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# No more family violence the goal



PROFESSOR Marcia Langton and others are calling for a national taskforce to tackle the alarmingly high rates of violence against

Aboriginal women and children.

The calls came as Gurindji man Charlie King's 'No More' campaign to end family violence in Indigenous communities gained traction in Federal Parliament with Government and

Opposition MPs due to symbolically link arms last Monday (after the Koori Mail had gone to press) in an act of bipartisan solidarity.

Professor Langton said during a speech to the National Press Club that "data and our own experiences tell us that we are facing confronting rates of violence that seem beyond explanation".

And she took aim at the Federal Government, saying

that simplistic slogans were no replacement for rigorous policy development and analysis, which is sorely lacking in Indigenous Affairs.

She claimed the Government's recently released third National Action Plan to Reduce Violence Against

Women and their Children took a misguided approach to Indigenous victims.

"It recommends that cases of violence against Indigenous women and children be dealt with through case management rather than resorting to police or courts," she said.

"Indigenous women who are involved in ending the violence against us ask this question: Why would the third national action plan make this

recommendation? What about the rule of law, so highly valued by Australian political parties and the bedrock of Australian society?"

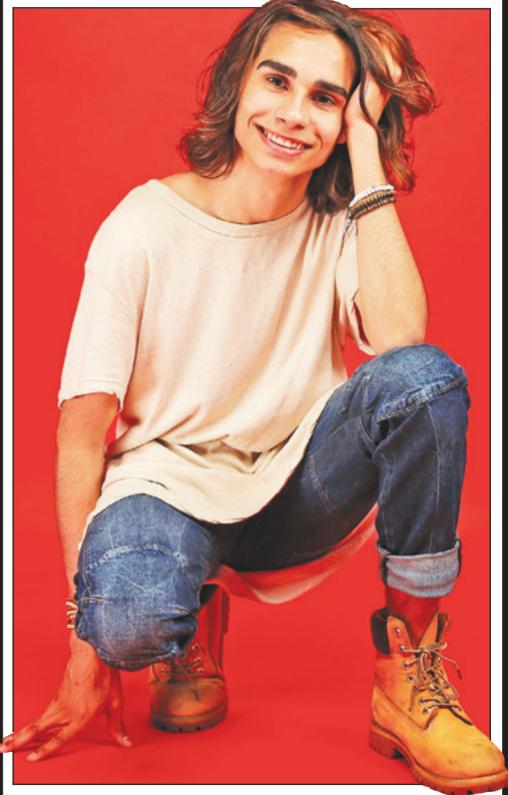
On the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women last week November 25, a number of campaigns kicked off, driven or backed by Indigenous organisations and

people. **Professor Marcia Langton** #16DaysOfActivism campaign is being supported by the National Family Violence Prevention Legal Service and the Women's Legal Service NSW.

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# Our Isaiah has that X-factor





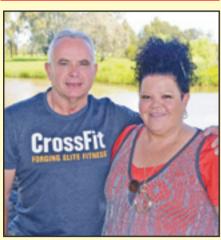
YORTA Yorta teen Isaiah Firebrace always thought he had that something special when it came to singing. He sure did! After being eliminated from *The X Factor* reality singing television competition in 2015, he came back for another crack this year. And won it. See our report on the 17-year-old singing sensation on page 5.



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### **MY FAMILY** Albert Abdul-Rahman – Townsville, Qld



S I get older and my health starts to fail I realise more than ever just how important family is to me.

I am 65 and have four children of my own and a big extended family, being one of nine children with four brothers and four sisters

We are lucky to still have my 84-year-old mother Maureen alive. She truly is an inspiration.

My father Joseph died in 1982 and we haven't had an easy life, but when we were younger many of us did take family for granted.

I was born in Papua New Guinea and arrived in Australia in 1970 when I joined the Army, based here at Lavarack Barracks.

I used to play Australian rules for South Townsville Club and was considered a tough man because of my size and

In the past I have been a member of the Murri Court, was co-chair of the Police Indigenous Consultation Committee for 10 years, and was a foster carer for many Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and other kids. I also helped place hundreds in foster care, and along the way saw the

many of the problems people faced.

As I got older my health started to break down. I am a diabetic who has had part of a leg and a finger amputated.

Now I am the first to admit that if I had looked after myself a lot more health-wise things could have been better.

These days I live in a unit in the suburb of West End and get around in a wheelchair.

Over the past decade I have realised that family is the nucleus of life, and love from that family helps gives children good

It is important that our kids learn to maintain their Indigenous culture and have respect for Elders and learn from them.

In this modern era youth and children are exposed to so many bad things such as drugs, alcohol - it just has to change.

One of my brothers who is eight years younger than me is very ill at the moment with cancer and has been told by doctors he has less than a year to live.

That just makes me even more determined to tell as many youngsters as I can that family members need to support

Pictured above: Albert Abdul-Rahman, left, with his mother Maureen and brother Maurice.

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### OUR CHILDREN

Russell Inkamala, Roy McDad, Cecilie Enalagn, Samual Enalgn and Marvin Wyit have front row seats for a community screening at Ntaria (Hermannsberg) of the new documentary Namatjira Project. The documentary, produced by Big hART, tells the story of renowned Western Aranda artist Albert Namatjira and his family's battle for copyright of his works. Full report and more pictures, page 22. Picture: Jillian Mundy

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### **Grant essay explores identity**



Stan Grant's essay The Australian Dream explores the diversity of Indigenous identity.



STAN Grant's quarterly essay The Australian Dream: Blood History and Becoming explores

how Indigenous people's identity has shifted and what it means for their place in society.

"There's a lot more than just one identity for Indigenous people; there's not just one way of being Indigenous and people have different ideas of themselves," Mr Grant told the *Koori Mail*.

"There are different ways of expressing culture. There's more intermarriage between cultures too, so some people have a meshing of two backgrounds and I wanted to shine a light on that and take into account all the different ways we define ourselves."

Mr Grant is the new Indigenous affairs editor for the ABC and also chair of Indigenous Affairs at Charles Sturt University.

He is also the author of *The Tears of Strangers* and *Talking to My Country*, and a Walkley Award winning journalist.

The Gomeroi and Wiradjuri man said the essay was a way to explain his own sense of identity, which does not fit with the stereotype of what an Aboriginal person 'should' be.

"Part of the reason the world sees us as a stereotype is the way we present ourselves. We need to talk about the diversity of Indigenous people," he said.

"Who somehow gets to decide

that you fit in or you don't? We have got to a place where we no longer have to conform to how the world defines us.

"We have free expression of ourselves but suddenly if you step outside of what being Indigenous 'looks like' – if you're part of the middle class, or you're a mix of cultures, or a professional – you're not accepted as Indigenous.

"We can't move forward unless we can come to terms with the diversity of Indigenous identity."

The Australian Dream explores the successes of Indigenous cultural, sporting, intellectual and social icons and how identity has played a part in their feats.

#### Fluid view

The essay also explores the denial of opportunities for Aboriginal people throughout history and encourages a fluid view of culture and identity.

Mr Grant said he hopes his writing gives the reader an insight into Indigenous people and our identity.

"We're not just a fixed entity," he said. "I wanted to reflect the diversity of Indigenous people in the essay.

"The issues of racism and the debate around (section) 18C (of the Racial Discrimination Act) that's all part of Australia coming to terms with all those issues of identity.

"The point I wanted to get across is we're all just human beings."

# Bigotry back in favour, says Dodson



WESTERN
Australian Labor
Senator Patrick
Dodson, a
Yawuru man,
gave a rousing

defence of the Racial Discrimination Act (RDA)

Speaking in the Upper House against a bill to repeal Part IIA of the RDA put forward by One Nation along with senators David Leyonhjelm, Derryn Hinch and Bob Day, Senator Dodson spoke of the strengths of a multicultural society and the hard-fought battles for freedom by Aboriginal activists.

"It's interesting that bigotry is back in favour," Senator Dodson said. "Back in 2014 when the Abbott Government sought to repeal section 18c of the *Racial Discrimination Act* to allow for all sorts of things to travel under the guise of free speech, it was defeated, and Labor would be opposed to this particular amendment.

"Labor opposed the changes to the *Racial Discrimination Act* 

in 2014 and again we will oppose them in 2016."

Senator Dodson said the RDA was there to protect Australians of different cultures.

"English has its own form of tyranny – and that tyranny is what causes wars, assaults, arguments and violence and the speakers who grow up with English have to understand that's not the only frame of reference through which the world is interpreted because there's no clear definition, it seems to me, of what constitutes whiteness and the culture of whiteness," he said.

#### "Hell of a lot wrong"

"Nothing wrong with freedom, particularly if you're from the ruling class. There's a hell of a lot wrong with freedom if you've got to battle to experience it; if you've got to fight for it.

"I was born before the 1967 referendum and we weren't even counted in the census of this country as Aboriginal people. When this government didn't have any power to make laws

for Aboriginal people because it was excluded by crafters of our Constitution in 1901. The whole battle for recognition for freedom to enjoy the basics of being a citizen in this nation had to be fought for by black and white Australians ... Jessie Street and Faith Bandler and many others, and what I see today is the ideological creep back to bigotry and to racism."

Queensland One Nation senator Pauline Hanson said she was sick of seeing senators "stand up for one race or other people in this country, who do not see themselves as Australians and who have no intentions of ever assimilating".

"We are told constantly, time and time again, that we must be tolerant," she said. "Well, I have had it up to here with my tolerance. I believe that we have a right to have an opinion, have a say and debate it.

"I will go back to the point: I welcome anyone who has come to this country to join us, to assimilate and to respect our culture and way of life."



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### Great governance recognised



Sally Scales and John Dallwitz, from Indigenous Governance Award success story Ara Irititja, with awards chair Mick Dodson, centre.



THE winners and finalists of the Indigenous Governance Awards were recognised at a celebration in Sydney

last week. Awards chair Professor Mick Dodson said this year's group was the highest standard of finalists in the 12 years of the awards.

"They've all got the administrative nuts and bolts of good governance in order and are taking innovative approaches to community leadership," he said.

"Across the board, we have seen the governance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led organisations improve exponentially and these finalists could teach non-Indigenous organisations many things about innovation and success.

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

In total, \$60,000 in prizemoney was distributed through the awards, with \$20,000 to the winner in the two categories and \$10,000 to the highly commended organisations.

Additionally, all nine finalists will be partnered with a high-profile corporate organisation for 12 months, which will provide mentoring and assistance in an area identified by the

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# **NAIDOC** theme is languages



THE importance, resilience and richness of Aboriginal and **Torres Strait** Islander

languages will be the focus of national celebrations marking NAIDOC Week 2017.

The 2017 theme - Our Languages Matter - aims to emphasise and celebrate the role Indigenous languages play in both cultural identity, linking people to their land and water, and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.

About 250 distinct Indigenous inquage groups covered the continent at first significant European contact in the late 18th century.

Most of these languages would have had several dialects, so the total number of named varieties would have run to many hundreds.

Today only about 120 of are still spoken and many are at risk of being lost as Elders die.

National NAIDOC Committee co-chair Anne Martin said the theme will raise awareness of the status and importance of Indigenous languages across the country.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait languages are not just a means



**National NAIDOC Committee** co-chairs Anne Martin and Benjamin Mitchell.

of communication, they express knowledge about everything: law, geography, history, family and human relationships, philosophy, religion, anatomy, childcare, health, caring for country, astronomy, biology and food," she said.

"Each language is associated with an area of land and has a deep spiritual significance and it is through their own languages, that Indigenous nations maintain their connection with their ancestors, land and law.'

Committee co-chair Benjamin Mitchell hopes the theme will shine a spotlight on the

programs and community groups working to preserve, revitalise or record Indigenous languages.

'Nationally, many place names for our suburbs, rivers, mountains and parks are Indigenous language words," he said. "Noticing and paying attention to these words will generate greater appreciation and respect for the significance of language among all

Indigenous artists are being encouraged to start working on entries for the National NAIDOC Poster competition.

The winning entry has a \$5000 cash prize and will be recognised across the country on the 2017 National NAIDOC poster.

The competition closes on March 20.

The National NAIDOC Committee also encourages people to acknowledge the contributions and talents of outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals by nominating them for a 2017 National NAIDOC Award.

Award winners will be honoured during NAIDOC Week at the National NAIDOC Awards Ceremony in Cairns on July 1, 2017.

For more information, visit www.naidoc.org.au

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## Isaiah's got deadly X Factor

By KEIRA JENKINS



SEVENTEENyear-old Isaiah Firebrace has wowed tens of thousands with his win on *The* 

X Factor reality TV singing competition.

From Moama on the NSW-Victoria border, the Yorta Yorta performer said he just loves to sing.

"I started singing when I was three," Isaiah told the Koori Mail.

"It's the only thing I've ever been good at and it's the only passion I have. No matter what, I will always continue singing."

Isaiah returned to *The X Factor*, after being eliminated early in the show when he auditioned in 2015.

He said he was disappointed at being dropped so early last time, and wanted to prove himself this year.

And prove himself he has, making it all the way to the grand finale and eventually taking out the top prize in the national competition on the day of his 17th birthday.

"I wanted to come back," Isaiah said. "I didn't want to give up. It's crazy now that I made it this far. I'm so happy."

Isaiah said the pressure was on once he got through to the top 12 performers, balancing his schoolwork, rehearsals and all the attention that came with it.

"I keep forgetting when I'm up on stage it's live," he said.

"It can be intense with rehearsals and sometimes I do



really long days and have late nights, but even when I don't get enough sleep I just stay positive because this is a once-in-alifetime experience."

Isaiah said the win means to world to him. "It's too crazy to deal with." he said.

"It's so weird, I'm so happy.

I'm just hoping this opens up great opportunities for me and I get to keep singing.

"Whatever happens now, I'm happy."

Isaiah said he couldn't have achieved what he has without the support from his family, friends, and the public.

"I have had so much incredible support from the public all around Australia and it has made me feel so overwhelmed when people have told me that they have driven from Adelaide and other long distances to see me at the live shows," he said.

"The people in my home towns of Moama and Echuca have been incredible – thank you so much to all the fans who have supported me."

Isaiah Firebrace's song
It's Gotta Be You can
be downloaded at
http://smarturl.it/ISAIAHIGBYR

# Disadvantage report details many failures

By EVA COX\*



THE fairly negative seventh report by the Productivity Commission on Overcoming Indigenous

Disadvantage, released last week, claimed to measure the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

However, this biennial effort continues to record mainly no changes or some increased deficits in wellbeing. The language has changed, in response to Indigenous group concerns, from emphasising gaps to reporting strengths. But official data continues to record substantial failures.

So what did the report show?
Data collected by the
Productivity Commission showed
progress in three of seven targets
and two of six headline indicators.

Of the 38 strategic areas for action, there was progress in:

 six of eight early child development measures; • four of four economic participation measures;

two of eight governance,
leadership and culture measures;
two of eight healthy lives

- measures;
   one of three education and
- training measures;

  one of three home
- environment measures; and 
   no safe and supportive

communities measures.

#### Fail to connect

The latter five indicators show a serious lack of both data and change. Importantly, however, these categories also show where government processes fail to connect appropriately with the problems and communities involved.

The governance, leadership and culture scores indicate a lack of community and cultural participation in decision making, and a lack of funders' access to cultural knowledge. The data raises core questions of why, despite substantial spending, serious difficulties continue.

The report claims to have been used by governments and the broader community to understand the nature of Indigenous disadvantage and inform the development of policies to tackle the issues. But the results suggests this is not occurring.

Continued health, education and community deficits suggest a failure to use the data collected over more than a decade to reformulate various funding processes.

Therefore, despite the substantial costs, time and goodwill involved, the report fails to achieve its stated intentions.

While some of the state and territory governments are recognising problems with their processes, and have started to act on these, recent Commonwealth funding changes have not taken research findings into account and have failed to seriously engage Indigenous communities or individuals – with problematic results.

There are no signs that Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel

Scullion has taken any notice of either validated research data from government sources or informed feedback from a range of Indigenous-run services over the past few years.

The latter have been critical of current policies and funding processes that are top-down decision making, short-term and – most importantly – failing to engage and partner with communities and culturally appropriate service deliverers.

#### Formal evidence

This report contributes to a record, over time, of the failure of those with power to seriously tackle both the formal evidence and community feedback on what works.

Past and current inequities of Indigenous peoples have deep roots that require attention.

We can only hope the increased awareness of Indigenous traditional and professional expertise in these areas will be acknowledged and recognised.

The report did find limited but significant gains that matter. These included:

- mortality rates for children improved significantly – particularly for 0-1-year-olds, whose mortality rates more than halved;
- education improvements such as increases in the proportion of 20-24-year-olds completing Year 12 or above and the proportion of 20-64-yearolds with or working towards postschool qualifications; and
- the proportion of adults whose main income was from employment increased from 32% in 2002 to 43% in 2014-15, with household income also increasing over this period.
- Eva Cox is an adjunct professor affiliated with the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at UTS.

This story first appeared on The Conversation, www.theconversation.com

THE CONVERSATION

# The campaigns to end family They are saying 'no more'



Indigenous communitycontrolled health organisation has collaborated with

Indigenous Hip Hop Projects on a music video that aims to 'stop the violence'.

The project, We Say No More, worked with Indigenous children and teenagers from the Murri School in Brisbane and aims to express the importance of healthy relationships and the dangers of domestic violence.

It was coordinated by ATSICHS (formerly the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health

Murri School teacher Jeff Locke, a We Say No More ambassador, told the Brisbane *Times* the children wrote the lyrics from experiences in the community. "They opened their hearts and let it out, and it's a very strong message," he said.

The video was launched at Parliament House, Brisbane, last week on White Ribbon Day, following a roundtable of key community, non-government and government stakeholders, organisations and providers involved in the area of family

The group focused on family and sexual violence against Indigenous women and children in urban environments.

Professor Marcia Langton, Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service chief executive Shane Duffy, Aboriginal lawyer and women's advocate Josephine Cashman and Deadly Sista Girlz coordinator Karla McGrady.

The hope is that through the video the message reaches other young Indigenous people and their families throughout south-east Queensland.

ATSICHS has developed a campaign around We Say No More. The campaign profiles the stand young Indigenous people are taking, but also gives the wider community an opportunity to put their hand up too.



Lionel Lacey, Naomi Swan and Timmitha Monaghan-Gibson from the Murri School helped write a song to combat violence. Picture: Bradley Kanaris

### White ribbons in Rockhampton





Juwarki Kapu-Lug Community Justice Program coordinator Esme Wesser, with Warren Wesser and Zella Wenitong, at a White Ribbon Day gathering in Rockhampton, central Queenland, on November 25. On White Ribbon Day, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, events were held around Australia. Picture: Christine Howes

### 16 Days of Activism



**INDIGENOUS** groups around the country have joined an international campaign to eliminate violence against

women. The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign began on November 25 and is being supported by the National Family Violence Prevention Legal Service and the Women's Legal Service NSW.

At its November meeting, the Aboriginal Women's Consultation Network called on the Women's Legal Service NSW to support and promote the strength of Aboriginal women in communities calling out domestic and family violence, encouraging women and children to seek safety, to speak up about the issue and lead the way to asserting women's rights.

The campaign is active on social media under #16DaysOfActivism.

# Research put into practice

By RUDI MAXWELL



**PROFESSOR** Judy Atkinson, a Jiman and Bundjalung woman, has focused her

academic life on researching violence, trauma, and healing or recovery for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

And she also puts her research into practice, working with both victims and perpetrators of violence.

Currently Prof Atkinson is working with Indigenous women in Alice Springs Correctional

She said many of the women she works with have Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, or acquired brain injuries (ABIs, often from violence).

And while some of the women in prison have been perpetrators of violent crimes, almost all have at some stage also been the victims of violence.

Prof Atkinson works with the Kungkas (a Pitjantjatjara word for women) Stopping Violence program, which is run by the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service, and supports Indigenous women while they are in prison and then for a year afterwards

"It's probably one of the most important courses I know. Every woman I have worked with has been subjected to high levels of violence, usually from childhood," she said.

Prof Atkinson works with the women on anger, violence, and safety, taking an educational approach, then looks at loss and grief and trauma.

"In fact when you give people. even if they have an ABI or



Prof Judy Atkinson: "It is unfair to say that culture is the only factor in the levels of violence against Aboriginal women and men.'

FASD, a chance to really think about what might have brought them to prison, they often have a greater insight than many give them credit for," she said.

Prof Atkinson listened to the press club speech given by Professor Marcia Langton. Josephine Cashman and Jacinta Price. (See story, page 7.)

#### "Advocate"

"Marcia has always been a strong outspoken advocate against violence against women," Prof Atkinson said. "In my analysis, she has given us something to really think about.

"Prof Langton said really clearly that government is not doing the evaluations we need to show what's working and what's not. And she's calling everyone to account for not taking as seriously as we should the levels of family and sexual violence against Aboriginal women and children.

"As far as the comments made by Jacinta Price that

violence is considered cultural, culture is a moving feast, it changes. Are we talking about a mutation of culture, evolved from the impacts of colonisation?

"It is unfair to say that culture is the only factor in the levels of violence against Aboriginal women and men."

But Prof Atkinson agreed that in recent history some Aboriginal communities had seen misguided authorities excusing violence against Aboriginal children as 'cultural'.

"Back in 1987, at the same time of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, I was working in Cape York," she said.

"An older woman came to me and told me a five-year-old child had been raped.

"I went to the appropriate people and asked if I could look at this and found the woman was right. When she tried to get attention, nobody wanted to do anything and when we went to the police, they shrugged their shoulders and said it was 'cultural'.

"But then that same man raped a nurse, and immediately authorities were on a plane from Brisbane."

Prof Atkinson said she endorsed Prof Langton's call for better evaluation of programs that work to stop violence and for evervone to become more accountable.

"We need to know what works," she said.

"The Kungkas program should be supported other places. It looks at what stops women from being able to get on with their lives after prison, which is generally homelessness and getting caught back in previous cycles.

# violence in our communities 'No More, No More...'



ON Monday, (after the Koori Mail had gone to press) Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten were expected

to link arms before Federal Parliament to stand up against the shocking rates of domestic violence in Australia.

The symbolic gesture is in support of the No More campaign, founded by Gurindji man Charlie King, who says it will honour a promise he made to a group of Elders from the Central Desert region eight years ago.

"They looked at me and in the old Aboriginal way, they shake their finger and they say 'No More, No More'," Mr King, a sports broadcaster, said.

The No More program is a grassroots effort that started in Top End football teams but has since spread to entire communities, encouraging men to take responsibility.

Aboriginal women are 34 times more likely than other women to be hospitalised because of family violence.

Mr King was hoping the symbolic linking of arms by political opponents would spark a national conversation before Christmas.

"There's always a spike in family violence rates over the holiday season. But this can unite a nation," he said.

Mr King marched alongside members of the NT Cabinet and NT Police Commissioner Reece Kershaw in Darwin on Friday for White Ribbon Day, which seeks to engage men as catalysts for change.

NT Families Minister Dale Wakefield said curbing the scourge of family violence isn't something government can do alone.

She said it needs the whole community, especially men, to start having difficult conversations and changing attitudes towards women.

"You can cop a lot, believe me," she said. "You're often challenging the behaviour of people you love and respect, or people more senior to you in the workplace."

National domestic violence helpline: 1800 737 732 or 1800RESPECT. In an emergency call 000. – AAP



Gurindji man Charlie King founded the No More campaign, which aims to stop violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

# Strong women speak of systemic failures

By RUDI MAXWELL



**THREE Aboriginal** women spoke at the National Press Club in Canberra this month about systemic failures to

support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victims of family, sexual and domestic violence.

Professor Marcia Langton, lawyer and businesswoman Josephine Cashman and Alice Springs councillor Jacinta Price all said they believe that too often the needs of Indigenous women and children who have been victims of violence at the hands of partners or other relatives are ignored.

Prof Langton said that despite stark statistics showing overwhelmingly that Indigenous women and children are much more likely to be victims of violence than other people, one of the problems is that there is little to no rigorous analysis of what programs actually work to prevent violence or to support victims.

"The data and our own experiences tell us that we are facing confronting rates of violence that seem beyond explanation," she said.

"In 2014, the National Indigenous Intelligence Taskforce of the Australian Crime Commission reported to the Australian Government in an astonishing rigorous set of reports on violence and child abuse in the Indigenous population.

"This report has never been released – except under a Freedom of Information application - and our copy is heavily redacted (edited).

Prof Langton said the figures



Professor Marcia Langton, centre, Alice Springs councillor Jacinta Price, right, and lawyer and businesswoman Josephine Cashman at the National Press Club.

Statistics and the Productivity Commission, of unacceptably high levels of violence against Indigenous people.

She said a general lack of proper assessment of Indigenous programs meant there wasn't enough data to actually understand what works to help victims of violence or to stop violence occurring.

Prof Langton took aim at the Federal Government's recently released third National Plan to reduce Violence against Women and their Children.

"It recommends that cases of violence against Indigenous

in the Crime Commission report women and children be dealt with tell a similar story to other reports, through case management rather than resorting to police or courts," she said.

"Indigenous women who are involved in ending the violence against us ask this question: Why would the third national action plan make this recommendation? What about the rule of law, so highly valued by Australian political parties and the bedrock of Australian society?

"I am calling it drinking the

"The no-doubt sincere and well-meaning people who wrote the third action plan and people I have met in governments with responsibilities in this area have been told by some Aboriginal

leaders that these levels of abuse are - quote - 'cultural'. And yet when I ask them what they mean they have no answers."

Ms Price, a Warlpiri woman who grew up in central Australia, gave a brutal history of some of her own family's experiences with violence and said that in her experience 'culture' was too often used as an excuse for men to control and hurt women and children.

"As many have been aware, Australian citizens are dying at alarming rates because of violence," she said.

"These citizens are Aboriginal women and their children, and they are the most marginalised. The Aboriginal family violence crisis has been playing out for far too long, and yet it has not been addressed properly.

"I have known about this crisis all my life. There are so many acts of violence in my own family where I have known both the victim and the perpetrator. And the kinship system demands loyalty to your family members, even if they are the perpetrators."

Ms Cashman spoke about her experiences as a young woman working in an Aboriginal medical service in Wallaga Lake, NSW.

"During this time the prevalence of child sexual assault and domestic violence became very apparent to me," she said.

There were at least two serial child sex offenders in the community who throughout their lives have wreaked havoc and severely traumatised numerous community members.

"These criminals are responsible for raping children and destroying their futures.

"They got away with their crimes because in this community - like many others there is an environment where paedophilia and extreme violence go unreported.

"This culture of silence allows criminals to gain power over communities and establish unfettered access to children through fear.

Within this culture of silence police are the enemy and anyone who reports or talks to them is called a dog, and a snitch for collaborating with the white

"And then victims who do report to police often find that the response is slow to non-existent."

The three women called for a national taskforce in the issue.

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### Good health, Urapuntja-style

By JILLIAN MUNDY



FOR city dwellers, supplying washing machines or buying a tyre changer may sound an odd duty for a health service. But for Urapuntja

Health, which provides acute, primary health, chronic disease and preventive health care to more than 1000 people on the 16 outstations around Utopia in the Northern Territory, tailored and practical initiatives help to nip chronic disease in the bud.

Many of the Alyawarra and Anmatjirra people around Utopia, 270km north-east of Alice Springs, live in overcrowded, dilapidated housing, with infrastructure in desperate need of repair, an unreliable supply of fresh water, high unemployment, and with only the most basic of services. Food and fuel is also expensive, with the cost of day-today living leaving little change for big ticket items like washing machines or repairs to vehicles.

Scabies, a highly contagious skin disease caused by infestation of microscopic mites, has been a big problem. Thought by researchers to have come to Australia with settlers and their dogs, scabies is more prevalent in overcrowded houses, and can lead to serious skin infections, which in turn are a risk factor in kidney and heart disease.

Scabies treatment requires access to water to wash away solutions that kill the mites, and washing of bedding and clothing.

So Urapuntja Health has provided industrial washing



Valerie, Sarah and Audery Morton with their community washing machine at Rocket Range outstation. The washing machine is used by 30 people and stands outside the Urapuntja Health Service outreach clinic. Inset: Lean Pula.

machines to most Utopia outstations - often the entire outstation community will use one

There's also the Vets Program, an initiative of Urapuntja Health and the Barkly Shire in 2013, where veterinarians from Canberra visit every six months to implement an animal management program. The vets now raise their own funds for the visits.

"Having the washing machines to keep the blankets nice and clean makes a big difference." said Gail Cook, the clinical manager of Urapuntja Health, which started up in 1977.

#### "Big drop in scabies"

"We had a big drop of scabies when the vets started coming out and the washing machines were put out there."

Urapuntja Health has also opened up its maintenance and mechanics workshop to the mob and bought a tyre changer and tyres at cost price so people don't need to travel the barely maintained roads to Alice Springs.

Another initiative is the Mums and Bubs group.

"The (old) ladies were concerned about the young mums. They want them to have

less time in town. It encourages them to stay on country as opposed to Alice, and teach them how they brought up their children themselves," Ms Cook said.

"Those old ladies are just absolutely amazing.'

The program, aimed at young mothers, also focuses on food preparation and bathing babies. Mothers are provided with a baby bath, again helping with the control of scabies.

Lena Pula is one of the old ladies. She was a health worker for a long time and in her life has helped deliver many babies - in the bush and in the clinic.

"When baby was born, put ashes on to clean them," Ms Pula, who does not speak English as her first language, told the Koori Mail. "Rub the belly button with bush medicine. And dancing.

"Helped lots and lots of babies be born, birthing the old way, no men around. Put the baby on titty to keep it warm."

Ms Pula explained how mother and newborn would be rested in a hollow of warm clean ashes, the umbilical cord cut with a stick and tied off with hair, and charcoal was put on the baby's head to make it strong.

"But they never come up here (now), they send them to hospital," she said.

When the Koori Mail asked Ms Cook how the community around Utopia would be without Urapuntja Health, she replied: "I don't think they'd be here, because chronic disease is big.

"Where would they go? They would have to go to Alice Springs, and it has its own set of problems. It's a long way, it costs money."

# More queries over advisory council

By RUDI MAXWELL



PRIME Minister Malcolm Turnbull's ad hoc approach to Indigenous Affairs continued this month after the appointments to his Indigenous Advisory Council expired on November 23 - with

no publicly available information as to what is

The Koori Mail again sent the Prime Minister's office questions regarding processes, appointments to, and the effectiveness of, the IAC, but did not receive an answer.

The last published communique from the IAC is dated February this year and the most recent scheduled meeting was cancelled.

IAC chair Warren Mundine told the Koori Mail that he was due to meet with Mr Turnbull this week. "He has extended our terms on a temporary basis," Mr Mundine said.

"The Prime Minister's off in other directions, doing a lot of travelling. We had a good conversation before he flew out, and now we're getting back on track.

"It's no hidden fact that there's been a bit of a struggle post-election (five months ago, July 2), but the IAC subcommittees are still working

Since former Prime Minister Tony Abbott's announcement that he would handpick 12 advisors, the IAC has been plagued by criticism.

The Koori Mail understands that there have been ructions within the IAC, two members

have left and have not been replaced, and recently Mr Mundine himself gave the Government a public serve for the way in which it approaches policy for Indigenous Affairs. There have also been issues raised about transparency and there is very little publicly available information about what the IAC does

"Some things we've deliberately kept quiet you don't talk in public when there are sensitive political negotiations going on," Mr Mundine

"But we've been working well with a number of federal and state ministers.

#### "Understand the politics"

"When you're working very closely on something that needs to get across the line in a political sense, you have to understand the politics. As well, if we want to see real outcomes for closing the gap, then we need to respect the delicacies of negotiating.

"Because a lot of what we do crosses over between Commonwealth and state and territory jurisdictions, we've needed to have a lot of conversations with particular working groups and have ongoing discussions with state and territory ministers.'

Mr Mundine said some of the important issues the IAC had been working on included domestic violence, education and the Indigenous Procurement Policy.

He said members of the IAC were working productively with Federal Social Services

Minister Christian Porter, Attorney-General George Brandis, Education Minister Simon Birmingham and Indigenous Affairs Minister

Mr Mundine said they'd also met recently with NSW Indigenous Affairs Minister Leslie Williams to discuss the success of the NSW Aboriginal language programs.

"Look, it has been a problem post-election getting the full council together with the Prime Minister, but we're back on track," he said.

"One of the big issues we're working on is trying to align federal programs with prison release programs over a number of different jurisdictions. How to get reforms, so that people don't reoffend and also looking at welfare

"When people come out of prison, they can't access welfare straight away and that causes problems because people have no money.

"We've been in discussions at a COAG (Council of Australian Governments) level on how do we align Aboriginal housing programs funding, to help reduce reoffending.

"Often Federal Government programs don't operate with state programs, so those conversations are happening, as are discussions about legal services and funding.

"At the moment we've got the situation where state governments have taken a toughon-crime approach and the Government is being tough on welfare, so that takes a lot of

The IAC is scheduled to meet in December.

### Australia Day on January 28 in Fremantle



MANY Aboriginal people in southwestern Australia are pleased that the City of Fremantle has responded to their

concerns and will celebrate Australia Day two days later than the rest of the country.

Mayor Brad Pettitt told The West Australian that the City of Fremantle had decided to move its traditional January 26 events to January 28 because of cultural sensitivities.

"We thought it was time to acknowledge it wasn't a day of celebration for everybody and it was an opportunity for us to come up with a different format on a different day that could be truly inclusive," he said.

Mr Pettitt said the council said it had heard "loud and clear" from Aboriginal Elders that it wasn't a day to celebrate.

But former West Australian of the Year Robert Isaacs told the paper he hadn't heard of any complaints from his Aboriginal community.

"It's not in line with

community attitudes," he said. "I strongly condemn them for this whole thing ... Australia Day is Australia Day.'

Australia Day marks the arrival of the First Fleet of ships from Britain in NSW on January 26, 1788. - AAP

# Scathing findings in Don Dale youth centre report



A REPORT into the Northern Territory's notorious Don Dale Youth Detention Centre has revealed an "overwhelming impression of disrepair and despair". NT Justice Minister Natasha Fyles released a

redacted (edited) version of a review into Corrections last week, after previously refusing to do so over "security" issues

A Safer Northern Territory Through Correctional Interventions, also known as the Hamburger report, said that when the review team members visited the facility this year, they were "dismayed by the conditions in which staff were working and the youth

"Accommodating youth offenders in a facility that was condemned when it housed adult prisoners is unacceptable," the report said.

It flagged concerns with the number of "hanging points" in the cells that could be used to self harm, and that vulnerable kids were not medically assessed immediately after reception.

It also condemned the isolation suffered by young female offenders - who make up roughly 10% of inmates - and slammed a lack of privacy in their shower facilities.

#### No female officers

There were no female youth justice officers to support these girls and make a difference to the environment in the centres, the report found.

Following reports of abuse of detainees by many media organisations including the Koori Mail, a report on ABC TV's Four Corners program this year showing footage of boys being tear gassed and spit hooded two years ago at Darwin's Don Dale shocked the nation and sparked a royal commission.

The report said the use of spit hoods is "totally unacceptable, as staff can and should protect themselves from spitting by wearing helmets equipped with visors"

As of May this year, there were 35 young people in detention at Don Dale and nine in detention at the Alice Springs facility.

A total of 65% of these kids were on remand, as opposed to sentenced detainees, and 95% were Indigenous.

These statistics are not uncommon and at times the youth population in detention has risen to nearly 60," the report found.

Almost half of Don Dale's Youth Justice officers had been in the job for less than six months, and 65% of those guards had less than 12 months' service.

Correctional officers with no youth training often work at the short-staffed facility and there were serious flaws in the approach to the management and rehabilitation of youth offenders.

The report called for the facility to be closed as soon as practicable and future staff salaries be hiked to reflect the level of responsibilities they faced.

"It was now time for the oppressive, custodial regime to be lifted at (Don Dale) to allow more engagement with detainees, and to provide an environment and regime more suitable to young people," the report said.

The scathing report makes 172 recommendations into both youth and adult justice, calling for a complete overhaul to address a "devastating" crisis unfolding for Indigenous Australians.

It was commissioned by the former Country Liberals Government, but the then chief minister, Adam Giles, refused to release it ahead of the August election that crushed his party. - AAP



### Music legends share fans – and the love

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ARCHIE Roach has Rodriguez, opening shows for his Return of Sugar Man 2016 Australian tour

(excluding Perth). Both humble legends in their own right, the soulful singer-songwriters share a loyal fan base and are fans of each other. Their mutual admiration is obvious, as is their appreciation of their fans.

"They've been great shows, great responses," Roach told the Koori Mail before the show in Hobart last week.

'There's people who know my music and come along for the double bill, and people who have never heard of me before.

"People, they came along to see

Rodriguez and became fans of mine, that's pretty cool."

It appears the 'fan sharing' went both wavs with other folk goi Roach and becoming fans of

Roach recalls listening to Rodriguez's music back in the 1970s, comparing him to 2016 Nobel Prize winner, singer Bob Dylan.

#### "Dylan but not Dylan"

"Dylan but not Dylan, Rodriguez's songwriting's unique. It's his way of writing, great voice, great songs,' Roach said.

"His songs are left of centre, quirky, I reckon. They reckon he was pretty famous in South Africa, but he was just as famous in Australia.'

Both gifted and captivating poets, vocalists, musicians and performers, Roach and Rodriguez sing of the human condition as well as their people: Roach of the Stolen Generations and hardships faced by Aboriginal people; Rodriguez of the seedier side and the downtrodden of Detroit, from where the 72-year-old Mexican-American hails.

But Roach's latest album, Let Love Rule, released earlier this month and from which he has been performing songs on the tour is, of course, all about love.

Rodriguez and Roach play in Adelaide tonight, November 30, and Sydney on December 5. Rodriguez plays on December 10 in Perth, with special guests Russell Morris, the Stephen Pigram Trio and Melody Pool.

Rodriguez will also perform at the Fairgrounds Festival in Berry, NSW, on December 2.

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# Corpus fights for land

**By JACK LATIMORE** 



FOR more than two years, Yawuru man Micklo Corpus has monitored the comings and goings of work crews at a remote gas

exploration site called Yulleroo on the outskirts of Roebuck Plains in Western Australia's Kimberley

From a campsite beside the front gate, he's made a stand for the land - as Corpus puts it - and its creatures, the water and for future generations.

Last week, his commitment and leadership were formally recognised by the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF), with Corpus being named alongside Adnymathanha antinuclear campaigner Regina McKenzie as the joint recipient of the 2016 Rawlinson Award at that organisation's annual meeting in

Corpus' vigil began in August 2014 after Buru Energy, the Perthbased company behind multiple gas exploration sites at Yulleroo, started seismic mapping after receiving approvals to frack (a controversial mining practice that blasts toxic chemicals into rock seams) within the environmentallysensitive Canning Basin.

"They do sonar readings so they can get a reading of what the formation looks like under the ground, 3km deep," Corpus says.

"When they do these activities our goannas are under the ground. And our goannas will come up when it's thunder and lightning and they feel the vibration, that's when they come out.

"But because (the sonar) is making the similar kind of vibrations it's disturbing their life. When we go hunting it's skinny



now. We gotta throw it away. For us that's wasting

"They've also bulldozed these seismic lines in the area where we got bilbies. We had a healthy population in that area.

"When the bulldozer comes it's in the day and this little creature is 3m under the ground. So when he comes up at night, his hole is blocked. He can't get out.

"The company say these little creatures are good diggers. But they only dig one way: down."

Preparing the exploratory sites at Yulleroo to extract the gas also threatens underground water reserves, says Corpus. Like the one nearby Broome relies on for its drinking water, as well as surface

waterways like the Fitzroy River and Roebuck Bay, a wetland identified by the Ramsar Convention as being of international importance.

"It's our water," says Corpus. "We should be zero tolerance. Nobody should be able to tamper with that water."

#### Major issue

Energy resource development in the Canning Basin is set to be a major environmental issue in the leadup to the 2017 WA election, with polls suggesting the results could go either way.

When company vehicles arrive, Corpus stops them and asks if the Yawuru Native Title Holders

Aboriginal Corporation has been notified they're on the site.

Buru Energy volunteered to consult closely with the prescribed body corporate when the company first set up on Yulleroo, says Corpus. That undertaking followed strong opposition to the venture, with 96% of Yawuru traditional owners unhappy with the arrangement, but without any native title provisions to veto the exploration permit.

The company said that they would talk to the people. They've been at the gate 33 times since I've been there. The Yawuru people were only made aware of them on three occasions," he said.

Corpus records the time of

entry, the number of people in each work crew, the type of work intended and the time they plan to leave. "They hate me," he laughs. 'Sometimes they're argy-bargy with me, but everybody's armed with cameras.'

If Corpus refuses access to the site, the police are notified and everybody waits a couple of hours for the time it takes to drive to Yulleroo from Broome. The police will then issue Corpus a 24-hour 'move-on' notice, which he says he lawfully complies with, before returning to his camp once the order has lapsed.

The Broome Shire Council has also sought to move him on, firstly claiming Corpus was camping on a stock route and more recently issuing an order to remove a shelter constructed without council approval. Estimated cost for the professional removal of the structure was quoted at \$26,000.

"I thought the approach that they'd have was to come and see me. I'm from the town and I vote there," says Corpus.

"But they waited until I went into town, then they stuck a building

The building order also prevented Corpus from personally taking down the shelter, meaning he would have to foot the \$26,000 bill. That order is currently being appealed at the State Administrative Tribunal.

"I think there's a move for me to be off the gate there and it comes from people upstairs there. I really feel that," says Corpus.

There is also mounting pressure on Buru Energy's \$30 million Canning Basin fracking scheme to produce a gas flow in the kinds of quantities that will reassure investors, as the company's share price continues to fall from a 2012 high of \$3.59 to about 20c at present.





#### 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 pre-school Are preparing to attend secondary school
  - ◆ Are transitioning from school to the workforce
- 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.

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	BRISBANE		PART 'A'
TOWN	TOWN	TOWN	TOWN
*ATHERTON	*INALA	*WOODRIDGE	*EDMONTON
*MAREEBA	*FOREST LAKE	*MARSDEN	*MANOORA
*YARRABAH	DURACK	*KINGSTON	*MANUNDA
*KOWANYAMA	BRACKEN RIDGE	*CRESTMEAD	*MOOROOBOOL
NAPARANUM	DOONLANDELLA	SLACKS CREEK	*BENTLY PARK
MORNINGTON ISLAND	ZILLMERE	LOGANLEA	WHITE ROCK
*HOPEVALE	RICHLANDS	LOGAN CENTRAL	GORDONVALE
AURUKUN	OXLEY	BORONIA HEIGHTS	WOREE
THURSDAY ISLAND	DARRA	REGENTS PARK	CAIRNS
INNISFAIL		HILLSCREST	WESTCOURT
LOCKHART RIVER		BROWNS PLAIN	MOUNT SHERIDAN
RAVENSHOE		ROCHEDALE SOUTH	
PORMPURAAW		SHAILER PARK	
BAMAGA		WATERFORD	
COOKTOWN			

IPSWICH CITY	CABOOLTURE SHIRE	WIDE BAY-BURNETT	TOWNSVILLE CITY
		SD BAL	PART 'A'
TOWN	TOWN	TOWN	TOWN
*IPSWICH	*CABOOLTURE	*CHERBOURG	MOUNT LOUISA
*BOOVAL	*DECEPTION BAY	GYMPIE	CRANROOK
*GOODNA	*MORAYFIELD	MARYBOROUGH	AITKENVALE
*REDBANK PLAINS	*NARANGBA	KINGAROY	TOWNSVILLE
SPRINGFIELD LAKES	*BURPENGARY		
BRASSALL			
BUNDAMBA			
LEICHARDT			
RACEVIEW			
RIVERVIEW			
COLLINGWOOD PARK			
GAILES			

FITZTROY	NORTHERN	BARKLY	NORTH WEST
SD BAL	SD BAL		
TOWN	TOWN	TOWN	TOWN
EMERALD	*PALM ISLAND	*MOUNT ISA	*DOOMAGEE
MOURA	AYR	LAKE NASH	NORMANTON
BILOELA	CHARTERS TOWERS	MORNINGTON ISLAND	HUGHENDEN
YEPPOON	INGHAM		CLONCURRY
BLACKWATER			
WOORABINDA			



### **Burney blasts Govt approach**



FEDERAL Labor MP Linda Burney has slammed the Turnbull Government's "paternalistic"

approach towards Indigenous people and demanded decisionmaking power be delivered back to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"Inflicting policy decisions on Aboriginal communities and then arriving later for a photo op and Twitter post is not a substitute for consultation," she said.

"Command and control policy

from Canberra will not help. At best it might make politicians and public servants in Canberra feel better at not having to hear cries for help."

The Opposition spokeswoman for human services delivered a scathing assessment of the plight of Indigenous people while speaking at the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin.

"For all the talk of 'Prime Ministers for Indigenous Affairs' and a bipartisan commitment to closing the gap, we are yet to see the progress we need," Ms Burney, a Wiradjuri woman, said.

Life expectancy for Aboriginal

Australians is almost a decade shorter than the rest of the population, while incarceration and suicide rates are soaring, especially amongst children. Indigenous birth weights are consistently lower, as are educational outcomes and average earnings.

"It is easy to see how in the face of this despair, governments can turn to lazy policy options and the comfort of the past," Ms Burney said. She said conservative forces have cut funding to legal services and advocacy groups while ignoring Aboriginal voices.

"Half a billion dollars has been pulled out of the Indigenous Affairs budget," she said.

Ms Burney said a perfect example was the Don Dale Youth Detention Centre scandal, which received scant political attention until footage of boys being tear gassed was aired nationally, despite previous coverage in Indigenous media, including the Koori Mail, and outrage from local leaders.

"Indeed, we know now that both the federal and state governments were well aware of the issue," she said. Ms Burney says she takes heart from communities supporting their own initiatives which target stable housing, early education and social support.

The Labor frontbencher called on the Government to invest in culturally specific and communityled programs to bring Indigenous people out of disadvantage.

"They just require political bravery, and with a record number of First Australians inside our Parliament and an increasingly active and determined community outside it, I am confident we can find that will." she said. – AAP





WHEN it comes to pool, few are handier than David Smallwood.

The Bindal Elder, pictured here, underlined

his skill as part of the six-member Australian team that finished third out of 19 countries at the recent Blackball Pool International World Championships in Killarney, Ireland. Blackball is an internationally standardised variation of the popular bar and club game eightball pool.

Mr Smallwood, who calls Townsville in north Queensland home, said he "played out of my skin" at the world titles.

A more-than-handy Australian rules footballer in his younger days, the 66-yearold has already been invited to compete at next year's world blackball titles, in Malta.

● See our report on page 66. Picture: Christine Howes

### Introducing... Yarning Epilepsy

Epilepsy Action Australia is proud to present one of our latest resources: Yarning Epilepsy. Yarning Epilepsy is a FREE online learning and teaching tool that has been culturally tailored for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healthcare and community workers, designed to enhance your knowledge of epilepsy and seizures, and assist in educating your community.

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### **IPP 'worth millions**



THE Federal
Government says
its Indigenous
Procurement Policy
(IPP) has exceeded
all expectations in its

first year. Implemented from July 1, 2015, the IPP has resulted in contracts worth a total of \$284.2 million being awarded to Indigenous businesses across Australia.

The Government says the IPP works because it understands how small business works.

The first-year target of 256 contracts has been surpassed more

than five times over, with more than 1500 contracts being awarded to 493 Indigenous businesses in 2015-16.

More than half of the total value of Indigenous business contracts went to the building, construction and maintenance sector.

The Government says what makes the IPP so 'remarkable' is the breadth of goods and services delivered by Indigenous businesses under this policy. It includes everything from uniforms, to information and communications technology, to recruitment, legal and financial services.

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## Rock shelter confirms what Aboriginal people knew



A RECENT archeological search done in conjunction with Adnyamathanha people has proven what Aboriginal people have long known: arid parts of

central Australia have been inhabited for nearly 50,000 years.

A rock shelter in South Australia's Flinders Ranges has revealed remnants of plants, ochre and bones, including one from a rhino-sized marsupial, among 4300 artefacts uncovered at the site about 550km north of Adelaide.

Some are up to 49,000 years old, research led by La Trobe University archeologist Giles Hamm and published in the journal Nature shows.

The artefacts show Australia's first people lived in the country's harsh interior 10,000 years earlier than previous findings had proved.

Adnyamathanha man Cliff Coulthard, from the Flinders Ranges, said the long history of Warratyi shelter came as no surprise to his people.

"A lot of our Elders said that our people were here a long time," he said. "So to see a date, they're really

A sharpened bone point found at the site is the oldest bone tool found in

Mr Hamm said Mr Coulthard, from the Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association, showed him the remote

"We looked up and there was a blackened wall and we knew that was obviously an indication of people firing inside the shelter," Mr Hamm said.

He said an early probe found charcoal a metre deep into the shelter's soil, but his team had not initially realised just how far back the shelter dated.

"We only thought it might have been 5000 or 6000 years old, because there's no way we thought that a metre of deposit would go back so far," he



Profile view of Warratyi Rock Shelter elevated above local stream catchment.

said. "The first inkling we knew it was old, we got these emu egg shells back starting in the 20-something thousand, and then it just kept getting older."

Mr Coulthard said he'd first become aware of the shelter when he was working as a ranger in the 1970s.

"The Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association wanted me to go along and work with Giles, to look at certain areas," he said.

#### "Native title land"

"We are really happy it's in our native title land.'

Mr Coulthard will continue to act as a bridge between the academics and the Adnyamathanha people.

"With the date, the Adnyamathanha people are really scared because they're (the SA and Federal governments) going to dump the nuclear waste here," he said.

"Giles and I and a couple of other Adnyamathanha people are going to go back. Working together is really good."

One bone found at the site belonged to the largest marsupial to have existed, the Diprotodon optatuma, a wombat-like creature the size of a

Gavin Prideaux, from Flinders University's School of Biological Science, said the finding proves humans were interacting with megafauna at the time and were likely eating them.

"None of us can imagine any way that a Diprotodon would have scaled the cliff up to that rock shelter, so it would have to have been brought up there by people," he said.

The University of Adelaide's Lee Arnold used radiocarbon and luminescence dating technologies to pinpoint the age of the shelter artefacts.

'The approach we've taken sets, in many ways, a kind of new benchmark for archaeological dating in terms of its comprehensiveness and the types of techniques that we've used," Dr Arnold said. - with AAP



Adnymathanha man Clifford Coulthard with archaeologist Giles Hamm and Dr Lee Arnold.



Adult diprotodon (Diprotodon optatum) was a giant megafauna herbivore weighing about three tonnes and about four metres long. Part of a junvenile radius bone of a diprotodon was found in Warratyi's early occupation levels.





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### Jabiru's future is on the line



**DISCUSSIONS** over the future of a community near the Northern National Park have begun as a mining

company prepares to pull out. Jabiru town was built for the

Ranger uranium mine, which has been operating for more than three decades.

The town was always intended to be temporary, and its head lease will expire in about four years.

ERA (in which Rio Tinto is the majority shareholder) operates the Ranger mine and has started a social impact assessment to determine a transition and rehabilitation strategy for the township.

ERA says it's not developing a plan for the future of Jabiru beyond the lease expiration in 2021 when production stops, which they claim will cost 350 jobs.

"It is important to note that a separate process involving the Commonwealth

### "It's about maintaining this town and maintaining essential services locally."

Government, Northern Territory Government and traditional owner representatives has commenced to develop and agree a future plan for Jabiru," ERA said.

The outcome of those discussions will also have a significant influence on ERA's

Traditional owners warn that if the NT Government doesn't effectively be demolished.

Justin O'Brien, chief executive of the Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation which

represents the Mirarr traditional owners, says Jabiru is the gateway to Kakadu and should continue to function without the mine. "It's about maintaining this town and

maintaining essential services locally," he told ABC local radio.

Jabiru residents and local business owners have been invited to attend information sessions this month, while more planned to take place early next year. - AAP



Research student and opera singer Caitlin Easton: "The opera deals with some pretty heavy subjects, as does the specific field of science that I work in.

# Researcher performs at opera house



IT'S a busy time for University of Southern Queensland (USQ) Master of Science (Research) student and Bundjalung woman Caitlin Easton. Not only is she hard at work as a research

assistant and student exploring community perceptions of Indigenous youth suicide in St George, western Queensland, she has also recently returned from performing in the opera Pecan Summer at the Sydney Opera House.

Mrs Easton was cast as 'Daughter' in the opera, written by Yorta Yorta woman Deborah Cheetham, during its first run six years ago.

She has returned to the role many times, including its most recent performance at the Sydney Opera House.

Pecan Summer is based on the events surrounding the walkoff from Cummeragunja Mission on the Murray River in 1939 in protest of the harsh conditions on the mission.

Mrs Easton said the Sydney Opera House performance fulfilled a childhood dream.

"It was really lovely walking out on to the concert hall stage," she said

"All of the professional artists told me that the excitement never gets old for them either - it doesn't matter if it's their first time or their 400th, you still have this overwhelming 'wow' moment.

"Given the subject matter, telling this story at the Sydney Opera House was poignant.

"The opera flashes forward and back between the walkoff and current day and in both time scenes talks about all these policies, about how children were taken in the Stolen Generation.

"It a significant story and an emotionally exhausting experience for the cast and

Mrs Easton said her involvement in the opera complemented her research work.

#### "Hand-in-hand"

"I find that they go hand-in-hand really well," she said. "The opera deals with some pretty heavy subjects, as does the specific field of science that I work in.

"There is little data on what the community feels influences the rates of suicide in youth.

"I'm sitting down with the community members, Elders, and other stakeholders such as police to get their thoughts.

"I'm also looking at what happens in the community when Indigenous youth suicide occurs, and gauging what is in place to support families and the community, as well as available preventative services.

"These are all stories that should and must





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#### By CHRISTINE HOWES



AN important part of Lockhart River's history now has far better access thanks to more than a year of ongoing work by locally owned

contacting companies. The businesses are undertaking work on the road to the 'Old Site', the original Anglican mission in the area, about 800km north of Cairns on the eastern side of Cape York.

That site was established by Anglican missionaries in 1924, with the current Lockhart River community site about 60km away founded in the 1960s at the edge of Iron Range

The Old Site Road took drivers over several surfaces, including gravel and sand, and through terrain ranging from wetlands and rainforest to steep hills and grassy flats.

The drive to the original mission site used to take up to six hours, with access very difficult in the wet season.

The opportunity for local contractors to bid for the job of revamping the road came after the Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance (CIMA) successfully lobbied for councils to be given principal contractor status, allowing them control of work processes.

Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council chief executive David Clarke said a process was now in place that allowed the council to work directly with local businesses on projects.

## **Lockhart River** on the road to a brighter future



He said that the process should encourage locals to have a go at

starting businesses. "I'd much rather use local people than bring people in from outside," he said.

Mayor Wayne Butcher said the council was keen to develop and support local business. "Private businesses are an important step towards building our

own local economy. We need to

build strategies and policies to cater for local business growth," he said.

"More local businesses lead to more jobs for the community."

Independent contractor Paul Piva said he was working with about 10 local men, as well as a mate of his from Bamaga, on the Old Site Road.

"Blokes are approaching us and asking us for work," he said.

"Everyone's got a spring on their

"And the good thing about it is the money is actually staying in the community. It's never happened like that before.'

Fellow civil works contractor Ryan Accoom said it was great to be working.

"It feels good to get the locals working out here and keep the money in town," he said.

Mr Piva said there were other benefits for the community.

"Blokes who have never had experience in business just get in there and do it," he said.

Go and have a look at the road. It's a testament to what I'm talking about.

The road is probably the best

it's ever been."

Council works manager Russell Cox said he was looking forward to seeing more locals involved.

'There will be more work. We're upskilling them and then we see the satisfaction that they get from doing a good job," he said.

The new beach frontage was done by our local guys. The pride on their faces after it was completed and the ownership that they took of it - just incredible."

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### **Book looks at how** escaped convicts lived with 'locals'

By KEIRA JENKINS



**HISTORIANS** John Maynard and Victoria Haskins have released a book exploring the

stories of castaways and convict escapees who found refuge with Indigenous communities during the early years of colonisation.

In Living with the locals, the husband-and-wife team share 13 stories of people who were taken in by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and lived in communities, some for as long as 30 years.

Many of those taken in by communities were given Indigenous names and some married and learned language.

But the book is not just about recounting the stories of convicts and castaways some of which are already well-known – but also aims to give the reader an insight into the life of Indigenous people during those times.

Prof Maynard, a Worimi man from the Port Stephens region of NSW, said it looks at the stories of escapees and

castaways through an Indigenous lens.

"I always look at the missing aspects of history in my work," he told the Koori

"For so long Indigenous people were written out of history. We're still finding the missing pieces of the puzzle.

"I think it was a good idea for my wife Victoria to balance the perspective a bit. We've got an Indigenous perspective and a non-Indigenous perspective and we're both passionate historians."

#### Interested

Prof Maynard was approached by the National Library to take on the project, and he was immediately interested.

He said the launch attracted a crowd, with the venue being booked out.

"We want to target the wider community because this is shared history," he said.

"The thing about most of the individuals whose stories are recounted in the book is that most of them wouldn't have survived without the help of the Indigenous people

"We could learn something from that today with the current situation surrounding refugees. The individuals who were taken in were refugees and the Indigenous people gave them help.'

Mr Maynard said it was important to both him and Ms Haskins to look for the Indigenous perspectives in stories that were originally written from a non-Indigenous point of view.

"What would the Indigenous people have thought about these strangers wandering around and bumbling into their communities?" he said.

"It's important to put across the Indigenous point of view because some of the things in the original stories just don't add up when you look into them.'

Mr Maynard said writing the book was a great opportunity to tell these stories and to work with Ms Haskins.

"It was a unique opportunity for us. We also really appreciate what the National Library has done for us: giving us access to their archives and providing beautiful images to include in the book

# NT kids in crisis



**NORTHERN Territory** Minister for Children Nicole Manison admits it will take a decade to achieve better outcomes for NT kids as new

figures reveal the number of child abuse reports are skyrocketing.

There was a 20% spike in reports of potential harm to children last year, and Aboriginal kids again made up most cases, the NT Children's Commissioner's annual report shows.

Ms Manison said it was "horrendous" that the number of notifications of potential child abuse has more than doubled in the past five years

"Too many children have lives that they don't deserve," she said.

Almost 1800 children were neglected or abused in one year, and the Government failed to protect nearly a quarter of them from further harm, the report said.

Indigenous kids comprise fewer than half of all children in the NT, but accounted for 78% of all harm notifications last year, a figure that has continued to increase annually.

"It's not good enough. That's why we're targeting this early childhood space," Ms Manison said.

"It's not going to take just this term

of government alone to get the results we need; we're looking at about 10 years to really see the change we

The new Labor Government said five expert panellists would advise on the NT's Early Childhood Development Plan, which seeks to achieve generational improvement in health and education outcomes.

Ms Manison, who is also NT Treasurer, said investing in children early in life is going to save government money down the road through reduced support services and incarceration costs

The Government has outlayed \$15 million in the 2017-18 financial year for building a new youth detention centre to replace the notorious Don Dale facility, where boys were tear gassed two years ago.

But Ms Manison concedes that funding won't be nearly enough.

Children's Commissioner Colleen Gwynne says there's a "real breakdown" in the child protection system, and staff need to be better resourced and trained.

She advocated early intervention to asses the triggers that lead to a child entering into care.

"That's the crisis point... (but) what has happened to the child up until then?" she told ABC radio. - AAP





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### Yungngora testing Ideas Box



THE Yungngora Aboriginal Community in Western Australia's Kimberley is testing a high-tech portable library that promises benefits for people of all ages.

WA Culture Minister John Day said the Ideas Box initiative was a collaboration between the State Library

of WA, the French Bibliotheques Sans Frontiers (Libraries Without Borders) and the Yungngora Aboriginal Community.

"Originally designed for refugee camps, the Ideas Box is ideal for use in regional and remote communities because it is robust, with minimal energy needs and its own power source," he said.

"It fits on two freight pallets but expands to cover up to 90 square metres.

"Judging by the initial reactions, I'm sure Yungngora children and adults alike will come up with many different creative solutions using the tools available and find fascinating ways to use the Ideas

The Ideas Box has resources including books, laptop computers with picture-editing software, digital cameras for producing videos, an LCD television for movie screenings, board games, stationery items for craft activities and e-readers with pre-loaded e-books.

'The Ideas Box arrived in Yungngora in September and will stay throughout the wet season," Mr Day said.

"Local leaders and families are enthusiastic because this innovation brings all the advantages of a modern, interactive library into the heart of their community at a time when they can be isolated by

'The success of the pilot will determine the potential of the Ideas Box, but early signs are encouraging.'



Elizabeth Spencer with senior Yungngora woman Mavis Kennedy at the Ideas Box launch. Picture: State Library of WA



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# Mine battle to continue



WANGAN and Jagalingou (W&J) traditional owners say the decision in the Supreme Court to dismiss

their challenge to the issuing of the mining leases to Adani by Queensland Mines Minister Anthony Lynham only strengthens their resolve.

Adrian Burragubba and four other members of the W&J Council sought a judicial review in the Queensland Supreme Court of Mr Lynham's decision to issue mining leases for the Carmichael coal mine.

"Although the scope for the review was narrow, we are disappointed the decision went against us," Mr Burragubba said.

"We remind the Queensland overnment that the matter doesn't end here. The validity of the decision making of the National Native Title Tribunal, prior to the Minister for Mining issuing the leases, is still the subject of an appeal to the Full

Bench of the Federal Court to be heard in February 2017.

"Our resolve is only strengthened by this decision.

"We know we have a long way to go to establish our rights to land and waters, and the continuity of our laws and customs, in the face of a state that treats us as nothing more than an obstacle on their path to destroying our ancestral country and ripping up coal."

#### Challenge

Mr Burragubba and other members of the W&J Council have several cases still running that challenge the legal basis of the leases and seek to defend the rights of traditional owners to speak for their country and say 'no'.

"We will fight on the legal and political frontline for our rights and the protection of country against big miners, and governments that are in a frenzy to do their bidding," Mr Burragubba said.

"We will take our cause to the High Court if necessary."

Lawyer for the five applicants to the judicial review Colin Hardie said he was "concerned with the way the minister has failed to consider the native title rights of his clients, and their obvious and plain rejection of the Adani project".

"My clients will review the decision and consider their grounds for an appeal, looking especially at the way in which they believe they were denied natural justice before the minister granted the mining leases," he said.

"The fully informed and prior consent of traditional owners for mining projects is increasingly being recognised in international law and it should not be any different in Queensland."

The mine has caused a bitter dispute between Wangan and Jagalingou people, with some supporting the mine and others passionately opposed.

### Tiwi Plantations repayments frozen



THE Northern Territory Government has frozen the Tiwi Plantations Corporation's (TPC) repayments on its existing loan with the Government.

The decision came after the Government met with other creditors

to discuss the ongoing operations of the TPC. No further capital will be provided by the NT Government beyond the \$6.8 million loan, which was provided by the previous CLP Government.

The Government says the focus now is working with TPC to improve operations and put it on a sustainable long-term path.

Deloitte has been working with TPC since May and the NT Government says this has seen improvements in the performance and accountability of the company.



### Driving change in the N1

CHARLES Darwin University is in the final stages of a three-year program that is working with remote Indigenous communities to engage in higher education.

A team from the Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Leadership has been working with remote Indigenous communities across the Northern Territory to explore Indigenous community perceptions about pathways into higher education.

Manager of the Whole of Community Engagement (WCE) project, Associate Professor James Smith said the initiative recognised

### Remote communities find paths into higher ed

they aimed to study at university.

"This project aims to address these challenges by drawing on the strengths of each community," Dr Smith said.

Funded the Australian by Government's Department Education and Training, WCE has been implemented in Galiwin'ku, Gunbalanya, Maningrida, Tennant Creek, Yirrkala and Yuendumu.

"It has involved campus-based staff and Indigenous community-

that many remote Indigenous people based staff working side-by-side, in a identifying strategies to improve faced significant challenges when culturally respectful way, to identify language, literacy and numeracy and implement actions that support higher education priorities in each of these communities," he said.

> Achievements include implementing mentoring programs, strengthening Indigenous school governance, leadership and youth enhancing leadership capability, supporting Indigenous teacher aspirations, raising awareness of further study pathways, improving organisational systems, highlighting Indigenous student success stories,

provision for remote learners, and bringing community stakeholders together to identify opportunities for collaboration.

This has involved more than 100 partnership activities with community-based organisations and schools, and engaged more than 2500

Much of the work was presented at the Indigenous Leaders Conference held in Darwin in November.

The WCE team recently received an Australia Research Education Award from the Society for the Provision of Rural Education in Australia for this

'The award demonstrates that the WCE initiative is recognised nationally for its innovative community engagement approach," Dr Smith said.

"The initiative is a collective effort that shows the true value of partnership development for driving change to meet remote Indigenous student needs."

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### **Partnership** reinforces governance

CDU has partnered with the Yambirrpa Schools Council (YSC) in Yirrkala to establish an historic gathering of school councils from remote Indigenous communities.

Associate Professor James Smith, of CDU's Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Leadership, said the remote communities involved in the gathering believed strengthening Indigenous governance and leadership in remote schools was central to improving Indigenous education.

The planning and delivery of a joint school councils gathering provided a safe environment for school councils to share stories and acknowledge the challenges and successes of school councils across the NT.

The gathering included 20 Indigenous school council representatives from Yambirrpa, Shepherdson College, Maningrida College, Gunbalanya, Yuendumu, Tennant Creek High School and Tennant Creek Primary School. Staff from the NT Department of Education and CDU also attended.

Dr Smith said that an important outcome was the development of a collective school council statement on remote Indigenous education. Key priorities identified included more funding and support for remote school councils to strengthen Indigenous governance and leadership capacity, more Indigenous teachers and team teachers in remote and very remote settings, and a deeper effort to incorporate local languages, culture and cultural education practices into school curriculums.

Chair of the Yambirrpa Schools Council, Mr Djuwalpi Marika said that coming together to discover what was happening in other communities had been empowering. "It helps us to provide a nurturing environment," he

Chair of the Yuendumu School said: "We want our youth to be supported and move into leadership positions to improve education outcomes.



From left: Associate Professor James Smith, of CDU, with Sean Spencer (Tennant Creek), Rodriguez Wilson (Gunbalanya), Joseph Shannon (Tennant Creek) and Mikeala Anderson (Elliott)

### Youth gather for leadership summit

YOUNG Indigenous people from eight remote communities in the Northern Territory and Western Australia gathered in Darwin and Batchelor recently to talk about their leadership aspirations.

Charles Darwin University (CDU) partnered with the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) to deliver a Remote Indigenous Youth Leadership Summit, which was held at the BIITE campus at Batchelor and CDU's Casuarina campus.

More than 30 young Indigenous people took part in the summit, which focused on: youth leadership and governance; education and employment pathways; connecting with communities; and language, culture and identity.

The group heard from prominent Wendy Ludwig, said the Remote local Indigenous leaders including Charlie King and Ngaree Ah Kit MLA.

involved summit also workshops about the leadership challenges and opportunities the young people faced daily. They also took part in a Youth Roundtable Discussion as part of the Indigenous Leaders Conference held in Darwin during the same week.

One young man from Gunbalanya who took part in the summit, Rodriguez Wilson, 19, said he was learning "how to be a leader and role model, and how to use that knowledge to create change in a dominant non-Indigenous society".

Indigenous Youth Leadership Summit provided an opportunity for Indigenous youth to build networks and contacts to assist in their development as strong and valuable members of their communities and the broader Australian community.

"Young Indigenous people are often challenged by the university environment, and the summit has provided an opportunity for participants to strengthen their Indigenous identity to work through the challenges of operating in new and challenging environments," Ms Ludwig said.

"These young people are paving The Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor a bright future for themselves, their Indigenous Leadership at CDU, Ms peers, families and communities."

### Call goes out for more LLN funding

REMOTE Indigenous communities are calling for greater investment in English language, literacy and (LLN) to improve numeracy Indigenous VET and higher education participation rates in the long term.

Pro Vice-Chancellor Vocational Education and Training, Ms Christine Robertson said it was well documented that poor LLN skills were among the biggest barriers for remote Indigenous students to achieve successful education

She said CDU has received a clear message from remote Indigenous communities that further investment in LLN was required to improve Indigenous VET and higher education participation rates over the longer term.

"Being able to work with computers and to speak, read, write, learn and communicate in English and to apply these skills in life have been viewed as essential by those who have educational aspirations for themselves, their family and community," Ms Robertson said.

"At present people are saying that they feel 'locked out' and that English literacy was the key."

In response, CDU's Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Leadership organised an LLN workshop with experts from across Australia to stimulate local dialogue and share best-practice examples to improve Indigenous adult English LLN in the Northern Territory.

This event was held in November and involved over 75 people from more than 25 organisations and government departments. workshop laid the foundation for the development of a Northern Territory Strategy for Indigenous Adult English LLN.

The workshop investigated adult LLN from many perspectives including social and community capacity-building models.

### Mentors 'key to improving education outcomes'

SHEPHERDSON College in the Galiwin'ku has taken a new approach important part of the program. to Indigenous student mentoring.

Yalu Marnggithinyaraw, have been telling stories. working with students to support and academic skills and knowledge.

Establishing relationships between remote Indigenous community of students and mentors has been an and writing activities for students

The mentors have developed literacy and numeracy. Indigenous mentors from a local relationships with the students indigenous research organisation, through activities such as sports and

This has progressed to teaching them in learning both Indigenous culture and activities specific to academic learning.

The mentors lead group reading to practise their English language,

The students also have been learning about Indigenous cultural protocols, which help them understand how they can relate better to other students and teachers.



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### **Aboriginal Heritage** MR56 Lachlan Valley Way overtaking lane and safety work

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Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by 14 December 2016.

Roads and Maritime propose to improve the safety and efficiency of two sections of the Lachlan Valley Way, 4.5km to 6km and 28km to 30km north from the Hume Highway towards Boorowa, near Walls Junction Road and Kangiara. This work may include realignment of the existing road.

The proposal may result in the Roads and Maritime:

- Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, and/or
- Code of practice for archaeological investigations in NSW 2010, and/or
- Undertaking an environmental impact assessment under the Environmental Planning & Assessment 🖁





# Women finalists for Australian of the Year honours



Aboriginal women have been named as finalists in the 2017 Australian

of the Year Awards.

Andrea Mason, chief executive of the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council, is the Northern Territory's representative in the Australian of the Year.

Aboriginal educators Lois Peeler, from Victoria, and Patricia Buckskin, from South Australia, are both finalists in the Senior Australian of the

And community advocate June Oscar, from Western Australia, is a finalist in the Local Hero category.

Ms Mason, a Karonie (WA) and Ngaanyatjarra woman, brings together Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal thinking to create employment, support health and wellbeing, and to tackle domestic violence and other social challenges.

#### Respect

With deep respect for local languages, law and culture, the NPY Women's Council is leading innovative social enterprises, such as the Tjanpi Desert Weavers, building micro businesses, teaching valuable employment skills, and melding traditional healers with the best of Western medicine in a bid to maximise healing and wellbeing.

Ms Mason says she is determined to help children and young people realise the same aspirations as their urban counterparts. She has also been named the 2016 Telstra Australian Businesswoman of the Year.

Ms Peeler, a Yorta Yorta Elder, is a political activist and principal at an Aboriginal girls' boarding school in Victoria.

She was a member of The Sapphires singing group and has worked in a range of roles in Indigenous affairs. She chairs the Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee.

At Worawa Aboriginal College in Healesville, Ms Peeler welcomes students from some of Australia's most remote regions. She oversees a holistic approach to education that brings together Aboriginal knowledge, values and teaching practice and Western academic leadership.

A Narrunga Kaurna woman, Patricia Buckskin grew up in a family of eight children in South Australia's









Australian of the Year 2017 award finalists: clockwise from top left, Patricia Buckskin, Andrea Mason, Lois Peler and June Oscar.

Her lifelong passion for Aboriginal education was sparked in 1972 when she was appointed to Mansfield Park Primary School as its first Aboriginal teacher aide.

In 1987, following the formation of the South Australian Aboriginal Education Unit, Ms Buckskin was appointed as the first Aboriginal state manager of Aboriginal education workers, a position she held until her retirement in 2009.

A strong advocate and sounding board for many, Ms Buckskin drove the development of the first culturally based education award in Australia, led committees and was instrumental in setting up the Kaurna Plains Aboriginal School, the first public Aboriginal school established in an urban setting in Australia.

A senior Bunuba woman from Fitzroy Crossing, Ms Oscar upset businesses and members of her own extended family when she began the tough work of securing alcohol restrictions in her community in 2007.

But those restrictions acted as a circuit-breaker for a town in crisis. Frequent alcohol-fuelled violence and suicide had cast a shadow over Fitzroy Crossing in the Kimberley when Ms Oscar enlisted the support of WA Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan to lobby for a ban on full-strength takeaway

Since then, she has overseen the nation's first study of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD), discovering what many suspected: that her community has one of the highest rates of permanent brain damage from maternal alcohol abuse in the world.

#### Constructive

Ms Oscar has since brought about constructive discussion between often conflicting groups to support Indigenous families affected by FASD, and to build a safe and healthy future for the generations to come.

Billionaire miner Andrew 'Twiggy' Forrest is WA's entrant in the Australian of the Year. Mr Forrest's report

'Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage' provided the blueprint for many of the Coalition's policies in Indigenous Affairs, including the 'Healthy Welfare' card, which has been described by social justice and Indigenous advocates as paternalistic and racist, and the Indigenous Procurement

Mr Forrest's company Fortescue Metals has been in a long-running dispute with the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation over royalties.

Sister Anne Gardiner, a Catholic nun who served in the Tiwi Islands for more than 60 years and who has worked to preserve Tiwi language, is the NT Senior Australian of the Year.

And Arthur Alla, the founder of Red Earth, an organisation that gives Indigenous Australians from remote homelands a way to host young people from the city, is a finalist in the Young Australian of the Year award.

The 2017 Australian of the Year Awards will be announced on January 25 in



Law student Mark Munnich attends the eighth Commonwealth Youth Parliament in Canada. *Picture: Legislative Assembly of British Columbia* 

# Taste of how democracy works for NT law student



A CHARLES Darwin University law student has represented the Northern Territory and experienced the workings of parliamentary democracy at an international conference in Canada.

Mark Munnich, a Yawuru and Gunggandji man from Darwin, joined more than 60 young people from Commonwealth countries at the recent eighth Commonwealth Youth Parliament.

Mr Munnich said he gained a valuable insight into processes and proceedings of a Commonwealth parliament, while taking part in mock debates and question time at the Parliament of British Columbia, in

Victoria on the Canadian west coast.

He said he took the role of the Indigenous and Cultural Affairs Minister during the event and spoke about issues affecting Indigenous Territorians.

"I found that many Commonwealth nations shared similar issues to the NT, including health and education," Mr Munnich said.

"The Commonwealth Youth Parliament taught me about advocacy and how to approach political issues respectfully."

Earlier this year, the Legislative Assembly of the NT selected Mr Munnich to represent the Territory at the event.

He also has been selected by the NT Government to be an ambassador at 2017 National Youth Week.

# Attorney talks up restorative justice



ACT Attorney-General Gordon Ramsay says the latest Canberra Restorative Communities Network

workshop shows there is more scope to implement restorative practices in the criminal justice system.

The ACT's Restorative Justice Scheme focuses on the rehabilitation of offenders through reconciliation with victims, supporting people affected by crime to come together where appropriate and discuss what happened.

Mr Ramsay opened the 'Restorative Approaches across the Criminal Justice System' workshop and joined with key stakeholders to discuss how to best use restorative practices in the ACT.

"I am committed to working closely with key stakeholders in the legal profession on ways we can improve the criminal justice system to better meet the needs of victims, perpetrators and the wider community," he said.

"Restorative justice is now accessible to the community for those impacted by adult and juvenile offences, for serious as well as less serious offences.

"The Restorative Justice Unit includes two Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander guidance partners to ensure that restorative justice conferencing is accessible and meaningful for our Indigenous community."

## AIATSIS chief executive to leave at end of year



AUSTRALIAN Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) chief executive Russell Taylor will resign,

effective December 30.

AIATSIS chairperson Mick Dodson said Mr Taylor has made an "invaluable contribution to the sustainable development and future prosperity of the institute".

"His commitment to the institute has been unwavering over the past eight years," Prof Dodson said.

"We have a saying at the institute,

that 'you never truly leave', and in that vein I hope that though he may be about to step down, his association with the institute continues"

Mr Taylor began his second term as the chief executive of AIATSIS in 2009 and has overseen transformation, culminating in a recent campaign to increase base funding for AIATSIS' work.

Mr Taylor said he has enjoyed every moment and aspect of his involvement with AIATSIS, however, it was now time for him to retire in order to pursue other aspirations.

# WA Premier warns over social crisis



WESTERN Australian Premier Colin Barnett says most of Australia is ignorant about a social crisis in which more Aboriginal than non-Aboriginal children

live in state care despite Indigenous people representing well under 7% of the state's population.

New figures show high numbers of male Aboriginal juvenile offenders are having applications for parole refused because no responsible adult could be found to care for them.

Mr Barnett said people should be worried about those issues rather than the current debate over formal racial hatred complaints against a controversial newspaper cartoon by Bill Leak. It depicted an Aboriginal man as a drunk who did not know his delinquent son's name.

"I think taking court action and the like is just a gross overreaction," Mr Barnett said. "There are serious issues for Aboriginal people, particularly in the Kimberley – youth suicide, foetal alcohol syndrome for newborn babies, excessive consumption of alcohol, lack of employment, lack of housing."

Mr Barnett claimed the situation was so bad that agencies often knew

a pregnant girl's child would be put into state care after birth.

"That is basically third world conditions ... I don't think the rest of Australia understands the severity of some of the issues faced, not exclusively in Aboriginal communities but predominantly and increasingly, by Aboriginal children," Mr Barnett said.

A 12-year-old Perth Indigenous boy, who was 11 when arrested this year and was one of the youngest people ever charged with murder in Australia, has not received bail because a safe and suitable guardian cannot be found.

From 256 parole applications in 2015-16, 58 were knocked back because of a lack of basic housing criteria and more than 80% of those involved Aboriginal children and mostly boys, the Supervised Release Review Board's annual report shows. More than half of the 130 detainees at Perth's only juvenile prison, Banksia Hill, are Indigenous.

WA Corrective Services Minister Joe Francis said the opening of two new accommodation units with adult supervisors outside Banksia Hill soon would provide temporary accommodation and a way to get children out of jail. – AAP

### REGISTRATION FOR ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Transport for NSW proposes to deliver a new train maintenance facility at a site in Kangy Angy on the Central Coast of NSW to support the procurement of the New Intercity Fleet. An area of potential Aboriginal archaeological sensitivity has been identified within properties located on Orchard Road and Ourimbah Road, Kangy Angy.

Transport for NSW invites registrations of interest from Aboriginal groups and individuals who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects, and or places, in the project area.

The purpose of the community consultation is to assist the proponent in the development of an archaeological investigation methodology, and if required, to assist the proponent in the preparation of an application for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit for the proposal. The consultation will also assist the Director General of the Office of Environment and Heritage in his or her consideration and determination of the application.

Please be advised that the details of the parties who register will be forwarded to the Office of Environment and Heritage and Local Aboriginal Land Council unless specified otherwise.

Please register your interest in the project by **16 December 2016** by contacting: Alyce Haast, Artefact Heritage

Level 4, Building B, 35 Saunders Street, Pyrmont NSW 2009

02 9518 8411

alyce.haast@artefact.net.au

Contact:

Email: projects@transport.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 1800 684 490 or visit transport.nsw.gov.au/projects

MAKING IT HAPPEN



### DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



### 4 Quote



"The opera deals with some pretty heavy subjects, as does the specific field of science that I work in."

- Youth suicide researcher and opera singer Caitlin Easton

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### It's everyone's responsibility

ALMOST every edition of the Koori Mail we run stories about violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

Many contain the brave voices of Indigenous women telling of their own experiences of violence, or working to stop violence and support victims.

And many contain the brave voices of Indigenous men speaking up against perpetrators and railing against violent acts.

Because while acts of family and sexual violence are gendered - in that they occur far more frequently against women than men - the ways to address the issues are everyone's responsibility.

The most tragic stories are those of women and children who die or are injured at the hands of someone who

You can't look at violence in isolation. There needs to be - as with so many aspects of wellbeing - a holistic approach that considers health, housing, alcohol, drugs, employment, education and a raft of other related factors.

Awareness-raising campaigns are all well and good, but unless they're backed by well thought-out, researched and planned actions, what's the point?

One of the strengths of Gurindji man Charlie King's No More campaign



is that it does more than simply raise awareness of the rates of violence against Indigenous women.

It began as a grassroots campaign working with sporting organisations. Aboriginal men working with other Aboriginal men to stop violence.

Professor Marcia Langton is dead right when she says there needs to be more rigorous assessment of what programs work.

The Kungkas Stopping Violence program in Alice Springs supported by Professor Judy Atkinson and the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service looks to be on the right track.

It works with female Aboriginal prisoners before they leave prison and then continues to work with them for a year after they are released.

Everyone deserves to live in an environment where they feel safe from the threat of violence.

And that really is everyone's responsibility to ensure.

### Koori Mail – 100% Aboriginal-owned

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# **A Yarn**



### Karl **Briscoe**

**National Aboriginal** and Torres Strait **Islander Health Worker Association** (NATSIHWA) chief executive Canberra, ACT

Favourite bush tucker?

Favourite other food? Asian food.

Favourite music? Opera, because it's relaxing.

**Favourite holiday** destination? The Daintree in far north Queendsland.

Favourite drink? Soda, lime and and a dash of bitters.

**Favourite sport?** Rugby League.

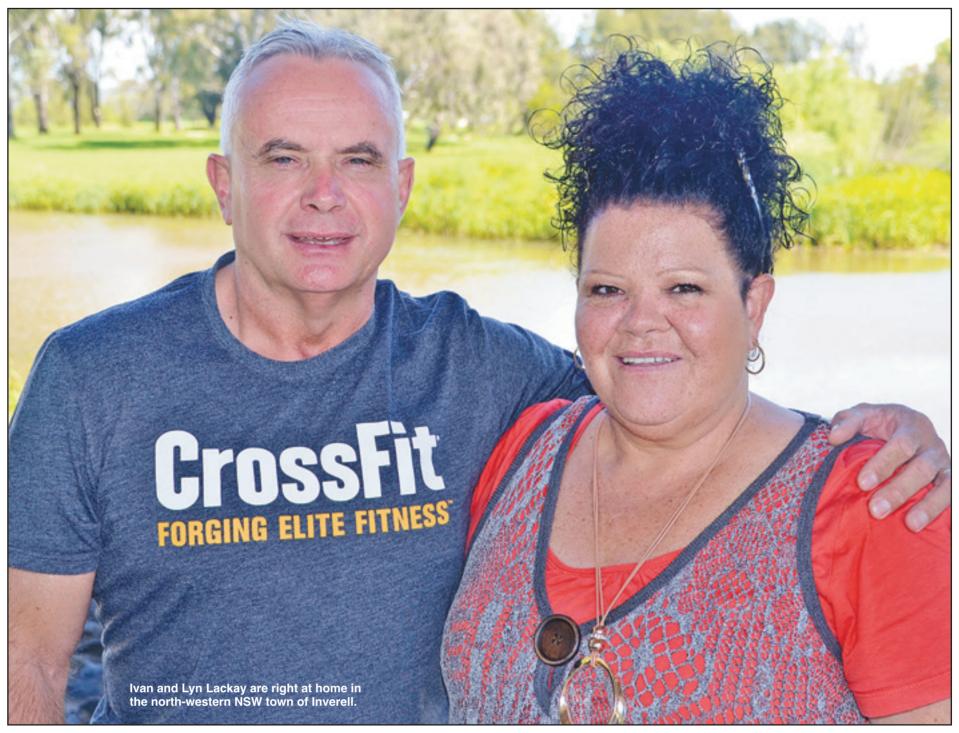
Favourite read? Books about leadership.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?

Athlete Patrick Johnson, Senator Patrick Dodson and Professor Tom Calma.

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous people?

Raise the profile of Aboriginal health workers and Aboriginal medical practice.



# Couple committed to their community

F there's such a thing as an Aboriginal power couple in the New England, then Lyn and Ivan Lackay surely qualify.

As young newlyweds the Lackays, who both grew up in large families in Bourke in western NSW, moved east to Inverell with the goal of making their home in the pretty Western Slopes town.

Three decades, six kids and 17 grandkids – make that 19 in a couple of months - later, that's exactly what's happened.

And along the way they've done plenty to help their community and the people in it.

Lyn, a Barkindji/Gurnu woman, recently took a fulltime position with NSW Health after 29 years as a caseworker and manager at the NSW Department of Community Services. She'd qualified as a teacher but took the DoCS job -"the pay was better".

Working fulltime in a demanding job for DoCS and raising a family would be plenty enough for many people, but not Lyn. Among her voluntary roles,

she is chair of the local Armajun Aboriginal Health Service, secretary of the Tingha Tigers Rugby League Club and runs local NAIDOC celebrations, including organising several well-received debutante balls.

Ivan, a Ngemba man, reckons his wife does "10 times more than

me" for the community, but he'd be selling himself a bit short. He spent almost 25 years in Inverell as a successful Forestry Commission horticulturist and manager before joining Local Land Services, where he now

Also no slouch when it comes to community service, Ivan serves on the Armajun board, is heavily involved with the local Aboriginal men's group and coaches teams for the Tingha

Oh, and then there's his personal training involvement, as well as running the family's small property just outside Inverell.

When asked how they fit it all in, Ivan has this understated reply: "We like to keep busy."

While now accepted and welcomed by the local Aboriginal community around Inverell, it wasn't always that way.

"It was challenging at first,

"There's closing the gap in health, and that's vitally important ... But there's other gaps that need closing too, between the Indigenous and wider communities. We like to think what we're doing is helping there, as well."

> coming to new country," Lyn told the Koori Mail.

"But as people got to know and accept us and our family grew, it truly became our home and our community.

"We all love our sport, and as

the kids got involved that's how we became more and more active. Rugby league, touch, netball ... it kept us and the kids busy and we stepped up to help

"We love our roles with the Tingha Tigers. They're great people and we've got some great

rugby league players."

Ivan, a firm supporter of reconciliation, sees his family's community activities as having an important wider role.

'There's closing the gap in health, and that's vitally important and why Lvn and I are involved with Armajun," he said.

"But there's other gaps that need closing too, between the

Indigenous and wider communities.

"We like to think what we're doing is helping there, as well."

The Lackays say Armajun is proving to be a real success story, and they are "proud to be part of it". Lyn has been vice-chair or chair for the past five years, with Ivan a director for two.

"In that time we have expanded our services in the New England and our staff numbers have doubled to about 45," Ivan said.

"We've got a great chief executive and we've been doing good things for our people over a

"The big goal now – and I'm certain we can do it – is to have a purpose-built base for Armajun in Inverell."

So what about the future? "Inverell is where we'll be," Lyn says

"Our family gets back to Bourke often. We're proud of where we come from and stay connected to our country.

"But this is our home, we love it here and the family and people around us. There's plenty more needs doing, so we'll continue to

And what does Ivan think? "Exactly what Lyn says."





# Focus on Namatjira

By JILLIAN MUNDY



community (Hermannsburg) and surrounding outstations,

many of them descendants of the internationally celebrated Western Aranda watercolour artist the late Albert Namatjira, turned out in force to see a rough cut community preview of the Namatjira Project documentary.

Produced by renowned arts for social change organisation Big hART, the documentary follows the journey of Namatjira's family, who continue to paint in his style, as they move between their home, 130km to the east of Alice Springs, and the high life of the United Kingdom to create and tour the Namatjira theatre production, starring Trevor Jamieson.

The documentary features historic footage of Namatjira including his eulogy, historic photographs, interviews with descendants of his close friend and artistic mentor Rex Battarbee, the recent trip to London to visit the 'Old Lady' or 'Big Girl' (aka the Queen) and footage of the Namatjira play on tour, onstage and behind the

#### Copyright

The important and fascinating documentary is a story of the Namatjira family, Australian history and race relations spanning over a century, and the Namatjira family's bid to reclaim copyright of Albert Namatjira's artwork.

Battarbee's daughter Gayle Quarmby was at the community preview.

"I remember Albert very well," she told the Koori Mail. "He was a dignified, strong and serene person."

Like many others at the preview, Joseph Rontji, who was born in a humpy outside Namatjira's house "when the



Japanese were bombing Darwin", recalled, as a child, watching the famous artist

When Namatijira passed away in 1959, Legend Press owned the rights to reproduce Namatjira's work, but continued to pay a 12%

royalty to his family each year.

The agreement concluded in 1983 and the NT Public Trustee, who was responsible for administering his will and estate, failed to appreciate the value and significance of his works and sold the copyright to Legend Press, owned by John Brackenberg, for \$8,500.

"The real injustice was done at that time when the Government sold the copyright without consulting the family," said Big hART's Sophia Marinos, who has been working with the Namatjira family and Ntaria community since 2009.

"A potential negligence case was mounted, but there were loopholes and missing paperwork.

#### "Connections"

"We have been working with the Legend Press for the entire project, building connections between them and the Namatjira family today, to create a pathway for the copyright to be returned to them.'

Under Australian law, copyright endures for 70 years after the maker's

Considering the escalating value of Albert Namatjira's works (the National Museum of

Australia bought one of his paintings at auction for \$27,500 in May this year), the copyright fees could have been earned the family far more than \$8500.

"We want to campaign for the copyright to held in perpetuity, because of the injustice that has been done over the years," Ms Marinos

The only known precedent for perpetual copyright is outside of Australia. In Britain, legislation was altered for the copyright of L J Barrie's Peter Pan, which in the late 1920s the author gifted to the Great Ormond Street Hospital, in London.

Coinciding with the national release of the documentary toward the middle of 2017 will be the launch of the Namatjira Legacy Trust, to support the culture, education and sustainability of the families and extended communities into the future. It is considered a way of restoring justice.



Albert Namatjira's granddaughter Betty Wheeler and her husband Marcus Wheeler with Namatjira producer Sophia Marinos.



Members of the Hermannsburg choir perform at the community preview.

# YOUR SAY



On page 24, Noongar lawyer Hannah McGlade writes on why violence against women must end.

### It's a sad sign of the times

This (pictured at right) is an all-too-often-seen sign.

Just where are we suppose to teach the younger generation how to traditionally spear fish nowadays?

DANIEL CUNNINGHAM via Twitter



# Apology call over cartoons

Regarding the cartoons by Bill Leak and published by *The Australian* newspaper, I find them derogatory.

I'm a Worimi man, originally from Nelson Bay.

I'm Australian and I think they're completely insulting to our people.

I feel they're racist.
Bill Leak and The
Australian should make
an apology. I do not
know why they are
allowed to get away with
such a thing.

If the boot was on the other foot, non-Aboriginal people would be jumping up and down if we made cartoons attacking their people.

STUART TOMLINSON Burgowan, Qld

# ACBF left disappointed

We at the ACBF are very disappointed in the criticism of our business following the Federal Court's decision with respect to our use of Centrepay.

We started proceedings in the Federal Court to preserve the rights of our plan holders/members – because if the Government's decision stood and our customers' payments were cancelled, many of our plan holders and members would begin to lose their funeral cover.

While we were initially successful before Justice Logan, the Full Court of the Federal Court has allowed the Department of Human Services' appeal, on a narrow and technical point of law.

Throughout this process, ACBF has never once been accused by the Department of Human Services of any wrongdoing – in fact, the department has stated in correspondence extracted in the reasons of Justice Logan that the decision to exclude funeral insurance from

Centrepay: "... is not a reflection of the activities of ACBF specifically but is related to broader Centrepay changes that have come about following the Independent Review of Centrepay and as a result of consultations with a range of Centrepay stakeholders".

The full court's reasons similarly make no criticism of ACBF's behaviour in presenting and providing its products, and focus purely on the interpretation of the law governing the administration of the Centrepay service.

The sad result of this is that thousands of people will have their funeral cover cancelled and their peace of mind erased, simply because this Government insists it can tell our Indigenous Australians how they can spend their money.

The objective of Centrepay is to assist customers in managing expenses that are consistent with the purposes of their welfare payments, and reducing financial risk.

Our funeral insurance products reduce financial risk by providing certainty of cover and a payout from the first payment – other products, like pre-paid funeral funds, require years of savings which may ultimately be futile in the event a customer passes away before saving enough for a funeral

ACBF has also invested significant time and financial resources in compliance management, including directly with the Department of Human Services by agreeing to strict special conditions for ACBF's use of Centrepay, reflective of our efforts to go above and beyond existing regulatory requirements to ensure our customers are protected.

We continue to be dismayed by those consumer groups purporting to represent the interests of our customers.

Any allegation that ACBF is guilty of any wrongdoing cannot be sustained.

Following Justice Logan's decision, we

were inundated with requests to restart payments for our products via Centrepay, as opposed to other methods of payment that do not match Centrepay's ease and convenience and create further financial risks for customers, such as bank fees.

However, since the Government's appeal, we have been swamped with complaints by customers who have begun to experience the issues we had forecast to the Government.

While we are bitterly disappointed at the outcome of the appeal, we always have and will continue to fight for the rights of our customers.

Therefore, if you are, or know of others who are, currently making their fortnightly payments via Centrepay to ACBF, please phone us immediately on 1800 622 924.

KERRIE McCALLIE
Administration Manager
ACBF Plans Administration Pty Ltd

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Even if sent via email, all letters and

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

We will publish 'Looking For' letters as long as they do not breach the privacy of individuals mentioned.

And we're happy to consider photos alongside letters – as long as they're of a high enough resolution and standard, and as long as copyright requirements are met. We accept no responsibility for returning original photos, so please send copies instead.

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#### The Native Genocide

Our Blood Lines The Pockets Of The Politicians

With Bundles Of Cash
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# Extremes that the grub out of the house highlight what really matters

VERY generation there is a standout novel that not only captures the imagination of the public but it leaves a strong social commentary on the world we live in.

The Lord of the Rings was Tolkien's commentary on diminishing values and the quality of life in England together with the environmental damage done to its natural forests, all swept away with the establishment of sweat factories in chasing riches during the industrial age.

George Orwell's 1945 novel Animal Farm is described as the first book in which he wrote 'with full consciousness' in reflecting the world he lived in.

The Hunger Games, by Suzanne Collins, is in this same category. The trilogy takes place in a postapocalyptic United States, focusing on the capital city, driven by its own decadence in a pursuit of selfgratification, vanity, and ego. Those who live in the capital are completely oblivious to the pain, segregation and poverty experienced in the surrounding districts they control.

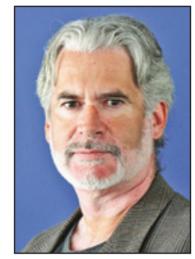
Last week we saw art imitating life in Australia, as the 'Family Matters' report was released revealing the shocking state of child protection in Australia for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. As with The Hunger Games, for all the opportunities available to become educated and share information, most privileged Australians still have no idea how Aboriginal people live.

The report stated that "numbers of Indigenous children in the child protection system are set to triple" with the bulk of spending "reactionary rather than looking for

Paddy Gibson, a senior researcher with the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at University of Technology, Sydney, has previously stated, "Aboriginal people who live a traditional lifestyle are being punished with the removal of their children by child protective services ... too often we are seeing Aboriginal cultural practices themselves being classified as

This statement rang true as the report confirmed that the places where most traditional life and language still occurs, Western Australia, the Northern Territory and South Australia, were where the highest numbers of children are being taken, and show a complete lack of engagement between child protection agencies and the communities concerned.

Andrew Jackomos, the Aboriginal Children's Commissioner in Victoria, said there was "... a 59% increase in the number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care between 2013-15 and that 60% of children were placed with non-Aboriginal carers".



### Woolombi **Waters**

There is little doubt that we are witnessing another Stolen Generation.

"This has an enormous impact in terms of mental health, suicide and child protection. It flows down the generations," Mr Jackomos says.

"We found higher levels of childprotection issues in areas where Indigenous communities were constrained on government or state settlements.'

These are people who, over a number of generations, have been living in environments of absolute despair where communities face deeply ingrained poverty, institutional racism and people remain as social outcasts with no opportunity.

The Government's huge cuts to services in these communities have only made the situation worse.

At the same time the 'Family Matters' report was released, Four Corners on the ABC ran a show documenting a culture of absolute horror and neglect within our child protection system. This is the world where these kids, once removed, are being placed into - the Four Corners investigation revealing multiple cases of self-harm, neglect physical and sexual abuse suffered by a number of children while under child protection.

Many who work in the child protection system, and the kids who have survived it, brand their treatment 'a national failure' and call for the entire 'resi-care' system to be shut down. Separately, another report cites children taken into child protection as displaying far more self-harm behaviours than when living with their families.

One child, simply known as Lucas, was just nine years old when he was taken into care and "within three years was sniffing petrol, absent from school and in juvenile detention". To make things even

more surreal and in getting back to The Hunger Games, as all this was happening, the yearly Schoolies celebration kicked off on Queensland's Gold Coast.

Here is the absolute extreme of Australia's class system in action, as those attending Schoolies, many of whom are white and middle class and less than 18 years old having just graduated from school, are thrown into a mindless debauchery of a self-indulgent week of drugs, alcohol and sex without a care in the

Rather than persecuted or even scorned, these kids are even protected by authorities. The government-run national Schoolies website says: "A lot of people who go on Schoolies are faced with new opportunities and new decisions. It might be about drinking, sex stuff, drug stuff or violence. Working out where you stand on these issues and what's right for you." (schoolies.org.au)

Who cares about these poor black kids being taken from their homes and placed in an institutionalised culture of neglect and trauma, or our own white kids drinking to excess?

At the same time we saw our own little slice of excess consumption and consumerism and outrageous fashion with the broadcast of the ARIAs. And if that doesn't tickle your fancy, consider that the final episode of The Block was televised at the same time.

Now what has The Block got to do with any of this, you ask? The inspiration for Suzanne Collins in writing The Hunger Games came from a night of channel-surfing the television, where she saw people competing for life-changing prizes on 'reality' television together with footage of the Iraq war. She described how the two combined in an "unsettling way" to create her ideas for the novels.

To show just how much the narrative of The Hunger Games reflects those living in poverty, readers may be surprised to learn that protestors in Thailand have taken to using The Hunger Games salute of three fingers raised in the air as a symbolic act of peaceful defiance, with protestors even being arrested for using the salute in public.

The mainstream may have only skimmed over the message written in the pages of *The Hunger Games*, instead revelling in the franchise, the extravagant sets, costumes and fight sequences within the films as pure entertainment.

But for those of us reflected in the horror of its pages having to live out our lives in the outer districts, we see it as so much more.

Dr Woolombi Waters is an educator, writer and regular Koori Mail columnist.

"It wasn't until I remember standing in front of the police with my busted lip at the house I was at with my partner at the time and just thinking to myself, 'You stupid Aboriginal girl. You are so disappointing and you're disappointing to your community'."

HESE were the words of Nakkiah Lui, a proud and eloquent Aboriginal woman, who by sharing with us on the ABC's Q&A program last week such a deeply personal moment in her life, allowed us to see, if only for a moment, the world through the eyes of a victim of family violence.

I despair that there are so many women, in so many communities, in situations just like this. Sadly, most cannot bring attention to their own

stories as Ms Lui did.

As the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs it is my job to bring attention to the stories of all of those women who cannot and there is one completely intolerable situation I want to bring to your attention.

Picture this all-too-common scenario. In an overcrowded house, in a

community that used to have a proud history of endeavour but has become sick with sitdown money, where people are self-medicating with alcohol or drugs, there's a screaming match between a woman and her partner.

The woman is attacked. The children witness the assault and are petrified. He's so terribly sorry now, but in the heat of the moment, he threatened them too, and they worry they may be next.

The police turn up. They've been called to this house many times before.

The man is taken away for questioning. A lawyer is called to the police station. The man has legal rights, after all.

But there is only one lawyer available in the small community. Given he has already represented the perpetrator, it would be a conflict of interest to represent the victim.

So she, the victim, is not legally represented. Just like her partner, she has legal rights, but what good are they if there is no lawyer to allow her to exercise them?

The lawyer helps the

perpetrator – the grub – who is allowed to return to the house, while she has to leave her family home and stay in a women's safe house. He then goes around telling the community what "really happened" and shames her.

Given all this, is it any wonder that Indigenous women, particularly in remote communities, don't speak to police when they have been the victim of domestic violence? Or that they remain silent when they present with injuries to their local Aboriginal medical service?

Who could blame them?

So the cycle of violence and sadness continues until it turns to hopelessness and despair.

This is the law. The grub gets all the protections; the victim gets none. They say the law is blind, but it cannot

be deaf. This week in the Australian Parliament I planned to link arms with my colleagues across the political spectrum in support of the 'No More' campaign championed by Gurindji man and sports broadcaster Charlie King. The symbolism was very powerful, but it will come to nothing if, as a



country, we fail to act. The states and territories run the criminal justice system. It is entirely within their power to rebalance the rules away from the grub and

towards the victim. Each jurisdiction is different, so through the Council of Australian Governments process we will be raising this issue with the states and territories.

But we need to build momentum for change. In the spirit of the 'No More' campaign, I would urge all readers to link arms in your communities, towns and cities. As powerful as that symbolism may be, we need more than symbolic gestures.

We need action.

I would urge readers to contact their local state and territory representatives and tell them that we need to start getting serious. Tell them we need to get the grub out of the house

 Nigel Scullion is the Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister and a Nationals senator for the Northern Territory.

# New inquiry is not needed

NDIGENOUS people do not need another inquiry to keep them out of jail. The new inquiry into high levels of Indigenous incarceration is a smoke and mirrors tactic by the Coalition Government to be seen to be doing the right thing.

Its narrow focus on legal reforms ignores the fact that criminal justice issues are the responsibilities of state and territory governments. Nor will it address the social issues that contribute to the high number of Indigenous people in jail in the first place.

The legal factors behind the growing Indigenous incarceration rate are already known - such as mandatory sentencing and bail

A recent study found the number of Indigenous people on remand (in custody awaiting trial or sentencing) increased by 238% between 2001 and 2015.

However, even if the inquiry does develop a set of recommendations, the Federal Government would be powerless to implement the reforms because it is not their jurisdiction.

Rather than wasting money on yet another inquiry - where many of the recommendations come to nought - the Federal Government would be much better off focusing on the social issues that lead to high rates of incarceration.

Many Indigenous prisoners, particularly juvenile offenders, are not released on bail because there is often no suitable place to parole them in their home town.

Around a quarter of parole

applications in WA in 2015-16 were knocked back because of a lack of basic housing criteria, and more than 80% of those involved were Aboriginal boys. Sending them back to their families is not an option, as their home environment is often a significant factor in their offending

Particular neighbourhoods and communities have higher rates of crime than others. When incarceration rates reach a certain level in a community, there is a tipping point where imprisonment fails to be a deterrent.

Instead of imprisonment being seen as the fate of a few criminals it becomes a 'fact of life' or even, on some occasions, a 'rite of

Similarly, in some parts of the country, the rate of hospitalisation for domestic violence victims is 86 times higher for Indigenous women than it is for other women.

Desperate to be seen to be doing something to combat the high Indigenous incarceration rate, the Government has busied itself announcing inquiries and Budget spends. But although the Government's recent announcement of a \$25 million package for frontline services to prevent violence is welcome, this isn't new money – just a reannouncement of the \$100 million over 12 years for family violence in the 2016-17 Federal Budget.

In attempting to battle both those issues, simply spending money on Indigenous programs does not guarantee results.



### Sara Hudson

Implementing good policy to counteract high levels of Indigenous disadvantage requires much more than just deep pockets; it requires actively engaging with Indigenous communities about their

A recent inquiry into the Federal Government's allocation of Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) funding found there had been little consultation with communities about the programs and services they needed.

One possible solution to address the shockingly high rates of Indigenous juvenile incarnation

suggested by Aboriginal people at the Don Dale inquiry, is bush camps for Indigenous youth who have committed minor offences.

In some parts of the Northern Territory, young offenders are already being paroled to remote communities so they can be separated from the negative influences of their peers and family in the towns and cities.

One such initiative is the Mt Theo program, which takes young offenders - referred by the police and correction services, or through court orders - out bush to learn about their culture and country. The program successfully helped rehabilitate petrol-sniffing teenagers in the 1990s and has strong support from the community who help fund it from mining royalties.

But although some of these remote outstations are havens from the alcohol- and drug-fuelled violence that plagues the larger settlements, most are not set up to provide the rehabilitative and education services juvenile delinguents need.

Recently, I visited a remote East Arnhem Land outstation that has started taking some young offenders released on bail, but the two resident teachers in the community are hard-pressed to provide them with the support they need in the classroom.

The young parolees are too embarrassed to sit in class alongside younger children who can read and write much better than them. To be truly effective, the process of paroling young offenders to remote communities needs to be accompanied with some targeted funding for services.

Our jails are filled with people with poor literacy and numeracy skills. Poor educational attainment is a strong determinant of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous offending. In fact, young Indigenous men are more likely to end up in jail than university.

If the Federal Government is serious about tackling high rates of Indigenous incarceration then it needs to focus on the reasons why young Indigenous people are committing offences in the first place.

Some of these are social and relate to the environment so many young Indigenous grow up in and the lack of appropriate role models, while others are the responsibility of government, such as the responsibility to provide all Australian citizens with the opportunity for a decent education.

Many young Indigenous people are behind the eight ball even before they start school.

Instead of committing funding to yet another inquiry, the Federal Government should be canvassing alternative options of imprisonment for young offenders, such as bush camps, and ensuring they are provided with the education they need to be free from a lifetime of

 Sara Hudson is a research fellow and manager of the Indigenous Research Program at the Centre for Independent Studies.

# This violence must end

VERY year on November 25 we acknowledge White Ribbon Day, also the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Aboriginal people know that this is an especially serious problem in our communities and families as far too many women and children are affected by family and domestic violence, including homicide and child sexual assault.

This violence is often viewed as 'culture' or resulting from the history of colonisation as 'violence turned

Violence against Aboriginal women and children must always be regarded as human rights abuse, a crime and a significant matter of public health.

Too often, Aboriginal children are the forgotten victims, unseen and unheard. We cannot talk about improving the health of Aboriginal children without addressing the health of their mothers and the most significant risks of family violence.

Research into the deaths of Western Australian Aboriginal mothers from external causes shows that these mothers were 17.5 times more likely to die from homicide than non-Aboriginal mothers. They were also three times more likely to die from suicide, often linked to family violence and sexual assault.

The research shows the impacts of violence against Aboriginal women upon the next generation of their children.

A much larger proportion of Aboriginal children suffered maternal loss - 5.4% as compared to 1%. On average, the children suffered this loss at a younger age - in their first five years when they were especially vulnerable.

The loss of the mother, the primary caregiver who plays an important cultural and spiritual role in the life of the child, has a profound effect on children's emotional and psychological wellbeing. This can include prolonged grief, depression, stress, anxiety, problems with identity development and the substantial difficulties of out-of-home care (which may, in turn, be abusive of

Studies have also shown that the loss of a mother may have a subsequent impact later in life, leading to self-harm, substance abuse, antissocial behaviour and other adversity into adulthood.

At the federal level, the commitment to Closing the Gap is inclusive of Indigenous children and Indigenous health outcomes, but it does not address this preventable health problem.

Federal Opposition Leader Bill Shorten has pledged to make reducing incarceration a national target. As a high proportion of Aboriginal men are imprisoned for violence-related offences, it is also clear that incarceration will not be reduced without addressing this issue

The key policy platform, the



### Hannah **McGlade**

Third National Action Plan to Reduce Violence Against Australian Women and their Children, has commitments to strengthening Indigenous communities, but the plan also runs contrary to Aboriginal women's human rights and Australian law by suggesting that violence against Aboriginal women be diverted away from the criminal justice system, the police and courts, and into family dispute resolution processes

In promoting family dispute resolution as a response to violence against Indigenous women, the national plan is inconsistent with national COAG standards requiring that

'Perpetrators face justice and legal consequences when they commit violence'

The promotion of diversion and family dispute resolution is problematic, as violence experienced by Aboriginal women is more severe than that experienced by non-Aboriginal women, often involving weapons and more likely to result in hospitalisation and death.

Aboriginal women have also criticised police and legal authorities for their apparent lack of willingness to act, and diversion may simply encourage further discrimination.

No doubt there are many Aboriginal mothers who were murdered and, who like WA mother-of-11 Andrea Pickett, sought help from police and legal authorities who declined to take the threats against them seriously.

Increasingly Aboriginal people know that is it we who must draw the line on violence against women and our children.

At the National Press Club recently, Professor Marcia Langton, Josephine Cashman and Jacinta Price made it very clear that we cannot accept this violence any longer. Prof Langton called on government to establish a national taskforce of Aboriginal experts to address the lack of adequate policy, research and reforms, including prevention initiatives, to end violence against Aboriginal women and children.

A national taskforce was also recommended by Amnesty International Australia more than a decade ago in their work advocating for a National Plan of Action.

The Australian Parliament and the Prime Minister have now agreed to make a symbolic, yet powerful, statement in support of Aboriginal women and children by linking arms in Federal Parliament. The linking of arms supports Charlie King's 'No More' community-based campaign that rightfully engages men and the sporting clubs as agents of change.

This kind of community-based preventative work should receive widespread support because it understands that real change must come from within.

As the Elders of the Northern Territory told Charlie King: The violence must end. There must be 'No More'.

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- 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

### Indigenous roles in submarine project



INDIGENOUS workers won't miss out on opportunities as the Government embarks on the \$50 billion project to build 12 new submarines. Shipbuilder DCNS Australia has signed a deal with the

new Indigenous Defence Corporation to explore opportunities for Indigenous Australians and businesses within their supply chain.

"We are excited about partnering with DCNS to flush out more long-term opportunities and contracts for Indigenous business that will help build sustainable capabilities and showcase the ability of the indigenous business sector," IDC chief executive Adam Goodes said in a

### Park management move welcomed



THE joint management of Western Australia's Horizontal Falls by traditional owners and the State Government is being hailed by conservation groups as a milestone.

The Lalang-garram Horizontal Falls and North Lalang-garram

marine parks, which together cover more than 460,000 hectares, were announced by the Government and the Dambimangari traditional owners this month.

Environmental groups welcomed the decision, which protect the falls environmentalist Sir David Attenborough described as "one of the greatest natural wonders in the world", particularly as they were threatened with a copper mine in 2012.

Kimberley campaign manager for Pew Charitable Trusts Tim Nicol said Indigenous rangers would use traditional knowledge and modern science to protect the area. - AAP

### **Committee looking** at tourism in north



THE Federal Parliament's Northern Australia Committee has started its Inquiry into Opportunities and Methods for Stimulating the Tourism Industry in Northern Australia.

The Government's plan for developing Northern Australia, released in June 2015, recognised tourism as an industry with "bright prospects in the north" and that Northern Australia could "capitalise on its iconic locations, open spaces and clean environment to host the millions of tourists every year".

Committee chair Warren Entsch said the inquiry will investigate how tourism to Northern Australia can be stimulated and how impediments can be

"Tourism is an industry central to the economy of many parts of Northern Australia and has the ability to provide greater short and long term economic opportunities for communities across all regions," he said.

Submissions are invited by February 16 to www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\_Business/

### Vic workshops on self-determination



WORKSHOPS will be held across Victoria as part of what the State Government savs is the next step in its work with the Aboriginal community towards self-

determination and a treaty. Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins said the workshops would be held in 10 centres to ensure Indigenous people have the opportunity to have their say.

"The interim working group will advise me on process, timing and next steps for treaty discussions and these consultations are a key step as we work towards the report back and recommendations in December," she said.

"This is about Aboriginal Victorians having their say, and shaping the future of these negotiations."

The workshops are scheduled to be held in Melbourne, Mildura, Swan Hill, Horsham, Warrnambool, Ballarat, Bendigo, Shepparton, Bairnsdale and Morwell.

Details at consult.aboriginalvictoria.vic.gov.au/



### Dance teams urged to apply



**TORRES Strait and Northern Peninsula** Area dance teams are being encouraged to submit applications for funding to perform at the 2017 Yirramboi

**Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival** from May 5-14.

The opportunity has been made available through the Torres Strait Regional Authority's (TSRA) Dance Strategy.

**TSRA** chairperson Pedro Stephen

said the Culture Art and Heritage Program area was working with artists and creative directors to present opportunities and ensure a positive experience for all.

'Performing artists will have the opportunity to participate in the **National Indigenous Dance Forum,** conduct traditional dance workshops, and take part in scheduled performances," he said.

'The successful dance team in the 2017 Dance Strategy will receive full funding to cover the costs of

travelling to the art festival to perform and conduct workshops at the event in Melbourne.'

Mr Stephen said the Dance Strategy has supported dance teams to perform at major national and internal events.

"This included performances at the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, Darwin Festival, WOMADelaide, and Henley Festival in the United Kingdom," Mr Stephen said.

Funding applications will close on December 9.

# **Anger in Cairns at** newspaper report

By KEIRA JENKINS



ABORIGINAL people from Cairns are upset that the Cairns Post newspaper published a story on its front page featuring the picture of an Aboriginal Elder with the headline 'Not A Good Look'.

The man pictured, Rodney Pascoe, from Archer River, said he felt he'd been

"I want them to apologise," he said. "I was in the Cairns Post and I want them to sav sorry to me."

Nyadha Kaanju woman Markeesh De Busch is seeking an apology from the Post, because while Mr Pascoe's back is turned, he is immediately identifiable.

"There could easily be a misunderstanding using that photo and that headline together," she told the Koori Mail. "At first glance I was upset. It's a picture of an Elder walking on country. We're being told in the story he makes the place unclean.

"There are non-Indigenous people in the photo but they are blurred, making Uncle Rodney the focus.

"I commented on the story on Facebook and sent the Cairns Post a Facebook message but I haven't received

Ms De Busch has started an online petition asking for the Cairns Post to apologise for the use of the photo and calling for future consultation with the Indigenous community when using pictures of Aboriginal people.

She said Mr Pascoe's image does not correctly represent the behaviour the article is concerned about: abusing tourists public urination drupt swearing and fighting in the Cairns city

#### 'Special report'

However, Cairns Post editor Jennifer Spilsbury claimed Mr Pascoe was inebriated when photographed, and said the Indigenous community was consulted in the process of writing the story, which was part of a double page 'special report' in October 29's edition.

"Our stories centred on community concerns about an escalation in the number of itinerants in the Cairns CBD. many of whom are drunk and its impact on business, tourism and the itinerants themselves," she said.

"Our coverage included comments from key stakeholders including Indigenous

community advocate Yodie Batke, who supported calls for a multi-agency approach to the problem.

The paper is very sensitive to cultural issues but doesn't shy away from legitimate social affairs issues in this city."

But Ms De Busch said the story featuring Mr Pascoe's picture is not the only one the community has taken offence to, with Ms Spilsbury publishing an editorial on the same subject the following

"The fact of the matter is there is a lot of homelessness in the Cairns community," she said.

"But the tourists can also see racism. They know it's there just like we know there are issues in our community.

"But let us work on that matter in our own way instead of racially profiling and

Ms De Busch said her petition now has more than 500 signatures.

"We want the Cairns Post to understand the hurt they've caused," she said. "We want them to understand what Aboriginal people have gone through and how our spirit is different.

"We want to educate and work with them so they don't cause this kind of offence again."

### Inventor Mick adds to awards



WARIALDA Engineering and Welding, based in north-western NSW, took

out the Indigenous Business category at the Ethnic Business Awards this month in Melbourne.

**Business owner Mick Davis** has added the award to his list of accolades for his various inventions.

The Torres Strait Islander man started the business in the shed of his housing commission home almost 20 years ago, and it is now a multi-million-dollar company.

The father of three said it was a great feeling to have his family business recognised with such an honour.

"We started from nothing and I've put in the hard work and my family all works in the business too," Mr Davis told the Koori Mail.

#### "Great things"

"Everything we've been doing kind of met up with what they were looking for for the awards. The other businesses that were nominated were also doing great

"But we started with nothing and we've built all this ourselves.

Mr Davis said that when his first invention - the Davis Starlifter, a dual-purpose tool designed to lift logs to a stable position for a clear cut, avoiding chainsaw damage, and for removing or adjusting steel posts - was recognised in 1997, it was a shock for him.

"I think once people realised that my inventions weren't just a



one-off I started to get recognised," he said.

"People started to really look at what I was doing. They realised it wasn't just a fluke. We're bringing a new set of skills to the agriculture industry.'

Mr Davis said he has always had a curious mind, and as a kid was often pulling things apart and putting them back together.

He became a motor mechanic when he finished school and worked as a shearer on the side "to make ends meet".

Mr Davis attributes his spark for design and invention to his father, who raised him on a farm in western NSW.

"For my ninth birthday dad bought me a gearbox and spanner set," he said.

"I tried to pull it apart but I couldn't and I took it to dad and he said, 'You're not old enough yet. When you're old enough you'll figure it out.'

"So I went back to the drawing board. I just kept looking at this gearbox like it was a puzzle that needed to be fixed.

"That taught me how to resolve problems and how to look for opportunities. After that first design the process aot easier each time.

Mr Davis said he hopes to continue what he's doing and supporting his family.

"I'd also like to thank the people who helped me along the way and my repeat customers who keep supporting me," he



Falyn Scott-Stewart, wearing her medal, with Tanya Scott, left, and Kim Aldridge.

### NAIDOC medal to Falyn



ST PATRICK'S Primary School student Falyn Scott-Stewart, from Bega, has received a NAIDOC Medal of Excellence for her entry in the 2016 NAIDOC Week School Initiative Competition, junior colouring section.

The competition, which attracted many entries, was open to all primary and secondary school students.

Falyn received one of 40 medals issued in each state. The medal was presented to her by community Elder and Aboriginal education worker Kim Aldridge.

# Concern over cyber safety



NEW research from Swinburne University of Technology has highlighted cyber safety issues in remote Aboriginal

communities. The interim 'Cyber Safety in Remote Aboriginal Communities and Towns' report, commissioned by Telstra, identifies the types and causal factors of cyber safety issues facing Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory.

Researchers found four main online practices were leading to complex cyber safety issues in the communities they visited.

These included a high level of mobile device sharing, internet access being mainly mobile-only, prepaid mobile broadband as the preferred internet product, and Facebook and AirG/Divas Chat dominating social media and internet

Swinburne Institute of Social Research deputy director Associate Professor Ellie Rennie said the research found cyber safety issues

are contributing to digital exclusion.

"Aboriginal communities across the NT area are quickly adopting new digital technologies, but middleaged and older community members are concerned about the consequences," she said.

"While they are increasingly aware of the benefits of connectivity, including for emergencies, services and shopping, people are choosing not to use particular online services such as banking, because of the sharing of devices and passwords.

#### "Hesitant"

"In other instances, Elders are hesitant to have mobile services in their communities at all.

"If not addressed, cyber safety concerns may be holding some Aboriginal communities back from realising the full potential of the online world."

The research found internet practices of Aboriginal people in remote communities and towns have resulted in a number of issues.

Inappropriate content and

comment was the most frequently reported cyber safety issue; the sharing of devices was found to lead to privacy issues if social media accounts were not passwordprotected; and financial security and management including identifying scams and fraud, and managing credit finances were found to be significant issues.

"People sometimes overstep cultural protocols on social media platforms such as Facebook and AirG, which can exacerbate interfamily tensions, resulting in violence and, in some instances, ostracism of individuals," Assoc Prof Rennie said.

"Elders are therefore tempted to reject internet services altogether."

The research will play a role in informing the development of strategies to ensure remote Aboriginal communities have access to straightforward information about the use of digital devices and social media, so that they can better manage cyber safety issues.

The interim findings will be followed by a final report next year.

### Jade goes a long way to help environment

By KEIRA JENKINS



**BUTCHULLA** woman Jade Gould has been interested in the

environment for as long as she can remember, and last year that passion took her to Morocco for United Nations talks on climate change.

Ms Gould completed a Bachelor of Science at James Cook University and has now gone on to study her master's degree, majoring in environment sustainability.

She was selected to attend the pre-event to the **UN World Climate Summit** in Paris earlier this year because of her involvement in SEED (a network of young Indigenous people concerned about climate change) and her knowledge – both traditional and Western - of the environment.

"It was really good to speak as part of a panel about consolidating generational transfer of knowledge," Ms Gould told the Koori Mail.

"Aboriginal people in Australia have been affected by colonisation, and the Stolen Generations, and because of this some traditional knowledge has been lost.

"Younger generations have lost their connection to



Butchulla woman Jade Gould in the African country of Morocco with Aboriginal rights activist Michael Anderson for the United Nations climate talks.

country. Some of them don't realise how important the environment is to our culture, that it's based on rivers and mountains and places we can go."

After the trip last year, Ms Gould said she had to take some time out to concentrate on finishing her master's and having some 'down time'.

"Sometimes I take too much on," she said.

"I work with SEED on a

volunteer basis so whenever something's on I'll join in.

"Supporting the environment is so important because our culture depends on it and without our culture our social wellbeing is impacted because we can't connect.

"It really affects our health and wellbeing.

Ms Gould thanked SEED for its role in her selection for the summit.

She said it was a stressful time but it was all worth it to have the experience.

"We prepared a statement for the United Nations about the effect of climate change," she said.

"It was a bit of a rush to get it all together, but it was good to engage with all different people from different cultures and speak to them about climate

### Kokatha welcome copper project



MINING company Oz Minerals has drawn closer to tapping into one of Australia's largest undeveloped copper deposits with the opening of a mine decline in rural South Australia.

The mine has the support of the traditional owners, with Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation chair Chris Larkin believing the project would "keep the future good for all of us".

The copper and gold miner has officially opened the decline at its Carrapateena site north of Port Augusta, ticking off a significant milestone in the project.

Oz Minerals claims that by the time production begins in 2019, the mine is expect to employ about 400 workers and reap \$150 million in annual revenue.

#### Investment

SA Premier Jay Weatherill said the effect of the project would be even greater as it triggers almost \$1 billion in potential investment and creates 1000 jobs in the construction phase.

"Copper built this state and discoveries like this mean this commodity, which we have in abundance in South Australia, can continue to contribute enormously to our economy," he said.

The 600m-deep, 7.5km-long Tjati Decline will provide access to the iron-oxide copper-gold deposit at Carrapateena.

Currently in the pre-feasibility stage, the project was bought in 2011 by Oz Minerals, which earlier this year announced plans to expand and fasttrack the mine.

Oz Minerals chairman Neil Hamilton described the economics of the Carrapateena project as "robust" and said it would provide huge benefits to

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# Fury as burial site destroyed

By KEIRA JENKINS



**ABORIGINAL** people on the NSW central coast say they

are devastated after NSW Government agency UrbanGrowth destroyed a burial site at Booker Bay.

Guringai Tribal Link Aboriginal Corporation's Tracey Howie said the registered site was excavated to make way for the construction of a six-bedroom house.

"My job that I've been tasked with is to excavate all the ancestral remains," she told the Koori Mail.

"That's so the building can be made 'habitable'. UrbanGrowth is not concerned with how we feel about them digging up our ancestors' remains.

Ms Howie said the next



Construction work on the Central Coast burial site.

issue will be deciding where the remains are taken after they're removed from the site.

"We're trying to acquire part of the area where there are more remains," she said.

Ms Howie claimed the actions of UrbanGrowth

were immoral and unethical.

"They've desecrated the site and broken the remains into pieces, spread them all over the site with their construction machines," she said.

"We are absolutely devastated."

# Failure to act riles Tas centre



THE Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre is angry and disappointed the State Government has further delayed the proposed changes to the

state's Aboriginal Relics Act 1975.

The State Government says they need to carry out more consultation on the matter.

TAC spokesperson Adam Thompson said the organisation has been lobbying the Government for years to provide better protection to heritage by making amendments to the Act, but it has largely been ignored.

"Earlier this year, some highly significant Aboriginal rock art was vandalised in the Tasmanian highlands and the incident was highly publicised," he said

"The State Government then announced that they would amend the Relics Act. That was more than six months ago

"We are concerned that this Government is far more concerned with the impacts Aboriginal heritage protection have on development.

"This Government's insistence on opening up 4WD tracks in the Arthur Pieman Conservation Area, knowing the threat these activities have to Aboriginal heritage, shows that they put little value on Aboriginal heritage.'

Mr Thompson said that in Tasmania the penalties for damaging Aboriginal heritage were much lower than those for damaging European heritage.

#### "Difficult"

"There is also a provision in the Relics Act that allows for ignorance to be used as a defence, making it very difficult to prosecute anybody," he said.

"There is barely any deterrent to prevent people from damaging heritage and that includes the agricultural and

"Go fishing out of season or without a licence and Inland Fisheries can take your boat and car for not complying with their laws

'Damage ancient, irreplaceable Aboriginal heritage and you get a slap on the wrist – and that's only if you can actually be prosecuted. Things have to change quickly.'



One of the restored and painted doors to be exhibited.

### **Doors lead to better life**



Adelaide, together with Marra Dreaming, has started a project where women who have experienced family and domestic violence

restore old doors into works of art. The doors are about being open to new possibilities and experiences, and

about the women having the chance to "paint their story" in a creative process that promotes healing.

The doors are on exhibition at the City of Salisbury - John Harvey Gallery, with the launch and an auction, which opened on November 25 to coincide with White Ribbon Day.

Proceeds from the auction will go to the Aboriginal community.



Sisters Jinama and Kewana Whaddy-Parsons on their country at Wreck Bay.

### **Model sisters are** looking to future

By BRITTA LYSTER



TWO young budding Indigenous models from the NSW south coast made the finals of Illawarra's **Next Top Model in** 

Wollongong last month. Now they're hoping to use the experience as a springboard for bigger things in the international modelling world.

Sisters Kewana and Jinama Whaddy-Parsons, from Wreck Bay, represented local traditional owners the Dharawal Yuin people as they strutted the catwalk last month in Wollongong.

Both made the semifinals, and Jinama won the competition.

Jinama, 16, and Kewana, 18, are students at Vincentia High School.

They were encouraged by local makeup artists and hairdressers Peter Marx and Robyn Te-Velde to enter the Next Top Model search after a chance meeting during NAIDOC Week celebrations.

In July the sisters started making

weekly trips to Wollongong, where they worked on their modelling and speechwriting skills, confidence, catwalk and fundraising techniques.

Jinama will go to Berlin next year for fashion work. She will be accompanied by Kewana.

The sisters look up to leading Indigenous fashion model Samantha Harris and are inspired by supermodel Naomi Campbell's words that she would be excited at the prospect of seeing more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander models make an impact on the international stage.

Both sisters say they will never forget or neglect their roots, recalling the words of their grandmother who said that wherever they may travel, Wreck Bay will always be home.

'Thanks everyone, especially members of the Wreck Bay community and its Elders, who helped us achieve this goal, because without them it would have made my job a lot harder," Jinama said.

### Sydney Black Arts Market





Redfern's Blak Douglas with some of his politically-fuelled works.















Don Atkinson sells his handmade accessories at the market.





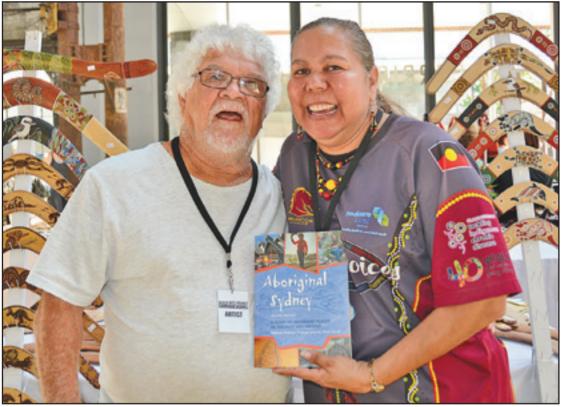


Penny Evans said the Black Arts Market was a great success.

Burraja Arts' Karrin McMillan and Maggih Coates.

Black Arts Market in Sydney.

### draws artists and visitors



Artist Laddie Timbery was excited to find out he featured in the book Aboriginal Sydney when told by AIATSIS' Odette Fuller at the Black Arts Market.

# **Busy time for** stallholders

By KEIRA JENKINS

artists

MORE than 90 presented their work at the **Black Arts** 

Market in Sydney this month. The two-day market, curated by Hetti Perkins and

Jonathan Jones, showcased the arts practices of southeastern Aboriginal people.

Carriageworks in Eveleigh buzzed with artists, and many visitors had the opportunity to learn about traditional art practices and buy works.

Stallholders gathered in Sydney from a wide area, and as far south as Tasmania.

Sydney locals were wellrepresented, with artists from La Perouse and Redfern having stalls.

**Everything from traditional** tools and weapons, books, jewellery, paintings, carvings, ceramics, food, weaving and skincare was on sale.



Mitch Mahoney with a possum skin cloak at his stall.





Kay Williams came from Lismore, northern NSW, to offer her scarves.



Dyinda Designs' Frances Belle Parker and Jessica Birk.



Nadeena and Naryma Dixon with their works in progress.

### 2016 Indigenous Governance







Leonard Hill and Reconciliation Australia chief executive Justin Mohamed attend the Indigenous Governance Awards.



Microwave Jenny provide music and laughter during the awards dinner.





### Awards winners announced



# Hard work paying off



WESTERN Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation

(Western Desert Dialysis) and Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly are the winners of the 2016 Indigenous Governance Awards.

The awards celebrate the governance and leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.

Category A (for incorporated organisations) winner Western Desert Dialysis - also known as the Purple House - looks after Aboriginal renal patients in nine remote communities across the Northern Territory and Western Australia, and sends a mobile dialysis treatment centre – the Purple Bus – to other remote communities in need.

Catergory B (for nonincorporated initiatives or projects) winner Murdi Paaki works with governments to deliver services to meet the needs of Aboriginal people across western NSW, promoting good governance and empowerment.

Highly commended honours went to WA-based Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa, which looks at the Mrtu people and their interests, in Category A; and Anangu organisation (South Australia) Ara Irititja in Category B.

Western Desert Dialysis chief executive Sarah Brown and vicechairperson Marlene Spencer said they were elated but surprised to take out the award.

"We have worked for a long time," Ms Spencer said.

"I have lost a lot of family my uncles and aunties, my husband. We have worked a



Western Desert Dialysis's Marlene Spencer and Sarah Brown with the Category A award their organisation won.

long time and I am happy with this one."

Indigenous Governance Awards chair Mick Dodson said it was Western Desert Dialysis's humanity that stood out to him and the other judges.

They strike me as a family that really cares for every member of that family in the way they deliver services," he said.

#### "Appropriate way"

"Aboriginal culture has been wrapped around access to modern medicine and allows it to be administered in a holistic and culturally appropriate way."

As for Category B winner,

its success comes from giving community members the power to advocate.

"They show leadership, vision, and fearlessness, and they are practising selfdetermination," he said.

The Indigenous Governance Awards were created by Reconciliation Australia in partnership with BHP Billiton Sustainable Communities to identify, celebrate and promote effective Indigenous governance. They are held every two years.

The Koori Mail is a media partner with the Indigenous Governance Awards.



Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre (Fitzroy Crossing) representatives June Oscar, Emily Carter and Mary Aiken.



Tangentyere Council (Alice Springs) representatives with their finalist certificate at the presentation night.



Craig Dukes, Janine Mohamed and Natasha Jayaratne.

### 'Bai' busy with cards

By ALF WILSON



MURRAY (Mer) Island artist Wareed 'Bai' Tapau has created eight new designs for cards this Christmas.

Ms Tapau is a 'Thalidomide baby'

and was born with just one finger.

Her great strength, love for painting, the encouragement of her family and a deep personal Christian faith has enabled her to develop her independence and artistic talent.

Ms Tapau is the eldest of nine children. As a young girl she sketched on boards or bits of cardboard while sitting on the Mer beach in the Torres Strait. She has been painting since preschool, encouraged by her family because she is passionate about art.

Her artwork reflects the beauty of Mer island and reefs that surround it, blending a contemporary perspective with traditional designs.

Ms Tapau has completed a Diploma in Art at the Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE.

"I haven't been feeling too well lately and doing this latest art has helped me overcome obstacles,' she told the Koori Mail.

Ms Tapau's latest designs include waves at sunset, clown fish, starfish, dolphins and whales. They are surrounded by Torres Strait Islander symbols - hibiscus flowers, shark teeth, and a conch shell.

Her latest printing has been sponsored by the Townsville World Vision Pop-Up Shop.

Meanwhile Ms Tapau will sell them directly too, either retail or wholesale.

Ms Tapau hasn't been to Mer for two years and hopes to get back there soon.



# Family angry over burial

By BRITTA LYSTER



AN Indigenous woman's search of more than 20 years for the burial site of ner infant brother has left her and her family bitter,

disgusted and demanding answers from

The family is hoping their actions will lead to a full inquiry into the desecration and incorrect burial of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the past 40 years.

Dianne Ball, a Gumbangerri woman based in Newcastle, along with her sister Zona Kelly, searched for the remains of their infant brother Michael, who died from leukaemia at the age of two. After many years of looking they discovered that Michael was incorrectly buried as a pauper at Rookwood Cemetery in Sydney in 1972.

This information came as a shock to the sisters, particularly when they had to break the news to their parents. To make matters worse they discovered that in 1986 a 71-year-old man was buried on top of their brother.

While the shock of finding out about Michael's burial was hard enough, it was exacerbated for his mother Rhonda Kelly, who was recovering from a stroke

Ms Ball said her research had shown that Rookwood Cemetery incorrectly labelled Michael as a pauper.

#### Demanding answers

It has left the family demanding answers and wondering how many others have been in a similar situation.

"Fourteen years after they buried my brother Michael, they buried another man on top of his remains. What's not to say that his grave is not desecrated again?" Ms Ball said.

Michael James Nicholls was buried in a single grave plot in the Roman Catholic section of the Rookwood Cemetery in

1972. Both his parents were present, and the funeral was paid for by the Foundation of Aboriginal Affairs.

Ms Ball is seeking to have the remains of her brother returned to his traditional home of the Gumbangerri Nation in the New England region of NSW.

"Michael Nicholls, who is a fifth generation grandchild of King Bobbi of the Gumbangerri Tribe, needs to be home, buried on his traditional lands, close to his family and other deceased brother Dawson Kelly, where family can easily access his and his brother's gravesite and remains," Ms Ball said.

She has called on the Federal Government to support a royal commission to evaluate the extent of the issue and see if other families have gone through the similar trauma.

"I am just a voice for Michael and my family and perhaps others who have experienced something similar, which no family should ever have to endure." Ms Ball said.



Cheryllee Christensen shows her phlebotomy qualifications.

### <u>Cheryllee</u> achieves her dream

By KEIRA JENKINS



**MOTHER-of-seven Cheryllee** Christensen is "over the moon" after she qualified as a phlebotomist (a person who draws blood from patients for laboratory testing).

Ms Christensen, who suffered brain damage at birth, said she was bullied about her disability, which she said has affected her learning ability and caused developmental blocks.

She grew up in Brisbane and struggled to make it to high school because of the way she was treated by other students.

Ms Christensen became a mother at 17, and now at age 49 has 10 grandchildren.

Her youngest son is now 14, and Ms Christensen said she felt it was time to return to her lifelong dream of medicine.

She said she always thought it impossible for her dream to be fulfilled, as she'd always felt inadequate. Her peers also doubted her ability.

But now Ms Christensen said she has achieved her dream and proven that she can do anything.

"I really wanted to be a doctor or a nurse when I was young, but for years I've had people doubting my abilities," she told the Koori Mail.

'I was tormented, tortured in horrible ways as a child. I had horrible things screamed at me. That treatment slows you

"That stopped me from achieving what I wanted. I was brainwashed into thinking that I couldn't do it and I was hopeless.

"Now I feel as normal as the next person and I'm amazed at myself."

The next step for Ms Christensen is to apply for jobs, and she's putting her resume together in the hopes she'll find something in her local area.

"I'm applying anywhere close to home." she said. "My main target is emergency departments. Nurses are in high demand there."

Ms Christensen said she hopes her story inspires other young people to follow their dreams.

"You can achieve anything," she said. Go at it hard.'



At the Bond University gala: from left, Leann Wilson, Minister Leeanne Enoch, Lois Peeler and Catherine O'Sullivan.

# Bond Uni gala helps students

AN annual Bond University event has raised more than \$350,000 to help educate young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Bond University Indigenous Gala, which started in 2010, has now raised more

than \$1.35 million. This year, more than 530 business, media and community leaders attended the event at Bond University's Gold Coast

headquarters. In addition to the funds raised by the annual gala, Bond University - Australia's first and only independent, non-profit university - has provided full scholarships to 46 Indigenous students to complete

undergraduate degrees or diplomas. Bond pro vice chancellor, pathways and partnerships Catherine O'Sullivan said the gala served as a major fundraising exercise and an opportunity to promote Indigenous culture to the wider student and corporate community.

"Once again we are humbled by the community's overwhelming generosity and dedication to improving Indigenous education outcomes," she said.

"The money raised not only creates opportunities for Indigenous students to



Joint MC and Bond University scholarship holder Jordan Kilcoyne.

gain a university qualification, but it also helps to provide mentoring and support through the Nyombil Centre to ensure our Indigenous students develop the confidence and skills needed to lead the next generation of Australians.

This year's gala was officially opened with a musical performance by Aboriginal man Jeremy Donovan, the managing director of Walking With Wisdom. Mr Donovan shared emceeing duties with 18-year-old Jordan Kilcoyne, one of last year's recipients of the Bond Indigenous Scholarship.

Aboriginal country music singer Troy Cassar-Daley was the keynote speaker and headline act.

Jordan Kilcoyne spoke of the positive impact the Bond scholarship had on his life and his family, and talked of how important it had been to meet successful Indigenous professionals through the Nyombil Centre.

The gala included silent and live auctions which featured two original artworks from Indigenous artist Tommy Watson, and holidays in Mexico and Italy.

Guests included Queensland Government minister Leeanne Enoch, who is an Aboriginal woman, and Lockhart Mayor Wayne Butcher.

Also there were Lois Peeler, who is an original member of The Sapphires and now principal of Worawa College, Gold Coast councillor Hermann Vorster, lawyer Tony Hickey, and Gold Coast Suns AFL Indigenous player Jarrod Harbrow.





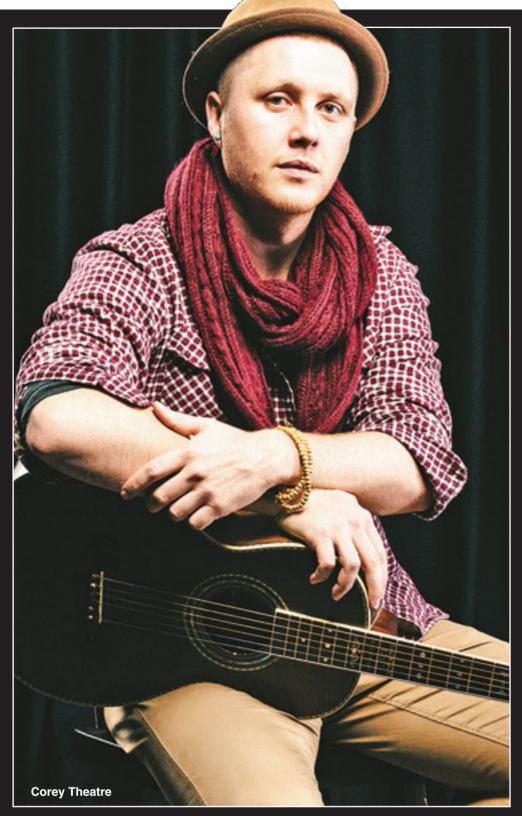


Oscar Davis and Hannah Duncan.



Mel Nash and Ned David at the gala.





## Theatre on the road to success

By KEIRA JENKINS



HITTING the road with his acoustic guitar, Corey Theatre is promoting his new single Ngathunk Ngalina.

Sung in the Guntijmara language of Victoria, the song was recorded with Aboriginal music legend Archie

Theatre performed the song live last month at the Melbourne Recital Centre as part of Roach's 'Let Love

Theatre said his new tour is about promoting a few singles before releasing his album next

"I'll try to get a couple of singles out before I release the album," he said. "I'm hoping to build a little bit

**Emily Wurramara, from Groote** Eylandt, joined Theatre on stage at his Brisbane and Nimbin (northern NSW) performances.

Theatre, who is from Daylesford in Victoria, said each new stop on the tour has brought its own 'vibe'.

"Nimbin is a lovely place," he said. "It's surrounded by mountains. It was my first time there and I thought it was beautiful.

"Everywhere I go is different.

There was a different vibe in Nimbin to what there was in Brisbane.

"It was different again playing with Uncle Archie because he has

his audiences so captivated."

Theatre will perform again at the Spirit Festival in Adelaide next March.

After taking up music 10 years ago, Theatre says he is proud of what he's been able to achieve.

"I got into music after going to

visit my uncle," he said.

"He played guitar. He played that ragtime blues-style music. So I said to him I'd help him build a house in exchange for a music lesson.

"We sat for hours while he taught me to play the old ragtime song Candyman."

But music is not Theatre's only venture. After he finishes his tour he's got to hand in his assessments for his Masters of Linguistics degree.

Language and music tie together so easily and so well, he says.

"Music is a good way to maintain language," Theatre said.
"We just need to look at the way

our old people told stories. They related it to country, and they stored their knowledge in songlines.

'It makes sense to do the same thing... to put the language back into song – to revive it."

# Debut album for A.B. Original



A.B. ORIGINAL, made up of rappers Briggs and Trials, have released their ebut album featuring singles released earlier this year.

The album includes singles January 26, with guest vocals from Dan Sultan, as well as Firing Squad, Dead in a Minute and 2 Black 2 Strong.

Both rappers said the album is something they've been working on for a

"Once you put down those songs you forget that people are going to hear it, so as much as releasing the album is exciting for us, it's also angst ridden too," Trials told the Koori Mail.

"Our songs can be easily misconstrued by someone who doesn't understand. It's become a favourite game of mine to see if I can listen to the album subjectively.



A.B. Original: Briggs, left, and Trials.

"It's great to be getting good reviews but it's a jagged pill."

Trials said that although there's been plenty of good feedback on the music, the content of their songs always "attracts a few detractors".

"That's the struggle ... people are so quick to call you racist," he said.

"We're proud and strong, and people

misconstrue that for racism. We're proud of who we are, but the first reaction for a lot of people is to get upset about that."

Briggs said the album is not for the people who get upset about A.B. Original's music, but for the kids who understand it.

"This album is for my nieces and nephews and my cousins who were raised on this knowledge," he said.

"This album is for the kids that were us, years ago. It's for an audience that we don't have to explain ourselves to.

"Our critics say what do you mean about this and what does that mean, but the kids this is for just get it."

The pair has been working together for a few years now, but Briggs said they only recently felt ready to put together an album.

"It got to the point that we felt able to create something that reflected the issues important to us," he said.

### **Cairns fair to** have awards



THE Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) will celebrate its eighth annual event in 2017 with the introduction of the CIAF Art Awards. Artistic director Janina Harding said the annual fair awards have been created to

recognise the innovation and excellence displayed by artists whose work features in the curated art fair exhibition.

The first awards will be held in conjunction with next year's event from July14-16, with the opening night on July 13.

Ms Harding said there will be four categories: Emerging, Excellence, Innovation and Art Centre awards, as well as People's Choice, with a total prize pool of \$45,000.

She says there is no application process or fee to enter, with all works on display in the art fair eligible for selection. These include Queensland Indigenous art centres (including IACA members), local and commercial galleries and independent and guest artists.

Other criteria include that only Queensland Indigenous artists exhibited at CIAF are allowed to enter with recent work. Commissioned works in the art fair will not be eligible.

The judging panel, to change each year, will comprise of three people selected annually by the CIAF.

## Music workshops changing students' lives



TWENTY Indigenous youth from three high schools have been taking part in a series of hip hop music, dance and film

production workshops at Lismore High School, in northern NSW. Delivered by not-for-profit organisation OneVisionProductions, the multi-media workshops – part of the Music for Change program – aim to provide students with an opportunity to combine Indigenous culture with contemporary creative arts.

Students from Lismore High, Richmond River High and Kadina High schools have come together to learn skills in lyric writing, music composition, beat making, hip hop dance and film production techniques.

"We're so excited to reach the Lismore kids," says OVP director Mark Robertson, aka MC Dingo.

"Our talented crew are passionate about sharing hip-hop culture and empowering youth through culture, language and the arts."

The Music for Change program is part of the Federal Indigenous Advancement Strategy, aimed at enhancing education or Indigenous youth.

Throughout the year, the Music for Change program has been held in

five northern NSW schools. "Hip hop is a language kids

"Hip hop is a language kids understand," Mr Robertson said.

"As such it's an effective way for youth to discuss issues and themes relevant to their own lives."

Indigenous Students from Mullumbimby, Ballina, Evans Head, Byron Bay and Casino high schools have all taken part in the Music for Change program.



# Fellowship for Craigie



GAMILAROI and Anaiwon author and artist Cathy Craigie has

been awarded a NSW Aboriginal Arts Fellowship to help her research a powerful women's story.

The \$30,000 fellowship will support Ms Craigie in researching the Seven Sisters story from her birthplace, Moree in northern NSW, and then travel to New Zealand, New Mexico in the United States and other Aboriginal communities who share the story.

The Seven Sisters story relates to a star constellation called Pleiades visible in the night sky in the southern and northern hemispheres.

Ms Craigie has more than 30 years' experience in the arts, punding Koori Radio and

founding Koori Radio and First Nations Australia Writers' Network and writing a range of children's stories, essays and plays. She said receiving the fellowship is a fantastic opportunity.

"I started out as an artist and then I started to help other artists with their work. This will give me an opportunity to go back to my art," Ms Craigie told the Koori Mail.

"It'll give me the financial freedom to do the research and travel I need to do, so I'm really over the moon about it.

"It's great because it means I won't have to worry about doing this job or that if I'm in a flow of writing."

#### Loved the story

Ms Craigie said she chose to research the Seven Sisters because she has loved the story since she was a little girl.

"It's a story that I realised was actually told around the world," she said.

"I first realised there were variations of the story around Australia, then that there was some variation of the Seven Sisters all over the globe.

"From my understanding, the story moved from Bundjalung country into central Australia, and each version of the story is a little bit different.

"It's a strong women's story. Every story has the same core elements, but each one varies slightly."

Ms Craigie said finding out more about each group's variation on the story is the most exciting aspect of her research.

"I'm also excited about finding out more about my own story by talking to other women and to find out how we can use those stories in contemporary times," she said.

"The stories used to be used as moral lessons and I want to know how to bring that side of the stories back."

Ms Craigie thanked Arts
NSW for the opportunities the
fellowship opened up for her,
and said awards like this "are
so beneficial for our mob".

"It allows us to do things without that financial worry," she said. "It's fantastic to have Indigenous fellowships. It's acknowledging Aboriginal culture. We wouldn't be able to do a lot of things without this support."

## Milingimbi art on display



THE Art Gallery of NSW is highlighting works from one of Australia's remotest communities with its Art latest exhibition Art from artists thriving artists thri

Milingimbi: taking memories back.

During the 1950s on the island of Milingimbi, off Arnhem Land in the Top End, a group of artists created bark paintings showing the complexities of land, sea, sky and their cultural inheritance.

inheritance.
It's the work of these artists —
Binyinyuwuy, Buranday, Dayngangan,
Dawidi, Djawa, Djimbarrdjimbarrwuy,
Lipundja and Makani — now on show in
Sydney. Alongside their bark practice,
these Milinigimbi artists also made
sculptures from paperbark, wood and
woven pandanus.

They were at the forefront of the art movement that emerged under the guidance of the Rev Edgar Wells.

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Wells' collaboration with the Milingimbi

artists resulted in a properous and thriving artistic community during the 1950s

Art Gallery of NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art curator Cara Pinchbeck said acknowledgement of individual artists from Milingimbi is long overdue.

#### "Moments"

"There are particular moments in the history of art when exceptional things happen: a certain alignment occurs; artists come together and their collaborative efforts and unique vision give rise to a distinct school of expression whose influence is keenly felt," she said.

"Such a moment occurred in the 1950s in Milingimbi."

During the decade Wells lived in Milingimbi he acquired a vast personal collection of art, some of which he sold to the Art Gallery of NSW in 1962.

The purchase remains the gallery's

largest single acquisition of a distinct collection of Aboriginal art.

The new exhibition features this work, as well as others from the community.

It is a partnership with Milingimbi people, which the gallery says ensures the utmost care for, and understanding of, their collection.

Art Gallery of NSW director Michael Brand said the collaboration with the Milingimbi community was of "immense value" to the gallery.

"This project has enabled the descendants of the artists to reclaim their cultural inheritance and play an active role in the interpretation and presentation of the artworks the gallery is so fortunate to hold," he said.

The exhibition is accompanied by *Art from Milingimbi: taking memories back*, a publication written by Lindy Allen, Louise Hamby and Cara Pinchbeck.

It continues at the Art Gallery of NSW until January 29.

### CALLING ALL BUNDJALUNG ARTISTS!

Lismore City Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from Bundjalung artists interested in creating a new work at a key entry point to the Lismore Quadrangle.

The proposed artwork will add to the vibrancy of the precinct, drawing people in from Keen Street.

#### **DEADLINE: 10 FEBRUARY 2017**

More info: www.lismore.nsw.gov.au under 'On Public Exhibition' or contact Brett.Adlington@lismore.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 66 222209





## **Healthy kids** all smiles at **Pormpuraaw**



**APUNIPIMA - Cape York Health** Council and Pormpuraaw's Pormpur Paanthu Child Care Centre has held a celebration focusing on healthy hands, noses and teeth.

At the event, supported by Colgate Australia, each child was given a toothbrush and tube of toothpaste as well as a toothbrush for adult family members.

Oral health promotional information was also available, including the Healthy Kids, Healthy Teeth booklet produced by the children and educators at the centre, which was launched earlier this year.

This month's event also featured the launch of Healthy Noses, Healthy Hands, the second booklet featuring the kids and staff of the centre. It focuses on basic hygiene messages to reduce preventable illnesses such as colds and ear infections amongst Cape York kids.

Apunipima health promotion officer Fiona Millard said the event was special for the whole community.

Our books star the kids of Pormpuraaw,

which is exciting in itself," she said.
"More exciting, though, is that staff and kids were involved in writing the text, taking the photographs and having input into the design of the books.

'The project has been about learning, sharing, doing and supporting community solutions.

"On behalf of Pormpur Paanthu and Apunipima I want to thank Colgate for their kind donation and for their support for oral health in remote Cape York.

'We know good oral health is vital for overall bodily health, speech capacity and social confidence and we are extremely grateful for this donation.



Healthy habits: Children Pormpuraaw's Pormpur Paanthu Child Care Centre in far north Queensland.

## Improvement in blindness gap



THE gap in blindness among Indigenous people has been halved since 2008 through implementation of the sector-supported Roadmap

to Close the Gap for Vision, according to a new report.

Laureate Professor Hugh R Taylor, the Harold Mitchell Chair of Indigenous Eye Health at the

University of Melbourne, said that progress is being made on every recommendation in the Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision. which was developed by Indigenous Eye Health at the University of Melbourne.

Eleven of the 42 recommendations have now been fully implemented, with almost two-thirds of all activities completed.

"In terms of regional implementation of the roadmap, there has been positive engagement," he said.

"We are working with 18 regions

across the country covering almost half of the nation's Indigenous population.

"We can report that at the beginning of this project, we found rates of blindness and impaired vision were up to six times higher than for non-Indigenous populations. This has now been halved.

"While the rate stands at three times more than the national average, this is

"While the rate stands at three times more than the national average, this is still a very encouraging improvement."

> still a very encouraging improvement. With ongoing national support, we are determined to reach eye health parity with the rest of the Australian population."

> The '2016 Annual Update on the Implementation of the Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision' was launched by National Aboriginal Community

Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) chief executive Pat Turner.

In his role as chair of Indigenous Eye Health, Prof Taylor is also working with Indigenous leaders, partners and others to eliminate trachoma in Australia.

"We are the only developed natior with endemic disease and only in Indigenous communities," he said.

"Many Indigenous communities are now trachomafree and we can turn our attention to other main causes of blindness and poor vision in Indigenous communities: cataract, refractive error and diabetes.

"Since 2008 rates of trachoma in children in remote communities

has fallen from 21% to 4.6%. We are really seeing some striking progress, but we still need to focus on the hot spots. "The 2016 Roadmap update shows

we are making great progress and are on track to close the gap for Indigenous vision completely in the next four years."

## Perth hospital post for Clinch





YAMATJI doctor Christine Clinch, pictured, has been appointed director of Aboriginal health at St John of God Midland Public Hospital in Perth. Dr Clinch has worked for the past six years in Aboriginal medical education at

The University of Western Australia. St John of God Midland Public Hospital's

catchment area includes 20% of the metropolitan area's Aboriginal community.

In her new role, Dr Clinch will lead the hospital's Aboriginal health strategy, incorporating clinician engagement and maintaining links with key referral agencies throughout WA.



Award winner Associate Professor Gail Harvey, a Kamilaroi woman, is congratulated on her success.

## Award money for researcher



A KAMILAROI researcher at the Menzies School of Health Research has been recognised at the Research Australia Awards.

Associate Professor Gail Garvey received a \$25,000 scholarship as part of the Bupa Health Foundation Emerging Researcher Award. It will go towards her work in improving cancer treatment for Indigenous people.

"The research is trying to improve cancer outcomes for Indigenous people and give our mob a better chance of survival," she told the Koori Mail.

"I want to reduce the mortality rate of cancer in our communities. But to do that we need a multi-faceted strategy.

Tive talked to cancer survivors, health professionals, service providers. I'm trying to approach it from as many different perspectives as I can."

Assoc Prof Garvey, based in Brisbane, said she is committed to closing the gap in cancer treatment for Indigenous people.

Her latest project is focused on reducing deaths from cancer through earlier detection, appropriate treatment and improving quality of life for Indigenous communities with little access to health services.

She said it was a great acknowledgement of the work she had done, as well as the work of her team.

"I think I won because I've got such a great, supportive team," Assoc Prof Garvey said.

"They've done so much to contribute to my success. It's such an honour to receive this award. Cancer in Indigenous communities is something that doesn't get much airtime.

"Anything that recognises the importance of treating cancer in our mob is so great, so getting this award I hope highlights the need to talk about cancer more.'

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> Assoc Prof Garvey has also pioneered a tool to assist with measuring the needs of Indigenous cancer patients. It's now being used across Australia.

She said cancer has affected most Indigenous families, including her own.

Assoc Prof Garvey said she was inspired to do the research once she realised it was an area in which little work had been done.

"Cancer is the second leading cause of mortality for Indigenous people (cardiovascular disease is the number-one cause)," she said.

"It's an important issue to look at and address. Cancer has had an impact on my family but as soon as someone mentions cancer it's treated like a death sentence for our mob.

"No one wants to have a conversation about it, but we can only develop strategies once we talk about it.'

The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research's Laura Dagley was a finalist for the award, receiving a \$5000 grant for her work in finding more accurate ways to identify acute

rheumatic fever in Aboriginal children.

**Bupa Health Foundation** executive leader Annette Schmiede said each of the five finalists had made significant contributions to health research.

"Australia has a proud history of pioneering and life-changing health science and research," she said.

"Supporting and funding emerging researchers is vital to our country remaining a leader in the field of health research.

"If we want to protect and enhance that reputation it's critical that we nurture these skills and expertise.

"We want to keep encouraging our Australian researcher to think big and make discoveries that can change the health landscape.

"Our 2016 Emerging Researcher Awards finalists have already made significant contributions that have been recognised at home and globally."

### **Guide offers** lung cancer information



A NEW consumer guide, My Lung Cancer Pathway, aims to provide culturally appropriate, targeted information for Indigenous people with lung cancer

and their families. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are about 75% more likely to be diagnosed with and die from lung cancer than other Australians. It is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among Indigenous Australians.

Cancer Australia chief executive Professor Helen Zorbas said supporting the early diagnosis of lung cancer in Indigenous people, and encouraging the initiation and completion of treatment for the disease, were important factors in helping those affected.

"The diagnosis of lung cancer can pose significant challenges, and it is particularly important to acknowledge the emotional and psychosocial impact of the disease,' she said.

#### "Treatment options"

"The guide helps patients to navigate each step of the lung cancer pathway and understand more about treatment options they may be offered, how to look after themselves during and after treatment, and where to find support.

"The guide will also be a valuable resource for health workers and clinicians involved in the care of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people undergoing treatment for lung cancer across community and clinical settings.

Cancer Australia has produced a series of four videos, Joe's Lung Cancer Journey, which features the story of an Aboriginal man's diagnosis with lung cancer, his treatment and life after treatment.

The My Lung Cancer Pathway resource and the video series is available through www.canceraustralia.gov.au

### Free resource to help with MJD understanding



THE first free online training resource to assist health professionals understand Machado Joseph Disease (MJD) has been launched in the Northern Territory.

The eLearning module was developed by the Remote Area Health Corps (RAHC) in conjunction with the Machado Joseph Disease Foundation (MJDF).

All health professionals will have access to the new MJD online eLearning module through the RAHC website which now has 16 modules covering a range of illnesses. Like the others in the suite, the MJD module is free and approved for continuous professional development points (CPD).

MJD is a hereditary neuro-degenerative condition. It affects many Aboriginal people in the NT. There is no known cure, and progression to dependence occurs over five to 10 years and most people are wheelchair-bound and dependent on others within 10 to 15 years of the first symptoms.

The eLearning module takes about three hours to complete and covers aspects of MJD such as genetic features and prevalence, symptom management, and social and emotional wellbeing.

For more information or to access the module visit www.rahc.com.au/elearning

## HIPPY helps Mildura children





AN international early years program implemented for Aboriginal

families in Mildura has been hailed as improving the school readiness of vulnerable children.

Mallee District Aboriginal Services implemented the two-year HIPPY (Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters) in 2014 with

11 children. MDAS Early Years manager Danielle Dougherty said all 11 five-year-olds will complete the program and begin their primary schooling next year much better prepared.

"HIPPY is designed to be integrated into the daily life of the family, and parents commit to working on the HIPPY activities at regular times each week," she said. "The program improves communication between children

and their parents and gives parents a sense of empowerment in their children's education, school and community life.'

#### Expand

HIPPY's coordinator and tutors are Aboriginal women and the program is on track to expand to 50 participants enrolled for 2017.

Ms Dougherty said the

home-based parenting and early childhood program assists parents and carers to develop the skills to become their child's first teacher and is provided through a mix of home visits and parent groups.

"Most importantly, the program supports families to nurture happy, confident, curious kids who love to learn," she said.

"Parents are noticing the difference in their children and the positive effects the program has on the whole family are also being noted by professional people they come into contact

"The independent analysis of HIPPY has found it narrows the gap in school readiness for vulnerable children, and in the long term it will be an important step towards closing the gap on reading, writing and numeracy achievements for Koori children."

## High praise for Partnership to assist literacy NPA educator



THE Rev Mary Eseli has retired after nearly three decades educating and caring for Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander children in the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA)

A ceremony was held this month at the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council to recognise the work of the Injinoo-based educator and Anglican priest.

Rev Eseli's education work covered all primary school areas, but her main focus was on early childhood. She taught the Pre-Prep Program at the Rev Canon Francis Bowie Early Learning Centre, part of

the Northern Peninsula Area College's Injinoo campus.

At her farewell, Rev Eseli was praised as an advocate for education; a source of great support for students and their families; a voice for the community, Elders and NPA campus: and a respected individual regarding cultural protocols and practice.

NPA head of campus Gaye Lovelock said Rev Eseli was a passionate believer in the importance of education, and the Cape York community has greatly benefited from her dvnamism and commitment.

"Mary will be sadly missed for her wisdom, patience, kindness and infinite advocacy for children," she



Department of Education and Training assistant directorgeneral state schools-Indigenous education Selwyn Button congratulates Mary Eseli on her impressive teaching career.



A PARTNERSHIP between schools and business which aims to improve the literacy levels of children from disadvantaged backgrounds has been launched at Parliament

House, Sydney. An initiative of the Association of Independent Schools of NSW (AISNSW), the Early Literacy Project Partnership is being supported by Dymocks Children's Charities (DCC) and industry super fund NGS Super (NGS). It will be trialled in three schools over the next year -Kempsey Adventist School, Gawura School (St Islamic College of Sydney.

The program combines professional development in literacy instruction for teachers of children in kindergarten to Year 2, with the provision of books for children from disadvantaged family backgrounds.

A particular emphasis of the projects is on meeting the needs of Aboriginal students, students whose first language is not English, and students with learning difficulties.

The program also includes workshops for the parents of participating students which focus on developing a greater understanding of classroom literacy instruction so parents can better help their children with literacy learning at home.

Teachers in the three schools taking part in the pilot project will be trained in the use of a literacy screening tool, designed by AISNSW, which is also being developed into a smartphone/tablet app which can quickly assess a child's literacy level.

## 'My teachers made me want to teach'

ATALIE Bell wants to be a teacher and become a role model for her community; she is now pursuing that dream at Australian Catholic University (ACU).
The 36-year-old Bachelor

of Education (Primary) (Indigenous Studies) student is part of the Away from Base Program which allows students to live and work in their local community, while studying online and attending four residential study blocks a year.

"My teachers always provided me with opportunities, which helped me to succeed not only at school but in life. It is because of these teachers that I want to be a successful teacher," she said.

"I also want to be a positive role model, for not only my own children, but for all children within my community.

"I want them to see that I also grew up as an Aboriginal person in the western suburbs of Sydney in a housing commission home, and with hard work I was able to achieve my goal of



Australian Catholic University students (from left) Natalie Bell, Rebekah Harris, **Sharee Cook and Kristy Hay.** 

becoming a primary school teacher.

"I want to be able to support them to set and achieve goals and to become resilient. I want them to look at me and think Ms Bell did it, I can too!"

ACU offers a wide range of support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

"I love that I can study as part of the Away from Base program and still work to support my own children

financially," Ms Bell said. "ACU and the staff at the

Yalbalinga Indigenous Higher Education Unit have been a great support, they have become like a second family

"I have also built some

amazing friendships and networks with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people from as far as the top of Queensland all the way down to Melbourne."

The Away from Base program offers specific multimodal study in education, midwifery, and business. ACU also offers alternate entry for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to on-campus courses, in Canberra, Ballarat, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney or Adelaide. Online study is also available.

A range of scholarships and bursaries are available for new and continuing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students across education, arts, health science, law, business, and theology and philosophy

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### Plan to generate more engineers



ENGINEERS Australia and the Northern Territory's largest electricity producer, government-owned corporation Territory Generation, plan to increase the number of Indigenous and female engineers through a new \$10,000 diversity scholarship program.

Engineers Australia's Mark Monaghan said partnering with Territory Generation will foster Indigenous and gender diversity in the engineering sector. "Territory Generation is a skilled and valued local energy generation company and their values closely align to Engineers Australia's," he said.

"The diversity scholarship program will help build critical capability in the industry, while supporting Indigenous and female students who are working towards a career in engineering.'

The scholarship program forms part of a new sponsorship agreement between Engineers Australia and Territory Generation.

Territory Generation chief executive Tim Duignan said his organisation is proud to sponsor Engineers Australia, is committed to workplace diversity and recognises the need to encourage more women and Indigenous people into engineering careers.

The partnership with Engineers Australia aligns with Territory Generation's values of focus, integrity, respect, safety and teamwork," he said.

Territory Generation owns and operates power stations at Channel Island, Weddell, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Yulara, Kings Canyon and Alice Springs, employing more than 200 people.

### Scholarships are aimed at nurses



**NEWCASTLE-based Hunter Primary** Care is offering two new Indigenous Nurse Practitioner Scholarships for next vear.

The scholarships will fund 90% of the course fees for an Indigenous registered nurse to study a postgraduate Masters of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) degree at university.

The goal is to improve the health of Indigenous people in the Hunter region by increasing the number of skilled nurse practitioners working in Aboriginal Health.

Applicants will be interviewed by a panel and the scholarships will be awarded to Indigenous registered nurses who demonstrate commitment, passion and desire to further their nursing careers in working in Aboriginal health.

Hunter Primary Care chief executive Kevin Sweeney welcomed the move.

The Australian College of Nurse Practitioners is working with Hunter Primary Care to help promote the scholarships and provide expert advice and assistance in selecting suitable applicants.

The first round of applications closes on December 7. Further details available at www.hunterprimarycare.com.au

### Health, wellbeing of mob the goal



HEALTH promotion charity Bluearth Foundation is offering two scholarships to Perth-based Aboriginal women wanting to improve the health and wellbeing of their mob.

The scholarships are offered in partnership with the WA Department of Sport and Recreation and Yok Djakoorliny, a health and wellbeing group for Noongar and other Aboriginal women and their friends.

The scholarship holders will receive accredited Certificate IV training, mentoring and support and student registration to Physical Activity Australia to enable them to become fitness leaders.

This scholarship program has been established to empower Aboriginal women to take action to address growing levels of chronic disease in the community," Bluearth chief executive Wendy Gillett said.

For more information about the scholarships or to apply, go to www.bluearth.org

## ACU alumni award goes to **Central Arrernte midwife**



Cherisse Buzzacott receives her award from ACU vice-chancellor and president Professor Greg Craven.



MIDWIFE Cherisse Buzzacott has been recognised at Australian Catholic University's (ACU's) 2016 Alumni of the Year awards. Her award was one of five presented to outstanding graduates at a

ceremony in Melbourne this month.

ACU introduced the Alumni Awards in 2015 as part of the university's 25th anniversary celebrations, to recognise achievements among its 85,000 alumni (former students).

Vice-chancellor and president Greg Craven presented the awards in front of ACU staff, students, alumni, members of the clergy and representatives of industry partners.

Ms Buzzacott, a Central Arrernte woman, was the first student to graduate from ACU's 'Away from Base' Bachelor of Midwifery (Indigenous) program.

#### **Passionate**

She says she is passionate about improving health for Aboriginal women and their babies, and works primarily as a midwife at Alice Springs Hospital.

Ms Buzzacott is also an outreach midwife in the Warlpiri community of Yuendumu, where she provides before- and after-birth care

In 2015 she was the Northern Territory Young Achiever Health and Wellbeing Award winner for her achievements in midwifery.

Ms Buzzacott was also awarded the ACU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Award for a graduate who has made an outstanding contribution to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and helped strengthen cultural connections respecting traditional rights, values and cultural heritage.

## Rangers on course at Thursday Island



**SEVENTEEN Torres Strait** Regional Authority (TSRA) rangers are undertaking an eight-week

Certificate IV in Leadership and Management at the Thursday Island TAFE

The course incorporates 12 units of study continuing until August next year.

TSRA chairperson Pedro Stephen said training involves using TSRA policy and organisational documents, and some new best-practice theory to develop skills in management and team leadership practices.

"Workshops will involve real and simulated activities based around project planning, using current operational strategies, incorporating some new sustainability ideas and some innovative work practices," he said.

"TAFE Qld North Cairns and TSRA deemed this certificate a relevant training program for the rangers, senior rangers, senior ranger



Rangers and others at the leadership and management course on Thursday Island.

supervisors and some other project staff, being specifically designed to incorporate Torres Strait issues.

"The aim of this training is to encourage and support the rangers into furthering their

skills and careers in leadership positions within the TSRA and other government departments.'

Core units include 'Communicate effectively as a workplace leader', 'Lead

effective workplace relationships'. 'Lead team effectiveness', and 'Implement operational plan'.

The next workshop is due to be held in February next year.

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#### National

Ongoing: Lifeline - saving lives, crisis support, suicide prevention. For assistance call 13

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 423 116.

Ongoing: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous people across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

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 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

December 2-24: Barbara and the Camp Dogs performance. A rock-gig musical about love and home, featuring Ursula Yovich and Casey Donovan. Held at Belvoir Theatre, Surry Hills, Sydney. Admission fees apply. Details: (02) 9699 3444 or visit www.belvoir.com.au

December 4: Blak Markets at Barangaroo Reserve. Details: Sarah on 0408 283 091 or visit www.barangaroo.sydney

December 5-9: NAISDA auditions for 2017 intake. Details: Michelle Wollaston on 1800 117 116 or email m.wollaston@naisda.com.au or visit www.naisda.com.au

December 7: Art, Culture and Education panel discussion. Boomerang presents Rhoda Roberts in conversation with Akala (Britain), Djon Mundine and Ellen van Neersen. Held at Park Lane Theatre, Lennox Community Centre, Lennox Head, from 6pm.

Cost: \$30 adult, \$25 concession, \$10 a person for bookings of five or more.

Tickets via www.commuityspaces.com.au Details: (02) 6687 6291.



## Band to play at Yabun



A FINAL band has been added to next year's extensive line-up for the annual Yabun Festival.

Groote Eylandt act Salt Lake Band will be among the many performers at this year's festival in Sydney on January 26.

The 11-member Salt Lake Band share an 18-year history and have played at several major Indigenous music and cultural events

including Garma, Barunga and the Alice Springs Bush Bands Bash.

The band members sing in English and their Anindilyakwa language from Groote Eylandt. They are connected by family and their Dreaming which is tied to the Warnindilyakwa way of songlines and

Salt Lake Band members aim to pass on the Anindilywakwa culture to the next

generation and to all Indigenous Australians.

The festival, hosted by Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation, is one of the largest annual gatherings of Indigenous in the country. It is held each year at Victoria Park in Camperdown, Sydney, on Survival/Invasion Day.

The festival continues in the tradition of Aboriginal 'Survival Day' gatherings. For more information visit yabun.org.au

December 7: Public conversation - Indigenous Incarceration and Community Solutions. MP Linday Burney and formwer minister Bob Debus will join the Whitlam Institute for this public conversation. Held at Room 1, Building EZ, Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus, from 6pm. Cost: \$12 a person. Details: (02) 9685 9210 or email info@whitlam.org

December 7: Cumberland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Network Meeting. Held at Merrylands RSL Club from 11am-2pm. Register via beatrice.sesay@cumberland.nsw.g ov.au. Details: Beatrice Sesay on (02) 9840 9677.

December 8: Suicide prevention workshop. Held at Lismore City Hall, Lismore, from 5pm. Reply to nr@ncphn.org.au by December 2. Details: (02) 6627 3300.

December 9: Goonellabah Christmas family event. Includes a free barbecue, Old McDonald's Farm, water slide and more. Held at Clifford Park, Goonellabah, from 4pm. Free. Details: YWCA on(02) 66 255 800

December 9: Australian Human Rights Commission awards ceremony. Includes special guest Dame Quentin Bryce and a performance by Archie Roach. Held at The Westin Sydney, 1 Martin Place, from noon. Cost: \$90-\$180. Details available

on (02) 9284 9779 or email hrawards@humanrights.gov.au

December 9: Human Rights Day screening of Another Country, a film told by David Gulpilil. Held at Redfern Community Centre, 29-53 Hugo Street, from 6pm. Free. Details: Cathy on 0422 385 852 or visit www.stoptheintervention.org

December 10: Koori Christmas Fundraiser. Held at The Sportsman Hotel, 81 Kildare Road, Blacktown, from 9pm-4am. Entry: \$10 a person. Details: (02) 9626 6017.

December 13, 14 and 15: A three-day monoprinting intensive course with artist Arone Raymond Meeks. Held at North Coast TAFE. Lismore Campus, from 9am-3pm. Bookings: eventbrite.com.au. Details: (02) 6628 8120.

**December 14:** Money and legal issues information session. Get free legal help and advice on fines and debts, Centrelink, renting, free birth certificates for people aged up to 21 and more. Held at Youth and Community Hall, 75-77 Bridge Street, Coraki, from10am-3pm. Details: ALS on (02) 6623 4400 or Legal Aid on (02) 6621 2082. Also held on December 15 at Tabulam.

#### **Victoria**

**December 2:** Flushed performance. Aims to remove stigmas around bowel screening. Held at Thomastown Recreation and Aquatic Centre, 52-54 Main St, Thomastown, from 4-7pm .Details: Ali Hickerson on (03) 9514 6486 or visit www.cancervic.org.au

December 9: Monthly weaving workshop with Yorta Yorta weaver Donna Blackall. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne from noon. Cost: \$16.50 a person. Bookings essential. Details: (03) 8662 6300

December 10-26: Koorie Art Show 2016 launch and exhibition. Seventy artists showcasing the diverse talents of Victoria's Indigenous artists. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.koorihertiagetrust.org

December 11: A Very Koorie Krismas. Includes free activities, live music and workshops. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federati Square, Melbourne from 1-4pm. Details: (03) 8662 6314 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au

#### Queensland

Until December 9: Torres Strait Regional Authority call for applications for funded dance strategy. Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula area dance teams are invited to submit applications for funding to perform at the 2017 Yirramboi Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival.

Details: Regina Turner on (07) 4069 0884 or email regina.turner@tsra.gov.au

**December 1:** Community information session on the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in 2018. Held at Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre, 1711 Gold Coast Highway, Burleigh Heads, from 3.15pm. Details: Losalini Kale on (07) 5618 2531 or email losalini.kale@goldoc.com

December 12-16: Cape York Youth Summit. Covering the themes of self-respect, power, passion, inspiration and family. Held at Pormpuraaw, Cape York. Details: Janie Deakon on 0436 389 173, Gandhi Kuppusamy on 0408 640 059 or Robert English on 0457

#### **South Australia**

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

#### **Western Australia**

December 2-3: Mangkaja Gallery and Studio Christmas Art Sale. Held at Mangkaja Gallery, 8 Bell Road, Fitzroy Crossing from 4pm-7pm on December 2 and 10am-4pm on December 3. Details: (08) 9191 5833 or visit www.mangkaja.com

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Program graduate and now NSW Health nursing and midwifery senior advisor Leona McGrath wanted to be a midwife at age 16 when she saw the birth

But it wasn't until years later that she pursued that dream, prompted by news of the cadetship program and a course offered at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS).

"It was like the stars had aligned - I heard about the Bachelor of Midwifery and the cadetship at the same time," Ms McGrath said.

"I couldn't have done it without the cadetship as I was a single mother and I went into the degree as a mature-age student.

"It was such an eye-opener for me. I hadn't realised how big the health gap (between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people) actually was. I never used to think that one person could make a difference, but that first year at university made me realise you can."

Ms McGrath said one of the reasons she wanted to become a midwife was the lack of Aboriginal health professionals in maternity settings.

"We know that Aboriginal people will access health services if there are Aboriginal people working in the facilities," she said.

"It's fantastic for Aboriginal women and also for staff at the clinics to have more Aboriginal nurses and midwives, as it will ensure our facilities are more culturally appropriate and safe."

The NSW Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Cadetship Program offers a study allowance of \$600 a fortnight while undertaking study, a \$500 book allowance each semester, up to 12 weeks



of paid work in a local health facility, support from an Aboriginal mentor, cadet coordinator and additional clinical support and ongoing employment on completion of the program and studies.

Ms McGrath said the study allowance and the 12-week work placement were a great help, and the program's flexibility enabled her to carry out her work placement two days a week over a year, to fit in with her weekly schedule.

"The cadets are work-ready once they finish the program because they've

already been exposed to clinical experience due to the 12-week work placement," she said.

To be eligible for a cadetship, applicants have to be Aboriginal residents in NSW wanting to undertake an undergraduate degree in nursing and midwifery.

For Ms McGrath, the prospect of studying a degree at university for the first time had been daunting, but she overcame the challenges, graduated from university, joined the NSW Health

workforce and is now planning to go back to university to do her master's degree.

"It was a massive adjustment, but going into it as a mature-age student I believed my life experience would assist with the demands that study required," she said. "It was the passion that got me through.'

Applications for the cadetship program close on December 16.

For more details, call 1800 155 325 or email aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.

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Our National Centre for Cultural Competence (NCCC) advances thinking and action in services, policies and programs on matters of cultural competence. We have a whole-of-university role forming partnerships with similar centres and Indigenous communities nationally and internationally.

We aim to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation and outcomes in higher education with culturally competent staff, students and graduates who are able to contribute to the social, cultural, political and economic development of an increasingly diverse and globally connected community.

In this exciting new position you will assist the NCCC's Academic Director to lead, oversee and develop research and education around cultural competence in educational settings. To ensure your success, you will be someone who leads teams creatively and agilely, applying a social justice framework to the development of your work.

Join us as we embark on a journey of change and opportunity at the University of Sydney.

For more information and to apply, search by the reference number at sydney.edu.au/recruitment



#### Senior Officer – LOOKOUT Koorie Cultural Advisor

**Department of Education and Training** 

3 Positions: 1 x North Western Victoria Region

1 x North Eastern Victoria Region

1 x South Eastern Victoria Region

VPSG5 - Ongoing, Full time 1.0 FTE **Salary range: \$89,327 - \$108,078 (+ Super)** Senior Officer – LOOKOUT Koorie Cultural Advisor

An exciting opportunity exists in the newly established LOOKOUT Education Support Centres to contribute to helping students in out of home care stay in education and achieve their best.

As a LOOKOUT Koorie Cultural Advisor, you will work closely with regional schools to advocate for the educational and cultural needs of Aboriginal students in out of home care. The Koorie Cultural Advisor will draw on the capacity and expertise of the Victorian Regional areas Koorie Education Coordinator and Koorie Education Support Officers (Koorie Education Team) to have a comprehensive and consistent approach to supporting Aboriginal students in out of home care. Working in collaboration with the Koorie Education Team the Koorie Cultural Advisor will build the capacity of schools to provide culturally appropriate supports and opportunities to build connection to culture. As part of the LOOKOUT Centre's multidisciplinary team, the role will contribute to the development of policy and practice to improve education outcomes in Victoria for out of home care students, working to support schools and professionals working with students in out of home care to provide culturally appropriate services consistently. The role is required to establish effective working relationships with the relevant DHHS Division and other key stakeholders. With the LOOKOUT team the Koorie Cultural Advisor will collect and analyse data specific to Aboriginal students in order to monitor attendance, engagement and achievement against agreed DET and DHHS measures and make sure that individual needs are met in a culturally inclusive way.

Candidates must address the key selection criteria to be considered for this position.

For further information on the position description and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au.

For the position based in the North Western Victoria Region

Contact Stacey Gabriel on 03 9488 9408 for information and refer to the position number For the position based in the North Eastern Victoria Region

Contact David Rose on 0427 172 928 for information and refer to the position number

For the position based in the **South Eastern Victoria Region** Contact Stacey Gabriel on 03 9488 9408 for information and refer to the position number

All applications close Wednesday 7th December 2016

www.education.vic.gov.au

DET/RSG/SEV/26681



#### **Customer Service Officer** (Aboriginal targeted)

- 1 x Aboriginal targeted role Wagga Wagga
- Grade 3/4, Salary range \$67,248 \$73,635 + Super

In this role you will have the opportunity to use your excellent customer service skills to support the community, including consumers and traders as part of the team in the Wagga Wagga Fair Trading Centre. You will enjoy working on a wide range of matters, providing quality service and information in a high-volume, customer-focused environment.

#### **Applications Close: 5 December 2016**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Shantel Seccull on (02) 6043 9304.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00004K3W





#### **ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ASSISTANT Macarthur Region**

The Director of Schools invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced personnel for this temporary full time position of Aboriginal Education Assistant in the Macarthur region, commencing 30 January 2017 until 19 December 2017.

The successful applicant will be required to work closely with and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the areas that include literacy, numeracy and cultural initiatives as well as liaise with the school, parish and local communities. This role is part of the Aboriginal Education Assistant Program which will provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students according to their areas of need. Applicants will be supportive of the ethos and mission of Catholic Education, Diocese of Wollongong and understand the purpose of this position as ultimately serving the needs of the students and staff in our Catholic schools.

#### **Essential Criteria:**

The successful applicant must:

- be from an Aboriginal background
- have the ability to support the literacy and numeracy needs of students and/or
- have good communication skills and be comfortable with Aboriginal community liaison
- be flexible and able to adapt to a variety working conditions
- have the ability to interact positively with students
- have the ability to work under limited direction
- possess a current NSW Driver's Licence and own transport

#### Desirable Criteria:

- experience in supporting boys cultural programs
- experience working with children in classroom and small groups

#### Salary/Conditions:

- Salary and conditions are in accordance with the School Administrative Services Enterprise Agreement 2015 NSW and ACT Catholic Systemic Schools
- The position is child-related work and requires the person to have NSW Working With Children Check and obtain their clearance for paid work children
- On appointment, applicants will be required to complete Child Protection training and may also be required to undertake the Aboriginal Education Worker Certificate, depending on prior skills and experience
- Aboriginality authorised (under Section 14 D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

#### **Application Process**:

To receive an application package contact Laura Russell at the Catholic Education Office via email laura.russell@dow.catholic.edu.au. To confidentially discuss your application contact Karan Taylor, Indigenous Education Officer, on 4253 0844.

Closing Date: Friday 2 December 2016.

#### ARTS LAW CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA

#### **Artists in the** Black Coordinator



Are you passionate about Indigenous arts and culture and want to make sure Indigenous artists know their rights and are not exploited?

Artists in the Black is the service of the Arts Law Centre of Australia which delivers legal services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, organisations and communities across Australia. We aim to ensure artists understand their rights and that Indigenous culture is respected

We are seeking a part-time Indigenous Coordinator for this service (with potential to work full-time in early 2017)

Knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists is required.

> This is an Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander identified position

For a complete job description and selection criteria email artslaw@artslaw.com.au or visit http://www.artslaw.com.au/about/careers/

Applications Close 5pm 7th December 2016

#### **Illaroo Cooperative and Rose Mumbler Village**

#### Care Services Manager

This opportunity to lead a non-profit organisation designed to deliver culturally appropriate and quality care to your community Elders. Based in Nowra, the Service Manager reports to the Board and has a key role in managing and building the service through leadership, development and management of funding opportunities. The successful applicant will have prior leadership experience gained in a similar role within community services or health sector

This is an identified position. All applicants must be of aboriginal decent and accepted by the Community.

#### Minimum requirements for the role are:

- 3 years working in Aged Care services or similar including team management
- Proven success in development and submission of government funding applications, compliance and reporting
- Demonstrated ability to set and manage budgets
- Must have current drivers license

Additional selection criteria can be obtained from John Bolt, Chairman on 0473 441209 for a confidential discussion





#### 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.

#### Job Description:

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 drugs in a laboratory.

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:

- 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.
- Applicants must:
- · 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



#### **Support Services** Director



This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a new bold independent NFP organisation creating a different future for children, families and communities experiencing the greatest levels of disadvantage and inequity in Australia

Children's Ground is the first organisation of its kind in Australia. We work with Aboriginal communities over the course of a generation, led by local expertise, vision and intelligence. Together we create and deliver a system of programs and services that are centred on learning, development and wellbeing that respond to the main lifestages and key transition points from pre-birth to young adulthood.

Reporting to the CEO, the Support Services Director is a senior role that forms part of the small Children's Ground executive team. You will be responsible for:

ensuring that efficient and effective operational controls, administrative and reporting procedures are in place for all support service functions and activities - including Board Governance and Management, Operations, Finance, Communications, Research, Evaluation and Monitoring and Strategy, Growth and Scaling, and providing leadership, management, vision, guidance, and

direction to the HR/Workforce, Occupational, Health, Safety and Environment (OHS&E) and IT functions.

The position is full time, based in Melbourne CBD with an expectation of travel to the Northern Territory.

We want someone who is an accomplished leader who has: · a passion for breaking intergenerational disadvantage and an interest and/or experience in working with First Nation

- a Graduate Degree with qualifications and expertise in
- Human Resource Management or business management;
   a strategic orientation with ability to effectively manage core
- operations, be hands on and stay close to the detail, and advanced contract management skills, sound knowledge of compliance, financial and legal implications.

#### Aboriginal and First Nations people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Benefits include an attractive remuneration package including excellent tax benefits and 6 weeks annual leave (4 weeks annual leave + 2 weeks bonus leave over Christmas)

Please send your resume and letter of application to cgadmin@childrensground.org.au or post to

Sally Young C/O Children's Ground 1st Floor, Donkey Wheel House

673 Bourke Street, Melbourne. Victoria 3000.

Applications must be received by Friday 9th December.



#### **Manager Aboriginal Water Program**

Location: Melbourne CBD Position No: 921814 Salary: \$109,567 to \$146,622

We are building an inclusive workplace to help realise the potential of our employees, embrace our differences, and apply our diverse thinking to innovation and delivering services to Victorian communities. All jobs can be worked flexibly and we encourage job applications from Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

The Manager Aboriginal Water Program is a new progressive position within DELWP. It will have a key role in leading and growing an effective team that includes a number of identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander positions to implement the Aboriginal Water Program. This program will deliver WCG's commitments to recognise and manage for Aboriginal values of water in Water for Victoria DELWP's Aboriginal Inclusion Plan, the National Water Initiative and Murray-Darling Basin Plan. As part of this, the position will build effective relationships across the Department, across the water sector and other government agencies and with Traditional Owner groups and peak Aboriginal bodies.

This role requires a person with understanding and experience in Aboriginal stakeholder engagement Aboriginal water policy, and government commitments and legislative obligations to Aboriginal people in Victoria. An understanding of Victoria's water resources, the legislative framework for their management and of the requirements of the Murray Darling Basin Plan is also desirable.

This is a fixed term position for a period of 3 years.

To apply online and for further information on position description and selection criteria visit

#### www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close at midnight Wednesday 14 December 2016

www.delwp.vic.gov.au **Customer Service Centre 136 186** 



#### DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL

- Challenging and rewarding career opportunity
- Lead and drive whole of government policy and strategic initiatives

The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) has a lead role in enabling Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people to contribute to, and enjoy, Queensland's prosperity and lifestyle through the delivery of whole of government policies, programs and services.

The Department is seeking to appoint a Deputy Director-General (DDG) with responsibility for leading the development of whole of Government policy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues.

This is an exciting opportunity for a dynamic and strategic professional to make a difference in a senior influential policy position within the Queensland Government.

The DDG will work collaboratively with internal and external stakeholders, including government, nongovernment, business, and community sectors to deliver objectives consistent with the Ministerial Charter, government election commitments, government policy and DATSIP's strategic priorities.

#### Key responsibilities include:

- Lead the provision of whole of government strategic policy advice including strategies to promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, social and economic participation
- Ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of departmental whole of government policy, programs
- Provide high quality advice, information and guidance to the Minister, the Director-General, and the Department's Board
- Monitor and report on progress towards improved outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Develop, build and promote Aboriginal culture and Torres Strait Islander culture

#### Requirements:

To be successful you will have proven strong professional leadership and management capabilities in a large and complex organisation in the public, private and/or not for profit sector; a strong background in strategy and policy development and implementation, program development, stakeholder engagement and service delivery; proven track record as an agent of change in challenging environments; and possess outstanding judgement, high level integrity and effective agility to adapt to a constantly changing environment.

Applicants who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander are strongly encouraged to apply.

Apply at executivejobs@davidsonwp.com quoting Reference No. JO-1611-65214. For further information contact Chris Morrison of Davidson Executive on 02 8093 0632.

**Applications close 7 December 2016** 

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#### PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR

Are you inspired and motivated to manage an exciting and responsive Aboriginal community legal service and implement creative solutions in a co-operative and collaborative manner with a strong and vibrant

Along with the Manager of the Warra-Warra Legal Service and the Chief Executive Officer of the Far West Community Legal Centre Ltd, the Principal Solicitor of the Warra Warra Legal Service will provide dynamic leadership to the Broken Hill based Warra Warra Legal Service and to the Far West NSW.

Salary: \$100,000 inclusive of superannuation There are four weeks annual leave attached to the position and leave loading is considered to be part of the negotiated salary package. Negotiated assistance in relocation expenses is also offered. Applicants are requested to address the Competencies Required criteria in the position description to be considered for interview.

For a full position description please email cathy.farry@farwestclc.org.au

Applications for the position of Principal Solicitor close 5pm, 9 December 2016

#### **Great Lakes and Manning Youth Homelessness Service**

#### Specialist Homelessness Services Team Leader

Great Lakes and Manning Youth Homelessness Service (GLAMYHS) is a locally based not-for-profit organisation supporting young people to be safely housed offering outreach, early intervention and prevention, case management, support to access education and employment opportunities in the Manning, Great Lakes and Gloucester

We are currently seeking to recruit a Team Leader to support the daily operations of the Specialist Homelessness Service

#### The Team Leader will:

- Provide exceptional leadership in delivering the Great Lakes and Manning Youth Homelessness Support Service
- Oversee and ensure professional and ethical service provision to Young People residing at The Garage Youth Refuge and/or accessing homelessness support
- Provide support to the SHS Manager. · Take charge of the SHS in the absence of
- the Manager. **Kev Selection Criteria**

#### Essential:

- Diploma in Community Services, Youth Work or related fields with extensive experience of working with young people from a diverse range of backgrounds.
- Experience leading a team of case managers committed to supporting young people at risk or experiencing
- Extensive experience overseeing the

- delivery of services to young people with challenging behaviours and complex needs
- Excellent negotiation and problem solving skills. Sound understanding of Case
- Management Framework Principles. Sound knowledge of Trauma Informed
- Care Practice. Sound knowledge of Keeping Them Safe Legislation.
- · Excellent communication, interpersonal
- and problem solving skills, encompassing verbals, written and ICT.

  Knowledge of Client Information Management System (CIMS).

  Demonstrated ability to manage a
- diverse range of services, programs and/or staff.
- A valid Working with Children's Check.
- A valid National Police Check with no disclosable outcomes or pending court
- An unrestricted NSW licence and ability to drive a manual vehicle.

#### **Desirable Criteria**

- Demonstrated understanding of Going Home Staying Home Reform.
- Demonstrated understanding of the No Wrong Door Policy.

Applications will close Wednesday 30 November 2016 – 5:00 pm and should be marked 'Confidential' and forwarded to:

> Tammy Whyte PO Box 237, Taree NSW 2430 Or tammyw@glcr.org.au



Health and Human Services

#### Manager, Aboriginal Engagement

- Ongoing, full-time, 76 hours per fortnight
- Dandenong or Gippsland based office location negotiable

The Manager Aboriginal Engagement has strategic and practice leadership responsibility within the South Division of the Department of Health & Human Services. Adopting an areabased approach, the manager is charged with establishing and managing a newly-created team responsible for working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across the South Division to work towards the achievement of identified outcomes.

The position will require a strong contemporary knowledge of Aboriginal culture and aspirations, as well as highly developed leadership, negotiation and relationship building skills. It will also require a strong understanding of public policy and the political environment in relation to Aboriginal communities.

- An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person with skills and experience in engaging with communities to achieve health outcomes?
- Committed to implementing and influencing the development of public policy?
- Capable of leading and inspiring change?
- Are you effective at communication and negotiation?

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit; www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact

Paul Maher - paul.maher@dhhs.vic.gov.au

Job Reference number: DHHS/SSD/00487583

Applications close: Friday, 9 December 2016

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit

To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au Police Checks form part of the Department of Health and Human Services recruitment

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

#### Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package) Applications close Friday 9 December 2016

The Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council (ILALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated Aboriginal people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

The position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the ILALC'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 demonstratable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and must address all the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package please contact the ILALC Office, by email: chairman@ilalc.org.au or on (02) 4226 3338.

"This is an identified position in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act1977. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection

Applications can be forwarded to chairman@ilalc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council 3 Ellen Street, WOLLONGONG NSW 2500

Applications close Friday 2 December 2016



#### Research Fellows and Research Officers

The School of Public Health University of Adelaide and Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit, South Australian Health and Medical Research Unit are two of the primary partners in the Centre of Research Excellence in Aboriginal Chronic Disease Knowledge Translation and Exchange (CREATE). We are now seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Fellows and Research Officers who would like to contribute and work in CREATE.

Duties will be dependent on level of appointment but may include:

- · Lead or contribute to data collection, analysis and interpretation
- · Develop and maintain relationships with key stakeholders including community. health services, government and academic collaborators.
- · Prepare reports and papers for publication
- · Lead or assist with translating findings into policy and practice.
- · Comply with Institutional and State Government policies on intellectual property
- · Maintain strict confidentiality of research proposals and research findings

\$45,000 - \$86,820 per annum (based on skills and Salary: qualifications)

Superannuation: An employer contribution of 9.5% applies

Term of position: This fixed-term contract is available January 2017 for

12 months

Eligibility Criteria: "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 section 65 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1983 (SA). The position is therefore only open to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants.

#### Position requirements:

To be successful you should have:

- · Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- · Experience in working within a research or policy environment
- · Understanding of health or social care sectors
- · Understanding of data collection, analysis and interpretation processes
- · Experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is highly desirable
- · Experience in contributing to the development of reports is highly desirable
- · Knowledge and experience with qualitative research software is desirable

Please note the following conditions may apply:

- · Out of business hours work may be required.
- · Travel interstate and intrastate, including to remote parts of South Australia, possibly for extended periods. Visit the University of Adelaide Job opportunities page to apply:

http://careers.adelaide.edu.au/cw/en/job/495353/research-fellowsand-research-officers.

If you have any queries regarding this position, please contact Carol Davy, Senior Research Fellow (SAHMRI), telephone: 08 8128 4220

or email: carol.davy@sahmri.com.

Closing date:

Sunday 4th December 2016

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#### **Executive Officer**

Peak Indigenous arts and cultural organisation for Far North Queensland

All Indigenous managed organisation Attractive remuneration package

An interesting and exciting opportunity as Executive Officer has recently become available at UMI Arts in Cairns.

To meet the requirements of the role you will have at least 5 years' experience in a senior management role developing and delivering successful Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Arts and Cultural Services

obtain a position description please email marketing@umiarts.com.au

If you are interested in working for an expanding, dynamic, and creative organization, please submit your application including Cover Letter, Resume and Selection Criteria to:

> Leo Akee, Chairperson PO Box 1100 Cairns North QLD 4870

Or Email: eo@umiarts.com.au

For further enquires please contact the Acting Executive

All applications are due: Close of Business Wednesday 7 December 2016



#### AWABAKAL LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council (ALALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The CEO will be required to assist and support the Awabakal LALC Board in day to day management and in implementing the Awabakal LALC's Community Land Business Plan.

The successful applicant will have to demonstrate ability to effect the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW), in achieving the Board's objectives, sound management, communication and execution skills. Organisational experience is essential together with abilities in financial management. An in-depth knowledge and appreciation of Indigenous issues, property management including social housing would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the position description, selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Administrator Terry Lawler terrylawler16@gmail.com

Applications can be forwarded to terrrylawler16@gmail.com or marked "Confidential & posted to:

> Attention Terry Lawler, CEO Recruitment Awabakal LALC PO Box 101, ISLINGTON NSW 2296

> > Applications close:

Thursday 15th December 2016 by close of business.

Indigenous people are strongly encouraged to apply.



#### **ABORIGINAL SUPPORT WORKER**

Guthrie House is a not-for-profit transitional service that supports women 18 years and older who have a history of alcohol and other drug abuse and current involvement in the

criminal justice system and are homeless or at high risk of homelessness. We operate 7 days a week, 24 hours a day in a residential setting.

As the Aboriginal Support Worker you will work closely with our Indigenous resident's assisting with a range of activities, including but not limited to client assessment, advocacy, referral and support with health, housing, financial, rehabilitation and recovery support as well as assisting Case Managers. The role will predominately be required to work 3 days per week (Tues, Wed, Thurs) with opportunity for

#### **Essential**

- Proof of Aboriginality
- A current C Class licence

#### Desirable

- · Qualifications in AOD, Mental Health or a related fields & experience in working professionally with Aboriginal women with complex issues:
- Knowledge of the challenges faced by Aboriginal communities;
- Case Management skills;
- · Efficient oral and written communication skills
- · Efficient computer skills in the Microsoft Office suite of applications:
- Understanding of self-help support groups and other AOD community services;
- Demonstrated ability to manage challenging situations and clients, and to prioritise and organise a busy workload and
- Knowledge of mandatory reporting requirements (self-harm, child protection, domestic violence, etc).

For further information or to apply for this position, please contact the Manager on 02 9564 5977 or via info@guthriehouse.com



I can influence positive changes towards the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in South Australia. My cultural knowledge and life experience will help to break down barriers and improve an understanding of the challenges facing Aboriginal people. At SA Health, my career is varied and diverse, enabling me to do truly meaningful and interesting work.

#### Aboriginal Wellbeing Social Worker

Women's & Children's Health Network Yarrow Place Rape & Sexual Assault Service North Adelaide Job Ref: 601087

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers 1300 882 992







#### **Aboriginal Client Service Officer** (Tenancy)

(Full-time permanent role)

Wentworth Community Housing Limited is seeking applications of no more than 4 pages (plus resume) for this Aboriginal CSO (Tenancy) position. The role is positioned at Grade 4 under the SCHCADS Award. The position has been identified as an Aboriginal position in accordance with the provisions of Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Wentworth is an innovative, reputable and established housing provider based in outer Western Sydney, providing affordable rental housing and other housing assistance to eligible people who are on very low to moderate incomes and who are most in need. Wentworth has offices in Penrith, Windsor and Katoomba and manages almost 2,000 properties, with the main clusters in the Penrith, Hawkesbury, Blue Mountains and

The position provides services to our clients who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. It will work across our three offices at Penrith, Windsor and Katoomba.

The successful candidate will have knowledge of and experience in the social housing sector and as well as a good understanding of the housing issues facing people who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. They will be a good problem solver and possess high levels of communication, nave negotiation and conflict resolution skills, as well the ability to relate to people at all levels.

In the application, applicants are required to meet the following eight essential criteria for the position:

- Demonstrated experience in the social housing sector and/or community sector services, inclusive of working within Legislation, Policies and Procedures
- High level communication, negotiation and conflict resolution skills and ability to relate to people from diverse backgrounds, including the ability to solve problems and manage issues in difficult and demanding circumstances
  Proven customer service delivery in meeting the needs of
- clients from socio-economic disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Ability to work effectively as part of team and willingness and a commitment to operate collaboratively with all internal staff to achieve the aims of Wentworth
- Capacity to work in the field and visit tenants in their homes to discuss their needs and or tenancy concerns.
- Demonstrated ability to meet deadlines with high accuracy Demonstrated computer literacy
- Current Drivers Licence
- Working With Children Check
- Police Check

If you believe you have the skills, experience and passion to be successful in this position, and would like more information, please contact Cheryl Barnes at cherylb@wentworth.org.au or 0434 497 928

How to apply: Applications addressing the above selection criteria are to be submitted, with resume, by no later than COB Wednesday 6 December 2016 to recruitment@wentworth.org.au







#### **Aboriginal Community** Mental Health Clinician

Mental Health Services, Maroubra Permanent Full-Time

Enquiries: Suzanne Faraj 0413 777 607

#### **Closing Date:** Friday 9 December 2016



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 359265

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice** 

RPS is a global network of professionals who provide world-class consultancy solutions in energy, resources, mining, infrastructure, environment and urban growth We have a highly motivated team of more than 4500 people globally who work from offices across the UK, Ireland, The Netherlands, United States, Canada, and the Asia Pacific and undertake projects in many other parts of the world. We employ over 900 people in over 20 offices in the Australia and Asia Pacific region.

RPS as a national organisation values its culturally diverse community and is committed to extending the process of reconciliation in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the broader Australian community to become an organisation whose strength lies in its diversity.

As such, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply for any current

For further information and to apply for roles, please submit your application visiting https://app.revelian.com/rpscareers/ and completing an online application form.

To be eligible to apply for these positions you must have an appropriate Australian or New Zealand work visa.



#### **Project Officer Aboriginal Cancer Care**

Site Negotiable Enquires: Susan Mulyk 0429 100 521

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

#### **Closing Date: 11 December 2016**





Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 359651

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice** 



#### Female Principal Aboriginal Health Worker

F/T at Camperdown Community Health Salary: \$82,316 - \$85,872 pa Enquiries: Renee Lovell (02) 9515 1210

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander and Being Female are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under section 14(d) and section 31(2h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

#### **Closing Date:** Friday 16 December 2016





Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 341221

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice** 

#### **Public Relations and Communications** Manager



33 Creative is an Aboriginal Media, Communications and Events Company based on Gadigal Country. We are looking for an experienced PR and Communications Manager with a 6 + years' experience to join our dynamic team. We are seeking a creative problem solver who believes in the power of stories.

The Public Relations and Communications Manager is responsible for managing our public relations and communications campaigns, with support from our team. The position will involve:

- Work on campaigns and development of campaign materials
- Public Relations for clients and 33 Creative
- Website writing and strategy
- Social media management and strategy
- · Writing, editing and executing communication strategies
- Script writing for various projects
- Public Relations for clients and 33 Creative
- Writing and editing of tenders
- Sourcing opportunities to grow the business

The role is full-time based in our Sydney office with the opportunity for flexible working arrangements including some home-based work.

**How to apply** Visit the 33 Creative website **33 creative.com.au** to download the application pack, complete and return to info@33creative.com.au by Friday 16th December 2016.

osition enquiries Mayrah Sonter at info@33creative.com.au or **02 9516 3466**.



#### Aboriginal Health Worker **Primary Health Care** (Aboriginal Identified)

Classification: Aboriginal Health Education Officer Location: Silverwater

Email: cornelio.dejesus@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time Salary: \$49,121 - \$72,346 pa Enquiries: Leo De Jesus (02) 9700 2233

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: 4 December 2016**



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Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 360781

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice** 

#### Health South Western Sydney Local Health District

#### **Aboriginal Trainee Environmental Health Officer**

Temp F/T 38hpw at Population Health, Liverpool

Salary: \$909.77 - \$1010.62 pw Enquiries: John Birkett (02) 8778 0829 Reference Number: 357476

Closing Date: 4 December 2016

#### Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician

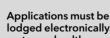
Permanent F/T 38hpw at Mental Health Services, Ingleburn Salary: Dependent on Qualifications

Enquiries: Giles Barton (02) 9616 4266 Reference Number: 362100

#### Closing Date: 14 December 2016

These are identified positions 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: see above**



lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number above.

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice** 

Eora College is renowned in Sydney as a Centre of Excellence for Visual and Performing Arts and Aboriginal Education.

#### Part-Time Casual Teacher, **Eora College**

TAFE NSW – Sydney TAFE \$76.84 per hour

Eora College, located in Chippendale, offers training in Aboriginal Culture, Aboriginal languages, Creative and Performing Arts and much more. Eora has a strong responsive focus on the education and training needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and has partnerships with many industry and community organisations who promote real careers and further study opportunities.

We are currently inviting applications from suitably qualified Aboriginal persons to deliver training in:

- Aboriginal Cultural Arts
- Aboriginal Cultural and Political Studies
- Aboriginal Languages



We are also inviting applications from suitably qualified persons to deliver training in:

- · Dance and Theatre
- Music
- Screen and Media

If you are interested in applying, please visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for Job Reference Number 00004X2L

Danny Allende - Director Eora College 9217 4880

danny.allende2@tafensw.edu.au Lyn Wilson - Projects Eora

College - 9217 4142 lyn.wilson@tafensw.edu.au

Closing Date: 15 January 2017



#### **COUNTY COURT OF VICTORIA COUNTY KOORI COURT OFFICER**

Reference Number CC0001

- Latrobe Valley Law Courts, Morwell
- Ongoing, part time (0.6)
- Salary range \$62,535 \$75,930 pro rata

The County Court is the middle tier of the Court hierarchy.

Our vision is to be a leader in Court excellence, delivering the highest standard of justice to the community we serve and inspiring public confidence in the rule

The role requires a high degree of sensitivity coupled with efficiency and professionalism as the Koori Court Officer must work closely with the County Koori Court Judges, Elders, accused and their families, legal practitioners and service providers and balance their differing needs in the pursuit of the County Koori Court objectives.

The County Koori Court Officer contributes to the program through their intimate knowledge of the local community and the impacts of the justice system on that community.

The position is primarily based at the Latrobe Valley Law Courts however some intrastate travel may be required.

Terrie Stewart, County Koori Court Coordinator on (03) 8636 6083

Applications including full curriculum vitae and detailed response to the key selection criteria should be submitted on-line at www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close on 11 December 2016



## Koorie Engagement Support Officer – ES 1.4

Salary Range: \$75,501 to \$89,022 **Ongoing Position** 

Position to Commence 30 January 2017 **South Eastern Victoria Region** 

The Victorian Department of Education & Training is seeking a suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person to work in the South Eastern Victoria Region as a Koorie Engagement Support Officer.

The positions will be based in Dandenong and support schools and early childhood

The successful applicants will work as a member of the regional Koorie Education Workforce responsible for the implementation of the Marrung Aboriginal Education Plan 2016 - 2026. You will be responsible for facilitating and managing the delivery of programs for Koorie children and young people through early childhood to school completion.

The occupant of the position will possess strong leadership skills to ensure the successful delivery of educational support services, provide advice to schools, kindergartens, families and the Koorie community on strategies aimed at improving educational outcomes for Koorie children and young people, have a high level of understanding of Koorie education and community needs and have suitable qualification/s.

This role is an identified position and is available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. VCAT exemption # A195/2009

Applicants are encouraged to apply on-line via the Recruitment Online website at www.education.vic.gov.au/schooljobs

Please refer to position number 1065700.

Applications close 12 December 2016

Contact Lisa Anderson, Koorie Education Co-ordinator for further position information: anderson.lisa.j@edumail.vic.gov.au Ph: 03 8765 5702





#### **Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Medical Centre General Practitioner**

Are you looking for a salaried position?

We are seeking an experienced FT/PT VR GP to join our dynamic Aboriginal Community Controlled organisation on the NSW Central Coast (Darkinjung Country) whose goal is to provide high quality patient & family centred integrated healthcare services for the Aboriginal community.

#### Do you have:

- A genuine commitment & insight into culturally appropriate holistic primary health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

  APHRA Registration (VR status) with unrestricted AHPRA
- (DWS position)
- Min 5 Years post-graduation experience in medicine
   Demonstrated ability to be innovative, and work with
- complex care patients Current CPR Certificate

#### **Enquires:**

Robyn Moore (Practice Manager), **Ph:** 0407 621 699 Website: www.yerin.org.au

GP Application Email: recruitment@yerin.org.au



NAISDA is a registered training organisation (RTO ID: 5639) that delivers nationally recognised qualifications from Certificate II to Diploma level.

#### **Academic Administration Officer**

\$50,602-\$68,991

#### **Training Manager** \$62,224- \$84,844 pa

#### **Head of Fundraising**

\$62,224- \$84,844 pa Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

#### **Head of Support Developing Artists**

\$62,224- \$84,844 pa This is an identified position, being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Call Sue or Debra (02) 43403100 or email s.gosson@naisda.com.au to obtain an application pack All applications must include a cover letter, resume & a statement addressing the selection criteria.

Closing Date: 12/12/2016



#### The NDIA is seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to apply for current vacancies in Northern Territory.

We have affirmative measures vacancies available:

- APS 6 Planner, Ongoing Darwin, NT
- APS 5 Local Area Coordinator, Non-Ongoing - Nhulunbuy, NT

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.

Local Area Coordinators engage with local organisations and communities, including mainstream agencies to build awareness and improve opportunities for people with disability to access and actively participate in community activities.

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 11 December 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

#### **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.

#### Host & Guide

Are you looking for a fulfilling and exciting role in tourism and visitor services, with excellent working conditions, in a collaborative working environment? Look no further.

This role focuses on the delivery of innovative visitor experiences and programs in and around Parramatta, broadening local and visitor understanding and awareness of the region, and promoting Parramatta as a leisure destination.

To be successful you will possess a vibrant personality, with excellent verbal and written communication skills, as well as practical knowledge of cultures, an interest in people and a real capacity to work as part of a collaborative team. You will have an in-depth knowledge of Parramatta's tourism system which includes tourism businesses/operators and Parramatta's rich and diverse cultural heritage.

This position is Casual and determined by business needs and seasonality of events/programs. You will be required to be available on weekdays, weekends and in school holidays.

Closing Date: 16 December 2016.

**HOW TO APPLY:** For more information or to apply please go to our website http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/work/ work\_with\_us/employment





**Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service** ww.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

#### The Position

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)
- 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
- · Attractive remuneration and salary sacrifice arrangements
- · Beautiful regional coastal location with excellent facilities for education, recreation and sports, shopping, hea 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.bilnev@plahs.org.au

Applications close at 5.00pm ACDT on Friday December 9th 2016

#### **Nepean Blue Mountains Primary Health Network**

#### Casual Care Coordinator

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health, Werrington Office The Nepean Blue Mountains Primary Health Network is seeking a Care Coordinator to work within the Close the Gap team. This role will work collaboratively with patients and relevant health services to coordinate care for Aboriginal people with chronic conditions

You will have clinical qualifications in Nursing, Allied Health or Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health. You will also have experience working with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities and the ability to provide culturally appropriate support.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply.

Benefits include a base salary, super and generous salary packaging options. For more information, and to apply, visit www.nbmphn.com.au. Applications close December 2016.

NBMPHN acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands on which we work and acknowledges Elders both past and present





#### **Regional Operations and Park Operations Director Positions** (Multiple Roles)

- Several SEB1 Roles
- · Regional Operations and Park Operations
- Various Locations in NSW

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) aims to enrich life in NSW by helping the community to conserve and enjoy our environment and heritage

As Director Regional Operations, you will direct input into planning and development, including major projects, ecosystem and threatened species programs, and water, floodplain and coastal programs. You will lead regional community liaison programs as well as environmental management and compliance services to communities within a defined region. You will represent the OEH in the region and manage community expectations with a focus on service performance, delivery and effectiveness.

As Director of Park Operations, you will lead the coordination and delivery of the operational management of national parks across a defined region. The role represents the OEH and manages community expectations for national parks within the region, with a focus on service performance, delivery and effectiveness. You will lead development and implementation of strategic plans and operational programs consistent with statutory responsibilities and agency goals aligned to government objectives.

#### Roles will be located as follows:

Directors, Regional Operations: North West, Hunter Central Coast and Greater Sydney

Directors, Park Operations: Blue Mountains; Hunter Central Coast; Metropolitan; North

Tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline and/or equivalent experience is required. Strong leadership, stakeholder management, organisation and communication skills are essential. Knowledge and understanding of applicable legislation is also expected.

To apply please forward your resume to syd@carmichaelfisher.com



making a difference www.iba.gov.au

#### **Indigenous Executive** Administration Officer Brisbane

Salary: \$67,122 to \$72,931

Temporary 12 month opportunity, with possibility of extension

- + An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- + people orientated with a strong commitment to customer service
- + experienced in providing a range of administrative services in a complex environment?

IBA is a Corporate Commonwealth Entity established to provide opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to create wealth and accumulate assets for future generations. The organisation comprises a dynamic team of professionals seeking to meet the varying needs of, and commercial opportunities available to, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as they arise across the country.

This role is a key member of the Enterprises team, providing administrative support to the General Manager leading a priority program

You must go to the website **www.iba.gov.au** to obtain further information including the position statement, selection documentation and the mandatory requirements for applying for the role. If, after reading the position documentation you have any questions, please contact Wally Tallis (07) 3008 8335 or email wally.tallis@iba.gov.au.

Applications close 14 December 2016.

IBA is a progressive, commercially focused organisation that promotes and encourages self-management, self-sufficiency and economic independence for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.









#### **ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN** INFORMATION SERVICES

Are you passionate about the arts and creative industries? Do you want to be part of a dynamic, growing team?

AFTRS is Australia's Screen and Broadcast School, established to fuel and empower Australian creativity and storytelling. AFTRS is consistently rated as one of the top film School's in the world. Our teachers and alumni include Academy, AFI/AACTA and BAFTA Award winners.

The Assistant Librarian - Information Services is a newly created role reporting to the AFTRS Librarian. You will play an important role in the Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) Library team, as well as helping support the achievement of the AFTRS Corporate Plan

As Assistant Librarian - Information Services you will be responsible for:

- Developing and maintaining the High Demand Collection and the eReserve Collections - Undertaking regular client services activities including reference and circulation and
- membership registrations
- Processing catalogued Library resources for the open shelves and online

- If you have the following attributes, we want to hear from you:
   The ability to undertake a range of functions in a specialist, higher education library
  - Superior client focus skills dealing with a range of clients
  - Superior organisational and team work skills
  - Experience using a Library Information Management System

This position is open to all Australian citizens or Permanent Residents. AFTRS supports workplace diversity and strongly encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from diverse cultural backgrounds and people with disabilities. You will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check

Salary \$52,192 to 59,048 pa (dependent on experience) plus excellent benefits package.

How to Apply: Visit the AFTRS website for a copy of the position description and selection criteria. Please email your current resume with covering letter addressing how your skills, experience, qualifications meet the selection criteria to jobs@aftrs.edu.au by 9.00 am Monday 5 December 2016.

Enquiries: Human Resources Team - jobs@aftrs.edu.au.



#### **General Administrative Support Officer**

- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- Botany Bay Local Area Command, Mascot
- Clerk Grade 1/2
- Permanent Full-Time
- I Work for NSW Requisition No.00004VJ3

Salary Package: \$72,164. Salary: \$60,154 - \$65,396. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to

superannuation and annual leave loading.

#### Job Description:

The General Administrative Support Officer provides support within the Botany Bay Local Area Command, focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force.

The General Administrative Support Officer also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support at various NSW Police Force locations, including the workings of the Local Courts system.

#### Job Notes:

- Applicants must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with Flexible Rostering Guidelines. The position will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours on weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.
- 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/data accessed. The successful applicant will also be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- 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 email hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the I Work for NSW website (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au)

#### **Applications Close: Sunday 11 December 2016**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Patricia Goes - Local Area Manager on (02) 8338 7301.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00004VJ3





#### **Training and Resource** Officers x 3

SNAICC- National Voice for our Children is the national non-government peak body in Australia for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. SNAICC provides a strong voice that promotes the rights, needs and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, ensuring their safety, development and

Training and Resource Officers play a vital role in the SNAICC Training Team and our organisation. The Training roles focus on the design, development and delivery of training programs for people working in the Early Childhood and/or Child and Family Support services. Workshops are primarily delivered by two trainers, with at least one trainer being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

#### **SNAICC Training Officers can expect to:**

- Engage with parents and educators in Early Years services
- Face to face engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia
- Deliver family violence, trauma, and cultural competency training

#### The above roles are ideal for individuals with:

- A background in training and significant workplace experience
- Experience and understanding of working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Sector experience in the Child and Family Support and / or Early Childhood sectors
- Ability to travel interstate regularly for 2 plus days at a

3 x full-time, ongoing positions, located at SNAICC's office in North Fitzroy, Melbourne. Salary range \$63,000 to \$68,304 plus superannuation and salary packaging. Excellent professional development and training opportunities

#### Application deadline is 5.00 p.m. 14 December.

Visit the SNAICC website

www.snaicc.org.au/about/employment/ to download the full position description. Enquiries to Susan Kay at susan.kay@snaicc.org.au

SNAICC strongly encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply



#### ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT TRAINEE

Echuca Regional Health is pleased to offer a 12 month traineeship for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants to undertake a funded administration assistant traineeship.

This will be a full time position which includes paid study time and completion of a Certificate III/IV in Health Administration or Medical Administration with a local training provider. The role is supported by our Executive Administration Team,

Education Department, Aboriginal Employment Coordinator and our Aboriginal Liaison Officer. We are seeking committed, passionate applicants who are

interested in joining our administration team through this pathway to a career in administration. You must be Aboriginal

Echuca Regional Health offers a culturally safe and supportive environment with;

All staff undertaking cultural awareness training;

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff network.

You must be eligible to undertake the Certificate III/IV for this role, having completed Year 10 or equivalent. Literacy and numeracy are screened as part of the interview and selection process.

Under supervision the Administration Assistant (Trainee) is required to gain knowledge and understanding of various

This position requires completion of a satisfactory National Police Check

All applicants are required to apply online using the link at www.erh.org.au

If you experience technical difficulty please contact: 1300 366 356 for assistance. If you require access to a computer to complete your online application please contact our Education Department: 03 5485 5286.

Applications must include:

1. A covering letter;

2. Resume;

Completed online questionnaire; Three professional referees; and

A document addressing the Key Selection Criteria within the Position Description

Enquiries about this position should be directed to Michelle Scali, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive and Executive Director of Nursing on: (03) 5485 5037 or Sarah Brownhill, Aboriginal Employment Officer on (03) 5485 5135.

Applications close 6 December 2016.





#### Portfolio Performance Officer

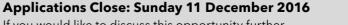
- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- **Project Management Office**
- Strategic Technologies & Planning
- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Temporary Full-Time up to 30 June 2019
- I Work For NSW Requisition No.00004X4Q

Salary Package: \$110,198. Salary: \$90,215 - \$99,862. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

#### **Job Description:**

The Portfolio Performance Officer supports the end to end service delivery of the portfolio management function and delivers analysis and reporting activities of the portfolio within the Strategic Technology and Planning Project Management Office.

- Applicants must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- Temporary employment/appointment under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990 up to 30 June 2019.
- 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/data accessed. The uccessful applicant will also be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal histo prior to commencement.
- 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 email hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the I Work for NSW website (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au)



If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Sabita Ganju on (02) 8835 9231.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00004X4Q





#### 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
27/525	DALLA COSTA, Melville Raymond	496709	77.55HA	28km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 121° 29' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
27/544	ZEBINA MINERALS PTY LTD	496280	57.98HA	64km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 121° 43' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
29/965	DALLA-COSTA, Melville Raymond	492678	51.39HA	97km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 120° 7' E	MENZIES SHIRE
30/391	SALAZAR GOLD PTY LTD	496703	60.81HA	42km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 50' S Long: 120° 36' E	MENZIES SHIRE
36/862	MKO MINES PTY LTD	495118	202.84HA	73km N'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 18' S Long: 120° 59' E	LEONORA SHIRE
39/876	NARNOO MINING PTY LTD	495349	170.38HA	184km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 54' S Long: 123° 43' E	MENZIES SHIRE
39/877	NARNOO MINING PTY LTD	495350	208.77HA	185km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 59' S Long: 123° 48' E	MENZIES SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals

Notification day: 30 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 28 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

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. 30 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

#### Notice of applications for determination of native title in the Northern Territory



National

Notification day: 14 December 2016

These are applications by native title claim groups which are asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 1806, Darwin, NT, 0801 on or before 13 March 2017. After 13 March 2017, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.



**Application name:** Lorella #2 Pastoral Lease

Federal Court File No: NTD18/2016

Date filed: 9 May 2016

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has not accepted this application for registration.

Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description: The application area covers about 3833 sq km approx. 31 km north west of Borroloola.

Relevant LGA: Roper Gulf Region.



Application name: Billengarrah #2 Pastoral Lease

Federal Court File No: NTD21/2016

Date filed: 9 May 2016

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has not accepted this application for registration.

Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

**Description:** The application area covers about 2104 sq km approx. 58 km west of Borroloola.

Relevant LGA: Roper Gulf Region.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Maryanne Harvey on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit <u>www.nntt.gov.au</u>.

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#### **WATERNSW**

#### LOWER LACHLAN GROUNDWATER WATER SHARING PLAN

#### **LOWER LACHLAN GROUND WATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND/OR WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **OAKVILLE PRODUCE PTY LTD** for a Bore (Capacity 20-24ML/Day) on Lot 27 DP755170, Parish Huntawong, County Nicholson, for Irrigation

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A008958). Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808, Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

#### **WATERNSW**

#### SYDNEY BASIN NEPEAN GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS BOTANIC GARDENS LTD for a bore for recreation (groundwater) purposes on Lots 3 DP 736856, Pt Lot 50 DP 1044937, Pt Lot 9 DP 736856, Pt Lot 64 DP 807240, Lot 713 DP 1023900, Lot 501 DP 850002, Lot 1 DP 1067486 & Lot 1 DP 1192577, Parish Mittagong, County Camden. (A008902)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 53, Wollongong NSW 2520, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call (02) 4224 9738, Keti Perez, Water Regulation Officer.

#### **WATERNSW**

#### **NSW GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN WATER SOURCE**

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval has been received from JAMES LYNDON MULLIGAN AND DAVINA JANE MULLIGAN for a bore within the Eastern Recharge Water Source on Lot 6 DP 1207129 Parish Tullin Tulla, County Burnett for irrigation purposes. (Ref A8892)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 486, Moree NSW 2400, within 28 days of this notification. The

objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call (02) 6757 2502 Anthony Colvin, Water Regulation Officer.

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#### **DPI WATER**

#### LACHLAN FOLD BELT MDB GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL for one new recreational bore located on Lot 235 DP 750384, Parish of Graham, County of Bathurst.

Objections to the granting of the above approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A008976) Any queries please call (02) 6841 7469, Alice Buckley, Water Regulation Officer.

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF** WANGKANGURRU/YARLUYANDI NATIVE TITLE **AUTHORISATION MEETING**

The Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi Aboriginal Corporation is holding a community meeting for the purpose of authorising a native title claim in the Northern Territory pursuant to section 61 of the Native Title Act 1993.

#### Who should attend this meeting?

All those persons who hold or may hold native title in relation to the land and waters in the area depicted in the native title claim map set out below should attend this meeting. Those eligible native title holders include, but may not be limited to, the claimants of the Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi Native Title claim group as defined in Ah Chee v State of South Australia [2014] FCA 1048 as the Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi

The Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi People are descendants of the following ancestors:

- · Wiljali;
- The parents of two brothers, Ililji-Danggana and Ililjili-Birbana;
- The parents of the sibling pair Nguarmariu (male) and Pungatjuntu (female);

· Sisters, Maggie and Bugagaguna;

- The parents of a woman whose two sons (the name of the first son is unknown, the name of the second son is Yungili) married two sisters Maggie and Bugagaguna (as above) respectively (ie unnamed son married Maggie and Yungili married Bugagaguna);
- · Judy Dandribilina Trew (who married a man known as "Lagoon Charlie" Guranda and later a man called Charlie Trew.

#### Details of the authorisation meeting

The authorisation meeting will be held following the Annual General Meeting of the Wangkangurru Yarluyandi Aboriginal Corporation

9 December 2016 Date:

Time: 2pm

Location: Standpipe Golf Motor Inn Daw St

Port Augusta SA 5700

Please contact Camatta Lempens or to obtain a copy of the agenda

Lawyers to register your attendance and associated documentation.

Camatta Lempens Lawyers, erutherford@camattalempens.com.au, (08) 8410 0211

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Claim/area

#### **WATERNSW**

#### LOWER MURRIMBIDGEE DEEP GROUND WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from Glen Alan AVENTI and Elsa Teresa AVENTI for an irrigation bore being on Lot 63 DP751721 Parish Naunton, County Cooper.

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. (A9006)

Any queries please call Sarah O'Brien, Water Regulation Officer on (02) 6951 2711.

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#### **WATERNSW**

#### LOWER ORARA RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000 has been received from BARRY MALCOLM BROCKWELL AND SUZANNE CLARE BROCKWELL for a dam and a pump on an unnamed Watercourse, on Lot 1, DP 1076436 Parish Rushforth, County Clarence, for conservation of water and irrigation purposes. (Ref A8905)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460 within 28 days of the publication of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection. Any queries should be directed to (02) 6641 6500 Mark Bonner, Water Regulation Officer.

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#### WATERNSW

#### QUEEN CHARLOTTES VALE EVANS PLAINS CREEK WATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **KILBOURNIE PROPERTY PTY LTD** for two 80mm centrifugal pumps (replacing existing single 38mm pump) on Coats Creek within Lot 2 DP 1001681, Lot 27 DP 750382, Lot 26 DP 750382 & Lot 52 DP 750382, Parish of Galbraith, County of Bathurst. Additional lands to be irrigated include the above mentioned land parcels plus Lot 21 DP 750382 & Lot 1 DP1001681.

Objections to the granting of this approval 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. (A008932)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

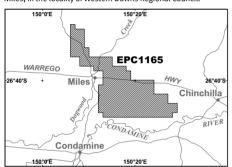
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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS AND ADDITION OF EXCLUDED LAND INTO EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR COAL

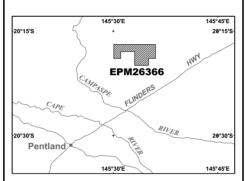
#### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to the Exploration Permits for Minerals and grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

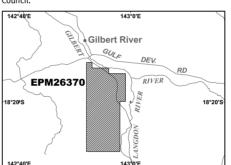
Proposed addition of excluded land into Exploration Permit 1165 sought by Sinocoal Resources Pty Ltd (51%) and Metro Mining Limited (49%), ACN 141 993 535 and 117 763 443, over an area of 168 sub-blocks (515 km2), centred approximately 10 km East of Miles, in the locality of Western Downs Regional Council.



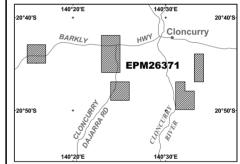
Exploration Permit 26366 sought by Jodo Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 150 427 679, over an area of 12 sub-blocks (38 km²), centred approximately 28 km North East of Pentland, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



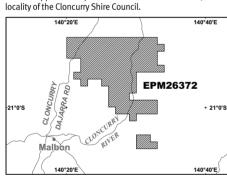
Exploration Permit 26370 sought by Anglogold Ashanti Australia Limited, ACN 008 737 424, over an area of 94 sub-blocks (306 km²), centred approximately 23 km South South East of Gilbert River, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council



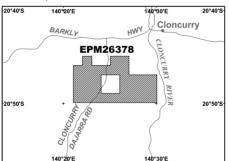
Exploration Permit 26371 sought by Exco Resources Limited, ACN 080 339 671, over an area of 24 sub-blocks (77 km²), centred approximately 10 km South West of Cloncurry, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



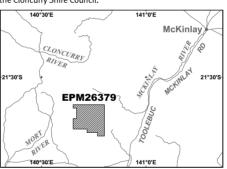
Exploration Permit 26372 sought by Exco Resources Limited, ACN 080 339 671, over an area of 104 sub-blocks (333 km²), centred approximately 22 km North East of Malbon, in the



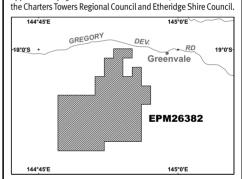
Exploration Permit 26378 sought by Cobalt X Pty Ltd, ACN 615 243 037, over an area of 32 sub-blocks (103 km²), centred approximately 13 km South West of Cloncurry, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



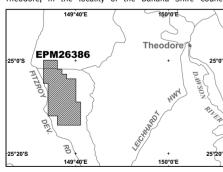
Exploration Permit 26379 sought by Cobalt X Pty Ltd, ACN 615 243 037, over an area of 67 sub-blocks (213 km²), centred approximately 73 km South West of McKinlay, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



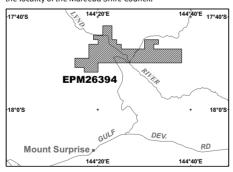
Exploration Permit 26382 sought by Coolgarra Minerals Pty Ltd, ACN 151731010, over an area of 69 sub-blocks (228 km²), centred approximately 15 km South West of Greenvale, in the localities of



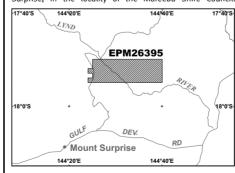
Exploration Permit 26386 sought by Coolgarra Minerals Pty Ltd, ACN 151 731 010, over an area of 77 sub-blocks (239 km²), centred approximately 50 km South West of Theodore, in the locality of the Banana Shire Council.



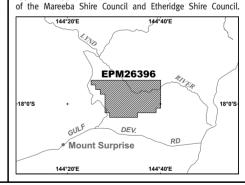
Exploration Permit 26394 sought by Lithium Australia NL, ACN 126 129 413, over an area of 95 sub-blocks (309 km²), centred approximately 40 km North North East of Mount Surprise, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26395 sought by Lithium Australia NL, ACN 126 129 413, over an area of 77 sub-blocks (251 km²), centred approximately 37 km North East of Mount Surprise, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26396 sought by Lithium Australia NL, ACN 126 129 413, over an area of 95 sub-blocks (309 km2), centred approximately 30 km North East of Mount Surprise, in the localities



**Nature of Act(s):** The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits, and the applications to add Excluded Land to the Exploration Permits, subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native

title party lodges an on objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

The Government party considers the future Act(s) is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. The application to add the Excluded Land to each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

**Further Information:** Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Level 4, 1 William Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3008 5742.

Notification Day: 21 December 2016





#### 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	30/256	CARNEGIE GOLD PTY LTD	7502.55HA	50km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 48' S Long: 120° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	37/1314	CREW, Ross Frederick CREW, Christopher	9.63HA	58km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 22' S Long: 121° 11' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	38/1271	FENTON, Michael	18.61HA	16km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	51/879	CALDWELL, Luke Mcquarie	205.93HA	53km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 118° 10' E	MEEKATHARRA 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 renewa

#### Notification day: 30 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 28 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. 30 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

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI)** WATER

#### **WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000**

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER** SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES for a 75mm centrifugal pump (total capacity of 13l/s) on Lot 3 DP 1119422 & Road within Lot 101 DP 777420, Parish of Thurgoona, County of Goulburn for industrial (road construction and dust suppression)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water,Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6641 6500, Bart Kellett, Water Regulation Officer.

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#### Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 7 December 2016



QI2016/047 Sandstone Western Land Transfer ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The application covers about 367 sq km approx. 58 km north west of Cooktown.

Relevant LGA: Cook Shire Council



QI2016/048 Melsonby ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The application covers about  $107 \mathrm{\ sq\ km}$ approx. 52 km north west of Cooktown.

Relevant LGA: Cook Shire Council

#### Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

State of Queensland acting through the Department of Natural Resources and Mines c/- Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Cape York Peninsula Tenure Resolution PO Box 4597 Cairns QLD 4870

Party to QI2016/047

Balnggarrawarra Aboriginal Corporation c/- Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation PO Box 2496 Cairns QLD 4870

Michael Ross, Silva Blanco, James Creek, Jonathan Korkaktain, Reginald Williams, Wayne Butcher, Clarry Flinders, Philip Port and Hogan Shortjoe being the persons comprising the Applicant for the Cape York United Number 1 Claim (QUD673/2014) c/-Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation PO Box 2496 Cairns QLD 4870

Party to QI2016/048

Balnggarrawarra (Gaarraay) Land Trust c/- Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation PO Box 2496 Cairns QLD 4870

The agreements contain the following statements: [Explanatory notes or summary in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

#### QI2016/047 Sandstone Western Land Transfer ILUA

- 4.1 The parties consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts to the extent that they are Future Acts.
- 4.2 Subject to compliance with this Agreement, if any of the Agreed Acts done prior to the Registration Date are invalid Future Acts, the parties agree to the validating of those Agreed Acts.
- 5. To avoid any doubt, Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA [which deals with the right to negotiate] does not apply to the doing of the Agreed Acts.

5. To avoid any doubt, Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA [which deals with the right to negotiate] does not apply to the doing of the Agreed Acts.

"Agreed Acts" means all acts necessary to give effect to this Agreement and the IMA [Indigenous Management Agreement] including:

[Ithe grant of the Proposed ALA Area as Aboriginal Land to the Corporation under the ALA (Aboriginal Land Act 1991 (Qld)); the State and the Corporation entering into, being bound by and complying with the IMA; the dedication, use and management of the Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Areas as national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land); the doing of all acts in the Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Area that are covered by the IMA; the Corporation entering into and complying with the Gravel Lease for gravel extraction with the Road Authority for road maintenance; the Road Authority carrying out water extraction that is authorised under applicable legislation and the State granting any licence, authority or permit required for that purpose; the dedication of roads; grant of Easements 1 and 2; the Corporation constructing and maintaining access tracks on the Proposed ALA Area; the registration and grant of a Carbon Abatement Interest, including interest in Carbon Abatement Products, or Eligible Offsets Project over the Proposed ALA Area in favour of the Corporation; the creation of any Management Instrument over the Proposed National Parks (CYPAL) Area; and Relevant Acts].

"Easement 1" means [an easement from the Corporation to NPSR (Department of National Parks, Sports and Racing) for access to Teletra Term Lease 2214121

"Easement 2" means [an easement from the Corporation to Teletra for access to Teletra Term Lease 221412]

"Easement 2" means [an easement from the Corporation to Telstra for access over lot 24 on SP288847 for access to Telstra Term Lease 221412].

"Proposed ALA Area" means that part of the Agreement Area proposed to be granted to the Corporation under the ALA in accordance with clause 10, described as "Proposed ALA Area"

in Part 1 of Schedule 1 and shown in the plans in Part 2 of Schedule 1. "Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Area" means that part of the Proposed ALA Area proposed to be dedicated as national part (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land), in accordance with clause 10, described as "Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Area" in Part 1 of Schedule 1 and shown in the plans in Part 2 of Schedule 1.

"Relevant Acts" means: (a) following the grant of the Proposed ALA Area to the Corporation, the creation, authorisation or granting of a valid lease, agreement, licence, profit à prendre, permit or other authority over the Proposed ALA Area by the Corporation; (b) following the dedication of the Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Area, the creation, authorisation or grant of a valid lease, agreement, licence, permit or other authority under section 42AE or section 42AE or section 42AE of the NCA over the Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Area by the State, subject to the consent of the Corporation and any other processes required under the IMA; (c) the renewal or amendment of a lease, agreement, licence, profit à prendre, permit or other authority under (a) or (b) or (c) above; and (d) an Associated Activity but does not include the grant of a mining tenement or any authority relating to mining or mineral exploration under any legislation.

#### QI2016/048 Melsonby ILUA

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- 5. To avoid any doubt, Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA [which deals with the right to negotiate] does not apply to the doing of the Agreed Acts.
- "Agreed Acts" means all acts necessary to give effect to this Agreement including: [the grant, renewal, amendment or activity related to Easements 1 and 2]. "Easement 1" means [an easement from the Land Trust to NPSR (Department of National Parks, Sports and Racing) for access over lot 1 on SP189914 for access to lot 24 on SP288847].

"Easement 2" means [an easement from the Land Trust to Telstra for access over lot 1 on SP189914 for access to lot 24 on SP288847].

#### Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

These two applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by the Cape York Land Council, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by each agreement is shown in the respective maps. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar**, **National Native Title Tribunal**, **PO Box 9973**, **Cairns**, **QLD**, **4870** by **7 March 2017**. Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Maree Otto on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia



#### **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:

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Tenement Type Exploration Licence	<b>No.</b> 08/2831	Applicant  NORTH WEST SOLAR SALT PTY LTD	Area* 70BL	Locality 62km NE'ly of Onslow	Centroid  Lat: 21° 25' S Long: 115° 40' E	Shire ASHBURTON SHIRE, KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	15/1541	POLAR METALS PTY LTD	6BL	33km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 43' S Long: 113° 48' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1547	WILDVIPER PTY LTD	45BL	27km W'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 8' S Long: 121° 24' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1549	JINDALEE RESOURCES LTD	2BL	36km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 47' S Long: 121° 45' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	15/1558 25/552	AM-AUSTRALIAN MINERALS EXPLORATION PTY LTD HURRICANE PROSPECTING PTY LTD	16BL 1BL	38km N'ly of Norseman 37km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 31° 51' S Long: 121° 43' E Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 121° 50' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, DUNDAS SHIRE KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	26/198	KUNDANA GOLD PTY LIMITED	1BL	18km W'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 121° 17' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	26/199	KUNDANA GOLD PTY LIMITED	1BL	16km W'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	26/200	KUNDANA GOLD PTY LIMITED	1BL	14km W'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 19' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	28/2652 29/981	CROSSPICK RESOURCES PTY LTD PEARSON, Stephen Francis	15BL 10BL	130km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie 12km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 122° 41' E Lat: 29° 36' S Long: 120° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/901	BROWN, Shaun Haydn Rajecki	TUDL	12km NW by or Menzies	Lat. 29 30 3 Long. 120 37 E	WENZIES STINE
Exploration Licence	29/995	HURRICANE PROSPECTING PTY LTD	20BL	41km N'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 121° 7' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/492	DALLA-COSTA, Melville Raymond	31BL	111km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 47' S Long: 119° 53' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	31/1117 31/1138	CROSSPICK RESOURCES PTY LTD GIANNI, Peter Romeo	34BL 4BL	117km E'ly of Menzies 90km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 50' S Long: 122° 14' E Lat: 29° 29' S Long: 121° 57' E	MENZIES SHIRE MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1292	MAJEKA MINERALS PTY LTD	12BL	90km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 35' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1293	DIAMOND EXPLORATION PTY LTD	13BL	45km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 50' S Long: 121° 8' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3183-4	GREATLAND PTY LTD	161BL	191km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry	Lat: 26° 32' S Long: 123° 56' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3185	GREATLAND PTY LTD	92BL	Mission 165km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry	Lat: 26° 52' S Long: 123° 59' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1992	CENTREPEAK RESOURCES GROUP PTY LTD	5BL	Mission 126km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 122° 36' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1993	CENTREPEAK RESOURCES GROUP PTY LTD	1BL	119km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 122° 33' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1994	CENTREPEAK RESOURCES GROUP PTY LTD	1BL	121km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 42' S Long: 122° 34' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	39/1995 45/4711	CENTREPEAK RESOURCES GROUP PTY LTD MACARTHUR LITHIUM PTY LTD	1BL 40BL	126km S'ly of Laverton 88km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 29° 44′ S Long: 122° 37′ E Lat: 22° 2′ S Long: 119° 16′ E	MENZIES SHIRE ASHBURTON SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4711	BUSHWIN PTY LTD	29BL	72km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 23' S Long: 120° 33' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4740	GOLDEN MOUNT PTY LTD	42BL	80km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 2' S Long: 118° 34' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	46/1036-I	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	66BL	40km NE'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 1' S Long: 119° 53' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1771	SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL	6BL	107km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 49' S Long: 119° 8' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	51/1772 52/3471	SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	2BL 43BL	101km NE'ly of Meekatharra 99km E'ly of Newman	Lat: 25° 51' S Long: 119° 6' E Lat: 23° 34' S Long: 120° 40' E	Meekatharra Shire Meekatharra Shire
Exploration Licence	53/1909	TORO ENERGY EXPLORATION PTY LTD	43BL 6BL	77km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 23° 34° S Long: 120° 40° E Lat: 27° 14' S Long: 121° 8' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1918	BULLSEYE MINING LIMITED	7BL	93km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 15' S Long: 121° 24' E	LEONORA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1051	POTASH WEST NL	142BL	122km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 119° 21' E	MENZIES SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2214	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	1BL	49km NE'ly of Morawa	Lat: 29° 0′ S Long: 116° 27′ E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	70/4881 70/4884	CONSTRUCTION RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (WA) PTY LTD GALAHAD RESOURCES PTY LTD	4BL 57BL	19km SE'ly of Gingin 13km SE'ly of Dalwallinu	Lat: 31° 30' S Long: 116° 0' E Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 116° 45' E	CHITTERING SHIRE DALWALLINU SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4897	GALAHAD RESOURCES PTY LTD	60BL	40km SE'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 33° 22' S Long: 118° 44' E	KENT SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4898	GALAHAD RESOURCES PTY LTD	50BL	15km NW'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 33° 0' S Long: 118° 21' E	DUMBLEYUNG SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4906	GRAPHITE AUSTRALIA NL	9BL	28km E'ly of York	Lat: 31° 57' S Long: 117° 3' E	BEVERLEY SHIRE, QUAIRADING SHIRE, YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4908	AUSGOLD EXPLORATION PTY LTD	83BL	19km E'ly of Wagin	Lat: 33° 18' S Long: 117° 33' E	DUMBLEYUNG SHIRE, WAGIN SHIRE, WOODANILLING SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	70/4914 77/2381	GALAHAD RESOURCES PTY LTD POTASH WEST NL	36BL 176BL	52km NW'ly of Lake Grace 145km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 32° 49′ S Long: 118° 1′ E Lat: 29° 17′ S Long: 119° 31′ E	KULIN SHIRE MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2382	POTASH WEST NL	93BL	140km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 119° 18' E	MENZIES SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2401	WEST AUSTRALIAN PROSPECTORS PTY LTD	9BL	54km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 37' S Long: 119° 40' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2403	SEGUE (SALT CREEK) PTY LTD	70BL	132km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 33' S Long: 119° 41' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6078 15/6092	TORIAN RESOURCES LIMITED MAZZA, James Dino	198.61HA 192.96HA	24km SW'ly of Coolgardie 19km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 4' S Long: 120° 57' E Lat: 31° 39' S Long: 121° 36' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence Prospecting Licence	15/6104	WATERLAND, Jason	196.15HA	23km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	15/6108	MAZZA, James Dino	133.95HA	7km NW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 26' S Long: 121° 32' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2998-9	PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD	248.81HA	46km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 120° 56' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence Prospecting Licence	16/3008 20/2286	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD MONEY, Brian Mathew	18.08HA 7.90HA	46km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie 6km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 121° 2' E Lat: 27° 23' S Long: 117° 49' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2287	MONEY, Brian Mathew	9.93HA	6km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 23' S Long: 117° 49' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5078	TORIAN RESOURCES LIMITED	179.61HA	60km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 120° 56' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5079	TORIAN RESOURCES LIMITED	121.90HA	62km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 120° 53' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence Prospecting Licence	24/5080-1 24/5121	TORIAN RESOURCES LIMITED KUNDANA GOLD PTY LTD	307.76HA 83.15HA	62km NW'ly of Coolgardie 65km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 120° 53' E Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 120° 56' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5121	NORTHERN STAR (KANOWNA) PTY LIMITED	573.62HA	61km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 120° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5125	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	199.01HA	26km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 121° 14' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5126	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	34.65HA	28km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 121° 13' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5127	OZ TECH CONSULTING PTY LTD	28.71HA	45km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 121° 19' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5143-4 & 24/5147 9 & 24/5151-4 &	- BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	1925.05	26km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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Prospecting Licence	25/2306	POTTS, Christopher Peter	188.55HA	37km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 50' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2352	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	148.09HA	40km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 121° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4021	MADIGAN, Michael Francis	58.10HA	5km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 29' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
		LINDSAY, Bryce Gregory DEAL. Travis Jackson				
Prospecting Licence	26/4089	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	9.70HA	29km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 50' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4155	CASCADE RESOURCES LIMITED	170.67HA	6km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 30' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4228	WICKS, Shane Raymond	182.03HA	33km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 121° 50' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2395	DONKIN, Barry James LARCA PTY LTD	69.11HA	6km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 40' S Long: 121° 5' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2397-404	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	1420.02HA	59km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 21' S Long: 120° 33' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2405-7	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	524.02HA	71km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 120° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8788-9	DARLOT MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	318.31HA	62km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 53' S Long: 121° 19' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence Prospecting Licence	37/8790 37/8791-3	KEMPSTER, Daniel Charles TORIAN RESOURCES LIMITED	8.61HA 473.40HA	45km NE'ly of Leonora 24km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 37' S Long: 121° 40' E Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8794	CREW, Ross Frederick	9.82HA	9km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 121° 17' E	LEONORA SHIRE
		MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey		•	· ·	
Prospecting Licence	38/4285-S	STEAD, Alexander John	9.34HA	48km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 11' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4286-S	STEAD, Alexander John	9.55HA	49km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence Prospecting Licence	38/4287-S 38/4289-S	BELL, Rodney Wayne STEAD, Alexander John	9.14HA 8.91HA	47km N'ly of Laverton 51km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 12' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence Prospecting Licence	38/4289-S 38/4291	STEAD, Alexander John STEAD, Alexander John	8.91HA 18.12HA	51km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 9' S Long: 122° 22' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	39/5711 & 39/5713	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	254.42HA	39km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 1' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5718-35 & 39/5738-86	MCA NOMINEES PTY LTD	12144.79HA	45km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 122° 1' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5/38-86 45/3031	NELSON, Thomas Charles	2.44HA	35km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 28' S Long: 119° 37' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1921	AYRE, Warren John	47.55HA	41km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 45' S Long: 120° 29' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2994	HODDER, David Kenneth	29.99HA	2km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 35' S Long: 118° 28' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1401	BENNETT, John Paul	9.55HA	7km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 1' S Long: 119° 21' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence Prospecting Licence	77/4381-3 & 77/4394 77/4384-7	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	501.60HA 518.07HA	77km E'ly of Hyden 76km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 35' S Long: 119° 39' E Lat: 32° 27' S Long: 119° 40' E	KONDININ SHIRE KONDININ SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4388	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	34.68HA	96km NE'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 3′ S Long: 119° 46′ E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4389-90	LARSEN, Jake Thomas	365.46HA	57km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 37' S Long: 119° 42' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Retention Licence	70/52	DORAL MINERAL SANDS PTY LTD	3010.51HA	13km SE'ly of Busselton	Lat: 33° 41' S Long: 115° 28' E	BUSSELTON 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 of retention licences which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant. Notification day: 30 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 28 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 filling 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. 30 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.

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#### Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of Western Australia



Notification day: 14 December 2016

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 on or before 13 March 2017. After 13 March 2017, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Herbert Eagles & Ors and State of Vestern Australia (Combined Thiin-Mah Warriyangka,

Federal Court File No: WAD464/2016

Date filed: 7 October 2016

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

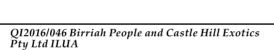
**Description:** The agreement area covers about 6804 sq km located approx. 157 km south west of Tom Price.

Relevant LGA: Shire Of Ashburton, Shire Of Carnarvon and Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Claire Smith on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

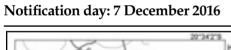
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#### Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements



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#### State of Queensland Description of the agreement area:

The agreement area covers about 417 ha, located between the Burdekin Falls Dam Road and the eastern foreshore of Lake Dalrymple, 5 km west of Burdekin Falls Dam.

Relevant LGA: Charters Towers Regional Council

#### The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native

5.1 The Parties consent to the Surrender.

5.2 The Surrender shall take effect upon Registration.

5.3 The Parties agree that the Surrender is intended

to extinguish any Native Title in relation to the Surrender Area. 5.4 Subdivision P, of Part 2, Division 3 of the NTA is not intended to apply to the Surrender.

5.6 The Parties consent to the validation of any Future Acts done prior to Registration by the State in the Agreement Area to the extent that they were done invalidly for the purposes of Native Title and can be validated in this Agreement [...].

5.7 To the extent that any of the Agreed Acts in relation to the Balance Area only are Future Acts, the Parties acknowledge that the Non-Extinguishment Principle applies. For the avoidance of doubt, the Non-Extinguishment Principle does not apply to acts done in relation to the Surrender Area.

Surrender Area means the area described as Lots 1 and 2 on SP 289533 [the Agreement Area covers Lots 1, 2 and 3 on SP 289533, i.e. the Surrender is over part of the Agreement Area depicted on the map above].

#### Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Castle Hill Exotics Pty Ltd	C/- B & G Law Pty Ltd PO Box 445 Thuringowa Central QLD 4817
State of Queensland acting through the Department of Natural Resources and Mines	C/- Crown Law PO Box 5221 Brisbane QLD 4001
Frank Fisher, Colin McLennan, Algon Walsh Jnr, David Miller and Gracelyn Smallwood on their own behalf and on behalf of the Birriah People; Birriah Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC	C/- Michael Owens, Lawyer and Consultant PO Box 1989 Aitkenvale QLD 4814

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified: Any person claiming to hold native title in relation to land or waters in the area covered by the agreement may wish, in response to this notice, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. The application must be made by 7 March 2017. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal. For assistance and further information about this application, call Maree Otto on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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Thecla, Wyndelle, May and Miriam are set for the NT Cricket Remote Red Dust Sports Voucher Program on the Tiwi Islands.

### **NT Cricket busy** on Tiwi Islands



conducting weekly visits to Tiwi Island communities in a bid to boost enthusiasm for the sport in the lead-up to the 2017

Imparja Cup in Alice Springs. Supported by the NT Department of Sport and Recreation and the Lord's

Taverners NT, cricket activities are being run for players of all ages and abilities in the communities of Pirlangimpi, Wurrumiyanga and Milikapiti.

NT Cricket's Mitch Farnell says the regular visits are an excellent way to encourage an increased interest in cricket on the islands.

"This program provides us with the ability to deliver cricket on a consistent and regular basis, to

community members of all ages," he said.

"Our staff are delivering afterschool activities, coaching courses, training clinics and Super 8 matches.

"We have also had nominations from Tiwi Islands cricketers for the National Indigenous Cricket Championship female squad, so providing them with specific training sessions will also be an important part of the visits, within NT Cricket's Pathway program.

"The celebration of 'Two Strong Cultures' is encapsulated in cricket matches across the NT and I'm pleased that we are able to strengthen and support cricket on the Tiwi Islands."

The weekly visits will continue until early February.



Rebekah Dallinger plays for NSW Metro at the championships.

## Rebekah a top basketba



INDIGENOUS girl Rebekah Dallinger is shaping as a basketball star of the future after strong

performances in the Under 16 Australian National Championships.

Rebekah was a member of the NSW Metro team that went down 38-64 to a strong Victoria Metro lineup in the final of the titles, played in Victoria. She had strong defensive efforts in lead-up games, as well as the final.

Rebekah attends Narrabeen Sports High School in northern Sydney, where she specialises in basketball. She also plays with the Northern Suburbs Basketball Association.

A handy netballer as well, Rebekah has stopped playing that sport in order to further her basketball dreams.

Over the past two years Rebekah has also been selected to represent Sydney North at the All Schools Basketball Tournament.

### **Ben in academy**



**BUNDJALUNG** lad Benjamin Duroux, pictured, continues to shine in his chosen sport of

football (soccer). The 11-year-old, who lives in western Sydney, has just been selected for the skills acquisition program run through the Gladesville Hornsby Football Association Academy.

His selection comes after continuing good performances this past season with the Macquarie Dragons club.

Proud mum Tjanaya says Benjamin loves the game and is working hard to continue his success.

"The academy selection is a huge step forward and Ben will be training three days a week now," she said. "It isn't easy, but it's all worth it.

"I'd like to thank the South Sydney Aboriginal Corporation for providing financial support to us. It's made all the difference."



#### Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of South Australia



Notification day: 14 December 2016

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 5, Roma Mitchell Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 3 Angas St, Adelaide SA, 5000 on or before 13 March 2017. After 13 March 2017, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.

Important note: This notice replaces a previous notice which identified a notification date of 19 October 2016. The application had to be re-notified due to anomalies which were identified with the original process. The new notification date is 14 December 2016.



Application name: Wilyakali #2 Federal Court File No: SAD417/2015

Date filed: 25 November 2015

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration

 $\bf Description:$  The application area covers about 9,520 sq km approx. 130 km to the east of Hawker.

Relevant LGA: Unincorporated

For assistance and further information about this application, call Dianne Drake on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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#### Public Notice of Information Sessions and Authorisation Meetings for an Indigenous Land Use Agreement

This is notice of the upcoming information sessions and meetings to consider authorising a proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement between the 'Native Title Group' and Jemena to facilitate the development of Jemena's Northern Gas Pipeline and the proposed related 'Ancillary Agreements'.

#### The proposed ILUA and proposed related 'Ancillary Agreements' for the NGP Project

Jemena Northern Gas Pipeline Pty Ltd (ACN 607928790) (**Jemena**) proposes to develop the Northern Gas Pipeline (**NGP Project**).

The NGP Project comprises the planning, construction, commissioning, operation and maintenance of a buried high-pressure gas pipeline from the Amadeus Gas Pipeline near Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, to the Carpentaria Gas Pipeline near Mount Isa, Queensland along with associated above and below ground facilities at various locations.

To facilitate the development of the NGP Project including providing native title consents to certain 'future acts', Jemena proposes to enter an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (ILUA) with the Native Title Group' (refer to description below) in relation to part of the land required for the NGP Project as described below (ILUA Area). Two other related agreements each referred to as an 'Ancillary Agreement' between Jemena and the Kalkadoon People and Jemena and the Bularnu Waluwarra and Wangkayujuru People respectively will set out the benefits that will be provided by Jemena in return for consent to the NGP Project under the ILUA.

The 'Native Title Group' comprises the persons who claim to hold native title in the ILUA Area including those who identify as Kalkadoon People or Bularnu Waluwarra and Wangkayujuru People (or both) being

The Kalkadoon People native title holders (Federal Court matter number QUD579/2005, National Native Title Tribunal determination number QCD2011/007) described as being Kalkadoon People who are the biological descendants of the following people:

- 1. Lardie Roberts (aka Lardie Moonlight);
- 2. Dolly Prosser;
- 3. Kitty Frogg;
- 4. Annie Whip (mother of Martin Connelly (Snr)); 5. Ida (aka Ada) Elston;
- 6. Leichardt Toby;
- 7. Rosie Waddibungera (mother of George Thorpe);
- 8. Willy Malcolm; 9. Nancy Daniels;
- 10. Fanny (Nellie) McLennan; 11. Nellie and Jimmy (parents of Topsy, Harry, Annie
- Sam and Jack Kippen);
- 12. Maggie Sautelle;13. Daisy Barton (nee McLean);
- 14. Mundi MacDonald (aka King Mundie); 15. Charlie Caldwell (Snr);

- 17. Jimmy Rolleston and Louisa Muni (parents of Bessie Mowbray);
- 18. Gypsy Reid (aka Gypsy Ryan);
- 19. Nellie Monkira;
- 20. Polly Wilson (nee Hopkins) Marajundu; 21. Jack Elston;
- 22. Jessie Frogg (Snr); 23. Polly Alroy (aka Polly George);
- 24. Nobie Clay;
- 25. Spider; 26. Maryann (mother of Annie Reid and Eva
- 27. Sophie MacDonald:
- 28. Julie (mother of Eulie and Lizzie Hickson); and

The Bularnu, Waluwarra and Wangkayujuru People native title holders (Federal Court matter number QUD6115/1998, National Native Title Tribunal determination number QCD2014/009) described as being Bularnu, Waluwarra and Wangkayujuru People who are descendants of the following people, including those who have been adopted by those people or their descendants in accordance with traditional law and custom:

- (a) Charlie Toby and Jinnie;
- (c) Nellie Lynch;

- (d) George (Snr) Catchinda;
- Jerby Daylight; o (f) Pipalkarinya

The ILUA Area is shown on the map (shaded) and is located within the area of May Downs Station approximately 20 kilometres west of Mount Isa, Queensland.

The ILUA Area is wholly within an area in respect of which there is currently no registered native title determination or registered or unregistered native title claim.

#### Authorisation of the ILUA

Authorisation of the proposed ILUA by the 'Native Title Group' and all persons who hold or may hold native in the ILUA Area is now sought.

Information sessions and authorisation meetings will be held to provide information on, and for the authorisation of, the proposed ILUA and the proposed relevant Ancillary Agreement in accordance with the requirements of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

#### Invitation to attend

You are invited to attend the relevant information session and authorisation meeting below if you consider that you are a member of the 'Native Title Group' or otherwise hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area.

To facilitate the information sessions and authorisation meetings, they have been separated

between those persons identifying as Kalkadoon People and those persons identifying as Bularnu Waluwarra and Wangkayujuru People. Persons who hold or may hold native title in the ILUA Area but do not identify as Kalkadoon People or Bularnu Waluwarra and Wangkayujuru People may attend either information session and authorisation meeting.

#### Bularnu Waluwarra and Wangkayujuru People Information Session and Authorisation

Meeting

Saturday, 10 December 2016 Date:

Registration from 8.30am, session and meeting from 9.30am Time:

Hotel ibis Styles, Corner Rodeo Drive and Camooweal Street, Mount Isa Place:

Purpose: Regarding, and to authorise, the proposed ILUA, and the proposed Ancillary Agreement

with the Bularnu Waluwarra and Wangkayujuru People

**Kalkadoon People Information Session** Saturday, 10 December 2016 Date:

Registration from 1.30pm, session from 2pm Time:

Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd's offices, 31-33 Commercial Road, Mount Isa

Purpose: Regarding the proposed ILUA, and the proposed Ancillary Agreement between Jemena

and the Kalkadoon People

Kalkadoon People Authorisation Meeting Sunday, 11 December 2016 Date:

Registration from 9.30am, meeting from 10.30am

Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd's offices, 31-33 Commercial Road, Mount Isa Purpose: To authorise the proposed ILUA and the proposed Ancillary Agreement between Jemena

#### Registering your interest

To register your interest to attend an information session and authorisation meeting please contact:

#### **ARCHAEO Cultural Heritage Services**

and the Kalkadoon People

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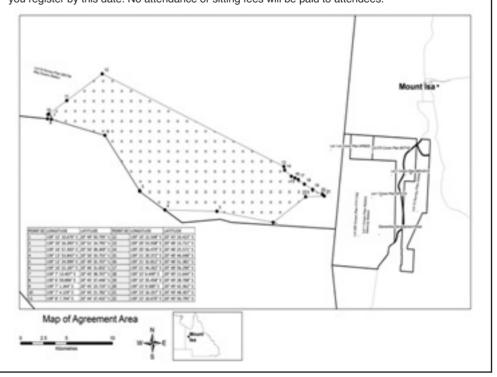
Please provide:

- · your name and contact details; and
- · the basis upon which you claim to hold native title in the ILUA Area.

Prior registration is not a pre-requisite to attendance at an information session or authorisation meeting.

#### **Travel assistance**

Reasonable travel assistance will be provided to attendees who satisfy the eligibility criteria and register to attend an information session and authorisation meeting with ARCHAEO by close of business on Friday, 2 December 2016. If you wish to obtain travel assistance, please ensure that you register by this date. No attendance or sitting fees will be paid to attendees.





## Plenty of action in Nitmiluk Cup



THIS year's Nitmiluk Cup held in Katherine featured 27 teams, making it the largest community cricket carnival held in the NT outside of the Imparja Cup.

The inaugural Lower Secondary MILO T20 Blast School Cup had six teams at Kalano Community Oval, where students from Katherine Stars, Katherine Clontarf and Minyerri School came together to compete. Students from the Mt Austin and Coonamble Clontarf

Foundation also joined the event as official umpires and scorers during a visit to Katherine.

Playing in a mixed team competition. Minyerri School powered home with a strong win in the final to take out the title.

The Upper Primary MILO T20 Blast School Cup had 13 teams, with local Katherine schools playing against schools from as far as Wugularr and Lajamanu (a 1120km return trip). Students from Bulla Camp School also made the eight-hour return journey to play.

The Grade 5/6 girls final went to Lajamanu, while the Clyde Fenton team took out the Grade 5/6 boys final. The Clyde Fenton boys will now represent the NT at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on December 5 at the National MILO T20 Blast School Cup.

In the senior divisions, Wurli Warriors, One Set Bats, Venndale Outlaws and an NT Invitational XI, including individuals and school students who had played in the earlier Schools Cups, played for the Nitmiluk TJ Tilley Shield, while the Timber Creek Dingoes, Kings Super 10, Kalano Crocs and Bushrangers played off for the Nitmiluk Cup.

The Wurli Warriors and Venndale Outlaws met for the shield, with the Warriors triumphant.

The Timber Creek Dingoes downed the Kings Super 10 in the Nitmiluk Cup final.

The Nitmiluk Cup forms part of NT Cricket's Community Cricket Carnival calendar in the lead-up to the annual Imparja Cup held in Alice Springs from February 5.

## Spin pair to play for Redbacks

By PETER ARGENT



INDIGENOUS spinners Ayden McGregor-Cassidy and Tyrell Sinclair have won places in the South Australian Redbacks under 19s side for the national cricket titles.

McGregor-Cassidy, who plays with the Prospect Pirates, and left-arm orthodox spinner Sinclair, who plays with the Tea Tree Gully Bulls, will take the field for SA in the titles, from December 5-15.

Originally from Darwin, McGregor-Cassidy is now in his fifth year of SA Cricket Association underage programs. He has moved SACA grade clubs from East Torrens to Prospect. He's a righthand bat and a handy off-spin bowler.

"I have been involved in three under 17s national titles and this year is my second at Under 19s level," McGregor-Cassidy told the Koori Mail.

"My move to Prospect was about getting more opportunities. Back at the (East Torrens) Reds I was batting at eight, but for the Pirates I'm now batting in the top four.

"Prospect showed some interest at the end of last season and I decided to explore this opportunity."

McGregor-Cassidy's efforts with the willow have included a 64 against Southern Districts in round two of the SACA first grade competition. He also

went on the Darren Lehmann Academy tour to India in April under the guidance of Shaun Siegert.

Tyrell Sinclair, who turned 18 this month, has impressed staff by improving his fitness level.

"I have lost a bit of weight and my skin folds are a lot better," he said.

"This has helped my performances in games and I spent the majority of the season in each form of the game at A grade level.

"I feel comfortable with my game and not out of my comfort zone.'

#### Chance

In the week leading up to the Adelaide 'Pink Ball' Test, Sinclair was among a group given the chance to bowl to Australian cricketers

He said he bowled to Australia's most successful off-spinner in Test history, Nathan Lyon, and then the pair had a talk about the art of spin bowling.

"Nathan had a chat about where my fingers were gripping the ball," Sinclair said.

"He also gave me some strong feedback on why the ball was coming out the way it did.

"In fact the session was as good as I've bowled all summer.

"This was a great opportunity for me to bowl to a handful of the current Australian Test players and a tremendous learning experience."





## Samu Balas win Mossman Allblacks





SAMU Balas, featuring a majority of **Torres Strait** Islander players, are this year's

Mossman Allblacks rugby league carnival champions.

They downed Male Yabba 36-28 to win a hard-fought grand final.

**Eight sides competed** this year, with Nyungkul United taking the plate final, beating Julaymba 26-22.

In the sole women's game, Yarrabah Seagals defeated Mossman 36-6.

Player of the Carnival was Samu Balas five-eighth Eddie Daniel.

Pictured left: Player of the Carnival Eddie Daniel, of Boigu Island descent, with Mossman Rugby League officials Roy Zammataro and Alf Caltabiano.

## All Stars a feature on NRL lineup

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**REIGNING Premiers** Cronulla-Sutherland will open the 2017 Telstra NRL Premiership in a clash with the Brisbane Broncos.

NRL chief executive Todd Greenberg launched the 2017 schedule which includes a reduction in five-day turnarounds, the introduction of a 6pm Friday game and matches in every

mainland state of Australia. The season will kick off with the Downer NRL Auckland Nines (February 4-5) and the Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars game, which will be held at Newcastle, for the first time, on February 10.

The World Club Series will feature the Sharks against the Wigan Warriors in the main game with the Broncos taking on the Warrington Wolves.

The Telstra Premiership will be launched with a series of blockbuster games in round one including the Cowboys v Raiders, Sea

Eagles v Eels and the Rabbitohs v Tigers which will see Robbie Farah take on his former club.

The Bulldogs will take on the Storm in the first 6pm Friday match at Belmore

Greenberg said the new time slot would give fans a full night of rugby league on Fridays. "Fans will be able to see two

games live on Fridays and, while the early game may present some challenges in terms of attendances, we think it will be a big hit," he said.

"Certainly this is a much more family friendly time than the late-night Friday game that we had a couple of years ago."

Greenberg said the 2017 season would

• a representative round from May 5-7 which will include a men's "Fans will be able and women's Test and the final Country v City match at

> Mudgee; State of Origin matches on May 31 and 12 July (in Brisbane) and June 21 (Sydney);

a reduction in the number of five-day turnarounds from 31 to 19;

matches being held in every mainland state, with the Roosters taking a match to Adelaide for the first time when they play the Storm in Round 16.

Greenberg said the Telstra Premiership Finals

Series would begin on September 8 and culminate in the grand final on October 1.

'But the season won't end there," he said. "The Rugby League World Cup will be held from October 26 to December 2, featuring the best talent from around the

The 2017 Telstra Premiership schedule is at www.nrl.com



Winners are grinners: players from the winning women's A grade team Lynx.

### **Basketball wins on TI**



IN the Torres Strait basketball is the second most popular sport after rugby league, and the grand finals of the Wongai Basketball Association on Thursday Island produced

some entertaining action.

The 14-week season started in August and climaxed this month after 25 teams had competed in four grades of men's and women's fixtures.

In men's A grade, Showtime (B) maintained a lead over Saints in each

quarter, winnng 46-33. Player of the men's grand final was Shem Binawel.

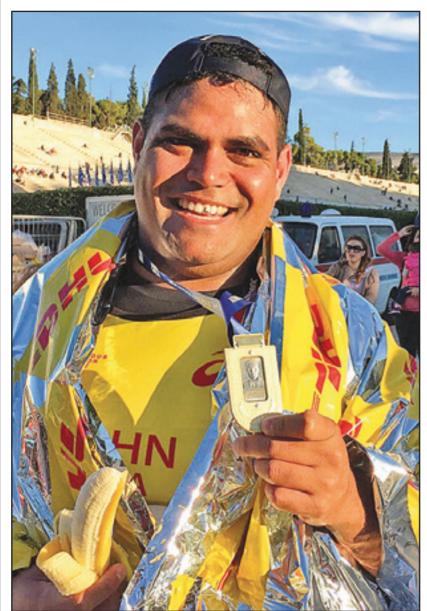
The closest final was between Lynx and Sixers in the women's A grade. In the final minute scores were deadlocked at 31-all, before Lynx scored and won 32-31 after having trailed by three points at halftime.

Player of women's A grand final was F Mosby.

In the men's B grade decider, Showtime pulled away after an even first period to beat Kings 44-26. Best player was Michael Hassan.



The winning A grade men's side Showtime B.



John Leha is happy to have completed the Athens Marathon in Greece.

## It's all working out for marathon man



months ago when John Leha trialled with the Indigenous Marathon Project

he could barely run a couple of minutes without stopping.

At 170kg and with a family history of diabetes, obesity and cancer, the chances of the then heavy smoker becoming a successful marathon runner were pretty remote.

"I wanted to start doing some exercise but I was too shame to run or do anything in front of anyone," the young Birra Gubba and Wakka Wakka man, who is also of Tongan descent, said.

"So I started working out at the NCIE (National Centre of Indigenous Excellence). I swam laps, I ran on the treadmill and worked out in the

"That was what started it all. I gained confidence and after a while I didn't need to hide away any more. I just got out there and started running.

"When I applied for the IMP I was still 155kg. I remember the day very clearly because it

was a defining moment for me. It was a 5km run on Redfern Oval and I guess they could see the potential in me even when I couldn't even see it myself.

"I could barely make it. I would run for two minutes and walk for one minute and that's how I made it through."

These days Leha has chalked up thousands of kilometres already and has just run the most historic marathon of all, the Athens Marathon in Greece, with fellow IMP runners Rachel Baker and Dwayne Jones.

#### **Deadly Runners**

Leha has also founded the Sydney Deadly Runners, a group of Indigenous and other people, many of whom had never run a mile in their life.

He now manages the NCIE After School Program in between training for marathons, and races in Australia and around the world.

But don't be fooled, he says. Behind every marathon runner is hours of blood, sweat and tears. It's hard work, and there's no excuse that he

hasn't heard or told himself.

"People use so many excuses in life not to start living their full potential, but at the end of the day they're only excuses," Leha says.

"I want to inspire other people to break out of their comfort zones and apply themselves to living their dreams."

Leha especially wants to shatter the myth that fat equals unhealthy. These days, he embraces the fat-positive movement and wants others to do the same.

"Not at any point of this journey have I ever been less than 100kg," Leha says.

"I'm here to say that you don't have to be the fittest or the skinniest person to be able to run or achieve something with your life.

People always have an excuse in their minds of why they can't do something. I used to be that person.

"I have a higher purpose of achieving great things in my life for myself and the community, and my vision and purpose is what keeps me focused and on

## Softballers' 2020 vision

By CHRIS PIKE



**INDIGENOUS** women Stacey Porter and Vanessa Stokes remain two of Australia's finest softball players, and

the lure of the sport returning to the Olympic Games in 2020 could be enough for the pair to remain at the top of the sport until then.

Porter, a top batter, captains recently playing in a four-nation tournament in Japan on the back of the 11th World Cup of Softball in the United States and the 15th World Championships in Canada.

Stokes was also a key member again as a pitcher in the Australian team, where the best result was a top-four finish in the World Cup in Oklahoma City during July.

What hurt about 2016 for Porter and Stokes, and the rest of Australia's softball fans, was that the sport was not played at the Rio

But that will change in the Tokyo 2020 Games, with softball returning to the world's top sport stage.

Should Porter, now 34, play in

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Australian softball pitcher Vanessa Stokes.

Tokyo, it would be her third Olympics. It's been a year of change for the national captain, who joined the Pennsylvania Rebellion in the American National Pro Fastpitch League following eight years of playing in Japan, on top of her commitments with the Australian

Porter is widely regarded as the world's best batter and she was excited to make the move to the

United States during 2016.

"I think the National Pro Fastpitch League is one of the best in the world and it's something I've always wanted to be part of," she said.

"Unfortunately we don't get the opportunity in Australia to play this number of games at this level, so I feel lucky and excited to have been given the chance."

"I am definitely not planning on finishing my career any time soon, but we'll still have to see. 2020 is a and I can still play the game, then I'd love to."

While Porter was the first Indigenous softball player to represent Australia, Stokes became the first Indigenous pitcher to do so.

Having been part of the team's campaigns throughout 2016, there is every chance the 29-year-old will be part of the Tokyo Olympics as she continues to play with the Glenelg Rebels in South Australia after stints in Japan and America.

More immediately, the 2017 Australian Open Women's Championships will be held in early January in Sydney, with Porter expected to represent NSW, and Stokes playing for South Australia.



National captain Stacey Porter: "I am definitely not planning on finishing my career any time soon, but we'll still have to see. 2020 is a long time away. If my body allows it and I can still play the game, then I'd love to." *Picture: Sam Donkin* 



By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS fighters performed strongly at the Toughman Contest held recently in Townsville. More than 2000 spectators packed into the

Townsville Showgrounds for the 25 bouts in which contestants

could punch, kick and elbow as long as it wasn't below the belt.

The bout between Moa Islander 27-year-old Edward Wigness and Dolton Barrett was described as the most hard fought and entertaining on the card.

Many in the big crowd cheered for both fighters as they threw caution to the wind, both landing many blows.

Barrett won in a split-points decision.

Wigness described himself as a street fighter, saying he "just wanted to check my fighting skills".

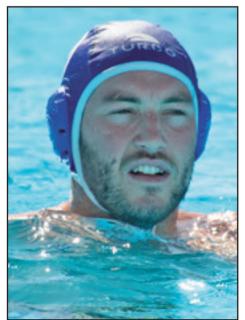
Barrett paid credit to Wigness, saying his opponent had been "tough as nails".

"I landed some good shots on him but he was very tough," Barrett said. Run by Chris Condon from Bad Boys Club, it was the first toughman contest in Townsville since 2007 and the winners of the under 75kg and heavyweight divisions each pocketed \$10,000.

Another toughman contest in the new year will include a 'Bad Bitches' category for women.

Organisers expect many of the competitors will be Indigenous.

# Swift hoping for water polo title



Joel Swift had a great year in the pool.

By CHRIS PIKE



INDIGENOUS man Joel Swift has had a 2016 to remember, having represented Australia in water polo at the Rio Olympic Games.

Now he hopes to add another Western Australian Premier League title in the sport to his collection before Christmas and the National League begins in January.

Leading into the Rio Games, Swift had spent the previous three years playing water polo professionally in Hungary.

Before that he had played in four National Water Polo League championships with the Fremantle Mariners, and in 2009 he was part of Australia's gold medal winning team at the World University Games.

The centre forward became a regular in the Australian Sharks team, being in the line-up at the 2013 and 2015 World Championships, leading to his selection for Rio.

The 26-year-old has now returned to Perth after his time in Hungary, helping his Melville Sharks team in the WA Premier League to finish the regular season on top of the standings ahead of the finals, culminating with the December 10 grand final.

#### Lifestyle change

Swift is also finishing up his university studies and moving into working fulltime after playing water polo professionally, but it's a lifestyle change that he's looking forward to in the latter part of 2016.

"My life has changed a bit. The last three years I have been playing professionally for

Ferencyaros in Hungary," he said. "Coming back to Perth Lam

"Coming back to Perth I am completing my university degree at Curtin University and moving into fulltime work. It's a bit of a change from water polo 24/7, but I am looking forward to it."

Swift was a key player in the Australian Rio Games team, which finished ninth.

"Rio was amazing – playing at that level and in front of the entire world. It is an experience I will never forget," he said.

"To finally get to the pinnacle of the sport after years of hard work is incredibly rewarding."

Swift says he is enjoying playing again in the WA Premier League.

"It's a top standard and would rival any state league throughout Australia," he said of the WA league. "This is definitely the most competitive season I have played in Perth."

#### Hockey at Aurukun



THE
Remote
and
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Program

(RIHP) has just been completed in the far north Queensland community of Aurukun.

A Hockey
Queensland initiative,
RIHP aims to
increase the number
of Indigenous people
in sport and
recreation programs,
while teaching them
how to sustain the
program and pairing
it with healthy eating
messaging.

The RIHP team has run hockey programs for schoolaged children at the Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy – Aurukun Campus and the Aurukun PCYC, and provided community coach accreditation training to teachers and local PCYC staff.

## Ferguson's redemption



RUGBY league is full of redemption stories. Too often these stories are written too early and a player can revert to his previous behaviours. In the case of Blake

Ferguson, he has surely come too far to fall down

Stories about him becoming a father have revealed a new maturity off the field.

He has had a strong year for the Roosters, but it is in the representative arena that he has shown he not only deserves to be there but that he is becoming a leader in his own right.

Cooper Cronk may have been crowned the official Player of the Four Nations, but the fact that Ferguson was awarded the Harry Sunderland Medal as Australia's player of the series speaks for itself.

Ferguson's first step was his selection for the international tour, with coach Mal Meninga prepared to give him a go.

Even then Ferguson was not in the first choice team.

If not for Josh Mansour's knee injury Ferguson would've likely been overlooked for the major games, but the Roosters star defied all criticism of his selection in Mal Meninga's squad with a string of excellent displays.

Ferguson responded to his initial dumping by putting in a man-of-the-match performance against New Zealand and starring in the other games.

"I must say, I have to give a compliment to Blake Ferguson," Cronk said after Australia's win in the Four

"The Harry Sunderland Medal is one of the best individual honours in our game. It's so highly regarded.

"For a guy who has had his past and to then play his first year of international football, he was tremendous throughout the year. Congratulations to him because he's a well-deserved recipient.

"One of the best things about representing your country is that you get to play with people you wouldn't normally throughout your NRL career.'

#### High praise

That is high praise indeed from a player who is considered to be a perfectionist and one of the drivers of the Melbourne Storm's successful culture.

Captain Cameron Smith spoke highly of how the new players, including Ferguson, tted in to a renewed Kangaroos outfit

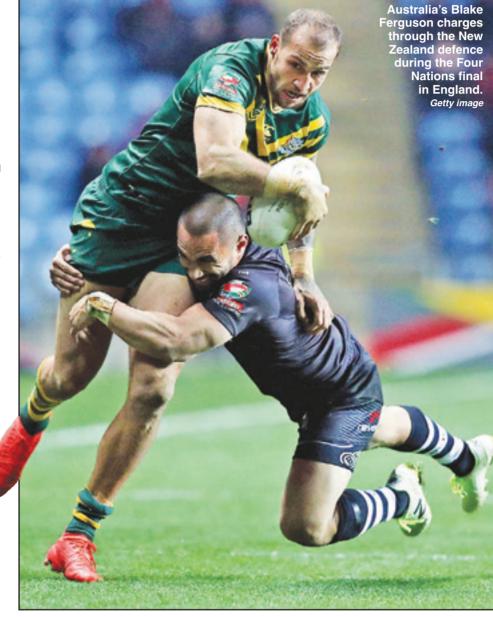
"There's been a lot of new players this year and a new coaching staff, but the transition has been seamless," Smith said.

"We spoke before the May Test against New Zealand about what it meant to play for Australia and the way you go about things. The entire squad has bought right into that.

"We've mentioned several of the values this squad stands for now throughout the tournament.

"It's been one of the happiest, most content and tight-knit groups I've been involved in. It showed with our results throughout the entire tournament."

And when it came to the Four Nations final itself, it didn't take long for Australia to get the ball rolling and it was Ferguson who led the way when he scored from a simple



scrum play within the first three minutes.

Kangaroos fullback and eventual Man of the Match Darius Boyd earned his second try assist of the day when he put centre Josh Dugan over in the 15th minute.

Johnathan Thurston put Australia two converted tries ahead when he kicked a penalty goal two minutes later.

The wizardry of Kangaroos skipper Smith was on show next when he helped lock Trent Merrin cross for an easy try in the 21st minute past Kiwis duo Kevin Proctor and Jason Taumalolo.

Another Thurston penalty goal in the 28th minute was followed by Dugan's second try five minutes later when he beat centre counterpart Solomone Kata to a Thurston grubber.

The Kangaroos extended their 24-0 halftime lead when Darius Boyd scored in controversial circumstances in the 45th minute, where it appeared he failed to get the ball down.

But the game was already done and dusted and with senior players like Johnathan Thurston and Greg Inglis having achieved their aim on what may be their last tour to Britain.

And they did it without Sam Thaiday who was described by many players as the

cultural leader of the Kangaroos, who missed the final through injury.

"It was tough for him and the playing group. He is such a likeable character and everyone gets along with him. He is the joker of the team," Thurston said.

"We were all saddened by his injury, but he has been a big part of this team for many years and has played over 30 Tests for the green and gold."

Thurston was reflective prior to the game and it was clear that his standing in the team would have an impact.

#### "My last tour"

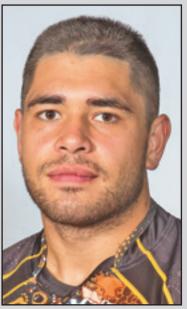
"It's certainly going to be my last tour here," the North Queensland champion said. "It's something I've thought about a little bit, but my mindset is all about my preparation and getting myself right.

"I've said already I will finish up from rep footy in 2017."

Thurston has tasted defeat only twice in his 36-match international career, both against New Zealand, in the 2008 World Cup final and in the Anzac Test in 2015.

But it was the sweet taste of success for the Kangaroos.

And one Blake Ferguson would have been savouring the win more than most.



**Chris Grevsmuhl** 

## Grevsmuhl granted release by Penrith



**PENRITH** have released promising young Indigenous forward Chris

Grevsmuhl from his NRL contract to allow him to address personal issues.

Just seven months after defecting to the Panthers in a bitter departure from South Sydney, the club and the 23-year-old mutually agreed to part ways last week.

The highly-regarded back-rower was touted as a major signing for the Panthers after establishing himself as one of the most promising young forwards in the competition.

However, his immediate playing future is on hold after deciding to take time away from the game.

"The club has agreed to the release on compassionate grounds, to give Grevsmuhl the time away from the game that he requires," the Panthers said in a statement.

The former Queensland and Australian under 20s representative was earlier this year invited to the Maroons **Emerging Origin camp and** seen as a future state representative.

After playing for the Indigenous All Stars and breaking into the Rabbitohs first grade side in 2015, he left Redfern midway through 2016.

Having already signed with the Panthers for 2017, he made an early move to the foot of the mountains and accused Souths coach Michael Maguire of being a "mind games specialist".

He was seen as a plank of the Panthers' future plans but is now being linked with a return to North Queensland, the club he played with in under 20s.

Grevsmuhl's acquisition would be a handy one for the Cowboys, following the departure of representative prop James Tamou to Penrith and the retirement of Ben Hannant. - AAP

## League, union keeping Zach on his toes



**Zach Alley-Prior** 



IS it possible to have too much football? Zach Alley-Prior doesn't think so, but he's had such a good year on the field that he's had to knock back a representative opportunity just to maintain his other commitments

to rugby league and rugby union.

The Koori Mail introduced 13-year-old Zach, from Cairns, to readers earlier this year after he scored a football scholarship to Ipswich Grammar School based on his skills.

The instinct of the school's talent spotters has proved spot-on.

"I think I did all right for league and union,"

Zach said. "I made the Ipswich Rugby Development side, but I didn't do that because I had too much footy already.

"League is on Friday night and union is on Saturday morning."

#### Two grand finals

A five-eighth in league and fly half in union, Zach played two grand finals this year.

"For union we won it, and for league we went down in the grand final," he said.

"My league team is the North Ipswich Tigers and for rugby it's with the school.

"I was nervous but now I know the feeling when you lose!"

Zach said his goals hadn't changed over the year, and they were all about rugby league. Importantly, he also said he did well in the classroom.

"I didn't fail anything," he said.

Proud uncle Joe Wallace said the year had been a big learning curve for Zach.

"Combining study, skill work in the day, study at night and then training during the week and playing on Fridays and Saturdays and making new friends down there, it's a big thing," he said.

"Now Zach's got a taste of it this year and people are fully aware of who he is and they'll be keeping an eye on him for next year."

## Big season ahead

### RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

ITH the conclusion of the Four Nations tournament and the release of the NRL 2017 calendar, all focus is on next season.

Of course the All Stars will also be front and centre in our thoughts as the season approaches.

At club level, teams will look at last season to assess where they were successful and where they need to improve.

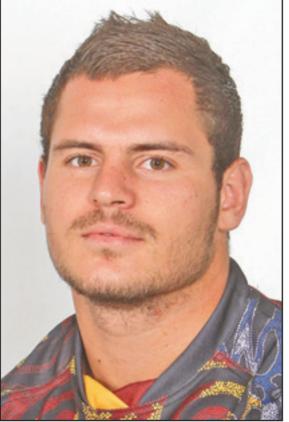
It would be fair to say that the Raiders will have to confront an issue they have not had to address in recent years. And that is that the Canberra fans will be expecting success after exceeding all external expectations in 2016.

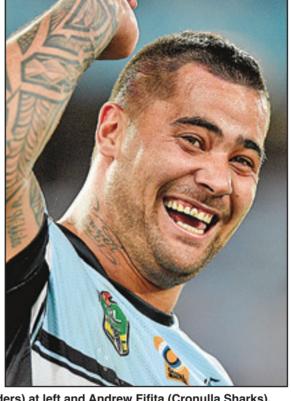
I use the term external expectations because every team aims to make the finals, and coach Ricky Stuart is a known competitor who always expects excellence from his troops.

When the season kicked off in March the Canberra Raiders were rated as low as 12th in premiership betting, behind teams like the Warriors, Rabbitohs, Roosters and Sea Eagles.

Their biggest signings of the season were Aidan Sezer – a talented pivot from the Titans who had never played finals football – and highly rated but largely unknown English forward Elliott Whitehead.

By September the Raiders were the hottest team in the league,





Talents to watch include Aidan Sezer (Canberra Raiders) at left and Andrew Fifita (Cronulla Sharks).

going into the finals in second place on the back of a 10-game winning streak.

That man Stuart has led the revival of the Raiders, putting together probably the most well-balanced outfit in the NRL.

While their premiership rivals relied heavily on superstars like Johnathan Thurston and Cameron Smith, the Raiders barely missed a beat when their breakout star of 2015, Blake Austin, was forced to the sidelines.

It is fair to say that Aiden Sezer repaid Ricky's faith and I believe his best football is still in front of him. I do not believe it is beyond him to be seriously considered for

a State of Origin position this year. All Stars may well give him the platform to push his claims.

#### Quality

Another player I believe is of representative quality is Jack Wighton who, along with another talent in Edrick Lee, will no doubt be looking back on what could have been.

If Edrick had been able to hold on to a pass that should have led to a crucial try late in the preliminary final against Melbourne, or if Jack Wighton had not been sin-binned midway through the second half of that game, their season could have finished differently.

But that is football and the magic of sport.

In the end, the Raiders fell just short of the grand final, pipped 14-12 in a thrilling preliminary final in Melbourne. But the signs are good that a new golden era for the Green Machine is just getting started.

Few predicted Canberra would get this close to the premiership this season, but fewer still will be writing off their chances next year.

The NRL season started with a simple message: Be there when history happens.

And on that front the Sharks

And on that front, the Sharks certainly delivered.

For 50 long seasons, the Cronulla faithful waited patiently to see their heroes become premiers.

And after dominating for the majority of the 26 regular season matches, the prayers were finally answered on the first Sunday of October with an electrifying 14-12 win over the Melbourne Storm in a grand final for the ages.

The current sad situation in

relation to Ben Barba should not deflect from his achievements this year – he deserves our continued support to get his life and career back on track in that order.

Ben was one of two men who played all 27 games for the Sharks across the season.

The Sharks back three of Valentine Holmes, Sosaia Feki and Benny crossed for a whopping 49 tries in 2016 in what was comfortably the most prolific output of any combination in the NRL.

#### Charge

And one of those was a Barba special in the grand final that started their charge to success.

And don't forget Ben started the pre-season on the bench in what was an incredible return to form for the 2012 Dally M winner.

Benny scored 15 tries during the regular season, had a team-high 18 assists and broke the line 17 times in his best year since taking the Bulldogs to the decider four years ago.

He should still look back with pride on what he achieved this year.

The other controversial figure in the Sharks' success was Andrew

Fifita. Andrew decided to let his football do the talking and there was no larger statement than his exceptional try in the grand final.

Fifita is a unique player in the modern era and deserves his chance on the representative platform to prove his greatness.

I can hardly wait to see him play in the All Stars.

When Neil Henry set about overhauling the Titans roster 12 months ago he went looking for people, not players.

He wanted men in the organisation who would bring professionalism to what the playing group did on and off the field and who would set an example for the youngsters coming up through the junior ranks.

#### Star power

With wins over the Knights and Wests Tigers in their first two home games they showed Gold Coast footy fans that if they bought a ticket they'd see their team compete, and the mid-season additions of Konrad Hurrell, Nathan Peats and Jarryd Hayne added star power to a club that had recently struggled to attract any.

A five-game losing streak from round five threatened to derail their season and prove the pundits correct, but with Greg Bird and Ryan James leading the way up front and Ashley Taylor and Nene Macdonald enjoying breakout seasons, Gold Coast's momentum began to build.

When a side overachieves as the Titans did in 2016 you need contributions from everyone who takes the field, but there's no question that the emergence of Ashley Taylor held Gold Coast's season together.

When Kane Elgey ruptured his knee ligament on the first day of training in 2016 the Titans' hopes of being at least competitive were draped over the shoulders of a 20-year-old with 29 minutes of first grade to his name.

He responded in magnificent fashion, growing into his role and forming a well-balanced combination with Tyrone Roberts. He displayed calmness under pressure – rare for someone so young.

He is a special talent and a player the Titans can build a future around

I can't wait for next season – bring it on!

## Yarran heads home after leaving Tigers



RICHMOND have defended their signing of Chris Yarran, arguing potential mental health issues shouldn't mean an AFL player becomes

unrecruitable. Yarran left the club last week without playing a game for the Tigers.

The defender struggled with injury and mental illness this year after leaving Carlton at the end of the 2015 season.

Tigers football boss Neil Balme rejected any suggestions Yarran was a risky recruitment because of perceived concerns around his issues.

"You can't say it was a bad decision because it didn't work out," he said.

"Do you think then that, say, Sydney shouldn't have taken a risk on Lance

Franklin? He's had some issues with mental health. Was it a good idea to do that or not? Clearly it was.

"Let's not talk about that. Let's just say: Is it worth helping these young men and take a risk to help them to play the game they want to play? Surely it is. Sometimes they don't

Yarran hired a personal coach and tried to rebuild his fitness over the past few weeks before training with the Tigers on Monday last

His agent Paul Connors said Yarran realised the following day he couldn't maintain an AFL workload for the whole year. instead returning home to Perth to be with his

"The demands and rigours of AFL, for him

to do it day-in day-out, was just going to be too much," Connors said.

"He knew he didn't want to put teammates through this for another year."

Yarran is not the only player to spend time away from the game due to mental health issues. The list includes recently delisted Geelong forward Mitch Clark and Fremantle's Cam McCarthy.

AFL operations manager Mark Evans admitted the league had failed to fully understand the "complex" issues around mental health of players.

Yarran played 119 AFL games with the Blues before being traded for draft pick

Balme said the Tigers would not stand in Yarran's way if he chose to play in the WAFL.



## Indigenous talents shine in AFL draft



By PETER ARGENT

THE AFL draft held in Sydney last Friday night was simply outstanding from an Indigenous perspective.

The draft is an annual event in which AFL teams choose new players to join their squads

from a pool of fresh talent. The selection order is by and large determined by the AFL ladder from the just-completed season, with the club finishing last getting the first pick and so on.

Among this year's 12 Aboriginal selections, three were in the first round and seven in the top 29.

As expected, Kimberley (Western Australia) star of the future Sam Petrevski-Seton was in the first group, selected by Carlton at number six overall.

Classy and with excellent skills, Petreski-Seton is seen as an exciting addition to the Blues midfield stocks. He is expected to have an early impact.

"I can't really believe it," Petrevski-Seton said in an interview straight after this selection. "I'm very excited. This is a great opportunity for me to face a new challenge in life, moving over to Victoria.

"I adapted to city life in Perth four years ago and ticked that box.

"Now it's time for the next one." A broken leg in April cut short Jy Simpkin's 2016 season, but his performances over the previous 12 months still gave North Melbourne enough confidence to secure him with their opening selection at number 12 overall.

Strongly built WA lad Sam Powell-Pepper was the third Indigenous player chosen in the first round (pick 18), collected by Port Adelaide.

Another four Indigenous talents were chosen in the Draft 20s selections.

Petrevski-Seton's mate from Halls Creek Cedric Cox was secured at 24, while a couple of Northern Territory players, Ben Long and Brandan Parfitt, were claimed with the following two picks.

Cox, noted for his poise and balance, is off to the Brisbane Lions, while 19-year-old Ben Long, from the famous St Mary's Football Club in Darwin, will line up for St Kilda. Parfitt, the NTFL Rookie of the Year in 2014-15, is joining the Geelong Cats.

#### **2016 Indigenous** draft selections

**No 6:** Sam Petrevski-Seton (Claremont) to Carlton.

No 12: Jy Simpkin (Murray Bushrangers) to North Melbourne. No 18: Sam Powell-Pepper (East

Perth) to Port Adelaide. No 24: Cedric Cox (North Ballarat

Rebels) to Brisbane Lions. No 25: Ben Long (NT Thunder) to St

No 26: Brandan Parfitt (NT Thunder/North Adelaide) to Geelong. No 29: Shai Bolton (South

Fremantle) to Richmond. No 50: Kayle Kirby (Bendigo

Pioneers) to Collingwood. No 52: Willie Rioli (Glenelg) to West

Coast Eagles. No 60: Quinton Narkle (Perth) to

No 64: Dion Johnstone (Oakleigh Chargers) to Melbourne.

No 75: Ben Davis (Uni. NSW) to

Pick number 29, Shai Bolton, was taken by the Richmond Tigers.

Kayle Kirby is off to Collingwood, after the Magpies claimed him with pick 50.

Willie Rioli was collected by West Coast at number 52, continuing the footballing tradition of his famous family which includes Hawthorn champion Cyril Rioli and Richmond's Daniel Rioli.

Quinton Narkle, noted as a ball magnet, was the fourth WA Indigenous man secured in this year's draft. He is following Parfitt to Geelong.

Selection 64, Oakleigh Charger Dion Johnstone, is seen as the bolter. The 18year-old moved from Warrnambool to Melbourne at 15 to join Scotch College on an Indigenous scholarship. He'll play for the Melbourne Demons.

And medium forward Ben Davis was collected by the Adelaide Crows with their final pick.

The AFL rookie draft was to be held last Monday, November 28.



## Yarran needs our support

### MAGIC<sup>9</sup>S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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HE news of Chris Yarran being released from his AFL contract with Richmond (see report facing page) created mixed emotions for me during the week.

There was definitely a sense of sadness that such a talented player was both being lost to the game and that he personally could not continue his career in the immediate future.

But there was also a sense of relief that Chris now has the time and space to deal with his personal issues with the support of family and close friends.

I am certain that Richmond, the AFL and the Players Association will also be there to help when needed, but Chris needs not only the right professional help but, just as importantly, the opportunity to escape the pressures of AFL football.

These also include the unrelenting pressure of media attention and the sometimes sordid world of social media.

The media release from Richmond touched on some of these issues.

One day after returning to training with the main group at Punt Road Oval, Chris said he was "deeply disappointed" he couldn't repay the club after crossing from Carlton at the end

Football manager Neil Balme said it was in Yarran's best interests to focus on his health without the added demands of a rigorous AFL program.

"Chris has found it difficult to meet the demands of AFL football given his personal issues," Balme said. "Ultimately it was agreed with Chris, and his management, that stepping away



Chris Yarran plays for Carlton in happier times.

from the game is in the best interest of his long-term health and wellbeing."

It was a big decision given Chris had two seasons to run on his contract. He said he appreciated the support of Richmond over the past 12

"I am extremely grateful for the support Richmond has given me over the past year," he said.

"I am deeply disappointed my ongoing health issues have not allowed me to repay the club and its supporters."

#### **Battle**

The 25-year-old was granted leave last May to deal with personal and family issues, with the club conceding he faced a bigger battle than first thought.

"I think it all just started to add up and it's come to this today after much soul searching over the past month," Yarran's manager Paul Connors said.

"He went back to Perth recently for support from family and 'Couchy' went with him and saw another side to 'Yaz' that was super impressive.

"We believe he needs the support of his mum and sisters and some extended family. That'll be really good for him.

"He'd have three good days and one bad day, and Chris knew that couldn't continue ... it was a pretty gut-wrenching day today."

Former North Melbourne star Wayne Schwass, who himself battled depression as a player, argues that more funding needs to be directed toward mental health programs at AFL clubs.

"I'm not suggesting that the game of AFL is any more demanding or has any more pressure than elite sport, but we've got more than just Chris Yarran," Schwass said

"We've got other players within the space of a couple of months who have decided that the demands of football and the pressure of life have got too much and they have decided to walk away from the game.

"I think it is a timely reminder that this is a really demanding business and I've advocated for a long time that we have great medical teams, some of the best in the world, but we might have one parttime or fulltime psychiatrist.

"We need to reinvest some money into the welfare and emotional intelligence of our playing group so that we can assist players dealing with injuries of the mind and not just injuries in a physical sense.

Schwass said that while it was unfortunate for Yarran, "my view is a bit more holistic and that is football is a part of someone's life, it's not their full life".

"I would believe that he has

made the best decision in his own interests," Schwass said.

"I would support that and I hope he gets his health and wellbeing 100% right and he can enjoy life, whatever life has to offer him moving forward."

But it was Eddie Betts who best captured the sentiments of his fellow players.

A former teammate, Eddie posted an emotional tribute to Chris on Instagram. "It is so hard to see you finish like this, but you'll always be the biggest gun in my eyes. I have missed playing beside you but I'll always be here for you," he wrote. "To all my brothers in AFL, I

know it can get tough at times, but we just have to speak up and help each other out. It's hard seeing young Indigenous players pack up and leave.

"Mental health doesn't discriminate."

AFL boss Gillon McLachlan acknowledged player welfare is still a massive challenge for the game, even with qualified people on every club.

#### **Important**

McLachlan said the AFL was doing everything in its power to ensure clubs had the programs in place to support their players, but he knew how important the issue remained.

"Whether it's been Chris Yarran or others that have gone public this year, there are also figures that show a number of players, that are not known about broadly, suffer from mental illness in various forms," he said.

"It's a real issue, and we work with the experts on the right approach.

"All the clubs have incredible player welfare approaches and have people specifically tasked on dealing with it on a daily basis.

"We're aware of it and we work hard, but you're always going to have incredibly sad and difficult circumstances, like those with Chris Yarran.

"We've got to make sure that the support is ongoing as he exits our industry, and as prevalent as it has been at Richmond, and Carlton before that.'

As one of the game's greatest stars, Lance Franklin put the spotlight on mental health when he went public with his own

This is not just an AFL issue; it is a problem we confront within our families and our communities every day.

Chris Yarran needs his time and space but he also needs to know he has our continued support.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



### **Magpies** captain happy to have Wells



COLLINGWOOD captain Scott Pendlebury is bullish about his team's 2017

prospects, despite some tough circumstances, and says they should aim for next year's AFL premiership.

He's also excited about the arrival of Indigenous player Daniel Wells, who has moved from North Melbourne.

The Magpies missed the finals this season for the third straight year, and coach Nathan Buckley has conceded next year is make-or-break for his tenure.

Adding to the pressure that always surrounds Collingwood, it has been a dramatic off-season for their football department.

Football manager Neil Balme left for Richmond and replacement Graeme Allan resigned after he received a 12-month AFL ban for his part in the Lachie Whitfield saga.

But Pendlebury said the Magpies must keep aiming big.

#### "Finals or bust"

"I've had it for 11 years that I've played here – it's always finals or bust," he said

"Any club that sits there and says it's not, I don't know what they're playing for."

Pendlebury also backed interim football manager Marcus Wagner. "It all happened over the off-season, so since we've come back Marcus Wagner has done a terrific job of explaining the whole program, how it's going to look for us," he said.

"It's really been business as usual for us and I think most of the guys would probably say the same thing.

"We're just looking forward to getting stuck in and we trust Marcus in the job for now, that he's going to get it all done."

Pendlebury says he's excited by Daniel Wells' arrival, noting what he did to Collingwood late in the season while playing for North Melbourne.

"We needed to win that game on a Friday night. We all thought he was going to pull out sick and he came out and had 15 touches in the first quarter," he said.

"He basically took the finals away from us, so it's great to have him on our side." - AAP

## Smallwood pots blackball title glory

By ALF WILSON



BINDAL man David Smallwood was a member of the Australian team which finished third of

19 countries at the Blackball Pool International World Championships in Ireland.

The Townsville Elder said he "played out of my skin" as part of the six-member Australian

"I'm really happy to have been part of a side which came third against such good international competition," the 66-year-old told the Koori Mail.

"Blackball was a new game to me and I had to adjust to the

Blackball is an internationally standardised variation of the popular bar and club game eightball pool, closely related to the original American game of eightball.

Smallwood started using the cue by playing snooker about age 10 at a parlour in the main street of Townsville.

These days he fines tunes his skills with the West End Hotshots in the Townsville 8

Ball Association A grade competition.

"There are 10 teams and we play most games at the South Townsville Bowls Club. Also there are 10 sides in both B and C grades," he said.

As a result of his success, Smallwood has been invited to compete next year at International Blackball Titles in Malta.

He hopes blackball pool will be sanctioned in Australia.

In his heyday, Smallwood was one of the best Australian Rules footballers to lace up a boot in Townsville. He played with Hermit Park Club and also the Indigenous side Garbutt Magpies as a forward pocket, and sometimes a spearhead in front of the goals.

Back then he was rated as among the best local players, along with other Aboriginal stars Ricco Butler, David Nogar, Noel Ross and Francis Tapim.

He hails from a family of 19 brothers and sisters, one of whom is former NAIDOC Person of the Year Professor Gracelyn Smallwood.

"We are all very proud of what David has achieved," Prof Smallwood said.



## Success at Sevens





**INDIGENOUS** teams had great performances at the National Sevens Championships

played this month in Adelaide. In the 12-team rugby competition, the Indigenous Women finished sixth, while the Indigenous Men were seventh.

Both Indigenous squads came from the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT), which has been developing Indigenous rugby union for many years.

Indigenous men's captain Jordan Goddard, who works with LMRDT, praised the performance of both Indigenous

"Our sides were up against the best in Australia - teams like NSW and Queensland Red and they performed incredibly well," he told the Koori Mail.

#### "Stepped up"

"The standard of competition this year was the best yet and our players really stepped up in their games.

"Our teams had very little

training time together but they still played great rugby against the best in the nation.

"This year's championships underlined the natural ability and talent among our Indigenous players.'

The Indigenous women's team was bolstered with Rio Olympics star Mahalia Murphy joining the squad.

Indigenous men's players Maurice Longbottom and Dylan Pietsch also played exceptionally well, catching the eve of state and national



# Greats back Short scores Shield spot with Warriors celebrations

By PETER ARGENT



**INDIGENOUS** test cricket greats Faith Thomas and Jason Gillespie have given their support to Cricket

Australia plans to mark the 150th anniversary of the Tom Wills-led Aboriginal XI game played at the MCG on Boxing Day 1866.

This year's Boxing Day Test against South Africa in Melbourne will mark the start of two years of celebrations, which will include a commemorative game between an Indigenous XI and a Prime Minister's XI in Canberra during 2018. Celebrations will culminate with a men's and women's tour of England to retrace the steps of the famous 1868 All-Aboriginal

"These celebrations are to honour the Aboriginal XI involved in the 1866 Boxing Day cricket match and the first cricket team to tour internationally in 1868,' Cricket Australia Indigenous engagement specialist Paul Stewart said.

"Other initiatives include a Boxing Day 'Walk to the G', Boxing Match Day activities in 2018, an Ashes Series Medal Award and the Mullagh/Wills

"Our objective is to recognise and celebrate the historical significance of the events of 1866 and 1868.

"We will hope to educate and raise awareness of the historic and ongoing ties between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the game."

Faith Thomas played for Australia against England in 1958, becoming the first Aboriginal woman to represent Australia in sport. A trained nurse, she was also a handy hockey player.

Jason Gillespie, a former pace bowler and Australia's most successful Indigenous cricketer, noted that there were now five Indigenous cricketers in Matador Cup one-day cricket sides in October.

Just back from five years as coach of the Yorkshire White Roses in England, Gillespie who is being touted as a possible national selector or coach – spoke with the *Koori* Mail about a range of issues.

"Currently my only gig set in stone is a contract through the South Australian Cricket Association to coach the Strikers," Gillespie, Australia's sixth highest wicket-taker at top level, said.



Indigenous cricket greats Jason Gillespie and Faith Thomas wear the baggy green at the Adelaide Oval.

"I love what I do with the Strikers, but that's for two months of the year.

"I'll look at opportunities when they present themselves.

"I'm open to conversations.

"There are various jobs around, whether it's in the selection area, coaching in some form or, as I am doing in the Adelaide Test, some media work. These are all options.

"If I feel that I can make a difference, I'll put my hand up."

#### **Ambitious**

Gillespie, who guided the Yorkshire Cricket Club from the second division to back-to-back England championship titles in 2014 and 2015, is still ambitious and hungry for more success.

"You're never satisfied," Gillespie said. "I'm a competitive bloke and I like winning.

"I do enjoy coaching and helping players improve their game.

Gillespie has empathy for his former SA Redbacks and Test teammate Darren Lehmann, the embattled current coach of the national team.

"In the way I look at it, the

hardest thing for 'Boof' (Lehmann) is the balance between winning now and playing for the future," he said.

"He's already enjoyed some success along the way, but in periods like this (Australia has been on a losing streak) he'll learn more about his coaching and man management.

"Personally I can't think of a better man for this challenge."

Gillespie also believes the infrastructure in Australian cricket is sound, although the Test team is going through a tough period and changes had to be made for the Adelaide Test.

He also believes the bowling stocks around Australia are strong, but suggested the players, not the high performance staff, should be taking responsibility for their respective workloads.

For this year's Boxing Day Test, artwork designed by Fiona Clarke, a descendant of players from both the 1866 and 1868 Aboriginal teams, will adorn the players' and the umpires' uniforms, with the Match Day stumps also featuring the commemorative artwork.

**By PETER ARGENT** 



**INDIGENOUS** cricketer D'Arcy Short is now a first-class player after debuting in this month's Sheffield Shield game

between his club Western Warriors and the Tasmanian

The left-arm orthodox spinner and powerful middle-order bat who hails from the Northern Territory made 9 and 40 with the bat and took a wicket during each innings with the ball. Short sent down 19

overs in the Tigers' first innings, five of them maidens, and collected the wicket of Jackson Bird, all at a cost of 79 runs.

He was

also the Warriors' only wicket-taker in the second dig, collecting opener Ben Dunk.

In the second innings, Short produced an important sixth-wicket partnership of 79 with opener Jonathan Wells. His aggressive 40 included six boundaries

Short, 26, has now been based in Western Australia for seven seasons.

"Everything has happened so quickly this year," he told the *Koori* 

"It has been about getting to where I need to be from the fitness side, ensuring I continue my training and refining the technical aspects of my game, including choosing the correct ball to hit.

"Also my bowling has helped me a lot to get opportunities at Matador Cup (one-day domestic) and now at Shield level."

To freshen up at the start of this season, Short also moved from Gosnells to the Willetton Cricket Club in the Perth grade competition.

His first cricket was for the Palmerston Cricket Club in suburban Darwin, having played all his junior cricket in the Northern Territory, including national under 17s and under 19s competitions as well as open-age state cricket.

Short said he was shocked when he received the call from his state coach and former Australian test opening batsman Justin Langer about being promoted to the Sheffield Shield team.

"There was a sense of satisfaction," he said. "It was very exciting to don the WA black state cap for the first time at first-class level.

"I received plenty of positive feedback after the game, suggesting it was a decent contribution for a debutant.

D'Arcy Short

"I have done a lot of work with 'JL' (Langer) from a technical perspective, and he's been a very supportive coach."

Before his Shield appearance, Short played four Matador Cup one-day fixtures for the WACA state side, meaning he became a contracted player to the state association, alleviating some of the stresses that go with trying to combine a work and cricket

Over the course of the four games, Short produced an inaugural one-day half century for WA, smashing a whirlwind 52 from 43 balls, including three boundaries and a pair of sixes, against the Victorians at the WACA ground.

The 178cm, 80kg all-rounder, whose hero was Andrew Symonds in his youth, says he would like to be seen as a player of value in all forms of the game.

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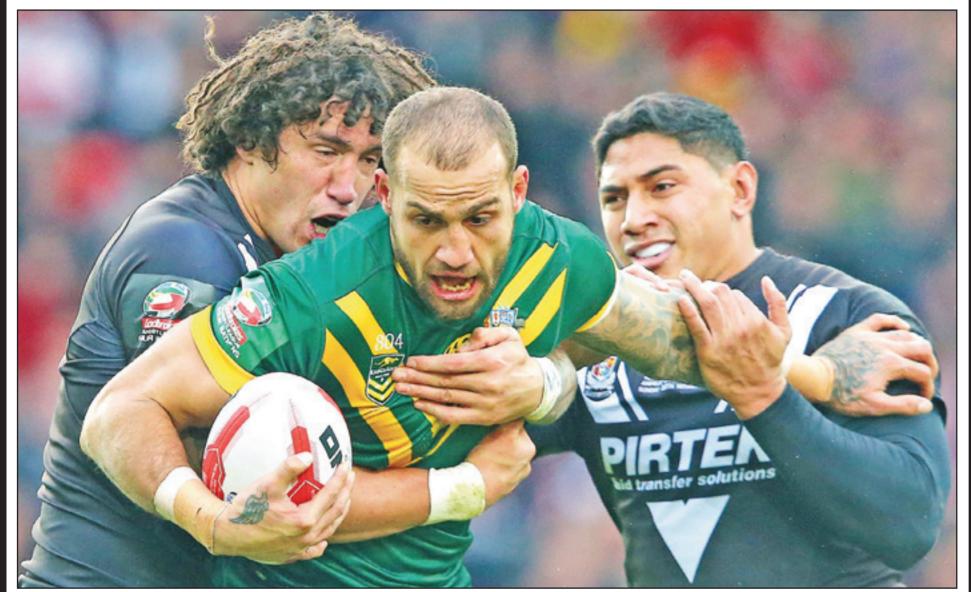


## 12 from 77

TWELVE Indigenous hopefuls are among the 77 selected at this year's National AFL Draft, held last week in Sydney. Among them were Sam Petrevski-Seton (left), selected by Carlton and number six overall, and Jy Simpkin (right), picked up by North Melbourne at number 12. Turn to page 64 for our coverage.



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BLAKE Ferguson has had more than his fair share of controversy, but all that seems behind him after brilliant performances for the victorious Australians in the Four Nations Rugby League tournament in Britain. The hard-charging back, pictured here in a game against New Zealand, capped a great series by being awarded the Harry Sunderland Medal as Australia's player of the series. Ferguson and fellow Indigenous stars Greg Inglis and Johnathan Thurston were among Australia's best on the tour. Read about Blake Ferguson's redemption in our special report on page 62. *Getty image* 

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