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Rising to the challenge





EUNICE Blair (in headband), of the Northern Nations NSW team, challenges Liandra Gaykamangu, of Illawara Bungarras, during their game in the inaugural National Indigenous Football Championships (soccer) played this month at Nowra on the NSW south coast. The titles attracted players from a huge area of Australia. Delighted organisers are now planning for an even bigger event next year. See our report on the back page, and pages 88-89. *Picture: Joseph Mayers*

Our kids at at risk

Grim findings in new report



MORE than 15,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children will sleep away from their families tonight. That's one of the tragic findings of the new Family Matters report, revealed this month. It also to 15,000 will triple by 2035 unless

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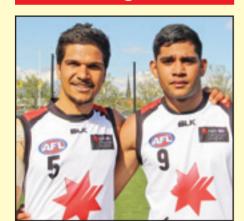
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Y FAMILY Jeanne Cook – Alyawarra, living in Alice Springs, NT



AM pictured here with my children and grandchildren at the Yapa Styles Fashion Festival in Alice Springs.

On the couch with me are my son and daughter, Deanne and Trevor, on far end is my daughter-in-law Merranda Thatcher, and the little ones are my grandchildren Kiahna and Skylah Harvey.

Trevor and Merranda have just finished modelling for the show. It was special to have them in it.

It was good to have Deanne and her little ones here too. They moved to Ballarat, Victoria, earlier this year. We take turns visiting, and I miss them when we are apart.

I was born on born on Elkedra Station and we were sent away to school in Alice. Then I went away to high school in Melbourne.

But Alice Springs is home now.

My husband Trevor Snr and I used to do a big lot of road trips with the kids to Western Australia, where his family is.

We've also been to Queensland and, well, just about everywhere.

These days Deanne and her fiance Zac do a few road trips. It's their turn now, because we're getting a bit old for travelling around too much.

I love being a grandmother. I spoil Kiahna and Skylah when I see them, and they make me and their pop happy.

We're a close family. Me and my daughter like eating out and shopping, the whole family likes to go out bush for barbecues and we're big West Coast Eagles AFL fans. Our house if full of their photos and memorabilia.

My family are my life, and we love and support each other.

– As told to Jillian Mundy

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OUR CHILDREN



STUDENTS from the Coolgardie-based Christian Aboriginal Parent-directed School (CAPS) in the Goldfields region of Western Australia demonstrate their love of science. Senior students also excel in science and won a statewide award for their innovative project demonstrating how a high quality bio-diesel alternative could be produced from a readily available raw source. See report, page 31.

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Shield found in Germany



Rodney Kelly holds the 'brother shield' of the Gweagal shield taken from his ancestor Cooman and found in Germany.



WHILE visiting a museum in Berlin, Germany, this month, Gweagal man Rodney Kelly made a surprising discovery. Mr Kelly, Vince Forrester and Roxley Foley are visiting Europe and Britain on a mission to tell people about

his quest to convince the British Museum to return the Gweagal shield, which was taken from his ancestor the warrior Cooman by Captain James Cook's crew of the *Endeavour* in 1770.

But what they didn't expect was to find a 'brother shield' at the Berlin Ethnological Museum.

The group had gone to the museum to look through its collection, which contains items from Captain Cook's voyages through the Pacific. On studying the Aboriginal catalogue from the 18th century, the found an entry reading 'Botany Bay 1770'.

The curators took the group to see the artefacts, which included boomerangs, and Mr Kelly was allowed to hold the shield, which he said would have been the first time in almost 250 years an Aboriginal man had held the artefacts.

The museum's records showed that the shield was bought at auction in the early 1800s.

"Our suspicion is that John Montague, the Earl of Sandwich (who paid for the first voyage of the Endeavour) auctioned off a large number of the artefacts from Cook's first voyage to make his money back," the group's blog says.

"It is fortunate that these artefacts survived World War 2 as Berlin was heavily bombed. There are many, many Aboriginal artefacts and sacred objects in the museums of Germany.

"The difference between the Berlin and British museums is that in Berlin we were treated with respect."

Mr Kelly said the Berlin Ethnographical Museum seemed keen to work with Aboriginal communities to learn more about the artefacts.



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IGA finalists have a lot to offer



Indigenous Governance Awards chair Professor Mick Dodson with Cassandra Campbell at finalist Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation in Alice Springs. Picture: Wayne Quilliam

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MICK Dodson believes mainstream Australia could learn a lot from the nine finalists in the Indigenous Governance Awards (IGA).

These organisations and projects take their corporate governance seriously as

they deftly negotiate the requirements of non-Indigenous funders and the needs of their own communities, cultures and laws," said Professor Dodson, who chairs the awards.

"By embedding culture at the heart of everything they do, all of the finalists are effectively finding solutions to complex issues that have long confounded governments and mainstream organisations.

"It's time mainstream Australia takes notice of these organisations and projects, and adopts a new discourse focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander success."

Each finalist organisation or initiative has been selected for their exceptional Indigenous governance and the positive and long-lasting change they are driving in their community.

The finalists, listed below, represent diverse sectors, language groups and ways of working.

Category A – Incorporated organisations

- Kalyuku Ninti Puntuku Ngurra Ltd
- Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS)
- Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre
- Muru Mittigar Ltd
- Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation
- Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation
- Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation.

Category B – Non-incorporated projects

- Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly

In partnership with BHP Billiton Sustainable Communities, the IGAs have celebrated successful Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led organisations and projects since 2005.

The 2016 winners will be announced at an event in Sydney on November 24.

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MP defends commission



FEDERAL Labor MP Linda Burney has come to the defence of the human rights

watchdog, saying the "white middle-aged men" pushing for changes to race hate speech laws have never experienced racism first-hand.

Ms Burney, the first Aboriginal woman to serve in the House of Representatives, said Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull was bowing to pressure from the right wing of the Liberal party by setting up a parliamentary inquiry into sections 18C and 18D of the Racial Discrimination Act (RDA).

"This faux war against the Human Rights Commission is exactly that," she said.

Some Coalition MPs argue the words 'insult' and 'offend' in section 18C of the Act impede freedom of speech.

Under Section 18D of the RDA, artistic works, scientific debate and fair comment on matters of public interest are exempt from section 18C, providing they are said or done reasonably and in good faith.

Ms Burney said many of those agitating for change to the RDA had never been subject to the type of discrimination 18C was designed to prevent.

"It astounds me that the people that are advocating for the removal of 18C are basically white men of a certain age that have never experienced racial discrimination in their life,"

Complaints

Last week Paul Zanetti and Bernard Gavnor, two white men, lodged complaints with the Human Rights Commission, claiming Ms Burney's comments were racist and vilified white men. Mr Zanetti is seeking \$10,000 and a public apology.

Ms Burney jumped to the defence of commission president Professor Gillian Triggs, describing her as a very fine woman, following savage attacks from Government figures.

Earlier in the week, Prof Triggs said section 18C could possibly be made stronger by

replacing the words 'offend' and 'insult' with 'vilify'.

But shadow attorneygeneral Mark Dreyfus argued doing that would weaken the provision.

"We don't need to change the current words and there's been a lot of nonsense talked about the way in which the courts have looked at this section," he told ABC

The inquiry was a "fig leaf to allow weakening the law", Mr Dreyfus said.

Government MP Tim Vilson, a former human rights commissioner, said it was clear the section was limiting public debate, despite assurances by the Keating Government when it was introduced in 1994.

Then-attorney-general Michael Lavarch, in arguing for the law, said it would not prohibit people from expressing ideas or having beliefs, no matter how unpopular the views may be to many other people.

"That has now been proven false," Mr Wilson wrote in *The Australian* newspaper. - With AAP



By KEIRA JENKINS



MORE than 80 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women gathered in Canberra last week for Oxfam's sixth Straight Talk summit.

Women came from all over the country, including remote communities n the Northern Territory, Western Australia and the Torres Strait, to meet and talk with female politicians as part of the event.

Ballardong Yued Noongar woman Renae Walley, from Kununurra in WA, said she was excited to listen and learn from other passionate Indigenous women.

"The areas I'm keen to expand my knowledge on is what other mobs are doing to make a difference, to make a change and support our future generations," she told the *Koori Mail*.

The mother of three discovered her passion for Indigenous cultures, health and

Women do some Straight Talking

education when she travelled to the Solomon Islands and New Zealand to

She has been in a number of roles including at with the Department of Family, Child Safety, Housing and Indigenous Affairs, in education and training, and has run her own business.

Now, working for agricultural company Kimberley Agricultural Investment, Ms Walley said she holds on to her passion to make life better for her mob. She works with youth, showing them the ropes of farming and providing on-the-job training to help young people gain

Ms Walley said it's important to network and make new friendships both within the community and beyond it, and that's one of the strengths of Straight Talk.

"I believe as sisters we need to support one another on our journeys," she said.

"We need to provide each other strength, compassion and understanding."

Ms Walley said she has always been vocal in supporting her community.

"I hope to bring back my knowledge to the community and by understanding a system, then work out ways to work within it, or address the changes that need to be made," she said.

Ms Walley said the advice she gives her children and other young people who want to make a difference to their communities is don't give up on your dreams.

"Ask for help, let people know about your highs and your lows," she said.

"In an ever-changing world remember your culture, remember your stories and take this knowledge from our old people and use it to your advantage and blend it with the modern world.

"You need to work hard too. Life will present challenges, but you are stronger than you know and the challenges will

More from the Straight Talk
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Govt to adopt report recommendations



AN emotional
Senator Pat tha
Dodson broke down
as he recalled a
late-night phone call from a family per

member telling him a young person had taken his own life.

"There's nothing worse ... than to get a call in the middle of the night or the early hours of the morning from a relation – and most of us experience this as Aboriginal people – to tell you that someone has died, someone very young has taken their life," the Labor senator told the launch of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project (ATSISPEP) report in Canberra last week.

"As I know happened in Fitzroy with a dear 12-year-old boy, whose parents found him hanging from a tree in the yard," he went on, with tears in his eyes.

Whatever caused him to do that, Senator Dodson does not know.

"But this (report) is the work of people like yourselves about people who are in pain, who are in loneliness, who are dejected."

Senator Dodson thanked Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion for his spirit of bipartisanship on the issue of Indigenous suicide.

Senator Scullion thanked colleagues from the Coalition, Labor and the Greens for coming together to launch the report, commissioned 18 months ago.

"What you see is a new way of doing business," he said.

The research, managed by University of Western Australia professor Jill Milroy, Professor Tom Calma and Professor Pat Dudgeon, came about after Indigenous people, leaders in mental health and suicide

prevention and the Federal Government all decided that there was a need for a national plan to address Indigenous suicide.

Senator Scullion described the report as remarkable, saying the Government will adopt all the recommendations which relate to the terms of reference.

Twice as high

The report found the agestandardised rate of suicide of Indigenous people was around twice as high as other Australians and that children and young people are particularly vulnerable.

It considered what suicide prevention programs are working and looked at what they have in common.

"A common success factor in community-based interventions or responses to Indigenous suicide is their development and implementation through Indigenous leadership and in partnership with Indigenous communities," the report said.

"This is not only because responses need to address cultural and 'lived experience' elements, but also because of the right of Indigenous people to be involved in service design and delivery as mental health consumers."

Senator Scullion doesn't think more funding is required, but people need to know what their roles and responsibilities are.

Recommendations include making sure all Indigenous suicide prevention activities feature community-specific and community-led programs, and that governments support the training and retention of Indigenous people as mental health workers.

"In practice, the involvement of Elders cannot be separated from community leadership, and this is particularly so for cultural elements in responses," the report said. "Elders are best placed to ensure that interventions meet cultural governance and that responses in general are delivered within a cultural framework.

"Generally, suicide prevention activity should aim to employ community members. Peer-to-peer context is a common feature of several successful programs, particularly those aimed at young people. Such an approach provides an opportunity for suicide prevention activity to address community unemployment rates and to create culturally relevant jobs and long-term employment for community members."

Indigenous people identifying as LGBTI should also be represented on all government and mental health advisory forums. – With AAP

Horse archery right on target

By KEIRA JENKINS



RIDING a horse can be daunting, especially if you have to drop the reins and use a bow and arrow, but this is exactly

what Adelaide woman Bianca Stawiarski does.

She said shooting from horseback can improve the confidence of riders who've had a bad fall, and even new riders.

So the mother of two started her own business, Empowerment4Riders, which uses a variety of activities including horse archery to build confidence in riders.

Ms Stawiarski said this tied in well with her work as a women's transformational coach, where she helps women who feel "overwhelmed, underappreciated or vulnerable to feel strong and important".

"There was definitely a need for it in South Australia," she told the Koori Mail.

"I started doing it as volunteer work because I got a kick out of seeing people grow. At first people are very scared to let go of the reins.

"Most of the women I work with transform. You can see their confidence build and they become Amazons.

"They tap into their inner fire that they might not have known existed or not realised was there. That's a powerful thing to do."

Although Ms Stawiarski has her own suite of achievements in the horse archery field, including being the first Aboriginal competitor to represent Australia in the United States, in 2014, she said the idea of letting go of the reins was daunting at first.

"I thought I'd give it a go," she said.

"It looked interesting and I thought 'bring it on'. But it was



scary at first to trust myself and trust my horse enough to let go of the reins.

"But it's really weird when you do let go and stop fussing with the reins; the horse just loves it. My horse became a war horse. He thought it was pretty awesome.

"And the people are all really supportive. There's no 'that was a bad shot'. It's more 'you'll get it next time'.

Both of Ms Stawiarski's

teenage children are also keen horse archers. "My daughter can do anything she puts her mind to on horseback," she said.

"And my son is just learning to ride and shoot, but it's amazing for them both to tap into their inner fire.

"The school also gets a few Indigenous boarders and I bring them out to ride. These kids sometimes haven't ridden before and they love it.

"Kids think they're invincible.

Whereas with the work I've been doing I'm helping people get back into the saddle.

Ms Stawiarki said she hopes horse archery grows as a sport, and more people take it up to boost their confidence.

"I'd like to see it grow, and I'd like it to be a sport that people know about," she said.

"The fantastic thing about horse archery is that you can just jump on a horse in jeans. You don't need \$300 jodhpurs, or all

the right gear like you do in dressage, so hopefully it can break down the socioeconomic barriers that you find in a lot of equestrian sports.

"As long as you give it a go you're on the right track. There are so many possibilities with horse archery.

"The women that come to me feel so good and strong, they transform. It takes just 15 minutes with a bow and arrow for them to feel a change.'

Mum vows reckoning over son's jail death

"The Moss Inquiry report raises

a number of crucial questions

about the investigation into the

assault on Steven Freeman in

custody – those questions still

need answering."

Bv RUDI MAXWELL



STEVEN Freeman should still be alive. He was a loving son, a loyal brother, a committed partner and a proud father - those who

loved him miss him every day.

Bundjalung woman Narelle King, the mother of Steven Freeman, who died in custody in the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) in Canberra in May, has paid tribute to an independent inquiry for giving her the opportunity to paint a picture of the true value of her son's life and the beloved position he held in their family.

'So much sadness in our lives: an independent inquiry into the treatment in custody of Steven Freeman' was released by Philip Moss last week and made a series of recommendations about changing ACT Corrections' policies and procedures in order to make them more compliant with human rights obligations, meet professional health Indigenous cultures.

The coroner and ACT policing are still investigating Mr Freeman's death.

Mr Freeman was seriously assaulted within hours of being remanded at the AMC in April 2015.

The Moss report found the AMC did not act on health advice that Mr Freeman had a

serious head injury, which had meant he spent time in Canberra Hospital in an induced coma.

It recommended that: the AMC should ensure best practice for safety of detainees; ACT policing should accord a higher priority to investigating assaults at the AMC; Service be integrated into the health care at the AMC; establishing separate areas for remanded and sentenced prisoners; and

> a separate investigation into prescription of methadone at the AMC.

Ms King issued a statement issued through her solicitor Louise Taylor, from legal aid. "The Moss

Inquiry Report reveals, at least to Narelle King and her family, that the care afforded to Steven Freeman in custody was deficient," it said.

"The Moss Inquiry report raises a number of crucial questions about the investigation

into the assault on Steven Freeman in custody - those questions still need

"Narelle King is determined that those questions will be answered and that there will be a reckoning by the perpetrators and those in charge of Steven Freeman's safety, for the life-threatening assault her son suffered whilst in the custody of ACT Corrective Services.

"Narelle King and her family remain dedicated to thoroughly uncovering the circumstances of Steven Freeman's death. They now look ahead to the coronial inquiry into his death for the next set of answers to the questions surrounding his care and treatment whilst in custody.

The inquiry concluded that the lack of a comprehensive approach to information sharing between ACT Policing and the ACT Corrective Services was a factor in Mr Freeman's assault.



Black and gay share the pride

By JILLIAN MUNDY



Aboriginal community hosted a gettogether for **Tas Pride**

week at piyura kitina (Risdon Cove) recently to celebrate diversity and pride in identity.

About 40 people turned out for the first-time event

that featured speeches, live music and a lunch.

One of the organisers, Sara Maynard, reflected on the shared challenges and strengths of the LGBTIQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer) communities.

"We are a minority group, we have faced discrimination, we experience prejudice, adhere to laws that do not represent us as a people, felt like an outcast for just being who we are," she said.

"This can all lead to high levels of anxiety, depression, self-harm, drug and alcohol use and transgenerational trauma.

"Many of us have experienced this or seen it first-hand.

"The suicide rates for LGBTIQ people are high. The suicide rates for Aboriginal people are high. If you are LGBTIQ, male and Aboriginal – even higher.

"But both of our communities are resilient, determined, hopeful,

"... both of our communities are resilient, determined, hopeful, passionate and we love a good street march."

> passionate and we love a good street march.

'We love our flags. It's a symbol of our identity and something to be proud of."

Fellow organiser Paul Mabb, the first Aboriginal man on the Tas Pride committee, talked with the Koori Mail about coming out as a gay man in his 40s, having been married twice (to women) and being the father of four.

Homosexuality was decriminalised in Tasmania in 1997, the last Australian state to do so.

He said these days most people come out when they are 16. Mr Mabb's coming out was around three decades later.

"I felt I had lived a lie for 30 years. People said to me

they knew I was I gay, that I just didn't know," he said.

"Most people were really supportive."

So overwhelming was the relief of telling his mother collapsed and was admitted to hospital.

Mr Mabb's message to young people coming out is 'it's okay to be

gay'. He said gatherings like the one at piyura kitina helped to spread this message.

Partners in life and in music, Jodi Haines and Jude Reid performed their song Sister Girl, Brother Boy, with some new lyrics especially for the occasion.

Report shows children at risk



MORE than 15,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children will sleep away from their families tonight.

And, according to a new report 'Family Matters', that figure is set to triple by 2035, unless an urgent call to action is answered.

Family Matters is a collaboration of Indigenous leaders, mainstream and community-controlled service providers, peak bodies, community leaders, academics and institutions.

Family Matters co-chairs Gerry Moore, chief executive of SNAICC (the Secretariat for Aboriginal and Islander Child Care), and Natalie Lewis, chief executive of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak (QATSICPP), said the campaign had arisen from collective distress at the realities faced by Indigenous children.

'The safety of our children is our foremost concern and safe care options must be found whenever children are at risk of harm," they

"However, despite good intentions, the systems across Australia are failing to support the safety and wellbeing of our children. Evidence gathered in this report highlights how.'

The report also reveals the primary cause of removal centres on poverty and family violence.

It also exposes the significant role discrimination plays, with Indigenous families having appreciably lower access to services that support child safety, development and wellbeing.

Ms Lewis said the current child protection framework was discriminatory, and it was everyone's responsibility to work together to ensure all children are afforded the best chance to grow up nurtured, cared for and connected to their family and culture.

"The consequences of not doing this are profound: devastating families; deepening intergenerational trauma; severing children's cultural bonds; triggering poor life outcomes; and eroding culture and community,"

"Aboriginal children have grown up safe and well cared for in family and culture for thousands of years - we have the answers and the evidence to raise our children safe and in

The Family Matters campaign is calling for:

1. A comprehensive Council of Australian Governments strategy to redress the causes of Indigenous child removal and improve child safety and wellbeing, backed by

The report's findings

The number of Indigenous children in the child protection system is set to triple (from 15,000 to 45,000) by 2035 should current trends continue.

● Only 17% (\$700 million) of overall child protection funding was invested in support services for children and their families. This means the bulk of spending is in reacting to problems (\$3.5 billion) rather than solving them.

 Only 66% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Australia were placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle.

 Poor performance by Western Australia with the highest rates of overrepresentation and the lowest investment in evidence based strategies for redress.

South Australia and the **Australian Capital Territory** also reflect particularly poorly against all these measures.

The Northern Territory demonstrates a lack of engagement with evidenceinformed solutions to concerns around child neglect, abuse and removal.

 Victoria features as a leading state in all areas except access to intensive family support services.

strong targets.

- 2. A minimum of 30% of all investment in child protection be channelled into prevention and early intervention.
- 3. A new federal program for effective and culturally safe reunification programs across
- 4. Statewide Aboriginal family-led decision-making programs.
- 5. A federal program to trial local community strategies to redress local risks for children and mediate child protection intervention, and
- 6. State-based commissioners and peak bodies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in all states and territories.

New film highlights slavery

By RUDI MAXWELL



DOCUMENTARY maker Steven McGregor believes it's about time Australia stopped shying

away from using the term 'slavery' when talking about the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people being forced into servitude.

Mr McGregor's new film Servant or Slave is told by five women whose experiences mirror those of many thousands of Aboriginal girls, stolen from their parents, placed in institutions, and trained to serve white households

"My mother grew up on the mission on the Tiwis; basically the girls there were taught to be domestics," he said.

"Every kid is fascinated by their parents' history, but I didn't really think about my mother's story in depth until I was much older.

"In the film we don't shy away from the term 'slavery'. We don't call it indentured servitude. because we call it what it was.

"Everyone knows about slavery in America, but Australia has a dark history too.

Aboriginal women Rita Wright, Violet West, and the three Wenberg sisters Adelaide, Valerie (Linow) and Rita, share in detail their stories of government-sanctioned enslavement and the ripple effect it had on their futures.

"Estrangement from families, rape, torture, and being coerced into remaining silent are all common experiences of these women," Mr McGregor said.





Cheyenne Cruse re-enacts the life of Valerie Linow, left. Adelaide Wenberg at right is one of five Aboriginal women to share her story for new documentary Servant or Slave. Pictures: Nicholas Martinelli, No Coincidence Media

"For them this isn't about personal healing. It's about shedding a light on a barely acknowledged part of modern Australian history.

"Making the film was very tricky. These ladies are lovely, and I had to sit them down and get them to go to deep, dark corners to share their stories.

"The interviews were harrowing, but they just said it was time to tell their stories.'

The removal of Aboriginal children from their families began in Australia in the early 1900s. Servant or Slave examines the intent of the government policy of 'protection' and 'assimilation', and the blurred line between paid help and slavery.

Testimony

Through the testimony of experts, supported by archival footage and dramatisations, the documentary uncovers how stolen wages owed to Indigenous people were locked up by governments, and even funded programs to remove

more Aboriginal children from their families

"I think the broader audience will be shocked, because I think there's a prevailing sense of denial - 'this didn't happen here, only over there in America' when in fact it was happening Australia-wide and not that long ago," Mr McGregor said.

"Like it says in the film, this is within living memory, and many of our people live with it every day. It was still going on in the early 1970s in the pastoral industry.

"I'm just really grateful to the ladies for entrusting me to tell their story.'

Servant or Slave will screen on NITV on November 30 and was well received at a special first screening in Sydney.

"It's quite scary when you're watching your film with an audience, but it went down really well. Most people shed a few tears," Mr McGregor said.

"That's why I wanted to make this film. I wanted to touch the audience's heart and make them feel something.

Consultation concern over shark nets trial

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHILE there's a range of views from Bundjalung people regarding the NSW Government's decision to trial shark nets on some of

their beaches in northern NSW, they all agree on one point: they should have been consulted.

Early this month the NSW Government passed legislation allowing for a trial of shark nets in some of the beaches surrounding Ballina and Evans Head.

But neither the Department of Primary Industries nor anyone from Minister Niall Blair's office contacted any of the local Aboriginal stakeholder groups, including land councils or Aboriginal corporations looking after settled native title determinations or current claimants.

Bill Drew chairs the Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation, which administers land of behalf of the native title holders around Evans Head.

"Considering our consent determination was for sea and land they should have

showed some sort of respect to our people and had a conversation, definitely," he

"There's never been any consultation with any Aboriginal people around here that I'm aware of, which is a bit surprising - but then again, it's no surprise for us blackfellas not to be asked."

Mr Drew said he didn't have a problem with shark nets, because he believed human life should be prioritised and that sharks had become more prevalent in the region due to climate change

Risk to dolphins

Numbahjing native title claimants (whose claim around Cabbage Tree Island is ongoing) sites officer Troy Anderson said the main concerns he had were that shark nets were known to kill dolphins.

"We definitely should have been consulted," he said. "Angels beach is such a significant place in terms of culture to us. It's a place of the dolphin.

"Dolphins come in and visit the local tribesmen, which in our story that's been the case for thousands of years and

was passed to me by my grandmother Winifred Cook.

"Our concerns are that the netting would harm the dolphins and restrict them from coming back to Ballina. Dolphins are also a protector against sharks, which I've seen firsthand as a child.

"We were swimming at Goat Island, while the old people were pulling in fish real quick, because if they didn't, the fish would get taken by sharks.

"When we were swimming across the river we were surrounded by a pod of dolphins. When I got home I told my grandmother, and she told me the stories about dolphins protecting us, so we're just happy they came up the river.

"We'd prefer the shark spotting systems; I think a lot of Indigenous people have

In nearby Byron Bay, the council has decided to use drones and a volunteer shark-spotting program, instead of nets.

Arakwal woman Delta Kay, from Byron Bay, said she'd attended a rally against shark nets organised by Ballina Greens MP Tamara Smith and came away

understanding much more about the harm nets can cause to ocean wildlife.

"Sadly the same Government respects the great work Aboriginal people are doing on country - but they don't talk to us about sea country, which is a fight coastal mob is having around NSW," she said.

"A lot of my friends are surfers so I understand their fear and the tragedies that have happened regarding shark incidents, but I'm deadset against shark nets.

"Growing up here as a black person, on Belongil Beach we had the meatworks discharging into the ocean, so sharks were just part of life. You just have to be smart.

"When you walk in the bush, you're smart looking out for snakes; when you walk on the street you keep an eye out for for cars and buses; and with sharks in the ocean, you've just got to be smart about them too.'

After questions from the Koori Mail, a spokesperson for Mr Blair said "targeted consultation with Aboriginal representatives is about to get under way and will continue throughout the north coast trial".

Emily's *Turtle Song* part of || Save the Reef campaign



EMILY Wurramara's new single Ementha-Papaguneray (Turtle Song), from her debut EP Black Smoke has been

spotlighted as part of Greenpeace's Save the Reef Campaign.

Ms Wurramara said the song, which is sung in her language of Anindilyakwa, is about playing with turtles on the beach.

"It's such an honour to be featured as part of this environmental campaign because the environment is a big part of who I am," she told the Koori Mail.

"Growing up, I was always told to be the land's caretaker and respect the land.'

Ms Wurramara, from Groote Eylandt in the Northern Territory, said she is also a Greenpeace ambassador because she feels passionately about caring for the land.

"It's a big part of my heritage and an iconic part of Australia, so we have to protect the reef for future generations," she said.

"It's so beautiful. It would be so sad to see it die."

Ementha-Papaguneray is the second single Ms Wurramara has released, with her first, Ngerraberrakernama debuting at number seven on the Australian Music Radio Airplay Project chart.

She said the success of her music still "freaks her out".

"It's a good feeling to be recognised as an artist," Ms Wurramara said.

"I've had fun travelling to places I've never been before and meeting new people. I've been able to explore the land and experience different things that I wouldn't have got to do otherwise."



Pressure over nuclear dump



PRESSURE is mounting on the South Australian Government to scrap the idea of building a high-level nuclear waste dump in the state's north.

After investigating the issue over six sitting days, a citizens jury rejected the proposal, with 70% of its 350 members unwilling to support it under any circumstances.

Their majority report emphasised the strong objections of Aboriginal communities and questioned a dump's economic viability, saying that claims it could raise billions of dollars were based on "assumptions with little support".

"There is a lack of Aboriginal consent," the report says. "We believe that the Government should accept that the Elders have said NO and stop ignoring their opinions. The Aboriginal people of SA (and Australia) continue to be neglected and ignored by all levels of government instead of respected and treated as equals."

The report also raised questions over

safety and cost and also highlighted a lack of trust in the Government to deliver. run and adequately regulate such a facility. "Many jurors believe we don't have a right to make a decision that will have such long-term and irreversible consequences for future generations," the report said.

SA Premier Jay Weatherill says his Cabinet will take the verdict of the jury on board, but will also consider the views of more than 50,000 people who have provided feedback to the Government so far.

Significant blow

But it delivers the idea of the dump, recommended for consideration by the state's royal commission into the nuclear fuel cycle, a significant blow.

Conservation groups have already rejected the idea along with Aboriginal communities, and it now appears the Government will have trouble convincing the wider community.

A minority report from the citizens jury called for further economic modelling to

be conducted before a final decision was made.

It also raised concerns over bias on the jury, questioning whether opponents to the idea of a dump were overrepresented.

And it objected to the majority report speaking for the Aboriginal community after the jury was told that there had been a lack of consultation.

"To suggest that the Indigenous community then has a unanimous position, without adequate consultation, is incorrect," the minority report said.

The SA Government has pledged to make a decision by the end of year, but has always conceded that to go ahead the dump would need bipartisan support in State Parliament and broad community consent. It would also require a change to Labor Party policy, at both the state and federal level.

The report included submissions from numerous Aboriginal stakeholders and concluded that Aboriginal consent for a nuclear waste dump would not be granted under any circumstances.

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 Uiver Collection on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

Uiver Collection, Albury

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 23rd December 2016. Enquiries to Ethan Williams on (02) 6932 9104 or Ethan.Williams@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 Collection.

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

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An Individual Reparations scheme is now open for members of South Australia's Stolen Generations to tell their story and apply for a reparations payment. Applications close on 31 March 2017

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Department of State Development



Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship 2017

Applications are now being sought for the 2017 Australian Medical Association (AMA) Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship. Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background.

Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time at an Australian medical school and at least in their first year of medicine. Preference will be given to applicants who do not already hold any other scholarship or bursary.

Scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of a selection panel appointed by the AMA. The value of the Scholarship for 2017 will be \$10,000 per annum. This amount will be paid in a lump sum for each year of study.

The duration of the Scholarship will be for the full course of a medical degree, however this is subject to review.

Applications close 31 January 2017.

To receive further information on how to apply, please contact Sandra Riley, Administration Officer, AMA on 02 6270 5452 or email indigenousscholarship@ama.com.au. An application package can be also downloaded from the AMA website www.ama.com.au/indigenous-peoples-medicalscholarship-2017.

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

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

Advisory council role for disability network chair



Peoples Disability Network chairperson

Aunty Gayle Rankine has been appointed to the Federal Government's new **National Disability and** Carers Advisory Council.

Assistant Social Services and Disability **Minister Jane Prentice** said the council will provide advice to **Government on issues** of strategic importance at a time of major reform in the disability and carer sectors.

Ms Rankine said it was an honour to be appointed to the **National Disability Advisory Council.**

"It is critical that people with disability are front and centre as we go through the national changes to the disability sector," she said.

"I also welcome the opportunity to highlight the experiences of Australia's First Peoples with disability and their families and communities.

"It is so important that our people are not left behind and have equal opportunity to access the National **Disability Insurance** Scheme and other supports.'



Congress funds call supported

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THE Senate has supported a motion by the Greens' Rachel Siewert calling on the Government to fund National Congress of

Australia's First Peoples for the next three years for \$15 million, with a 'sinking fund' of a further \$100

"In 2014, the Coalition broke away from a multi-party approach and cut funding for National

Congress as part of the broader Aboriginal and **Torres Strait** Islander peoples funding cuts and the chaotic rollout of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy. It was a hard year for our First Peoples,' Senator Siewert

"This funding cut has severely limited the work of National Congress.

"National Congress is an incredibly valuable peak body, yet (just recently) they released a statement saying operations would likely cease in December 2017 without further investment. National Congress must be supported.

"National Congress is doing important work, most recently on the Redfern Statement (a blueprint for Indigenous policies, developed by Indigenous organisations), amongst many other issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It must not be stopped in its tracks.

While the motion passed the Senate, it's likely to fail in the Lower House, after Liberal senator James McGrath said the Government opposed the idea.

"Congress is an important stakeholder and the Government

> acknowledges its role as an advocacy body for some Indigenous Australians," he said.

"The Government does not support this motion as Congress has already received \$30 million (under the former Labor Government) to establish itself independent of government,

and it is inappropriate to divert over \$100 million from frontline services for an independent advocacy group.

"However, in recognition of the important role of Congress, I can advise that the Government is working with Congress to establish other funding sources, including through fee-for-service and philanthropic arrangements."





PATHFINDERS NATIONAL ABORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Pathfinders National Aboriginal Birth Certificate (PNABC) program is providing Free Birth Certificates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

An estimated 300,000 Australian's have not had their Births Registered and 500,000 do not have a Birth Certificate. As a consequence, many people struggle to fully participate in Australian society without this simple but vital document. They experience difficulty in accessing mainstream services, such as opening bank accounts, joining sporting teams, enrolling in school, applying for a job or driver's licence, or voting.

The Pathfinders National Aboriginal Birth Certificate (PNABC) program is an Indigenous program which aims to redress this issue by conducting sign-up days in identified towns and areas where there are significant numbers of Aboriginal people who do not have birth certificates. Since the PNABC program's inception we have provided approximately 3,200 Birth Certificates to young people and their Parents/Carers.

Schedule and Location of Sign-Up Days

We are finalising our PNABC Stage 1 Schedule of Locations in which we will be both conducting Sign-Up Days, and from which we can accept Birth Certificate Applications from across QLD, NSW, ACT & VIC

(The PNABC Stage 2 program will be supporting the other States and Territories ie: WA, SA, TAS, NT)

The Stage 1 Schedule will be publicised via the Pathfinders Ltd Website, Facebook page, the Koori Mail and several other media outlets.

In collaboration the Queensland Registry of BDM, the PNABC Queensland Schedule of Sign-Up Locations is targeting specific communities. These specific communities are aligned to Pathfinders' budgetary allocations for the Queensland region. The PNABC program must work closely with the Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages (BDM QLD, BDM NSW & BDM VIC) of each state. Our PNABC Stage 1 program, has both Funding Body directives and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) which dictate much of the timing, delivery and locations within which we can do Sign-Up Days for the Free Birth Certificates we offer to Young Under 21yrs Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Eligibility for Free Birth Certificates

PNABC Free Birth Certificates are available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait applicants who meet the following criteria:

- MUST Reside in one of the current identified List of Locations of the PNABC program (PLEASE REFER TO: Attached Queensland List of Sign-Up Locations) Are preparing to attend primary school
- Are preparing to attend pre-school
- ◆ Are preparing to attend secondary school Are transitioning from school into further education
- Were born in either NSW, Qld, ACT or Vic
- ◆ A Parent/Carer is eligible if applying for eligible children / young people

The Pathfinders Ltd PNABC program has formally conducted 37 Sign-Up Days for Birth Certificate Applications across NSW, plus additional informal Sign-ups. We are making every endeavour to support having our 'Sign-up days' and 'Online Applications' in partnership with community organisations and agencies, and where possible, delivering them in a complimentary manner within community locations.

• Are transitioning from school to the workforce

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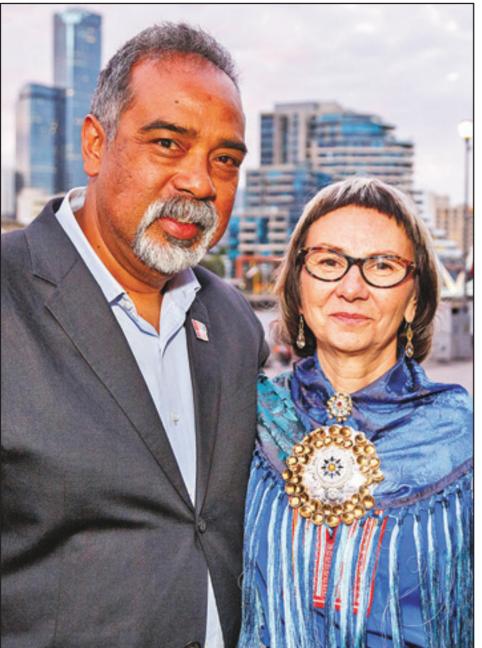
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*MAREEBA	*FOREST LAKE	*MARSDEN	*MANOORA
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*KOWANYAMA	BRACKEN RIDGE	*CRESTMEAD	*MOOROOBOOL
NAPARANUM	DOONLANDELLA	SLACKS CREEK	*BENTLY PARK
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INNISFAIL		HILLSCREST	WESTCOURT
LOCKHART RIVER		BROWNS PLAIN	MOUNT SHERIDAN
RAVENSHOE		ROCHEDALE SOUTH	
PORMPURAAW		SHAILER PARK	
BAMAGA		WATERFORD	
COOKTOWN			

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The Lowitja Institute's Romlie Mokak and Gunn Heatta, from Norway, attend the International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference in Melbourne.

Top world experts at conference



EXPERTS in Indigenous health from all over the world, gathered in Melbourne for

the Lowitja Institute International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference this month.

The conference brought together about 700 delegates from around Australia and the world to share, celebrate and strengthen Indigenous knowledge on health.

Lowitja Institute chief executive Romlie Mokak said it was the organisation's first international conference.

"We had four international keynote speakers and one Australian keynote speaker," he said.

"They shared their learnings and hopefully that will make an impact on the Indigenous people from all over the world, businesses, the UN, Indigenous services, practices and programs."

Mr Mokak said indigenous people face similar issues in health, and sharing the successes and challenges between cultures will benefit people "the world over".

"There's been such a great level of interest," he said.

"People have come from all over, from all nations. The aim is to combine traditional knowledges and sciences with Western science to come up with solutions."

Norwegian mental health and substance use expert Gunn Heatta spoke about the Sami people and the research that has been done in talking substance abuse in Norway. She said she was excited to learn from people from around the world and share her solutions.

"We're very close to

nature," she said. "That is similar to a lot of indigenous culture. There are about 100,000 of us residing in the northern part of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia, but because of assimilation we're not quite sure.

"We have our own culture and our own languages, and in Norway we have been recognised as such."

Ms Heatta said she also enjoyed the networking opportunities that the conference presented. "We need to find methods that are not Westernised," she said.

"We need to find what is best practice for Indigenous people. I'd like to be involved in research too. Not many people know much about Sami people.

"I'd like to participate in research about indigenous people. I think that's important."

NEW PARRAMATTA RD

The Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy is now finalised

After three years of collaboration and consultation, the Minister for Planning, the Hon. Rob Stokes, has released the final Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy to guide growth, change and investment. Thank you to everyone who participated in its development.

Please visit the website to view the Strategy and for more information, including how community and stakeholder feedback has informed the Strategy and the Implementation Tool Kit and Fact Sheets.



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Proposed Regulation and Regulatory Impact Statement Biosecurity Act 2015

The NSW Government is proposing to make a new Regulation, the Biosecurity Regulation 2017. The proposed Regulation will be made under the Biosecurity Act 2015 and will enable the commencement of the Act in 2017.

The Act provides a framework for the prevention, elimination and minimisation of biosecurity risks posed by pests, diseases, weeds, and contaminants to the economy, environment and community of NSW. The proposed Regulation seeks to ensure the objectives of the Act are achieved by specifying the requirements for the management of certain biosecurity risks and to enable the administration of the Act.

The proposed Regulation and Regulatory Impact Statement is available for public comment from Monday 14 November 2016 to Sunday 29 January 2017 at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/biosecurity-act-2015 or call 1800 808 095 for further information.

Drop in community information sessions

Wed 16 November	Thursday 17 November	
Coffs Harbour Community Centre 2pm – 4pm	Goulburn, 3pm – 5pm McDermott Centre	
Tamworth Community Centre 3pm - 5pm	Lismore, 4pm – 6pm Lismore City Hall	
Monday 21 November	Thursday 24 November	
Orange , 3pm – 5pm Orange Regional Art Gallery	Penrith , 5pm – 7pm Penrith Library Theatrette	
Bega, 4pm – 6pm Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre		
Monday 28 November	Wednesday 30 November	
Dubbo , 1pm – 3pm Western Plains Cultural Centre	Albury , 4pm – 6pm Albury Entertainment Centre	
Griffith, 1pm – 3pm Griffith City Library	Singleton, 12pm – 2pm Singleton Public Library	

Drop in anytime during the information sessions, call 1800 808 095 or visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/biosecurity-act-2015

Written submissions on the proposed Regulation and Regulatory Impact Statement will be

Post Biosecurity Regulation Submissions Locked Bag 21

accepted by post or e-mail. Orange NSW 2800 submissions.biosecuritylegislation@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Public Hearing:

Categorisation of future **Community Lands in the North Richmond Release Area**

All future community land within the North Richmond Release Area, including an area of cultural significance, is to be formally categorised in order to determine the relevant management objectives for the land.

A Public Hearing and community meeting will be held at the North Richmond Community Centre, William Street, North Richmond from 7pm-8pm on Wednesday, 23 November 2016.

Have your say about how the future community land (parks and reserves) within the North Richmond Release Area are to be categorised/managed.

Written feedback on the draft categories can be provided no later than 14 December 2016 to Council

- Mail: P.O. Box 146, WINDSOR NSW, 2156
- Email: council@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au
- Website: www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au
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For more information please contact the Manager, Parks and Recreation, Hawkesbury City Council on (02) 4560 4444 or email council@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au.



Roper River region kids Edward Roberts, Marco Ashley, Rayshaun Blitner, Shania Roberts

Ngukurr youth to benefit from Government grant



A ROPER Gulf Regional Council alcohol action initiative in Ngukurr will use a \$10,000 Northern

Territory Government grant to further promote the benefits of healthy lifestyle choices for youth through the purchase of new sporting equipment.

The initiative was launched in a bid to stop youth in Ngukurr being drawn to alcohol and other drugs as a form of entertainment, and instead

turn their attention to a range of physical activities coordinated by the council.

Youth development, sport and recreation coordinator John Hickey said the funding would allow the council's community services team to continue working in the remote community.

'What we're trying to do is continue the momentum we already have in these guys improving their health and fitness on a daily basis," he said. "We need equipment to do that."

Mr Hickey said youth had

embraced the initiative and were revelling in the chance to participate in activities they had not previously had exposure to, including mountain biking, weight training and agility courses.

"It's about making sure that drugs and alcohol aren't their entertainment," he said.

"We're helping to change their lifestyle to one of exercise and looking after themselves, and it's making a big difference already.

"It's a matter of them having a better image of themselves."

Scrutiny for NT powers



THE Northern Territory's police protective custody powers - known as 'paperless arrests' will come under scrutiny after the

High Court agreed to hear a legal challenge brought by the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) on behalf of Anthony Prior.

Mr Prior, an Aboriginal man, was arrested under the NT's protective custody laws after police found him drinking in public on New Year's Eve 2013.

The NT's protective custody laws allow police to detain someone for up to 10 hours if an officer reasonably believes the person is drunk in a public place and is likely to commit an offence or intimidate, alarm or cause substantial annoyance because they are drunk.

NAAJA principal lawyer David Woodroffe said the

powers are disproportionately used against Aboriginal people.

"The NT has some of the most punitive and overused protective custody laws in Australia," he said.

Police officers previously gave evidence that they did not know Mr Prior, but believed he was likely to commit a 'future

'This case highlights the risk that people are being locked up because of stereotypes or profiling."

> offence' based on an 'educated assumption'.

"Over 90% of the men and women locked up under these laws are Aboriginal," Mr Woodroffe said. "This case highlights the risk that people are being locked up because of stereotypes or profiling.'

The Human Rights Law Centre's Ruth Barson, who is coordinating the legal team, said the powers are used around 10,000 times each year and that the NT should be doing everything it can to avoid unnecessarily locking up people.

"The NT's lock-up rates are staggeringly high," she said.

"No other Australian state or territory has protective custody laws that allow police to lock-up

a drunk person on the mere belief that they might commit a future offence.'

Ms Barson said almost all other jurisdictions require police to consider alternatives to protective custody, like taking

someone to a sobering up shelter or into the care of a family member.

"Properly resourced alternatives to detention are a far better and safer option," she said. "Problem drinking is best tackled through the health system, not the criminal justice system."

The case will be heard by the High Court on December 6.



Robe River Kuruma traditional owner Jack Alexander receives a copy of the native title determination from Justice Michael Barker.



Robe River Kuruma traditional owners old and young celebrate the determination of Part A of their native title claim in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

People win land battle



THE Robe River Kuruma people have won an 18-year fight for legal recognition of their land in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

Their native title claim was formally determined in an on-country Federal Court hearing before Justice Michael Barker at Mindoona on the Robe River this month.

The Robe River Kuruma people filed for native title in 1998.

The claim is referred to as Kuruma Marthudunera Part A, covering 4109 square kilometres in the shires of Ashburton and Roebourne.

It recognises the Robe River Kuruma people had their own

systems of laws and customs before European arrival. It means they can continue cultural customs on land and will be consulted about developments such as mining.

The area, often called Silvergrass, has many sacred sites and permanent river pools.

"It has been a long 20-year journey for us, and although we

still have more work to do to achieve our Part B determination, now we celebrate the recognition of our country and culture," traditional owner Sara Slattery

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Simon Hawkins said it was a great day for the Robe River Kuruma people. "This determination took an extra 18 months of negotiation, and the result from this saw the group securing five significant sites as exclusive possession areas," he said.

Kuruma Marthudunera Aboriginal Corporation will administer the Robe River Kuruma people's native title as

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Campaigner's three awards



WORIMI man Joshua Gilbert is celebrating his achievements after receiving three

awards - The Banksia Foundation's Community Environmental Leadership award, the National Geographic's Young Conservationist of the Year, and the NSW Office of **Environment and Heritage** Sustainability Champion Award - all within a week.

Mr Gilbert is a campaigner for Indigenous rights as well as protecting the environment and sustainable agricultural practices. The young man from the mid north coast of NSW also keeps a day job despite his activism, as a senior consultant at PwC Indigenous consulting.

He has also chaired the NSW Young Farmers Council, and travelled to Paris last year for the Global Climate

Mr Gilbert said winning

these awards was a "very crazy" experience for him.

"I'm really lucky to have received all these awards so close together," he told the Koori Mail.

"It just shows that young Indigenous people can survive in the environmental space. Hopefully it shows that young Indigenous people can make it. We have a place to connect with the land and share our voices to make sure we respect the land.

"That's so important because often Indigenous voices get shut out."

Hard work

Mr Gilbert has campaigned on environmental issues for a number of years and believes the awards were a direct result of his hard work.

He said he has been driven by his family, friends and his heritage to push for change.

"I'm very lucky," he said.

"I have incredible parents who push and motivate me and I'm also really inspired by the people I work with.

"We share our culture, and we're quite a large organisation (PwC). All the staff are incredible to work with and I find it very interesting interacting with the older people.

"You can learn so much from them about culture, going out bush with them. It gives you an experience beyond just being told."

As for the future, Mr Gilbert said he's just going to keep on pushing for the causes that are important to him.

"I'm keen to keep going and keen that Indigenous people's voices be heard,"

"The traditional knowledge we have of the environment is crucial to have in the sustainability space. Unfortunately our voices have not been heard in the past.

"We need to share what we know. I will keep going and create a space for Indigenous people's knowledge to be heard."



Award-winning environmental activist Josh Gilbert.



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We're working together today to create a Greater Sydney for all - now and into the future - through a district planning process. Draft District Plans will be on public exhibition from the end of 2016 until the end of March 2017. This is just the beginning. In 2017, we will draw on this work to review the metropolitan plan - A Plan for Growing Sydney - which we aim to release by the end of 2017. The timing and approach on the revised plan will align with reviews of The Long-Term Transport Masterplan 2012 and Rebuilding NSW - State Infrastructure Strategy 2014.

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Wiggles visit Yarrabah



THE Wiggles paid a visit to Yarrabah State School in north Queensland this month to record their lullaby Rock-A-Bye Your Bear, accompanied by local Elder Daniel Murgha, Indigenous

singer/songwriter Elverina Johnson and Aboriginal language and culture teacher Nathan Schrieber, performing in local Gunggandji language.

The recording will feature in their *Wiggle Wiggle Wiggle* TV series, soon to be broadcast internationally.

The pre-school supergroup arrived in Yarrabah on November 4, one day before the community held its annual band festival, which also featured children from the school where the recording took place.

The festival was founded by Queensland Music Festival (QMF) in 2013 to revive the Yarrabah Brass Band, an Indigenous group originally formed at the beginning of the 20th century when the community was an Anglican mission.

The history of Yarrabah has already made the town of 2500 people famous, with the *New York Times* running a story about the festival last year and international documentary filmmakers knocking at the door.

Yarrabah Band Festival has grown year on year, welcoming thousands of visitors and many big names, including Busby Marou, Blue King Brown and, this year, music legend Archie Roach and Triple J sweetheart Montaigne (Jessica Cerro).

Although The Wiggles didn't perform at the Yarrabah Band Festival, they worked with the community and kids on the Friday while they geared up for Saturday's big concert.

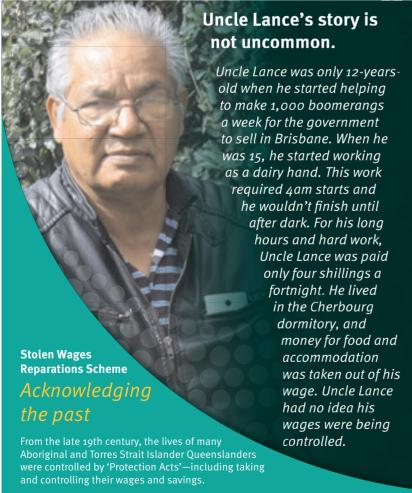


The Wiggles' visit was in addition to QMF's Yarrabah artists-in-residence program, where Indigenous singer-songwriters Shellie Morris and Merindi

Schreiber and Cairns-based rapper Dizzy Doolan spend two weeks in June working with students from Yarrabah State School and Yarrabah High School to develop material for this year's festival.

This year's festival also hosted a local bands night for the first time.

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Memorial rotunda in **Tenterfield**



members are more than pleased with

memorial in Tenterfield. northern NSW, to one of three Bowraville murder victims. The rotunda and nearby bush tucker garden honour the life of Clinton 'Bubby' Duroux, who spent much of his short life in Tenterfield, where many of his family still live.

Clinton was just 16 when he was murdered at Bowraville, northern NSW, in 1990. Two other young Aboriginal children, Colleen Walker-Craig and Evelyn Greenup, were killed under similar circumstances, and

all the families are battling to see the suspected killer brought to justice.

Clinton's aunt Helen Duroux, who lives in Tenterfield, said the memorial is a truly fitting tribute to Bubby.

"It's everything we hoped it would be," she told the Koori Mail.

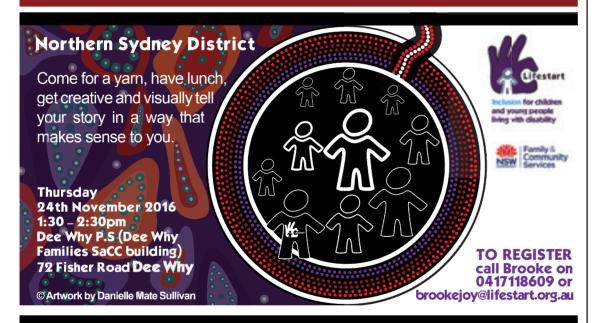
"Many people, including NSW Government ministers, turned out for the official opening, and we are now planning to use the rotunda for local community gatherings.'

Other memorials in Bowraville and Sawtell, NSW, to the murdered three have already been built or are planned.



Helen Duroux visits the new memorial in Tenterfield. The bush tucker garden is behind it and, inset, the plaque honours the memory of Clinton 'Bubby' Duroux,

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander preplanning support for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)



Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Calling for Community Enterprise Queensland board members

Community Enterprise Queensland (CEQ) is a Queensland Government statutory body with responsibility for commercial enterprises in Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, at present, primarily in retailing. In the communities in which they operate, CEQ Retail Stores provide a range of food, drinks and household items essential for a healthy life at a fair price; and employment and training opportunities for local people.

The Queensland Government is seeking Expressions of Interest from people wishing to serve as board members.

- oversee CEQ's functions and provide direction to its operations
- provide governance and accountability
- · develop and implement a growth strategy
- provide advice on its operations to the Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

Successful candidates will be appointed for a period of up to four years. At least one member of the board must be a consumer representative and one member a community representative, other members must have commercial or management skills and experience. Eligible board members will be remunerated in accordance with the Remuneration Procedures for Part-time Chairs and Members of Queensland Government Bodies.

For more information

Contact Fay Towner on 07 3003 6324 or visit the website

www.datsip.qld.gov.au

Candidates in remote and very remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are encouraged to apply.

All applications should be emailed to ceqboard@datsip.qld.gov.au

by Sunday 27 November 2016.



NSW Rugby Union denies accusations



THE NSW Rugby Union (NSWRU) has denied a report in the Sydney Morning

Herald last week that \$56,000 from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education program had been lent to a staff member.

The Herald reported that the loan from the government-funded Learn Earn Legend program had been organised by former NSWRU chair Nick Farr-Jones and executive director Bruce Worboys to program director Jim Williams.

But the NSWRU said, while funds had been lent to a staff member, they hadn't come from the Learn Earn Legend program and had since been repaid in full.

"Those that authorised this transaction are no longer involved in NSWRU or the NSW Waratahs," a NSWRU spokesperson said

"Over the last nine months the executive and board of the NSWRU has changed substantially and all parties associated with the loan have long since retired.

"Under the NSWRU delegation of authority at the time, the transaction met the requirements. However the current organisation's administration deemed the activity not appropriate and current governance practices would not allow for this to happen."

The NSWRU has since handed responsibility for Learn Earn Legend to Ellavation, the company run by the four famous Ella siblings, Glen, Mark, Gary and Marcia, who have all played sport for Australia.

"When reviewing the program

needs for delivery, NSWRU was undergoing a HR review and didn't have the resources required to implement the program at the grassroots level. We wanted to see the program continue and Ellavation were able to do so and do so very well," the NSWRU spokesperson

said. Ellavation chief executive Glen Ella told the Koori Mail that they had been aware of the loan, but were still proud to employ a mentor of the calibre of Jim Williams, a former Wallaby and also Wallabies assistant

"He's been involved with the program for a year or so. He knows how it works, so it was common sense to go with Jim, to get it up and running," Mr Ella said.

"Damaging"

"This episode has been very damaging for Jim. Since we engaged him in June, he's worked his backside off. He's passionate about the program.

"He just wants to get on with life, and there have been these accusations smeared in the papers.

"When you run a mentoring program like this, you want someone with standing in the community, presence. We've all coached at different levels and find it easy get on and have good connections in the community.

"Jim is a natural. I don't know what his critics are going on about. All I know is that Jim is a good bloke, who means well and has a big heart. You've got to stick with people like that.'



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Students cleared in section 18C case



racist comments on Facebook has been thrown out of court.

Alex Wood, Calum Thwaites and Jackson Powell were being sued by Cindy Prior, an

Indigenous administration officer, under section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act.

The case was thrown out by **Federal Circuit Court judge** Michael Jarrett after he found Ms Prior did not have reasonable prospects of successfully bringing a case against the trio.

Mr Thwaites said he was

the case.

"I'm happy to be able to get on with my life," he said.

Ms Prior argued she was unable to continue working face-to-face with white people following a series of Facebook posts made after Mr Wood was asked to leave an Indigenousonly computer lab at the

Queensland University of Technology in 2013.

"Just got kicked out of the unsigned Indigenous computer room. QUT stopping segregation with segregation,"

The post attracted a number of responses, including one from Mr Powell, who wrote: "I wonder where the white

supremacist computer lab is." Mr Thwaites is alleged to

have written "ITT N***ers" but has denied being responsible for the post.

Ms Prior was not in court for the judgment and is said to be facing a six-figure legal bill if the students recoup their legal costs from her. - AAP

WA women back in business



Noongar businesswoman Darinda Cox is preparing for the next IBECC event, in Perth.



THE Indigenous Business. Enterprise and Corporations Conference (IBECC) returns to the University of Western Australia on December 1-2. Darinda Cox and Donna

Kickett are Noongar businesswomen who say women are the agents of change in any economy and, most importantly, in their own families.

Building on the UN Commission's Status of Women Report and Sustainable Development Goals, Ms Cox has taken her 'empowerment' stance to the world, representing Aboriginal Australia on gender equality at the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation's 'Women and the Economy' Forum, in Lima, Peru.

She has also addressed the United Nations in New York city.

Meanwhile in Perth, Ms Kickett is working with local youth nurturing their self-esteem, marketing and business skills through her Indigenous modelling agency Xpressions.

While Indigenous business may be on the increase, like all new business, many still require support in the early stages.

Once every two years, on December 1 and 2, people like Ms Cox and Ms Kickett come together to help, connect and inspire other 'Deadly Sistas' at IBECC.

This year, 120 industry speakers including Deadly Sistas Inspire Change Consulting Group managing director Darinda Cox, Christine Ross Consultancy managing director Christine Ross and Supply Nation chief executive Laura Berry will come together at UWA Business School for the event.



VOLUNTEER GRANTS 2016 INVITATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING

The Australian Government's \$10 million Volunteer Grants initiative is part of its ongoing commitment to supporting volunteers, assisting disadvantaged communities and encouraging social inclusion. Community organisations can now apply for grants of up to \$5000 to support their volunteers.

Application form and guidelines are available at dss.gov.au/grants.

Alternatively, contact the Volunteer Grants Hotline on freecall 1800 020 283.

Applications close Tuesday 20 December 2016 at 2pm

www.dss.gov.au

CLC calls for changes to NT alcohol laws



THE Central Land Council (CLC) says it supports the reintroduction of the Banned **Drinkers Register** (BDR) and has

called for additional support for families affected by the Northern Territory's rate of alcohol consumption.

Meeting at Ross River, east of Alice Springs, CLC delegates called for the Temporary Beat Locations (TBL) policy to be removed, because they believe it is racially discriminatory but accepted that it needs to be phased out.

In their discussion with the People's Alcohol Action Coalition, CLC delegates voiced their expectation that police resources freed up by the abolition of the TBL will be redirected to tackling the illicit alcohol trade.

Devastating

The CLC acknowledged the devastating effects of alcohol on Aboriginal and other families and communities, saying alcoholism is a disease, not a criminal offence, and alcohol policy should treat all people the same and not discriminate.

The CLC called for the TBL to

be phased out, and for police to deal only with alcohol issues, not other offences or warrants on the temporary beat; the BDR to be reintroduced in a way that targets problem drinkers and those with alcohol-related offences; more support and rehabilitation services for individuals and families who are struggling with alcohol; more education for young women and their families about the impact of alcohol and the risk of foetal alcohol spectrum disorder; and greater transparency about and access to the process of seeking a permit or exemption for a dry area.

Smoking ceremony at army base

NSW

LATE last month a smoking ceremony was held along with the unveiling of a

plaque recognising the support provided by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the defence of Australia in time of conflict at Holsworthy Barracks in south-western Sydney.

Organisers of the ceremony Warrant Officer Michael Ali and Jarred Hodges said it was significant, not only for Holsworthy Army Barracks and the Army, but also for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service men and women.

The ceremony also marked the completion of the Moorebank Relocation Project, which moved units from Moorebank, including the School of Military Engineering, to a new base at Holsworthy.

The plaque was unveiled by Aboriginal Elder Stephen Williams and Brigadier Kathryn Campbell.

● Pictured right: With the plaque, from left, Uncle Harry Allie, Uncle Dave Williams, Colonel Brendan Casey, Uncle Charles Mundine and Uncle Stephen Williams.



Calma warns over Abbott elevation



ABORIGINAL leader Tom Calma has told the Federal Government to stop using Indigenous Affairs as a "political football" amid a push to elevate former prime minister Tony Abbott to Northern Territory

senator Nigel Scullion's ministerial portfolio.

Mr Abbott wants the role so he can re-enter Cabinet and heal the rift with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, who deposed him last year, according to his close friend and columnist Catherine McGregor.

Mr Calma, the former Aboriginal social justice commissioner, called on politicians to stop the infighting and get on with the job of bringing the Indigenous community out of disadvantage.

"We should now move away from using Aboriginal Affairs as the political football for ministers to fight their battles," Prof Calma told ABC Radio.

Senator Scullion, who has been heavily criticised for his handling of the NT's Don Dale juvenile detention scandal, has stressed he won't make way for the former Liberal Party leader.

Prof Calma called on Senator Scullion to resign at the time of the Don Dale saga, and said neither he nor Mr Abbott are particularly well equipped for the role.

"They've both got a track record that's not appealing," he said. "If they work together, one from the backbench (and) the other in Cabinet, they could do a lot more to advance Indigenous affairs." – AAP

Health equipment for Mer Island



MER (Murray) Island in the Torres Strait will receive \$30,000 worth of new health equipment. The island's primary healthcare centre offers residents a 24-hour on-call nurse, visiting doctor services and Indigenous health workers.

But the closest hospital to Mer, which sits between Cape York and Papua New Guinea, is 225km away.

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said Queensland Health allocated the funding after she visited the centre during a three-day trip in July and promised upgraded health equipment.

Academic to study Aboriginal English



THE distinct version of English spoken by Aboriginal people will be the subject of a new study.

University of Western Australia linguistics researcher Celeste Rodriguez Louro has received a grant to analyse variations and

changes and understand the rules of the language spoken by Perth-based Aboriginal

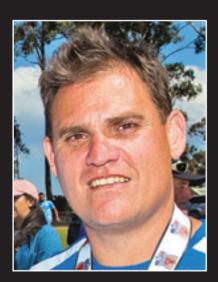
Aboriginal English was spoken throughout Australia and had a distinctive accent, grammar, words, meanings and other features linked to traditional Aboriginal languages, she says.



Danny Eastwood's View



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"The World
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oldest living
culture – that's
our tagline."

– Inaugural National Indigenous Football Championships organiser Lawrence Gilbert

See pages 88-89

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Culture is key to right approach

WO major reports into serious issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were released last week.

Family Matters looks at child protection and the high rates of Indigenous children in care.

And the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project (ATSISPEP) considers what works when it comes to preventing the heartbreaking problem of people taking their own lives.

While both reports provide a grim view of some of the difficulties faced by Indigenous people and communities, they both also provide something else as well: hope.

The similarities are striking.

Put culture and Indigenous people at the heart of preventative programs and they work.

Consult properly with and listen to Indigenous people and communities, because they hold the solutions.

Focus more on prevention and early intervention.

And involve Indigenous people every step of the way, because community embraces what community owns.

The strengths of both of these major reports include that they were driven by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and people who want positive change; they were led by Indigenous research teams and



academics; and they were done in culturally appropriate ways.

The number of Indigenous children being removed from their families is far too high and, as Family Matters points out, is forecast to only increase unless urgent action is taken now.

If governments work in partnership with Indigenous organisations in the ways that both Family Matters and ATSISPEP have recommended, then hopefully, the tide will turn in both of these crucial areas.

Indigenous children – and adults – need that hope.

Abig thanks and shout-out to all the strong Indigenous women who visited Canberra last week for Oxfam Australia's Straight Talk. (See stories, pages 5, 26 and 27.)

These women are truly inspirational and leading change in their communities across the country.

Having the opportunity to meet with female pollies in Canberra and yarn with each other, can only strengthen these already deadly women.

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The Koori Mail is owned by five Aboriginal organisations on Bundjalung country in northern NSW – Kurrachee Cooperative (Coraki), Bunjum Cooperative (Cabbage Tree Island), Nungera Cooperative (Maclean), Buyinbin Cooperative (Casino) and the Bundjalung Tribal Society (Lismore).

A Yarn With...



Maryanne Brown

Gumbanggir and Wailwan woman, NSW

Favourite bush tucker? Smoked wallaby.

Favourite other food? Seafood laksa.

Favourite drink? Ginger beer.

Favourite music?
Rock 'n' Roll.

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What are you watching? On TV, The Walking Dead, Homeland, Grey's Anatomy and Dark Matter.

What do you like in life?
I love my family, my friends, my job and my dog.

What don't you like? Racism, sexism and homophobia. Any unfairness for people.

Who would you most like to meet?

US President Barack Obama.

What is your ultimate goal? To achieve equality and recognition for our people.

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous people?
Make sure we're recognised in Australia's Constitution and create fairness and equality for us on every level.

Reflections

By KEIRA JENKINS

NCE she was a child, Simone Armstrong says she has been fascinated with the natural world, the land and animals.

"I remember when I was young I found all these moths that couldn't fly," the Bundjalung (northern NSW) woman told the Koori Mail.

"Instead of doing normal kid things I spent a lot of time trying to rehabilitate these moths and teach them how to fly.

"I've always been happy learning about the nature of things.

Ms Armstrong is now is her second year of a Bachelor of Veterinary Biology and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Sydney.

Although she's long had a passion for animals, Ms Armstrong said her 'spark moment' came in Year 10 at high school, when she was flicking through university course books and found a degree in veterinary science.

"We were always encouraged at school to find our our strengths and passions," she said.

"I've always loved a challenge. I was flicking through the UAC (university admission) guide when I spotted the course. I hadn't aimed to become a vet but that was an epiphany moment.

"I chose all my subjects for my senior years to match the prerequisites for the course. I didn't want to choose something on a whim and end up hating it.'

Studies

As part of her senior studies, Ms Armstrong completed a TVET (TAFE-delivered Vocational Education and Training) course in animal science, which saw her receive a Certificate II at the end of her schooling.

"I had a bit of a shocking Year 12," she said. "There was a lot of personal stuff going on and my grades slipped. I moved out of home to live independently just before my first HSC exam.

"There was a lot of stuff going on in my life. It was chaos. That really broke down my hopes of going to uni."

Despite her resolve "disintegrating", Ms Armstrong said her passion for animals was what kept pushing her

"I felt the need to prove I could still do it," she said.

"I'd lost a bit of my identity once I realised things were happening out of my control. I only had two more certificates to go until I was a qualified vet nurse.

"I went to the local clinic where we always took our dogs and pushed to get a job there. They were strict about not hiring anyone who wasn't qualified, but I pushed hard and they eventually gave me a temporary trial.



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So Ms Armstrong was out of home, had just finished her HSC and had got her foot in the door in the industry of her dreams.

She worked two jobs to support herself, often giving up social events like birthday

parties and 'schoolies' celebrations to work her factory job from 6am until midday then work the night shift at the vet clinic.

At this point she never thought she'd be able to get into the Bachelor of Veterinary

Biology course, and instead got into a vet science degree, which didn't require such high marks.

She said Sydney University was supportive, and she refused to be discouraged from her dream.

Ms Armstrong said instead of

taking the place in that course, she took a gap year, pushing to achieve the certificates she needed to be a vet nurse within the year.

"There were people who were telling me, 'You can do this," she said.

"I was just trying to work out how to fit all my passions together. I took some time out and went to Sweden. The gap year was about finding myself.

"I worked hard. I'm sure there were a few people who thought I was ballistic, but it was something I had to do for

Now Ms Armstrong said she's doing the degree of her dreams.

"Sometimes I have to pinch myself," she said.

"I wasn't sure I was ever going to get here. But I'm driven and if you ask anyone who knows me they'll say once I'm set on something I'll work until I

"My passion spurs me on." Earlier this year Ms Armstrong visited three remote communities in the Northern Territory to treat animals as part of a program run by Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC).

She said that instead of going into the communities and euthanising dogs, which many vets do, the program sees vets and vet nurses travel to the communities to desex them.

"There's about five dogs to every human in some of those communities," she said.

"Shocked"

"I was actually shocked at the conditions of some of the dogs. There were heaps of ticks but no mange, which was unexpected.

"I work in a high-end clinic in Sydney and I often see mange so it was a surprise how good these dogs looked."

Ms Armstrong's role was to assist the vets with about 70 desexing procedures.

She said that every procedure required consent from the owners.

"If the owners wanted to help with the procedure they scrubbed in too, which was sometimes a bit of a crowd control hazard," she said.

"I connected so well with the kids. They all wanted to help out. It was challenging for me at times because I had to make sure all these dogs were vaccinated, and treated for parasites."

For Ms Armstrong the program was full of long, tiring

She said it was a challenge, but she loved every minute of it.

But she said just as important as treating the animals was educating the community on animal welfare.

"We'd talk about how animals should be treated, then that opened up discussions about life in general," she said.

"Some of the stories just blew me away.'

"I wasn't sure I was ever going to get here. But I'm driven and if you ask anyone who knows me they'll say once I'm set on something I'll work until I get it. My passion spurs me on."

How Tanderrum is reigniting culture

By MANDY NICHOLSON*



WHAT does traditional ceremony mean in the 21st century? Can you reignite an ancient ceremony in the middle of Melbourne? Melbourne has, and it's called Tanderrum.

Tanderrum is a traditional eastern/central Kulin ceremony (south-central Victoria) where the five language groups that form this nation came together for trade, arrangement of marriages, to settle politics and to have a big celebration and feast.

These distinct language groups, which include the Wurundjeri, Boon Wurrung, Taungurung, Dja Dja Wurrung and Wadawurrung, share 80-90% of language and many customs, hence forming their ancient alliance since time immemorial.

Each mob came with gifts and were welcomed to country by the traditional owners. Sadly this ceremony did not occur for more than 160 years, until four years ago!

In 2013, Ilbijerri Theatre Company -Australia's leading and longest-running Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander theatre company – Melbourne Festival and members of the Kulin came together to plan a public performance to open the Melbourne Festival, as it was sadly lacking a large-scale Aboriginal presence in the program. It was a huge success and has been a prominent part of the festival ever since.

Confidence

On a cultural level, everyone can see the cultural confidence and strength that bringing ceremony back does for our communities. Some have never spoken their mother tongue, some have never danced, but now they speak and dance with confidence and stand as strong beacons for Aboriginal Victoria.

It educates non-Indigenous people about the living culture of Victoria that has been swept under the 'educational rug' for way too long, and the fact that Victorian Aboriginal culture, connectedness and spirituality is as strong now as in the past, and will be into the future.

By participating in Tanderrum allows culture to be 'present' in an urban setting, taking it out of the often 'relic' past-tense definition of 'traditional' culture in the city.

Traditional, just like language and culture, adapts over time, but it doesn't change the fact that it is still traditional and will be for many more generations to

This year, participants really stepped it up to include community singers, singing in their respective revival languages, some for the first time, further empowering them.

There are 38 language groups in Victoria, sadly with no fluent speakers of any of them. Tanderrum is one way to bring back our beautiful languages, and what better way than through song.

With more than 100 dancers, many community volunteers, eight community singers and 11 songs, we had our youngest and our oldest participants singing everyone's songs and dancing





A group shot of the Kulin Nation - Wurundjeri, Boon Wurrung, Taungurung, Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung people.

together. With our youngest five years old and our oldest senior Elder in her 80s, we would also gather to create traditional dance attire from our regions. This included emu feather skirts, reed necklaces, possum skin belts, lyrebird feather head pieces, woven arm/leg/head bands, and body markings from our respective areas with ochre and tools/weapons collected from country.

So it isn't just a 'performance', it's a teaching tool for the wellbeing of so many in our communities, as living in an urban environment can suck you culturally dry.

To prevent this from happening, throughout the year we are actively preparing for the next ceremony, be it new song-and-dance creation, collection of cultural materials, or creating new songs that honour our Creation Spirits and country.

We have also enabled the younger

members of our communities to have creative input, which gives them a firm cultural foundation and leadership skills for their future.

The ceremony itself involved each language group singing and dancing to two of their original songs, an entry or welcome dance and one to honour each of their Creation Spirits, which included Balayang the Bat, Goonawarra the Black Swan, Bunjil the Eagle, Porronggitj the Brolga, and Boorrimul the Emu.

Importance

The finale song is a representative work, depicting the Buln Buln (lyrebird). The lyrebird is a very spiritual bird and the song is fitting in its depiction of the importance of ceremony and the spiritual connection we have with our Ancestor Spirits with the powerful words including:

First we hear the Bulk Buln, then we truly listen to him, then we mimic him, then we become him and speak our Ancestors' voices together.

The cultural snowball effect that can be seen is the fact that each community is taking home elements of the ceremony, where they perform at launches and openings in their local areas further raising the awareness of the strength of Victorian Aboriginal culture.

It has been so culturally empowering that each community is planning to have a ceremony on country, away from the spotlight and have it just for us and not for any event, further strengthening our families and communities.

*Wurundjeri woman Mandy Nicholson is a project officer (Woiwurrung language specialist) with the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages.

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YOUR SAY

Send your letters and poems to any of the addresses in the panel on this page.

We can all become whatever we want

I AM an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander woman from the Northern Territory.

My family's origins are from Darwin to Katherine and Alice Springs and the Torres Strait Islands.

I am a single mother of three and I work fulltime with Territory Families (formerly the Department of Children and Families) in the Darwin Arafura office, servicing the Top End remote communities.

I have worked in the NT Government for over 14 years. I have worked for Territory Families for nearly 10 years, and have been to more than 20 Top End and central communities.

I work with and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, advocating and assisting with families who are involved with the welfare system, to build and strengthen communities for our children to grow up strong, happy and healthy in their own homes, in their own communities and within their culture.

In 2014 I began my study journey through VET (Vocational Education and Training) as I wanted more for myself and my children. I completed a Diploma in Child Youth and Family Intervention, where I excelled and gave the graduation speech.

I then completed a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, something I wanted to do because I had recruited and trained foster carers on how to look after our kids so I wanted a qualification for the work that I had put in.

Then for my finale was a dual post Graduate Degree in Community Service Practice; Client Assessment and Case Management and also, Statutory Child Protection.

Completing these studies now enables me to practise in a social work capacity, and beyond.

The reason I completed these



Letter-writer Dawn Ivinson receives her NT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander VET Student of the Year award from East Arnhem Regional Council president Banambi Wunungmurra.

courses is because, as an Indigenous woman, I think it is time we start making better decisions for our children and families, empower our people to build strong families and communities, and keep children with their families so they don't lose their self-identity and family.

This year I nominated for the NT Training Awards, as my mentor Alma Hanna, an Indigenous woman in the department who assists a lot of us

to develop our careers, suggested because I worked so hard.

And I won the category of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander VET Student of the Year, at the training awards on September 10.

I left feeling very proud, empowered, inspired and passionate about what my future holds. It felt so good having my achievements acknowledged.

I was never someone who was handed things on a silver platter. I

have worked hard for everything that I have.

I'm a single mum and have worked fulltime throughout my studies, usually studying late at night after my duties as a mum are complete for the day.

It is something that I wanted to achieve and to show my children that they can be anything they want to if they put their mind to it.

I've been through a lot of the issues and challenges that Indigenous people face, and I have been knocked down many times, but I decided that the harder I fell, the stronger I would be getting back up.

So I want to tell other people my story. About how it doesn't matter who you are, where you come from, how old you are or what your background is, you can become whatever you want to be.

Higher education just wasn't for me, so I started with a VET Course. These range from a Certificate I level to a Graduate Certificate.

I feel very strongly about education and training and I now want to inspire others to take the journey. There are lots of funded courses out there and many VET trainers who are willing to go that extra mile to get you through.

On November 17, tomorrow, I will be attending the Australian Training Awards in Darwin. I will be representing the NT, Indigenous people, students, trainers and the training industry. I hope to take out the overall title of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander VET Student of the Year.

I wanted my story to reach all the way to Alice Springs in the Northern Territory because often Alice Springs is forgotten about, but I want to represent us all.

And I want to win the Australian title for us all.

DAWN IVINSON Darwin, NT

POETRY

The Future

The future belongs to those who know who they are So it's said I pretend I know who I am But I don't Not really Which world do I claim Whose culture is the dominant In me?

Alas I now know
I belong to neither
I am caught in an in-between
place
And there are others here
with me
Tell the old people to sing

the ancient songs
Strong and loud
To find our way back
Tell them not to stop
Till we arrive

Then we can dance together Accompanied by the didgeridoo And clap sticks.

BRUCE DOCKER Brisbane, Qld

No Different To The First Fleet

Leave The Black Man Alone And Get Off Your High Horse In The Police Force Power Belongs To God But You've Abused It All Your Days

You Always Say You Haven't But You Are Living In A Daze You Love To Be In Control Because You Are Very Weak Insecure And Paranoid And It's So Obvious When You Speak

You Look For People To Abuse

So You Can Feel Real Tough You Hunt The Aboriginals When They Are Out Of Puff You're No Different To The First Fleet Who Murdered Our

Ancestors
The Same Attitude You

Possess
As Like Animals We've Been

Captured Now Be Careful What You

And How You Treat The Innocent As One Day, It Will All Backfire

And That Time Could Be Very Imminent.

Abi DRabi Sydney, NSW

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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Focus on the fundamentals

HE recently announced Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) review into Indigenous incarceration follows a long line of reviews. The NT Royal Commission has more than 50 of them tabled before it, prompting Lowitja Institute chair Pat Anderson to remark, "That's all this country does, is talk about blackfellas."

A lot of work has been done studying and analysing Indigenous incarceration data, including the extent to which discrimination plays a part. If the ALRC review is to meaningfully add to what we already know, the terms of reference must be well thought through.

The disparity in Indigenous incarceration rates overwhelmingly comes down to two things - violence and reoffending.

More than 57% of Indigenous prisoners are incarcerated for violent offences (being acts intended to cause injury, homicide, sexual assault, abduction and robbery/extortion). Only 2.6% of Indigenous prisoners are incarcerated for traffic offences; less than 1% for public order offences.

Indigenous people make up 3% of the population but 43% of those incarcerated for acts intended to cause injury, and 18% of those incarcerated for homicides and sexual assault. Indigenous people are also disproportionately victims of homicide and violent offences

Family and community violence

play a big part. Data from the Australian Institute of Criminology's National Homicide Monitoring Program between 1989-2012 found 67% of the Indigenous homicides were classified as domestic homicides compared to 26% of non-Indigenous homicides. It also found 70% of Indigenous homicides involved alcohol (compared to only 22% for non-Indigenous homicides), despite drinking rates among Indigenous Australians overall being no greater than for other Australians and despite a higher proportion of Indigenous people being nondrinkers. Those who do drink are more likely to drink harmful amounts.

Family and community violence thrives in socio-economic disadvantage and its bedfellows social dysfunction, alcohol abuse, unemployment and sit-down money. Former Queensland Premier Peter Beattie summed it up very succinctly on Sky News recently, saying: "Putting people in jail is the result of dislocation, kids not going to school, alcohol abuse, and all the other problems, social dislocation in Indigenous families, not having jobs. ... So if you want to keep people out of jail you've go to the root cause. That's where you tackle it - right at

Spot on.

The second factor in disproportionate Indigenous rates is reoffending. Of the 2015 prison



Nyunggai Warren Mundine

prisoners had a prior sentence compared to 50% of non-Indigenous prisoners. Prior offences make prison sentences more likely and more severe.

There are known factors indicating whether someone is likely to reoffend. One is having accommodation post-release; if not secured within 48 hours, reoffending is likely. Others are getting drug, alcohol and mental health issues under control. Another critical factor is the offender not reconnecting with the same networks of friends and associates post release.

Changing your network can be very difficult if you come from a small community or a close-knit kinship group and this is a particular challenge for Indigenous offenders from regional and remote areas.

However, it has to be addressed or Indigenous people will continue to reoffend and be incarcerated disproportionately.

Comprehensive and targeted rehabilitation is the only way to tackle reoffending, for Indigenous and non-Indigenous offenders alike. It needs to start as soon as a person walks in the gates of detention, even if they're on remand.

It's not uncommon for someone to be released on or soon after conviction if they've been on remand for some time, as this counts as time served. If rehabilitation programs only start after conviction, some offenders never receive assistance.

Rehabilitation should include getting people work-ready and helping them secure a job on release. The best programs work with willing employers and enable the employer and offender to get to know each other before release

Finally, governments and commentators must move past the narrative that Indigenous offenders are victims of racism, colonisation and intergenerational trauma; that they deserve pity rather than the consequences of their actions. This narrative is paralysing. It doesn't help offenders and it doesn't produce good policy. Psychological damage must be a focus of rehabilitation; not an excuse not to rehabilitate.

The data tells us another important fact. In 2015 there were 9885 Indigenous prisoners out of more than 600,000 Indigenous Australians. The vast majority of Indigenous people aren't in jail. Yet all Indigenous Australians are colonised peoples; all are descended from persecuted people; most have personally experienced racism and disadvantage. History doesn't program us to be criminal.

Setting targets for closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous incarceration rates (justice targets) misses the point. Governments could close the gap tomorrow by simply decriminalising violent offences or releasing all Indigenous prisoners. That would be absurd and wouldn't help.

Incarceration rates are a symptom of more fundamental problems. It's these we must focus on. The rest will follow.

 Nyunggai Warren Mundine chairs the Yaabubiin Institute of Disruptive Thinking and the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory

Privilege and oppression

ITH the US election now decided and Donald Trump the president-elect, it's interesting watching the shock and amazement that this could have happened. I read an article last week that provided some insight, 'Behind 2016's turmoil, a crisis of white identity' by Amanda Taub, in The New York Times. It highlighted the rise of white supremacists across the globe under the veil of conservative nationalism.

Taub claims white anxiety has fuelled 2016's political turmoil in the West, referencing Britain's exit from the European Union, Trump's Republican presidential nomination and the rise of right-wing nationalism in Norway, Hungary, Austria, Germany and Greece.

Michael Ignatieff, a former Liberal Party leader in Canada, said that in the West, "what defined the political community" for many years "was the unstated premise that it was white".

The rejection of racial discrimination has, by extension. created a new, broader international community. The United States has had its first black president, London a Muslim lord mayor and Melbourne a Chinese lord mayor.

But rather than advancement. many whites feel a painful loss and it is here we are seeing the rise of Donald Trump.

Across the West we see hate against Muslims, refugees and ethnic minorities, with the racist catch cries, 'I want my country back', 'we are full', 'Australia for Australians', and 'Let's make America great again'.

Lecturer and author Robin DiAngelo calls this movement "white fragility", the stress white people feel in trying to understand they are not

special and are just another race like any other.

White fragility leads to feelings of insecurity, defensiveness, even threat. It creates a backlash against those perceived as 'other'.

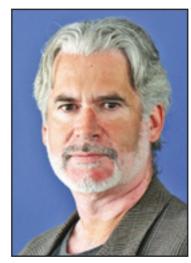
One example is terrorism seen as an act of people of colour never perpetrated by white people.

Remember the mass murder in the US city of Charleston, where a white man killed nine black people in a church, seen to be motivated by depression, alienation and mental illness - not terrorism.

In Brisbane, again depression was cited as the cause when an Indian bus driver, Manmeet Alisher, 29, was burned alive by a white man and Queensland Police and media were quick to suggest, one, the attack was not terrorism and, two. not racially motivated. Could you imagine if it was a man of colour killing a white man on public

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi even called Australia's PM Malcolm Turnbull to express "concern felt in India" over Mr Alisher's death, in light of the racially-motivated attacks on Indian students in Australia. But again these attacks were also denied as being racially motivated.

Consider the task force established in Kalgoorlie following the tragic death of Aboriginal teenager Elijah Doughty, run over by a 55-year-old white man. The task force is focusing on 30 'at-risk families' rather than a culture of racism and hate including websites that Debbie Carmody from the Tjuma Pulka Media Aboriginal Corporation says "incite violence, and murder towards Wongatha youth, and literally tell people



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to go out and kill".

WA Premier Colin Barnett said "a new safe house would likely offer young children somewhere to go to late at night if their parents aren't around or they're not capable at the time". The undercurrent of racism within the comment takes attention away from the original alleged crime – an Aboriginal teenager killed by a white man - and suggests problems associated with Aboriginal families instead.

Kalgoorlie Mayor John Bowler went as far to say "social problems" in his town "begin with Aboriginal parents", while claiming that each generation of Aboriginal people is "worse than the one before".

Kalgoorlie is home of the biggest open pit mine in Australia, where its

website proudly claims it denotes \$460 million to the local community each year.

So why are our people not benefiting from such support? The local golf club, where the mayor is a member, just had a \$10 million renovation approved by the local council. As stated by co-head of the Royal Commission into the Detention of Children in the NT, Mick Gooda, such mining towns do nothing to lift the quality of life of our people, instead only establishing Aboriginal fringe communities out of town.

It's the same in Port Hedland, Australia's largest distribution centre for iron ore, where in March 2016 a record of 39.6 million tons was exported. Port Hedland boasts \$1 million bungalows and apartment blocks, but in South Hedland, where Ms Dhu infamously died in custody, our people continue to live in poverty.

Rather than identify the problems, columnists like News Ltd's Andrew Bolt maintain their white privilege over black oppression.

Only recently in his blog for the Herald Sun, Bolt published "How activists use Aborigines to censor debate", where the blog stated the Human Rights Commission was "disgraceful" and the Racial Discrimination Act as "sinister", when writing about the Bill Leak's racist cartoon. The blog went on to add "that so many journalists are on the side of the censors, attacking the free speech they should be defending to the death".

The anger against "censorship" by the white privileged is explained by Amanda Taub, who writes "... for many Western Whites, opportunities for reaching the top of the hill seem

unattainable. So their identity, their whiteness, feels under threat and more important than ever."

In other words if you were supported for the majority of your life in a world that reinforced whiteness, settlement and colonisation of great white pioneers over invasion and genocide, whites as superior and blacks inferior in need of civilisation – rather than embrace a deconstruction of the truth - you become fearful

And because the foundations of your identity were based on denial and non-truths rather than acceptance, you fear this "truth" will destroy or diminish an identity you cherish. And because you have no understanding of a world beyond Whiteness, you have no culturally acceptable way to articulate what you perceive as a crisis.

In watching the destruction of Syria, Palestine, Lebanon, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and other 'third world' nations of colour around the world at the hands of white developed countries, the days of thinking of domestic terrorism as the work of a few Klansmen or belligerent skinheads are over.

I want to end with a reference from Morris Dee and J Richard Cohen, also published in *The New* York Times, taken from their article 'White supremacists without borders", published in 2015. "We know Islamic terrorists are thinking globally, and we confront that threat. We've been too slow to realise that white supremacists are doing the same.

They are just better organised, resourced and firmly embedded into our institutions and structures.

 Dr Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail columnist.

Bozza rapt over his music award



AN unsigned Indigenous hip-hop artist has been named best urban artist at the Australian Independent Music Awards for his song

about suicide. Brenden Boslem – known as Bozza – comes from the small town of Cardwell in far north Queensland and started on his music journey in 2010.

After losing both grandparents, Bozza recorded his first demo *It's a* Hard Life

Even though after recording that tune Bozza knew music was what he wanted to do as a career, he decided to put his journey on hold in 2013 to provide for his family, as he was expecting his first child, a baby girl.

For the past three years he has been juggling his music and a day job, working on his six-track album *Black & Deadly*, which was recorded with assistance from KDM (Kuranda Digital Media) at the Kuranda Amphitheatre.

Last month, Bozza entered his song Suicide Letter in the Australian Independent Music Awards, and was over the moon when it made it into the top five urban songs.

"I was shocked when I saw my name and they said I'd won," he said. "When I walked up on stage to accept my award, I had jelly knees.

"I was inspired to write the song because I know a lot of people who struggle. "I've been personally depressed, had suicidal thoughts and found it hard to talk about because of the whole shame thing.

"So I thought I'd write a song about it, because people might relate and then when it was all pieced together, it turned out to be an amazing song."

Bozza is now working hard to promote his album in the music industry, hoping to get more opportunities to progress further in his music career.

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



Perth's 100 deadly days

By KEIRA JENKINS



FOR 100 days Indigenous people in the Perth community are being recognised for their achievements as part of a Facebook Project. Miss NAIDOC Perth

Shelley Cable and program manager Mikayla King were inspired to start 100 Days of Deadly Mob by the Humans of New York blog.

Ms Cable, a Noongar woman, said the project aims to share the good news stories of the Indigenous mob in Perth.

"We thought it was about time to celebrate the people who don't usually get recognised for their hard work," she told the Koori Mail.

Ms Cable had the idea while competing in Miss NAIDOC earlier this year.

"We got to learn from a lot of role models," she said.

"I was meeting these people and thinking, 'How come I've never heard of them before?' There are so many people doing great things out there and no one hears of them."

The page has more than 2000 'likes', which Ms Cable said blew her away.

"People needed it"

"I really think people needed it," she said. "It started the day after the riots in Kalgoorlie and I think the community needed a reminder of what we're really about, instead of seeing all those violent images in the media.

"We're surprised at how much of a hit it's been."

The plan was for just 100 days, but Ms Cable said, depending on what the community wants, there may be further days of deadly to come.

"We're holding an event next year to celebrate the 100 deadly mob we've showcased," she said.

"It'll be a real feel-good event to get all the mob in one room. We're also thinking about turning it into a coffee table book with all the pictures and stories from the page.

"We might do specific days of deadly too, like a 50 days of deadly business mob for people doing well in business, or maybe 50 days of deadly community mob for people doing good in the community.

"It just depends on what the community wants. Mikayla and I both work fulltime, so it's hard work. We're looking forward to finishing, but we've also loved doing it."



Shelley Cable and Mikayla King are the people behind 100 Days of Deadly in Perth.



Aunty Sheila Humphries is just one of the Indigenous people featured on the 100 Days of Deadly Mob page.

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The Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation invites any person that claims **Bunurong/BoonWurrung descent** to comment on our community's upcoming Registered Aboriginal Party Application.

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Meeting will be at **10am on the 19/11/16** at Daveys Hotel, 510 Nepean Hwy Frankston VIC.

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Telstra plans to upgrade a telecommunications facility at 129 Papulankutja Road East, Papulankutja WA 0872

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- Further information can be obtained from Isaac Scheer, Graduate Town Planner on behalf of Telstra, 1300 745 210, Isaac.scheer@visionstream.com.au and at www.rfnsa.com.au/6440016

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Indigenous women at Oxfam's



Program inspires leaders of tomorrow

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IT'S a long road between looking at a poster of the United Nations on a Queensland bedroom wall and the world

stage. But that was the journey of Aboriginal lawyer Megan Davis to become chair of the UN Forum on Indiaenous Issues.

And it was the inspiration Foreign Affairs Minister Julie Bishop held up to 80 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women attending Oxfam's Straight Talk leadership summit in Canberra.

Prof Davis became obsessed with the UN as a youngster thanks to her mother's foresight to buy her copies of Time magazine, despite the financial difficulties of being on a single parent's pension.

Ms Bishop reflected on the importance of role models during her address. "It's hard to be what you cannot see," she said.

"We can take great pride in the fact there are Indigenous Australian women shaping the debate on global issues in global forums."

Mother-of-six Lisa Lui, from Mer (Murray) Island in the Torres Strait, said being involved in the leadership program had given her enormous courage.



Minister Julie Bishop.

"I didn't know the potential I had in me," she said.

Ms Lui's focus is on improving education levels of young people in her community and helping them to find a sense of identity in their culture while at the same time carving a path in the modern world.

She beamed with pride as she talked about her teenage sons who are doing a traineeship in banking and a carpentry apprenticeship.

"When I was their age, I had no mentor in the community. I didn't know right from wrong," she said. – AAP



Straight Talk delegates and staff in Parliament House, Canberra.



Oxfam Australia executive director Dr Helen Szoke, Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion's chief of staff Kerrie Tim, Ngambri Elder Aunty Matilda House and lead Straight Talk facilitator Michelle Deshong attend the closing dinner.



Keisha Miller, Kimberly Wanganeen, Becky Matthews and Jody Lynch, all from South Australia.



Straight Talk summit in Canberra



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women gather on the forecourt of Parliament House, Canberra, during Oxfam's Straight Talk leadership summit.



Vonda Malone, the first female Mayor of the Torres Shire Council, enjoys the summit.



Jody Lynch, Cherisse Buzzacott and Josephine Douglas.



Straight Talk National program lead Wamba Wamba/Yorta Yorta woman Ngarra Murray with Ngunnawal Elder Aunty Violet Sheridan who welcomed delegates to country.



Committee table in Parliament House.



During the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) hosting of the summit, Yolngu women Mayatili Marika, Helen Miliminydjarrk, Gaylene Gurruwiwi and Susan Hume look through their old community newsletters stored with Rita Metzenrath, of AIATSIS.



Gamilaroi woman and journalist Brooke Boney is the dinner MC.



Cheryl Penrith from Wagga Wagga, NSW.



Trailblazers' panel members: from left, Nova Peris, Dr Mera Lee-Penehira and Elsie Seriat.



Greens senator Rachel Siewert attended.

Nurses show solidarity

By KEIRA JENKINS



INDIGENOUS experts from around the world visited Melbourne this month for the Congress of

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) annual conference.

Representatives from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United States and Finland spoke about improving representation of Indigenous voices in nursing and midwifery.

CATSINaM chief executive Janine Mohamed said the conference was an opportunity for Indigenous people to share knowledge.

"You'd think at a gathering like this we'd be speaking clinically, but we weren't," she told the Koori Mail.

"We talked about things like how to recruit and keep nurses and midwives in the industry. We talked about what is unique for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses.

"Our practice is philosophically different to Western medicine. We talked about decolonising the institutions and recognising traditional knowledge because that's something we can learn from."

Ms Mohamed said the conference delegates also signed an international



Dulcie Flower, Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINAM) chief executive Janine Mohamed and Danielle Dries at the CATSINAM conference.

commitment to Indigenous nurses

"It's about coming together and trading our strengths," she

"It's about solidarity. It's about learning how to work together to improve the international health outcomes and global identity of Indigenous people.

You don't really see Indigenous nurses on the international stage. There is no voice for Indigenous people and

there are decisions made on our behalf.

"We will be stronger if we work together. As far as we can gather there has been very little Indigenous representation in international nursing bodies.'

Another outcome of the conference was the launch of a CATSINaM, Australian College of Midwives, University of Queensland and University of Sydney partnership, under which

Aboriginal women will birth on country. The Birthing on Country program, which aims to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers and babies the best start to life, was launched at the conference.

The program will include traditional practices, connection to land and empower the voices of Indigenous women.

Pharmaceutical company Merck Sharp and Dohme gave the program a \$650,000 grant on top of the \$900,000 already

Ms Mohamed said the program will help Aboriginal women, especially from remote communities, who may need to travel far away from home to give birth.

"This will see culturally appropriate centres become available in communities," she

"A project like this acts on a culturally safe nursing framework and it highlights that giving birth on country is the best start to life as well as letting Aboriginal women know that their choices

"It'll also open opportunities for Indigenous workers in nursing and midwifery."

Australian College of Midwives chief executive Ann Kinnear said she also hopes the program will result in an increase in the number of Indigenous midwives.

"The key to this program is that it's developed by Aboriginal people for Aboriginal people in a way that makes people feel safe and respected when they come into it." she said.

"This is the first step to getting better outcomes for Indigenous people. It's extremely important for programs to be culturally appropriate.

"The baby will be be better for it, the mums will feel safer, and women will have a say in their

Hunter **PRIMARYCARE**

Hunter Primary Care Indigenous Nurse Practitioner Scholarships are now open

Hunter Primary Care has created two new scholarships specifically designed to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Registered Nurses to undertake training to become

The aim of the scholarships is to improve the health of Aboriginal people in the Hunter rural region by increasing the skilled Indigenous health practitioner workforce

The scholarships will cover 90% of the course fees to undertake the training to be a Nurse Practitioner – which requires undertaking a postgraduate Masters of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) at University.

For information on the scholarships, Application Form and Terms and Conditions please visit www.hunterprimarycare.com.au or call us on 4925 2259.

First round applications close -

Wednesday 7 December 2016 at 5pm

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Australian Government

Department of Health

Apply Now to Become a Health Care Home

The establishment of Health Care Homes is a key Australian Government initiative to reform the primary health care system.

Applications are being sought from general practices and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to become part of the first stage of this initiative.

Ten Primary Health Network (PHN) regions have been selected to participate in the first stage of implementation: Perth North; Northern Territory; Adelaide; Country South Australia; Brisbane North; Western Sydney; Nepean Blue Mountains; Hunter, New England and Central Coast; South Eastern Melbourne;

To apply a general practice or Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service must:

- · be located in one of the ten PHN regions and
- meet the eligibility and assessment criteria set out in the application form and guidelines.

Applications close Thursday 15 December 2016.

For a copy of the Health Care Homes Grant Guidelines and Application Form, go to Tenders and Grants at www.health.gov.au The Department of Health will be hosting a webinar to assist those applying to become a Health Care Home.

More information about the webinar and the implementation of Health Care Homes, including an information booklet, can be found at www.health.gov.au/healthcarehomes

'People Mechanic' opens **Healing Hub in the Hunter**

By NATALIE CROMB



GAMILARAAY cultural healer Brian Dowd, known as 'The People Mechanic', has opened the first cultural healing

centre in Newcastle, named 'Healing Hub in the Hunter'.

It has been a long road for Mr Dowd. He says growing up as a young Aboriginal man in Coonabarabran, rural NSW, during the 1970s and 80s was no easy task. There were many issues including alcohol, drugs, gambling, transgenerational trauma causing violence and racism in the education system, police and the community generally.

Mr Dowd said he experienced racism that destroyed his confidence and he turned to alcohol, gambling and, often, fighting and brawling.

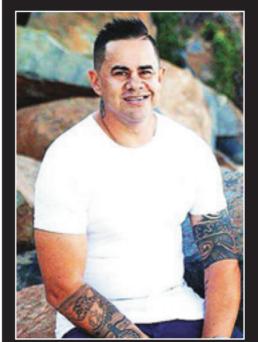
Despite his mistakes, he was given the opportunity at 23 to move to Newcastle and have a run with the Newcastle Knights rugby league team, but soon his self-destructive behaviour dashed his hopes of a professional football career.

Mr Dowd is candid about his past, saying that it helped to shape him now.

"I was at a point where I just wanted to end it all," he said. "I was looking for a

"End all this pain and suffering that I was going through, because I just didn't have an avenue to let this out or release it.

"I nearly did end it, and would have if it wasn't for my mum, who mysteriously gave me a call just before I was about to



"Anyone can come and have a yarn and take the first step to getting in control of their lives and be given the tools to rebuild their lives step by step."

– Brian Dowd

do what I was about to do, and asked me if everything was all right."

Mr Dowd now speaks of deep learning from his own life experiences and his path to recovery, which he uses to help others.

He created the Healing Hub in the Hunter to have a space for anyone who is feeling down and out. "Anyone can come and have a yarn and take the first step to getting in control of their lives and be given the tools to rebuild their lives step by step," he said.

The Healing Hub is open to all who

feel they need help spiritually and culturally. More information at www.briandowd.com.au

Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline 13 11 14 or Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467 or Kids Helpline (young people aged 5-25) 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.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au

25 important years for Murri Watch



Penny Parker with Carleen and June Franks in Brisbane.



Nancy Bamaga, Rosita Collins and Tessa Bulsey attend the anniversary celebration.

Celebration for a vital QId service

By KEIRA JENKINS



THE Aboriginal and Islander Community School hall filled with people from across

Queensland at celebrations this month to mark the 25th anniversary of Murri

Murri Watch, which began as a result of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody in the 1990s, provides programs for people held in watch-houses and detention centres and for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

While the service was initiated for sombre reasons, former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said



Former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda.

the 25th anniversary was cause for celebration.

"We have to remember it's things like Murri Watch that make us better Australians," he

"We need to remember that this has not been all doom and gloom. There are good people doing good things out there."

Mr Gooda said Murri Watch members should be proud of what they have achieved.

"Our voices have to count,"

"Everyone wants to have a say, and when governments listen to Aboriginal voices things get better for us.

"While we're being kept out nothing will change. We're getting tired, but of course we're going to keep going back and fighting for our people.'

Murri Watch chairperson Fred Coolwell, former chairperson Sam Watson and Queensland Deputy Premier Jackie Trad also spoke at the celebration.

Mr Coolwell said it was great to see so many people coming out to celebrate the achievements of Murri Watch, and not focusing on the



Former Murri Watch chairperson Sam Watson (standing) with former workers Maree Link, Wally Blackman and Mabel Hopkins.





Aunty Jean Phillips says a prayer before the celebration dinner.

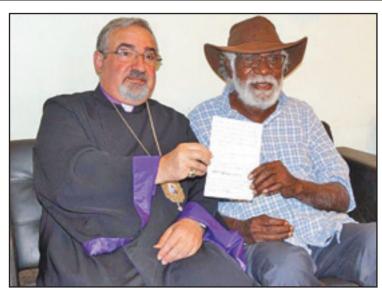


Natalie Lewis and Karina Hemaway.



Charlottee Mairu and Janelle Gough came from Townsville.

Armenian bishop visits Lajamanu



Armenian bishop Haigazoun Najarian and Warlpiri Elder Pastor Jerry Jangala Patrick.



BISHOP Haigazoun Najarian and Deacon Nishan Basmajian, from the Armenian Apostolic Church of the Holy Ressurrection in

Chatswood, Sydney, conducted a special service at Lajamanu's remote Community Baptist Church last month.

The service was organised by Australian Catholic University researchers Judith Crispin and Drew Baker.

Bishop Najarian presented the church at Lajamanu, in the Northern Territory, with two ornately engraved Armenian 'khachkars', or cross-stones, as a symbol of friendship between the Aboriginal congregation and his own church in Sydney.

A traditional Armenian 'blessing of the khachkars' was performed in the church before Aboriginal Elders, visitors, children and community dogs.

The bishop spoke about the similar difficulties faced by both communities, Warlpiri and Armenian, who had both faced massacres and who had fought for the survival of their cultures.

The two khachkars were received on behalf of the Lajamanu Baptist church by Warlpiri Elder Pastor Jerry Jangala Patrick.

Following the church service, a mutual statement was agreed upon and signed by Pastor Partrick and Bishop Najarian, who included his new Warlpiri skinname 'Jangala' in his official

The mutual statement acknowledged massacres against Australian Indigenous people and the 1916 genocide of Armenians and stated the solidarity between those people.

Copies of the statement have been lodged in the Armenian Apostolic Church of the Holy Ressurrection in Chatswood, Sydney, and in the Adult Learning Centre at Lajamanu.

The signatories said the statement signals the beginning of an "extraordinary friendship" between Armenian and Warlpiri communities.

Further visits between the two communities have been arranged, with Elders planning to attend the Armenian church in Sydney in December, and an Armenian visit to Lajamanu planned for January.



Communications Officer

- 4 ABORIGINAL TARGETED POSITIONS
- Sydney Radio Operations Centre, Surry Hills
- Operational Communications and Information Command
- Permanent Part-Time (17.5 hours per week)
- I Work for NSW Requisition: 00004VIQ

Salary Package: \$74,208. Salary: \$54,429 - trainee, then \$57,015 - \$67,248. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading, plus shift allowances for rotational seven days, to an average of 17.5 hours per week over a nominated roster period. Part-time salaries are paid at the pro-rata rate.

Job Description:

Providing radio support to police, the Communications Officer is responsible for tasking and coordinating activities of police vehicles responding to incidents. The Communications Officer also processes urgent and non-urgent telephone calls providing timely information to operational police to enable appropriate action to be taken.

Job Notes:

- Applicants must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- All applicants who are short-listed from the application stage will be required to undergo a range of computer testing conducted by the NSW Police Force Radio Operations Group including typing speed (a minimum of 35 words per minute with 98% accuracy), data entry, comprehension, short-term memory, etc. Only applicants who rank highest in this process will proceed to the interview stage.
- Initial entry requires undertaking the Training Program. This is a twelve (12) week full-time course, which will be run at the Sydney Radio Operations Centre, commencing on Monday 30 January 2017. All trainees must successfully complete this Training Program and probation period in order to retain their appointment.
- Once the full-time training program has been successfully completed, this position is part-time, working an average of 17.5 hours per week over a nominated roster period. Salary will be paid at the pro-rata rate.
- This position is classified as a shift worker in accordance with clause 3.58 of the Crown Employees (NSW Police Force Administrative Officer and Temporary Employees) Award 2009. Shift penalties are paid as appropriate in accordance with clause 89.1
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement. It is also a requirement to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed.
- For assistance in completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check or Security Clearance, please contact the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257 or (02) 8835 9093 or hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications Close: Sunday 27 November 2016

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Senior Sergeant Bernard Sloane on (02) 9285 3807.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00004VIQ



College in the spotlight



A QUEENSLAND mother was cleaning her house when she received a phone call: "Mum, I have been raped.

It was March 2006 and her 14-year-old daughter had recently started at Shalom Christian College, a boarding school in Townsville for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Sitting in the witness box at the child sex abuse royal commission in Sydney, both mother and father

"Don't worry bub, I'll be there soon," the mother said, remembering her response on the phone that day.

The girl was sexually assaulted at night on school grounds by a gang of four males, the commission

All four had boarded at the school, but two were no longer students, and one of them had a criminal record as a sex offender, the parents said.

They travelled to Townsville as quickly as they could but were disappointed to find that Shalom had not looked after their daughter's interests medically, psychologically or legally, the commission heard.

Then-principal Christopher Shirley told them there were rumours their daughter had been behaving promiscuously and was looking for a boyfriend, the commission heard.

"I said, 'Look here, this is not my daughter's fault," the mother said.

Mr Shirley asked the parents if they were sure they wanted to report the assault to police because the four males responsible were from "well known and

influential families", they said. "I was gobsmacked," the

father said. Their meeting with Mr Shirley gave them the impression his

priority was protecting the school. "He was also treating us like we were dumb black people," the

mother said. The parents were also shocked to discover that in the days following their daughter's disclosure to the school that she was assaulted, it sent her to another

However, school counsellor Amy Bridson told the commission this move was out of concern for the girl's safety.

campus designed for misbehaving

Ms Bridson also said the school wanted to report the incident to police before the parents arrived but that they had asked for it to be delayed until their arrival.

Problems

The commission heard that several staff at Shalom were aware of problems a month earlier that were never reported to the parents.

A boarding staff member was aware of the girl being the victim of a sexual assault in February and two teachers knew she did not feel safe at the school.

The parents criticised the school for its policies, which they believe have not only let their daughter down, but other students too.

The March 2006 sexual assault took six years to go through the

The four males responsible were acquitted of rape and convicted of the lesser charge of indecent treatment of a child under 16, however the convictions were not recorded. - AAP

WA CAPS students win science award



Cassiopeia Middleton receives a Science Talent Search award for innovation from Scitech chief executive Alan Brien in Perth.



Christian Aboriginal Parent-directed School (CAPS) in Coolgardie, Western Australia, who used

from the

science to demonstrate how a high quality bio-diesel alternative could be produced from a readily available raw source have won an award in the statewide Science Talent Search competition.

Sponsored by the Science Teachers Association of WA (STAWA), the awards aim to promote science teaching and learning through creative project work.

The Year 9 and Year 11 CAPS students involved in the project spent many months considering the scale of the

challenges facing the earth in 2016 and beyond.

Year 9 student Cassiopeia Middleton said the project had involved thinking about creative solutions to global warming.

"Imagine if our experiment was to change the way we look at creating bio-diesel alternatives from the readily available raw sources of waste produced from the slaughter of animals for human consumption," she said.

"The whole class got involved. We wanted to know how it would turn out and now, to see the result and win the competition is amazing.'

CAPS science teacher Allan Alipio said the student science talent search and the investigation had thoroughly

engaged the students, who could see the benefits of their experiment as a way of looking at problems and applying science to determine possibilities.

"This experiment has opened the eyes of the students, not only those who are keen on science, but others too, who were able to see the results emerging through enquiry, which made them more interested," he

CAPS director Rowena Leslie said the win added to the confidence and capabilities

"Our students are exposed to a wide range of experiences but there is nothing like this type of acknowledgement to fire up a natural enthusiasm for learning," she said.

Redress scheme to start



THE Federal Government has announced a redress scheme for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse.

Attorney-General George **Brandis and Social Services** Minister Christian Porter said the Government has acknowledged survivors of child sexual abuse across the country need a redress scheme that is accessible and sensitive to their experiences.

They are inviting state governments and institutions to opt into the Commonwealth scheme on the 'responsible entity pays basis recommended by the child abuse royal commission.

The Government says the scheme is expected to be established by 2018 and will include options to receive psychological counselling and a monetary payment with a maximum payment of \$150,000.

Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) chief executive Muriel Bamblett says she welcomes and supports the announcement and encouraged all state and territory governments, church and charitable entities to opt into the scheme.

"Throughout our history Aboriginal children have been abandoned and betrayed by many government and non-government institutions including churches and charities," she said.

"And whilst VACCA acknowledges that redress, including monetary compensation, may not be considered as delivering 'justice' to all survivors, we welcome a redress scheme that provides a less painful process for survivors regardless of the location or type of institution in which they were abused.'

Prof Bamblett said VACCA hopes Commonwealth and state governments continue to take strong action in responding to the royal commission and its recommendations and will work closely with the community to prevent child sexual abuse and protect children now and into the future.

The Federal Government has also announced the establishment of an independent advisory council that brings together a group of specialists, including survivor groups, legal and psychological experts, to provide advice on the implementation of the scheme.

"Advisory council"

"The advisory council must include Aboriginal representation to ensure the scheme is culturally appropriate and culturally safe," Prof Bamblett said.

"It is now 20 years since the announcement of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their families and the subsequent Bringing Them Home Report.

"Survivors have waited too long to see a functioning redress scheme and it's critical that this scheme gets it right for Aboriginal victims and survivors."



Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

- Orana Local Area Command, Dubbo
- Clerk Grade 3/4 Permanent Full-Time
- I Work for NSW Requisition Number: 00004VIZ

Salary Package: \$81,256. Salary: \$67,248 - \$73,635. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to Police in the management of local Aboriginal issues. They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen cooperation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

Job Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Part 6, Clause 23 of the Government Sector Employment Rules 2014.
- This position is 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/shift allowances.
- Applicants must include/attach date and place of birth, drivers licence number and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to criminal record, probity and prior employment checks.
- The position is subject to the terms of the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998. Under the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history)
- It is a requirement to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/
- A Working with Children Check (WWCC) is a prerequisite for this position. The applicant is responsible for applying his or her own WWCC (an employer cannot apply on behalf of a worker) and if the outcome is a clearance, the Check is valid for five years and may be used for any child-related work in NSW. You can apply for your Working with Children Check here:
- www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check For assistance in completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check or Security Clearance, please contact the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257 or (02) 8835 9093 or hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications Close: Sunday 27 November 2016

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Inspector Daniel Skelly - Duty Officer on (02) 6883 1550.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00004VIZ

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Amata students rule in **APY Lands cook-off**



AMATA School's kitchen operations students have shown they have what it takes to prepare restaurant quality meals in

winning the first TAFE SA My Kitchen Rules-style Anangu Schools Cook-Off in the APY Lands

Winning Amata team members Kylie Dingaman, Britteny Edwards and Maria Windy will now travel to Queensland to cook with a chef at the Sheraton Mirage Resort in Port Douglas, and visit Mossman Gorge and the Great Barrier Reef.

The competition, staged at the Department of Education's Trade Training Centre in Umuwa. involved students from schools in Mimili, Kenmore Park, Amata,

Indulkana and Pipalyatjara who are working towards their Certificates I and II in Kitchen Operations.

Each team prepared three courses - an entree, main and dessert - and presented them to a panel of professional judges for testing and tasting.

Judges

The high-profile judges included SA Life magazine chef Rosa Matto, Ayers Rock Resort's Sails in the Desert restaurant chef Owen Denison, and Mai Wiru Aboriginal Corporation' general manager David Schomburgk.

The Amata team impressed the judges with a creative menu including beef skewers with a berry coulis using local native berries.

The People's Choice Award, as voted by the audience of more than 100, went to Pipalyatjara School, with a prize of a team dinner at the Ayers Rock Resort.

The competition was the culmination of TAFE SA's kitchen operations training, led by lecturer Nigel Plaskett and the TAFE SA APY Lands training

Mr Plaskett said the cook-off was a success and a lot of fun. "The aim was to inspire," he said.

"We wanted each student to have the opportunity to show off their skills and their creativity, and finish the day with a stronger belief in themselves and their abilities.

"They did a fantastic job under pressure on the day and each student took a huge leap forward in achieving their qualifications.

Two churches reach out in **Hunter initiative**

By BRITTA LYSTER



AN initiative between two local churches in the lower Hunter Valley of NSW

has been launched to reach out to the local Indigenous community.

It is hoped that establishing and maintaining strong local community ties will lead to much-needed pastoral care in the area as well as starting men's, women's and youth outreach programs in the Westlakes region of Toronto and surrounding areas.

The alliance started at NAIDOC celebrations this year when the Toronto Baptist Church reached out to the local Aboriginal community in the hope of establishing ties. An agreement has since been made with Biraban Community Church, including changes that have seen the first Indigenous church in the area up and running, with Aboriginal woman Belinda Simon the pastor.

More than 50 people turned out for the launch.

Fortnightly services will be conducted in the newly built Toronto Baptist Church building.

The alliance is also targeting domestic violence and hoping to engage young people by linking them with youth groups that will be held through the church.

Pastor Simon is planning to consult closely with the Indigenous community to establish local priorities.

Ms Simon, a member of the



Pastor Belinda Simon.

Stolen Generations, feels she will be a productive and helpful link between the Toronto Baptist Church and the local Indigenous community.

"I'm very excited to be involved in this partnership and feel it has been long overdue and will give the local community a necessary and much-needed link with pastoral care in Westlakes and district," she said.

"We are really looking forward to starting the fortnightly services, men's. women's and youth groups which have been absent for some time in the region, and building a foundation that will give us all an opportunity to work together to see what the local community needs the most and how we can go about providing it."

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Concern over **NSW Crown** land change



A BILL that the NSW Opposition says will make it easier to sell swathes of

public land to developers and private interests has passed the Upper House.

Labor voted against the Bill, which includes a clause that enables the NSW Government, without considering the public interest, to transfer public land to other government agencies at the stroke of a pen, automatically ending its status as Crown land

The Opposition says the provision could also subvert land claims by Aboriginal

people under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 – as claims can only be made on Crown lands.

Shadow Lands Minister Mick Veitch said the Government 'rammed the Bill through'.

"Once transferred, legislative protections over the use and sale of these parcels of Crown land would no longer apply," he

After almost eight hours of debate, the Crown Land Management Bill 2016 passed the Legislative Council by 20 votes to 16.

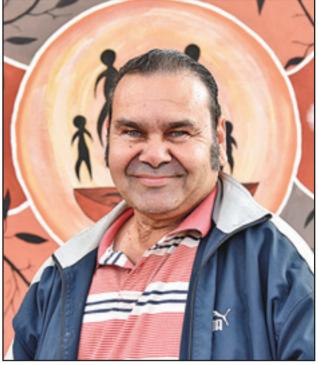
While the Government accepted a number of amendments, the Opposition said there were still question marks over the ability of the Government to bypass checks and balances and move Crown land to freehold control.

Currently, the Government must give the community 14 days to comment on any proposal to sell or transfer Crown land.

Crown lands include parks, showgrounds, cemeteries, beaches, sporting ovals, sporting clubs, greyhound tracks, golf courses, state parks, caravan parks, even bodies of water such as Pittwater (northern Sydney), as well land held under tenure for a variety of purposes.

Nine finalists in governance awards





William Johnson, of Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly.

Elizabeth Campbell of Reconciliation Australia, left, with Nita Williams, centre, and Brooke Small of Marnin Studio social enterprise, at Marninwarntikura Fitzroy



Inawinytji Williamson and Claire Bockner, co-authors of a book written with assistance of Ara Irititja.



The Mallee District Aboriginal Services leadership team: from left, Rudy Kirby, Ross Hampton, Letitia Robinson, Colin Clark and Keith Hampton.

This year's contenders win praise

Pictures by WAYNE QUILLIAM



NINE organisations and initiatives have been selected as finalists in this year's Indigenous Governance Awards. Awards chair Mick

Dodson said each finalist was selected on the basis of the positive changes they are driving in the community.

These finalists demonstrate the strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led organisations and projects around the country," he said.

"They represent the best of what is happening across Australia and their successes show us that when Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are empowered to make decisions, substantial and sustainable change for the better is

The winners will be announced at an event in Sydney on November 24.

The finalists are separated into category A, for incorporated organisations, and category B, for non-incorporated projects.

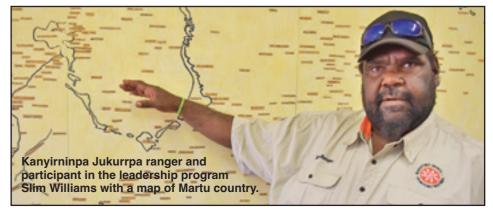
The Category A finalists include Western stralia's Puntuku Ngurra, which was established to help Martu people look after their culture; and Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre in Fitzroy Crossing, which advocates for the rights of local women.

Victoria's Mallee District Aboriginal Services, which provides a range of services for the local Aboriginal community, and Muru Mittigar, which seeks to create a better understanding of Aboriginal culture in the wider NSW community, as well as helping Indigenous people with workplace training and employment, are both finalists.

The Northern Territory is represented by Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation, which works to ensure residents of Alice Springs town camps are represented by governments and service providers; Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation, which works with young people to develop their leadership skills; and Western Desert Nganampa Walytka Palyantjaku Aboriginal Corporation, which provides dialysis treatments to Indigenous renal patients in remote communities.

The Category B finalists are Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly in NSW, which aims to engage with governments and to represent Aboriginal people and South Australia's Ara Irititia, which aims to create a collection of cultural multimedia resources related to Aboriginal people in the APY Lands.

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Opal in Alice for 10 years



LAST month marked 10 years since Opal, a low-aromatic petrol, was rolled out in Alice Springs. This happened on the back of a community campaign and with the support of fuel companies, government and many retailers in the region.

Central Australian Youth Link Up Service (CAYLUS), Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation (WYDAC) and the Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council said they are proud of their involvement in the Opal campaign and also of their ongoing work with remote communities to support the roll out of the fuel and other measures for the wellbeing of young people and families.

CAYLUS manager Blair McFarland said lowaromatic fuel use has led to a 94% reduction in sniffing in central Australia.

"While many new and old challenges persist in the region, this roll out is an example of getting it right, community voices being listened to and community organisations, government and industry collaborating and backing a working strategy over the long term," he said.

Mr McFarland said if the focus on petrol sniffing were still towards treatment, case management and other measures that happened once people were chronic sniffers the community would still be "running around in circles" today.

"Good evidence"

"There is good evidence to show that we can reduce the levels of crime in our communities through positive measures that take a holistic approach, like good youth programs that empower young people, through using community development approaches, including the right approaches to jobs and education," he said.

"We hope that this is not missed in the considerations of the royal commission."

WYDAC general manager Brett Badger said the company "talked up" using Opal in the region.

"Ten years ago, we were worrying about petrol sniffing in the region, kids were getting hurt and sometimes sniffers hurt other people," he said.

"We knew from experience in Yuendumu that it is possible to deal with problems like petrol sniffing.

"Aboriginal organisations worked together to lobby for this and to make it happen and it worked. We need to keep this going, but we also need to learn from it about good ways to face other

NPY Women's Council deputy chief executive Liza Balmer said the anniversary was a great opportunity to celebrate the success that had been achieved.

"Sniffing still happens occasionally and can't be ignored, but it's not the endemic problem that it once was," she said.

"A generation of children are now growing up free from sniffing. Unfortunately there is still the legacy of past generations of petrol sniffing and adults with acquired brain injury.

"And, despite all the evidence, there are still some retailers that do not stock low-aromatic fuel. This can be linked to sniffing outbreaks in our region, so there is still some work to do.'

A public event to celebrate the milestone was held in Alice Springs. As a part of the event, the launch of the 'Monitoring Trends in the Prevalence of Petrol Sniffing in Selected Australian Aboriginal communities 2011-2014: Final Report' from the Menzies School of Health Research was held. It detailed an 87.9% reduction in sniffing in the 17 communities sampled.



Finalists in the public sector and employer section of the Wurreker Awards are all smiles at the presentation.

Wurreker Awards winners named



THE Victorian Aboriginal community celebrated success in vocational education and training at the

annual Wurreker Awards ceremony last month.

More than 200 people attended the event held at the Aborigines Advancement League and hosted by the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAEAI), in partnership with Higher Education and Skills Group, Department of Education and Training (DET).

The awards acknowledge people who have achieved outstanding results in their chosen areas. They also recognise and celebrate training providers, community and organisations working to create 'real outcomes' for Koorie learners and communities.

VAEAI's Geraldine Atkinson said the awards are testament to the ways in which high quality training can open up new directions for Indigenous people, highlighting that the new Victorian Aboriginal education plan, called Marrung, will provide further support to Koorie learners.

"We celebrate the people who have set goals for themselves and have achieved those goals," she said. "Because VET can open up so many opportunities, it is crucial that all Koorie people in courses continue to receive support.

"Marrung is finally a forward-thinking and progressive holistic plan integrating early years, schools, VET and higher education - all education sectors, with community involvement at its core.'

The winners

Public Sector Employee Award: Joey Chatfield, Victoria Police. Private Sector Employee Award: Sean Armistead, Crown Melbourne. **Community Based Employee Award:** Kim Riddock, Gunai Lidj Childcare Centre. Teacher/Trainer Award: Josh Wanganeen, VACSAL. Dr Mary Atkinson - Koorie Organisation Award: Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA). Community Based Employer: Anglicare Victoria. TAFE



State Education Department Deputy Secretary Katy Haire with Wurreker Teacher/Trainer Award winner Josh Wanganeen and VAEAI president Geraldine Atkinson enjoy the presentation event.



Institute Award: Federation Training. **Local Government Award: Greater** Shepparton City Council. Private Sector Employer Award: Raw Recruitment Pty Ltd. University Award: La Trobe University. Learn

Local Award: Volunteering Western Victoria. Private RTO Award: Yorta Yorta, Yenbena Training Centre. Public Sector Employer Award: Victoria Police. Special Recognition Award: Wavne Muir.



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Healthy Futures for our Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services, 2016 Report Card will say

THE release of the Healthy Futures Report Card 2016 at the NACCHO 2016 Members Conference in December will be a major step forward in showing the improved performance across all the **Aboriginal Community Controlled** member organisations, according to NACCHO Chair Matthew Cooke.

Published by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) and to be launched by the Assistant Health Minister Ken Wyatt, the report will consolidate and showcase information about the levels of activities, performance and outcomes achieved by NACCHO members and direct members' future efforts and planning for improvement.

Mr Cooke said NACCHO had instigated the first Report Cards back in 2015 to provide annual, relevant and authoritative analysis of service provision and performance data produced by its our member services and which contributed to government data bases.

"The Healthy Futures Report card will support our Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services as the preferred model for Indigenous primary health care because our ACCHO services continue to improve in most of our sectors key performance indicators," he said

"Our 302 clinics have provided services to over 340,000 clients, about 275,000 of whom were Indigenous (an increase of 8% over 2012-13), provided almost 2.9 million episodes of care, over 2.5 million to Indigenous clients (an increase of 19% over 2012-13) and employed some 3300 Indigenous staff.

"Data is critical in providing detail of the role and contribution to the delivery by our member services and the sector to the national health system within this evolving funding environment.

"This type of Report Card provides an incontestable document that demonstrates the role, outputs and impact of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCHOs) in providing high quality, culturally appropriate, comprehensive primary health care services for Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people.

"But as I have previously highlighted, we are still a long way from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people achieving the same health outcomes as other Australians.

The Productivity Commission's recent report on the performance of the National Indigenous Reform Agreement has shown that investment in mainstream organisations is not the

"That's why it's absolutely imperative that we continue to see in these Healthy Future Report Cards those commitments to programs and health-care models that work - programs created by Aboriginal people, for Aboriginal people which involve them in their own health and support them to have brighter healthy

Mr Cooke re-emphasised his called for a range of measures which will help to close the health gap, including:

- Ongoing investment in, and expansion of, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to deliver more care, in more areas, to more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- Funding for the Implementation Plan of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan;
- Improvements in the delivery of medicines under the Close the Gap PBS co-payment measure;
- An improvement in patient coordination between hospitals and primary health care providers; and
- Reworking of the IAS program with a view to ensuring programs that work continue to be supported including measures to reduce tobacco use, mums and bubs programs and other social and emotional wellbeing programs run through Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.

"Closing the Gap has enjoyed multiparty support for more than 10 years and generational change doesn't happen overnight, but this Healthy Futures Report Card will confirm that we are heading in the right direction," Mr Cooke said.



Royal Australian Air Force Dental Officer Flight Lieutentant Luke Pitty and Dental Assistant Corporal Natalie Wright prepare to provide dental care to an Indigenous patient in South Hedland, Western Australia, as part of Exercise Kummundoo 2016.

Kummundoo a health initiative between RAAF and NACCHO

EXERCISE Kummundoo is a health initiative conducted under a joint agreement between the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and the National **Aboriginal Community Controlled Health** Organisation (NACCHO) with the goal to improve the lifestyles of rural Indigenous populations. Two dental officers and three dental assistants were deployed to Western Australia from August 5-26, working at Mawarnkarra Health Service in Roebourne and Wirraka Maya Health Service in Port Hedland.

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New Qld birth certificate designs a Deadly Choice

BUBS Rebekah (11 weeks) and Harper (17 weeks) have became the first Queenslanders to receive a Deadly Choices commemorative birth certificate.

Two designs were launched by Queensland Attorney-General Yvette D'Ath, who presented a Brisbane Broncos-themed certificate to Harper and her mother Amanda, and a Titans themed certificate to Rebekah and her mother Kiara.

The certificates launch was held as part of the Murri Rugby League Carnival at Dolphins Oval Redcliffe, a week-long event that uses football to focus on health and education outcomes.

The two new certificate designs feature artwork by celebrated Indigenous artists Charlie Chambers and Christine Slabb and pay homage to Deadly Choices program partners the Gold Coast Titans and Brisbane Broncos NRL teams.

They were developed as the result of a partnership between the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH) and the Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages with the aim of increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander babies born in Queensland whose birth is registered and who have a legal birth certificate so that they can access education and health services.

While the commemorative certificates are not legal documents, they will be provided to parents for free as part of a package that includes a legal birth certificate.



Rebekah and mother Kiara and Harper and mum Amanda with the new certificates.

IUIH CEO Adrian Carson said that making the certificates available through institute member clinics will add to its comprehensive, evidence-based and integrated approach to meeting the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in south-east Queensland.

"South-east Queensland is home to the fastest growing Aboriginal and Torres Strait

"Offering these birth certificates will increase our engagement with families of new bubs, making it easier for them to access services including health care and education - services that are essential to closing the gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations.

The certificates and a limited edition Deadly Choices 'onesie' will be available through IUIH's member network of 18 Community Health Services in south-east Queensland to children aged up to five who are up to date with their health checks and

Speaking at the launch, Ms D'Ath said she hoped birth registrations would increase as a result of the initiative.

"By tapping into the hugely successful Deadly Choices campaign and making it available to children up to five years old, we are hoping to pick up children who may not vet have had their birth registered, and make sure they have a birth certificate available to use in time for them to enrol in school," she said.

"Even if a child's birth has been registered, it can sometimes still be hard to get a birth certificate down the track.

"We know parents will be excited about these designs and hope they will take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate their child's arrival with one of these limited edition certificates."

Community Liaison Officer at the Office of Births Deaths and Marriages, Victoria Belle-Locke, will be available to help families complete the paperwork required to access the certificates.

Victoria will be making personal visits to IUIH member clinics as well as being available via email and telephone to help families get bub's birth registered and order

First 1000 Days Australia

By Professor **KERRY ARABENA***

A RADICAL change is required in how we think about and enhance the early outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Australia.

Too many children and young people do not have the start in life they need. As our understanding of developmental science improves, it because clearer that adverse events in a child's life leads to structural changes in brain development that have life long and societal ramifications.

We now also know these ramifications are intergenerational. Not intervening will affect not only this generation of children, but also the next.

Those who suffer adverse childhood events achieve less educationally, earn less and have worse health outcomes – all of which makes it more likely that the cycle of harm is perpetuated in the following generation.

Every mother and father has a story to tell about the beginnings of their child's life. Many of them are joyful, some are heartbreaking, and all of them important. This is because the first 1000 days, from conception to age two is a period of enormous potential, but also of vulnerability.

Internationally, the 1000 Days movement was established to improve maternal and infant nutrition from a child's conception through to their second birthday by combining evidence-based medical



care and social support to address family needs.

However, the health and wellbeing of our children cannot be addressed without taking a broader, holistic and cultural perspective. Recognising this, The University of Melbourne's Indigenous Health Equity Unit in collaboration with key stakeholders has developed the Australian Model of the First 1000 Days movement - First 1000 Days

First 1000 Days Australia aims to strengthen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families so they can address their child's needs from pre-conception to age two to foster 'nurturing care' among our families at times when they experience vulnerability

Emphasised in the 2016 Lancet Early Childhood Development

Series, 'nurturing care' is a strategic investment in which health, nutrition, responsive care giving, safety and security and early learning is provided to an infant by their families. (The Lancet, 2016)

Although children are intrinsically valued in our community, more of our young children need protection and representation by strong advocates because, despite a decade of 'Close the Gap' in Australia, too many live in complex situations at heightened risk in households experiencing entrenched disadvantage.

Recognising this, in 2015 The Melbourne University hosted four symposiums - scientific, research, community governance and policy and implementation – to confirm the science on the importance of

the first 1000 days in a child's life and to determine how such an initiative could inform and improve upon current approaches to supporting children experiencing vulnerability.

As a result of these and further consultations, First 1000 Days Australia uses the period from (pre-) conception to age two as a time to build resilience in families; to generate new, important knowledge about some of the complex issues faced by our children; strengthen and support regional coordination; and promote the implementation of high-impact, cost-effective

In Victoria, we are working with Deborah Mellett at Mornington Peninsula; Darren Smith and staff at Aboriginal Housing Victoria; and CEO Lisa Thorpe from Bubup Wilem who are supporting families in the Whittlesea region. Two sites are set to start next year in Qld.

Central to this work is the development of a Household Aspirations and Service Plan in which people can determine their aspirations and be supported to reach them.

We hold regular short courses and have developed a First 1000 Days accredited course through The University of Melbourne, about to start in 2017. In addition, we have worked with Indonesian scholars through a collaboration with the Australian Indonesia Centre and have hosted delegates from the Sami Parliament in Melbourne and will be presenting at their Sami Parliamentary meeting in the Artic Circle next year.

First 1000 Days Australia has engaged Indigenous peoples across Australia and the world. Through memorandums of understanding, the Indigenous Health Equity Unit will implement the First 1000 Days with national and International partners.

This is testament to the strength of our engagement. It has been led by Indigenous scholars in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations, and has been constructed using Indigenous methodologies that are meaningful to other Indigenous peoples.

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Danila Dilba Health Service Darwin 25 years strong



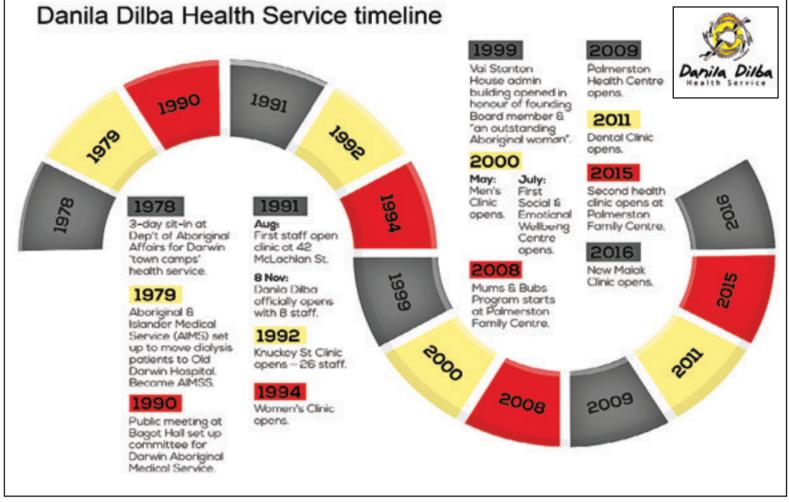


NOVEMBER 8, 1991, was a day of great pride for Darwin's Aboriginal community with the official opening of Danila Dilba Health Service. Its beginnings as an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation go back to the 1970s - a time of great activism for Indigenous people across Australia.

After Cyclone Tracy hit in 1974, Darwin people were evacuated to southern cities where local Aboriginal Medical Services had started. People from the local Aboriginal community were impressed with the services and wanted their own one.

Danila Dilba grew out of the community, with people holding meetings, lobbying government, lodging petitions and even holding a 'sit-in' at government offices for a culturally appropriate primary health service for Indigenous people.

The name Danila Dilba Biluru Butji Binnilutlum was given to the service by the local Larrakia traditional custodians. In the Larrakia language, Danila Dilba means 'dilly bag used to collect bush medicines' and Biluru Butji Binnilutlum means 'Aboriginal people getting better from sickness'. The logo (pictured



above), which reflects this meaning, designed by Larrakia Elder the Rev Wally Fejo.

The service was friendly, comfortable and provided holistic care. Danila Dilba was a safe

place for Indigenous people to raise their concerns and find solutions to their health concerns.

Danila Dilba has grown significantly in size and capacity, from eight staff and one building in

1991 to five clinics, including separate men's and women's clinics, mobile and dental clinics, community programs and a staff of more than 130 serving almost 12,000 clients in 2016.

The Aboriginal Health Practitioner First policy, where new clients see an AHP before a GP, and the large Indigenous staff, are the core of Danila Dilba's culturally appropriate care.

Redfern AMS celebrates

AUSTRALIA'S first Aboriginal community-controlled health service has celebrated 45 years with a Q and A panel at the Charles Perkins Centre in Sydney.

As part of the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service celebrations, a portrait of chief executive Naomi Mayers was also

Service acting chief executive LaVerne Bellear said she was over the moon to be part of the celebrations.

"It was the staunch ideologies of the people who started this, like Ms Mayers, and what they stood for that's helped us carry on their work," she said

"That's the beauty of the AMS. It's is also about letting the young ones know what we had to go through to make this a reality."

Redfern AMS was established in 1971 as a volunteer organisation, staffed by non-Indigenous people, nuns and students.

Now there are medical services across the country just like the Redfern AMS, and more are being established.

Casino AMS chief executive Steve Blunden said that if not for the original AMS, branches around the country would not

"It wasn't about the towns we lived in, it was about helping out all our mob,"

"There are people with a fire in their belly

and governments need to know they couldn't have done the things they've achieved without the help of the AMS."

AMS board member Dulcie Flowers said the Redfern community was in dire need of proper medical care at the time the AMS was established.

"People had problems hearing. They were pleading guilty in court when they were not guilty because the court's questions were muffled to them," she said.

"People had short life spans and the infant mortality rate was 33 in every 1000 compared to 10 in every 1000 for other Australians.

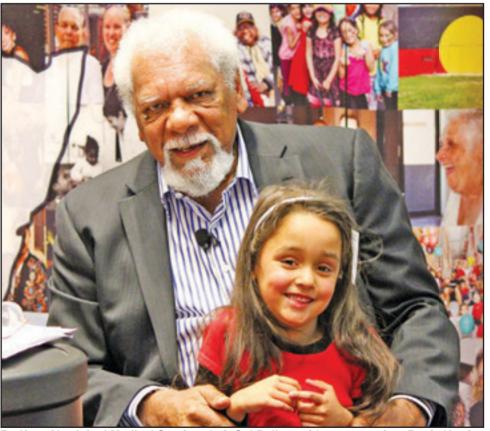
"Kids with bronchitis or ear infections were being given antibiotics which cleared it up to begin with, but a few weeks later they'd be back again."

Redfern AMS is planning a partnership with the Sydney Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council to set up a rehabilitation

Redfern AMS chair Sol Bellear said the service intends to set up the centre on land owned by the LALC.

"It will include rehab services for drugs and alcohol," he said.

"It's fine to send people away for rehab, but we need this place so when they come home the kids don't go 'who is this stranger once they're not affected by drugs and



Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service chair Sol Bellear with young patient Rosie Harris.



Healthy Utopia Mob, Brighter Futures

ESTABLISHED in 1977, Urapuntja Health Service is gearing up to celebrate 40 years of success.

Community involvement has been critical to everything the service achieves and confirms for clients that the service is a safe place where the experience of Aboriginality is understood and where complex needs are recognised and supported.

Urapuntja provides services to a population of about 1000 permanent residents in 16 homeland communities. The service is unique, in that it delivers an outreach service to all 16 outstation communities every week and the primary clinic is not in the middle of the community.

Senior people from each of the outstations comprise the board of management for Urapuntja Health Service and ensure that the organisation responds to the needs and aspirations of the community.

The Board is a representative body based on clan structures rather than through the election of people from the membership. The authority of the health board and community members determine how the service works.

The team actively seeks guidance from community members when considering the delivery of services, and community staff are key to the successful engagement of clients both within the traditional clinic setting as well as when providing clinical services at outstations.

The team co-ordinated and hosted a two-day Family and Teen Health Festival in June, with the key focus being families together for "Healthy Utopia Mob, **Brighter Futures**"

This day saw five local organisations (NT Government Schools, Barkly Shire Council, Aged Care, Arid Edge and UHSAC) and 10 visiting services (RFDS Mental Health, Dietician,



Baker IDI, NDIA, ITECH, Caylus, Contact Inc and NTG Remote Sexual Health, Dental Truck and Trachoma Team) work together.

This planning took into consideration appropriate health promotion as well as ensuring its connectivity to Patient Information and recall systems to effectively capture data.

The success of the event is a testament to the team's firm

comprehensive primary health care that is accessible to all in the community, with a tangible improvement in health check access from the previous year of 103.3%

The team has been led by local community ladies in understanding the importance and integration of Bush Medicine in the region. The ladies were supported to undertake a group activity prior to the health expo.

The ladies collected and made 80 litres of bush medicine at the clinic. The process of making the medicine was used as a group educational and social and emotional wellbeing activity of significant importance for local community, and was undertaken within the self-funded shed at UHSAC clinic.

The ladies leading the group activity followed up and created a photo story board 'bush medicine story' to display at the health festival where they attended in person to educate community members through bush medicine stories regarding its importance, uses and role in health.

Ensuring that the messages from the event are carried through to ongoing service provision, group sessions have been established at the Alparra High School, with a strong focus on identifying personal strengths, self-esteem, cultural identity and emotional resilience.

The health service has collaborated with the high school and the RFDS Specialist Mental Health Nurse. The sessions have been aimed not only at students but also to provide an opportunity for school teachers to learn about culture and how it impacts on life for students.

The ongoing willingness of the team to work collaboratively with all providers has led to improved access to services and strengthened relationships between organisations within the community. This approach was recognised recently when the team was awarded the NT Administrator's Award for Primary Health Care, recognising that Urapuntja's community centred approach to care has strengthened the wellbeing of our mob and focused on individual and family empowerment.

For further information on Urapuntja Health Service, go to www.urapuntja.org.au

Urapuntja Health Service receives the mark of quality as an accredited practice

THE remote Central Australian Utopia Homelands increased its community health credentials when the Urapuntia Health Service received a national award of accreditation, demonstrating its commitment to quality and safety within its practice.

Urapuntja Health Service received this important recognition from Australian General Practice Accreditation Ltd (AGPAL), the leading not-for-profit provider of general practice accreditation services within Australia.

AGPAL Chair Dr Richard Choong said accreditation shows the practice makes a significant investment and commitment to quality on a day-to-day basis, across all levels of the practice

"Achieving accreditation is a major achievement for any practice and a clear demonstration that Urapuntja Health Service is striving to improve their level of care to both patients and the community," he said.

"Practices seek accreditation because they want to do their best and view this as another step towards excellence in patient care."

To achieve accreditation, a practice team works over a 12month period to implement the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) Standards for General Practices, (the recognised national standard), which provides a template for quality care and risk management.

Exercise Kummundoo a health initiative between the Air Force and NACCHO

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TWO Indigenous liaison officers participated in Exercise Kummundoo to provide cultural support and community engagement. The teams worked together with the staff in the local clinics and provided dental services and health education to the Indigenous communities.

The RAAF Indigenous liaison officers have spent the duration of the exercise attending social events and cultural groups with people from the local communities.

Squadron Leader Khai Nguyen, the Officer in Charge of Exercise Kummundoo, said that this year the reach of the exercise is extending beyond the clinic,

with broad health promotion activities.

"Our Indigenous team members have been connecting with the local communities to increase awareness of health issues afflicting the region and to share their own personal serving experiences," he said

"This connection has been paramount as it has enabled our team to embed ourselves within the communities, gaining their trust and maximising our impact."

Warrant Officer Brett West, Indigenous Liaison Officer for Exercise Kummundoo, said the exercise has been really positive because it has helped close the gap in Indigenous health.

"It's fantastic being able to come to the Pilbara where Air Force doesn't normally

have a presence", he said. "Exercise Kummundoo has been great for both the Air Force and the communities and it not only provides a vital service but also showcases Air Force as an employment option.

"During the exercise, the two teams saw a total of 199 patients, extracted 137 teeth and delivered four hours of training to impart their knowledge to both their patients and the health professionals providing regular care in the Roebourne and Port Hedland communities.

Squadron Leader Nguyen said that Exercise Kummundoo 2016 has been a professionally rewarding experience for the entire team where they all made individual connections and a difference to all that have passed through the clinic.

"It has been an overall success where we have made a noticeable and tangible difference to the local regions", he said.

"Air Force has been able to provide comprehensive dental services to the region through Mawarnkarra Health Service and Wirraka Maya Health Service that the community has been unable to access.'

Exercise Kummundoo is under a five-year agreement with NACCHO, with three years to go.

While dental care has been the focus of the last two years, the program is aimed at a generalise approach to health and well being of Indigenous people.



Eye health is targeted in the 'Deadly Urban Eyes' campaign

ON September 21, The Fred Hollows Foundation's Founding Director, Gabi Hollows, launched a campaign to reduce rates of untreated eve disease among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in South-East Queensland.

The campaign encourages community members to have regular eye health checks at their local Aboriginal Medical Service. The initiative is being implemented by the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH) with funding from The Fred Hollows Foundation, and builds on their existing partnership across the region.

The initiative adds a new dimension to the successful Deadly Choices social marketing campaign which has seen an average 50% year-on-year increase in the number of preventative health checks performed at IUIH's 18 member clinics across South-East Queensland.

Regular eye health checks play an important role in reducing the rate of untreated eye diseases such as cataracts, glaucoma, trachoma, diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration. People who have their eyes checked as part of the initiative will receive a Deadly Eyes gift pack, including sunglasses, lens cloth and spray, as an incentive.

IUIH CEO Adrian Carson says that the program will improve access to preventative eye health services and reduce rates of eye disease.

"Both IUIH and The Fred Hollows Foundation are committed to ensuring that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples can access quality eye health services," he said.

"We have significantly expanded our frontline eye health services over the past year so that they are now fully integrated across our 18 IUIH member clinics across South-East Queensland. Integration of these services into the IUIH Model of Care means we are connected to community and able to refer quickly to specialist services if and when they are needed."

Successful model

Ms Hollows says the partnership is a successful model for bringing eye health care to local communities. "The Deadly Urban Eyes campaign is a great program that will make a difference in the vital eye health-care sector," she

The Foundation's Indigenous Australia Program Manager, Jaki Adams-Barton, said the Deadly Choices Eye Check for South-East Queensland was an important component of the work The Fred

Hollows Foundation is doing Australia-wide.

"Our program focuses on reducing rates of cataracts, diabetic retinopathy uncorrected refractive error and trachoma in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Getting your eyes checked regularly is key given 94% of vision loss for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders is preventable or treatable if caught early," she said.

At the launch IUIH, CEO Adrian Carson welcomed Gabi and Jaki to the Deadly Choices team by presenting them with a personalised Deadly Choices shirt with The Fred Hollows Foundation featured in the design saying, "We all know how deadly you have to be to get a Deadly Choices shirt.'

IUIH is confident that the program will improve overall health as well as reducing the rates of eye disease, with Mr Carson saying, "We know that untreated eye disease is a key contributor to preventable blindness among our community and is often caused by other diseases that affect our people such as diabetes and hypertension. This campaign will see more people checking in with our optometrists on a regular basis, so we can pick up and treat these diseases early, and close the gap in health outcomes in our community.'



Adrian Carson, Gabi Hollows and Jaki Adams-Barton at the

Australian Trachoma Alliance The Safe Eyes Program

IN 2014 the Australian Trachoma Alliance (ATA) assembled a forum of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) to develop an Aboriginal-led, community-owned action plan to address hygiene and environmental health factors to reduce the incidence of trachoma and other communicable diseases.

In 2015 three trial community sites were selected with guidance through the NACCHO Board of Directors in agreement with the relevant ACCHO. They were:

- 1. Yalata (South Australia) services provided by Tullawon Health Services Inc.
- 2. Kiwirrkurra (Western Australia) services provided by Ngaanyatjarra Health
- 3. Utju (Areyonga, Northern Territory) services provided by Central Australian Aboriginal Congress.

The criteria for the selection of each site included trachoma prevalence rate, population and available facilities (school. health service and sporting activities etc).

The Model: Engagement, Ownership and Leadership

The Safe Eyes trial program relies on the effective facilitation of engagement, ownership and leadership within each community to address hygiene and environmental health factors that lead to the spread of trachoma and other communicable disease. It has been developed and implemented by each community, with the success of each program evaluated

and owned by those communities.

Moving from ownership of the problem to leading the development of a solution empowers each community to drive the change process. Furthermore, owning the problem as well as understanding the benefits of addressing it are both necessary elements to embed behaviour-change processes within families, organisations and whole communities.

The Safe Eyes program model continues to require a methodical and principled approach to its ongoing implementation.

The following three program stages demonstrate the program's continuing commitment to community engagement, ownership and enabling Aboriginal Leadership

- The three trial community program sites were selected with the direct guidance of the national Aboriginal health leadership through the NACCHO Board of Directors and then through following the direction and agreement of the relevant ACCHO.
- Following the site selection phase, each trial community program has been developed through the engagement, ownership and leadership from the relevant ACCHO and other key community organisations.
- All three trial community sites are developing their own Safe Eyes Action Plan to address the elimination of trachoma and other hygiene-related disease. These action plans will also include locally developed, owned and led program indicators to ensure each community

will measure its own success.

The three trial communities are currently at different stages of the planning process and implementation of their action plans. However, establishing and maintaining engagement with each of the trial communities continues to require a flexible and responsive approach.

Initially, formal and informal meetings occurred across each community to discuss the objective of Safe Eyes and to facilitate discussions about issues relating to hygiene and environmental health factors. This has led to a broader group discussion about the health benefits to the community in addressing factors to stop the spread of germs and possibilities to address the issues identified.

From this starting point, these discussions developed into action plans in each of the three trial communities which provided answers relating to necessary actions, outcome measures, required resources and identifying those needed to be responsible for the actions.

The key elements of this approach undertaken by the Safe Eyes facilitators

- Demonstrating an ongoing commitment to reinforce community ownership of the
- action planning Respecting traditional knowledge and
- values. Supporting rather than directing the change process.
- Allowing time for change to occur.

The Safe Eyes program assumes that each community's attempt to lead and own the elimination of trachoma and other communicable disease through hygiene and environmental health actions is based on the following principles:

- Long-term investment in, and commitment to, change in public health behaviours at the individual, family (home) and broader community levels.
- Community-led and owned solutions are sustainable because they are embedded in the community itself, since these solutions have actively valued and included local context within their development.

Evaluation

An external consultant has been engaged to evaluate the Safe Eyes model of Aboriginal leadership, community engagement and ownership within the three trial community sites.

This evaluation is essential to understanding and articulating how such a model of engagement, ownership and leadership may be applied and replicated within the 140-plus trachoma-at-risk communities throughout remote and regional Australia.

The evaluation will document and assess the significant contextual factors at each of the three trial sites that have contributed to the successful development of community engagement, ownership and Aboriginal leadership in regard to the Safe Eyes program.





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The NDSS helps doctors understand how big diabetes is in our communities, so by registering, other people can get help too.





The National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) is an initiative of the Australian Government administered by Diabetes Australia.





Busy Mapoon Health Worker Daphne Wins National Award

MAPOON Maternal and Child Health Worker, award-winning artist and mum of seven Daphne De Jersey has won the CRANAplus (the peak professional body for the remote and isolated health workforce of Australia) Novice / Encouragement Award.

The grandmother of five was recognised for completing her Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Care Practice, her outstanding potential as a future clinician and leader in remote health, enthusiasm and commitment to remote health. willingness to learn, and positive influence on the health of her community - far beyond what is expected of early career Health

The award was presented to Ms De Jersey at a special ceremony at the end of the CRANAplus annual conference, held in Hobart.

Ms De Jersey, who is currently enrolled in a Diploma of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Care Practice, said she had no idea she had been nominated, and was stunned to learn she had won.

"It was a bit of a shock when I found out I had won the award," she explained.

"My colleague said, 'can I give you a hug?' I thought it was because she had good news, but then she said 'you're going to



Award-winner and Mapoon Maternal and Child Health Worker Daphne De Jersey with Professor Janie Dade-Smith.

Melbourne, you've won an award!' "It turns out I was going to

Hobart, which was great as my dad and grandfather were born there. I still have aunties and cousins there and I managed to catch up with them when I was there.

"The last time I was in Tasmania was 26 years ago when I was 21 and it was a shock going back there from the Cape.

"We get cold weather on the Cape, but it's different to Tasmanian cold weather - mv fingertips froze, my face was red with cold and I think I lost a kilo as I had to walk fast to keep warm whenever I was outside.

"It was really interesting reconnecting with my aunties. One told me that before I was born, my parents (dad was white, mum was

Aboriginal and Solomon Islander) went to the doctor to find out what colour their child would be if they were to have a baby.

"This was in the 1960s, when they were still removing half-caste children from their families. They were very frightened, my aunty said, that if they had a child it would be taken away. In the end my sister and I weren't take away, but it was a real fear for my parents.

"I gave a speech when I accepted my award, sharing my family connection to Tasmania, the history of Mapoon and my family's history there.

"My mother and grandmother were born in Mapoon but our family is part of the stolen generation -Mapoon is not our traditional country, but because some of us were born there, it's home.

"I also talked about how many hats people wear when they live in remote areas. In small communities, those that do stuff get called on to do everything.

"I am a fulltime Health Worker, Chair of the Justice Group, run an arts organisation and a weekly Women's Group with my sister.

"Last year I got a real urge to do something for the women of Mapoon so my sister and I started this group and ran it three times a week. It's open to all women and as my sister and I are both artists

we do art therapy with the women which relaxes them and gives them space to be creative and share their stories.

'We've dropped down to once a week, but the Women's Group is really successful and families have noticed a positive change in the women who attend.

"While my job title is Maternal and Child Health Worker, my role encompasses a lot more than that. In small communities there is often a staff shortage and you are called on to deal with a whole range of health issues - because you can and because you're there."

Maternal and Child Health Team Leader (North Cape) Johanna Neville, who secretly nominated Daphne for the award, said the win was well deserved. "Daphne is not only an amazing worker but also an inspiring mother and artist," she said. "She always puts her heart and soul into everything she does. I could not think of anyone else who deserves this accolade more.

"She has been with us since 2010 and has been studying the whole time. She is a dedicated, committed worker, mother, grandmother and community member and we are so proud to have her on our team."

This story was gathered by Diabetes Qld's Indigenous

TAIHS Foundations for Foot Care... it's good for the sole

TOWNSVILLE Aboriginal and Islander Health Service (TAIHS) is a community controlled primary health care service.

As well as medical care it has a large number of allied health services, social and emotional wellbeing services and support for, individuals, families and community.

Acute diabetic foot complications are a common condition for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, and this major health issue is something that affects patients, families and communities.

The TAIHS Board, Management and Staff are very aware of the impact amputation and foot problems have on the lives of their patients, families and community.

Not only are there proportionally more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with chronic illness, they are much younger than the rest of the population dealing with illness and disability.

"We have created a deadly team to support our patients with chronic illness such as diabetes," TAIHS podiatrist Ruth Connors says.

"We - the team at TAIHS - provide screening, assessment and management of foot problems.

"Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Professionals and Health Workers have all been trained to perform 'Diabetic at Risk Assessments' of feet using Jason Warnock's 'Indigenous diabetic foot programme'.

"The use of this screening tool helps Health Workers identify foot risk and problems and refer to the doctors and podiatrists. The beauty of this is they can yarn to our patients about their foot health and health in general and seek help in-house, often on the same day.

The nurses and doctors also refer lower limb wounds for assessment, so treatment of foot ulcers is optimum and includes the important part of offloading or taking the weight off the wounds with proper footwear, splints and orthoses.

"The importance of prescription footwear in healing and preventing foot uicers and complications is often not understood and neglected by some patients.

"Important"

"I think it is even more important than other treatments such as antibiotics, the right dressings and even surgery, in many cases

"We try to educate patients, that these items aren't just shoes, they are medical treatment. They are essential to foot health and to general wellbeing."

The footwear provided for foot health is no longer cumbersome prosthetics, thanks to the collaboration between TAIHS and Greg Dower from MyFootDr under the Closing the Gap initiative.

TAIHS has provided custom work boots, gym boots and runners in AFL or NRL

Football team or Aboriginal colours, with insoles made to a 3D scan. The boots are light and comfortable for patients to wear.

"Shoe clinics are quite emotional," Ms Connors says.

"The whole of TAIHS enthusiastically supports our work. The corridor becomes a catwalk as our patients walk proudly in their new shoes. Staff and family gather around to see people get their mobility

"We also see a lifting in people's mood as they look forward to a more positive life living with diabetes."

TAIHS rates of healing and recurrence are positive, but the organisation is still working on achieving higher levels.

The MyFootDr clinics are in early stages and has only seen a fraction of patients who will benefit from this treatment.

TAIHS currently has 600 patients being cared for, and due to the level of care and early intervention with health checks, patient numbers being cared for is increasing.

In some cases, patients from remote areas are relocating to Townsville for better health care.

Statistically the improvement may not be measureable, at this early stage, but TAIHS believes that patients who get good follow-up get great results, not just in foot care but in improved diabetes control and social and emotional wellbeing.





Groups target smoking

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.

"We're not a hands-on organisation; we support the organisations who do the hands-on work," she said.

"Share the stories"

"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.

"We're also looking at how we can get people to not start smoking in the first place," she said.



Participants at the Tacking Indigenous Smoking workshop held recently in Darwin.

"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

Tackling Indigenous Smoking Team at Herberton college

APUNIPIMA'S Tackling Indigenous Smoking (TIS) team has been visiting Herberton's Mount St Bernard College to share messages about the harms of smoking and passive smoking with Year 7 students, many of whom come from Cape York.

The team has been delivering information and holding resourcemaking sessions with the students

Health Promotion Team Leader Nina Nichols said the collaboration with the college was exciting. "A key target audience

for the TIS program are the 10-24 year olds, which are the group most likely to take up smoking," she said.

"Many young people in Cape York leave their community to attend boarding school so it makes sense for us to engage with local schools to promote tackling smoking messages and to provide appropriate quit advice and support when required."

TIS Health Worker Josh Mene, who leads the Mount St Bernard College program, has been focusing on supporting students to come up with good ways of passing on messages to others about the dangers of smoking.

"Our aim for this program with Mount St Bernard College is to develop an educational resource with the students," he said. "This will be used as part of our service delivery to engage the communities of Cape York, as well as raise awareness and increase knowledge in regards to the harms of smoking and passive

"We will also be promoting the national 'Don't Make Smokes Your

Story' campaign and our soon-tobe-launched Facebook page. We hope that as we promote our key messages from our Tackling Smoking program it influences young people to make healthier lifestyle choices.'

This is the first time Apunipima has collaborated with the college and it is hoped that, if successful, the relationship will continue.

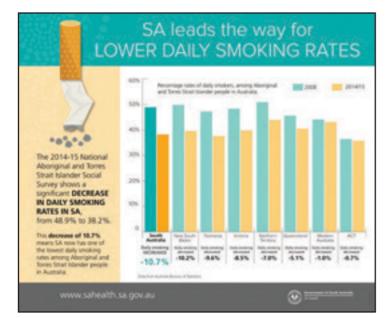
Mount St Bernard College Pastoral Care Officer Jenny Rossiter said she welcomed the relationship with Apunipima.

"These young people are in our

care for 40 weeks of the year and we welcome the education provided by the team around the dangers of smoking and advice with quitting strategies," she said.

"We hope to build on the positive relationships formed, and have ongoing programs over the coming years.

"Having Apunipima come into the college helps students make the connection between the Health Service and their home communities. In this way, youth will feel more comfortable engaging with Apunipima.'



A NEW portal has been launched as part of Western Australia's Tackling Indigenous Smoking (TIS) Program. Produced by Edith Cowan University's Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet, the portal is one component of the programs run by the National Best Practice Unit for Tackling Indigenous Smoking (NBPU TIS), of which the HealthInfoNet is a

The free-to-access online portal is hailed as the 'go-to' place for Tackling Indigenous Smoking workers to access the Tackling Indigenous Smoking Resource and Information Centre (TISRIC).

It also has a collection of videos and programs, and workforce information such as conferences, jobs, courses and other events.

The social media platforms also provide an opportunity for workers to network and support each other.

The NBPU TIS group is led by Ninti One Ltd, and includes the Health Research Institute at the University of Canberra and the Smoking Research Institute at the University of Sydney.

Its main role is to provide advice and support to Tackling Indigenous Smoking workers in the implementation of strategies and

programs to reduce smoking in their communities.

Medical authorities say tobacco smoking is the most preventable cause of death among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and is one of the key focuses of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) health initiatives.

The new portal is on the Australian Indigenous Alcohol and Other Drugs Knowledge Centre web resource

(www.tacklingsmoking.org.au) and can be used by anyone interested in or working in the area of smoking reduction.



Rap raises stroke awareness

A NEW rap song promoting stroke awareness and prevention to Indigenous people was released during National Stroke 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

"In Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities this awareness is even lower.

"Learn the signs"

"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.

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

For more information, visit www.strokefoundation.com.au

Lighthouse hospital project aims to close the heart health gap

THE Heart Foundation and the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA) are working with hospitals to help improve the care and outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have heart disease.

The joint project, called the Lighthouse Hospital Project, has completed Phase 2. A proposal for Phase 3 funding has been submitted and they are very hopeful of continuing this work in the future.

Indigenous Australians are three times more likely to have a heart attack and other heart-related diseases compared to non-Indigenous Australians.

Phase 1 of the project focused on identifying the key elements of culturally safe and positive consumer experiences.

In Phase 2, the scope was to develop and implement a quality improvement approach to activities in eight public

hospital sites across Australia to improve the clinical and cultural care of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients

A quality improvement toolkit, 'Improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with acute coronary syndrome', was developed to provide a framework to address the disparities

between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians with ACS. The toolkit aims to:

- ensure that minimum standards of care, cultural safety and quality are met;
- identify practices and actions that can and/or should be improved;
 - foster engagement;
- enhance service appropriateness; and
- improve service delivery for the care of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with ACS.

The toolkit outlines four domains governance, cultural competence, workforce and care pathways - that are critical in the provision of holistic care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their families as they journey through the hospital system and return to their communities.

Eight pilot hospitals participated in testing the toolkit:

- Bairnsdale Regional Health Service,
- Victoria Coffs Harbour Health Campus, NSW
 - Flinders Medical Centre, SA
 - Liverpool Hospital, NSW
 - Princess Alexandra Hospital, Qld Royal Perth Hospital, Western Australia
 - St Vincent's Hospital, Victoria
 - Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital, NSW.

Each site developed a hospital action plan that outlined the domain(s) they would address and the quality improvement activities they would undertake during the

The sites developed quality improvement activities based on identified gaps within the four domains. These activities informed an action plan that was individualised for their hospital and the needs of their

The project outcomes were dependent on community engagement, capacity to embed change, project support and the governance structures at each site.

- Key Phase 2 achievements include: Improved relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients
- Development and strengthening of relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and medical
- Creation of a culturally safe environment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients
- Increase in the self-identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients
- Streamlining of processes related to the culturally appropriate and clinical care of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients

 Enhanced staff capacity to respond to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients.

Phase 3 of the Lighthouse Project will aim to increase the reach and thus the critical mass of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples experiencing Acute Coronary Syndromes who receive evidence-based care in a culturally safe manner.

Within this phase there will be a focus on integration of health services and care coordination by enhancing the relationships between local community groups, hospitals, local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and Primary Health Networks. The implementation of this phase would enable hospitals to address the actions in the revised Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare National Safety and Quality Health Service

The Lighthouse Hospital Project is an initiative of the Heart Foundation and the AHHA and was funded by the Australian Government Department of Health.

For further information on the Lighthouse Proiect contact Fiona Patterson, Programs Manager, National Heart Foundation. Fiona.patterson@heartfoundation.org.au



ATSI health needs more than a 10-year plan - it needs political will

By WARREN SNOWDON, **Shadow Assistant Minister** for Indigenous Health

CLOSING the gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health inequality unfortunately remains a persistent challenge for our society.

There is no shortage of statistics and data demonstrating that we need to do better - it can sometimes feel like there is a new report every week flagging indicators of concern. The real challenge is translating headlines into consistent effort and real results, beyond news and political cycles.

This is one of the goals of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-23 - a 10-year framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health policy. It articulates a vision for closing the gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health inequality.

Significantly, the Health Plan was developed by Labor in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their community organisations and their peak bodies. NACCHO was a key partner and collaborator in the development of the plan, as was the National Congress of Australia's

Labor has a strong commitment to the belief that Aboriginal community controlled health organisations (ACCHOs) and the National Congress are central to improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and should be partners in developing policy.



Warren Snowdon, NACCHO CEO Pat Turner, Opposition Health Spokesperson Catherine King and NACCHO chair/ QAIHC CEO Matthew Cooke.

Importantly, the Plan has bipartisan support. An Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan was launched in 2015 by the Abbott Government. Again, this plan was developed in partnership with the National Health Leadership Forum.

However, despite this and the strong bipartisan support for the Health Plan, we are now in the fourth year and still no resources have been identified for the Implementation Plan.

It is clear that without resources, the vision of the Health Plan will be impossible to achieve.

Although Labor remains committed to working in a bipartisan

manner with the current Government to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait health outcomes, to address the obvious inequalities and to close the gap, this does not mean that Labor will not hold the Government to account. Advancing the priorities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities and their organisations remains an absolute commitment. Working in partnerships is paramount to achieve these.

There are obvious issues with the failure of the current Government to develop a comprehensive approach to dealing with the social determinants of health or to demonstrate any real

appreciation of how a human rights approach is required in the development of our health policy.

Additionally, we are very aware of the need to address issues of racism to ensure that the health system is not discriminatory. There is legitimate concern that the centrality of ACCHOs to improving health service delivery and health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is not being adequately recognised.

I have consistently argued that there are ACCHOs which are the finest examples of comprehensive primary health care in the country. They are community based and controlled, they are responsive, innovative, accountable and have good governance. Most importantly, they deliver primary care, allied health services and prevention strategies which are examples for the rest of the world. ACCHOs also provide services that are culturally appropriate and safe.

Having said this, there are some organisations that need to do better. They need to be more accountable and reform their governance and their record of service delivery.

NACCHO and the state and territory affiliates have an important role to play in this regard in terms of leadership, accountability and mentoring. They need to be alive to the threats that exist as well as opportunities for the sector to grow further by expanding the reach of services and consequently, achieving better health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

For our part, Labor will continue to review our current policy settings. particularly as we approach the next election. As a matter of course we will continue to work with NACCHO, the affiliates and their member organisations as well as other health advocacy and membership groups, such as doctors, nurses, health workers and allied health practitioners and of course other health experts from universities and the like.

We acknowledge the need to continue to address the dramatic levels of chronic disease that are endemic in many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The fundamental importance of good primary care services being readily available is abundantly clear. In primary health care, broader health policy has an inevitable impact, and this is why Labor has consistently opposed changes to the Medicare system that increase costs or limit services to those who most need Medicare.

We are very conscious of the need to protect ACCHOs from the impact of these policy threats.

There is also an absolute need to look at prevention strategies to intervene and stop the onset of chronic disease in the first place. We support the life-course approach that drives the National Health Plan as well as the requirement to address the broader social determinants. In this context we are currently giving priority to what can be done in maternal and child health, parenting and adolescent health.

We need to ensure that all children are born healthy, have a healthy childhood and grow up to be healthy adults, without the chronic disease that has beset their parents and grandparents.

Improvements cannot happen in isolation. There is a concurrent need to do something about the poverty that is such a major driver of poor health outcomes. Policies and strategies around education, employment, housing, drug and alcohol policies, mental health and social and emotional wellbeing as well as food security are integral to elevating and sustaining health outcomes.

We will continue to advocate for the development and provision of appropriate aged-care services. And we will continue to support treatment models driven by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples that are culturally appropriate from their inception.

Another area where Labor is keen to see more progress is in the health workforce. It is vital that we see more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across all disciplines, engaged in treating and supporting people.

Labor recognises that one size will not fit all. There is a need to appreciate and address the difference and diversity that exists for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the country. Labor is absolutely committed to both this underlying principle in our policy development process, as well as recognising that the framework we are using remains the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-23.



Warren Snowdon out and about volunteering in the Alice Springs with the runners from The Indigenous Marathon Project after their 30km run. He says they are an inspirational team of young women and men making great strides athletically and personally. Warren thanks former marathon great Rob de Castella and his IMP team for their efforts. #runsweatinspire



'Aboriginal Health and wellbeing is close to my heart' – Ken Wyatt

Here, The Hon KEN WYATT, **Assistant Minister for Health and** Aged Care, introduces himself to our members and stakeholders and tells of his plans to build strong, resilient communities capable of closing the gap.

THE health and wellbeing of our First Australians is an issue very close to my heart. I believe it is everyone's business to ensure every Australian has the same opportunities for good health and long life. It is a fundamental human right, and a reasonable expectation, that any baby born in Australia, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, should have the best possible start to life, the prospect of good health and the same rates of life expectancy.

I grew up in the WA Wheatbelt town of Corrigin, where I was given the opportunity of a good education. It's something I grabbed with both hands, because I knew that it was important. I think that's what inspired me to become a teacher.

After 16 years of teaching in classrooms I entered the public service, helping to shape Indigenous education and health policies in WA and NSW.

Now as the Federal Minister responsible for Indigenous Health I hope to shape a better future for all Indigenous Australians.

A decade after the campaign to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians began, we are starting to see positive change. But we still have a way to go before the health and life expectancy of all Australians is equal.

The 2016 Closing the Gap report reveals the target to halve the disparity in child mortality rates by 2018 is on track and immunisation rates are high.

There have also been improvements in the Indigenous ortality rate from chroi diseases, particularly circulatory

But Indigenous cancer mortality rates are rising and the gap there is widening.

The report also shows that we are not yet on track to close the gap in life expectancy by 2031. There still remains a 10.6-year difference for males and 9.5-year difference for females compared with non-Indigenous Australians.

Our Indigenous communities are increasingly under threat from the scourge of illicit drugs such as ice, and we have some of the highest suicide and domestic violence rates in the country.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait





In October Federal Health Minister Sussan Ley was welcomed at the QAIHC offices by IUIH CEO Adrian Carson, NACCHO Chair and QAIHC CEO Matthew Cooke, the retiring Chair of QAIHC Lizzie Adams, IUIH Deputy Chair Stella Taylor-Johnson and QAIHC COO Sandy Gillies.

Islander men and women are more likely to be hospitalised for familyrelated assault than non-Indigenous Australians, 28 times more likely for men and 34 times more likely for women.

This needs to change and these are issues we as a Government are addressing urgently.

Our National Ice Action Strategy will see \$241 million spent over four years for local specialist drug

and alcohol treatment services through Primary Health Networks (PHN), with the close involvement of Aboriginal community controlled health services.

We are committed to tackling domestic violence rates in our Indigenous communities, with \$85 million allocated over three years to improve access to culturally sensitive, integrated mental health services. Under this initiative,

PHNs will plan, commission and implement services joining up closely related services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health, social and emotional wellbeing, suicide prevention, alcohol and other drug treatment.

Primary Health Networks in each region will collaborate closely with relevant local Indigenous and mainstream primary health care

organisations, including Aboriginal community controlled health services and peak bodies.

Prime Minister Malcom Turnbull recently announced a \$100 million domestic violence action plan that will make a real difference in keeping women and children safe. The plan includes \$21 million to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In October, I travelled to WA's Kimberley region with Health Minister Sussan Ley and Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion to see first-hand a community plaqued by suicide, drug and alcohol addiction and domestic violence.

We sat down with local leaders to listen to their stories and to hear their thoughts on what services they need, and how we as a government can support their efforts to tackle suicide, drugs and domestic violence. This is the first of many roundtable-style talks I plan to hold with local groups around the country, because I believe that it is by listening and working together that we will build strong, resilient communities capable of closing the gap.

I look forward to working with all stakeholders in the future. It is through the outstanding work of groups like the Institute of Urban Indigenous Health, the advocacy of organisations like NACCHO and partnering with local communities that we will one day see an Australia where all Australian's have exactly the same life expectancy, the same opportunities for good health - and the gap closed.



An update on STIs and BBVs: Things are

Hepatitis B - improving access to vaccination, diagnosis and medical treatment

By A/Prof BENJAMIN COWIE, Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Viral Hepatitis, Doherty Institute

ABORIGINAL people were among the first groups in who hepatitis B was discovered in the 1960s - which is why for a while the virus was known as 'The Australia

The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living with chronic (long-term) hep B is around 10 times that of non-Indigenous people born in Australia. Of the 230,000 Australians estimated to be living with hep B, around 20,000 are thought to be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, and new infections with hep B are still occurring at four times the rate in Indigenous Australians.

Most people living with chronic hep B were infected as babies or young children, with infection being passed from mother to child or between young children. Someone infected as a baby has a 90% chance of going on to chronic hep B, while someone

infected as an adult only has a 5% chance of going on to long-term infection, but can still get very sick in the short term. In Australia, most infections in adults are caused through sexual contact with someone with hep B, or through unsafe injecting drug use.

Chronic hep B infection usually causes no symptoms and for most people will cause no long-term health problems - but for around one in four people living with hep B, the virus can cause severe liver scarring (cirrhosis) or liver cancer.

We know that liver diseases are one of the important causes of the life-expectancy gap experienced by Indigenous Australians hep B is one of the conditions responsible

Recent evidence from research in the Northern Territory suggests that Aboriginal people have a unique strain of the hep B virus passed on over many years that could explain why hep B in some Indigenous people might have a more severe course.

Unlike the other STIs and BBVs, hep B can be prevented by a safe, effective vaccine which has been provided for all infants in Australia since 2000 (and in the Northern Territory since 1990).

As a result, new hep B infections in children born since 2000 (and in those who received adolescent catch-up vaccination from 1998 onwards) have fallen substantially. However, funded hepatitis B vaccine for Indigenous adults is available in only some states and territories, which limits access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who remain at much higher risk of hep B infection.

This inequality in access cannot

For people who already have hep B infection, vaccination has no effect. We know many people living with hep B, including Indigenous people, have never been diagnosed.

However, being tested for hep B is easy - it's a simple blood test which can tell whether someone has hep B, is immune

through past infection or vaccination, or if a person needs vaccination.

National guidelines suggest all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults whose hep B status isn't known should be offered

If someone is found to have hep B, they should receive counselling and household and sexual partners should be tested and vaccinated if not immune.

Highly effective treatments for hep B are available in Australia that greatly reduce the chance of developing liver scarring or cancer, and involve taking a tablet once a day. However, unlike for hep C, these are not cures - treatment needs to continue, often for many years.

We know that in many areas of Australia where most people living with hep B are Indigenous, treatment uptake is very low. This needs to be changed urgently. With better access to prevention, diagnosis and treatment, the burden of hep B on Indigenous health can be eliminated in

exual Health Program features young ralian Aboriginal men and women in local STI and nnual STI and HIV education workshops for Aboriginal Health Workers ncentives for young people to participate in peer education and STI screening our health, our choice, our way

Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia's sexual health program

continues to promote awareness and supports South Australian

Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to participate in STI

Control programs. The program promotes STI prevention, screening

and treatment of Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea and Trichomonas.

The team also continues to raise awareness about HIV and Syphilis

prevention, screening and treatment. For more information

http://ahcsa.org.au/health-programmes/sexual-health/

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Hepatitis C – the bad news and the good

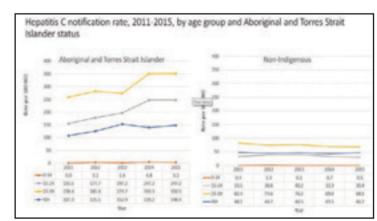
By A/Prof JAMES WARD, **Head of Infectious Diseases** Research, Aboriginal Health South Australian Health and **Medical Research Institute**

HEPATITIS C is a virus that affects the liver. It is thought that 95% of the hep C in Australia is acquired through sharing of injecting equipment or other equipment that transfers blood from one person to another, such as for tattooing.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are overrepresented in hep C diagnoses in Australia, with an estimated 20,000-30,000 diagnoses in our population. Without treatment, hep C damages the liver, and car result in cancer and death.

The bad news is that over the past five years, rates of hep C diagnoses have increased by 43% in our community, yet the in the non-Indigenous community have been stable.

Particularly concerning are rates of diagnosis among people in the 15-24 age group. with rates eight times higher than non-Indigenous people in the same age group. This age group is concerning because it is most likely that these infections are new given the nature of hepatitis C being transmitted primarily through injection drug use.



Also of concern because of the high and rising Indigenous incarceration rates is the proportion of people in Australian prisons who are diagnosed with hep C, with an estimated 50-65% of all prisoners diagnosed with it.

The good news, however, is there is now a cure for hep C Here are the facts.

- Daily tablets for 10-12 weeks are more than 90% effective of curing hep C
- The cost of these tablets is subsidised by the Government a full script costs around \$40
- Hep C treatment can be organised by Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services or any GP practice.
- There are very few sideeffects from these new tablets that cure hep C.

In the first six months since

the Australian Government approved this new medication for treating hep C, almost 20,000 Australians have been cured. Of these we do not know how many Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people have been cured, but our suspicion is relatively low numbers.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people who have been diagnosed with Hep C have the right to get the advantage of this major breakthrough in hep C treatment.

Now is the time to encourage someone you know who is living with hep C to take treatment for this condition. The more people we can get cured of hep C the better the chances are of reducing new infections in the community.



bad, but there's some good news too...

HIV - are we at risk of losing the good news story in Aboriginal health?

Written by A/Prof James Ward South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute Adelaide; Dr David Johnson, Public Health Medical Officer, Aboriginal Health Council of SA; and Dr Salenna Elliott, Public Health Registrar, **Aboriginal Health Council of SA**

SINCE we started collecting HIV data among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the early 1990s, rates of diagnosis have been similar or lower than for non-Indigenous people. It's been one of the good news stories of Aboriginal health for over two decades.

But is this all at risk?

Aboriginal people are at higher risk of HIV because of high rates of other STIs, because of increasing injecting drug use within communities including sharing of injection equipment between people, lower health literacy regarding HIV, and less access to primary health care and HIV specialist services.

Each year data are reported for all HIV diagnoses made in the previous year. These data are based on people reporting how they think they acquired HIV, e.g. via heterosexual sex, male-to-male sex, mother-to-child transmission, sharing injecting drug equipment etc. Data are also collected on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status.

Over the past five years a worrying trend has emerged: HIV rates are stabilising in the non-Indigenous Australian-born population, while rates are increasing for our population.

The rate of HIV diagnosis among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is now for the first time more than double the non-Indigenous rate.

There are also important differences in how HIV is transmitted, with more cases among Aboriginal people attributed to heterosexual sex and injecting drug use.

In the past five years:

- 21% of cases in the Aboriginal population were attributed to heterosexual sex, compared to 14% amongst non-Indigenous people
- 16% of cases among Aboriginal people were attributed to injecting drug use compared to 3% of cases in the non-Indigenous population.
- 58% of new cases in the Aboriginal population were attributed to anal sex between men, compared to 80% among non-Indigenous people

These rising rates and different transmission patterns are of

At the global level we have seen that HIV can escalate



THE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HIV Awareness Logo above was developed for the national ATSIHAW Committee by Jasmine Sarin from JS Koori Designs who is an Aboriginal artist and graphic designer from Kamilaroi and Jerringa country of NSW.

quickly once it takes hold in marginalised populations such as Indigenous peoples, people who inject drugs, sex workers and prisoners. This has happened among Canada's First Nations peoples, and in Saskatchewan, clinicians and communities are calling for a state of emergency to be declared because of rapidly escalating HIV rates. Factors that place our communities at risk of an HIV epidemic include the high prevalence of other sexually transmissible infections (STIs) that increase risk of HIV transmission, limited access to sexual health services, education and prevention programs (particularly in regional and remote communities) and HIVrelated stigma and shame.

For us to turn about the clear divergence in HIV rates we

While community education and awareness, condoms and safe sex are still the mainstay of HIV prevention – as are clean needles and syringes, detox services and drug rehabilitation for people who inject drugs - the use of HIV treatment medications is also now a major component of prevention strategies. We need to understand these new prevention tools and work out how to ensure their benefits reach our communities.

Treatment as prevention – the game-changer: Advances in HIV treatment medications mean that it's now possible for someone with HIV to live as long as the person next to them

who doesn't. Modern treatments also mean that the amount of HIV in the blood of a person with HIV can be reduced to an undetectable level. This is not a cure, but a person with an undetectable viral load is virtually non-infectious. At a community-wide level, the more people with HIV who reach an undetectable viral load the less chance there is for people to acquire HIV. This is called 'treatment as prevention'

A drug to prevent HIV: There's also now a pill that can protect against HIV. Called Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP for short, it involves HIV-negative people taking an HIV treatment antiretroviral drug before risk exposure, for example before having sex, to protect against contracting HIV. PrEP is only recommended for people most at risk of HIV, including men who have anal sex with men, and HIV-negative men or women with an HIV-positive partner.

Don't forget PEP: Post Exposure Prophylaxis is a tablet you take after a high risk exposure to HIV. PEP works by preventing HIV entering the lymph system, but only if it is given within 72 hours after the exposure. PEP is available at most hospital emergency departments and at sexual health services nationally.

For us to turn around rising HIV rates among Aboriginal people we need:

- 1. Enhanced community education and awareness about HIV and sexual health at both national and local level, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HIV Awareness Week which has just completed its third year of activities.
- 2. Continued promotion of safe sex and safe injecting, with improved community access to condoms, testing and treatment for STIs, Needle and syringe programs.
- 3. Capacity for referrals to appropriate drug treatment
- 4. Appropriate testing for HIV in Aboriginal primary care services for people at risk of HIV, including people who have a recent other STI diagnosis.
- 5. Enhanced early diagnosis and treatment rates, and education regarding the personal and community benefits of treatment as prevention.
- 6. Community education on HIV, including on 'treatment as prevention', PrEP and to address HIV-related stigma and

The cure for HIV is still a long way off, so we all need to do our bit to ensure HIV doesn't take hold in our communities.

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Hyper-vigilance is needed

By A/Prof James Ward, Head of Infectious Diseases, and Sarah Betts, STI Coordinator, **Aboriginal Health Council of SA**

RATES of common sexually transmissible infections (STIs) among our communities remain grossly disproportionate to rates among non-Indigenous Australians.

In the policy and programming context, it could be said that in the scheme of things, persisting high rates of STIs are alarming but not requiring more urgent attention than other areas of Aboriginal health, such as diabetes. cardiovascular and child and maternal health.

But should it be that way? The failure to address high rates of STIs has immediate and long-term implications for our communities. Poor outcomes in pregnancy, shame and stigma, interpersonal violence as an outcome of STI transmission. infertility and a much higher chance that HIV will be transmitted are just some of these

Those most affected are young

people, and the more remote a young Aboriginal person's community, the more likely they are to have not just one, but multiple STIs. Young people in our remote communities face many challenges - let's at least act to reduce the pervasive risk of STIs.

The main STIs

Let's take a look at some of the most common intections:

Chlamydia is the most common STI in Australia, affecting both Aboriginal and non-Indigenous Australians, mainly in the age group 15-25 years. Rates among Aboriginal people are between three and five times that of the non-Indigenous population, whether in cities, regional and remote areas. Chlamydia rarely has symptoms. It is easily tested for and treated with a one-off dose of antibiotics. If not detected and treated, chlamydia can cause pelvic inflammatory disease and other serious complications in women, including poor outcomes in pregnancy.

Gonorrhoeae and syphilis disproportionately affect young

Aboriginal people, particularly in remote and isolated communities. Rates of gonorrhoeae are 30 times higher for the Aboriginal population compared to the non-Indigenous population; and syphilis rates are five times higher.

An outbreak of syphilis that started in 2011 and has spread across northern and central Australian remote communities has us way out of reach of what once was thought to be possible; eliminating syphilis from our communities. Both STIs can cause major issues in pregnancy, including loss of the baby, and babies can be born with both infections. Both conditions are relatively easy tested for and treated with antibiotics.

Trichomonas is another STI very prevalent among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. In remote communities we have found that around 25% of women found to have trichomonas.

Untreated Trichomonas can cause premature birth and low birth weight and of course facilitate HIV transmission.

Upping STI testing and treatment rates

So testing and treating STIs is straightforward if they're diagnosed early, but the consequences of failing to detect and treat infections are huge.

We need to understand what's stopping people getting tested. Shame and stigma obviously play a part, including for young people.

How can we get to the point that young people in our communities see sexual health checks as a normal part of living a healthy life? How can we ensure that babies aren't born with STIs?

The work happening at the individual health service and NACCHO affiliate level as well as in mainstream, is great. But we need to intensify our focus on:

- 1. Developing innovative community education and awareness to make sure young people are aware of these STIs and the need to test.
- 2. Equipping young people with skills and tools to prevent STIs.
 - 3. Ensuring we are all aware

that STIs often don't have symptoms but are easily tested for and cured.

4. Ensuring our health services are offering regular testing as per clinical guidelines

5. Normalising STI testing, including by making sure that that STI testing is offered as part of Adult Health Assessments, particularly for young people between 16 and 29 years.

At a broader systemic level I believe an additional two national KPIs would be beneficial for raising the profile of this issue, in addition to a special PIP for full STI and BBV testing and elevation of STI testing in the Adult health check.

We have been working hard in research, trying to make sense of why STIs are still so common and to develop strategies bring down these unacceptably high rates. But much more work is required.

The recent defunding of 20 or so Aboriginal sexual health worker positions in NSW should not ever have happened.

Hyper-vigilance is needed.

Let's all get on to this together.



The suicide battle I don't tell many about: The Enemy Within

By JOE WILLIAMS*

CAN you imagine driving down a highway doing over 100km/h, and having voices and thoughts in your head that are so loud, so deafening, to the point you can't hear the conversation going on around you, the music playing on

You know it's not real, but it doesn't take away the impact it has on you. Screaming at you, telling you to jump.

Would you get to the point where you open the door and jump?

I'll let you in on a secret – that was me (recently), and that's exactly what I was about to do. But I know they aren't real, they aren't

Although forging what outsiders would deem a fairly successful life with sports and other ventures, I am plagued with chronic suicidal thoughts. Not that I want my life to end: I have a great life and so much to be thankful for, but end it because that's the only way to make the mental pain go away, when I am in the grip of darkness.

I had not been having these thoughts for about four weeks, and since I'd been out bush on cultural obligations.

Middle of nowhere, away from the city lights, the noise and demand of what society brings us. When I head bush, it connects me



even stronger to the Old People, my First Nation cultural ancestors.

For almost a month I was rid of the pain and torment of the depressional demons and suicidal ideation.

You see, I'm diagnosed with Bipolar disorder, which is an alignment issue with the chemicals in my brain, causing me to have extreme highs and extreme lows.

Managing this disease has became easier to me over time, with education on the brain and what effects it has, but also myself, on how why and what triggers these episodes.

I am a highly functioning person, living a normal life with Bipolar disorder. But there are many who aren't.

I live a normal life, live with purpose, helping people and love my family and friends.

So why now, why did it come back after I thought I was doing all the right, positive actions to keep it

My lesson in all of this is not to be complacent and let go of the things that keep me well.

My cultural values have been the biggest influence in my recovery. It's not that I let go of my cultural beliefs and practices, I've actually increased certain practices. It is the other values I hold close that I must stay strong and connected to.

Out of every tough situation I take, I take a lesson out of it and find gratefulness and compassion. Everybody acts the way they do for a reason, and whether we agree or not, I always try to treat them with compassion.

Gratefulness... always try to find gratefulness in every tough time we have. Always be grateful of the situations, circumstances and encounters we have as they all play a part in our greater journey.

My suicidal ideation is a big part of my life. It may be forever, but I'm guessing that's because I had not had it for almost a month.

Were the reasons I was hit so incredibly hard recently realistic? All I know is that I'm grateful to be alive every minute of every single day, because it can all be taken away in an instant.

I thought it would be important to share, as from the outside looking in my life may look amazing and great.

This story is to show you it ain't

learn from every thunderstorm in the midst of the hail, lightning, fire and rain.

I learnt to tell those close, and that gave me the courage to write about it further.

Each day I am alive, I learn - I'll learn today and everyday and I'll continue to improve the person I

Today I am back on top, attempting to help many around the globe stay alive.

It May Battle Me; It Won't Beat

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Joe was Wagga Wagga Citizen of the Year in 2015 for his work in the community, mental health and suicide prevention sectors. He is also a published author, contributing to the book Transformation; Turning Tragedy To Triumph. Most recently Joe has also been involved in filming of the worldwide documentary Suicide, the Ripple Effect, from director and

Grim reality is the national suicide toll is climbing

This is an opinion article from Suicide prevention researcher and campaigner, **GERRY GEORGATOS, from the Institute** of Social Justice and Human Rights

RECENTLY, I opened a piece about having been informed of a former refugee who has taken his life, of a mother who has taken her life, of a young Aboriginal woman who has taken her life, of a former inmate who has taken his life, of a newly arrived migrant who has taken her life.

Each of these individuals was aged in

From right around our nation, in recent weeks I have been informed of 90

suspected suicides, 20 of migrants and of 20 of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people - with my unofficial counts significantly comparatively higher than this time last year.

These are only the ones I am being informed about.

With many of these suicides I have responded to the families. There is a wilderness of grief.

However, the most elevated risk period is either side of Christmas and all of us - as individuals, families and friends - must be on the alert, and watchful of those within our circle who may be vulnerable and include them in our

Suicide takes twice as many Australian lives as all other forms of violence combined, including homicides, military deaths and the road toll.

The suicide toll should be the nation's most pressing issue - the issue of our time. But alas it is not.

According to my unofficial data sets, poverty and socio-economic pressures factor into more than 70% of the suicides, but with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suicides more than 90% are of individuals who had been living below the Henderson Poverty Line.

Despite the suicides underwritten by poverty, they are are not limited to socioeconomic factors.

From within the cesspool of this situational trauma - this narrative of victimhood - there has manifest a constancy of traumas; multiple, composite, aggressive, complex traumas.

There is a humanitarian crisis in this affluent nation, a catastrophic, systematic crisis. Suicide accounts for more than 5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths.

It's a staggering, harrowing statistic. In fact in my estimations, because of under-reporting issues, suicide accounts for 10% of Indigenous deaths.

The contributing factors are many and intertwined, underwritten by the kind of acute poverty, disadvantage and marginalisation that should make no sense in one of the world's wealthiest

Our capacity to listen is an imperative and must be achieved without judgment. for often redemption is needed: Forgiveness in addition to sympathy and empathy.

These skills do not come easy to everyone but they are vital in the suicide prevention space, in trauma counselling, in restorative therapies, in navigating people to a positive self.

 Read the article in full at http://thestringer.com.au/the-grim-realityis-that-the-suicide-toll-is-climbing-12189#.WBvA0Ge7ofg

Promote help-seeking



Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467

www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Lifeline 13 11 14

www.lifeline.org.au beyondblue 1300 22 4636 www.beyondblue.org.au

> MensLine Australia 1300 78 99 78 www.mensline.org.au

Mindframe

QLife www.qlife.org.au 1800 184 527 (3:00pm-12:00am) MindOUT!

www.lgbtihealth.org.au/mindout

Youth specific services

24/7 crisis support Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 www.kidshelp.com.au Clinical intervention and advice headspace 1800 650 890 www.headspace.org.au



ATSISPEP and the hope of a new era in Indigenous suicide prevention

By Professor PAT DUDGEON and Professor TOM CALMA, AO

THE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project (ATSISPEP) is a unique Indigenous-led research project to identify 'what works' to prevent suicide in our communities.

Our rates of suicide today are twice as high as other Australians and probably growing. Like the tip of an iceberg, high rates of suicide in a community can be a sign of deeper and complex community-wide problems, involving families and people caught in cycles of despair and a sense of hopelessness. Yet not all our communities, even those facing similar challenges, experience the same rates of suicide

ATSISPEP was developed with the recognition that for many years Indigenous Elders, community leaders and healers in some of our worst-affected communities have been working tirelessly to prevent suicide. Often volunteering, and with little or no financial support, they have generated community-specific and culturally-based ways of bringing people back from the edge of suicide and also supporting families who are bereaved by

In some cases, they have worked with entire communities to address the underlying community-level issues that can contribute to a suicide, for example, unemployment, violence, and alcohol and drug

In others, they have connected young people to their Indigenous identity and culture and the sense



of worth this can bring. Some good examples are presented in the Elders' Report into Preventing Indigenous Self-harm & Youth Suicide (see: https://bepartofthe healing.org/EldersReport.pdf).

The many years of communitygenerated work in suicide prevention is something that Indigenous Australia, as a collective, should take great pride in. However, we have to acknowledge also that this alone has not been enough to stop Indigenous suicide rates overall getting higher recently, and that some communities remain at particularly high risk.

ATSISPEP's first challenge was to identify 'what works' - the success factors evident from the suicide prevention work already undertaken in our communities.

The second challenge was to support the dissemination of 'what works' across all communities - to share knowledge, and ensure that all can benefit from this collective wisdom and experience.

After almost two years of work, ATSISPEP released a final report in Canberra on November 10. The Indigenous suicide prevention program evaluations and previous research and consultations on Indigenous suicide prevention.

It includes the input of ATSISPEP-held regional community roundtables, and roundtables on specific topics (for example, on Indigenous young people and suicide prevention, justice issues, and Indigenous LGBTQI and suicide prevention).

ATSISPEP also held a national conference in May at Alice Springs. It was an opportunity to test our work and gather even more information from the 370 attendees, most of whom were Indigenous.

A selection of some of the success factors identified in the report includes:

- Community-specific programs to address the community-level contributing factors that can lead to suicide.
- Community development and ownership of programs.
- Access to culturally competent counsellors and mental health support for people at immediate risk of suicide.

The involvement of Elders in

- Cultural frameworks for programs, and cultural elements in them: for example, culturallyinformed healing practices and connecting young people to country.
- Alcohol and drug usereduction as a part of an overall response
- Gatekeeper training, whereby community members are trained to identify people at risk of suicide and connect them to help.
- For young people, peer-topeer mentoring, and education and leadership on suicide prevention.
- 24-hour, seven-day a week availability of support.

With ATSISPEP complete, the implementation of the 2013 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy (with almost \$18 million pledged to it) through the Primary Health Networks, and the establishment of at least two Indigenous suicide prevention trial sites (that were recently announced by the Australian

an evidence-based footing.

ATSISPEP has also generated tools for both Indigenous communities and Primary Health Networks to use to develop and strengthen programs.

The hope of ATSISPEP is that its report will help bring about a new era in Indigenous suicide prevention in which many lives will be saved. It is now incumbent on Australian governments to ensure that our communities receive the support they need to help make this happen.

All of the ATSISPEP reports can be accessed at www.atsispep.sis.uwa.edu.au.

ATSISPEP was funded by the Commonwealth Department of

- Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline 13 11 14 or Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467 or Kids Helpline (young people aged 5-25) 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

From Health Minister Sussan Ley...

PRIME Minister Malcolm Turnbull committed the Government to a roundtable discussion with key stakeholders in the Kimberley to understand what is working in the region and what is not and to find some agreement on ways to help shape a new landmark suicide prevention trial in the Kimberley.

The Kimberley region has been selected as an initial site for a suicide prevention trial in recognition of the high rate of suicide in the region, particularly in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. In the Kimberley, the age-adjusted rate of suicide is more than six times the national average

I was joined by Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ken Wyatt, who is an Aboriginal man from Western Australia.

Delegates to the roundtable were given an advance copy of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project (ATSISPEP) report, which was discussed by the project director, Professor Pat Dudgeon.

The report evaluated the effectiveness of existing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suicide prevention services and programs and makes a number of recommendations that emphasise the need for community and culturally sensitive involvement in any suicide prevention activities.



Assistant Health Minister Ken Wyatt, Health Minister Sussan Ley and Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion at the Kimberley roundtable. Image: ABC

It was agreed that the recommendations of the report form a blueprint for the suicide prevention trial and that the ATSISPEP Evaluation tool be used and implemented to guide the PHN and Kimberley Suicide Prevention Trial site.

Key outcomes from the roundtable

- Agreement for a shared commitment between the Australian Government, the community and service providers to reduce the high rates of suicide in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the Kimberley region.
- A recognition that suicide is not just a health issue but must link to the social

and cultural determents of health.

- A need to focus on family support. That community based interventions are developed and implemented using a foundation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership and in partnership with Indigenous communities, including the need to train the local Aboriginal mental health workforce and taking a family focused approach as part of empowering the
- That the Kimberley trial will develop a suicide prevention model that can support the unique and culturally sensitive requirements of remote communitie
- That government funding and investment needs to be better targeted with more local involvement and streamlining between State and Federal funding arrangements.
- That the Country Western Australian Primary Health Network (PHN) will work closely and collaboratively in partnership with Kimberley Aboriginal groups and organisations in the conduct of the trial.

As Health Minister, I undertook to investigate how to extend Aboriginal community controlled health organisations representation on PHNs.

Outcomes from the roundtable will help plan and inform the design of the trial, local suicide prevention activity, and inform the design of strategies in the national trial.



Alcohol creates havoc in Indigenous communities

By ANDREA MASON

IN 2008, when I arrived in Alice Springs, I was told that 15 women from the Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council membership region had been killed as a result of domestic violence between 2000 and 2008. And in every case, the accused partner had been under the influence of alcohol

Since 2009, another two women from the NPY region have been killed as a result of domestic violence.

There are a lot of factors behind this, but it is a figure worth mentioning.

In the Northern Territory over the past three years, 23 women have been killed by someone with whom they were in a domestic relationship. And all of these partners were heavily intoxicated with alcohol - at least three times over the legal driving limit of 0.05.

At NPY Women's Council, we know that alcohol isn't the only trigger for violence, but it does escalate that violence. If we are to stop these domestic partner deaths, the excessive drinking in our community must be curbed.

It's estimated that if drinking were to be reduced to a level equivalent to the national average, there would be a 50% drop in violence across the NT.

As a strategic business leader, I believe it would be an absolute tragedy if in 2020 the number of women killed by their partner as a result of alcohol-fuelled violence were to

continue. On the current trajectory, we would see 51 women killed in seven years in the Northern Territory. This would be shocking and a disgrace, so change must happen

In regard to this, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the NT Government for the leadership it is taking on this issue.

When I talk about a shared responsibility, reducing the number of women killed due to alcohol-fuelled violent attacks is one of many areas

Reducing Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is another. And reducing suicide is a third.

Major health concerns

All these major health concerns will be significantly improved by addressing alcohol with evidence-based policies that we know will work.

At NPY Women's Council, we have worked with victims of domestic violence since 1994. Today, we are also working to gather a critical mass of men who in time will become leaders, to advocate to others to change their violent behaviours and to seek better lives for themselves and their families.

It is of interest to me that even though NPY started its domestic violence service in 1994, the NPY region men's cross-border program, set up to work with men to change their behaviour as part of the sentencing process, only began in 2007.

Why haven't we seen a community-wide men's initiative in the NPY Lands to stop the violence and - more importantly - what

if a such a men's movement to stop domestic violence had started in 1994?

Women have had no choice but to lead the way for their own safety.

Our Aboriginal women, and now men, are doing their part.

It is time for the whole Australian community to implement key policies on alcohol that will benefit everyone but especially the most marginalised people in our community.

It is Aboriginal people who suffer disproportionally because mainstream Australia cannot accept the need to turn down the tap a little for the benefit of



Devoted to just and fair access for her people

Andrea Mason is an Aboriginal woman who has devoted her career to promoting just and fair access for Indigenous people and provides support for families across the Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Lands – the central tri-state region of the Northern Territory, South Australia, and Western Australia.

She was recently named the 2016 Telstra NT Business Woman of the Year and winner of the For Purpose and Social Enterprise Award. Following is an edited extract of her speech at the Telstra Awards evening held in Darwin earlier this month.

Ms Mason also attended the Council of Australian Governments national summit on reducing violence against women and their children in Brisbane to further discuss these issues and advocate for change.

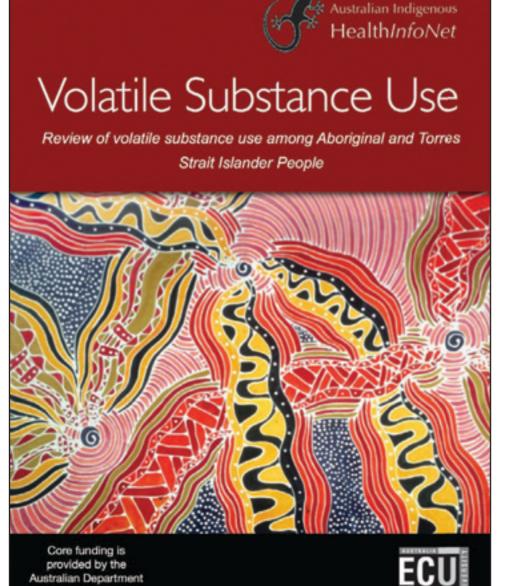
She at the awards: "A low expectation accepts the worst elements of our two

cultures, such as domestic violence, welfare dependency, financial abuse, excessive alcohol consumption, child neglect and child sexual abuse, and youth suicide.

"From the non-Indigenous community, which makes up 97% of the Australian population, Aboriginal people need your support to change the thinking from 'me' to 'us'. To an 'us' that is inclusive of the cultural and economic prosperity of Aboriginal

"We also need the 97% to be generous patrons and leaders to create a safer and more secure society. Particularly when many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people struggle to create this for themselves.

"One area where a 'me' entitlement has created havoc in communities is that of alcohol-fuelled violence, often at the very serious end of the scale - or indeed the most serious.



New ebook about VSU

THE Australian Indigenous Alcohol and Other Drugs Knowledge Centre recently launched a new eBook about volatile substance use (VSU).

Based on the 2016 Review of **Volatile Substance Ase Among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** People, the interactive electronic version is a powerful learning tool.

HealthInfoNet Director Professor Neil Drew says: "This is a first for us as we expand our suite of digital tools and new platforms to deliver knowledge and information to the

"The eBook is a tactile, sensory tool which provides multiple ways of utilising the latest technology to assist learning about this important

"We have been overwhelmed by the

positive feedback from stakeholders in the testing phases and know there is a need for a resource of this kind. We are delighted to be able to provide this, our first eBook."

The eBook has been created for Apple devices such as iPads, iPhones, laptops and desktop computers.

It is free to download from iTunes and via the AODKC http://www.aodknowledgecentre.net. au/vsu-ebook.

Users can read it, listen to it, make notes and copy/paste content. Embedded in the eBook are short films and links to the original source of references.

Once downloaded, the eBook can be accessed and used multiple times in any way that the user determines.

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Just Justice Healing needed

MEGAN WILLIAMS writes...

READERS of this newspaper are invited to attend the launch in Sydney on November 27 of #JustJustice, a book profiling solutions to the over-incarceration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Professor Tom Calma AO, a social justice champion and Chancellor of the University of Canberra, will launch the book which will also be freely available as an e-book via Croakey.org.

The launch comes amid mounting pressure on federal, state and territory governments to address over-incarceration, which the #JustJustice book makes clear is a public health emergency.

The book, which resulted from a crowd-funding campaign, profiles the breadth and depth of work by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations to address incarceration and related

The inaugural Closing the Prison

To the launch ot: #JustJustice

Date: Sunday, November 27, 2016

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#JUSTJUSTICE

Gap: Cultural Resilience Conference, recently held in northern NSW, also heard about many such initiatives.

The first conference theme explored prevention and early intervention with Professor Muriel Bamblett, a Yorta Yorta woman and CEO of the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care

discussing 'Alternatives to Child Removal', including leadership, healing and diversionary programs.

The second conference theme focused on court, prison and post-release programs.

Compelling information about the over-representation of people with disabilities in the criminal justice system was provided, including concerns about fitness to stand trial and under-assessment of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum

Mervyn Eades, a Nyoongar man and Eddie Mabo Social Justice Award winner, explained the trusting relationships developed with ex-prisoners through the Ngalla Maya program, and their contribution to supporting prisoners in employment post-prison release.

The third conference theme of healing reviewed the work by Gamarada Healing the Life Training, the well-evaluated Kids Caring for Country and Learning our Way Program from Murwillumbah, NSW, and web-based resources of the

Lateral Peace Project.

Plans for the Mount Tabor Station Healing and Rehabilitation Centre in central Queensland were unveiled by Keelen Mailman, a Bidjara woman, author of The Power of Bones and Mother of the Year winner, developed in partnership with Keith Hamburger, ex-Director of the Queensland Corrective Services Commission.

The final conference session focussed on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led solutions to addressing underlying factors for incarceration, which Professor Harry Blagg from the University of WA argued are an extension of colonial dispossession.

Chris Lee, from the University of Southern Queensland, and Gerry Georgatos, from the Institute for Social Justice and Human Rights in WA, described tangible strategies for improving in-prison and postrelease education and training, citing some excellent results from their programs.

NAIDOC Lifetime Achievement

Award Winner Tauto Sansbury reflected on his own life journey and how his understanding of the need for a Treaty developed over time. He envisions a Treaty as an opportunity for new relationships and accountabilities in law, which will promote selfdetermination and reduce

incarceration rates.

But the question remains: Why won't Australian leaders embrace Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander solutions to the criminal justice crisis?

Perhaps this will be the theme of the 2017 Closing the Prison Gap gathering?

The organising committee is looking for contributions for next year's event and program.

This is an abbreviated version of an article that first appeared at Croakey.org Dr Megan Williams is a member of the #JustJustice team, a Senior Research Fellow in the Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Research team at Western Sydney University, and a Wiradjuri descendant through her father's family. Other #JustJustice team members are Summer May Finlay, Marie McInerney, Melissa Sweet and Mitchell Ward.

https://croakey.org/why-wontaustralian-leaders-embraceaboriginal-and-torres-straitislander-solutions-to-the-criminaljustice-crisis/

Dying to be free: Prevention and Where is the focus on the deaths occurring after prison release?

AMID calls for a new federal inquiry into the overimprisonment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to result in concrete actions, a more profound concern has rated barely a mention.

Many people may not realise that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are more likely to die in the days and weeks after release from prison than they are in custody, according to University of Melbourne researchers.

Where non-Indigenous people are more likely be at risk of postrelease death from accidental overdose, and preventative opioid substitution therapy is reasonably available to them, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are more likely to die from alcoholrelated harm, preventable health conditions and suicide.

The majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in prison have been there before, often multiple times. High rates of re-incarceration and post-release death signal that they do not receive enough assistance under current programs and policies.

Jack Bulman, CEO of the wellrecognised health promotion charity Mibbinbah, recently collaborated on the design of health promotion program 'Be the Best You Can Be' which accompanies the film Mad Bastards. He has worked with many men post-prison release and says "many get out of prison with very little support, money, plans, or hope".

In-prison programs fail to address the disadvantage that many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners face, such as addiction, intergenerational and historical traumas, grief and loss. Programs have long waiting lists, and exclude those who spend many months on remand or serve short sentences - as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people often do.

Instead, evidence shows that prison worsens mental health and wellbeing, damages relationships and families, and generates stigma which reduces employment and housing opportunities.

Some European countries, however, have achieved a dramatic reduction in prisoner numbers and harms.

To prevent post-release deaths, diversion from prison to alcohol and drug rehabilitation is recommended, which has proven more cost-effective and beneficial than prison. International evidence also recommends

preparing families for the postprison release phase.

Mibbinbah's work also shows that men's groups are a low-cost measure for prison-to-community continuity of care, and Elder engagement in prison programs has received overwhelmingly positive feedback.

Locally, evaluation of three 'Returning Home' post-prison release pilot programs delivered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health Organisations found that intensive, coordinated care in the first hours, days, and weeks after release is required, along with strategies to better identify newlyreleased prisoners in clinical and program settings, to provide them with appropriate care

However, for these improvements to occur, better integration between prisons and community-based services is required.

International human rights instruments assert that people in prison have the right to the same care in prison as they do in the community.

Prisons should be places where public health and criminal justice policies meet, particularly given that the overwhelming majority of people in prisons have addiction and mental health

But because prisoners have no right to Medicare, Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people in prison have reduced access to the types of comprehensive primary healthcare available in the community, including health assessments, care plans and social and emotional wellbeing programs.

Instead, providing such healthcare in prisons comes at an additional cost to community organisations, if it is done at all.

The Public Health Association of Australia and the Australian Medical Association have called on the Australian Government for prisoners to retain their right to Medicare.

Renewed attention to bring about this change will enable continuity of care between prison and the community, which is vital for preventing post-release deaths.

Waiting until after prison is

• Further reading: The Change the Record Coalition calls for the Australian Law Reform Commission to develop the terms of reference for its inquiry into over-imprisonment in close consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander bodies.

https://changetherecord.org.au /blog/news/australian-law-reformcommission-inquiry-intoaboriginal-and-torres-straitislander-imprisonment-mustfocus-on-solutions

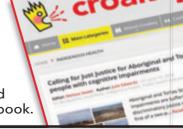


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\$2.2 million grant for quit-smoking trial helping pregnant Aboriginal mums

ABORIGINAL communities across Australia will benefit from a \$2.26 million national grant awarded to University of Newcastle (UON) public health researchers for a culturally competent smoking cessation program focused on the health and wellbeing of pregnant Aboriginal

The study, called 'Indigenous Counselling and Nicotine (ICAN) QUIT in Pregnancy', was developed in collaboration with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.

With a four-year funding package announced under the National Health and Medical Research Council's Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases (GACD) scheme. the team led by Professor Billie Bonevski and Dr Gillian Gould will now collaborate with a larger group of about 30 Aboriginal healthcare services around the nation.

"In Australia we have declining rates of smoking among pregnant women in general - the rate is currently around 10% - but with Aboriginal women the rate is up around 40% and there has been no decline," Prof

"A lot of tobacco control measures in Australia have, until recently, been targeted at non-Aboriginal Australians whereas the (ICAN) QUIT in Pregnancy resources have



Project leaders Professor Billie Bonevski and Dr Gillian Gould

been specifically developed to be a health promotion platform for Aboriginal communities as they draw on the

knowledge and expertise of the community. "They are grounded in culturally appropriate material and Aboriginal people

deliver the smoking cessation support. From a cultural perspective this is very

"During the first phase of the study our auit smoking resources were pre-tested with Aboriginal women, Elders and health professionals in three states. They received very favourable responses, and were thought to reflect the diversity of Aboriginal peoples in Australia," Dr Gould said.

The NHMRC grant will enable researchers to provide full training and resources to staff at half of the health services involved in the trial, with the other half serving as a control group so that program outcomes can be evaluated effectively.

Under the trial, health data such as baby birth weight and lung health will also be collected by Prof Jorge Mattes and Laureate Professor Roger Smith from the UON's GrowUpWell and Mothers and Babies research centres to highlight the benefit of quitting for the newborn child.

Prof Bonevski and Dr Gould do research in conjunction with HMRI's Public Health program. Pilot research was funded by the Hunter Cancer Research Alliance and the NSW Ministry for Health. Dr Gould also has fellowship funding from the NHMRC and

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Prevention and Health Promotion Resources Project

NACCHO has partnered with the Menzies School of Health Research and the Telethon Kids Institute (TKI) to develop and implement health promotion resources and interventions to prevent and reduce the impacts of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and young

FASD is an umbrella term used to describe the range of effects that can occur in individuals whose mother consumed alcohol during pregnancy. These effects may include physical, mental, behavioral, developmental, and or learning disabilities with possible lifelong implications.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Prevention and Health Promotion Resources (FPHPR) were developed for the 85 New Directions: Mothers and Babies Services (NDMBS) across Australia. These resources primarily focused on prevention of FASD, but also provide information about sexual and reproductive health, smoking and substance abuse.

The FASD project was announced by Senator Fiona Nash in June 2014 and forms part of the National FASD Action Plan to address the harmful impact of FASD on children and families.

The FPHPR Project seeks to achieve the following broad outcomes by June 30, 2017:

- Reduced alcohol consumption during pregnancy.
- Reduced tobacco smoking and substance misuse during
- pregnancy. Reduced unplanned pregnancies.

The Project Partnership and



FASD prevention staff at the Menzies School of Health Research and the Telethon Kids Institute.

Research team developed and implemented a flexible, modular package of health promotion resources and interventions based on the key components of the approach developed by the Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Services in Western Australia. This includes a set of discrete FASD education and awareness modules targeting key New Directions: Mothers and Babies Services (NDMBS) client groups, including:

a) Pregnant women using NDMBS antenatal and other services, including their

partners and families.

b) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women of childbearing

c) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander grandmothers.

d) NDMBS staff (including but not limited to administrative and clinical staff).

e) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men.

The package of FASD Prevention and Health Promotion resources also include data system resources to facilitate routine screening and monitoring for alcohol and tobacco use in

pregnancy, and screening of nonpregnant women of childbearing age, at risk of having a prenatal alcohol exposed pregnancy. Participating NDMBS use this system to evaluate the impact of the FPHPR on target groups of pregnant women using NDMB antenatal and other services, including their partners and families and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men.

The FPHPR Project team facilitated FASD train-the-trainer workshops with participants from NRMRS in each state and territory. About 100 NDMBS

staff - a diverse combination of clinical service providers and administrative staff - actively participated. Workshops included information on FASD and its prevention by content experts; orientation to the FPHPR package; interactive training and rehearsal in the use of each component of the FPHPR package developed for each key NDMBS target groups; networking opportunities; and strengthening links with other relevant service providers within each jurisdiction to reduce the impact of FASD.



NDIS set to transform the lives of **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** people living with a disability

THE National Disability Insurance Scheme, commonly referred to as the NDIS, is set to transform the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living with a disability.

The NDIS will provide all Australians under the age of 65 who have a permanent and significant disability with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to enjoy an ordinary life. NDIS participants include people with intellectual, physical, sensory and psychosocial disabilities.

It will help people with disability achieve their goals, whether it be greater independence, community involvement, employment and improved wellbeing

Supports funded by the NDIS may include personal care and support, access to the community, therapy services and essential equipment.

The NDIS will progressively roll out across Australia over the next three years to ensure the scheme is successful and sustainable. People will move to the NDIS at different times depending on where they live.

Transforming lives

The NDIS is already transforming lives in the Barkly region in the Northern Territory, and from January 2017 will start to roll out in East Arnhem Land. Ultimately, the scheme will support more than 6500 people across the Northern Territory.

Once fully implemented, the NDIS is expected to support 460,000 people nationwide.

Staff from the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) have worked with Aboriginal Elders and people to roll out the scheme in Indigenous communities, which has been vital to building local understanding and ownership. SA total of 75% of NDIA staff working in the Barkly region are Indigenous, including Stella Raymond (see inset).

National Disability Insurance Agency CEO David Bowen said that the scheme was much-welcomed by people with disability, their families and carers.

"The NDIS is exciting because, at long last, people with disability will have choice and control over the supports they need to live an ordinary life," he said

'The scheme is revolutionising the way we support people with disability in Australia. For the first time, all Australians with disability will have equity of access to support, no matter where they live."

To become an NDIS participant, you must meet certain access criteria. For more information, contact the NDIS on 1800 800 110 or visit www.ndis.gov.au



STELLA Raymond, a proud Indigenous woman born and raised in Alice Springs, is the 'face' of the NDIS office in Tennant Creek.

Known for her smiling and welcoming demeanour, Stella was one of the first NDIS participants in the Northern Territory, and later got a job with the NDIA

"I've been an NDIS participant since the scheme started here in the NT two years ago, and I've been working for the NDIS for 11 months

now," she said. "It's been great. I'm a Business Support Officer. I do all the receptionist/admin work - I answer phones, check emails and I help my colleagues out when they need a hand.

"The NDIS has helped me out with my new wheelchair. It will have automatic wheels and it's going to make it a lot easier to get around.

"It's great to be employed here because having a disability, I have a lot of knowledge to offer and I

can be a strong advocate for locals because everyone knows me around

"This job means a lot to me. I really feel like I'm contributing.

'At home, and right through school, I've been treated just like everyone else.

"I've had a really great life and I have no regrets, but it's nice to have a great job at the NDIS and to know, as a participant, I'm covered by the scheme for life."

Quality use of Medicines Maximised for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

THE Quality Use of Medicines Maximised for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples (QUMAX) program is a collaboration between NACCHO and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (PGoA) with funding provided by the Commonwealth Department of Health (DoH) under the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement (6CPA).

Through the 6CPA, the QUMAX program received 12 months funding.

So what is QUMAX?

The QUMAX Program aims to improve health outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who attend participating Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) in major cities, inner and outer regional

QUMAX achieves this through the allocation of funding to participating ACCHOs to reduce barriers experienced by their clients to Quality Use of Medicines There are seven support categories specified under the 6CPA:

- 1. (a) Dose Administration Aids Agreements and, (b) Flexible Funding.
- 2. Quality Use of Medicine Pharmacy

- 3. Home Medicine Reviews (HMR) models of support.
 - 4. Quality Use of Medicine Devices.
 - 5. Quality Use of Medicine Education. 6. Cultural Education.
 - 7. Transport.

In 2015-2016, QUMAX engaged with More than half of all NACCHO member organisations. This equated to 76 ACCHOs across each State and Territory participating in the program, reaching 219,486 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients.

Challenges

The 2015-2016 QUMAX cycle has been a particularly challenging. The delay in notification of the 6CPA caused significant delays to the time-sensitive QUMAX program cycle, placing additional administrative burden on NACCHO from a national coordination stand point, and also at the ACCHO grassroots service delivery

The QUMAX program team supported ACCHOs through the completion and submission of their work plans and reporting requirements for this period. Despite these

challenges, all program deliverables were

NACCHO's 'QUMAX Programme: Quality use of Medicines Maximised for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People' report published in March highlighted the value and effectiveness of QUMAX for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients of participating ACCHOs

Funding for QUMAX is and remains capped at \$11 million for the five-year (2010-2015) 5CPA agreement.

Although funding has increased annually, it has not been sufficient in meeting the ongoing needs of patients requiring support through the program.

Coupled with additional financial investment provided by ACCHOs across the 2013-15 financial years, the report indicated that a higher level of funding is needed.

Key outcomes from the report:

- 81 organisations participated in the QUMAX program from 2010 to 2015.
- ACCHOs reported greater uptake of QUMAX-supported activities for which funding has not kept pace.
- Program participants are evenly distributed across major cities as well as

inner and outer regional areas.

- Across the seven support categories, the highest proportion has been allocated to Dose Administration Aids for complex medications (50%); asthma masks and spacers, nebulisers and peak flow meters are the most highly used device with over 22,500 being provided; and 21% of funds have been used for transport assistance for clients to acquire medications. It was noted that 80% of contracted pharmacies are located over one kilometre away from ACCHO clinics.
- 508 community pharmacies participated as Dose Administration Aids contracted pharmacies.
- Community Pharmacies actively participated in improving their own cultural awareness and support for client education on medications.

NACCHO continues to work towards ensuring the QUMAX Program, and quality use of medicine support to ACCHOs, continues throughout the 6CPA.

The full report is available on the NACCHO website www.naccho.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/QUMAX-Report-Final-2016-04-10-hiq.pdf



Clinton's walk a journey for hope and justice

By EMMA MECONI

THE road to justice is a long one fraught with difficulties and obstacles that only the most determined and committed can overcome to achieve the justice, human rights and respect deserved.

Wajuk man Clinton Pryor has embarked on a Walk For Justice across Australia to discuss the impacts government decisions are having on local Indigenous communities in Western Australia.

But he needs the support and help of Australians, in particular Indigenous Australians, to reinforce this message to the Federal Government and invite positive action to help - not hurt - our nation's First Peoples.

"The Government is going to close communities and I need your help to make a stand against the Government," he said on his website

"As a young Indigenous man, it is a duty to look after the planet.

"Our Elders fought so hard to get this community built. That community is very important to us."

Mr Pryor does not want to see his community shut down because of funding cuts to vital services. He is embarking on this walk so he can raise awareness nationwide and let the Prime Minister know closing communities is not right.

He wants to save his people from losing their home and country.

Mr Pryor began his journey in Perth in September and aims to complete it in Canberra in May

He will travel thousands of kilometres on foot to deliver his very important message directly to the Prime Minister.

His message is one of hope and justice for Aboriginal Australia, and it all began with a life-changing moment in Mr Pryor's life when he was a teenager.

"The hardest part of my life (was) when my father passed away when I was 16 years old. It was the day my life changed forever," he said.

"I put my hand on his head and promised him three things - to help my people, look after my family and keep our people's culture alive.

Mr Pryor is from the Mulan community in the east Kimberley region of WA.

His family moved to Perth when he was seven and this is where he grew up and still lives, in the suburb of Rivervale

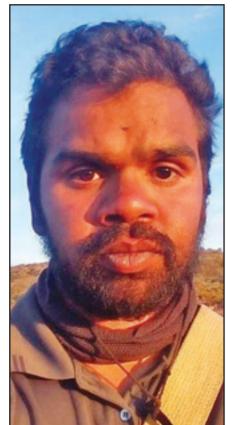
Up until his father's passing, Mi Pryor had enjoyed a fairly fulfilling high school journey.

He said the best part of his life was when he was in high school and played footy, had a girlfriend and a job and spent his weekends surfing at the beach.

Like most young men, he dreams of a life where he will be a dad and have his own family and fulfil his childhood dream of making a change in the world.

But the rhythm of life with its constant changes brings moments of light and darkness, happiness and sadness, hope and despair,

harmony and challenges. Mr Pryor had a period of homelessness not long after his















Images from Clinton Pryor's walk, his route across Australia, and the timetable for his journey.

father passed away. "I lost my job, my girlfriend left me and I left home to live on the street for two years before I got myself together and back on track again because I knew if I didn't move on with my life and not believe in myself I was going nowhere with life," he said on his website

Mr Pryor said the disconnection from others and not having a home was the hardest part of being homeless.

"The hardest thing when I was homeless was having no money, no home and no-one caring for me or asking me how I being," he said. "It was like no-one cared about me and it feels like I was alone."

Connection to country and growing up in a remote community reinforces why this walk is so vital.

"Community life is very important because it keeps my people out of town or out of the city because in town and in the city there is drugs, alcohol and violence," he said.

Mr Pryor said that community life is controlled by the Elders who lead in a traditional way in accordance with their own law, and this law which they have followed for 60,000 years keeps them calm and harmonised.

He strongly believes in his people's spirituality and feels very connected to living life around him and the Great Spirit in the air, everywhere.

"I can tell what is right and what is not right. It is a sense in my heart that I can tell something is good or something is bad and tell by the animal around me if it is going to be a great day or not," he says.

Mr Pryor gains his strength from this force in the land around him and in return he loves and cares for the land, looks after her and protects her.

Threat to harmony

He stated that one threat to this harmony with country and land was mining companies because of the damage caused to the land wounds the culture and heart of Indigenous people and damages their spiritual

"My people, we believe that when we die we come back and be a part of the tree, animal, rock, river, the air and the land itself," he says.

"That is why I am very connected to the land because I know that those who pass on before me are always with me and around me. The great energy of life."

Mr Pryor does not want to see what he cares most about in this world, his family, friends and culture, destroyed by corporate greed.

Similarly, he does not want to see the forced closure of remote communities and the resulting homelessness because of government spending cuts.

He said he had been involved in protests and rallies and was not prepared to give up on the belief that together he will win the fight for First Nations people.

"The most things I worry about are seeing a lot of my people living homeless, watching the land being destroyed and my culture dying out," Mr Pryor says.

This is a critical aspect of the walk, because closing a community is not just taking people away from their home and leading to homelessness and feeling lost, it is also disconnecting them from their spiritual home and their identity.

"If communities are closing down, the sacred site, cave art and the songlines are under threat and can be lost forever without the young generation knowing their culture and about their people and how we live on the land," Mr Pryor said.

He wants to give his people hope and make sure they do not give up and that they keep fighting no matter what happens.

His message to the Prime Minister will be to ask the

Government to give the Elders full control of their communities without interference by government.

More broadly, Mr Pryor wants to emphasise the importance of a treaty in moving forward in an independent, harmonious and accepting way so Indigenous Australians can live the way they always have.

By undertaking this walk, he will also be honouring the past, which is an important element in the Indigenous ritual where young men go walkabout to learn survival skills and spiritual awakening.

Mr Pryor will have a lot of time for reflection and contemplation about the significance this walk will hold for Indigenous Australians and also our nation as a whole, and how things should change for the better.

'This walk is about bringing people from different cultures back together and showing that if there is any hope for this country we must work together," he said.

Songlines form the essence of spirituality and connection to land in Indigenous culture, and as Mr Pryor travels across Australia he will take some roads that follow songlines and some that don't.

But all the while he wants to learn about his people and culture and what is happening to them now.

His aim is to "know the truth about how my people are living and understand the different law and Dreamtime story".

Mr Pryor said that something needs to be done and he hopes to meet and speak with many people along the way and create a force for good across the nation that he hopes the Prime Minister will be interested in hearing about.

He has a large social network of family, friends, his people and Elders who are all supporting him and encouraging him to do what he believes in.

He is not sure what he will say to the Prime Minister specifically, but local Elders have told him he will know what to say after he has done

The experience of walking over this vast land should serve to empower, embolden and strengthen Mr Pryor as he gets closer to achieving his goal.

Deep within Clinton Pryor's heart lies an overwhelming commitment to justice, hope and peace in his country for the First Nations peoples.

This commitment is ignited by a spiritual connection to country and culture that commands the nation's respect, acceptance, appreciation, understanding and encouragement.

Time will tell if the Prime Minister shares an interest and affinity with the peaceful continuation of one of our nation and planet's oldest and enriching cultures and civilisation.

The Prime Minister, increasingly seen as representing the big end of town and disconnected from the realities confronted by Indigenous Australians, did not respond to requests for comment on Mr Pryor's Walk for Justice.

Those interested in supporting Clinton Pryor's Walk for Justice can visit his Facebook page and Twitter profile.





Ear and Hearing Project

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people experience some of the highest levels of ear disease and hearing loss in the world, with rates up to 10 times more than those for non-Indigenous Australians.

Children and adolescents are particularly vulnerable to ear infections. The most common ear disease among Aboriginal Children is otitis media (OM), which is inflammation or infection of the middle ear, typically caused by bacterial and viralpathogens.

Ear infections are responsible for the bulk of hearing problems with lifelong consequences, many of which are preventable and treatable if diagnosed early.

NACCHO's Ear and Hearing Project is aimed at coordinating the development and delivery of Ear and Hearing Health Skill Set Training for up to 115 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers.

The project was funded under the Commonwealth Government's 'Improving Eye and Ear Health Services for Indigenous Australians for Better Education and Employment Outcomes' - a COAG measure, which also supported its implementation.

The overall measure aimed to improve the early detection and treatment of eye and ear health conditions in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, leading to improved education and employment outcomes.

NACCHO received funding for five phases of the project through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait



Islander Health Workforce Section of the Department of Health.

Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) were selected through a rigorous panel process with representatives from NACCHO, the Department of Health and Hearing Services Australia. The selection process was strict and services had to meet the following criteria:

- Be a registered training provided - preference was be given to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Registered Training Organisations (RTOs).
- Have the capacity and scope to deliver the Ear and Hearing Skill Set for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care training.
 - Provide qualified trainers

and assessors to deliver Ear and Hearing Skill Set training.

- Deliver the training within the required timeframe - April-October 2015.
- Provide confirmation of training dates.
- Be willing to take on bursary scheme participant/s as part of the delivery of training.
- Take on eligible students to

complete the training (list supplied by NACCHO).

- Deliver training within the allocated budget.
- Supply ŘTO details and provider number.
- Lodgement of proposal by the closing date.

Four Registered Training Organisations were rated as suitable to deliver training on behalf of NACCHO. They were:

- Central Australian Remote Health Development Service Ltd, Alice Springs, Northern Territory.
- Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia, Perth, WA.
- The Aboriginal Health College, Sydney, NSW.
- Nunkuwarrin Yunti of South Australia Inc.

The Ear and Hearing Health Skill Set Training was conducted over a two-week period and provided a pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers to specialise in the provision of ear and hearing

Additionally, the skill set units provide credit towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care qualifications at the Certificate IV level or higher.

NACCHO coordinated 100 Aboriginal Health Worker Ear and Hearing Training which was delivered in Brisbane, Darwin, Melbourne, Cairns, Perth, Dubbo, Sydney, Kalgoorlie, Albany and

Due to Sorry Business, minimal trainees participated in Darwin, with training in Katherine cancelled all together.



Work With Us

CatholicCare NT is a not-for-profit organisation, providing counselling services and programs to individuals, couples, families, children groups, schools and agencies across the Northern Territory.

CatholicCare NT is always on the lookout for experienced, personally driven and community minded professionals to provide local community driven services to our clients. If this is you, please visit our website to view our current vacant positions.

Employment is subject to obtaining a National police check and Working with Children (Ochre) Card. CatholicCare NT is committed to the protection of children and young people

Only applications addressing the selection criteria will be considered.

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Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) and Foundation for Surgery are pleased to announce a range of awards and scholarships for final year medical students & junior doctors identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. These opportunities aim to enhance recipients careers and their interest in surgery.

Foundation for Surgery - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander **Annual Scientific Congress Awards**

These awards are open to final year medical students and junior doctors. There are up to 3 awards available in 2017, each covering airfares, accommodation and registration fees to attend the RACS ASC in Adelaide, 8-12 May 2017.

Career Enhancement Scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait **Islander Junior Doctors**

There are up to three scholarships available in 2017, each valued \$5,000 (GST

Career Enhancement Scholarships for Aboriginal Medical Students These scholarships are open to nal year medical students. There are up to three scholarships available in 2017, each valued \$2,000 (GST incl.).

The Career Enhancement Scholarships may be used for one or a combination of activities, commensurate with the level of medical education of the applicant, such as:

- Course fees & JDOC registration fees
- Attendance at surgical skills workshops
- Surgical related research projects
- · Attendance or presentation at a medical, surgical or Indigenous Health conference in Aus or NZ
- Other professional development activities of benefit to the applicant

Applications close 5pm Monday 30 January 2017.

Full details are available on the RACS website http://www.surgeons.org/member-services/interest-groupssections/indigenous-health/

Alternatively, for more information contact the Indigenous Health Committee Secretariat on +61 3 9276 7473 or by email: indigenoushealth@surgeons.org





Important rural health bursary awarded to inspirational Aboriginal medical student

AN inspiring final-year Aboriginal medical student from the Australian National University is the recipient of the MDA National and Rural Doctors Association of Australia (RDAA) Rural Health Bursary for

Danielle Dries was announced as the bursary recipient at the awards dinner for the annual Rural Medicine Australia conference, held at Old Parliament House in Canberra.

Danielle will use the bursary of \$7000 to analyse how Indigenous health can be improved and enhanced as a key subject in Australia's medical and other health degrees, as well as ways to boost student learning in cross-cultural communication so as to optimise clinical relationships with Indigenous patients.

The bursary has been generously provided for a second year by MDA National as part of its ongoing partnership with

Ms Dries says she has two main goals. "One is to increase the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce, and the other is to ensure that all Australian health graduates are culturally responsive practitioners," she said.

"We need to improve awareness in the healthcare sector around the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and I have continued to advocate for this through numerous avenues, including by presenting to the Federal



Department of Health, organising cultural experiences for my fellow health students, and by having the small conversations. which are very important, with colleagues.

"I also have an active involvement in rural high school workshops, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

students, which promote an interest in healthy lifestyles and encourage them to consider healthcare as a career.

"I am delighted to receive this important bursary, and look forward to using it to further my passion of improving the focus on Indigenous healthcare and cross-cultural

communication in medicine and other health studies to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes.

"In 2010, Indigenous staff made up only 0.8% of academic staff, and only 1.4% of university-enrolled students were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders.

"While all medical degrees have a compulsory Indigenous component, I'm keen to learn how many wider health degrees in Australia have an Indigenous health component (and if so, how many hours of study does this entail, is it a compulsory or elective subject, and is it taught by an Indigenous person/academic)?

"Also, how many Indigenous students are enrolled in the course and do they set their Indigenous curriculum based on any framework?

"I'm also very keen to find out which courses are teaching Indigenous health and cross-cultural communication really well and how to showcase this to other teaching institutions — and how metropolitan universities compare with regional/rural universities in terms of the focus they give to Indigenous health.

"Gaining more information about this, and documenting it, should provide an excellent support for future work in improving the Indigenous health curriculum both in terms of teaching Indigenous health and increasing health students' awareness of the importance of cross-cultural knowedge."

Representing our medical students

THE Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) is the professional association of Indigenous doctors and medical students, and its primary mission is to grow the number of Indigenous doctors in Australia. One of AIDA's key strategies is to support Indigenous medical students, and one of the structures that AIDA has in place to do this is its Student Representative Committee (SRC).

The SRC is comprised of elected representatives of university medical schools across Australia and a student director who is also an elected member of the AIDA Board of

The role of the SRC members is to represent their Indigenous medical student peers to AIDA and to represent AIDA at the university level, as well as advocating for Indigenous medical students and Indigenous health at the community and national levels.

The SRC provides advice to AIDA on issues that affect Indigenous medical students, such as medical curriculum, Indigenous student support, initiatives that support medical students through their medical journeys and increasing AIDA's student membership. Further, the SRC also provides input into AIDA's policy and advocacy work, its research agenda and cultural safety initiatives.

While many SRC members are already emerging leaders amongst AIDA's Indigenous medical student membership, the SRC provides a unique opportunity to further develop their leadership and governance skills. A number of former SRC members have gone on to become AIDA Directors.

The Student Representative Committee

During AIDA's annual networking and professional development event - AIDA 2016, which was held in Cairns in September, the newly elected Student Director and SRC for 2016-17 were announced.

The AIDA Student Director is Ian Lee who is a final-year medical student in the Flinders University Northern Territory Medical Program (NTMP) in Darwin. Ian has been a longstanding AIDA student representative for Flinders University NTMP and was an SRC member in 2011 and 2012. He actively encourages other students to take on leadership roles to gain experience with AIDA, as a national Indigenous

As Student Director, Ian is a member of the AIDA Board of Directors and provides a student perspective to the Board as well as assuming the responsibilities of chairing the SRC.

Other AIDA SRC members for 2016-17 are: Kayla Arabena-Byrnes (The University of Qld), Ryan Bulger University of Sydney), Kathryn Dalmer (University of Wollongong, NSW), Brylie Frost (University of NSW), Kiri Gates (The University of Melbourne), Cassandra Geeman (University of Newcastle, NSW), Rhiannon Hein (University of Adelaide), Ethan Johnson (Western Sydney University,



Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association Student Representative Council members and officials.

NSW), Blake Jones (Griffith University, Qld), Myora Kruger (Bond University, Qld), Monique Lucas (The University of 'estern Australia), Reagan O'Neill (Australian Natior University, ACT), Jean Pepperill (Flinders University, NT), Natalie Pink (Flinders University, SA), Destiny Powell (University of New England, NSW), Amanda Robinson (The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle, WA), Krystal Stringfellow (James Cook University, Qld).

SRC achievements

Each year the SRC undertakes a project designed to assist and support Indigenous medical students in their journey to becoming doctors.

The SRC project is always a significant body of work that often draws on the experience and wisdom of the broader AIDA membership to develop a product that is valued not only by AIDA's student members, but the broader membership, medical students in general, and the universities where AIDA's members study.

Recent SRC projects include:

the AIDA publication, Indigenous Medical Students' Guide to Internship;

• the AIDA publication, Indigenous Medical Students' Guide to Medical School: and

ne AIDA and the Australian Medical Students Association collaboration video project Debunking the Myths.

Other achievements by the SRC include: annual increases in the number of Indigenous medical

- students members of AIDA;
- Indigenous medical student engagement activities at universities;
- increased engagement with the Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA), which has developed into a formal memorandum of understanding between AIDA and AMSA), the National Rural Health Students' Network (NRHSN) and the General Practice Students' Network
- the AIDA publication Journeys into Medicine was based on a concept originally developed by the SRC; and
- significant contributions to AIDA's policy work, such as AIDA's Research Agenda and Cultural Safety.

Visit aida.org.au to find out more about AIDA and its SRC. If you are interested in becoming a member, visit www.aida.org.au/membership/join-aida-today.



Closing the Gap on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Development – IKE MPH Graduates

DEAKIN University's Institute of Koorie Education (IKE) has celebrated the recent graduation of Master of Public Health (MPH) students, who are now making a significant contribution to improving health outcomes in communities.

Here are profiles on the graduates. Jo Hedges. She has worked previously with an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service for more than 26 years as a dental nurse practitioner.

Since 2011 Jo has been employed in oral health research with Adelaide University. She is working in the field with Indigenous mothers and their babies in a study aligned to Early Childhood Caries.

"My MPH studies have guided me in successfully co-ordinating study designs, analyse results, and critically review health policies," she said.

"My studies have been fundamental in understanding the impact of today's current social factors on the health and wellbeing of individuals, communities and society and how quality evaluation of health programs can contribute to longerterm health improvements.

"I look forward to integrating my academic work with my researcher role, making a positive contribution to improved understanding and therefore effective and positive interventions in the health and wellbeing of the next generation and generations to come.

Darren Clinch is a Badimia man from Yamatji country (WA). He said that undertaking the MPH has assisted him to sharpen his career focus.

"During the course of the MPH study the skills and knowledge gained have significantly contributed to my current role in data improvement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living in Victoria," he said.

"Many of my colleagues have commented on the growth I have achieved as both a Senior Policy Officer and as a passionately dedicated data nerd, determined to make everyone excited about data through visualisation dashboards, geospatial mapping and health themed storytelling apps.

Kim Morey: "I chose to study at IKE because I had previously studied in a mainstream university setting which often resulted in being a cultural broker, which detracted from my own study goals and

"I was attracted to IKE because I knew I would be studying with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from within my field. IKE created an environment for sharing our work and life experiences and learnings, which enhanced our learning environment".

Sharon Wallace: "I currently work for AMSANT and I have worked for almost 20 years in Aboriginal PHC as a clinician and educator, and when I started to work in the area of policy, research and workforce strategy I found I lacked the ability to understand some of the unique language within this field of expertise," she said.

"I knew for me to progress in my career I needed to do the MPH. On looking back now at my first day at the very first residential four-plus years ago, I recall realising I was the very first person in my family to go to university which made me proud."



At Deakin University's Institute of Koorie Education, from left, Joanne Hedges, Kassmena Birch, Darren Clinch, Sharon Wallace, Aunty Janis Koolmatrie (MPH graduate MPH 2014 and Master of Education Graduate 2016) and Kim Morey.

Kassmena Birch comes from Thursday Island in the Torres Strait. She said: "Studying at the Institute provided an opportunity to listen and learn from other students about their experiences in the health field and in their communities.

"This was highly valuable in enriching the theory learnt and how it can be applied. As a result of studying the MPH, I participated in the 2015 Aurora Indigenous Scholars International Study Tour."

Jason Davis said: "As an Aboriginal man of the Waanyii and Kalkadoon nations it has been essential for me when enrolled, to maintain my grassroots connection with my identity and throughout my enrolment in the

"I have found the MPH has refrained from institutionalising Aboriginal students into a mainstream ideology and established valuable mature-age learning styles that work for us.

"Also the MPH studies have made my transition from work life to tertiary study more flexible and less restrictive, while prioritising the Aboriginal values within the course curriculum has ensured my cultural safety needs were seen to be valued."

Marg Niki (O'Brian) - Graduate Diploma in Public Health. Margaret's people are the Kardu Kura Thipmam from ne Victoria Daly Region of the Northern Territory.

"My decision to return to study was to further my knowledge and to be an example to my children and make it a normal thing for them to see and be around," she said.

"Partaking in studies gave me the confidence to participate in a practical research role and I am a member of Danila Dilba's Research Working Group.

"I have also had opportunities to use learnt skills to present at various conferences around Australia".

For more information about the MPH course go to www.deakin.edu.au/ike or contact Wendy Anders wendy.anders@deakin.edu.au or Janice Jessen – janice.jessen@deakin.edu.au



Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship 2017

Applications are now being sought for the 2017 Australian Medical Association (AMA) Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship. Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background.

Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time at an Australian medical school and at least in their first year of medicine. Preference will be given to applicants who do not already hold any other scholarship or bursary.

The Scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of a selection panel appointed by the AMA. The value of the Scholarship for 2017 will be \$10,000 per annum. This amount will be paid in a lump sum for each year of study.

The duration of the Scholarship will be for the full course of a medical degree, however this is subject to review.

Applications close 31 January 2017.

To receive further information on how to apply, please contact Sandra Riley, Administration Officer, AMA on 02 6270 5452 or email indigenousscholarship@ama.com.au An application package can be also downloaded from the AMA website www.ama.com.au/indigenous-peoples-medical-scholarship-2017.

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

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



All-female Indigenous rugby league team backs Quit for New Life in light of startling figures

FEMALE rugby league players from the Mt Druitt area of western Sydney are tackling the issue of smoking among pregnant Indigenous women.

Shocked by the number of expectant Aboriginal mothers puffing on cigarettes in western Sydney - almost one in two the Red Belly Blacks team joined Western Sydney Local Health District's Quit for New Life initiative

Sporting the campaign's logo at the recent Koori Rugby League Knockout, the team spoke to local women at the carnival and before training sessions about the importance of health.

"We got involved to get the message out, to reach out to young mums and people trying



Jenny Murray (front) and the Red Belly Blacks team, some of whom are young mothers.

to quit smoking," team manager Jenny Murray, of Mt Druitt, said. "Being an all-female footy team the girls related to (one

another), they were sitting back yarning and encouraging each

Ms Murray, a nursing student,

passionate as a few players are already mothers.

It was also close to home for the manager, who quit smoking eight years ago.

Ms Murray said she wanted to keep the conversation going to "break that cycle within my people and our community".

Almost one-third of Indigenous mothers at Blacktown Hospital smoke during their pregnancy.

In 2015, almost 45% of Aboriginal mums-to-be smoked, while the rate for non-Indigenous mums was just 7%.

The Quit for New Life program offers pregnant and postnatal Aboriginal women counselling and free nicotine replacements. It is accessible at various places including Mt Druitt Hospital's Aboriginal Health Unit, the Community Health Centre and Blacktown Hospital's antenatal clinic.

WSLHD Population Health deputy director Christine Newman said in a statement tobacco was still the "biggest killer" in Australia and the prevalence is "significantly higher" in the Indigenous community.

"Smoking while pregnant or exposure to smoke ... contributes to an increased risk of complications such as spontaneous abortion, labour complications, still birth, low birth weight and sudden infant death syndrome," she said.

– By Marissa Georgopoulos, Mt Druitt-St Marys Standard

"We got involved to get the message out, to reach out to young mums and people trying to quit smoking. Being an all-female footy team the girls related to (one another), they were sitting back yarning and encouraging each other."

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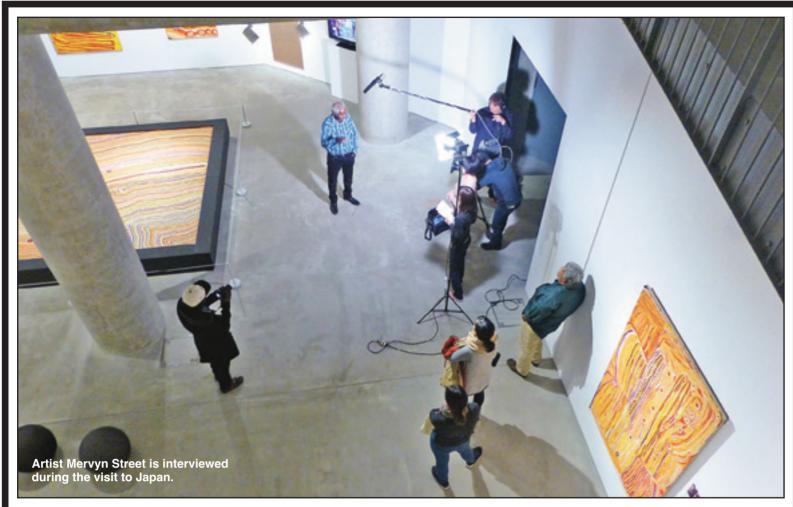
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One Road leads to Japan

INDIGENOUS artists have visited Japan for two major events this month.

Artists Curtis Taylor, Mervyn Street and John Nargoodah celebrated the opening of the National Museum of Australia's One Road: Aboriginal Art from Australia's Deserts exhibition in Chiba, near Tokyo.

And they also attended a two-day autumn festival at Echigo-Tsumari, near Tokyo, where a series of panels was exhibited reproducing Canning Stock Route art from the museum's collection.

Mr Taylor has a film in the One Road exhibition while Mr Street and Mr Nargoodah worked as stockmen on the Canning route.

Mr Street is represented in the National Museum's collection.

Workshops

The artists participated in painting and print workshops, sand-drawing performances, film screenings and talks on the story of the Canning Stock Route. They were accompanied throughout the tour by National

Museum senior curator Michael Pickering.

National Museum director Mathew Trinca said the exhibition has promoted greater understanding internationally of Australia's

Drawing on the works of desert artists and the stories of traditional custodians, the exhibition tells the story of the Canning Stock Route's impact on Aboriginal people, and the importance of the country surrounding it.

The One Road paintings were inspired by a six-week return-to-country trip in 2007.



New single released by Walker



YORTA Yorta man Benny Walker, pictured, has released a single from his

new EP, which will be out early next year.

Save, a guitar-driven soul song, was recorded at Way of the Eagle studios with ARIA award-winning producer Jan Skubiszewski.

Walker's debut album Sinners and Saints landed him four NIMA nominations in 2013. This year he gained another NIMA nominations for New Talent of the Year, Best Song, Best Cover art and Best film clip for Oh No

You Don't.
The Music Victoria Awards has named Walker as one of five up for the Best Aboriginal Act award next month.

Walker, from Echuca, has performed alongside some of Australia's finest, including Archie Roach, Alex Lloyd, Blue King Brown and Tim Rogers. He received the Victorian Indigenous Performing Arts Award for Best New Talent in 2012.

Morgan wins PM's award



Award-winning author Sally Morgan.



SALLY Morgan's Sister Heart has taken out the children's section of this year's Prime Minister's Literary Awards.

Judges said Morgan's work is a story about children of the Stolen Generations "quietly told in verse"

"This is a powerful, deeply personal story that will stay in the minds and hearts of readers for a long, long time," they wrote.

"Sister Heart is a story of friendship, tragedy and remembering. And in that remembering, sorrow is redeemed and hope delivered.

"The historic scar of the Stolen Generation gave us a great book in Follow the Rabbit Proof Fence. It has given us one more in Sister Heart.'

Sally Morgan is an Australian Aboriginal author, dramatist, and artist. She has taken out many awards over a long career.

The Australian history section of the literary awards was taken out by historian and author Professor Geoffrey Blainey for The Story of Australia's People.

Prizes were awarded in six categories fiction, poetry, non-fiction, Australian history, children's and young adult literature.



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NAISDA celebrating





College is celebrating its 40th anniversary with Circle of

Cultures at Carriageworks in Sydney from November 15-24.

NAISDA is also holding Speaking Countries, a free nightly event from 6-7.15pm in the Carriageworks foyer as part of Circle of Cultures, with cultural dance performances from communities including Mornington Island, Saibai Island, Moa Island, Yirrkala and Elcho Island.

NAISDA says Speaking Countries is an opportunity to celebrate and showcase the many Elders and community leaders who have shared their traditional song, dance and knowledge over the many years.

For more information, visit www.naisda.com.au/ or contact NAISDA on (02) 4340 3100.

Pictured left: Jensen Warasum, Isaac Waia, Sedrick Waia during the Saibai Island **Cultural Residency at NAISDA** College, near Sydney.



Exhibition is at Gab Titui



GAB Titui Cultural Centre in the Torres Strait is a venue for UMI Arts' Freshwater Saltwater: Existence touring exhibition

Curated by UMI Arts Gallery's Teho Ropeyarn, the exhibition gives visitors a look into the

concept of 'existence' for contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists who live and work in far north Queensland.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chairperson Pedro Stephen said the exhibition's focus of 'interconnectedness' and 'self' will be present in the artists' works.

"Works that have been carefully picked for this exhibition tell a story of the artists: their lives, their experiences and their motives applied in their current practice, by representing self - traditionally, contemporarily, metaphorically, visually, historically and culturally," Mr Stephen said.

Freshwater Saltwater: Existence is at Gab Titui on Thursday Island until January.

New high for Zennith





KURANDA band Zennith have a new single almost six years after their previous release.

Poet A Rhymer is the single by the north Queensland band, which started making music in 2005.

At the heart of the band are brothers Astro and Aden Brim and their father Willie, who take pride in sharing their Bullwai culture through their music.

"It was the right time to get back into ' Aden told the Koori Mail. "It's been six years since we did it.

The band was getting tight again so

it was time to release something new." Although the timing was right, Aden

said it didn't make the process of recording the song and filming a video clip to go with it any easier.

"It was a long process," he said. "But we live in a musical town so we were lucky to have everyone help out.

"The whole team got together to work on the song.'

Aden said the band wanted the song to be "groovy and fun", while embedding their heritage and culture into the tune.

"We want to get our culture out, and the song is about being a modern-day poet." he said.

"Dad is one of the dancers who is painted up in the video clip, and our uncle raps on the third verse, so it's about bringing family together and getting our culture out."

Although the band only officially started playing together in 2005, the Brim brothers have been honing their musical skills since they were children.

"We were very lucky," Aden said. "Dad was in a band and toured with the Warumpi Band. We were always meeting the uncles in the bands."

"We always had musical equipment set up in our house so we were always surrounded by it."

'Screen gathering' focus on tribal lands, waterways

DYING of Thirst, an indigenous 'screen gathering' put together by artist/curators Tannis Nielsen (Canada) and Jenny Fraser (Australia) honoured tribal lands and waterways at a screening in Vancouver, Canada, last month.

The event featured a range of performances and image works from Canada, Australia and Mexico representing artforms and cultural backgrounds including Aboriginal, Native Canadian and Mayan.

It was held in solidarity for the many water protectors campaigning around the world, particularly the current struggle at Standing Rock in the United States.

Curators Nielsen and Fraser said that with the video program they affirmed the urgency of defending land and water, now and for the next generations.

"We compel the viewer towards taking action in the protection of our planet and present some of the voices of



Audience members view Dying of Thirst.

international indigenous women's struggle and resistance, safeguarding our inter-connectedness with the sacredness of all living things," they said in a release.

"These voices speak to the

recognition and respect of indigenous sovereignty and against the colonial, capitalist resource extraction industries that rape our ancestral territories.

"They speak toward the

seen and the known; animated in their resistance by the fires of prophecy, the love of the land, the people, and all of our relations.

"By sharing these subjectivities and prophecies we hope to begin to recognise each other, to unify and work together toward building an encyclopedia of international emancipatory strategies."

Works on show from other artists included Mique'l Dangeli (Tsimshian), Jenny Fraser (Yugambeh), Helen Knott (Dane-Zaa), Zoila Jiménez (Mayan), Jules Koostachin (Cree/Attawapiskat), Tannis

Nielsen (Métis/Anishnawbe and Danish), Rona Scherer (Mamu and Kuku Yalanji), Alex Wilson (Neyonawak Inniwak Opaskwayak Cree) and Rita Wong.

Dying of Thirst is part of Thirst Days, Vivo Media Art Centre's monthly series of video, film, performance and ceremony events overseen by the projects curator/artist-inresidence Jayce Salloum.

Bev Coe's Goanna weaving.

Weavers' skills are on display



CONDOBLIN-BASED Wiradjuri nature fibre artist Bev Coe and the Wiradjuri Fibre Artists have opened a new exhibition, *Sistas*,

at the Kew-Y-Ahn Aboriginal Gallery at Hartley Historic Site, near Lithgow, NSW.

The exhibition includes woven baskets, bags and art pieces, mostly using fibres collected locally.

Ms Coe began weaving eight years ago after she was introduced to the practice in a class with local women. She works with raffia and sedge collected from the Lachlan River along with other natural materials

A major exhibition of Ms Coe's work was held at the Penrith Regional Gallery in 2014.

"I've developed my practice and technique using the Lachlan River as inspiration," she said.

"This river is very important; it forms a very deep spiritual connection to the country.

"My children swim here, the men fish here, and my family meet here.

"Whether it's painting or weaving, art has always been very personal to me. "It's all I've ever known; it gives

me purpose, direction and a creative outlet that cannot be matched. "I weave every day now. My hands are

always going.

"I've taught my daughters, my two

sisters and my nieces.

"I'd like to think that there's a weave

"I'd like to think that there's a weaver in all of us, and this is the skill I try to bring out in everyone."

Wiradjuri Fibre Artists are a group of Condoblin-based Aboriginal weavers who meet regularly under the name 'SistaShed'. Led by Ms Coe, they meet and work from the Wiradjuri Study Centre in Condobolin.

The Kew-Y-Ahn Aboriginal Gallery is a partnership between regional arts development organisation Arts OutWest, NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service and the NSW Department of Environment & Heritage.

The exhibition runs to the end of November. All works are for sale.

Spider the key to Spectacular



Barry McGuire presents a message stick to directors of Arcadia.



ELIZABETH Quay in Perth is set to be transformed with a spider later this month as part of the Arcadia Spectacular. The quay will be home to three days of performances, with a spider as the central theme.

A spider built from repurposed military and industrial hardware will act as the performance space for the production.

Intertwined with the theme of the spider is the sacred Wadjuk Spider of Garrgatup (Kings Park).

The 'Yallorr Keeninyarra' (dance) will be performed to pay homage to this place and the dreaming of the spider.

The gathering of men to perform this dance hasn't been

seen by the Western Australian public since 1901.

The dance asks the spider spirit of Garrgatup to

The dance asks the spider spirit of Garrgatup to weave a web that creates strength and togetherness through the nations.

Message stick

Traditionally, Yallorr Keeninyarra would start after a full moon and on invitation by a message stick handed out by Noongar runners.

Earlier this year, Noongar man Barry McGuire headed to Glastonbury in Britain and presented a message stick to the Arcadia team.

McGuire said this is a chance to build a platform to showcase the old processes of traditional invitations and how they should exist in today's festivals.

"The message stick ceremony should always be a part of inviting other nations to Australia, because it's about balance between people," he said.

"This traditional process hasn't happened before with large-scale Australian events.

"It's a traditional blessing and a process of care to give safe passage to the visitors who come to Noongar country." Arcadia will run from November 25-27.

For more information visit www.arcadiaaustralia.com

Deadly students recognised



MORE than 100 Indigenous secondary school students have been recognised at the University of Southern Queensland's (USQ) Deadly Ways Awards ceremony.

The reception, which acknowledged the involvement of participants, mentors and community volunteers in the Deadly Ways - Our Ways and More Ways programs, was held at USQ Springfield.

USQ vice-chancellor Jan Thomas said it was wonderful to see many young people taking part and benefiting from the programs

These programs are vital, as it shows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students the importance of cultural knowledge, leadership and learning," she

"It also helps build the aspirations of the students through face-to-face mentoring and engagement with parents, teachers and the Indigenous community.

"I am confident that this experience will give the students the skills and belief to go on and achieve anything in life.'

Many of the students from the 11 schools in the Lockyer Valley, Darling Downs and Queensland south-west attended a three-day camp at Lake Moogerah.

The camp, which connects Year 10 students with young leaders and mentors, included activities such as cultural workshops, raft building, rope courses, traditional games and team building exercises.

The head of USQ's College for Indigenous Studies Education and Research (CISER), Tracey Bunda, said the students left the camp with a sense of pride and the confidence to



Downlands College students at the Deadly Ways awards ceremony with Elder Uncle Henry Thompson.

"This Lake Moogerah camp was important because it will help to give the voung people the motivation to finish high school and consider university as a desirable and achievable study option,"

"It was conducted with Year 11 and 12 leaders and mentors from each school. The students in these roles have

previously been participants of the camp."

USQ Indigenous engagement officer Melanie Waters said the camp was designed to promote leadership. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and

"It was great to see the students enthusiastic to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and cultivate new traditional skills through cultural dances," she said.

"Some of students even performed three traditional dances of the Yuggera tribe at the awards ceremony.'

The Deadly Ways program is funded through the Federal Government's Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program.

Projects 'excellent'



Southern Cross University chancellor Nick Burton Taylor, Aunty Irene Harrington, Virginia Ingham, and SCU vice-chancellor Professor Adam Shoemaker at the awards presentation.



AN initiative revitalising Bundjalung language and culture, and a collaboration with 23 NSW north coast high schools that aims to help students are two projects

recognised at the 2016 Southern Cross University Excellence in Engagement Awards.

The sixth annual Excellence in Engagement Awards, held last month, acknowledged and celebrated the contribution of university staff and those working with them who have enriched communities through active citizenship, engaged teaching and research.

The awards were presented by the vicechancellor Professor Adam Shoemaker.

SCU director of engagement Ben Roche said the leadership of Aunty Irene Harrington and Gnibi College's Virginia Ingham to revitalise language deserved to be celebrated.

Enrich communities

He said the university's vision was to enrich communities through the excellence of its scholarship and the achievements of graduates.

"All the staff members and their community partners who have been shortlisted are celebrated as examples of the excellence that emerges through collaboration grounded in the needs of our communities," he said.

Aunty Irene and Ms Ingham said they were honoured to receive the Leadership award.

"We wanted to make sure that the Bundjalung language kept going and going," Aunty

"By getting it out into schools and playgroups, to our young people, it is not forgotten."

Students love learning language

By KEIRA JENKINS



STUDENTS at Gilles Street Primary School in Adelaide, guided by teacher Taylor Power-Smith, have created games,

songs and other resources to learn the Kaurna language.

Ms Power-Smith, a Kaurna and Narungga woman, said any game or activity the kids come up with can be turned into a language lesson.

"I find learning through play is the best way to learn and teach," the 24-year-old told the Koori Mail. "Games keep things fun, which keeps the kids engaged and actually wanting to learn

"Songs are also a great way to teach. They seem to find it easier to memorise when there is a rhythm, which is pretty cool."

Ms Power-Smith said the students are loving learning Aboriginal language.

"They have responded better than I could have ever hoped for," she said.

"They are always wanting and willing to keep learning more, which makes me really happy and proud.

"I have a great class teacher that supports everything I do. She is really passionate about keeping language thriving and the students are amazing because they want to learn just as much as I want to teach."

Ms Power-Smith said her motivation and inspiration comes from knowing how important it is



Teacher Taylor Power-Smith is proud of her class of keen language learners in Adelaide.

to maintain cultural connection and language.

"It plays a critical role in your identity, sense of belonging and your general wellbeing," she

"I think it's important that people can at least identify the language group that belongs to that region. Teaching Kaurna helps raise the profile and really

cements the fact that we are still here, and our language is still just as important to us now, as it

"Proud to speak it"

"And, basically, it is my language and I am proud to speak it and equally as proud to share it and teach it.'

Ms Power-Smith said she

uses a range of resources to teach language, and often consults with Elders when she is planning her lessons.

"We have a Kaurna Learners Guide, which is really useful and, along with our dictionary, is my go-to resource," she said.

"Robert Amery has been my biggest mentor, so I quite often call on him when I need help. I

always consult with Elders, especially if I'm introducing something new to the kids.

"I always make sure I have their blessing and I think they just like to know as well because it makes them happy to know that their knowledge has been passed down, and the next generation is taking care of it and keeping it strong."



THE Federal Government has awarded almost \$360,000 to a **Charles Darwin** University research project that will

focus on aspects of the Yolngu people in north-east Arnhem Land.

CDU Northern Institute senior research fellow Linda Ford was awarded \$358,313 for study under the Discovery Indigenous scheme.

Maddocks congratulated Dr Ford, a Rak Mak Mak Marranunggu woman from Kurrindju, on the Finniss River in the Northern Territory, on securing funding for her ground-breaking research.

Dr Ford said the project would examine the nature of Aboriginal or Yolngu cosmology and its meaning for, and effect on, public policy for women and gender.

She said the project would identify the Djurrwirr Yalu guiding principles used to enhance the levels of governance and other systems



Researcher Dr Linda Ford

applied to the community, culture, traditional ecological environmental knowledge and skill sets in the north-east **Arnhem Land centre of Elcho** Island.

The anticipated benefits included supporting and retaining established Yolngu Australian researchers in traditional ecological environmental knowledge, and improving Yolngu wellbeing and quality of life.

The research project will begin next year.

CDU research project looks at Yolngu people Funcing for Vic services



ABORIGINAL children and families at six Aboriginal early years services

running kindergartens are set to benefit from new Victorian Government funding.

The Government is providing up to \$1.6 million over the next two years for the services to implement evidence-based strategies around early intervention and prevention. This could include tailored support for children and families facing family violence and specialist support from allied health professionals.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins said this will help Aboriginal children achieve the best outcomes possible.

"These services have a huge impact on the lives of Aboriginal families and their children,

helping ensure they are given every chance to reach their potential," she said.

The Aboriginal communitybased early years services to receive the funding are Yappera Children's Services in Thornbury, Berrimba Child Care Centre in Echuca, Lula's Child and Family Centre in Shepparton, Murray Valley Aboriginal Early Learning Centre in Robinvale, Bubup Wilam in Thomastown, and Dala Yooro in Bairnsdale.

Response

The Government says this work builds on its \$572 million response to the Royal Commission into Family Violence, which includes \$25.7 million to work with Aboriginal communities in addressing family violence.

State Family and Children

Minister Jenny Mikakos said the Government is working to help early years centres deliver support services, particularly for vulnerable families experiencing family violence.

"Investing in Aboriginal early learning centres and services directly supports families, which is vital in a child's first five years," she said.

Earlier this year, the Government's \$168 million Roadmap for Reform was introduced to shift the children and family services system from crisis response to prevention and early intervention.

It includes major investments in support services for vulnerable families, extra child protection workers, culturally sensitive support for Aboriginal children, and more foster and kinship carers, including Aboriginal carers.



Leitha awarded scholarship



GAB Titui Cultural Centre's Leitha Assan (pictured left) has been selected for the inaugural Encounters **Indigenous Cultural Workers** Scholarship, sponsored by the National Museum of

Australia (NMA) and The Prince's Charities Australia (PCA).

Ms Assan is one of six Indigenous cultural workers to be selected for the three-month internship in Australia and the United Kingdom, from next

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chairperson Pedro Stephen said the internship will include residencies at the National Museum of Australia, the British Museum and The Prince's School of Traditional Arts in the United Kingdom.

"This unique program is aimed at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from remote and regional communities looking to gain hands-on experience and to develop the knowledge and skills to take home and apply in their own community-based cultural work," Mr

"For six years, Leitha has worked for the TSRA's Culture, Art and Heritage Program, applying her passion for culture to the positions of cultural development officer and now acting operations and exhibitions manager for the Gab Titui **Cultural Centre.**

This scholarship represents a significant opportunity to strengthen partnerships with both national and international arts and cultural institutions. supporting new and innovative arts and cultural projects throughout Torres Strait communities and Gab Titui."

AFTRS looking for new crop of storytellers



THE Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) in Sydney is calling for applications

from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people wanting to develop their skills in screen and radio.

AFTRS 2017 courses include the Bachelor of Arts Screen, the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Graduate Certificates in Business, Screenwriting and Directing.

Applications for these courses close this month.

Head of AFTRS Indigenous Unit Kyas Sherriff wants to see more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people developing their skills at AFTRS.

"We are looking for talented Indigenous creatives and storytellers to apply for the different levels of study that

suit them to further their craft and career," she said.

Ms Sherriff says AFTRS has networks which can support graduates find work.

"AFTRS radio courses, for example, have a hugely successful strike rate in terms of students finding full-time employment on graduation, she said.

"AFTRS graduates are highly sought after in the industry, with many having gone on to create awardwinning productions."

Indigenous AFTRS graduates include Warwick Thornton (Samson and Delilah), Rachel Perkins (Redfern Now), Ivan Sen (Mystery Road, Goldstone) Catriona McKenzie (Satellite Boy) and Cornel Ozies (Kriol Kitchen NITV).

For more information email indigenous@aftrs.edu.au or visit www.aftrs.edu.au/degrees



Devina Mcpherson at the recent AFTRS Black Shot workshop.



Brewarrina teachers recognised



TWO teachers at Brewarrina Central School, western NSW, have been

recognised at the NSW Premier's Awards for Public Service for their work in improving educational and leadership opportunities for Aboriginal people.

Assistant principal Margaret (Missy) Nicholls was the overall winner of the Driving Public Sector Diversity award category, while Tonya Kellett was a finalist for her work in the Improving Education Results section.

Ms Nicholls, known locally as Aunty Missy, started her

teaching career as a teacher's aide, and was last year appointed as relieving assistant principal.

During her time at the school, and in her role as secretary of the local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, she has contributed to laying the foundations for a diverse and inclusive workforce, particularly by assisting Aboriginal women through mentoring and training.

Highly respected

According to school executive principal Christine Grieves, Ms Nicholls is a highly respected and well-regarded educator and an excellent conduit between the school and the community.

"She is always helping people see educational pathways and encouraging people to take up leadership roles," Ms Grieves said. "She is constantly working for the betterment of our students and the community."

Ms Kellett is an instructional leader at the school.

She works directly with classroom teachers of Kindergarten to Year 2 students to support students achieve in literacy and numeracy.

Ms Kellett has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving educational results for Aboriginal students at the school.

Toilet humour spreads message



TOILET humou is performed alongside important lessons about

cancer prevention in a new stand-up comedy show for the Victorian Koori community.

Flushed! A coonie could save your life was performed this month at Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) in Fitzroy.

The coonie (pronounced kunee) comedy, which aims to remove stigmas around bowel screening, is performed by 2010 Deadly Funny winner Denise McGuinness.

Bowel cancer is the secondmost common cancer in the Victorian Aboriginal community.

"Delivering a health message through humour empowers our community to be able to have those difficult conversations that they would normally feel real shame about," Ms McGuinness said.

"Even if you feel deadly, bowel cancer can develop without symptoms, but 90% of cases can be cured if found early.

"Most people are sweet, but if you're not, chances are you can do something about it.

"There's no shame in doing a bowel screening kit. It's clean, you can do it in the comfort of your own home and it's free."

The National Bowel Cancer



Screening Program sends the free kit to eligible Australians.

In 2016, the program invites people turning 50, 55, 60, 64, 65, 70, 72 and 74 to screen for bowel cancer. Each year more age groups are being invited to participate in free bowel cancer screening. By 2020, all Australians aged 50 to 74 will be

invited to screen every two years.

Flushed will be at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service in Fitzroy this Friday, November 18, and during the Koori Christmas Barbecue in Thomastown on December 2.

The comedy is part of a larger project to increase the cancer

screening rates for bowel, breast and cervical cancers in the Victorian Aboriginal community.

Elders Uncle Jack Charles and Aunty Alma Thorpe are among the ambassadors of the media campaign that emphasises cancer screening is a part of staying healthy.

The comedy is part of the

Aboriginal Cancer Screening
Project, funded by the Victorian
Department of Health and
Human Services and
implemented by Cancer Council
Victoriawith the VAHS, in
partnership with BreastScreen
Victoria, PapScreen Victoria and
the Victorian Cervical Cytology
Registry.

NT concern on dialysis



NORTHERN
Territory health
authorities are
bracing for a
surge in
demand for

dialysis treatment in coming years as kidney failure grips remote Indigenous communities.

The latest NT Department of Health annual report estimates the number of same-day haemodialysis services in hospitals and clinics will have risen by up to 70% in the nine-year period between 2013 and 2022.

This therapy already comprises almost half of NT public hospital admissions and in recent years the number of patients with endstage kidney disease using palliative care has doubled, the report says.

The Territory has one of the highest rates of kidney disease in the world, which rises further in Indigenous communities.

Australian Medical Association NT president Robert Parker called it a "disease of poverty".

"Aboriginal people are dying at six times the rate of other Australians from diabetes, and diabetes is one of the major risk factors for kidney failure," Dr Parker said.

Heavy drinking and smoking, poor nutrition, and a lack of access to education and employment all contributed to greater risk of obesity, type-2 diabetes and kidney disease.

Subsidies push

Dr Parker is pushing for government subsidies for affordable healthy food in outback stores.

"Processed food tends to have a longer shelf life but it also tends to have higher amounts of salt and sugar," he said.

New figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics show Aboriginal people eat three times more serves of sugary foods than vegetables on a daily basis.

ABS director of health

Louise Gates said Aboriginal adults eat less than half of the five to six vegetable serves a day recommended by Australia's dietary guidelines. That's 30% less than other people.

"They also consumed just one serve of fruit on average, half the recommended two serves per day," she said.

And 41% of the Indigenous population's total daily energy intake came from nutrient-poor foods such as soft drinks, alcohol, cakes, confectionery and pastry products. On average, this equates to more than six serves of these foods a day, triple the number of vegetable serves consumed.

Indigenous people are consuming an average of 18 teaspoons of sugar a day, which is the equivalent of almost two cans of soft drink. That's four teaspoons more than other Australians, and six more than the World Health Organisation's recommended sugar consumption. – AAP



Five important years for the Purple Truck



THE fifth anniversary of the Purple Truck has just been celebrated. The truck is a mobile two-chair dialysis unit operated by Alice Springs-based Western Desert Dialysis. It

travels the remote parts of the Northern Territory, Wester Australia and South Australia to help dialysis patients get back to country and family.

Western Desert Dialysis, also known as the Purple House, is an Aboriginal community-controlled health service which began with an auction of paintings at the Art Gallery of NSW in 2000 – coincidently 16 years to the day since the Purple Truck celebrations on November 11.

Pintupi people were determined to find a way to look after their family members who required dialysis and get them home. They started with one machine in Kintore, and today they have 24 machines in 11 locations in the NT and WA.

Five years ago the organisation launched the Purple Truck, philanthropically funded by Medicines Australia, with the dialysis machines donated by Fresenius Medical Care.

Western Desert Dialysis raises money to keep the truck on the road, while remote communities contribute through lease money and mining royalties.

This year the truck has spent time in Wanarn in WA, and Nyrripi and Wilowra in the NT

"The Purple Truck offers hope to people who would otherwise be unable to get back to their communities and see their families," Western Desert Dialysis chief executive Sarah Brown said.

Childhood immunisation rates up



CHILDHOOD immunisation rates for Indigenous children have gone up across the board, and five-year-old Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids have higher

immunisation coverage in the country than other kids, according to the Federal Government's Australian Immunisation Register quarterly data.

Coverage for these five-year-olds is on track to meet the 96% immunisation goal set in the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023, and oneyear-old children have coverage rates also exceeding the 88% goal in the plan.

Federal Assistant Minister for Health and Ageing Ken Wyatt said the results were impressive. "Immunisation is one of the

most important public health interventions in the last 200 years," he said.

"It protects the lives of the vulnerable in our community - in particular, our precious children.

"By working closely with our communities, we are finding innovative ways to reach out and increase awareness about the importance of immunisation, improve access to immunisation services and increase coverage. These new results show our approach is working."

Key to closing gap

The Government says the implementation plan is the key to Closing the Gap in health.

Developed with the Indigenous health sector, the plan identifies five key areas for significant action. Immunisation is a part of this, as is childhood health and development.

"Supporting our mums and bubs, to have a healthy pregnancy and to recognise the importance of immunisation for kids from the time they are born are key building blocks to a healthy life," Mr Wyatt said.

The Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program is a specialised nurse-led home visiting program that supports women from early pregnancy through to the child's second birthday with an intensive level of support.

"The New Directions: Mothers and Babies Services Program gives Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their mothers support with antenatal care, baby care, breast-feeding, nutrition, parenting, monitoring of developmental milestones.

immunisation status and infections, and health checks before starting school.

"It is pleasing to see these programs driving even higher rates of immunisation.

"These programs are all part of the commitment to Closing the Gap community-driven, tailored, innovative, and sensitive to individual and community needs. We want to see parents empowered by information, supported by appropriate services, and accessing care in ways that suit them.

"Increasing immunisation coverage is the result of community action and I want to see that continue."

Through the National Immunisation Program, the Government provides free vaccines for eligible people against 17 infectious diseases, and covers Australians from birth to old age.

Kyha's future sound thanks to program



CANBERRA mother Rebecca Lester has praised Canberra's Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Services Aboriginal Hearing Program for saving her daughter's hearing and helping her look forward to a productive and promising school career.

"We knew our youngest daughter, Kyha, had hearing problems although we didn't fully appreciate the extent of the problem until she was about two-and-half years old," she said. "Until then she suffered from continual middle-ear infections and general poor health.

"However, as a three-year-old she began attending one of Canberra's Koori Preschools, Narrabundah Early Childhood School, and was scheduled for a routine hearing check by Winnunga's Hearing Program team.

"She was tested and it found that she had hearing loss in both ears as a result of her middle-ear infection problems. Winnunga continued to monitor Kyha and subsequently Winnunga facilitated surgery at Canberra's John James Hospital for grommets to be inserted in both ears. That was wonderful".

Special aid

But Winnunga audiologist Jeanette Scott said the insertion of the grommets failed to overcome Kyha's hearing problems and it was decided, after further tests, that she may be best assisted by having a special hearing aid fitted.

"Kyha was then referred to Australian Hearing - a Federal Government funded program - which provides hearing aids for children," Ms Scott said.

"This hearing aid is called a bone conduction aid and bypasses the middle ear via a vibrator (bone conductor) that normally sits on the bony area of the skull, just behind the ear. In Kyha's case it is part of a specially fitted headband and its capacity can be adjusted via a computer program that enables the hearing aid to respond best to different voice patterns.

Ms Lester said Kyha now won't be without her hearing aid. "It is a marvellous piece of new hearing technology," she said. "We got a laugh one day when the batteries were running a bit flat and Kyha ran up to me and said, "Mummy, Mummy, it's not talking to me.'

Ms Lester said that although it was attached to a headband and initially some pre-schoolers were inquisitive and asked about it, now it is just something Kyha has and they accept it as being normal, everyday wear.

"But it has made such a big difference to Kyha's life and the wellbeing of our family," she said. "Kyha just fits in. She's a really happy little girl."

Winnunga's chief executive Julie Tongs praised the program - originally known as the Otitis Hearing Health Program.



Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Services trainee ear health worker Reeion Murray, a Wiradjuri man from Dubbo, with Rebecca Lester and Kyha.

Projects to target smoking



THE Federal Government says Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities will benefit from projects

to targeting smoking, through new grants awarded to seven organisations under the Tackling Indigenous Smoking program.

These organisations will work with communities to reduce smoking rates amongst particular groups.

Assistant Health Minister Ken Wyatt said while steady declines in national smoking rates among Indigenous people are encouraging, rates are still too high among specific

'Tobacco use by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people has fallen by 10% in the last 15 years from 49% in 2002 to about 39% now," he said.

"But it is still a very significant health-risk factor, and significantly higher than the 14% smoking rate for the broader Australian community.

"Smoking rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are still particularly high for pregnant women, youth, and for people living in remote communities.

Mr Wyatt said the projects will deliver intensive smoking prevention and cessation activities, and also deliver research and evaluation information.

"These projects will provide us with valuable data to help build the evidence base for future effective interventions for hard-to-reach groups," he said.

The projects will also complement the work of the broader Tackling Indigenous Smoking program and other, anti-smoking campaigns that reach out to



Assistant Federal Health Minister Ken Wyatt.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, such as 'Don't make smokes your story'.

This campaign was developed in collaboration with experts and tested with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and launched in May this year.

"They will also help achieve the goals of reducing smoking rates and the uptake of smoking, as outlined in the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023."

The organisations receiving funding are Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia; Metro South Hospital and Health Service, Queensland Health; Aboriginal Resource and Development Services Aboriginal Corporation, NT; National Drugs and Alcohol Research Centre, University of New South Wales: Western Australian Centre for Remote and Rural Medicine; South Coast Women's Health and Welfare Aboriginal Corporation, NSW; and NT Department of Health.

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We welcome items for our Calendar of Events. 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

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.

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

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.

Now Open: Expression of interest to join Social Futures' Reconciliation Action Plan working group to cover a representation of groups in the Bundjalung, Yaegl and Gumbainggirrr nations. Details: Kylie Maunder or Jen Parke on (02) 6620 1800 or email youthinfrastructure@socialfutures.org.au

Until November 19: A Utopian Vision exhibition by young Utopia artist Genevieve Loy Kenmore. Held at Cooee Art Gallery, 31 Lamrock Avenue, Bondi, Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm. Details: Cassandra French on 0416 209 391 or visit www.popupp,com.au

Until November 22: NSW Government Aboriginal Employment and Development Program applications open. An opportunity for Indigenous people to join the NSW public sector. Details: www.psc.nsw.gov.au/aedp or cal Toni Cooper on (02) 9272 6057 or Donna Bourke on (02) 6339 5924.

Until November 24: Circle of Cultures: NAISDA Dance College's 40th anniversary season. Held at Carriageworks, 245 Wilson Street, Eveleigh, each night from 6pm. Details: Alison Orren on (02) 4324 6962 or visit www.naisda.com.au

Until November 27: *Gravity (and Wonder)* exhibition, featuring the work of Indigenous artists from Warmup and Elcho Island. Held at Penrith Regional Gallery and The Lewers Bequest, 86 River Road, Emu Plains. open daily from 9am-5pm. Free. Details: (02) 4735 1100 or visit www.penrithregionalgallery.org

Until November 27: Old Land, New Marks exhibition. Looks at the premise that we live not in the past, not the future, but in the active 'now'. Held at Western Plains Cultural Centre, 76 Wingewarra Street, Dubbo. Open daily from 10am-4pm. Free. Details: (02) 6801 4444 or visit www.westernplainsculturalcentre.org

Until December 13: Yarning about crystal methamphetamine ('ice'). Find out what crystal meth is, how it works, and more. Held at YWCA, 101A Rous Road, Goonellabah every Tuesday from 10-11.30am. Free. Details: (02) 6627 3300 or email nr@ncphn.org.au

November 17: Aboriginal Benefits Foundation 12th anniversary dinner and art auction. Guests include Linda Burney MP, Djon Mundine, Imants Tillers, A H Xian and Simon Chan. Held at Level 3, Market City, 9-13 Hay Street, Haymarket from 6pm. Cost: \$108 a person, \$1080 for table of 10. Details: Simon Chan on 0411 138 308 or Jennifer Issacs on 0425 233 447.

November 18: Spear Bangarra film screening. Held at The Nimbin Bush Theatre, 2 Blue Knob Road, Nimbin from 8pm 10am. Cost: \$11.50 a person. Details: (02) 6689 0095 or visit www.nimbinbushtheatre.com

November 19: Standing Up for Standing Rock. Benefit gig and fundraiser. Showing solidarity with Indigenous tribes gathered at





THE Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) and the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) have united to showcase the talents of young

Indigenous performers in FLIGHT. In the production, students will demonstrate their talents in music, dance and acting, with pieces drawn from their study over the past year.

ACPA head of music Nathaniel Andrew and head of dance Bradley Chatfield, together with acting trainer Rob Doran, have tailored a show encompassing contemporary dance, original songs and an acting piece written for FLIGHT.

ACPA chief executive Dimitri Kopanakis said the collaboration with QPAC is now in its 10th year.

"FLIGHT will highlight the individual talents of these young Indigenous students," he said.

"Some of the music and dance students are already performing professionally and are in high demand."

ACPA, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performing arts training institution, welcomes students from urban, regional and remote communities across Australia. It is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Qld.

Pictured above: Performers Keia McGrady, Jessica Midgley and Trae Allen in FLIGHT.

Standing Rock in Dakota, US. Includes performances, raffles, auctions and more. Held at The Nimbin Bush Theatre, 2 Blue Knob Road, Nimbin from 10am. Cost: Entry by donation. Details: (02) 6689 0095 or visit www.nimbinbushtheatre.com

November 21, 22, 28 and 29: Bronwyn Bancroft Open Studio. An opportunity to buy gifts leading up to Christmas. Held at 24 Fred Street, Lilyfield from 10am-4pm. Details: bronwynbancroft@hotmail.com or visit www.bronwynbancroft.com

November 23, 24 and 25: Saltwater Real Connection Women's Camp. Held at Saltwater National Park, Taree. Cost: \$10 a person, register for catering purposes. Details: Sharon Donovan on 0410 620 954 or Natalie Jennings on 0437 102 552.

November 24: The Search for J W Lindt's 'Australian Aboriginals'. Cultural heritage researcher Annika Korsgaard will give a lecture into the identities of the Clarence Valley Aboriginal people in the Lindt 1873 photographic series. Held at Lismore City Library from 6.30pm. Details: (02) 6621 2464.

November 24: Community Forum. NDIS preplanning support for the Northern Sydney District Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community. Held at Dee Why Public School

(Dee Why Families SaCC building), 72 Fisher Road, Dee Why from 1.30-2.30pm, Free, but bookings essential. Details: Brooke Joy on 0417 118 609.

November 24: Dirty Laundry Day. An exhibition to raise awareness about domestic and family violence. Held in Lismore from 4-6pm. Details: (02) 6620 1899 or visit www.socialfutures.org.au

November 24-25: Indigenous Justice Symposium. Includes discussion topics and yarning circles with Indigenous presenters from Australia, Aotearoa/New Zealand and Nigeria. Held at Building 32, Room G01, University of Wollongong from 8.30am-5.15pm. Register at uowblogs.com/fire Details: Dr Juan Tauri on 0426 299 918 or email juant@uow.edu.au

November 25: Miss Indigenous Debutante Ball 2016. A Murdi Paaki Young Aboriginal Emerging Leaders Program event, with entertainment by Sean Choolburra and Indigenous band Pickin Up Bones. Held at Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club, Silver City Highway, Dareton. Cost: \$30 a person. Details: (03) 5027 4073

November 26-27 & December 3-4: Silk/felt textile workshops at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt. Cost: \$250 a person (six places per workshop),

bookings essential. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

November 30: Sistas exhibition, includes woven baskets, bags and art pieces, mostly using fibres collected locally. Held at the Kew-Y-Ahn Aboriginal Gallery at the Hartley Historic Site, east of Lithgow. Details: (02) 6338 4657.

December 4: Blak Markets at Barangaroo Reserve. Details: Sarah on 0408 283 091 or visit www.barangaroo.sydney

December 7: Art, Culture and Education panel discussion. Boomerang presents Rhoda Roberts in conversation with Akala (UK), Djon Mundine and Ellen van Neersen. Held at Park Lane Theatre, Lennox Community Centre, Lennox Head, from 6pm. Cost: \$30 adult / \$25 concession. Details: www.commuityspaces.com.au

Victoria

Until November 27: Yenbena biganga, gaiymarr biganga: Stitching together the Songlines exhibition. By artist Lee Darroch. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne. Open daily 10am-5pm. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au

November 18: Wileya borrinyu, kids' armband workshop, for children aged six to 12. Held at ArtPlay, Birrarung Marr, behind Federation Square, Melbourne from 10.30am-12.30pm. Cost: \$16 a person. Bookings essential. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au

November 18 and December 2: Flushed performance. Aims to remove stigmas around bowel screening. Held at Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS), 186 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy on November 18, from 11.30am and the Thomastown Recreation and Aquatic Centre, 52-54 Main St, Thomastown on December 2, from 4-7pm .Details: Ali Hickerson on (03) 9514 6486 or visit www.cancervic.org.au

November 25: Christmas pine needle weaving workshop at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne, from 1-3pm. Cost: \$33 a person. Bookings essential. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au

December 10: Koorie Art Show launch 2016. Seventy artists showcasing the diverse talents of Victoria's Indigenous artists. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne from 2-4pm. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.koorihertiagetrust.org

Northern Territory

November 27: The Inaugural 2016 NT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Fashion and Textile Industry Awards. Celebrating and showcasing the talents and skills of Indigenous people working in the NT fashion and textile industry. Details: www.eventbrite.com.au

South Australia

Until November 19: Terrain, Bangarra's Regional Tour. Held at Marree, Whyalla, Port Pirie, Mt Gambier and Renmark. Details: (02) 9251 5333 or visit www.bangarra.com.au

Until November 26: Our Mob 2016, Adelaide Festival Centre's celebration of art by South Australian Aboriginal artists. Held at Artspace Gallery. Free. Details: www.adealidefestivalcentre.com.au

Until November 30: Opening Doors for Domestic Violence exhibition. A project by Nunga MiMinar, featuring old doors that have been turned into pieces of art. Held at John Harvey Gallery, 12 James Street, Salisbury from Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. Details: (08) 8406

Until December 3: Spirit Festival Adelaide, featuring Indigenous artforms from across Australia through a celebration of performance, events and workshops. Held at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide Free. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or visit www.spiritfestpresents.com

Employment EXECUTIVE • PROFESSIONAL • POSITIONS VACANT



UNDER the guidance of Aunty Beryl Van-Oploo, left, and Mat Cribb, Job Ready students Elkyrra Glass and Shyama Lomas are getting some hands-on experience at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) Cafe in Redfern, featuring a new menu. With their first week done and dusted, the students will prepare lunches, gain valuable experience in sales and get the chance to put their barista skills to the test. The NCIE crew is asking people to come and support the team at the NCIE Cafe, 180 George Street, Redfern.

Certificates for rangers



TWENTY-TWO Indigenous rangers and four Indigenous compliance officers have received the Certificate IV in Statutory

Compliance at a graduation ceremony in Cairns. The graduates completed the course as part of the Federal Government's Specialised

Indigenous Ranger Programme (SIRP).

A partnership between the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) and federal and state governments, the program trains Indigenous rangers in how to respond to suspicious and illegal activities.

"The rangers who have graduated in Cairns now have the necessary qualifications to be

appointed as marine park inspectors," Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion

"The Indigenous compliance officers will continue to work with GBRMPA's Indigenous Compliance Team to support rangers in their remote area work.

"The Coalition is committed to the ongoing success of the ranger program and is keen to see First

Australians who are employed as rangers have the opportunity to expand their skills and pursue a broader range of careers.

The Specialised Indigenous Ranger Programme resulted from calls by Indigenous rangers for formal qualifications and recognition of the technical role they play in protecting the ecosystem. It also provides rangers with the skills and

expertise to respond to community concerns about people doing the wrong thing on traditional land and seas.

GBRMPA chairman Russell Reichelt said he looked forward to working with the Indigenous rangers and compliance officers to help protect the reef.

More than 2600 Indigenous people are now employed as Indigenous rangers.

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Aboriginal Maternal & Infant Health Registered Midwife

Location: Newcastle Community Health Centre Enquiries: Leanne Morris (02) 4016 4900

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. In the event there are no suitable Aboriginal applicants then non-Aboriginal applicants will be considered.

Applicants must be female. This is a genuine qualification under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date: 27 November 2016



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 358058

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Senior Aboriginal Project Officer

Health Manager Level 3 - Knockout Challenge Temporary Full-Time 38hpw Liverpool Hospital

Salary: \$2024.10 - \$2307.49 pw Enquiries: Nageen Ahmed (02) 8738 7234

This is an identified position and Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria. Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date: 29 November 2016



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 357528.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Port Lincoln Aboriginal **Health Service** www.plahs.org.au



Full-time General Practitioner (GP)

About the Practice

Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service Inc (PLAHS) is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service, providing high quality, holistic community-based healthcare with an emphasis on Aboriginal primary health care. PLAHS provides culturally appropriate shared care in a range of areas including primary health care, chronic conditions self-management, child and maternal health and social and emotional wellbeing, ensuring that thorough care planning is undertaken within specific teams.

Providing GP services for PLAHS within Port Lincoln South Australia and surrounding area

Desired Skills/Experience

- Current registration with AHPRA as a Medical Practitioner Minimum three years of recent general practice
- · Current emergency medicine experience
- Experience working in an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service and delivering holistic primary health care to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
- · Registrar supervision experience
- Obstetrics qualifications and skills would be an advantage

Documentation - all current within 3 years

- Child and Aged Care Employment- related criminal history checks and/or approved alternative/s
- Child Safe Environments (Reporting Abuse & Neglect) Certificate
- Unrestricted Drivers Licence
- Professional Indemnity insurance

Key benefits of role

· Exciting opportunities to work with a range of health professionals internally and via external partnerships to make a positive contribution to the health and wellbeing of the Indigenous community, currently 5.6% of Port Lincoln's population

- Excellent working conditions in a warm, family-like environment
- · Attractive remuneration and salary sacrifice arrangements are available.
- Beautiful regional coastal location with excellent facilities for education, recreation and sports, shopping, health and wellbeing, arts and crafts etc
- · Regular, accessible transport to capital city

To express interest:

Please provide a letter clearly outlining your interest in this position and stating your skills and experience in relation to those outlined above. We really want to know why you would like to work at our service and what contribution you see yourself making to the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal community

Please provide 3 copies each of your letter and a recent resume with the names and contact details of 3 professional referees in an envelope addressed to:

The CEO, Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service, PO Box 1583, Port Lincoln SA 5606

Further information can be obtained from Sharon Bilney, Acting Senior Manager, Client Services:

T: 08 8683 0162; E: sharon.bilney@plahs.org.au

Applications close at 5.00pm ACDT on Friday December 9th 2016

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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Student Information Officer Ref 1235/16

Full-Time, Ongoing Position, Hawkesbury Campus

Note: This is a re-advertised position. Previous applicants need not re-apply.

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

An opportunity exists for an experienced and dedicated Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Person to join the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education. As the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Information Officer, you will provide comprehensive and professional customer service and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at Western Sydney University

To be successful in this role, you will require: high level of discretion and integrity; experience in providing excellent customer service; commitment to improving the educational outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students; welldeveloped written and verbal communication skills; high level of computer proficiency; ability to work autonomously and as part of a team; and a demonstrated ability to work to tight deadlines.

Applicants must provide evidence of a current Working with Children Check clearance from the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian with their application.

Remuneration Package: Higher Education Worker Level 5 \$76,524 to \$86,671 per annum (comprising Salary \$64,664 to \$73,238 p.a., 17% Superannuation and Leave Loading)

Position Enquiries: Nathan Tyson, Coordinator, Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education on 0447 634749, or email: n.tvson@westernsvdnev.edu.au

Closing Date: 12 December 2016

To view the position description and to apply for this position, please go to the University's current vacancies at www.westernsydney.edu.au/employment/home/current_vacancies

Full details on how to apply for these positions can be found at our website Western Sydney University values workplace diversity.



WESTERNSYDNEY.EDU.AU/VACANCIES

Public Interest Advocacy Centre Solicitor/Senior Solicitor, Strategic Litigation

12 month contract

PIAC is an independent non-profit law and policy centre that seeks to promote a just and democratic society by taking strategic action on public interest issues.

PIAC is seeking a lawyer to conduct public interest litigation, law reform and policy work, particularly in the areas of discrimination and police accountability. This is a challenging and rewarding position requiring a creative and energetic person with at least three years litigation experience, an understanding of law reform processes and a demonstrated commitment to human rights and social justice.

Further inquiries should be directed to Alexis Goodstone on (02) 8898 6558. All applications must address the selection criteria included in the position description that can be downloaded at http://www.piac.asn.au/about/careers.

Applications close at 5pm on Monday, 28 November 2016.



Health Services

Disability Support Worker North Metropolitan areas DDSO-1/1Q \$43,085 - \$52,755 (pro-rata) plus penalties

Are you

- Committed to delivering high quality outcomes for clients?
- · Passionate about making a difference?
- Well organised and a good communicator?

Disability Accommodation Services - as a Disability Support Worker, you will help people with a disability achieve their personal goals and aspirations.

Assisting clients to actively participate within their local communities, you will directly support the wellbeing of your clients through understanding their needs, preferences and interests. Providing a range of support services including personal care, health, exercise and community experiences, you will enable your clients to live a quality life with dignity, respect and social inclusion

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit; www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact Jane Mills on 9479 0385

Job Reference No: DHHS/ND/102016

Applications close: Sunday 20th November 2016

For more information about the Department of Health & Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health & Human Services recruitment process. Aboriginal Australians are encouraged to apply.

For information and support contact 1300 092 406 or aboriginal.recruitment@dhs.vic.gov.au



LIAISON OFFICER

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community

- Make a difference in Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Full-time, 37.5 hours per week, Salary range \$72k-\$75kpa, Superannuation, PBI salary
- packaging Camberwell location, travel across Melbourne and Victoria

This is an exciting opportunity for a motivated, experienced individual to work with Relationships Australia Victoria (RAV) raising awareness of, promoting and engaging a wide range of services within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Victoria.

Relationships Australia Victoria (RAV) is a valued provider of specialist family services. Our

vision is for positive, safe and respectful relationships for couples, families, schools,

About the role: Reporting to the Senior Manager Quality, Compliance and Diversity, the role is responsible for assisting RAV to continue to connect, build and create effective, meaningful relationships

within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. You will play a lead role in developing, implementing and supporting RAV's policies, programs, services, events and engagement with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Victoria. You will also manage RAV's Brutha's Day Out, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander events and represent RAV in key community networks and forums to create suitable, sustainable partnerships across Victoria.

Skills, Experience & Qualifications: Demonstrated knowledge of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, having

- worked in a similar organisation and capacity previously,
- Comprehensive understanding of the issues affecting relationships for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Demonstrated ability to effectively communicate, engage and collaborate with
- internal/external stakeholders, Proven organisational skills with the ability to prioritise and manage own workload to meet
- timeframes and job related expectations, and, Ability to develop, implement and communicate relevant policies, procedures, tools and

resources to raise awareness internally and externally. This role is based in our Camberwell centre, however you will be required to travel across Melbourne and regional Victoria to effectively undertake the role. RAV requires all employees to undertake a satisfactory National and/or International Police Check (if applicable) and

Working with Children Check prior to employment. What we offer: You will receive a competitive remuneration package based on relevant qualifications and experience. RAV is an Employer of Choice in the community sector. RAV is a recognised public benevolent institution (PBI) and as such can offer to employee's additional salary packaging and tax benefits.

Please forward a covering letter responding to the above job requirements including your skills. experience and qualifications and a current resume to careers@rav.org.au. Please quote Job Ref QCD-100 in your covering letter. For more information or a copy of the position description go to our website Careers page at www.relationshipsvictoria.com.au.

If you have a specific query about this position, please contact Sue Yorston, Senior Manager, Quality, Compliance and Diversity, phone 0409 439 762 or Karen Milward, RAV's Aboriginal Advisor, ph. 0407 867 863. Applications close on Wednesday 30th November, 2016.

This is an Aboriginal designated position, classified under the Equal Opportunity Act (2010) Section 12 - Special Measures. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.



Ananguku Arts and Cultural Aboriginal Corporation

An Aboriginal owned and governed visual arts organisation started by artists and Art Centre managers on the APY Lands in 1998, Ananguku (Ku) Arts delivers programs supporting artists' professional development, art worker training, Art Centre startup and business development, marketing, and advocacy for ethical dealing with Indigenous artists.

The organisation is governed by a board of directors comprised of Anangu representatives of the seven Art Centres on the APY Lands, one representative of Indigenous artists in regional South Australia, and two independent directors.

Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will work in accordance with the vision, goals and policies of the Ananguku Arts board as informed by the rules of the corporation and to support the aspirations of Ananguku Arts members. The CEO as the senior executive of the corporation has overall responsibility for leading and managing the corporation in a strategic leadership and advocacy role. The position is based in Adelaide, however frequent travel will be required, including to remote communities in South Australia.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply.

How to apply

To obtain the selection documentation and application processes, please request a copy of the Applicant's Job Pack by email: ora@oric.gov.au Should you require any further information regarding the position, please contact Colin Plowman on 0408 619 649.

Applications close: 20 November 2016

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Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career as the Chief Executive Officer of the Mindaribba LALC.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of Mindaribba LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have tertiary qualifications in Business or extensive relevant experience. In addition the successful applicant will have extensive and demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Land Rights Act, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. High level organisational and management experience is an essential requirement of this position together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. To obtain a copy of the recruitment package please contact Chairperson Todd Heard, by email: todd.heard@bigpond.com or on 0412 019 567.

Applications can be forwarded to todd.heard@bigpond.com or marked "Confidential" and posted

The CEO Recruitment Panel Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council PO Box 401 East Maitland NSW 2323

Application close 17th November 2016.

Being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 31 of Anti –Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).



Are you a 2nd or 3rd year Aboriginal uni student? Do you want some real experience in State government?

The Aboriginal Undergraduate Cadetship Program provides support and work experience to 2nd and 3rd year Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university students studying their first undergraduate degree.

The Program provides

- Support while you study;
- Paid work placement for 12 weeks per year;
- Mentoring and support from experienced professionals and Aboriginal Staff; and
 - A commitment to ongoing employment.

Applications are open now and will close 30 November 2016.

The Program is run by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. For information or to apply, please visit: www.vpsc.vic.gov.au/aboriginal-employment or contact Joe Murfet, Senior Aboriginal Employment Adviser on (O3) 9651 O837 or joe.murfet@vpsc.vic.gov.au





PARRAMATTA AUSTRALIA'S NEXT GREAT CITY

Parramatta is Sydney's second CBD with a vibrant economy. diverse workforce, and a rich mix of cultural and recreational facilities. Council is strongly focused on setting the city's strategic direction as a sustainability leader, while delivering the best possible services to our local community.

Front of House Operator

Riverside Theatres is seeking a casual Front of House Attendant. Reporting to the Supervisor/Front of House Coordinator, your main responsibilities will be:

- Meet and greet patrons
- Ticket check and usher patrons
- Handle basic customer enquiries
- Merchandise selling
- Food and beverage service including our foyer bar
- Set up, pack down and general tidiness of venues
- Evacuation of patrons as required

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) certificate is required.

You will have solid understanding of customer service principles and ability to communicate with a wide array of patrons. Experience in venues, arts and creative industries would be beneficial

We are encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to apply for this position.

For further information: Linda Taylor on (02) 8839 3314.

Salary: \$21.57 per hour plus super. You will also receive a casual loading of 25%.

Closing Date: 4pm, Monday 5 December 2016.

HOW TO APPLY: Candidates must apply online at http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/work/work_with_us/ employment. Applications will not be accepted through any other medium





An opportunity at the centre of the biggest change in the disability sector in Australia's history

Local Area Coordinator 2 positions

- Specific responsibility to support and improve Aboriginal and
- Torres Strait Islander participation
 \$65,000 \$72,000 per annum salary range, based on skills
- and experience 9.5% superannuation
- Attractive salary packaging options available

The Brotherhood of St Laurence drives change that promotes a compassionate and fair society where everyone lives a life of common dignity. The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is partnering with the Brotherhood of St Laurence to deliver the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in Melbourne's north-east region. This work spans five municipalities – Banyule, Darebin, Nilumbik, Whittlesea and

Local Area Coordinators assist people with disability to advocate, plan, organise and access the support and services needed to live an ordinary life. This includes

- · helping those who meet NDIS access requirements to establish a funded plan with reasonable and necessary supports
- · supporting members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in North East Melbourne to be aware of and participate in the opportunities provided by the scheme.

 • building relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander controlled organisations
- building community capacity to be inclusinve and supportive of people with disability
- assisting people with disability to access mainstream services regardless of NDIS eligibility.
- · supporting the LAC team to connect and work effectively with

local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. We are looking for "can do" people who have a positive

approach to disability. You are experienced in building supportive relationships, including in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in North East Melbourne. You consistently meet or exceed performance standards and are recognised as someone who always seeks to improve the way work is done. You have ideas to build capacity for individuals, and the broader community.

To be successful in this role, you must work effectively and collaboratively as part of a team, adhere to procedures and also contribute their improving them. You are a clear thinker and communicate persuasively in person and in writing.

Lived experience or awareness of the impact of existing or acquired disability upon individuals, carers and community will be highly regarded. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

A copy of the position description can be downloaded via our careers page. For further information or for a confidential discussion call Julie Robertson on 0428 874 629.

To apply:

Applicants are required to submit a resume and cover letter and complete the screening questionnaire via our careers page on https://www.bsl.org.au/about/careers/jobs/

Applications close: Friday 18 November 2016 at 5pm





Aboriginal Child **Protection Caseworker**

NSW Family and Community Services aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children by recruiting and developing outstanding individuals to be leaders in Child

As an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker you will be working with vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect, communities, interagency partners and peers, to be agents of change in the lives of children

Being a Child Protection Caseworker is tough. It takes a special kind of person. But the rewards are huge.

We are looking for people with a strong commitment to children, families and community capacity building, people who possess a high level of resilience to become part of a team of skilled and dedicated professionals.

Do you identify as Aboriginal and have two years experience working with Aboriginal children, young people and families or communities?

If so apply now! Please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and enter job reference no: 000041OM

Join a team of dedicated and professional Child Protection Caseworkers in your area and benefit from:

- professional support and training
- flexible working conditions
- great career opportunities

Note: Aboriginal Caseworker must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information visit

www.facs.nsw.gov.au/careers/caseworker

The Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012, requires persons engaged in children related work to have Working with Children clearances. If successful in this role you will be required to provide a Working with Children Check clearance number prior to commencing in the role.

An opportunity at the centre of the biggest change in the disability sector in Australia's history

Senior Local Area Coordinator

- Specific responsibility to support and improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation
 • \$78,000 - \$82,000 per annum salary range based on skills
- and experience, plus car allowance or use of company car
- 9.5% superannuation
- Attractive salary packaging options available

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 • building relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait
- Islander controlled organisations building community capacity to be inclusinve and supportive
- of people with disability assisting people with disability to access mainstream
- services regardless of NDIS eligibility.
 supporting the LAC team to connect and work effectively with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

As a team leader and expert advisor, the Senior Local Area Coordinator is a subject matter expert in one or more areas of disability, and mentors Local Area Coordinators to ensure that high quality services are delivered.

We are looking for a "can do" person who has a positive approach to disability. You have highly developed relationship building skills, with demonstrated experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities. You consistently meet or exceed performance standards and are recognised as someone who always seeks to improve to the way work is

To be successful in this role, you will have experience in leading a highly capable team delivering highly accountable services. You have expertise in one or two areas of disability and know how to develop the capacity of the community to be inclusive. Making a difference to the way disability services are delivered is more than a job - it is a passion.

Strong technology, analytical and problem solving skills are highly desired. You thrive in an environment of accountability, where measures are also used to drive genuine improvement in services. Lived experience or awareness of the impact of existing or acquired disability upon individuals, carers and community will be highly regarded. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

A copy of the position description can be downloaded via our careers page. For further information or for a confidential discussion call Julie Robertson on 0428 874 629.

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Applications close: Friday 18 November 2016 at 5pm





Blacktown City is a modern city of 48 suburbs, home to over 330,000 people. Council is continuously evolving and our Vision will inspire and motivate you to be part of Blacktown City's future.

Childcare Traineeship

Position No: BC475

As a trainee with Kids' Early Learning you will be based at one of our childcare facilities and work alongside experienced professionals, assisting in the daily operations of our centre, where no two days are the same. You will be involved in duties such as preparation of playing and learning materials, supervision of children's play, assisting children with daily routines and adhering to safety standards to provide a nurturing and safe environment for all children to play and learn.

Who can apply?

- · Applicants must not hold a Certificate III or higher qualification awarded in the last 7 years.
- Applicants of all ages are encouraged to apply, however must be 18 years of age by 28 February 2017 to meet legislative requirements.
- Short-listed applicants are required to obtain a Working with Children Check.
- Applicants who are motivated, enthusiastic and committed to providing a high standard of customer
- Applicants who have strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Applicants must be an Australian citizen or be eligible to work in Australia (evidence required).
- Applicants of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background are encouraged to apply

Salary Range: \$338.40 to \$660.10 will be offered per week, based on age and level of schooling completed. A 38-hour working week including an RDO once a month, leave entitlements, 9.5% employee superannuation contribution and much more. **Enquiries:** Human Resource Services on (02) 9839 6000.

Closing Date: Friday 25 November, 2016. Internal Ref: Childcare Traineeship.

To apply visit Council's website www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au





Aboriginal Project Officer

Ambulatory and Primary Health Care

- Wollongong

Temporary Full-Time - until 20/10/2017 with the possibility of extension.

Enquiries: Zane Rice 0477 334 951

Closing Date: 27 November 2016



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 354859

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Producer 612 ABC Brisbane

This vacancy is open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, reflecting our commitment to the ABC's Reconciliation Action Plan, ABC Equity and Diversity Plan and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.

- Brisbane Location
- \$61K \$75K plus choice of 15.4% super

612 ABC Brisbane's mission is to connect on air and online audiences with the stories that matter most to those of us lucky enough to live in glorious Brisbane.

You'll be curious, love a deadline and be exceptional at producing compelling stories that resonate with a diverse 40 plus audience.

For a full job description and application form visit

abc.net.au/careers



Executive Director Aboriginal Health & Wellbeing

- Meaningful and significant opportunity to improve the health and wellbeing of local communities
- Leadership role providing direction and guidance to our organisation
- Attractive remuneration package including a salary range of \$153 167k pa
- Site negotiable across Western NSW
- Permanent full-time

Help transform our services to improve the lives of Aboriginal people through building strong partnerships and designing more culturally inviting services for communities across our region. Working in a respectful partnership with the Chief Executive and Executive team, this role will help to provide leadership for 7,000 staff, with the intent to make meaningful gains in the health of over 30,000 Aboriginal people in our region. The whole population in Western NSW could be healthier; and this position will lead a whole of system health promotion and prevention strategy to make a difference in the lives of 280,000 people across the region.

Enquiries: Scott McLachlan on 0419 995 093

Reference Number: 15260

Closing Date: Tuesday 29 November 2016

- Aboriginal Health Manager (Northern Sector)
- Crucial senior leadership role in achieving Aboriginal health outcomes • Close the gap in Aboriginal health disadvantage
- Attractive remuneration package including salary from \$106k pa
- Dubbo or Orange NSW
- Permanent full-time

Enquiries: David Meharg on (02) 6369 8019 or david.meharg@health.nsw.gov.au Reference Number: 357532

Closing Date: Thursday 1 December 2016

Closing Date: as above



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Numbers above.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



HEALTH SERVICES MANAGER ATTRACTIVE REMUNERATION PACKAGE

The Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council (GLALC) owned, Gandangara Health Service (GHS), operations based in Liverpool NSW, is now seeking an experienced and dynamic Health Services Manager, to fill a permanent fulltime management position in oversighting the day to day operations of the GHS, 114 Family Practice, and associated allied health brokerage programs and services.

Reporting to, and working collaboratively with the GLALC, CEO, as Health Services Manager, you will be required to undertake a range of duties, including amongst other things:

- Overseeing the day to day operational management and coordination of all relevant aspects of the Gandangara Health Service, including the 114 Family Practice in Moore St, Liverpool.
- Providing professional advice and guidance in enhancing the exiting GHS business operations, including providing guidance in improving health service availability, quality and culturally appropriate community health services in South West Sydney, particularly for the Aboriginal community.
- Develop, implement and monitor relevant health industry required health provision standards, policies and procedures, including any relevant corporate governance and clinical compliance structures and required resources.
- Ensure that the GHS is operating in an efficient and economic manner, and the required industry standard of patient care and services are maintained, and that sufficient revenue is being generated from the 114 Family Practice, and associated health programs and services.
- Manage and provide supervision and administrative support for all GHS personnel, including General Practitioners, Clinical Staff, and Program and Administrative staff members, along with supporting annual professional development opportunities for GHS personnel.
- Oversight implementation of associated health industry (and any other associated industry) regulations, including implementing the regulation governing Medicare billing and maintaining working knowledge of Medicare updates, changes and
- · Contribute to associated strategic planning, financial management, research and continuous improvement processes to ensure on-going viability and sustainability of the GHS business model.
- Actively maintain professional networking, in seeking funding opportunities, and participating in GLALC Team managers planning forums and events.

• Provide regular reporting to the CEO on GHS operations as required, including keeping abreast of corporate, government and political climates, and likely impact on GHS.

To be suitable you must possess the following:

- Demonstrated extensive health industry experience, including experience in Aboriginal health and related programs and services, such as in health service practice management, or primary health care services.
- · A relevant health qualification, or associated qualifications, and associated relevant industry professional training and development.
- Sound organisational management experience to be able to lead, direct and manage personnel, change, allocate resources effectively to maximise service provision outcomes, and employee job satisfaction, and customers satisfaction with service provision.
- Strong cultural competency skills and understanding, including high level verbal, written and administrative skills, including IT proficiency.
- A valid a driver's licence.
- High level of initiative, problems solving and health industry management knowledge and experience.
- Display a high level of professionalism and team work capacity.
- · Suitable references.

To be considered for this position please submit your Application, with CV, in Word Format by email to: pnewman@glalc.org.au. (Postal Address: 103 Moore Street, Liverpool NSW 2170).

An attractive remuneration package will also be, including salary sacrifice provisions.

For any other queries, and receiving an Information Package to assist with your application, please call CEO, Paul Newman on 0477 706 280.

All applications will be held in the strictest of confidence, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Closing Date for Applications: Monday 28 November 2016.



Make an impact in NSW Connected **Communities Schools**

The NSW Department of Education is offering temporary appointments for up to three years for school counsellors to work in NSW public schools as a new professional experience. Connected Communities schools are committed to driving improved outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people by working closely with their communities.

There are opportunities in these Connected Communities schools:

Boggabilla Central School, Bourke High School, Coonamble High School, Moree East Public School, Moree Secondary College, Toomelah Public School, Wilcannia Central School, Brewarrina Central School, Menindee Central School, Walgett Community School.

- Opportunity to deliver counselling services to enhance student engagement, learning and development
- Right of return for permanent staff at completion of the three years, for new employees the offer of permanent employment to a negotiated location*
- Fully flexible commencement package up to the value of \$5,000 (for example flights, professional
- \$10,000 annual bonus following satisfactory completion of each year of service
- Access to existing rural and remote incentives, including up to 90% rental subsidy and

*The successful applicant for this position will be appointed to the school on a temporary basis. At the conclusion of the term of the temporary engagement, subject to satisfying all relevant legislative provisions, the employee will be converted to a permanent employee and assigned to a work location in the Department that will be agreed by the Department and the employee.

Applications Close: Wednesday 30 November 2016 (4 pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Katrina Worrall, Principal Psychologist on (02) 9266 8036 or at katrina.worrall@det.nsw.edu.au



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00004VP1





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Project Officer

Do you have strong project management and communication skills? Do you enjoy working in a varied and fast-paced team environment? If so, this is the role for you!

An exciting opportunity exists for a Project Officer, within the Aboriginal Victoria branch of the Department of Premier and Cabinet. Working with stakeholders both within and outside of Government, you will provide project management support to the Office of the Executive Director.

To be successful in this role you must have excellent stakeholder engagement skills, be highly organised and enjoy the challenge of a dynamic working environment. A relevant tertiary qualification and project management certification will be an advantage.

The closing date for this position is Sunday 20 November 2016

How to apply:

All applications should include only a resume and a cover letter addressing the key selection

Please refer to the contact on the Position Description if you have any questions regarding the job

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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

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

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Join us.

ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY OFFICER

25813

POSITION TYPE Permanent CLOSING 27 November 2016

REF NO.

As an integral part of the Human Resources team, you'll work with the campus community to drive the University's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy

You will develop and evaluate employment initiatives, prepare regular briefings to management and provide support, guidance and mentoring to participants in trainee and cadet programs.

If you are passionate and committed to driving employment outcomes and have experience in planning, developing and managing employment initiatives, this is the job for you.

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN COORDINATOR

POSITION TYPE Fixed term 2 years CLOSING 27 November 2016

REF NO. 25916

This exciting new role will coordinate and contribute to the inaugural University-wide Reconciliation Action Plan, as a part of the broader UOW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advancement activities and policy framework.

You will be actively involved in consultation with relevant stakeholders, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

You must have strong communication and negotiation skills, be able to perform tasks with limited supervision, and demonstrate previous project planning and implementation experience.

Contact us to find out more

PHONE 02 4221 4494

APPLY employment.uow.edu.au

These positions are only open to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants. The filling of these positions is intended to constitute a special opportunity measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth) and the Anti Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).



UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG AUSTRALIA

Stands for purpose

VTEC Employer Specialist

Vocational Training and Employment Centres (VTECs) are an Australian Government initiative based on GenerationOne's employment model. The objective of VTEC is to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into a sustainable

The Role

To continue the high performance of our Vocational Training and Employment Centre (VTEC) in Campbelltown, the opportunity has arisen for a member of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community who is driven to achieve results by connecting with local employers to source suitable job opportunities.

You will be responsible for:

- · Building and maintaining employer relationships within the
- local community
 Identifying suitable job vacancies and matching to the right
- · Establishing solid relationships with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community
- · Utilising existing marketing skill set to generate new leads

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED - Whilst experience in sales and business development will be highly regarded, we would also like to hear from candidates who demonstrate enthusiasm and a passion for learning

The Benefits

The successful applicant will be offered a generous base salary in line with their skills as well as access to a not-for profit salary packaging option that can see your take home pay amount significantly increased!

To apply, please forward your resume and a covering letter which outlines your suitability for the role to hr2@abilityoptions.org.au. For more information, please contact Claire Hughes on 02 8884 9290

Ability Options considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).



Aboriginal Mental Health Professional, Forensic Hospital

Classification: Welfare Officer Level 1

Location: Malabar

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$58,225 - \$84,356 pa

Enquiries: Margy Green (02) 9700 3820

This is a dedicated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants must be able to prove Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act. JH&FMHN deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginal status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or prior to commencement of the position.

Closing Date:

FOR NSW

Job Reference Number 357310 **NSW Health Service: employer of choice**





Communication and Engagement Officer

- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Full-time appointment
- Position number and location: 178678 Sydney
- Total remuneration package: \$110,697. Package includes salary (\$90,215 - \$99,862), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Aboriginal Affairs works with Aboriginal communities to promote social, economic and cultural well-being through opportunity, choice, healing, responsibility and empowerment. We implement OCHRE, the NSW Government's community focused plan for Aboriginal affairs, establish partnerships for economic development, support effective Aboriginal governance and strengthen cultural identity and language.

The Communication and Engagement Officer's primary role is to provide advice and support to the Manager Planning and Coordination in relation to communication strategies and activities to promote the work of Aboriginal Affairs with critical stakeholders. The position also supports the agency's Executive to communicate effectively with staff, external stakeholders and partners to advance the agency's reform agenda.

To be successful in this role you will identify as Aboriginal and have a qualification and demonstrated experience in communications, marketing or equivalent.

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages), which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

It is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw ${f No}$ paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Pre-screening questions:

- 1. What do you consider to be the most important components of a communication strategy for the agency (300 word max)?
- 2. If you were asked to lead a project to redesign the agency's webpage how would you go about it (300 word max)?

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Degree or equivalent qualifications in marketing and/or marketing communications (or equivalent knowledge and experience) with demonstrated practical experience in a marketing and/or communications role.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Applications Close: Friday 25 November 2016

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Brenda Love on (02) 9561 8608.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 192506.





Principal

The Board of Directors invites applications for the position of Principal with a view to the successful applicant commencing prior to the start of the 2017 school year.

Hymba Yumba Community Hub (Listening and Learning Place), is an independent, coeducational school offering education grounded in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. HYCH provides a unique opportunity to be part of a new approach to educational excellence and community development for Australian Indigenous young people and their families. This innovative education and community initiative is focused on 'Closing the Gap' for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Ipswich – Logan corridor. The school strives to assist all students to achieve academic, sporting and creative excellence in a culturally affirming, dynamic environment. In the tradition of their peoples, students are encouraged to show Respect for Self, Elders, Family, Community and Country. Students build strong and proud Indigenous identities in a nurturing and challenging school environment. The contribution of knowledge and wisdom by the Elders, Families and Community is at the core of the education process at Hymba Yumba. The Hub includes: Prep-Yr. 12, Vocational Education and Training, health and wellbeing services and an Elders Cultural Yarnin' place.

We seek a proven leader and experienced educator possessing the ability to inspire and motivate. In addition to a deep knowledge of, understanding and appreciation of Indigenous Australian culture and contemporary issues, the successful candidate will have relevant experience in strategic and financial leadership and proven ability to achieve goals and targets.

Initial enquiries from prospective applicants should be directed to the Chairman of the Board of Directors via e-mail board@hymbayumba.qld.edu.au.

An information booklet providing further information about Hymba Yumba, the position of Principal and the application and selection process can be obtained from the Company Secretary via e-mail board@hymbayumba.qld.edu.au.

Applications close at 4pm Monday 21st November 2016.

All enquiries and applications will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Victorian Aboriginal Health Service

- · Pioneering Aboriginal health service
- Community controlled organisation
- · Attractive remuneration package

Our client, Victorian Aboriginal Health Service Cooperative Ltd (VAHS), offers a comprehensive range of primary health care and family services to the Aboriginal community. The organisation is conveniently located close to the CBD near the vibrant cafes and restaurants of Brunswick St and Lygon St. This is an excellent opportunity for a high calibre professional to lead this unique and innovative organisation.

The VAHS is an Aboriginal Community Controlled organisation operating since 1973 and receives funding from federal and state governments. VAHS is a viable and growing organization with an operational budget of around \$10 million, employing 140 staff across three sites in Fitzroy, Preston and Thornbury

The CEO is responsible to the Board of Directors for the strategic direction and operational management of VAHS and will provide leadership and management in the development & delivery of quality health and community services. The CEO will work to achieve the organisation's aim to create and inspire healthy Aboriginal people and families through quality, effective community health services, education and training.

To meet the requirements of the role you will have at least 5 years experience in a senior Aboriginal management role developing and delivering Aboriginal services and a knowledge of health services. You will hold relevant health and tertiary qualifications and should also be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Community Controlled

You can obtain further details from our website at:

www.hrsa.com.au

Enquiries should be made in the first instance to John Cross on 0417 332 598 or applications including Cover Letter, your CV and a document addressing the KSC can be forwarded to: hrsa@hrsa.com.au

Applications close Friday 2 December 2016





The NDIA is seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to apply for current vacancies in Port Augusta, **Broken Hill and Mount Gambier**

APS 4, APS 5 & APS 6 Planners. ongoing/non-ongoing, Full Time.

We are looking for highly motivated candidates to join the NDIA as Planners. As a Planner, you are responsible for conducting planning conversations and risk assessments and making reasonable and necessary decisions in accordance with the NDIS Act 2013.

We have affirmative measures vacancies available in:

- Port Augusta
- Broken Hill
- Mount Gambier

The filling of this vacancy is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8 (1) of the 'Racial Discrimination Act 1975'. This vacancy is only available to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

If this sounds like your ideal role, we encourage you to submit an application by 11.30pm (AEST), Sunday, 27 November 2016.

For information on NDIA employment and to apply, visit www.ndis.gov.au or contact DFP Recruitment Services on telephone 1300 138 337 or email ndia@dfp.com.au

NDIA welcomes and encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with diverse culture and linguistic backgrounds and people with disability.

The NDIA Inaugural Reconciliation Plan 2016-2017 can be viewed on the NDIS website at www.ndis.gov.au



Bungree Aboriginal Association

(F/T) Specialist Homelessness Services Caseworker

Overview of Position – the position holder will work as a member of a cooperative team in order to provide practical, supportive and specialist intervention to individuals, children, young people & families who are at risk of homelessness or who are homeless

This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

NOTE: Applicants must obtain an employment pack, complete all relevant paperwork & address the selection criteria. Male applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

Enquires: Miley Nixon on 02 43500100 or email: miley.nixon@bungree.org.au Closing date: Friday 25th November 2016 COB 4.30pm



Parramatta location

Strategic Senior Executive Role Top Level Relationships | Enabling and Supporting Communities

The New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is seeking its next CEO to provide innovative strategic and operational support for the Council and members. As the State's peak representative body in Aboriginal affairs the NSWALC is committed to ensuring a better future for Aboriginal people by working for the return of culturally significant and economically viable land, and pursuing cultural, social and economic independence for its people. The Council is politically active and voices the position of Aboriginal people on issues that affect them

NSWALC is a self-funding statutory authority with a Council comprising nine elected Councillors who represent their region. The CEO reports to the Chairperson of the NSWALC

The CEO leads and manages an organisation within a complex, controversial and diverse policy area encompassing the full spectrum of Aboriginal affairs. The CEO deals with a mixed range of challenges, which can include new problems and emerging issues, often without precedent. The CEO is responsible for the efficient and effective operation of the NSWALC administration and ensuring the delivery of decisions of the Council.

The successful candidate will have:

- An excellent understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal communities, societies and cultures;
- Proven senior executive leadership ability;
 Sound judgement to solve problems in a politically sensitive environment;
- Innovative and forward thinking;
 Successful organisational and business management experience;
 Strong policy formulation and implementation experience;
- Superior interpersonal and communication skills; and
- Sound commercial and financial acumen.

This is an identified position (Anti-Discrimination Act 1977).

Job Status: 3 year contract (with options to renew)

For further information, or to send an application (including a cover letter and up-to-date resume which clearly details your skills and experience as relevant to this role) quote Ref No 68144 to Watermark Search International. Email: search@watermarksearch.com.au Tel (02) 9233 1200.

Closing date: 12 December 2016





Indigenous New Career Academic (x3)

University of Newcastle

ACADEMIC Level A - \$64,804 to \$87,943 plus contributory superannuation with Unisuper, attracting a generous employer contribution of 17%

- · Great opportunity to work at The Wollotuka Institute
- · Opportunity to work within a Faculty discipline area
- 3 year, fixed term contract

About the role

The Indigenous New Career Academic at the Wollotuka Institute at the University of Newcastle is located within the Academic division, which includes the areas of Research, and Teaching & Learning. As a national leader in Indigenous tertiary education, The Wollotuka Institute is committed to maintaining its status as the benchmark for the other 38 Indigenous Centres within Australian universities. This position seeks applicants with a passion for excellence and discovery, who are motivated to creating a shared future with our communities and are committed to the development of graduates who make a difference

The Wollotuka Institute seeks to appoint three (3) Indigenous New Career Academics/Associate Lecturers within any discipline area. During the first year of appointment, successful applicants will work within the Wollotuka Institute. After this initial period, the applicant may have the opportunity to work within a Faculty discipline area depending on qualifications. The positions will carry one-third flexible loads in teaching, research and Higher Degree Research study.

The role undertakes course preparation, delivery and assessment to undergraduate students: contributes to the Institutes' research profile, and engages with Indigenous stakeholders and communities, while completing a PhD. The position undertakes administrative duties as

Skills and experience

To be successful in this role, you will:

- · Identify as Aboriginal Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement and is authorised under Section 14 of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977;
- Be progressing towards PhD or demonstrated capacity to undertake such study within three years; Note: Candidate must be enrolled in a PhD prior to commencing position.

Please note: In accordance with the University's Staff Selection Guidelines, your application will be assessed based on the required skills and the selection criteria found at the link below. It is essential that you address each of the criteria to enable the selection committee to properly assess your application and suitability for interview.

If you require further information on the role please contact Maree Gruppetta on 02 49216768 or maree.gruppetta@newcastle.edu.au.

Before submitting your application please read the important information contained in the Application Process guide at: <a href="https://www.newcastle.edu.au/about-uon/jobs-at-uon/ vacancies/application-process

For more information about the position including selection criteria and to apply please

go to www.newcastle.edu.au/job-vacancies Applications close: Tuesday, 29 November 2016

AYERS ROCK

GENERAL MANAGER

National Indigenous Training Academy



Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia is a unique Australian travel company wholly owned by the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) offering experience-based holidays in spectacular wilderness locations including Ayers Rock Resort, Home Valley Station and Mossman Gorge Centre.

Voyages is committed to growing a highly skilled Indigenous workforce for the hospitality and tourism industry and showcases Indigenous culture to the world.

We are currently seeking a General Manager, National Indigenous Training Academy to join the team at Ayers Rock Resort to lead the Voyages Indigenous traineeship program. Reporting to the Executive General Manager Indigenous Employment and Training you will be responsible for managing the training and assessment services for Indigenous employees at Ayers Rock Resort and work closely with the Mossman Gorge Centre and Home Valley Station to ensure trainees transitioning between Voyages' properties are supported to complete the traineeship and commence

You will have the opportunity to work with local Indigenous communities to support work experience placements for Indigenous students leading to traineeship placements as well as work closely with the Indigenous Retention team to ensure the wellbeing of trainees and to support the retention of trainees and other Indigenous staff undertaking training through NITA

To be considered for the role, you will have demonstrated leadership skills in the education or private sector, an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and significant knowledge of Indigenous training and employment. A Certificate IV or higher qualification in Training and Assessment is a requirement of

In addition to salary, we offer you subsidised accommodation, resort discounts, meals on duty, uniform and relocation bonuses, as well as offer training and study opportunities and community events.

Voyages has many exciting vacancies on offer at Ayers Rock Resort including but not limited to Trainee Wellbeing and Property Manager, Activities Coordinator, Chefs, Security Officers, Housekeeping and Food & Beverage.

For more information on current opportunities with Voyages, please visit www.voyages.com.au/careers or call us on (02) 8296 8134.

Check out some of our talent on LinkedIn and don't be afraid

Kay Goodman, Andrew Williams, Annabel Daymond, Barry Cripsey, Mick Coombes



Customer Service Representative

- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- Permanent Full-Time
- PoliceLink, Tuggerah
- Clerk Grade 1/2
- I Work for NSW Requisition No.00004VHQ

Salary Package: \$72,164. Salary: \$60,154 - \$65,396. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Customer Service Representatives provide customer service by answering emergency Triple Zero (000) and non-emergency (131444, Crime Stoppers, Customer Assistance Special Operation) contacts and providing accurate, timely information to police as well as providing information and advice to customers on a range of police issues.

- Applicants must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- Applicants must obtain an information package via the following link: www.randstad.com.au/policelink
- Applicants must then undertake an initial call centre simulation test.
- Suitable applicants will then participate in a preliminary interview.
- Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an Assessment Centre.
- This position is classified as a shift worker in accordance with clause 3.58 of the Crown Employees (NSW Police Force Administrative Officer and Temporary Employees) Award 2009. Shift penalties are paid as appropriate in accordance with clause 87.1 of the Award.
- Successful applicants will need to be committed to perform rotational shiftwork to cover 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- For your application to be considered, you must: o Attach a document addressing each of the selection criteria to your application. o Attach an up-to-date resume to your application.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement. It is also a requirement to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/ or information/data accessed. Successful applicants will be required to provide a FULL Birth Certificate.
- · For assistance in completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check or Security Clearance, please contact the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257 or (02) 8835 9093 or hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications Close: Wednesday 30 November 2016

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Elizabeth Clahane on 1300 363 933 or via email nswpolice@randstad.com.au



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00004VHQ







Aboriginal Immunisation Support Officer

Location: Port Macquarie Enquiries: John Turahui (02) 6588 2750

Closing Date: 21 November 2016





Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 355743

NSW Health Service: employer of choice





Aboriginal Identified Field Officer - Civil & Family

- Clerk Grade 3/4
- Temporary vacancy till 30 June 2017
- Salary Package up to \$82K (pro rata)

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to join our team, who is committed to building relationships between Aboriginal communities and legal services in western NSW.

The successful candidate will demonstrate strong community facilitation and coordination skills as well as a willingness to undertake further professional development.

Closing Date: Monday 28 November 2016

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Scott Hawkins on (02) 9219 5109.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00004UCP



PROJECT OFFICER

- · Award-winning Not-for-Profit Organisation
- Excellent health and wellbeing program
 Full Time 12 month Fixed Term Contract
- · Located in Richmond, Victoria

About Us

Infoxchange is a not-for-profit social enterprise that has delivered technology for social justice for over 25 years

We work with community, government and corporate partners to solve family violence, homelessness, mental health and issues facing ageing, disabled and Indigenous communities.

Our community programs focus on digital inclusion - using technology to improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable people in our community and drive social inclusion. We believe no-one should be left behind in today's digital world.

About the Role

A unique role exists through funding from the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet's Innovation Fund to enhance Ask Izzy (www.askizzy.org.au) with relevant design functionality and service information for Aboriginal communities in Victoria. Ask Izzy is an innovative mobile website that helps people in need to connect with services such as food, clothing, housing, health and wellbeing.

The main aim of this position is to support the Ask Izzy Product Manager to provide a streamlined and accessible way to maintain and deliver information about services for the Aboriginal community using familiar technology. With a specific focus on working closely with communities, key activities include participating in research to understand what is needed, building awareness of the product, leading the Cultural Advisory Committee and developing an Ask Izzy Champion Program to ensure strong take up. The role also has an internal focus working with the project team to ensure that a quality product is delivered via agreed requirements, prioritization of product features and extensive readiness

The successful applicant will have experience with project management, stakeholder management and community engagement. Strong communication skills and relevant tertiary qualification are required, as well as a passion for inclusion and social justice

The filling of this position is intended to constitute a special/equal opportunity measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth), and s 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic) and s 8(4) of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)

The Position is therefore only open to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants

For further Information and to view the Position Description please visit www.infoxchange.org/au

Or to apply, please email your CV and Cover letter to recruitment@infoxchange.org before the closing date of 5pm Monday 21 November 2016.



Head of Boarding **Richmond Victoria**

Head the Team to create a home environment for 22 Indigenous students from remote and regional communities. Strong leadership, cultural and operational awareness are key to success in this innovative environment.

For a full position description and details go to www.mits.vic.edu.au/careers



NSW Government **Aboriginal Employment and Development Program**

- "Join a workforce that values diversity"
- Full-Time, 18 month placement, with a view to transitioning to an ongoing role.

An exciting opportunity is available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to join the NSW public sector under the new Aboriginal Employment and Development Program.

We are looking for enthusiastic, well organised, committed individuals with strong communication skills who are keen to develop their skills and knowledge while serving the people of NSW.

As part of the program you will undertake a Diploma-level qualification whilst having the opportunity to develop on-the-job skills.

Applications Close: Sunday 20 November 2016 (11:59pm)



For more information and to apply please visit our webpage www.psc.nsw.gov.au/AEDP, contact the Aboriginal Workforce Development Team via aedp@psc.nsw.gov.au or call Donna Bourke (02) 6339 5924.



Make an impact in NSW Connected **Communities Schools**

FOR NSW

The NSW Department of Education is offering temporary assignments for up to three years for school psychologists to work in NSW public schools as a new professional experience. Connected Communities schools are committed to driving improved outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people by working closely with their communities.

There are opportunities in these Connected Communities schools:

Boggabilla Central School, Bourke High School, Coonamble High School, Moree East Public School, Moree Secondary College, Toomelah Public School, Wilcannia Central School, Brewarrina Central School, Menindee Central School, Walgett Community School.

- Opportunity to deliver counselling services to enhance student engagement, learning
- · Opportunity to become an ongoing employee of the department with assignment to a negotiated location at the conclusion of the three years*
- Fully flexible commencement package up to the value of \$5,000 (for example flights, professional learning, data package)
- $\bullet~$ \$10,000 annual bonus following satisfactory completion of each year of service
- Access to existing rural and remote incentives, including up to 90% rental subsidy and relocation support

 * The successful applicant for this position will be appointed to the school on a temporary basis. At the conclusion of the term of the temporary assignment, subject to satisfying all relevant legislative provisions, the employee will be converted to an ongoing employee and assigned to a work location in the Department that will be agreed by the Department and the employee.

Applications Close: Wednesday 30 November 2016 (11:59 pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Katrina Worrall, Principal Psychologist on (02) 9266 8036 or at katrina.worrall@det.nsw.edu.au



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00004VOV



Aboriginal Employment & Skills Advisor

- Develop and support strategy initiatives to improve the capability and inclusion outcomes for Aboriginal people
- Be at the forefront of innovative new inclusion policies and strategies
- **Melbourne CBD location**
- \$89,327 \$108,078 plus superannuation
- Full Time/Fixed Term (for up to 3 years)

The Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) is responsible for the removal of 50 of the most dangerous and congested level crossings on the Melbourne metropolitan rail network which will enable more train services to operate and reduce traffic congestion. The LXRA is also responsible for the delivery of the Mernda Rail Extension.

LXRA is an Administrative Office established in relation to the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources. The Head of the Administrative Office is the Coordinator-General.

As part of the Industry Capability & Inclusions team, the Aboriginal Employment & Skills Advisor will be responsible for developing and supporting strategy initiatives to improve the capability and inclusion outcomes for Aboriginal people, and the implementation of key initiatives such as the Aboriginal Inclusion Action Plan. The role holder will develop effective stakeholder relationships and represent LXRA at Aboriginal forums, conferences and seminars. As a subject matter expert on Aboriginal affairs, the role holder will have an innate ability to communicate well with and relate to people from a diverse range of cultures and backgrounds, in particular Aboriginal communities.

To be successful in this role you will have

- An excellent knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities and the issues impacting them
- Excellent communication skills
- Strong project management skills
- The ability to influence key stakeholders, creating lasting relationships and partner

The Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under s 42 of the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT)/sub-s 26(3) or s 28 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic).

For further information about the role please contact Bradley Giddins, Director Industry Capability and Inclusions, on (03) 9027 5123

For a copy of the position description and to apply, please visit https://jobs.careers. vic.gov.au/ and quote reference no. 001157. To be considered for this position, your application should include a supporting statement demonstrating that you meet the key selection criteria and any job requirements specified in the position description.

Successful candidates will be required to comply with the 100 point Proof of Identity Check prior to commencing employment. In addition a Police Records Check and Qualification Verification Check will be required for all positions

Applications close midnight AEST on Tuesday 29 November 2016







SENIOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Lismore

Are you passionate about closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage?

Do you have experience in community development?

Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) is a registered not for profit organisation that promotes the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We are 'closing the gap' on Indigenous disadvantage through community development and capacity building projects.

We currently have an exciting and challenging opportunity for an enthusiastic Senior Community Development Officer to join ICV in Lismore. The total remuneration package for this position is approximately \$60,000 plus super plus PBI benefits.

Applicants should have a demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous Australians, be flexible and have excellent organisational skills. Experience engaging with Indigenous communities on development projects and monitoring and evaluation is an advantage.

The ability to work independently and as part of team is This position will require regular travel to communities in Northern NSW.

For a full position description and selection criteria or further information please recruitment@humanresourcescentre.com.au or

www.icv.com.au. Applications must include a statement addressing the selection criteria and should be sent to recruitment@humanresourcescentre.com.au.

ICV aims to be an employer of choice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous Australians. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, culturally and linguistically diverse Australians and women are strongly encouraged to apply

ICV implements a family-friendly workplace environment and supports its staff to achieve a healthy work-life balance

Applications close 9 December 2016



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Join our team as a PROJECT OFFICER

Northern Zone (Tamworth location) Applications from Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged
Salary Range \$71,170 - 86,118 pa + 9.5% super and other benefits

The opportunity

We have an exciting opportunity for a Project Officer at our Northern Zone Office located in Tamworth. The Project Officer assists the Senior LALC Support Officer and Zone Director with the implementation and delivery of Zone Office strategic priorities and projects.

About us

The New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) was established under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW) (ALRA). NSWALC is a self-funding statutory authority responsible for protecting and

promoting the rights and interests of Aboriginal peoples in NSW.

How to apply All applicants must obtain a recruitment package and address the criteria of the Success Profile found in the role description with each criteria being no more than half a page. For a recruitment package contact the Human Resources Officer by emailing recruitment@alc.org.au. Your application should include a one page cover letter, an upto-date resume of no more than four pages which clearly details your skills and experience as relevant to this role. To understand more about us, please go to www.alc.org.au. For enquiries regarding the role and responsibilities of this position, please contact Wesley Fernando Operations Manager, Northern Zone on (02) 6659 1204 or wesley.fernando@alc.org.au

Application close

Wednesday, 30 November 2016 [5.00PM]





Crime Scene Officer

- Aboriginal targeted position
- Dubbo Crime Scene Section, Forensic Services Group, Dubbo
- Clerk Grade 5/6 Permanent Full-Time
- I Work for NSW Requisition Number: 00004VJ8

Salary Package: \$96,657. Salary: \$79,834 - \$87,591. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

A key responsibility is to attend, assess, record/collect and process forensic evidence from both crime scenes and exhibits. Some roles may require collection of forensic evidence from both deceased and living persons. Some roles may require the presumptive testing of drugs and the sub-sampling of bulk

It is a requirement to comply with standard Forensic Service Group policies and procedures that often necessitates the need to be meticulous and attentive to detail:

- $\bullet \quad \text{Determine how forensic evidence will be processed including further technical evaluation and/or}\\$ establishing laboratory analysis requirements in conjunction with supervisors and relevant experts.
- Provide advice to investigators and finalise case results.
- Maintain accurate case records via electronic and manual systems.
- Develop competencies to a standard allowing opinion evidence to be tendered at Courts of law.

- An information session will be held on Friday 2 December 2016 starting at 11am at the Orana Local Area Command, 143 Brisbane Street, Dubbo. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257 or (02) 8835 9093 or hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au
- This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only, in accordance with the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy. Applicants must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- hold a current unrestricted driver's licence with no traffic offences recorded on their driving history within the past twelve (12) months.
- · have appropriate practical forensic science experience/training or equivalent in multi-disciplined environment.
- have appropriate qualifications and/or practical experience in photography and forensic evidence recovery.
- be willing and able to attend major crime scenes including those of a bio-hazardous nature.
- be willing and able to operate on a seven-day rotational roster and to undertake rotational
- · have physically ability and fitness to perform inherent requirements of the position, including carrying equipment, climbing ladders and in and out of confined spaces.
- For your application to be considered, you must:
 - o Give written responses addressing each of the selection criteria in the text boxes provided in the online application.
 - O Attach an up-to-date Resume/CV to your application.
- Please do not attach copies of Qualifications, Certificates or documentation (other than a Resume/CV) - you can bring these if called for interview.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement. It is also a requirement to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed.
- For further assistance with completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check and Security Clearance, please contact the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257 or (02) 8835 9093 or hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications Close: Sunday 11 December 2016

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Inspector Kylie Phillips on (02) 4226 7780.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00004VJ8



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Fellowship

- Academic Level B: \$89,087 \$105,685 plus 17% superannuation
- Full-time, fixed-term for 3 years, based at the Hawthorn campus

We are seeking an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Fellow to undertake a three-year program of research in a field related to one of the University's five Research Institutes. The successful applicant will use well developed research skills to build a strong research profile, contributing high quality publications and delivering impactful research that supports the University's Research and Innovation Strategy 2020 which has the goal of Transforming Industries, Shaping Lives and Communities

The research program must be highly relevant to, and complement and strengthen the work of the Swinburne Research Institute to which it most closely aligns. Core responsibilities include developing research networks and collaborations internally and externally, developing research funding applications, supervising research students and actively supporting the work of the Institute. Core to the work will be the dissemination of research findings through high quality journals, and relevant networks and forums, conferences etc. The incumbent will have access to travel, conference and project support funding to facilitate their work.

Skills and Experience

To be successful in this position you will need to demonstrate:

- An earned doctoral qualification in a field related to the work of one of the University's five Research Institutes that has been awarded not more than five years prior to the closing date for applications
 Proven significant research experience in a field related to the work of one of the University's
- five Research Institutes
- · The capacity to complete advanced writing and analysis tasks, including research publications in high quality journals
- Evidence of success or clear potential in graduate student supervision

A full list of the selection criteria is available in the position description for

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit http://www.swinburne.edu.au/about/jobs/ by 5pm on Friday 9 December 2016.

The position is an identified Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander position. Pursuant to a Special Measure under Section 12 (1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic), only applications from suitably qualified Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander candidates will be considered.





Join Australia's leading collecting, research and publishing institution on the cultures and histories of Indigenous Australians.

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

Rights Manager

APS Executive Level 1 - Ongoing, Fulltime \$89,922 - \$98,639 pa

The Rights Manager liaises, builds and maintains strong relationships with Indigenous communities and will negotiate access conditions with Indigenous communities and researchers or others who are depositing or donating material to the AIATSIS collection. They will also assist Access & Client Services in ensuring that access conditions are known by AIATSIS staff and collection users and that access conditions are adhered to. They will assist in negotiating permissions for the use of collection materials with depositors, copyright owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The Rights Manager will need to have a background in rights management in relation to specialist advice to AIATSIS on rights management and intellectual property issues relevant to Indigenous cultural heritage materials.

The Rights Manager will work with Collections staff to ensure that culturally appropriate measures are in place for materials access and storage and that and that rights and requirements imposed by intellectual property and copyright legislation are adhered to.

Closing Date: 5pm Wednesday 30 November 2016

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.



Employment Opportunities

Aboriginal Engagement Officer (Part-time)

Band 4, salary range \$57,222.36 - \$61,328.80 pro rata per annum plus 9.5% superannuation

This is a part-time (0.4 EFT), limited tenure position concluding on 01/11/2017 and primarily based in Bairnsdale with the Community Development Team. Travel within the municipality and at times outside the municipality may be required.

The purpose of the role is to support the development of a strong Aboriginal Best Start Partnership built on sustainable relationships with external stakeholders, Aboriginal community and Aboriginal controlled services. This role will work closely with the Aboriginal Best Start Facilitator and members of the Aboriginal Best Start Partnership to mobilise and implement the

Aboriginal applicants are encouraged to apply and will be highly regarded for this role.

The position description and key selection criteria can be downloaded from the Shire's career page www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/careers.

Reference Number: PD 5558

Late applications will not be considered

Applications close at 12 noon on Monday, 28 November 2016.



Assistants in Nursing **Enrolled Nurse** Cadetship Program 2017 Country Health SA

Country Health SA is looking to recruit motivated and enthusiastic Assistants in Nursing to kick-start their careers in the nursing profession

Positions are available at:

- > Berri, Mental Health
- > Booleroo
- > Coober Pedy
- > Crystal Brook/Port Broughton
- > Laura
- > Mannum/Karoonda
- > Mount Barker
- > Naracoorte > Orroroo
- > Port Augusta
- > Port Pirie
- > Quorn
- > Roxby Down > Strathalbyn

- > Whyalla, Mental Health
- > Job Ref: 603017

As an eligible participant, you will complete the nationally recognised Diploma of Enrolled Nursing whilst undertaking a supported work placement to build your nursing knowledge

Country South Australia offers a unique range of health care environments and close community contact that is unique to the country

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.

Applications close: Friday 2 December 2016

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers 1300 882 992





Blaze SAH0230



CASE WORKER Aboriginal Intensive Family Support Services - Casual

CENTACARE

Centacare is the official welfare organisation of St Agnes' Parish, Port Macquarie providing a wide range of services to individuals and families. We are currently seeking a Social and Community Services Employee for the Aboriginal Intensive Family Support Service. This position will support families who reside in the traditional land of the Biripi or Dunghutti people.

Applications Close: 30 November 2016

Applicants can obtain the required Application Package and more detailed information at www.stagnesparish.org.au or by contacting HR Administration on 02 6588 7444.

Applicants who do not address the selection criteria will

www.stagnesparish.org.au





Local Aboriginal Land Council Lawyer, **Not-for-Profit Law**

Local Aboriginal Land Council Lawyer, Not-for-Profit Law

Not-for-profit Law is Justice Connect's specialist service providing free and low cost legal assistance to not-for-profit community organisations across Australia.

We are seeking to recruit a lawyer for a two-year term to play a vital role in delivering training, legal information and legal advice to the 120 Local Aboriginal Land Councils across

The position is based in Sydney and is part-time @ 22.5

For the position description, selection criteria and applications details please visit www.justiceconnect.org.au/get-involved/jobs-justice-connect.

Applications close: 9am Monday 28 November 2016

DRILLING & COMPLETIONS BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFICER TRAINEE



REF: 34741

- 12 Month Limited Term Opportunity
- Structured Training & Development Program
- Brisbane (Milton) Based

An integral part of Australia's energy future, we explore, produce, generate and sell energy to power millions of Australian homes and businesses every day, keeping them going and growing. Origin is continuing to invest in gas and condensate exploration and production, as well as developing and operating a world-class CSG production business, through Australia Pacific LNG. A leading producer of CSG in Queensland, with growing reserves and new gas exploration interests around Australia, we are seeking the right candidate to become part of the team that's meeting growing demand for energy, and searching for tomorrow's energy solutions.

This is a traineeship opportunity which will provide trainees with an introduction to business administration and working in a professional office environment and has been designed to develop essential administration and communication skills to support Origin's Drilling and Completions team.

Throughout the program you will learn how to:

- Manage resources and information, deal with customers (internal), produce business documents and manage accounts and financial information
 - Provide Office equipment support
- Organize monthly Toolbox talks and other events
- Assist with monthly credit card reconciliations
- Perform general administrative tasks
- Work in a simulated office environment
- Design and produce text documents and spread sheets and create electronic

You will gain practical, hands-on experience in a wide range of computing tasks, general office duties, time management, organising schedules, workplace health and safety and customer service.

IS THIS YOU?

To succeed in this program you will have a focus on customer service, an enthusiasm to learn, and excellent communication skills. A high school senior certificate is a prerequisite for this opportunity. We embrace the diversity of our people and flexible working arrangements to ensure our workforce is representative of the communities that we serve. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are encouraged to apply.

Please apply via the Origin careers page originenergy.com.au/careers quoting reference 34741 Applications close Sunday, 4 December 2016.



Position Available



TAFE New England is seeking a Part Time Casual Teacher in the following field:

Aboriginal or Torres Strait **Islander Cultural Arts**

Applicants are encouraged to contact the enquiries officer Elizabeth von Gavel on (02) 6752 0336 with any questions

Employment will be subject to providing evidence of a current and valid Working with Children Check (WWC)

Applications are to be submitted via JobsNSW

jobs.nsw.gov.au Reference number: 00004VCO

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex or a registrable offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on the recommended applicants.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 15th January 2017

P 1800 448 176 **E** info@tne.edu.au **W** www.tne.edu.au



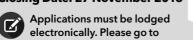
Aboriginal Maternal & Infant Health **Registered Midwife**

Location: Newcastle Community Health Centre Enquiries: Leanne Morris (02) 4016 4900

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. In the event there are no suitable Aboriginal applicants then non-Aboriginal applicants will be considered.

Applicants must be female. This is a genuine qualification under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date: 27 November 2016



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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978:

E design Contract	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2859-I	AQUILA STEEL PTY LTD	137BL	36km E'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 39' S Long: 115° 27' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/492	AMCI (IO) PTY LTD BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LTD	15BL	71km NW/hy of Coolgordia	Lat. 20° 27' C. Lang. 120° 42' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/493	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LID BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	7BL	71km NW'ly of Coolgardie 54km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 120° 42' E Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 120° 44' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/494	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	1BL	58km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 120° 42' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	24/206	KUNDANA GOLD PTY LIMITED	3BL	18km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 121° 19' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	25/553 26/195	ARUMA EXPLORATION PTY LTD DOBAJ, Elizabeth Virginia	26BL 8BL	44km E'ly of Kalgoorlie 18km N'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 121° 55' E Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 121° 43' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	26/197	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	2BL	17km NW'ly of Kallgoorlie	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 121° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2644	KAMAX RESOURCES LTD	39BL	71km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 124° 30' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2645	WINDWARD RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	122km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 123° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	28/2648 29/985	WESTSIDE NICKEL PTY LTD POTASH WEST NL	50BL 123BL	140km E'ly of Kambalda 116km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 123° 4' E Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 119° 32' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY MENZIES SHIRE. SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/986	RESOURCE ASSETS PTY LTD	20BL	130km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 119° 53' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/987	RESOURCE ASSETS PTY LTD	7BL	121km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 119° 57' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	29/988 29/989	RESOURCE ASSETS PTY LTD RESOURCE ASSETS PTY LTD	1BL 3BL	115km SE'ly of Sandstone 112km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 119° 56' E Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 119° 57' E	MENZIES SHIRE MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/990	RESOURCE ASSETS PTY LTD	9BL	123km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 2' S Long: 120° 0' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/994	SELGA, Mark	4BL	96km W'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 120° 21' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/1000-1	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	120BL	47km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 121° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	30/490 36/889	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD AGNEW GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	5BL 2BL	45km SW'ly of Menzies 21km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 29° 53' S Long: 120° 38' E Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 120° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1275	TYRANNA RESOURCES LTD	6BL	57km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 17' S Long: 121° 6' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1284	GOLDEN GLADIATOR PTY LTD	62BL	78km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 121° 26' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1285	PAX ROMANA RESOURCES PTY LTD	95BL	84km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 8' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	37/1287 37/1288	ANGLO AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES NL NORTHERN MANGANESE LIMITED	8BL 4BL	20km N'ly of Leonora 37km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 121° 19' E Lat: 28° 36' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1289	NORTHERN MANGANESE LIMITED	15BL	62km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 21' S Long: 121° 32' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3169	ROX RESOURCES LIMITED	13BL	138km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 54' S Long: 122° 11' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	38/3170 38/3174	ROX RESOURCES LIMITED WRASSE RESOURCES PTY LTD	6BL 31BL	137km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission 90km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 26° 54' S Long: 122° 14' E Lat: 28° 12' S Long: 123° 46' E	LAVERTON SHIRE LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3174 38/3177	DUKETON MINING LTD	2BL	81km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 37' S Long: 122° 11' E	LAVERTON SHIRE LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1833	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	34BL	86km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 9' S Long: 123° 2' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1984	APOLLO MINING PTY LTD	61BL	46km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 121° 43' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	45/4675 45/4811	METALICITY LIMITED VENTUREX SULPHUR SPRINGS PTY LTD	70BL 4BL	100km S'ly of Port Hedland 60km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 118° 45' E Lat: 21° 8' S Long: 119° 10' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, PORT HEDLAND TOWN EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1148	GEOSTATS PTY LTD	46L 47BL	32km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 38' S Long: 120° 15' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1727	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	44BL	115km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 31' S Long: 119° 41' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1759	SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL	3BL	79km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 52' S Long: 118° 31' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1766	LEVISSIANOS, Angelo SZALAY, Laszlo	20BL	87km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 57' S Long: 119° 0' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1782	DUKETON CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	53BL	79km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 18' S Long: 117° 46' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3187	SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL	11BL	159km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 36' S Long: 119° 41' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	52/3188 52/3441	SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	23BL 8BL	147km NE'ly of Meekatharra 53km E'ly of Newman	Lat: 25° 41' S Long: 119° 34' E Lat: 23° 21' S Long: 120° 15' E	Meekatharra Shire East Pilbara Shire
Exploration Licence	52/3468	LAMBERT, William Robert	16BL	186km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 47' S Long: 117° 1' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1888	AUSTRALIAN MINERAL PARTNERS PTY LTD	54BL	99km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 58' S Long: 119° 24' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1898 59/2192	JINDALEE RESOURCES LIMITED	8BL 68BL	68km E'ly of Wiluna 73km S'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 26° 47' S Long: 121° 29' E Lat: 29° 53' S Long: 117° 27' E	WILUNA SHIRE DALWALLINU SHIRE, MOUNT MARSHALL SHIRE,
Exploration Licence	59/2192	BRINE PROCESSORS (WA) PTY LTD	OODL	7 Skill S ly Ol Faylles Fillu	Lat. 29 53 S Long. 117 27 E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2200	KALAMAZOO RESOURCES PTY LTD	38BL	68km NE'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 28° 4' S Long: 115° 57' E	GERALDTON CITY, MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4722-I 70/4888	THOUSAND ISLAND RESOURCES PTY LTD	12BL 8BL	39km SE'ly of Morawa	Lat: 29° 23' S Long: 116° 21' E Lat: 33° 52' S Long: 115° 58' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4888	LITHIUM AUSTRALIA NL	ODL	18km NW'ly of Bridgetown	Lat: 33° 52 S Long: 115° 58 E	BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES SHIRE, DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP SHIRE, NANNUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence		LITHIUM AUSTRALIA NL	1BL	5km W'ly of Bridgetown	Lat: 33° 56' S Long: 116° 5' E	BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4903	GRAPHITE AUSTRALIA NL	4BL	26km E'ly of York	Lat: 31° 56' S Long: 117° 2' E	YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	70/4904 70/4905	BRINE PROCESSORS (WA) PTY LTD AUSTRALIAN UNITED SILICA CORPORATION PTY LIMITED	33BL 36BL	61km NW'ly of Bencubbin 28km S'ly of Gingin	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 117° 29' E Lat: 31° 36' S Long: 115° 55' E	KOORDA SHIRE CHITTERING SHIRE, SWAN SHIRE, WANNEROO CIT
Exploration Licence	70/4907	AUSGOLD EXPLORATION PTY LTD	200BL	26km NE'ly of Wagin	Lat: 33° 6' S Long: 117° 29' E	NARROGIN SHIRE, WAGIN SHIRE, WICKEPIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/578	ACH MINERALS PTY LTD	41BL	26km SE'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 42' S Long: 120° 17' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence Prospecting Licence	80/5044 15/6074	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD TORIAN RESOURCES LIMITED	5BL 172.74HA	33km SW'ly of Halls Creek 24km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 18° 24' S Long: 127° 24' E Lat: 31° 6' S Long: 120° 59' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6105	BLOWER, Ann	114.10HA	21km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
		BLOWER, Andrew John				
Prospecting Licence	15/6106-7	BRISTOL CONTRACTING PTY LTD	335.27HA	23km NW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 19' S Long: 121° 26' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence Prospecting Licence	16/2997 16/3007	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	71.44HA 65.64HA	73km NW'ly of Coolgardie 76km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 120° 48' E Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 120° 46' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3009	GLASS, Mark William	199.61HA	47km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 120° 50' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3010	HAYES MINING PTY LTD	7.68HA	32km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 121° 3' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5089-90	TORIAN RESOURCES LIMITED CLANCY. John Leonard	297.22HA 1.98HA	54km N'ly of Kalgoorlie 26km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 121° 16' E Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 121° 23' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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	24/5118 24/5162	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	116.77HA	23km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 121° 16' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence Prospecting Licence	24/5162 25/2371	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED SPARTAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	120.69HA	34km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 121° 48' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the 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. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant. Notification day: 16 November 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 16 February 2017. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 16 March 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.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km² adcorp WG17975





NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE **TITLE PARTIES** MINING ACT 1971 (SA) — SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that

Straits Exploration (Australia) Pty Ltd ACN 061 614 695 of Level 2, HQ South Tower, 520 Wickham Street, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane QLD 4006 (Straits) and Kelaray Pty Ltd ACN 073 975 694 of Level 1, 63 Waymouth Street, Adelaide, SA 5000 (Kelaray) are the registered holders of South Australian Exploration Licence number 5614 (EL5614) in respect of the land within EL5614 (Land), being the land described as follows:

The Land

Lake Torrens Area - Approximately 180 km North of Port Augusta, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°40'S and longitude 137°35'E, thence east to longitude 137°45'E, south to latitude 30°50'S, west to longitude 137°35'E and north to the point of commencement.

Total Area: approximately 295 km2

All the within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

Straits and Kelaray (in this notice collectively called the *Proponent*), as the mining operator within the meaning of Mining Act 1971, propose to carry out mining operations on the Land. The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

General nature of proposed mining operations

Entering upon the Land and exploring for minerals and to establish the extent of any mineral deposit within the Land, the geological structure of the Land or parts of the Land and the types, concentrations and limits of minerals and/or water present in the Land. Such activities may include: Geophysical surveys present (including airborne and ground surveys) using magnetics, gravity, electrical and/or seismic methods; geochemical sampling including: soil, rock chip and/or drainage sampling; shallow trenching and various drilling methods including: auger, rotary mud, percussion, aircore, sonic and/or diamond drilling; environmental, engineering and metallurgical surveys and studies; construction and maintenance of camp sites, storage facilities and access tracks. The proposed mining operations may also include any other activities or operations ancillary thereto which are permitted or required under the terms of EL5614 or by any provision of the Mining Act 1971 or its regulations in force from time to time, including rehabilitation activities.

The Proponent seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement in respect of the Land and the proposed mining operations with native title parties (if any) as provided for by Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

The proposed operations are authorised by the following tenements under the

In this notice a reference to an exploration licence includes that tenement and any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments, re-grants or other dealings with that tenement. A reference to a Proponent includes its successors and assigns and "including" means "including without limitation".

If, two months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, the Proponent may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact the Proponents for the purpose of:

- 1. negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the
- 2. requesting further information about this notice.

The Proponent can be contacted as follows:

MSM Legal, 11-13 Gilbert Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Telephone: (08) 8161 5088 Facsimile: (08) 8410 7266,

Contact: Abigail Steed



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	15/1830	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	4.55HA	1km W'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 29' S Long: 121° 33' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	37/1311	CREW, Ross Frederick CREW, Christopher	12.87HA	40km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 121° 5' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	37/1312	CREW, Ross Frederick	71.78HA	40km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 121° 4' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	37/1313	CREW, Ross Frederick MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	19.18HA	40km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 36' S Long: 121° 4' E	LEONORA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years

Notification day: 16 November 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 16 February 2017. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 16 March 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.



PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM SPECIAL PROSPECTING AUTHORITY

SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Exploration Permit application/s applied for under the section 31 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-SPA-0065	BURU ENERGY LIMITED (ABN: 71 130 651 437) DIAMOND RESOURCES (CANNING) PTY LTD (ABN: 73 145 113 186)	3087.4 sq. km	SHIRE OF DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY (100%)

LOCALITY

The application is located in the Canning Basin and comprises a total of 38 5'x5' blocks of the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SE51 (Broome), all within the shire of Derby-West Kimberley. The application, a rectangle of approximately 90 km in width and 45 km in length, is located south of the Great Eastern Highway and is crossed by the Fitzroy River. The north-east corner of the application is located approximately 10 kilometres south-west of Laurel Downs homestead. The south-east corner of the application is located approximately 31 kilometres south-east of Nerrima homestead and 19 kilometres south-west of Noonkanbah homestead which lies inside the application. The application commences at a point (north-west corner) 124°40'4.52"E, 18°14'54.98"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°14'54.97"S, thence south along meridian to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.54"S, the parallel to a point 124°45'4.97"S, the parallel to a point 12 125°10'4.51"E, 18°19'54.96"S, thence north along meridian to a point 125°10'4.52"E, 18°9'54.96"S, thence east along parallel to a point 125°25'4.52"E, 18°9'54.94"S, thence south along meridian to a point 125°25'4.51"E, 18°14'54.95"S, thence east along parallel to a point 125°30'4.51"E, 18°14'54.95"S, thence south along meridian to a point 125°30'4.52"E, 18°34'54.95"S, thence west along parallel to a point 124°40'4.54"E, 18°34'54.98"S, and finally north along meridian to the starting point of 124°40'4.52"E, 18°14'54.98"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)

Nature Of The Act: A Petroleum Special Prospecting Authority, while it remains in force, authorises the holder, subject to the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA) and in accordance with the conditions to which the Special Prospecting Authority is subject, to carry on in the blocks specified in the Special Prospecting Authority the petroleum exploration operations being an Airborne Audio Electro Magnetic Passive Transient Survey with an estimated completion timeframe of between 5 to 7 days. A Special Prospecting Authority comes into force on the day the survey commences and unless surrendered or cancelled, remains in force for such period, not exceeding 6 months, as is so specified

Notification Day: 16 November 2016

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 16 February 2017. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia. 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. The Special Prospecting Authority may be granted unless, within a period of 4 months after the notification day 16 March 2017, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, or GPO Box 9973, Perth WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

PUBLIC NOTICE

GAANGALU NATION PEOPLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

behalf of the Gaangalu Nation People v State of Queensland and Others QUD400/2012) (GNP Claim) seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). This Notice INVITES all members of the native title claim group to the GNP Claim (GNP Claim Group) (as it is currently described) to attend an Authorisation Meeting 1 on Saturday, 10 December 2016 to consider a proposed amendment to the description of the GNP Claim Group.

If an amendment is made to the description of the GNP Claim Group at Authorisation Meeting 1, this notice further invites all members of the GNP Claim Group (as amended - see below for potential additional ancestors) to attend an Authorisation Meeting 2 on Saturday, 10 December 2016.

Date of Authorisation Meetings: Saturday, 10 December 2016

Venue of Authorisation Meetings: James Lawrence Pavilion A, Rockhampton Showgrounds, New Exhibition Rd, Wandal, QLD, 4700

Time of Authorisation Meetings: Registrations from 8:30am - 9am. Meeting will commence at

AUTHORISATION MEETING 1 - Meeting of the GNP Claim Group (as currently described)

The GNP Claim Group is currently described as follows:

The Gaangalu Nation People native title claim group comprises all persons who are biologically descended from the following deceased ancestors, all of whom are recognised by the living Gaangalu claim group members as having been Gaangalu:

Maggie of Dingo, Biddy of Wooroona, Sandy of Wooroona, Henry Williams of Duaringa, Jack (of Coomooboolaroo), Billy Mickelo, Claude and Anne Anderson, Rose Ann Tyson, Biddy (wife of Jumbo), Lizzy Tiger (Blackwater), Blanche of Duaringa, Annie French, Polly Doctor, Annie of Orion Downs, Annie and Ned Duggan, Peter Tyson, Lily of the McKenzie River Bend, John 'Jack' Bradley, Violet Thompson, Jenny Doctor [not the daughter of Polly Doctor], Polly McEvoy/Brown, Queenie (Hart) of Duaringa, (Brothers) Charlie, Willie and George Riley, Lily/Lilla Livingstone and William Toby.

NB: Only members of the GNP Claim Group (as currently described above) are entitled to attend and participate in Authorisation Meeting 1.

The Purpose of Authorisation Meeting 1 is to decide whether the description of the GNP Claim Group should be amended to include any or all of the following persons:

- Sarah Dodd:
- Harriet Dutton;
- Myra Freeman;
- Hanny of Emerald; and
- Mary Ann Lamb (nee Crook),

as apical ancestors.

<u>AUTHORISATION MEETING 2 - Meeting of the GNP Claim Group (as amended)</u>

Note: If an amendment to the description of the GNP Claim Group is authorised at Authorisation Meeting 1, Authorisation Meeting 2 will be held immediately following Authorisation Meeting 1. Only members of the GNP Claim Group (as amended), which may include the biological descendants of Nellie of Planet Downs, Sarah Dodd, Harriet Dutton, Myra Freeman, Hanny of Emerald and Mary Ann Lamb (nee Crook), are entitled to attend and participate in Authorisation Meeting 2.

The purpose of Authorisation Meeting 2 is for the GNP Claim Group (as amended) to either (a) confirm that the persons who comprise the Applicant to the GNP Claim continue to he authorised to make the GNP Claim and to deal with matters arising in relation to the GNI Claim or (b) authorise members of the GNP Claim Group to be the Applicant to make the GNP Claim and to deal with matters arising in relation to the GNP Claim.

All members of the GNP Claim Group wishing to attend the Authorisation Meetings are requested to register their attendance at the Authorisation Meetings by contacting Sherri's Solutions on 0421 857 938 or by emailing gaangalu.nation@gmail.com. All biological descendants of any of Nellie of Planet Downs, Sarah Dodd, Harriet Dutton, Myra Freeman, Hanny of Emerald and Mary Ann Lamb (nee Crook) who are not otherwise members of the GNP Claim Group (as currently described) wishing to attend Authorisation Meeting 2 (should it proceed) are requested to register their attendance at Authorisation Meeting 2 by contacting Sherri's Solutions on 0421 857 938 or by emailing gaangalu.nation@gmail.com.

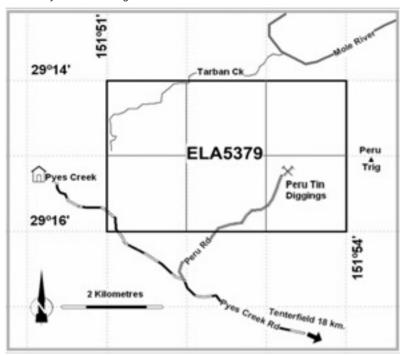
Registrations must be received no later than Wednesday, 30 November 2016 and should clearly set out your name, contact details, your GNP ancestor or that you are a biological descendant of either Nellie of Planet Downs, Sarah Dodd, Harriet Dutton, Myra Freeman, Hanny of Emerald and Mary Ann Lamb (nee Crook). Limited travel assistance will only be made available upon satisfying eligibility criteria. However, lunch and refreshments will be provided to participants at the meetings.

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 Application 5379 for Group One Minerals - metallics, has been lodged with the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development by David Oriel Industries Pty Ltd, ABN 74 001 571 544, over an area of about 18 square kilometres which is located approximately 18 kilometres north west of the town of Tenterfield, as shown on the diagram.

Information regarding this application can be obtained from Steven Hughes,

Phone Number 0409167607

Information about landholder's rights is available on the department's website: http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/landholders-andcommunity/landholders-rights



Notice of Native Title Authorisation Meeting

Saturday 26 November 2016,

Wollemi Adventure Resort, 1 Mountain St, Charbon, NSW (Cnr. of Standard Ave and Mountain St)Registration at 10:00am for an 11:00am start

A meeting is being held for the claim group for the Warrabinga-Wiradjuri native title determination applications NSD543/2013, NSD1057/2014, NSD443/2016 and NSD1786/2016 in the Federal Court of Australia ("the existing applications"), being the descendants of ancestors Peggy Lambert, Jimmy Lambert, Dianna Mudgee, James "Tracker" Macdonald, Thullagumaulli and Aaron ("the claim group").

The meeting is being called so that the claim group may:

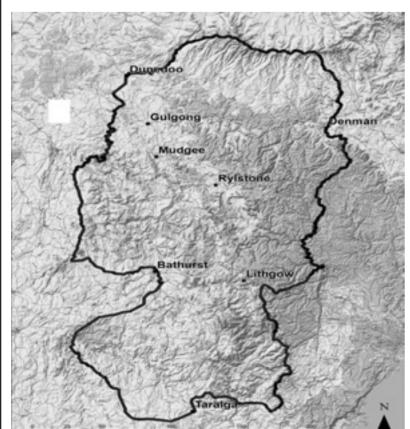
- 1. decide whether to authorise one or more members of the claim group to make a new native title claim ("the new claim") over part or all of the area marked on the map at right, located in the west of the Blue Mountains in the regions of Taralga, Lithgow, Rylstone, Mudgee and Bathurst:
- 2. decide whether any areas should be left out of the new claim (including in particular areas which overlap with claims by neighbouring groups);
- 3. decide on whether the claim group for the new claim should include the descendants of Aaron;
- 4. decide whether any or all of the existing claims should be combined with the new claim.

Decisions to combine any or all of the existing claims with the new claim would involve authorising a new set of applicants for those claims, which might not include any or all of the current applicants for those claims. The current applicants for the existing claims are Wendy Lewis, Mavis Agnew and Martin DeLauney. If it was decided not to include descendants of Aaron in the new claim, a decision to combine an existing claim with the new claim would require a decision to remove Aaron as an ancestor on that existing claim

Note: There may not be any known descendants of the man known as Aaron. Accordingly, if no such descendants attend the meeting, the meeting will go ahead on the basis that the people who do attend can make decisions both on behalf of the claim group for the existing claims (which includes descendants of Aaron) and on behalf of a smaller claim group which did not include descendants of Aaron.

This meeting is only open to members of the claim group as described in this notice, and is $\underline{\textbf{not}}$ open to any other persons who claim to hold native title in any of the areas concerned. (All of the existing claims fall within the area marked on the map below).

For questions about the business of the meeting, contact Simon Blackshield on 0414 257 435. For questions about assistance in getting to the meeting, contact Kristen Kerr on 0427 950 518.



WATERNSW

MACQUARIE RIVER ABOVE BURRENDONG WATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from JULIUS MARK KING for one 200mm submersible pump (to replace one currently authorised 100mm centrifugal pump) on Lot 500 DP 1199698, Parish of Bathurst, County of Bathurst.

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A008869).

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A03446

WATERNSW

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP **GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from PARAWAY PASTORAL COMPANY LIMITED for 4 irrigation bores being one on each of 9/750880 Parish Dow, County Boyd, 30/750888, 15,750888 and 33/750888 Parish Gundaline, County Boyd.(A8890)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2510 Tracie Scarfone, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A03570



PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM ACCESS AUTHORITY

SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Exploration Permit application/s applied for under the section 31 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA).

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-AAA-0031	BURU ENERGY LIMITED (ABN: 71 130 651 437) DIAMOND RESOURCES (CANNING) PTY LTD (ABN: 73 145 113 186)	650.5 sq. km	SHIRE OF DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY (100%)

LOCALITY

The application is located in the Canning Basin and comprises a total of 8 5'x5' blocks of the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SE51 (Broome), all within the shire of Derby-West Kimberley. The application, a rectangle of approximately 35 km in width and 18 km in length, is located south of the Great Eastern Highway and north of the Fitzroy River. The north-east corner of the application is situated approximately 18 kilometres south-west of Laurel Downs homestead. The south-east corner of the application is located approximately 18.5 kilometres directly north of Noonkanbah homestead. The application commences at a point (north-west corner) 124°50'4.51"E, 18°9'54.96"S, thence east along parallel to a point 125°10'4.52"E, 18°9'54.96"S, thence south along meridian to a point 125°10'4.51"E, 18°19'54.96"S, thence west along parallel to a point 124°50'4.52"E, 18°19'54.97"S, and finally north along meridian to the starting point of 124°50'4.51"E, 18°9'54.96"S, All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)

Nature Of The Act: An Access Authority, while it remains in force, authorises the holder, subject to the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA) and in accordance with the conditions to which the Access Authority is subject, to carry on in the blocks specified in the Access Authority the operations so specified as being an Airborne Audio Electro Magnetic Passive Transient Survey with an estimated completion timeframe of between 5 to 7 days. An Access Authority comes into force on the commencement of the survey and, unless surrendered or cancelled, remains in force for such period, not exceeding

Notification Day: 16 November 2016

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 16 February 2017. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each Access Authority may be granted unless, within a period of 4 months after the notification day 16 March 2017, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, or GPO Box 9973, Perth WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division. Department of Mines and Petroleum 100 Plain Street Fast Perth WA 6004 or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813)

adcorp WG17986

Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales



Notification day: 30 November 2016

This application is a 'non-claimant' application, an application made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 28 February 2017. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before 28 February 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 this non-claimant application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 on or before 28 February 2017. After 28 February 2017, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council

ourt File No: NSD1831/2016

Non-native title interest: Freehold title in certificates of title folios 1233/753135, 1243/753135 and 1257/753135

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area covers about 18.3 ha and is located midway between West Wyalong and Wyalong, south of the Newell Highway - Mid Western Highway.

Relevant LGA: Bland Shire Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Sylvia Jagtman on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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WATERNSW

KYOGLE AREA WATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from DIANE EDWARDS for a 50mm centrifugal pump on Fawcetts Creek, Road Reserve within Lot 315 DP869678 for water supply for domestic purposes (amending existing approval 30WA305673 - no new water

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection (A008883).

Any queries please call (02) 6676 7881, Melissa Hundy, Water Regulation Officer.

A03483

WATERNSW NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from IMMUTO FLEUR NOMINEES PTY LTD to include additional land for water use on 4/254660, 5/254660, 5/254661, 6/254661, 33/756521 & 44/756521, Parish of Bymue, 6/756584 & 14/756584, Parish of Tooleybuc, all County of Wakool, for irrigation purposes (Application No.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of the date of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the gounds of objection.

Any queries please call (03) 5898-3935, Jane Taylor, Water Regulation Officer.

A03590

Crocs take carnival



At the presentation were, from left, Cecilia Ropeyarn (widow of the late Dan Ropeyarn), George Kepa (grandson of Dan Ropeyarn), Gina Nona (daughter of Dan Ropeyarn) and State MP for Cook Billy Gordon.



INJINOO Crocs downed Goemu Bau Raiders 30-22 to take the title at this year's Dan Ropeyarn Memorial Allblacks carnival at Bamaga in the Northern

Peninsula Area of Cape York.

Ten sides battled it out, with players from the NPA, Torres Strait, Cape York, Cairns, Townsville and Palm Island competing at Bamaga's Yusia Ginau Oval.

Each side played four qualifying matches after which the points table was Alau Eagles 19, Goemu Bau Raiders 16, Surumau Raiders 15.5, Injinoo Crocs 15, Natives 12, Coen Colts 11, Bamaga Roos 8.5, WC Mariners 2.5, Etatapuma Bros 0.5 and Mapoon Warriors 0.

In the quarterfinals WC Mariners 18 d Alau Eagles 10, Goemu Bau Raiders 14 d Bamaga Roos 6, Surumau Gladiators 28 d Coen 14, and Injinoo Crocs 34 d Natives 22,

In the semifinals Goemu Bau Raiders 36 d WC Mariners 20 and Injinoo Crocs 46 d Surumau Gladiators 10.



NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING NEW NATIVE TITLE APPLICATION NSW SOUTH COAST

Date/Time:

Saturday 10 December 2016 10:00am (arrival and morning tea) 10:30am - 5:00pm

Sunday 11 December 2016 10:00am (arrival and morning tea) 10:30am - 5:00pm

Venue:

Club Narooma 88 Princess Highway Narooma, NSW 2546

NTSCORP Limited, the native title service provider for NSW, is convening a meeting for all Aboriginal people who assert native title rights and interests in the area of land and waters on the NSW South Coast in and around Bundeena, Wollongong, Nowra, Ulladulla, Moruya, Narooma, Bega, Eden and the

The meeting is being convened to discuss and authorise the filing of a native title determination application over the area described in this notice.

Who should attend?

Aboriginal people who assert native title rights and interests being the descendants of:

Charles Adgery; Robert Andy; Maria Billyboy; Arthur Bloxsome; Richard Bolloway; Charlotte Bond; Alick Bond; Oswald Briley; William Broughton; Thomas Goulding Brown; Jane Brown; James Bundle; Jerry Bungil; Louisa Burrows; John Carpenter; Johnny Carter; Henry Chapman; Robert Cohen; Tom Cooley; Henry Cooley; Henry Davis; Ellen Demestre; Julia Dixon; Willam Dixon; Jimmy Coombala Friday; Biddy Giles; James Golding; Patrick Haddigaddi; Jessie Jenkins; Donald Johnson; Judy Kenny; John Kerry; Mary Ann Lyons; Lucy Lyons; Richard Marshall; Caroline Mathews Elizabeth Matthews; Annie McGrath; Edward Moore; Mumbler; Jenny Nambor; George Nipple; Margaret Ann Nixon; Eliza Penrith; Harry Pickalla; John Pittman; Mary Ann Rose; John Sims; Sally Smith; Mary Ann Stewart; Governor Stewart; Catherine Sutton; John Sutton; Peter Thomas; George Timbery; Mary Turner: William Walker and Edward Walker

and persons adopted or incorporated into the families of those persons in accordance with traditional laws and customs (and the biological descendants of any such adopted or incorporated persons).

AND any other Aboriginal person who asserts native title rights and interests in the proposed

Map of the Proposed Claim Area

The proposed native title claim area is the lands, waters and seas within the bold black outline on the map below.



The AGENDA for the meeting is:

- 1. Discuss the background to this proposed new native title determination application and review native title law and
- 2. Review anthropological and historical research;
- 3. Decision-making process of the claim group;
- 4. Consider and authorise a native title determination application over the area described in this notice;
- 5. Identity of the claim group on whose behalf the native title application will be made:
- 6. Native title application area;
- 7. Authorise one or more members of the claim group to make the native title determination application, and to deal with matters arising in relation to it;
- 8. Consider any conditions to be imposed on the powers of the Applicant;
- 9. Legal representation;
- 10. Discuss desired outcomes for the native title application;
 - 11. Future Act rights, obligations, instructions and policy.

Confirming your attendance

Please confirm your attendance at this meeting by contacting NTSCORP on the numbers listed below by no later than Thursday 1 December 2016, so that all relevant arrangements

Our details are: Freecall 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188 Post: P.O. Box 2105, Strawberry Hills, NSW 2012

Fax: (02) 9310 4177

One night's accommodation on Saturday 10 December 2016 may be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP's policies. If you need accommodation you will need to provide NTSCORP with a completed meeting registration form, or telephone NTSCORP with confirmed details by Thursday 1 December 2016.

Mileage assistance may also be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP's

Should you have any queries or simply require further information, please do not hesitate to contact:

Annika Rotumah, Senior Community Facilitator, NTSCORP on 02 9310 3188 or Freecall 1800 111 844.

ATTENTION: MEMBERS OF THE W.A. NOONGAR COMMUNITY SOUTH WEST NATIVE TITLE SETTLEMENT

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO NOMINATE AS PRE - INCORPORATION DIRECTORS

Nomination Forms are available at fdio.com.au (Noongar Nominations). If you have any questions or would like a nomination form sent to you, please contact:

TAHNEE DAVIES

Secretary of the Interim Nominations Committee c/o Forum for Directors of Indigenous Organisations Level 17, 225 St George's Terrace PERTH WA 6000

Phone: 0466 726 909 Facsimile: (08) 9321 2002 Email: info@fdio.com.au

Nominations close on Friday, 25 November 2016





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
-	15/1340	STRINDBERG, Hans August Nicholas	495336	50.29HA	8km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 16' S Long: 121° 36' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
1 :	21/186	GOLDVIEW METALS LIMITED	495992	8.40HA	23km S'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 36' S Long: 117° 54' E	CUE SHIRE
-	46/1074-I	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	496027	4.62HA	81km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 55' S Long: 120° 54' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
	52/3189	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	495664	645.28HA	163km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 21' S Long: 119° 23' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
	57/1030	SANDSTONE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	494445	90.50HA	10km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 1' S Long: 119° 14' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals

Notification day: 16 November 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 16 February 2017. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 16 March 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

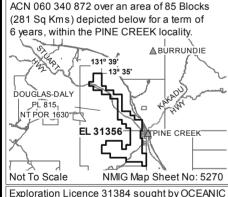
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

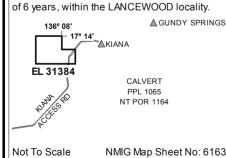
The Honourable Kenneth Edward Vowles MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry and Resources, C/- Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies: Exploration Licence 31356 sought by

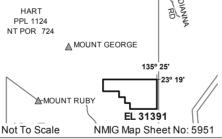
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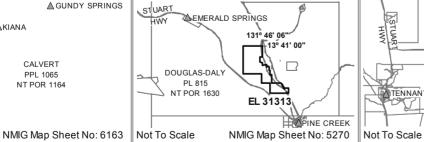
Exploration Licence 31384 sought by OCEANIC RESOURCES AND PROPERTY GROUP PTY LTD, ACN 154 418 336 over an area of 5 Blocks (17 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term



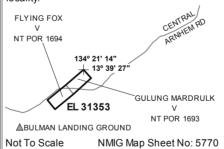
Exploration Licence 31391 sought by GBE EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 121 535 948 over an area of 38 Blocks (120 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



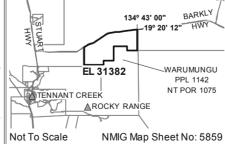
Exploration Licence 31313 sought by ROCKWASH PTY LTD, ACN 611 356 837 over an area of 13 Blocks (33 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



Exploration Licence 31353 sought by KINGSREEF PTY LTD, ACN 083 553 968 over an area of 2 Blocks (1 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MARUMBA locality.



Exploration Licence 31382 sought by TRUSCOTT MINING CORPORATION LTD. ACN 116 420 378 over an area of 105 Blocks (308 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BARKLY locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the Mineral Titles Act authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 16 November 2016

Sport

Coach wants the Benji of 10 years ago



WAYNE Bennett has urged Benji Marshall to return to the running and flick-passing NRL excitement machine of old at Brisbane next

The Broncos confirmed his arrival for the first time last week. and the former New Zealand playmaker said he had spoken with Bennett about turning back the clock next season.

"That's one thing Wayne made clear to me," said Marshall

"He said: 'I don't need you to come here and be the man. I just need you to be the Benji you were 10 years ago when you were smiling and laughing, throwing flick passes at training'.

Marshall was once of the most dynamic running halves in the competition, his premiership-winning form at the back-end of 2005 culminating in the famous flick pass to Pat Richards in the grand final.

However, that has wavered in recent times, to the point where he was unwanted at St George Illawarra and facing retirement until the Broncos offered him a lifeline.

But with Ben Hunt and Anthony Milford ensconced in the Brisbane halves, the 31-yearold said he was likely to be used in the centres in

And while he's played just one match there since 2004, for the Wests Tigers, he believes it could help revitalise his game.

"I didn't come here to play in the halves," Marshall said.

"When you play in the halves you've got to do a lot of organising and sometimes you can forget about what you do yourself.

"I think over the years I've done a lot of ballplaying for so long I've forgotten about my running game and that's something that I stressed to Wayne that I wanted to find."

Marshall is under no illusions about the certainty of his starting spot at the club, having already been warned by Bennett there's a chance he could play in reserve grade.

It's why he's now bracing for one of the most important pre-seasons of his life.

"I've got a lot to prove," he said.

Gillespie keen on Maxwell



JASON 'Dizzy' Gillespie has forecast some tough calls being made on Australia's cricket Test XI if they fail to fire in Hobart.

Gillespie, an Aboriginal man, is one of the leading contenders to coach Australia's Twenty20 side in February, when Darren Lehmann and the Test squad will be

in India for a four-Test series. The former Test paceman has also thrown his hat in the ring to become a selector when Rod

Marsh steps down from his post next year. Gillespie suggested offspinning allrounder Glenn Maxwell, who is yet to play a Test on home soil, would be a fine choice to replace Marsh if selectors opt for change.

"I'm a big fan of Glenn Maxwell," he said. "He's one of the most technically proficient batsmen in the country. He brings a lot in the field, gives you options with the ball.

"He's not even in this squad, but he would be in my top six."

Sam needs our support to make his AFL mark

MAGIG⁹S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

magic@koorimail.com

T'S always exciting to see young new talent coming through the system - particularly if it is Indigenous talent!

However, the one thing I am wary about is the additional pressures of expectation we place on our young players when they are labelled as the 'next big thing'.

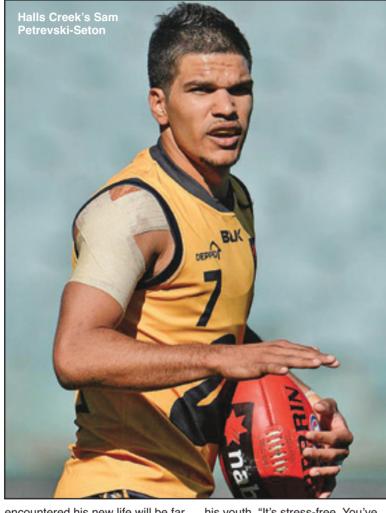
From all reports young Sam Petrevski-Seton is an exceptional talent who has been nurtured through the systems and has become one of the focal players in the upcoming draft.

He appears to be grounded and surrounded by the right people, but nothing can prepare a young kid from Halls Creek for the additional scrutiny he will face in coming

To get to Halls Creek from Perth, you need to take a three-hour flight north-east to Kununurra near the Northern Territory border and then drive four hours south-west down the Great Northern Highway.

Physically that alone is a long journey, but that does not compare to the emotional journey Sam will undertake.

Even taking into account the changes he has already



encountered his new life will be far different to the times after school when he would often gather with friends and go searching for birds to hunt in the bush.

Petrevski-Seton wasn't always seen as one the most exciting young footballers in the country.

The skilful and classy prospect grew up chasing a different dream, compared to his peers.

Cowboy

While other teenagers wanted their names called by AFL clubs at the draft, Petrevski-Seton - like many Indigenous people there wanted to be a cowboy.

This may actually help him as it is those who have often just focused on the AFL dream who suffer when they hit the first hurdle.

But Sam's new world of pressure will be far removed from the carefree world he describes as his youth. "It's stress-free. You've got nothing to worry about when you're out there," he said.

"You get up at the break of dawn, sit around the campfire with a cup of tea in your hand and plan out your day.

"You start every morning by locating your horses and bringing them into the yard, do the work needing to be done around the station and go from there.'

But football has always been central to the Halls Creek community, with Sam joining the Halls Creek Cowboys when he

He quickly started to show his coordination. He was fast, albeit small, and by the time he was 13, Sam was picked in the senior team Halls Creek Hawks.

He quickly had to give up his bull riding and his cowboy dreams when his football talent began to

be realised. The last time he jumped on the back of a bull was a week after the NAB AFL Under 16 championships in 2014.

There was a genuine buzz about Petrevski-Seton after the carnival. His three games on the Gold Coast that week left recruiters stunned.

The way he weaved through traffic, tackled, took marks, kicked goals and did everything with a level of class and poise made him a clear standout.

As with a lot of our Indigenous players, family is the driving force behind Sam's football ambitions.

"I started to play some good footy back home and at that point, I thought I was good enough to aim for the big stage of the AFL,"

"Growing up, a lot of my friends and schoolmates had pretty rough childhoods. They could have been where I am, but they just didn't have the same support.

'My family supported us, gave us the best chance to succeed and directed me where to go in life. This year's as much for them as it is for me."

One chance that made a huge difference was when he was accepted into Clontarf Aboriginal College after a couple of other attempts to further his education.

He had heard about its reputation for producing AFL footballers - including Patrick Ryder, Chris Yarran and Michael Johnson – and thought it sounded more like what he wanted.

He won a position and studied there from Year 10-12, finishing school in 2015.

Getting a Year 12 certificate was a significant achievement, and made Sam feel proud. The move also taught him plenty away from the classroom which will help him in his transition to the AFL.

The other issue Sam has had to confront in his journey was communicating with others.

In Halls Creek many people speak Kriol - a broken version of English

Sam often struggled to translate all words from his own language into regular English.

He had to get lessons organised through Clontarf, and he asked players when he moved to

Claremont for their help if he didn't know a word or turn of phrase.

After months of English lessons, he speaks it fluently and confidently now, only slipping back into Kriol when on the phone to his family or friends.

"It was a challenge I hadn't thought about before I moved," he

Sam has developed a lot since that time. He has learned a lot being courted by the majority of AFL clubs and has his sights on heading to the 'home' of football.

"I'd be happy to move east and face a new challenge," he said.

"I'm hoping to go to Melbourne, which is the home of footy. That's where I'd go if I could choose.

"Visiting some of the clubs there with the NAB AFL Academy in recent years has opened my eyes to what it's like to be a part of a big club. We went to Essendon's facilities one day and they are huge.

"Cherished"

"For me, to come from Halls Creek, I really cherished walking into an AFL club like that. It made me think of the people back home missing out on what I'm seeing."

The connection to community is already a big part of Sam's thinking, and maintaining this connection will be critical to his

He already appreciates he is a role model back home and wants to continue to make a difference.

"I want to make something of myself. A lot of people have told me there are boys up here already looking up to me, and when they're on the footy field they yell out, 'Sam Seton!' and pretend to be playing AFL," he says.

"I was shocked to hear that. But I want to show young kids it can be done. You've just got to work hard and sacrifice a lot of things to get where you want to be in life. I can't

Like all our young players coming through the system, Sam deserves our support and encouragement.

He also needs our patience and an ability to give him space to become his own man.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

ions win north Qld championsh

By ALF WILSON



PLAYER of the carnival Tiarna Ahwang was among many Indigenous players in the Cairns Lions side which took out the North Queensland Australian

Football Open Women's Championships held at the Murray Sporting Complex in Townsville.

The other sides at the championships were Townsville, Mackay and Army 3rd Brigade.

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Townsville 4.3-27 downed 3rd Brigade 1.7-13, Mackay 1.5-11 beat Townsville 1.1-7, Cairns 6.1-46 dominated 3rd Brigade 0.0-0, Cairns 6-8-44 held Townsville pointless, while Cairns 2.3-15 pipped Mackay by a single behind.

Most valuable players were Madison Goodwin (Townsville), Jessica Taylor (Mackay) and Jennifer Robinson (Cairns). Player of the carnival was Tiarna Ahwang.

The Townsville versus 3rd Brigade game was also for the Caughey Cup, and this clash is how the competition

started four years ago with just the two

"This is where the seed for the championships was sown," Townsville AFL regional manager Kathleen Newman said.

"It has grown from two teams to four and most probably will involve Capricornia next year, bringing it to five teams.'

The Townsville side included Torres Strait Islander players Sarina Akiba, Carliann Southward and Delma Gisu.

Pictured right: The winning Cairns Lions players celebrate.





Jamie Soward as many will remember him.

Soward hanging up boots



The 31-year-old played 215 games in his 12 NRL seasons, most with St George where he played five-eighth in the Dragons' 2010 premiership side.

Thanks for having me in the game," Soward wrote on Twitter announcing his retirement.

"I couldn't have wished for more in my career. Next chapter to start ASAP. Looking for work.

Soward, who represented the **NSW Blues in three State of Origin** games in 2011, was released by his third NRL club, Penrith, mid-year after being dropped to reserve grade.

Rising star Nathan Cleary took his place, with Soward unable to force his way back before a short second stint with English

second-tier team the London Broncos.

Soward was labelled as the Panthers' marquee signing when he moved to the foot of the Blue Mountains ahead of the 2014 season

Panthers general manager Phil Gould has said he would welcome Soward back to the club in a coaching role should he want to transition his career down that path. - AAP

My fantasy team

Wighton

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON **CAMPBELL**

FTER the US presidential elections I am a bit concerned about popular votes! However, I have every confidence that the fans will come up with the best combination when they vote for the Indigenous All Stars team over the next few weeks

To help start the debate I am going to take a break from my season review of clubs and try to pick a team

I have tried five times already, and each time I find that I have had to leave out at least one player who I thought would be a certainty!

Over the past few years we have struggled for depth in the forwards, but I believe this year we will not only have a great starting pack but also have great depth on

A few people have compared the performance of Andrew Fifita in the grand final to those of the legendary Arthur Beetson.

Even to be compared to the great man is a statement in itself, but there is little doubting Fifita's standing as one of the current great forwards in the game, despite his controversial omission from the Kangaroos team.

My choice for the other 'bookend' is Ryan James who was a standout for the Titans this year and one of the most sought-after players on the transfer market for season 2018. I believe he is destined to play for NSW next year, as is my choice for hooker in Nathan Peats. Nathan's career continued to blossom after his mid-season transfer to the Gold Coast with his skill matched by his toughness and competitiveness.

Starting in the second-row I would have two All Stars veterans in Sam Thaiday and Joel Thompson.

Thompson was outstanding in a team that struggled at the Dragons, and then he grows another leg when he pulls on the Indigenous jersey.

Thaiday was in similar form for the Broncos this year, and combined with his efforts at the representative level had one of his better seasons in what has been a great career.

Locking in the scrum is one of the most exciting young players in the game who epitomises what All Stars is all about. I am. of course. referring to Tyrone Peachey who not only carries the family name of his uncle David but also has the flair and football vision that comes with the memories of 'Peach'.

Tyrone also has a toughness that means he can match it with the forwards while still having the pace and skill to play in the centres

Johnathan Thurston is a name that comes to mind when the position of halfback comes up! I doubt anyone is going to argue on this choice, although the array of talent we have in the halves is amazing.

If JT is fit to play in this game I would encourage everybody who can possibly make it to be there. He is a master and we need to treasure every moment as he nears the end of an illustrious career.

Perseverance

My choice to partner him in the halves might cause a bit of discussion, but I thought Cody Walker had an outstanding season in what was an overdue debut at the NRL level. His story of perseverance in itself is sufficient motivation for the next generation to never give up on their goals.

I have opted for experience in my centre pairing of Blake Ferguson and Will Chambers.

from serious injury has been inspiring. His commitment and professionalism have been his trademarks and he has been inspirational when wearing the

Indigenous colours. Some people may forget that Fergo (Blake Ferguson) played in the first All Stars game, with a covering tackle being one of the turning points in that historic match. It has been pleasing seeing Blake find peace with himself, and his recent performances for the Kangaroos have shown how far he

Dane Gagai cannot be denied a spot on the wing after a tough season with the Knights. The fact that he was able to show his class on the State of Origin stage just proves what a quality player he is and that he still has his best in front of him.

Jack Wighton earns his spot on the other wing, despite playing fullback for the Raiders. Sometimes you never appreciate the true value of a player until he is not there, and that was the case

He is a representative class

player and he again deserves the opportunity to display his talents on the big stage.

Greg Inglis at fullback is another no-brainer, and you may as well substitute all the words I wrote about JT for this selection.

The thing that makes me so proud of GI has been his emergence not only as a leader of Indigenous players but also among the broader game and community.

He and JT are both building legacies to be proud of.

As difficult as deciding the starting 13 was, I found it even tougher to select the rest.

In selecting the bench you have to get the balance right in ensuring you have the perfect replacements to ensure you win the game.

That is why my first two selections would probably find themselves in a lot of other people's starting sides.

I am talking of two of the Sharks' premiership side in Wade Graham and Jack Bird. These guys are tough and competitive and both are game-breakers in their own right.

The other quality they bring to a side is their versatility, and this would provide coach Laurie Daley with a number of options in injecting these dynamic players at a strategic time.

Chris Grevsmuhl and Leilani Latu would provide the additional grunt and impact from the bench to ensure our middle remained intact and provide the necessary go forward for the backs to shine.

Latu has been an outstanding find and has a great career in front of him.

Aiden Sezer is another player deserving of a spot and would be able to deputise not only in the halves but also cover dummy half if needed.

I have kept the last two spots for our emerging players and have had to leave out a lot of very talented footballers - including representative players - as a result.

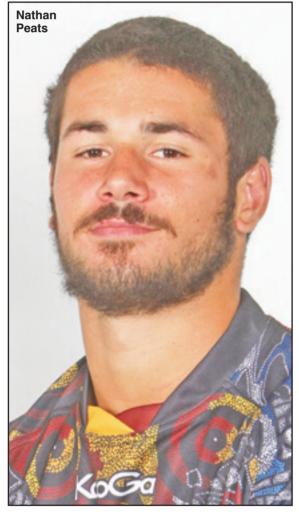
I have given my last two spots to Latrell Mitchell and Ashley Taylor, who both had outstanding rookie years. Both just beat out the likes of Connor Watson and Bevan French for these two spots.

There you go – plenty of room for heated debate.

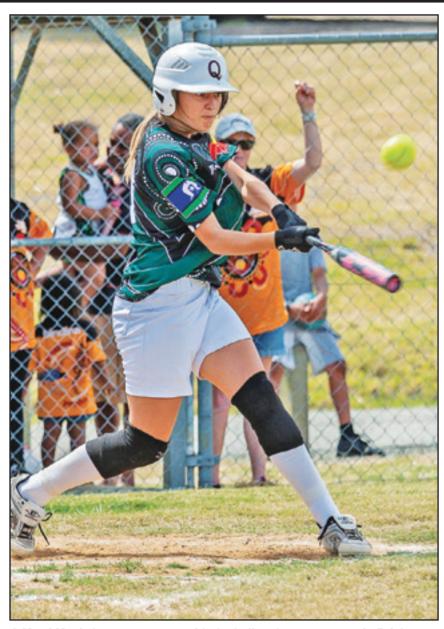
But don't just argue, go to the NRL website and vote!

Pick your Indigenous Fantasy Team and then join me at Newcastle to cheer them on.

Bring it on!



Softballers swing into action



A Murri Magic batter connects with the ball at the tournament in Brisbane. It's a close call in the Inala Torpedoes versus Bundina Yeerong game.



Emma's Moongalba team will have to wait another year after coming

runners-up yet again in the third annual Murri Women's Softball Tournament, held in Brisbane.

The side was pipped in the final for the third consecutive year, this time by competition winners Mixed Mob.

Fifteen teams with a total of 230 players turned out for the tournament, held at the Redcliffe Softball Association in Kippa-Ring. More than 250 mob were on hand to cheer on their teams.

Moongalba's Noeleen Trotter, who has played in all three events, says her side will be back next year.

A member of a strong softball family, Trotter says the carnival is a great social event and important to the local Indigenous community.

"The Murri Women's Softball Tournament is about enjoying one another's company, having a good laugh and teaching people about the great game of softball," she said.

"Great time"

"It doesn't matter whether or not you can play; it is all about family and friends coming together and having a great time. Not only that, it is a good opportunity to keep fit and healthy.'

The Murri tournament

resulted from an historical softball event for Indigenous Queensland women played on Stradbroke Island and held sporadically during the 1990s, and again in 2012.

Trotter's mother and grandmother were instrumental in creating North Stradbroke Island's first softball club, Moongalba, which existed from the 1970s to the early 1990s when it gradually faded.

With the support of the **Queensland Government** through the Women and Girls Special Initiative funding program, Softball Queensland together with Indigenous female players developed the Murri event.

More information at www.murrisoftball.com.au



Walker now a coach

By PETER ARGENT



THERE are now four Aboriginal coaches at the top levels of the AFL system. Recently retired Carlton player Andrew Walker has returned to the Blues as

development and integration coach for 2017. He joins former Indigenous players Roger Hayden at the Fremantle Dockers, Andy Lovell at the Gold Coast Suns, and Northern Territorian Xavier Clarke, who recently joined Richmond, in the coaching ranks.

Walker, a 202-game player who retired at the end of the just-completed season, says he has a passion for coaching and a desire to help develop Carlton's young

Carlton head of football Andrew McKay, who was a player in Carlton's last premiership back in 1995, said the club was thrilled Walker has taken up the development coaching opportunity.

"We're delighted Andrew will continue his career at Carlton as a development and integration coach," he said.

"His experience and knowledge of the game will be invaluable for our young players.

"Andrew's core responsibilities will involve assisting the first-year players' transition into the AFL system, which is a really important process, as well as working alongside fellow development coaches Mathew Capuano and Josh Fraser.

"Andrew was a key part of the leadership group this past season so his ability to drive hard and set high standards at the club will be really beneficial."

After representing the Bendigo Pioneers in the TAC Cup statewide Victorian Under 18s competition, Walker came to the Blues, kicking 139 goals between 2004 and 2016.

After starting his career as a running half back, he was moved into attack, becoming the Blues' leading goal kicker in 2011 - 56 goals across 24 games that season including a career best six-goal bag against Port Adelaide at Football Park.

Life membership

In his first season, 2004, Walker collected an AFL Rising Star nomination and he was awarded life membership to the Blues in December 2011.

Walker was originally taken with Carlton's priority draft pick, the second selection overall in the 2003 draft.

In round 18 of the 2011 campaign against Essendon at the MCG. Walker took a huge 'hanger' over Essendon's Jake Carlisle, which was considered by many football observers to be one of the greatest marks of all-time - although ultimately it did not win the season's mark of the year

While he never saw September glory, Walker did play in the 2005 Wizard

Cup 'Night Pre-season' flag and the NAB Pre-Season Cup title of 2007.

While four coaches is only a small portion of the 180-strong coaching staff across the 18 clubs, the AFL is keen to seen more Indigenous coaches in the

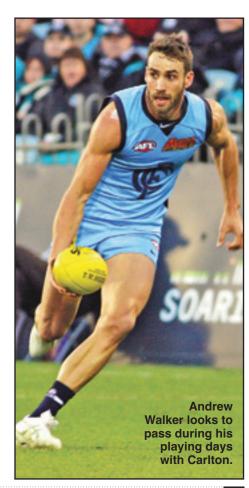
An AFL Diversity Coaching Academy was conducted last April during the AFL National Diversity Championships in Townsville, focusing on this area.

Managed by AFL coaching development manager Lawrie Woodman and presented by experienced mentor coaches Brian Royal (Western Bulldogs Hall of Fame player, with 20 years in AFL coaching ranks) and Ron Watt (member services manager at the AFL Coaches Association and former Geelong player and VFL coach), the academy had 28 participants.

From this, Jermaine Davis (WA) and Shannon Motlop (NT) were named as coaches of the AFL Flying Boomerangs side this year, with Peter Yagmoor (Qld), and Peter Mongta (Vic) selected as assistants.

The AFL also has an Indigenous Coaching Academy that engages 20 coaches and this program will be extended during 2017 with the support of Port Adelaide 2004 premiership coach Mark Williams.

Indigenous coaches are appointed for the Kickstart, Boomerangs, Footy Means Business and the Woomeras programs.







Draft talent waits

By PETER ARGENT



AT last year's AFL draft, Indigenous players Brendan Ah Chee, Wayne Milera, Daniel Rioli and Jade

Gresham were all collected in the first round and started their AFL career in 2016.

Now a solid case can be made for four more Aboriginal talents to be selected in the first 20 at this year's draft, in Sydney on November 25. They are Western Australians Sam Petrevski-Seton - expected to be the first Indigenous player selected among the top 10 -Shai Bolton and Sam Powell-Pepper, along with Victorian Country player Jy Simpkin, who missed the 2016 campaign due to injury.

The draft is an annual event in which AFL teams choose new players to join their squads from a pool of fresh talent. The order of the draft is by and large determined by the AFL ladder. with the team finishing on the bottom rung taking the first pick.

"It is not unrealistic to suggest there will be six Indigenous draftees in the top 30 selections, which would be a wonderful result," AFL national and international talent manager Kevin Sheehan told the Koori Mail. "And they come from diverse backgrounds and programs, whether it is rural, suburban, regional or remote.

"If (draft Indigenous candidate) Tye Bedford was to get picked up (with Petrevski-Seton and Cedric Cox) we could have three talents drafted out of Halls Creek (in the Kimberley), all who have taken significantly different paths.

There are 10 or a dozen Indigenous names that really come to mind who have AFL qualities the recruiting staff are looking for that you expect will be on AFL lists after the draft."

Other 'bankable' Indigenous players at the draft include Petrevski-Seton's school mate from Hall Creeks Cedric Cox, Northern Territory lad Brandon Parfitt, who has spent the past two years with North Adelaide in South Australia, and NT Thunder footballer Ben Long.

"Best chance"

"SA small forwards Tyson Stengle and Kym Lebios are special talents and have true X-factor, but with the strength of this draft their best chance is as a late selection or as a rookie," SANFL talent manager and state under 18s coach Brenton Phillips said.

"Tye Bedford has come into our state programs late and has some unique talents which also makes him a draftable type.

"To come from Hall Creek via St Peter's College and the Sturt Football Club to a state talent program highlights that there any many different ways you can come into the system.

"It would be great for him to get a chance on an AFL list."

From a state league perspective, Tiwi Islands, St Mary's and current SANFL footballer with Glenelg Willie Rioli, who has a huge family football heritage, is seen as a strong chance. He had spoken to at least a dozen AFL clubs before the draft.

Because of the strength of the talent pool this year, and depending on specific requirements of clubs, there are another dozen Indigenous footballers who could be back-end draft candidates, or collected in the rookie system the following November 28. Players in this category include WA's Phil Narkle and Sydney Swans Academy member Ben Davis, as well as mature-aged WA talent Liam Ryan.

Indigenous rookie prospects include Jamie Hampton, from Alice Springs, fellow NT footballer Rowan Armstrong and Kayle Kirby, who kicked five goals in his first VFL game with Richmond, along with WA lads Francis Watson, Tyson Pickett and Keanu Shandley.

Among those who have nominated as next generation academy players for the 2016 draft are Isiah Farrell-Nelson (Collingwood), Aaron Tatchell (Essendon), NT talents Cameron Gurrumulnga, Deshan Gindkindi and Kamal Bukulatjpi, Tristan Tweedie (Hawthorn), Billy Coope and Derek Smith (Richmond), Mitchell McCarthy (St Kilda), Dion Johnstone (Western Bulldogs) and AFL nominations Jai Rout, The Recruit (TV show) contestant Darren Allen and Jamaine Jones, who are more likely to secure 'Rookie B' contracts if not picked up before.

See our next edition, out on November 30, to find out who was selected.

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Bulldogs the winners at Gordonvale

By ALF WILSON



YARRABAH side Oombunghi Bulldogs beat **Torres Strait** Islander team Descendants 22-20 in a

cliffhanger grand final at the Gordonvale Indigenous Rugby League carnival

Eight open men's, three under 18, two under 17 girls and two open women's sides played in the carnival before good crowds at Gordonvale's Alley Park.

Oombunghi Bulldogs' grand final try-scorers were Merton Richards, Oswald Fourmile, Allan Ambrym and James Fourmile, while Coleridge Dabah booted two goals and Shaun Mothe kicked one.

Descendants' try-scorers were

Budhagi Gibuma, Masiru Nona and Bruce Joseph, while Eddie Daniel kicked two goals.

In the semifinals Oombunghi Bulldogs beat MAK Memorial 32-10, and Descendants downed Northern Cyclones 34-22

In the plate grand final, Kuranda Eagles beat Nyungkul 66-6. Malu Kiwai downed Male Rabbis 52-18 in the under 18 grand final

The Kuranda Eagles senior team had many Hope Vale players including North Queensland Cowboys centre Javid Bowen.

Carnival Individual Awards: Best forward, Milton Mossman (Oombunghi Bulldogs); best back, Daniel Mairu (Descendants); player of the carnival, Linc Port (Northern Cyclones).

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Oombunghi Bulldogs players and supporters celebrate their victory at Gordonvale.

Stars in W-League

By CHRIS PIKE



FOOTBALL (soccer) stars Lydia Williams and Kyah Simon have again been put on loan from their American

clubs to take part in the 2016-17 W-League season.

Indigenous women Williams and Simon were part of the Matildas campaign at the Rio Olympic Games where the Australian campaign ended in the quarterfinals.

They are regular members of the Australian team, with Williams one of the best goalkeepers in the world, while Simon is among the most potent strikers the country has produced, having scored 21 times in her 70 international appearances.

Now both players have been put out on loan by their US clubs to allow them to play in the W-League, with Williams lining up for Melbourne City and Simon for Sydney FC.

Simon, 25, is the first Indigenous player to score for the Matildas. Her W-League career began with the Central Coast Mariners in 2008 before a standout 2010-11 season at Sydney FC, being named player of the year. That resulted in her being signed by the Boston Breakers in the UN National Women's Soccer League.

Simon has remained with Boston, who also agreed to loan her to Sydney FC last season.







W-League Indigenous players taking the field this season: from left, Kyah Simon, Lydia Williams and Dana Whyman.

Simon helped Sydney into the grand final last season, but they lost 4-1 to Melbourne City in the

Like Simon, Williams is on loan to her W-League club, with the Houston Dash allowing her to play with the defending champion Melbourne City after she played with Canberra United last season.

The 28-year-old has cemented herself as one of the world's leading goalkeepers, playing 57 times for Australia. She has played in the US with the Chicago Red Stars, Western New York Flash, Washington Spirit and Houston Dash.

The Western Australian

suffered a setback in 2014 with a knee injury requiring a reconstruction, but she has returned strongly.

Williams, the starting goalkeeper for Australia in Rio, was part of a controversy when taunted by the Brazilian crowd with a homophobic slur.

She kept a clean sheet to open the season for Melbourne City with a 1-0 victory over the Newcastle Jets.

Emerging

The star pair aren't the only Indigenous players in the W-League this season, with emerging goalkeeper Dana

Whyman signed again to the Western Sydney Wanderers.

The 17-year-old has been playing in Sydney's premier league since she was 14, when she would travel from Wagga to play. Whyman has gone on to play for Australia at underage level. being part of the Young Matildas under 19 team at the 2015 Asian Women's Championships.

She joined the Wanderers last season and made her W-League debut in the derby against Sydney FC on the way to seven matches.

Whyman has started in the Youth League team in the 2016-17 campaign, but it seems only a matter of time before she gets a

regular place in the W-League team. In fact there is every chance Whyman will be the woman to replace Williams as Australia's leading goalkeeper in the future.

Whyman admits Williams is one of her idols.

"I used to watch players like Lydia and now there are some Indigenous girls who look up to me as well; it's really awesome,"

"It's great to be playing now with some of the players that I've looked up to, even if the pressure in my position is pretty big. But I've been training hard and feel like I'm ready for the season."

Goals achieved at inaugural National



Players from the Johnny Warren Football Foundation Celebrity Match, won by Team Mundine, are joined by officials at the championships played in Nowra.





Indigenous football championships organisers Bernie McLeod, left, and Lawrence Gilbert with

Football Federation Australia chief executive David Gallop.

Titles off to a great beginning

By KEIRA JENKINS



ORGANISERS of the National Indigenous Football Championships (soccer) are already gearing up to capitalise on the

success of the inaugural event.

A large crowd was at Nowra, southern NSW, for the first titles, which attracted a total of 24 male and female teams from a wide area.

In the men's grand final, South-East Queensland Dingoes defeated Eora United 2-1, while in the women's decider, Illawarra Bungarra defeated Northern Nations 4-0.

In the Johnny Warren Football Foundation Celebrity Match, Team Mundine downed Team Fozz 4-3 in what was an entertaining match featuring Aboriginal sporting role models and other football legends.

Other highlights included Indigenous Mini Roos games for children and a special disability clinic

National event manager Lawrence Gilbert was delighted with the inaugural championships, saying there had been "a huge amount of support".

"There will be another one,

definitely," he told the Koori Mail.

"We're looking forward to the challenge of organising another championship. What we're doing now is getting as much feedback as

"We had an independent survey on the day so we'll collate all that information so we know what to do better next year."

Mr Gilbert said there is already excitement aplenty for next year's championships, with more teams already keen to get involved.

"They'll be back"

"Everyone I've spoken to has said they'll be back," he said.

"We're expecting it to double in size. There'll be more teams from more states next year, too.

"I'm happy the event met its objectives this year and so pleased everyone had a great day and made it home safe.'

Mr Gilbert has high hopes for the future of the tournament.

"The World Game meets the oldest living culture - that's our tagline," he said.

'We're hoping this tournament might open doors for players to get selected in national representative teams.

Sport

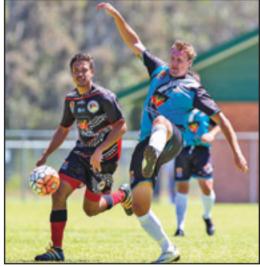
Indigenous Football Championships











Competition is fierce in the Newcastle All Stars versus Illawarra Bungarra men's clash.



The NT Buffaloes versus Illawarra Bungarra game features great ball skills.



The men's grand final game is hard-fought.



Celebrity players Brad Cooke, Nathan Blacklock, Craig Foster and Sean Gordon.

Australian representative Jade North with national Sevens rugby player Mahalia Murphy.

Marathon effort by our runners



Indigenous Marathon **Foundation** squad shows off well-earned medals after the New York Marathon.

Right: IMF director and former world champion marathoner Rob de Castella congratulates IMF runners **Wade Mongta** and Megan **Highfold in New** York City following the run.





Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) runners completed this

month's New York Marathon.

Sydney competitor Jesse Thompson led the squad to the finish, completing what is the world's biggest marathon in two hours, 45 minutes.

More than 50,000 runners took part, watched by tens of thousands of New Yorkers.

IMF director and former world champion marathoner Rob de Castella said he felt immensely proud of the 2016 squad and their achievements.

"There is no place like New York, and there is no run anywhere on the planet like the famous New York City Marathon," he said.

"It is the biggest, most exciting and one of the toughest marathons, and it's an extraordinary achievement for all 12 runners to qualify to run it.

These 12 young Indigenous leaders are following in the footsteps of 53 other IMP (Indigenous Marathon Project) graduates, who since 2010 have ignited a culture of distance running across Indigenous

"Prior to IMP no Indigenous man or woman had completed the New York or any major international marathon. Today Australia has 65 Indigenous international marathoners, and inspirational role models.

"In so doing, all 65 have inspired thousands to get active and improve their health and fitness, but maybe even more importantly, they have shown family and community how proud, strong and determined young Indigenous men and women are, when driven by

their purpose - to make life better for the next generation."

Adrian Dodson-Shaw, a 2014 graduate, said his second visit to New York - this time in his role as head coach - was "possibly even more exciting than the first".

"I have been following this year's squad since they first tried out," he said. "I've seen them meet for the first time and form lasting friendships. Their running has improved out of sight and I've watched them grow into strong, confident individuals and role models in their communities.

"It has been a privilege to watch each and every one of them fulfil their dream to cross the finish line of the New York City Marathon."

Results

Men's results: Jessie Thompson (NSW, 2.45), Zibeon Fielding (SA, 3.28), Saliman Bin Juda (Torres Strait, 3.56), Wade Mongta (NSW, 4.18), Billy Bell (Vic. 4.53) and Wayne Sloane (NSW, 5.04).

Women's results: Megan Highfold (WA, 4.17), Kimberley Benjamin (WA, 4.30), Tahnee Sutton (SA, 4.36), Candice Love (SA, 5.25), Kristika Kumar (NSW, 5.27) and Jacinta Smith-Roberts (NSW, 6.17).

The IMP is a program of the Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF), a not-for-profit foundation established in 2010 by world marathon champion Robert de Castella. Each year IMP selects a squad of young Indigenous men and women (aged 18 to 30), to train for the New York City Marathon, complete a compulsory education component - a Certificate III in Fitness - and through their achievements celebrate Indigenous resilience and success.

Thunder win T20 cup



THE Sydney Thunder came back from one game down to take this year's

Indigenous Cup T20 cricket tournament in Orange, NSW.

The Thunder won a thrilling deciding game to beat the Sydney Sixers 2-1 in the best-ofthree series played over two

Players from the competition will be selected to play in the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (previously the Imparja Cup) in Alice Springs early run April.

The Sixers won the first Indigenous Cup game by eight wickets after the Thunder scored 167. Thunder hit back in the second, topping the Sixers score of 161 with four balls to spare.

And the decider was also close. The Sixers were all out for 144, with some big sixes from Andrew Gordon and Zane Smith



The Sydney Thunder and Sydney Sixers contested the Indigenous Cup T20 cricket tournament in Orange, central-western NSW, with the Thunder winning the competition.

helping to seal it for the Thunder.

Meanwhile, the Sixers have named Dubbo local Marty Jeffrey as their 'community rookie' for the upcoming BBL cricket season.

Jeffrey, 17, was selected off the back of his strong performances for the Sixers Indigenous Cup team over the tournament. He captained the

Sixers for two of the three games he played, scored 58 no, 27no and 27 in his three innings, as well as taking two wickets.

Having been discovered in last

season's Indigenous Cup, he went on to be selected for the **NSW National Indigenous** Cricket Championship team and continued to perform at the higher level.

He was named one of the Black Caps based on his performances, awarded to the team of the tournament.

NSW NICC coach Jeff Cook said it was a combination of skill and character that made Jeffrey a key asset.

"He's a leg spinner with good accuracy and an excellent temperament," Cook said of him.

The NICC is a unique tournament because of the heat in the Alice, and Marty showed great enthusiasm and was a low maintenance team player who iust got the job done.

"He also got better as the tournament went along, batted well in high pressure situations and showed great maturity under

Coaching win for young athletes

By PETER ARGENT



THIRTY Indigenous young people are receiving free coaching thanks to an initiative by the Port Adelaide Athletics Club

(PAAC). The 30 members of the club's Indigenous Academy, all aged 12-17, recently received special club shirts from AFL great 1993 Brownlow Medallist Gavin Wanganeen.

The are now taking part in inter-club meets at the Athletics SA Stadium each weekend.

PAAC spokesperson Lele Sanderson, whose son, Stawell Gift competitor Tjimarri Sanderson-Milera, was a product of the club, says Athletics SA is hoping the pilot program can lead to similar academies around South Australia.

The venture has been funded by the SA Office of Recreation and Sport, following a joint initiative between the PAAC and Athletics SA, to give opportunities to young Indigenous people in the Port Adelaide area," she said.

"From speaking to the athletes, the main theme is that if it weren't for the academy, where they feel comfortable, none of



Members of the Port Adelaide Athletics Club Indigenous Academy with officials and AFL great Gavin Wanganeen.

joining an athletics club."

Academy member Iteka Sanderson-Bromley said she was pleased to be receiving top quality athletics coaching.

"It (the PAAC) also gives us an opportunity to try different these kids would have had a go at athletics events and competing,

which is fun," the 16-year-old said. "If we didn't know each other prior to this, we have become really close now.

"I had been doing a lot of sports before I started athletics, so I had a reasonable level of fitness. But doing athletics, it's

just shot my fitness up heaps."

Fellow athlete Emori Bovoro said he would never have tried athletics if it weren't for the Indigenous Academy.

"I wouldn't have come out before," the 17-year-old said. "Our coach Mike Butler shows not to the point where you don't feel like coming out any more. "I usually quit other sports

your best; he pushes you hard but

a lot of interest in what you're

doing. He tries to make you be

because the coaches were mean, but he doesn't push that hard."

Mitchell back to fire up Flames

By CHRIS PIKE



Sydney University Flames put out the call to Leilani Mitchell in hopes

of filling their injury-hit roster ahead of the Women's National Basketball League season, they held little hope that her signing would eventuate.

Mitchell was finishing off her WNBA (United States) season with the Washington Mystics on the back of being a key part of the Australian Opals campaign at the Rio Olympic Games

But when she said yes, the Flames' hopes for the 2016-17 season increased significantly.

The Flames had been rocked by a long-term injury to starting point guard Tahlia Tupaea, but Indigenous woman Mitchell remains one of Australia's best players and has instantly fitted in back at the club.

She originally played at Sydney Uni for the 2014-15 season before spending last season with the Adelaide Lightning which led to her time again in the WNBA at Washington and then the Olympics campaign.

Mitchell represented Australia



Leilani Mitchell in action at the Rio Olympics. Picture: FIBA

in Rio and performed admirably in a team that ultimately was disappointed to finish without a medal after going in expecting to fully challenge the United States

Mitchell gave her all in Rio, averaging 11.3 points and 4.5 assists a game, before the 31-year-old dynamo returned to America to complete another WNBA season.

While the Mystics missed the playoffs, Mitchell played well, averaging almost six points,

two assists and two rebounds a

The good news in Washington missing the WNBA playoffs is that Mitchell was available to join the Flames ahead of the 2016-17

Quality

Mitchell has shown her quality in the WNBL, so far averaging 16.8 points, 5.8 rebounds and 5.6 assists a game, which all equal career-best numbers for her despite arriving just in time for

the season-opener against the Perth Lynx.

The season began for Mitchell and Flames with narrow losses to the Lynx and Canberra Capitals, before a breakthrough win against the Bendigo Spirit.

The Flames backed that up with a thrilling one-point win over defending champions Townsville Fire. Townsville responded with a win on their own home floor against Sydney Uni.

Mitchell has been named in the WNBL Team of the Week twice this season, and she continues to enjoy the differences in Australia compared with the US.

"It's good competition here," she said. "I think the biggest difference is the size and athleticism of the players. Back in the WNBA the girls are just a lot taller and more explosive. whereas here there's a bit more finesse and some better overall shooters.

"The girls really understand the game here in Australia from top to bottom a lot more than in the States.

"I'm living my dream doing what I love to do. I get to travel all over the world and I'm loving everything the way it's going at the moment."

Treatment for Barba



INDIGENOUS rugby league star Ben Barba is receiving specialist treatment in Thailand after a second positive test

to the drug cocaine in less than two years.

The former Indigenous All Star faces a huge battle to resurrect his NRL career after leaving the country to deal with "massive" personal issues.

While keeping the door ajar for a possible return, Cronulla – the 2016 NRL champions - have released Barba from his \$800,000a-season contract.

In addition to a sizeable fine, the 27-year-old must serve a mandatory 12-match suspension if he returns to the NRL.

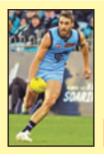
Barba first tested positive to cocaine in February last year before being caught out again four days after Cronulla's grand final breakthrough victory last

The setback is the latest chapter in a turbulent career highlighted by his 2012 Dally M Medal win and premiership success with the Sharks, but also featuring some lows.

He was suspended by Canterbury in 2013 amid allegations of domestic violence. which both he and wife Ainslie denied, before being shown the door by Brisbane coach Wayne Bennett in 2014.

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Members of the South-East Queensland Dingoes and Eora United with their supporters celebrate after the men's grand final at the Indigenous championships.

Football's goal



By KEIRA JENKINS



DELIGHTED organisers have big plans for the National Indigenous Football Championships (soccer) following the success of the inaugural event, played this month at Nowra on the NSW south Coast.

A large crowd turned out for the titles, which attracted a total of 24 male and female teams from a wide area.

Action came thick and fast, with Illawarra Bungarra defeating Northern Nations 4-0 in the women's decider, while South-East Queensland Dingoes downed Eora United 2-1, in the men's final. National event manager Lawrence Gilbert said he was delighted with the inaugural championships, saying there had been "a huge amount of support".

There will be another one, definitely," he told the Koori Mail. "We've got big plans and a definite goal to have the championships as an annual national event."

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