

Ryder quick off the mark



PORT Adelaide ruckman Paddy Ryder has wasted no time returning to his club after

a full season sidelined because of a doping ban, arriving at Alberton two minutes after the ban was lifted at midnight last Wednesday.

All banned players, with the exception of Essendon captain Jobe Watson, were permitted to return to their clubs for training and medical assessment on Wednesday – two months before their playing bans expire.

Watson, if he chooses to play on, can return to the Bombers on September 21, with his ban extended because he played in the International

Rules Series against Ireland.

Western Bulldogs forward Stewart Crameri, another banned former Bomber, arrived at the club at 8.45am Melbourne time.

Ryder posted a picture on social media at 12:02am local time on Wednesday, standing at the front of the club and simply stating, "I'M BACK".

There were no sightings of banned Essendon players at the club's Tullamarine headquarters mid-morning on Wednesday.

Ryder and Port Adelaide teammate Angus Monfries went back to work at Alberton for the first time in 245 days as they entered the final stage of their Court of Arbitration for Sport-imposed suspensions.

Port Adelaide general

manager of football Chris Davies said the pair couldn't be happier to be back in the fold.

"Paddy was here just after midnight, he's that excited to return," Davies said.

"It's clearly been a very tough period for the two guys but they can see the light at the end of the tunnel now.

"Today was very casual for Paddy and Gus. The coaches, some of their teammates and plenty of staff were here to welcome them back which they really appreciated."

The pair is now permitted full use of Port Adelaide's training facilities, but can't take part in any media, promotional or other non-training related activities until the full term of their suspensions expires at midnight on November 14.



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Crystal Brook hijacked in grand final

By PETER ARGENT



ELIJAH Highford and his 20 teammates have written themselves into South Australian country football folklore.

On Saturday, September 10, at the Gladstone Oval, just over three hours north of Adelaide, the Broughton Munderoorra footballers wrote another brilliant chapter in the annals of country football.

Underdogs going into the clash against reigning premiers Crystal Brook in the Northern Areas Football Association grand final, the Eagles started well and the match was evenly poised at half-time, with a single straight kick separating the combatants.

The third quarter was another tight affair, but the ladder leaders edged away in the last quarter to lead by 17 points with three minutes and thirty seconds remaining in the contest.

At this point, the score was Crystal Brook 9.9 (63) to the Eagles' 6.10 (46).

Broughton Munderoorra had plenty of the balls over the course of the game and especially in the final term, but were continually going wide and over-possessing the ball.

With the season and the flag on the line, when Eagles captain Tommy Button kicked the team's second goal in two minutes, the tension was palpable.

Then, with seconds remaining, full forward Chris Elliott snapped the premiership-winning major, sparking riotous celebrations.

"It was the most amazing game of football I've been involved in," Eli Highford told the *Koori Mail*.

"With five minutes to go, I thought the game was done and dusted.

"Our chances of winning a flag had disappeared.

"The celebrations have been phenomenal and it's a great filip for the local community.

"It was the club's first A grade premiership in 10 years."



Elijah Highford is all smiles after his Broughton Munderoorra team stormed home to win the SA Northern Areas Football Association major premiership. Picture: Peter Argent

Highford's playing coach Aaron Wanders said that his second ruckman Highford was a valuable asset to the squad.

"I met Eli at a trial game at Kadina at the start of last year and asked if he was interested in having a game with us," Wanders said.

"He has played his role beautifully for us, as our number one ruckman Daniel Baker could only play half the year with work commitments.

"Eli has been a consistent performer whatever role I've asked him to play.

"He is also the team comedian as well, and has a really dry sense of humour."

From the north of the state, Highford started his football with the Quorn Wolves and when they club folded, moved across to South Augusta.

He had a short time at the Port Adelaide Magpies at SANFL under 18s level and in the 2014 season was a member of the Mount Lofty Football Club's premiership win over Nairne Bremer in the Hills Country Division season decider.

For the 22-year-old 191cm key position player and ruckman, the Eagles' heroics of September 10, 2016 rank as his finest day.

By PETER ARGENT

JARROD Lienert is the winner of the 2016 South Australian National Football League (SANFL) Star Search Award.

The 22-year-old Sturt footballer who averaged 16.4 disposals and four marks and played in 17 of the 18 minor round games this year, is the first footballer with Indigenous heritage to win this award since it was introduced a decade ago.

After debuting and playing six League matches in 2015, Lienert also became the first Sturt player to win the SANFL Star Search Award.

"My first game was against Woodville West Torrens at Oval Avenue, in round eight last year," Lienert said.

"After my under 18 year in 2012, I would have played about 40 reserves games before getting my first opportunities at League level.

"Dad was a strong mentor, along with Steve Sumner, and, with him playing league football, it was a strong motivation for me to achieve the same."

Lienert's father Brett played 135 League matches and kicked 34 goals for the Double Blues between 1987 and 1994,

Dad's jumper

He is wearing the Double Blues number 27 jumper as his father did nearly a quarter of a century ago.

Measuring 195cm and 88kg, the young gun has developed from being a stay-at-home key defender to pinch-hitting in the ruck and starting on a wing.

Lienert received his Star Search nomination after a brilliant round 10 performance where he collected 21 disposals, six inside 50s and five rebound 50s in his team's win against Adelaide.

The versatile big man is originally from River Murray Football League club Imperials, which is a part of Sturt's regional zone of Murray Bridge.

"Yes, all my junior football was up at Murray Bridge," Lienert said.

"I did play one A grade game with Imperials four years ago.

"My strengths include my kicking and versatility.



Jarrod Lienert goes for a mark for the Double Blues. Picture: Peter Argent

"This year I have been able to give a contest in ruck, as well as playing as a running midfielder, predominately off a wing.

"Playing AFL football is still the dream at this stage.

"My aboriginal heritage comes from mum Kerry's side of family and my grandpa."

He also conceded that new Sturt coach this year and former Sydney Swans '12 premiership player Martin Matter's simple and direct messages had played an important role in his consistent year.

"Marty backs you in and it's a pretty simple game plan," Lienert said.

"When you have the backing of the coach, it certainly helps your confidence.

"It is about playing your role for the team."

In winning the SANFL Star Search Award, Lienert received a cheque for \$2000.

Introduced in 2007, the Star Search Award recognises the SANFL's most outstanding emerging talent, with one player nominated each round throughout the home-and-away season.

In 2012, Lienert played a single national under 18s game for South Australia, against the Northern Territory at Norwood Oval, but an injury away from the game curtailed any further opportunities.

While away from the game, Lienert played cricket at Mintaro in the Murray Towns competition. The batting all-rounder was a part of the club's 2014-15 premiership.

Lienert is studying to be a middle school physical education and English teacher at Flinders University.

Achievement award for Knights youngster



RISING Newcastle Knights player Mathew Smith was named winner of the Kari Indigenous Achievement Award at the NSW Rugby League's Brad Fittler Medal presentation night in Sydney on September 12.

He is one of a raft of Newcastle juniors who gained selection in the NSWRL 2016 under 16s and 18s representative pathways programs.

The NSW State of Origin staff identified talented players who showed plenty of potential to experience their pathways

program in preparation for their possible selection in State of Origin representative games against Queensland next year.

Smith was named in the U16s NSWRL pathways squad.

NSW second-rower Josh Jackson became the first Canterbury Bulldogs representative to claim the prestigious Brad Fittler Medal following an impressive State of Origin campaign in which he played all but 10 minutes of the series.

On a night that recognised the achievements of players across all NSWRL teams and competitions, from Origin to seniors, juniors, women and

Indigenous, as well as the contributions of referees and club officials, Jackson accepted the state's top award in front of more than 650 guests at Sydney's The Star Event Centre.

Jackson polled the highest votes from fellow Blues teammates, as well as Coach Laurie Daley and his coaching staff. Previous winners include Josh Dugan (2015), Jarryd Hayne (2014), Paul Gallen (2011) and Danny Buderus (2008).

● **RIGHT: Coach Mark Morrissey accepts the Kari Indigenous Achievement Award on behalf of Mathew Smith at the Brad Fittler Medal awards night in Sydney.**



Sydney teams survive



Cyril Rioli of the Hawks marks during the AFL semifinal match against the Western Bulldogs at the Melbourne Cricket Ground last Friday night. Picture: AAP



ADELAIDE coach Don Pyke suspects Geelong may face Greater Western Sydney in the Australian Football League AFL grand final, suggesting the week off still

holds a lot of value.

The Cats will host Sydney at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) on Friday night, while Greater Western Sydney (GWS) are up against Western Bulldogs at the Sydney Showgrounds Stadium on Saturday.

Pyke is in agreement with bookmakers, who have installed Geelong and GWS as favourites.

Geelong and GWS earned a week off following qualifying-final wins over Hawthorn and Sydney respectively.

The addition of a pre-finals bye this year means both clubs will be short of match practice, having played one game in the space of almost four weeks.

There has been speculation that might hurt the two leading premiership contenders but Pyke doesn't subscribe to that theory.

"I'd look at the two teams that have had the week off in Geelong and GWS and say they're probably the two leading ones to head into the grand final," Pyke said, when asked who would win the flag.

"They'll be really interesting games, I would have thought, next weekend.

"The Bulldogs, the way they're travelling, they are certainly choc full of confidence. It's set up now for a pretty big preliminary final weekend."

Pyke also praised the contested-ball work of the Swans last Saturday night, who ended the Crows' season with a 36-point win in Saturday night's semifinal at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG).

"We knew Sydney would be keen to make amends (after losing to GWS)," he said.

Their horrid run of AFL finals outs over, Sydney are preparing to face Geelong at the MCG for the first time in 82 years since their

South Melbourne days.

Faced with the prospect of straight sets elimination in successive years and a fifth consecutive finals defeat stretching back to 2014, Sydney did what Sydney does best - scrap.

The intensity missing against GWS Giants in the previous week was back in all its brutal glory in the 36-point semifinal win over Adelaide.

Hawthorn bows out

THE Machine's record is safe – the four premierships in a row achieved by Jock McHale's fabled Collingwood team won't be matched by Hawthorn.

Not this year at least.

The snarling Western Bulldogs brought an end to the Hawks' shot at history with a stunning 23-point win at the MCG on Friday night.

The scene appeared set for Alastair Clarkson's battle-hardened team when they jumped out to a 23-point lead early in the second term.

The Dogs had missed some very gettable shots for goal and looked shaky, but amazingly it was the triple-premiers who would blink first.

The Bulldogs scored the last six goals of a pivotal third quarter to lead by 26 points at that break.

It certainly wasn't an insurmountable margin for Clarkson's men, but as he has often in his young career, Bulldogs' gun Marcus Bontempelli rose to the occasion.

"We were coming up against a historical giant in Hawthorn and to go out there and play with the vigour that we did... we're on a journey," Bontempelli told the Seven Network.

"We know that we are on a journey together as a group and it is this idea of what may be, and if not someone else, why not us?"

"We still don't know what we're capable of." – AAP

Raiders end Panthers' charge



THE Canberra Raiders are closer than ever to a maiden premiership in the National Rugby League (NRL) era, beating a fast-finishing

Penrith 22-12 in Saturday night's sudden-death semifinal at Canberra Stadium.

The Raiders survived a late fightback to set themselves a date with minor premiers Melbourne at Melbourne's Rectangular Stadium Park next weekend for a spot in this year's decider.

It will be the club's first preliminary final since the 1997 Super League season, and brings them to within two wins of their first title in 22 years.

Buoyed by the surprise return of star playmakers Josh Hodgson and Blake Austin, the Green Machine made up for their disappointing loss to Cronulla in week one of the finals to dominate most of the match.

They held an 18-0 lead until just before the hour mark, when back-to-back tries threatened to deny them a crack at history in front of 21,498 fans.

But they held on, despite missing Hodgson in the closing stages after he was taken off for a concussion test.

Hodgson had been rated a slim chance to play after suffering ligament damage and bone bruising in the previous week's qualifying final against the Sharks, but the hooker made a miraculous recovery to steer the Raiders to victory.

Penrith fans couldn't drown out the home crowd's spine-tingling viking clap, nor did the men in black themselves have an answer to the Raiders' rampaging start.

"To win a semifinal is always a big effort, so I was happy with it," Raiders coach Ricky Stuart said.

"That experience was very helpful for us – not just for next week, but for our future.

"Now we need to repeat it and be better again.

"We're playing against the best team in the competition next week, so there's certainly a challenge and it's going to be a very, very difficult task.

"But we've had belief in ourselves all season – that's what has got us through and given us extraordinary resilience against some tough situations."

More Thurston magic

THIS time, there was no one-point thriller. But there was still no shortage of drama as a Johnathan Thurston-inspired North Queensland kept their NRL title defence on track, downing Brisbane 26-20 in extra time in Friday night's sudden-death semifinal in Townsville.

Remarkably, the stage was set for the fourth-straight derby to be decided by a solitary point after the Cowboys locked up the scores at 20-20 in the dying moments of regulation time.

Brisbane looked set to hang on for a 20-18 win before Thurston banged over a 78th-minute penalty after Matt Gillett was placed on report for tripping the Cowboys' playmaker.

The match went into extra time and someone had to step up – enter Thurston.

The Cowboys' co-captain produced a sublime inside ball to set up Michael Morgan's 85th-minute try that brought the

The Raiders' Edrick Lee, right, fights for the ball with the Panthers' James Fisher-Harris during the NRL second elimination final in Canberra last Saturday night. Picture: AAP



23,804-strong crowd to their feet.

Brisbane lost all momentum when fullback Darius Boyd knocked on from the kick-off in scenes eerily reminiscent to teammate Ben Hunt's infamous grand final gaffe.

The Broncos never recovered as the Cowboys booked a preliminary final against Cronulla at Sydney Football Stadium.

It maintained North Queensland's unbeaten finals record in Townsville, extending it to 7-0.

The loss snapped Brisbane's six-game winning run and drew the curtain on Brisbane skipper Corey Parker's career.

He finished with 347 first-grade games, making him the fourth most-capped player of all time.

"I couldn't be more proud of the boys the way they responded after the way we started," Thurston said of Brisbane's 8-0 lead after 11 minutes.

Thurston was inspirational despite battling a stomach bug.

Parker was given a guard of honour by Cowboys and Broncos players as he walked off the field for the final time.

"I didn't know they were going to do that. There is a huge amount of respect between the teams but that was much appreciated," Parker said. – AAP



Silver medallist Amanda Reid, left, with gold medallist Alyda Norbruis (Holland) and bronze medallist Zhneling Song (China) after the C1-2-3 500m time trial at the Rio Paralympics. Picture: Australian Paralympic Committee

Amanda's Rio silver

In London, she was a swimmer – in Rio, she's a cyclist



SYDNEY cyclist Amanda Reid has posted a personal best time to claim the silver medal in the C1-2-3 500m time trial at the Paralympic

Games in Rio de Janeiro, while 400m runner Torita Isaac just missed out on a medal.

Amazingly, Reid, a Guringai woman, was competing in her second Paralympics, having represented Australia in swimming at the 2012 London Paralympics.

She has an intellectual disability.

In Rio, the 19-year-old C2 competitor was the second from last on the start order and she flew over the two laps to clock 40.354 seconds, slashing two seconds from the C2 Paralympic Games record.

In a combined event, times are adjusted based on classification and after factoring, Reid's time was posted as 37.581, which put her first with one rider to come.

"It's just incredible. I looked up at my

time and I was shocked," said Reid. "I thought, 'Wow, I've got a Paralympic track medal.'

"I didn't really think about what I was going to do. I just went out and rode the best I could and tried to beat my personal best.

"That was the best ride I have ever done.

"I had a little bit of nerves and then they went away when I got in that start gate because I knew what I had to do."

Alyda Norbruis was the last out of the gate and the Dutch woman eclipsed the mark she set in 2015 to win with a world record time of 39.631, factored to 36.908 for the gold medal result.

China's Zhenling Song was third, with all the podium places claimed by C2 cyclists.

Swimmer in London

Rio is Reid's second Games after London where she was fifth in the 100m breaststroke in the pool. She switched to cycling a little over a year ago.

"I got bored with swimming so I looked for another sport and I really enjoy cycling. I just absolutely love it," she said, while admitting the transition was challenging.

"It wasn't that easy to start off with," she explained. "I had to learn how to ride a track bike again but I had a great support network," she said.

"I want to be stronger and better (and) I am definitely aiming for Tokyo."

Para-cycling head coach Peter Day said the track has delivered some memorable results for the program.

"Another great result came from the newest member of our team, Amanda Reid, who crossed from swimming less than a year ago and this week won the silver medal in the 500 metre time trial," said Day.

A couple of days after her silver medal ride, Reid competed in the 20km C1-2-3 road time trial, where she finished 11th, clocking 35:55.81 – 6:09.30 slower than winner Alyda Norbruis, of The Netherlands.

An Australian Paralympic Committee

spokeswoman said the 20km time trial was not Reid's favoured event, but she gave it a crack just the same.

Meanwhile, track athlete Torita Isaac lamented that she may have gone too hard too early in finishing fourth in stifling conditions in the women's 400m final for T38 athletes.

Looking to Tokyo

But the Dunghutti woman said she would learn from the experience and was looking forward to the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.

She said she may have "over-thought" the race. Isaac has cerebral palsy and is vision impaired.

The 400m gold medal was won by Kadeena Cox (Great Britain) in 1:00.71. Isaac's time was 1:04.47.

She competed in the 2012 London Paralympics, but the 400m was not an event there.

She said the 400m was her pet event and she would focus on that for Tokyo.

She said she was proud to represent Australia and the Indigenous community.

Ferguson, James join PM's XIII



BLAKE Ferguson and Ryan James will join skipper Greg Inglis in the Prime Minister's rugby league XIII to take on Papua New Guinea in Port Moresby on Saturday, September 24.

Coach Mal Meninga has named six debutants as part of the Australian team.

James Tedesco, Semi Radradra, Mitchell Moses, Tyson Frizell, Josh Jackson and David Klemmer will take their place in the team travelling to PNG this week, with the match to be played at the National Football Stadium in the nation's capital.

Meninga said the match would

provide an opportunity for players to push for selection ahead of the Four Nations tour at the end of this year and the Rugby League World Cup next year.

"This is an outstanding squad.

There are four representatives from the Test match against New Zealand and on top of that, no less than nine of the players were a part of Origin this year," the coach said.

"The PNG tours are some of the most enjoyable trips I have been on, but they are no holiday when you run onto the field.

"The PNG boys play a tough and energetic brand of football and they will be well backed by a huge crowd, all willing the home team on.

"Whenever you get the chance to visit and play rugby league in Port Moresby, it's a special experience and this game will be no different."

The Australian Prime Minister's XIII: 1 James Tedesco (Wests Tigers), 2 Semi Radradra (Parramatta Eels), 3 Greg Inglis (capt – South Sydney Rabbitohs), 4 Josh Dugan (St George Illawarra Dragons), 5 Blake Ferguson (Sydney Roosters), 6 Mitchell Moses (Wests Tigers), 7 Mitchell Pearce (Sydney Roosters), 8 Aaron Woods (Wests Tigers), 9 Jake Friend (Sydney Roosters), 10 Ryan James (Gold Coast Titans), 11 Boyd Cordner (Sydney Roosters), 12 Tyson Frizell (St George Illawarra Dragons), 13 Josh Jackson (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs), 14 David Klemmer (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs), 15 Moses Mbye (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs), 16 Dylan Napa (Sydney Roosters), 17 Jake Trbojevic (Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles), 18 to be confirmed.



Ryan James Picture: nrlphotos.com

Jessica aims for pro career



MUNUNJALI-Goorang golfer Jessica Pickwick is busily playing top amateur golf events as she works towards turning professional.

The 24-year-old member of the Kilmore Golf Club has been playing golf since the age of 11 and now plays off a handicap of +1.

She spent a number of years in US universities where she played in lots of tournaments.

Right now she is playing in amateur tournaments around Victoria, having just completed the Queensland stroke play and amateur championship, where her campaign ended with defeat on the 19th hole.

Her next assignment is the Victorian Champion of Champions tournament on September 23 at The Metropolitan Golf Club, Melbourne.

Pickwick's father, who was of Aboriginal and Islander descent, died when she was five.

She lives with her mother in Kilmore, Victoria. While attending Kilmore Primary and Broadford

Secondary schools, she played golf at weekends and during school holidays.

While at secondary school, she represented Victoria against South Australia.

Kilmore Golf Club players and coaches saw Pickwick's potential and urged her to apply for golf scholarships overseas. She was offered a 12-month golf scholarship to Western Texas

University in Canyon, near Amarillo, Texas, in mid-September, 2010, but wanted to finish Year 12 so she attended the next admission in January, 2011.

After her first 12 months and with many achievements, she was offered a full scholarship to Tarleton State University at Stephenville, Texas, where she spent the next four years playing tournaments throughout the US and graduating in May, 2015 with a science degree in kinesiology.

Since returning home from Texas, she has been working in a golf shop and playing golf throughout Victoria and Queensland as she wants to continue on the golf circuit by going into the Australian Women's PGA.



● ABOVE: Jessica Pickwick displays one of her trophies.
● RIGHT: Jessica Pickwick shows her winning swing.



Rugby targets Indigenous primary students



THE Deadly7s – an initiative aimed at Indigenous primary school students – has been launched by the Australian Rugby Union.

Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government, the new program will align with school curriculums and reinforce positive messages of education, healthy lifestyle choices, with a strong focus on Aboriginal culture and rugby's core values.

The program was officially launched at Doonside Public School, in Sydney's west, with Australian Sevens squad members Mahalia Murphy and Taleena Simon there as well as ARU CEO Bill Pulver.

Great program

Murphy, who made her Australian Sevens debut in Sao Paulo last February, said: "It's good to see kids involved in Deadly7s.

"It's a great program to get kids involved in the sport and potentially see future Australian representatives or even Olympians in action.

"I would love to see more children get involved in rugby



Australian Sevens squad members Taleena Simon, left rear, and Mahalia Murphy, right rear, with students from Doonside Public School. Picture: Karen Watson Photography

sevens, especially Indigenous kids."

Schools that have at least 20% of students who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander will be eligible to secure funding to run the program at their school. The Deadly7s program will introduce primary school students to VIVA7s –

Australian Rugby's non-contact version of sevens – which continues to grow in popularity following the spectacular success of rugby sevens in the recent

Olympic Games.

Students will also have the opportunity to compete in an inter-school VIVA7s carnival, while the Deadly7s program will provide employment opportunities with Deadly7s to be delivered by an Indigenous workforce.

"Australian Rugby is committed to reaching out to Indigenous communities as we work towards making rugby a game for all," ARU boss Bill Pulver said.

"Through Deadly7s, Australian Rugby will have more opportunities to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to help them develop an interest in our game.

"The Deadly7s program also promotes healthy lifestyles for students and emphasises the importance of education, so the benefits to communities will extend beyond the rugby field.

"The Indigenous Australian community has an important place in rugby, so we are delighted that Deadly7s will be rolled out nationally to increase Indigenous participation in our game."

● For more information or to sign on for the program head to the <http://www.aru.com.au/gameon/NDeadly7s>

Idris says he's ready to return



FORMER National Rugby League (NRL) star Jamal Idris has declared himself ready for a return to the game, and has already received interest from a number of clubs to play next season.

The 26-year-old hasn't appeared in the NRL since being released by Penrith late in 2015 to contemplate his future in rugby league, taking an indefinite leave of absence.

But after embarking on a worldwide journey of self-discovery that spanned 12 countries in less than 12 months, Idris is now keen on making a comeback to the competition.

"My plan honestly is, it's going to sound

silly, but I never really had that mentally where I want to push myself to be the best that I can to be," Idris told Foxtel's *On the Couch with Sterlo* program.

"I'm the bloke that will sit there in a scrum and joke and laugh with the opposition. But I want to get there. I want to actually get to the pinnacle and see what I can do."

The former Canterbury, Gold Coast and Penrith centre said he had dealt with his anxiety issues that plagued the first eight seasons of his career, which included NSW Origin and Kangaroos call-ups.

He also denied suffering problems with alcohol.

"My anxiety was the main thing. I'd go

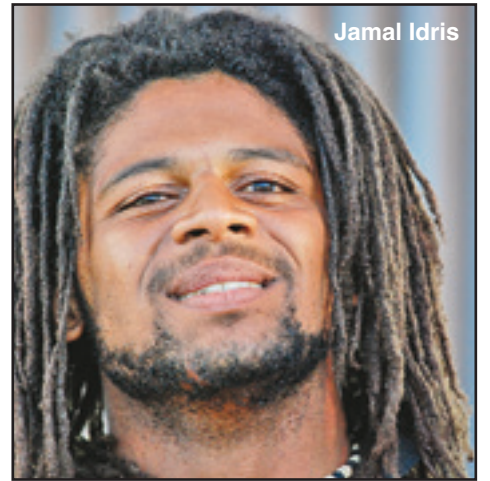
out, I'd walk past someone on the street and I'd see them make eye contact and I stand out like a sore thumb," he said.

"For me personally, when I started travelling, that's when it all started unravelling and then I could see the game for the purity of it, without the rest of it."

Idris said he has recovered from the knee reconstruction that wrote off his 2015 season at the Panthers, and has left his contract status in the hands of his manager.

"He said to me one thing, 'I don't want you thinking about it. I'll sort it out and then when it all comes to a head, then I'll talk to you about it'," Idris said.

"Ever since I got back, I've pretty much been training when I can." – AAP



Jamal Idris

Rookie of the Year



SOUTH Sydney Rabbitoh Cody Walker was named the Rugby League Players Association Rookie of the Year after a standout debut season.

The Yuin-Bundjalung man from Casino, on the NSW Far North Coast, is the younger brother of former Penrith Panthers player Ryan Walker and a cousin of former Gold Coast Titan Shannon Walker.

He edged out Penrith playmaker Nathan Cleary, Parramatta speedster Bevan French, Roosters utility back Latrell Mitchell and Gold Coast rising star Ash Taylor.

North Queensland Cowboys forward Jason Taumalolo was crowned the RLPA Players' Champion for 2016, as voted by his National Rugby League (NRL) peers.

Off the back of a 2015 premiership-winning season with North Queensland, Taumalolo accepted his award from Townsville where the Cowboys were preparing for last Friday night's semifinal.

"This is right up there as the best and biggest awards you can win as a player, and to be voted by my peers is very special," Taumalolo said.

"Thank you to the RLPA for everything they do, their support for the players is so big."

The award is the most prestigious at the RLPA event, with NRL players submitting their votes from each game throughout the season.

Another Inglis gong

Greg Inglis (South Sydney) was named Australian Representative Player.

Academic Indigenous Player of the Year was Dane Gagai (Newcastle Knights).

Gold Coast Titan Ryan James was acknowledged for his dedication in balancing studies with football commitments. He is completing a Bachelor of Business degree at Griffith University and was named in the NRL-RLPA Academic Team of the Year.

Dane Gagai and Ray Thompson (Cowboys) were awarded Indigenous Leadership and Excellence awards. They and Pasifika Leadership and Excellence award winners Ben Henry (Warriors) and Sam Tagagtaese (Cronulla) will travel to the University of California, Los Angeles (ULCA) to attend lectures, share stories and celebrate their achievements on an international scale.



Cody Walker speaks at the Rugby League Players Association awards night in Sydney.



Greg Inglis was named Australian Representative Player at the RLPA awards night in Sydney.
Pictures: NRL Photos

Heavyweights absent

Murri rugby league carnival thrown wide open



THE 2016 Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Rugby League Carnival starts today minus some of the teams that have dominated in past

years.

Leading Torres Strait Island teams will not be competing this year, arguing that it is too costly to send teams and officials to Brisbane.

They are counting on a carnival next year that will be closer to home.

The *Koori Mail* also has been told that previous winners Southern Dingoes also will be missing this year.

But the Murri carnival will press on today at the Dolphins oval, on Brisbane's Redcliffe Peninsula.

It will continue until Saturday.

With some of the top teams missing, the opening is there for other teams to shine.

NITV will broadcast live during the carnival.

The carnival involves teams from across Queensland, competing in open men, open woman and under 16 boys divisions.

This year's carnival also will

include a netball event.

The smoke and alcohol-free event requires all players to complete a health check as a requirement of their registration/participation.

Officials say the carnival is much more than rugby league as it also has a major focus on health and education.

All under 15 boy participants must have attended school 90% of time in the three months prior to the carnival.

Queensland Rugby League (QRL) chairman Peter Betros said the carnival highlighted the great reach of rugby league had across Queensland.

"The Arthur Beetson Foundation should be congratulated in providing this opportunity for so many to get involved," he said.

Brad Beetson, son of the late Arthur Beetson and board member of the Arthur Beetson Foundation, said: "Dad had a passion on improving the lives of young Indigenous. It's great that the foundation can continue this by using his other great passion of rugby league as the vehicle to do so."

The Murri carnival also has a new organiser, with Francis Renouf taking over.



Saguci Tigers' Robbie Congoo offloads while playing against Southern Dingoes in the final of last year's Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri carnival at Redcliffe. *Picture: Alf Wilson*

Three in RL Team of Year



Gideon Gela-Mosby *Picture: Alf Wilson*



Tyrell Fuimaono



Troy Dargan



THREE Indigenous players are in the National Rugby League (NRL) Holden Cup Team of the Year (selected from the under 20s teams of its sixteen clubs).

They are North Queensland Cowboys winger Gideon Gela-Mosby, Parramatta halfback Troy Dargan and teammate Tyrell Fuimaono, who was named on the bench. The team was announced on September 5 at the 2016 NRL Telstra Premiership finals series launch at the Sydney Football Stadium.

NRL Head of Football Brian Canavan said 90% of players who made the Holden Cup Team of the Year went on to play in the NRL.

"It's become clear that the Holden Cup Team of the Year is a virtual preview of the next batch of NRL talent. In fact a number of this year's team have already made their mark in the NRL."

The Holden Cup Team of the Year:
Fullback, Kalyn Ponga (North Queensland Cowboys).

Wingers: Gideon Gela-Mosby (North Queensland Cowboys), Joseph Manu (Sydney Roosters).

Centres: Robert Jennings (Penrith Panthers), Nick Cotric (Canberra Raiders).

Five-eighth: Tyrone May (Penrith Panthers).

Halfback: Troy Dargan (Parramatta Eels).
Props: Alex Twaal (Parramatta Eels), Oliver Clark (Penrith Panthers).

Hooker: Brandon Smith (North Queensland Cowboys).

Second-rowers: Luciano Leila (St George Illawarra Dragons), Jaydn Su'A (Brisbane Broncos).

Lock: Nat Butcher (Sydney Roosters).

Interchange: Jayden Brailey (Cronulla Sharks), Matthew Duffy

(St George Illawarra Dragons), Tyrell Fuimaono (Parramatta Eels),

Dylan Edwards (Penrith Panthers).

Coach: Cameron Ciraldo (Penrith Panthers).



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Pedal to the medal



Cyclist Amanda Reid competes in the 20km women's C1-2-3 time trial on day seven of the Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro. Reid finished 11th in this event, but a couple of days earlier, won a silver medal in the 500m women's C1-2-3 time trial. Four years earlier, she represented Australia in swimming at the London Paralympics.

● See page 76 for more on the Rio Paralympics.

Picture: Australian Paralympic Committee

All set for KO



MOMENTUM is building as organisers of the 2016 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival

take it back to its traditional focus of culture and the Aboriginal spirit.

The Redfern All Blacks (RAB) are hosting this year's Knockout at Leichhardt Oval, Sydney.

It starts tonight with the gala dinner and Knockout draw.

The carnival proper starts on Friday with women's and junior matches.

The men will swing into action on Saturday and Sunday.

The Knockout will climax on Monday when all semifinals and finals will be played.

NITV will be covering the Knockout on Sunday and Monday.

RAB Knockout committee spokeswoman Christine Robinson said the Knockout was much more than football.

There would be a focus on community, culture, health and social issues such as domestic violence.

The Knockout will take place across five grounds surrounding Leichhardt Oval. Matches will be played on Leichhardt Oval 1, Leichhardt Oval 23 and Blackmore.

Glover Street oval will be the warm-up area and Leichhardt Oval 3 will be the hub where stalls and activities will take place.

The committee said it was hopeful that the event could shed light on some key social issues in the Aboriginal community and to share the fantastic work being done in Redfern.

A number of organisations would have a presence at Leichhardt Oval

throughout the carnival.

Organisers are going out of their way to ensure that people are looked after.

They have arranged for shuttle busses to run from Town Hall to Leichhardt Oval and smaller commuter busses to run from the Aboriginal Housing Company in Redfern.

Shuttle busses will also run between Blackmore Oval and Leichhardt Oval.

Another feature this year will be the 100m Aboriginal barefoot sprint championship, with heats and semifinals on Leichhardt Oval 3 on Saturday and Sunday, and finals at Leichhardt Oval 1 on Monday.

Junior males and females and senior males and females will race for prizemoney of \$1000 (1st), \$500 (2nd) and \$250 (3rd).

The winner of the open male and female finals will receive \$2500, with \$1000 going to the runner-up and \$500 to the third placegetter.

The sprints will be open to all teams competing in the Knockout and NSW Aboriginal community-based teams that took part in the Knockout Health Challenge project 2016.

Leichhardt mayor Darcy Byrne said the Knockout was one of the biggest Indigenous gatherings in Australia.

"Hosting the Koori Knockout is a chance to bring top-class sport to our area and do something practical to promote reconciliation in our own backyard," he said.

"When I was approached about the possibility of hosting such a prestigious Aboriginal event in our community I was excited about the opportunity it presents to promote social justice and cultural understanding."

● **Title up for grabs: Murri rugby league carnival, page 79**

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