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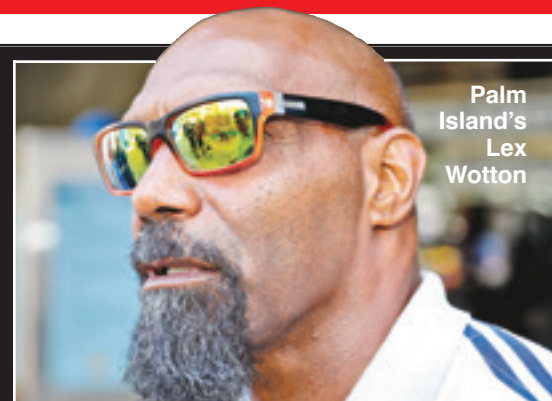
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Palm Island's Lex Wotton

CDP is under attack



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Tribute to trackers

THE proud history of Aboriginal trackers in NSW is the focus of a new website and historical display in Goulburn. Get the facts in our report on page 22.



Troy Cassar-Daley and young friends make the *Silent Night* video.

The signs are all there for a great Christmas



COUNTRY music star Troy Cassar-Daley and 11 kids all with a hearing loss

have teamed up to make a video with a difference of *Silent Night*.

The children, all from Penrith Primary School's Hearing Unit in western Sydney, use Auslan (Australian sign language) as Gumbayngirr man Cassar-Daley sings what is Australia's favourite Christmas carol*.

Australian Hearing came up with the idea as a way to share Auslan with a wider audience.

“I really love being part of something that makes a difference in people's lives, especially a project like this that shows how different forms of communication such as music and sign language can really touch people's hearts,” said Cassar-Daley, who is an Australian Hearing ambassador.

The kids got a real buzz, too. Year 4 student Zoe

Blaikie-West revelled in her role as back-up ‘signer’ in the video of the Christmas classic.

Australian Hearing's Alison King said such projects are close to her heart because they celebrate children with hearing loss continuing to live life to its fullest.

* A 2014 Australian Hearing survey of 1000 people revealed *Silent Night* as their most-wanted Christmas track.

● To see the video, go to www.hearing.com.au/silentnight

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My FAMILY

Emily Portamimmli – Darwin, NT



THIS is me with some of my family at the Telstra Art Awards concert in Darwin this year. They came for the music and to have a dance; I came for the art. We have a lot of artists in our family.

We are all from the Tiwi Islands, and we moved to Darwin about five years ago. Back then there was a lot of problems on Tiwi, lots of fighting.

I miss Tiwi sometimes, and we mainly go back for funerals.

A lot of my family are in Darwin and we visit each other all the time.

My three sons live on Tiwi and my daughter lives at Ramingining (Arnhem Land). We talk on the phone,

and sometimes I go to visit at Ramingining.

Tiwi Bombers are our football team. We always go and watch them – sometimes in Darwin, sometimes back home. My second son, Kevin, used to play for them.

When we get together we love to sing and dance, using our language.

We also love hunting and fishing. My favourites are crab and mud mussel. – As told to Jillian Mundy

● Pictured above: Alyssa Ankit, Janelle Mungatopi, Helen James holding her granddaughter, Kevin Fernando, Nathan Pilakui, Emily Portamimmli and Abel Pilakui.

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OUR CHILDREN



LAKIAH Long is safe and happy in the arms of dad Brian at celebrations in Palmerston marking the 25th anniversary of Darwin's Danila Dilba Health Service. See our report and more pictures on page 27. Picture: Karina Kassman

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500-didg orchestra the dream



THE dream of having a 500-piece didgeridoo orchestra at the 2018 Commonwealth Games is a step closer after Aboriginal players from Darwin, South Australia, Perth and the Gold Coast gathered in Burleigh Heads on Queensland's Gold Coast for a special ceremony.

The didg masters presented Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate with a didgeridoo to signify their approval of the instrument's use for performances during the Commonwealth Games.

Yugambah Museum chief executive Rory O'Connor said forming the didgeridoo orchestra has had many benefits for the communities involved.

"The main benefit, to me, other than getting to showcase the talents of our people, is the fact that it is bringing men together," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"The didgeridoo practice has been a really rich space for culture. There's been cross-generational sharing of stories that is bringing real power."

Yugambah Museum has been working on building the didgeridoo orchestra for a number of years, and a delegation of Gold Coast people travelled to Darwin, Gove, Adelaide and Perth to ask community Elders for their support.

Mr O'Connor said that although the orchestra was formed to perform at the Commonwealth Games, its members feel it could be something to build on and share with future generations.

"While the games are our current focus, can you imagine two years down the track if we brought together all the



Didgeridoo masters, from left, Tony Lee, of Darwin, Jamie Goldsmith (playing), of Adelaide, William Barton, who lives on the Gold Coast, and Perth's Phil Walley-Stack, play at Burleigh Heads. Picture: Kate Czerny

members for a men's festival to play didgeridoo and share stories and bring the young ones along?" he said.

"It could be something that's ongoing. To me it fits the idea of a legacy."

Mr O'Connor said it's heartening and

exciting to know the Commonwealth Games will feature Indigenous culture.

"I say to the young boys, people want to come and want to know more about our culture," he said.

"The ceremony was about saying let's

make it official. These are the men who want to make it happen.

"For the Commonwealth Games and for the mayor to embrace the project, that's powerful. For the mayor to be on side with this project is huge."

Investigator holds fears

By NATALIE CROMB



UNITED Nations special rapporteur (investigator) on contemporary forms of racism

Mutuma Ruteere says Australia and its political leaders need to condemn the racism of their peers.

Speaking at the conclusion of his tour of Australia, Mr Ruteere said he was particularly concerned about the jailing of juveniles from Indigenous communities and their treatment in the criminal justice system.

He visited Alice Springs, Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra, meeting with politicians, heads of organisations, community

groups and Indigenous people.

"I have been made aware of the challenges of continuing racial discrimination faced by Indigenous people as well as other groups in Australia," Mr Ruteere said.

"I am aware that Indigenous people continue to be incarcerated at a disproportionate rate."

Disjointed

Groups including the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples told Mr Ruteere about how disjointed government policies have led to a worsening of outcomes for Indigenous Australians in health, education and justice.

Mr Ruteere said he was supportive of the Royal Commission into Indigenous Youth Detention, and interested

in closing the gap programs.

But he expressed concern that the trend was actually worsening in key areas and there were no set justice targets.

"The current policing of Indigenous communities is too punitive and needs an urgent change as its consequences can only lead to even further devastation of communities," he said.

Mr Ruteere also criticised a lack of policy aimed at addressing economic progress in remote communities.

The special rapporteur has handed down his preliminary findings, highlighting concerns in relation to Indigenous and Muslim Australians. He will present his final report on Australia to the UN Human Rights Council in June.



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Season's greetings to our readers

The directors and staff of the *Koori Mail* wish our readers a merry and safe Christmas and happy new year. Like many others, we'll be kicking back and taking a two-week break. Our office will be closed from 5pm AEDT this Friday, December 16, reopening at 9am on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Our next edition will be out on January 11.

Politicians unite to say 'No more'



'NO more' was the cry as both sides of politics came together in a rare display of unity late last month.

Putting aside differences in the final sitting week for the year, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten joined dozens of MPs and senators in an event to combat domestic violence in Indigenous communities.

The leaders linked arms with 'No more' campaign founder and ABC sports commentator Charlie King on the forecourt of Parliament House.

"Family violence is unacceptable. There is no room for it," Mr Turnbull said.

Mr King called for a new chapter on how Australia deals with family violence, including by businesses and sporting clubs.

He acknowledged members of the Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation from Arnhem Land who performed a ceremonial dance at the gathering.

Without any financial help, they had been able to reduce family violence by 27.9% in one year.

"Extraordinary"

"That's extraordinary isn't it?" Mr King said.

Mr Turnbull later moved a motion in Parliament to acknowledge that violence against women was a national issue. He noted Indigenous women were 34 times more likely to face violence, and called on all men to take action to stop it.

"We can and we must do better," the Prime Minister said. "As a Parliament and as a nation, we no longer avert our gaze from the horror and the shame that is domestic violence – we look clear-eyed at this appalling failure and we are resolved to stop it."

Mr Shorten said violence against women did not discriminate, yet the rates of family violence suffered by Indigenous Australians were a source of national shame. "We owe it to ourselves, to the nation we imagine ourselves to be, the nation we want our children to see in the mirror, to right this wrong," he told MPs. – AAP



Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, centre, greets traditional dancers carrying clap sticks and spears and with faces painted white at Parliament House, Canberra, on November 28 for the 'No more' campaign. With him are other political leaders including Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, Senator Patrick Dodson, Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and Assistant Health Minister Ken Wyatt, as well as 'No more' campaign founder Charlie King. AAP image

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Lease wins CLC support



THE Central Land Council (CLC) has given the go-ahead for an innovative township lease that it says puts traditional owners and residents of the Mutitjulu community next to Uluru in control of their future.

Traditional owners recently consented to the sublease and the CLC's 11-member executive this month formally agreed to the grant of a sublease until 2084 over the community, in the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park.

Initially the sublease will be held by the Australian Government's executive director of township leasing (EDTL) who must consult with a committee of residents and traditional owners before making any land use decisions in Mutitjulu.

Once traditional owners and residents have built their capacity and established a new corporation the sub-lease will be transferred.

The EDTL must transfer the sublease to a new community corporation when the CLC is satisfied that the corporation has the capacity to manage the sublease. This can happen at any time, and the sublease can be transferred back to the

Gunyangara gets control

TRADITIONAL owners in the Northern Territory have secured a historic lease agreement with the Federal Government that gives the Indigenous community full control of their land.

The 99-year, multimillion-dollar lease covering the East Arnhem Land township of Gunyangara has been almost a decade in the making.

Under a new model, the head lease will be held by a community-owned Aboriginal

corporation instead of a government bureaucrat.

That's a fundamental shift away from arrangements already in place on Groote Eylandt and the Tiwi Islands, where a government officer has the ultimate say in who gets a sub-lease.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion says the "groundbreaking" deal means traditional owners are in the driver's seat when it comes to decisions about their land.

EDTL if the corporation runs into trouble.

For the first time, organisations such as the local clinic, school, store or a community housing provider will be given legal permission to occupy premises in Mutitjulu and start to pay rent.

These rent payments will fund community-driven projects similar to the Mutitjulu pool and many other projects pioneered by the CLC's community development program.

Rent payments will not be distributed to individuals and Parks Australia will not

charge rent for the sub-lease.

"The CLC has worked with Mutitjulu since 2010 to devise this alternative community leasing model because the Australian Government's model that involved ceding control over the community to the EDTL was never going to fly with our constituents," CLC director David Ross said.

"Our community-driven model keeps decision making in Aboriginal hands and at the local level, but also acknowledges the need to build community capacity and strong governance."

Relief at last for Naden victim's family



THE family of murdered Aboriginal woman Lateesha Nolan can finally lay her body to rest nearly 12 years after she was killed by her psychopathic cousin Malcolm Naden.

The 24-year-old was murdered in January 2005 in Dubbo at the hands of Naden. He strangled her in her car after becoming angry during an argument, then dismembered her body and buried it beside the Macquarie River.

He then went on the run for seven

years before being captured in 2012 after one of the state's biggest manhunts.

The human femur bone was found on the banks of the Macquarie River south of Dubbo in November, with police later confirming it belonged to the mother of four.

Naden had led officers to the site in 2012 where excavations were carried out but her remains were not found.

NSW Police detective superintendent Mick Willing said the terrain had changed a lot over the years, especially

after several floods that had gone through the area since 2005, with the bone found just outside the original search site.

Ms Nolan's parents, Mick and Joan Peet, were "understandably shocked but pleased" by the news, he said.

Mr Peet says he hopes the search will uncover more of his daughter's remains.

"I knew this day would happen one day ... it's a bit of a shock. I'm just hoping they do find more ... it's very hard," he said on ABC radio.

In 2013, Naden, a former shearer and abattoir worker, was sentenced to life in prison after facing court on two murder charges.

He was also sentenced for the murder of Kristy Scholes, 24, who was staying with him at his grandparents' house in Dubbo when he strangled her in June 2005.

Naden said he killed Ms Nolan after becoming enraged when she brought up allegations that he had indecently assaulted a 12-year-old six months earlier. — AAP

Qld police actions racist, rules judge

Wotton, family awarded damages



QUEENSLAND police officers were racist in their response to a now-infamous death in custody and rioting more than

12 years ago, a Federal Court judge has found.

Justice Debbie Mortimer has awarded \$220,000 in damages to once-jailed Palm Island rioter Lex Wotton and two of his family members for the pain endured by early-morning raids involving Queensland Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) officers in November 2004.

Mr Wotton, his wife and mother brought the groundbreaking racial discrimination class action on behalf of Palm Islanders, which alleged police failures after Cameron (Mulrunji) Doomadgee's death would not have happened in a non-isolated community that wasn't mainly Aboriginal.

"I have found they (police officers) conducted themselves ... with a sense of impunity, impervious to the reactions of Palm Islanders," Justice Mortimer said in a written summary.

"I have found that police acted in these ways because they were dealing with an Aboriginal community."

Justice Mortimer found police officers treated Mulrunji's arresting officer Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley inappropriately and failed to communicate with islanders in the tense week after the local man's death.

She said accounts from Aboriginal witnesses implicating Sen Sgt Hurley in the tragedy were discounted and that the use



Palm Island man Lex Wotton, jailed for inciting violence following the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee, has now been awarded damages by the Federal Court.

of SERT officers for post-riot raids was "unnecessary, disproportionate and undertaken as a show of force against local people who had protested about the conduct of police".

Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk says she stands by police.

The Queensland Police Union rejected the court's findings outright, with president Ian Leavers saying the response would have been the same if the situation happened in "downtown Brisbane".

"I personally know many police who served and continue to serve

on both Palm Island at that time and in Indigenous communities and I know they are not racist," he said.

The rioting was sparked by a preliminary autopsy report that found Mulrunji's death was an accident, despite him having four broken ribs and his liver almost cleaved in two.

Burnt down

The police station and barracks, as well as a home occupied by Sen Sgt Hurley, were burnt down during the riot.

The court previously heard balaclava-clad officers marched

through the community of fewer than 2000 residents and pointed large guns at children's heads during early-morning post-riot raids.

Mr Wotton was tasered, allegedly without warning, in front of his children.

"Women and children in and around the houses attended by SERT officers, who had nothing to do with the protests and fires, were terrified," Justice Mortimer said.

"Those women and children who gave evidence have suffered a lasting detrimental impact from the SERT operation."

The State of Queensland and Commissioner of Police denied all the applicants' allegations of discrimination.

Justice Mortimer did not order an apology, but directed the Commissioner of Police be required to consider if one should be made.

A jury acquitted Sen Sgt Hurley of Mulrunji's manslaughter in 2007. He was found guilty recently of assaulting a man he grabbed by the throat and pointed a Taser at during a roadside arrest on the Gold Coast in 2013. — AAP

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Golden Oldies know how to party



SANDRA Morgan never thought she'd be sending invitations to her children for a golden oldies event. But that's exactly what she did this year.

Ms Morgan is a driving force behind Cherbourg's Golden Oldies, one of the south-east Queensland community's most popular events.

First started 26 years ago, the Golden Oldies has grown to be a major community celebration aimed at the over-50s.

Ms Morgan has been there for every one of them.

"I was here when it started," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"For 26 years we've been celebrating the Golden Oldies. It's a great time when Elders come back home and reminisce, go back down memory lane.

"It's good to see. When they hear the music they forget all about their disabilities, and you see them hopping up out of wheelchairs or putting their wheelie walkers aside.

"They're pleased to come back for a happy occasion instead of a sad one."

Ms Morgan said people come from all over – this year from as far as away as Canberra and South Australia.

"We had a lady come who left here over 30 years ago. She came back for Golden Oldies from Finland I think, or Switzerland," she said.

"She was a dormitory girl, so it was very emotional for her being here after so many years to see old friends and families."

Grace Stanley says Golden Oldies is



Cherbourg Golden Oldies: back from left, Pamela Page, Marion Bassett, Eileen Brown, Cecil Brown Snr, Mary Brown and Stanley Mickelo and, sitting, James Brown.

a must-do event in Cherbourg.

"I do go to them all when I can," she said. "Sandra Morgan and the sisters, they do the hall up, and it always looks so lovely."

Rae Long is another Golden Oldies fan, as is Belita Gadd, who particularly enjoys the different themes.

"We all get dressed up for it, and it's a competition. We get the band or

someone other than us to judge," Ms Gadd said.

"We might be running out of themes, though. We've had Hollywood, Country and Western, Hawaiian..."

Researchers call for CDP to be scrapped

By **RUDI MAXWELL**



ABORIGINAL people living in remote communities are going hungry and struggling to feed their kids as

they battle to keep up with a "disastrous" work-for-the-dole-style regime, a report has found.

Researchers argue the "flawed and broken" Community Development Program (CDP) – which includes about 34,000 people of whom 84% are Indigenous – must be scrapped and replaced.

The report, by researchers from the Australian National University (ANU) shows that, rather than supporting unemployed Indigenous people in remote communities, CDP places unfair and unreasonable expectations on participants.

"CDP is a clear example of people trying their best and being undermined by dysfunctional government policy," report author Dr Kirrily Jordan, from the ANU Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR), said.

The program replaced the Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP) and the earlier Community Development

Employment Program (CDEP), which was introduced by the Fraser Government in 1977 and was used by many remote communities to complete community work and projects.

CDP participants are expected to do 25 hours a week of 'work-like activities' for 46 weeks a year.

In contrast, participants in 'jobactive', the equivalent program in regional and urban areas, generally have much less onerous work-for-the-dole requirements, and only for six months of the year.

Dr Jordan said CDP has been having significant ramifications for Australia's remote communities.

"We're getting reports of people going hungry and not able to feed their kids," Dr Jordan said.

"In some places there are reduced store sales, a big increase in those falling behind in rent, people are unable to pay back fines, which puts them at risk of imprisonment, and we're hearing about increased tensions in communities because of conflicts about money."

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion dismissed the report because his office – which isn't in charge of

administering CDP – wasn't invited to contribute.

"If I had been invited to contribute to the report, I would have pointed to the significant progress the CDP has delivered in terms of engagement and participation rates," he said.

"The last thing the communities I visit and engage with on a regular basis say to me is that they want a return to passive welfare and disengagement – which is

"We're saying here that a number of experienced academics and representatives of Aboriginal organisations feel the scheme is a policy disaster and an affront to human rights."

precisely what would happen if we ended the CDP."

Dr Jordan said CDP had resulted in a number of serious issues for people living in remote communities.

"In a lot of these places people don't have reasonable access to Centrelink," she said. "There's often very limited internet and phone coverage, so people who want to contact Centrelink are sometimes having to use the one

or two community phones, often lining up for days on end to try to talk to someone.

"Even once they do get through they often can't understand each other, so people are being penalised unfairly.

"Being required to do 25 hours per week is a lot tougher than unemployment schemes for people in urban and regional areas. That means there is a much higher likelihood of penalties, just because the obligations are so much higher."

The report found that under CDP 146,000 financial penalties have been applied in 2015-16 to 34,000 participants, compared with 104,000 penalties applied to about 750,000 'jobactive'

participants. "We're saying here that a number of experienced academics and representatives of Aboriginal organisations feel the scheme is a policy disaster and an affront to human rights," Dr Jordan said.

"Work needs to start on designing a whole new program. It's so flawed and broken that they need to go back to basics and this time collaborate properly with Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people and organisations and design a scheme that will work in a remote context."

The report, titled 'Job creation and income support in remote Indigenous Australia: moving forward with a better system', was prepared by researchers at the ANU's Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR), Deakin University, the University of Melbourne, and the chief executives of the Northern Land Council (NLC) and Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT).

NLC chief executive Joe Morrison said he believed CDP was part of a broader policy agenda to disempower Aboriginal people.

"My ultimate message is that Indigenous people must take control of this agenda if we are to crawl out of the assimilationist and paternalistic mess that stains the nation and ignores the uniqueness of Indigenous people in this country," he said.

"Experience has shown us that it's not worth waiting around for governments to deliver, especially in a climate of reduced funding in the Indigenous Affairs portfolio delivered by remote-control policy design and implementation."

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Spotlight on ancient tradition

By JILLIAN MUNDY



KANALARITJA:
An Unbroken String, an exhibition of 54 shell necklaces and bracelets

which honours and tells the story of the Tasmanian Aboriginal shell stringing tradition, has opened at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) in Hobart.

There are necklaces strung by ancestors – some known, others not – and obtained by collectors in the 1800s and now on loan and displayed for the first time in Tasmania, as well as an extensive collection of pieces by a new generation of stringers and bought by the gallery.

The exhibition is a testament to patience and a tradition passed down despite incredible obstacles such as invasion, abductions, slavery and attempted genocide.

Makers, mainly women, need to have intimate knowledge of the environment from which they collect shells which have names such as marinas, rice shells, toothies and black crows.

There is also techniques of collecting, cleaning and stringing the shells to be learned.

Many of the locations and techniques are closely guarded.

Some necklaces have more than 1600 shells, each around the size of a grain of rice.

For Tasmanian Aboriginal woman Lola Greeno, a renowned shell stringer and former arts administrator, *kanalaritja* is a dream come true.

"With only a small number of women holding the knowledge of shell stringing, we were



Curators Zoe Rimmer and Liz Tew with renowned shell stringer Lola Greeno at the exhibition in Hobart.

concerned about the continuation of the practice," she said.

"It was my dream to enable other Aboriginal women from around Tasmania to learn and revive this important cultural practice within their families."

While shell stringing dates back hundreds of generations,

luna tunupri (women's knowledge) workshops over the past six years have helped with a resurgence of the tradition.

Many strung shells in *kanalaritja* are displayed as family collections, some of them representing four generations of one family, with makers ranging

from age six to, in the case of Aunty Dulcie Greeno, 95.

The exhibition also features footage of the luna tunupri workshops, makers' statements, poetry and interactive activities.

There is also a dedicated publication featuring a range of essays and photographs,

providing a definitive account of the unique cultural practice and the making of *kanalaritja*.

A film and educational resources are also in the pipeline. *Kanalaritja* will be at the TMAG until May 21. It will be taken to every state and territory over the next two years.

Survivors will receive compo



THE NSW Government will offer survivors of the Stolen Generations financial compensation as part of a reparation package

worth more than \$73 million. The State Government has released its response to 'Unfinished Business', an inquiry into the forcible removals of Aboriginal children from their families, which includes a package with one-off reparation payments of about \$75,000 to about 730 survivors and funding for support groups.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Leslie Williams said the package acknowledges the "real and heartbreaking trauma" caused by historical government practices.

"There are parts of our history that I, as a minister, and I'm sure many Australians are quite ashamed of," Ms Williams told ABC radio. "We can't change the past, but what we can do is acknowledge those practices of past governments have had such a profound effect on Aboriginal people."

Ms Williams said the key recommendation being implemented from the inquiry is a Stolen Generations advisory committee.

A funeral fund of up to \$7000 and a healing fund will also be in the package.

Jan Barham, the Greens parliamentarian who chaired the inquiry, said she was pleased the State Government has adopted nearly all of the 35 recommendations.

"This strong commitment to act on reparations is welcome, it's significant, and it's long overdue," she said.

"It's almost 20 years since the Bringing Them Home report into forcible removals was tabled. It would be better if we hadn't needed two decades and another inquiry to get here, but I'm glad that our committee's recommendations have received such strong support in the Government's response."

"Too late"

Richard Campbell, a member of the Stolen Generations who was held at the notorious boys' home at Kinchela, said it is too late and lessons of the past haven't been learnt as Aboriginal children are still being taken from their families.

"Are they going to give me back my culture? Are they going to give me back my language?" he said on ABC radio.

Fellow Kinchela survivor James Michael Welsh, who is involved with Stolen Generations organisation the Healing Foundation, says the package will be a great

help. "It's good, anything is good, as long as it can make us keep going forward with our journey," he said.

The Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation and Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation, which represent survivors of those institutions, worked with the Government on the package.

"The journey to achieve reparations for Stolen Generations in NSW has been traumatic and we have lost many brothers and sisters along the way," they said in a statement. "We must acknowledge these brothers and sisters and their families who will not receive those benefits."

The two organisations said they were looking forward to "finding ways to support these families and support the collective healing that only they can provide".

"We are pleased to see this outcome and look forward to working with the NSW Government to implement the response as soon as possible because many of our members are frail and elderly, and at this stage every day counts," they said.

"Each step forward is helping our healing and these resources can help to restore our family structures and repair some of the damage done to our community." – With AAP

Standing Rock Sioux praise army decision

MEMBERS of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and protesters have hailed a United States Army decision not to allow an oil pipeline to cross under a reservoir on land it controls in the US state of North Dakota.

The Sioux and thousands of others have been protesting since April against the pipeline which is near a reservation.

The US Army Corps of Engineers says it will look at alternative routes.

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe say they will be "forever grateful" to outgoing US President Barack Obama for the decision.

But there is concern incoming president Donald Trump will overturn the ruling and allow the pipeline to proceed.

The planned multi-billion dollar pipeline, almost 1900km long, is nearly complete except for the lake section.

The Sioux, along with other native Americans, oppose the pipeline because they fear it will contaminate drinking water and run over sacred burial sites.

Opponents, who have numbered in the tens of thousands, have endured bitter temperatures during their protest.

Interpreter service first of its kind



AUSTRALIA'S first on-demand Aboriginal video interpreter service has been launched in the Northern Territory.

Territory Housing and Community Development Minister Gerry McCarthy says the free Aboriginal Interpreter Service (AIS) will help those who do not speak English as a first language to access government

health, housing and legal systems.

"Interpreters and clients can access these services remotely as long as they have technology, while cutting costs, travel expenses and travel time for both parties," he said.

There are more than 35,000 Aboriginal people in the Territory who speak an Indigenous language at home, and the interpreter service will cater for about

35 languages via video and telephone.

Mr McCarthy said NT Aboriginal patients in interstate hospitals will be able to understand medical information with assistance from the service.

NT Supreme Court judge Jenny Blokland says it is an invaluable service.

"Sound interpreting services in our courts, provided by the AIS, contribute in a most fundamental way to the

administration of justice, the maintenance of fair procedures in courts and rule of law generally," she said.

The AIS has installed audio and visual software in its Darwin, Alice Springs and Katherine offices, provided staff with 12 months of interpreter training, and built soundproof booths to ensure confidentiality.

There are plans to add further languages in coming months. — AAP

'Man on a mission' in heart of continent



ABORIGINAL activist Clinton Pryor has passed through Western Australia and reached Uluru on his national walk for justice.

The Wajuk, Balardung, Kija and a Yulparitja man from Western Australia left Perth earlier this year on a marathon trek to Canberra.

His goal is simple — to raise awareness of the injustice being faced by Indigenous people.

With a small support team, Mr Pryor has already covered almost 2000km.

The staunch treaty advocate is expected to meet local Indigenous people in central Australia before heading south to Adelaide, across to Victoria and north to Sydney. He is on schedule to arrive to arrive in Canberra during March.

Discuss issues

Along the way Mr Pryor will visit Indigenous communities and discuss issues to share with national leaders in Canberra.

"I'm a man on a mission to make a stand for my people and for this country," he said.

"I have walked through the south-west, the western desert and I'm now walking through the central desert. I will not stop because now I know I can do this and will finish this walk."

Mr Pryor's support team has created 'Walk for Justice' t-shirts to raise funds for the journey. Details at <https://www.clintonswalkforjustice.org/>



Clinton Pryor in central Australia.

Youth suicide rate up



ABORIGINAL youth suicide rates in Western Australia have worsened despite 40 inquiries over 15 years, a report has concluded.

The parliamentary inquiry, which focused on remote areas, analysed the recommendations of past

inquiries and found they had not been adequately implemented, confirmed by rising suicide rates.

Education and Health Standing Committee members are determined their recommendations are followed up, including the creation of a head agency to oversee support services as there is no group that takes ultimate responsibility and is accountable for government action.

The report suggests the premier and involved ministers report to Parliament every six months to track the progress of the recommendations, which also include higher Aboriginal employment targets for WA Government agencies.

The suicide rates of Aboriginal people in certain areas of WA are among the highest in the world. Overall, the suicide rate among Aboriginal people in the state is 3.3 times higher than among other people.

Despite comprising just 3% of Australia's population, Aboriginal children and young people represent 28% of all recorded suicides of this age group.

Committee chairman Graham Jacobs said Aboriginal people should be more involved in policy and implementation.

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SA reunion for pioneer teachers



Graduates of the '1000 Aboriginal Teachers by 1990' program gather at UniSA for the reunion.



BACK in the 1980s, Christine Ross flew to Adelaide to begin her Diploma of Teaching course

at the then South Australian College of Arts and Education.

Aged 17 at the time, the Arrente/Kaytetye woman, who grew up in Darwin, was part of a push by the National Aboriginal Education Committee to ensure 1000 Aboriginal people were formally trained teachers by 1990.

Fast forward to 2016, and the University of South Australia has held a reunion as part of its 25th anniversary celebrations for some of the graduates of the teacher program.

Ms Ross helped the university – formerly the education college – organise the event, saying it

was a great opportunity for graduates to see each other again.

"It was a fabulous celebration and a little emotional as some of us had not seen each other since leaving uni over 30 years ago," she said.

"Many have gone on to extremely successful careers and to make a difference in the lives of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students as their first Aboriginal teacher."

The '1000 Aboriginal Teachers by 1990' program was started in the hope that an increase in the number of Indigenous educators would break down stereotypes and provide Indigenous role models for students.

Ms Ross thanked UniSA professor Paul Hughes for his part in establishing the program, in which the target of 1000 teachers was exceeded.

Report raises issues



THE 2016 Social Justice and Native Title report recommends that the Federal Government follow the advice of Indigenous leaders and implement the demands of the Redfern Statement.

Released in June, the Redfern Statement is a framework developed by Indigenous peak bodies regarding policy and self-determination in Indigenous Affairs.

The 2016 report, released last week, authored by acting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Gillian Triggs and her deputy Robynne Quiggin, also says the persistent tragedy of Aboriginal deaths in custody contributes to a sense things are getting worse, not better, for Indigenous Australians.

It points to ongoing tensions between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and

the criminal justice system.

The report follows this year's coronial inquest into the death in custody of Aboriginal woman Julieka Dhu in a Western Australian jail, where she was detained for unpaid fines, and reflects perceptions that such deaths remain disproportionately high.

The report, released by the Human Rights Commission, comes after the first round of hearings of the Royal Commission into Youth Detention in the Northern Territory.

"Aboriginal families have also battled inaction by police charged with investigating the violent deaths of their loved ones," the report says. "The persistence of these issues contributes to a sense in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community that the situation is getting worse, not better."

Among the commission's recommendations is that the Federal Government follow up



Robynne Quiggin

meetings with Indigenous leaders with regular consultations to help inform policy and legislation.

It also calls for the adoption of justice targets as part of the Close the Gap campaign as a matter of urgency.

Professor Triggs said there was mounting evidence of worsening conditions, with Australia recording the highest rates of incarceration of Indigenous people in the world.

It was "absolutely astonishing" that 96% of the Northern Territory's prison population and 55% of incarcerated youths across the country were Indigenous, she said.

"The overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in custody is one of the most challenging human rights issues facing Australia," Prof Triggs said.

The report argues that in cases where Indigenous people are struggling to earn an income there should be tailored support to help them to live in freedom and dignity, adding further weight to the enormous amount of criticism of the Government's work-for-the-dole policy under the Community Development Program (CDP) in remote communities.

The commission is awaiting independent reviews of the Government's cashless debit card trials to fully understand what impacts it's having on Indigenous communities, but recommends that both CDP and the 'Healthy Welfare' card be voluntary.

The report also calls for more funding to native title representative bodies and service providers.

National Children's Commissioner Megan Mitchell also recommended that the Federal Government add justice targets to the Closing the Gap campaign.

Ms Mitchell focused on youth justice in her annual report on children's rights, and recommended that the age of criminal responsibility be raised from 10 to 12; that mandatory sentencing for children and young people should be discontinued; and that Australia ratifies the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT). – *With AAP*



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

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New bill of rights for children a capital idea



Children's support organisation Mary Mead chief executive Camilla Rowland, Tjillari Justice Aboriginal Corporation director Deborah Evans, and ACT Human Rights Commissioner for Children and Young People Jodie Griffith-Cook display the new bill of rights.



A BILL of rights for children involved in the justice system has been launched by Australian Capital Territory Children and Young People's Commissioner Jodie Griffith-Cook.

The bill has been produced by Tjillari Justice Aboriginal Corporation, which aims to break the cycle of intergenerational offending by supporting children with parents in jail.

Under the bill, ACT children have the right to:

- be kept safe and informed at the time of arrest;
- to be heard when decisions are being made about them;
- to be considered when decisions are being made about their parents;
- to be well cared for in their parent's absence;
- to speak with, see and touch their parent;
- to be supported during their parent's imprisonment;
- to not face judgment, blame or be labelled because of their parent's imprisonment; and
- to have a lifelong relationship with their parent.

Tjillari director and founder Deborah Evans said children need to be supported while they face a parent's incarceration.

She said Tjillari came about because of a gap in crime-prevention programs.

"What has been found is that around 80% of children of offenders end up as juvenile offenders," she said.

"It's causal. We wanted to see what had been done for children, and there was very little. Australia is only just now catching up with the rest of the world."

Ms Evans said Tjillari runs workshops with children and their parents. "Children are the invisible victims of incarceration," she said.

"It's very important for kids to have their parents and some kind of stability in their family despite incarceration."

Although the organisation was founded in 2014, Ms Evans said it still struggles to secure stable funding.

"It's all run off volunteers," she said.

More details at <http://tjillarijustice.com.au/>

Council vows to fight coal mine



THE Wangan and Jagalingou Traditional Owners Council has vowed to keep fighting against the massive Carmichael coal mine on their country, in Queensland's Galilee

Basin, which they say would extinguish or impair native title on a vast area of their lands.

The W&J Council has instructed lawyers to file an appeal against a Queensland Government decision to issue leases to Indian company Adani for the mine before other court proceedings had finished.

It's the fourth simultaneous legal action by the group, with spokesman Adrian Burragubba saying a "legal line of defence" is being constructed because Adani and the state are trying to "bulldoze" them.

"We will not stand by while they sing from the same song sheet about their grandiose but hollow plans," he said.

The move comes with the Indian mining giant revealing workforce arrangements, which they say will prioritise local workers over the controversial 457 visa scheme for foreign workers.

Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce says Queensland needs the multi-billion-dollar project and would be "crazy" to put it in doubt.

"Standing up"

"When I hear people standing up against the development of central Queensland coalfields and the Adani coal mine, which is a \$16.5 billion job, I ask a question: Where is your alternate source of income going to come from?" he said.

Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk met with Adani representatives in Townsville last week, including chair billionaire Gautam Adani, to announce final arrangements for the massive project.

The company has applied to the Federal Government for a \$1 billion loan from the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility to construct a 400km rail line from the mine to Abbot Point, near Gladstone on the southern end of the Great Barrier Reef.

The Wangan and Jagalingou people have three other legal challenges under way as well as an objection to the registration of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement for the project, and a judicial review of a National Native Title Tribunal decision relating to the granting of mining leases for the project against traditional owners' wishes.

Mr Burragubba said they had sought an urgent meeting with Mr Adani, but did not receive a response. He said three authorisation meetings of W&J (December 2012, October 2014, March 2016) have rejected an ILUA with Adani.

The mine's proposal has caused division between traditional owners, with some supporting it. — *With AAP*

Tankers score deadly artworks



North Queensland Cowboys champion Matt Bowen in front of a tanker featuring the Aboriginal artwork.

By ALF WILSON



BITUMEN tankers featuring Indigenous art will soon feature around north Queensland.

The tankers are part of the Fulton Hogan fleet, a 'Founding Friend' of NRL Cowboys House which will open in Townsville next year and provide accommodation and job opportunities for youth from around North Queensland.

NRL Cowboys House will give students from remote areas the opportunity to follow their sporting and education dreams.

The tankers featuring the art were unveiled recently at the Cowboys' home ground.

Art on the tankers was designed by Balarinji, best known for creating a series of Qantas 'art aircraft'.

NRL Cowboys House opens for the new school year in 2017.

Smokes a big seller in stores



CUSTOMERS of government-supported Outback Stores spend over four times more on cigarettes than they

do on fruit and vegetables. The figure was revealed in the annual report of Outback Stores Pty Ltd, the government-owned company which manages 37 businesses in some of the remotest parts of Australia.

Chairman Stephen Bradley said in the report that tobacco turnover had remained "consistently high", with 8.34 million 'sticks' sold over the year and tobacco accounting for 19% of all food and grocery sales.

Customers spent 4.4 times more on cigarettes than fruit and vegetables in 2015-16.

Lung cancer is the highest-ranked cancer type among Indigenous people, but the fourth-

ranked for other Australians. An incentive program to improve community health has resulted in a 0.5% drop in soft drink sales and a 5% increase in fruit and vegetable sales.

But the company said more needed to be done.

"We remain convinced that a significant dietary change will take many years and our support programs need to operate for the longer term to be effective," Mr Bradley wrote.

The Government is aiming to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous life expectancy within a generation, halving the gap in mortality rates for under-fives within a decade, and halving the gap in employment outcomes.

Outback Stores reported 297 Indigenous staff were employed in its businesses, which turned over \$82.5 million in 2015-16.

Administrator called in



REGISTRAR of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven has placed the Ngallagunda Aboriginal Corporation under special administration. Established in 1989, the corporation is in the community of Ngallagunda, on the Gibb River Cattle Station, about 200km west of Kununurra in far north Western Australia.

The corporation owns the Ngallagunda community store and the pastoral lease for the cattle station. In recent years there have been internal disputes within the membership of the corporation, largely regarding the operations of the community store and the cattle station. Mr Beven called in administrators after an investigation was conducted into Ngallagunda.



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Kristy Masella receives her award from Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand chief executive Lee White and Channel 7's Melissa Doyle.

Kristy Masella is a woman of influence

By KEIRA JENKINS



KRISTY Masella, the winner of the *Australian Financial Review* and

Westpac 100 Women of Influence Diversity category award, is using that influence to help Aboriginal people.

The Dharumbal woman is chief executive of the Aboriginal Employment Strategy, which helps more than 1000 Indigenous people into jobs every year.

Ms Masella said she's worked in Indigenous affairs in a number of roles, because she has been a passionate activist for social justice since she was young.

She said the diversity award reflects what she is all about. "I'm passionate about creating change," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I want to see success for

Aboriginal people. As an Aboriginal woman I have a strong role in making things better for Aboriginal people.

"We can achieve anything as long as our voices are heard."

While Ms Masella has a history of advocating for diversity, she said she was surprised to receive the Women of Influence award.

"Those things are always humbling," she said.

"I'm not very good at flying my own flag. I was chuffed just to be named one of the 100 women, so when I was also one of the category winners I was so humbled.

"I guess it's a reflection of my professional and personal work towards diversity."

Ms Masella said growing up in a regional area as an Aboriginal woman, there was not a lot of high expectations for her, and she encourages other young women to push beyond expectations.

"It was frustrating for me," she said. "You have to be aware of all the negative influences around you. Be clear and aware about what you want and push through those influences."

"Surround yourself with other positive women. And trust your gut. Some young Aboriginal women don't get a lot of access to opportunities or education, so if you do, make the most of it and use your life experiences, your resilience, and your street smarts as a basis to step into the next level."

"Don't let fear ruin you. Sometimes you just have to close your eyes and jump and trust that you will land safely."

Ms Masella said she is aware of her influence and seeks to use it only for positivity. "Influence is a powerful thing and when you're in leadership roles you have to learn how to use your influence," she said.

Funds to help stop violence



THE Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria (FVPLS Victoria) has welcomed a State Government commitment to fund the service's Sisters Day Out and Dilly Bag workshops.

FVPLS Victoria chief executive Antoinette Braybrook says the \$500,000 funding package will ensure the future of the early intervention, prevention and community

education programs over the next two years.

The Sisters Day Out workshops take a range of services to Aboriginal communities, providing a culturally safe space for Indigenous women to talk about family violence.

FVPLS Victoria works to support Aboriginal women and children to not only gain access to services, but to also access programs that keep culture and identity strong.

"Strong connection to culture is the foundation of preventing violence against Aboriginal women," Ms Braybrook said.

"Prevention is and always will be our core business."

The Sisters Day Out and Dilly Bag were both recognised as best practice by the Royal Commission into Family Violence, which acknowledged the disproportionate levels of violence against Aboriginal women.

Remains back home

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIAN Aborigines have repatriated the remains of three of their people, removed from a midden more than 50 years ago by an archaeologist.

The remains were taken to Canberra to be studied and have since been held by the Australian National University.

Believed to have been traditionally buried about 2000 years ago, the remains will be reburied in their original place of rest as soon as possible.

Tasmanian Aborigines Jarrod Edwards and Thomas Riley went to Canberra to collect the remains.

Mr Edwards said their return was hugely important.

"Our old people are an integral part of our story and our connection to our country and they deserve the right to be laid to rest here," he said.

"They should never have been moved."

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre has campaigned for the return of ancestral remains for more than 40 years and has been successful in achieving many repatriations from museums and institutions in Australia and abroad.

"We'll never stop fighting"

"We'll never stop fighting to repatriate our remains, our old people, our artefacts, everything about us. It all belongs here, as we do," Mr Edwards said.

"Institutions around the world have got collections of our old people that they continue to keep in the name of science, and to us they are people and they deserve to be laid to rest in the lands they were removed from or killed from."

Mr Riley said being a repatriation delegate was the highest privilege he had experienced in his life.

Activist and former TAC legal director Michael Mansell, who was among a group waiting at Launceston to welcome home the ancestors and the delegates, said it was probable that the remains were of people who created the much admired petroglyphs (rock art) in Tasmania. He was critical of how long it took for the ANU to return the remains.



Burnie Aborigine Erica Short, holding the remains, leaves Launceston Airport with members of the kanaplila-ripapa dance troupe and Thomas Riley, left, and Jarrod Edwards.



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Languages to be protected



THE NSW Government will introduce legislation to protect traditional Aboriginal languages and establish an Aboriginal Languages Centre to support community-led revival efforts.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Leslie Williams said the NSW Government will develop a bill to explicitly recognise that Aboriginal people are the owners of their traditional languages, while giving higher priority to government efforts to support the protection of these languages.

"Aboriginal people have told us language is indivisible from their identity and we have listened – the cultural inheritance of our Aboriginal communities is too precious to be lost," she said.

"Two hundred years ago there were 35 Aboriginal languages and about 100 dialects spoken (in NSW). Today, all Aboriginal languages are critically endangered.

"Research shows that Aboriginal children learning a language do better at school and language renewal strengthens communities."

Mrs Williams said Aboriginal Affairs NSW will undertake consultation with Aboriginal language experts and the broader community to inform development of the bill before it is introduced to Parliament next year.

"We respect the diversity of opinions within Aboriginal communities and we welcome passionate debate on how best to achieve our shared goal of reviving traditional languages," she said.

Major parks plan for west



A MAJOR parks network in Western Australia would create more than 200 Indigenous ranger jobs and unique tourism opportunities, proponents say.

Under the plan, five million hectares of former pastoral lease properties will be converted into Indigenous ranger-managed national parks.

The plan is backed by groups including Reconciliation WA, Pew Charitable Trusts, four-wheel-drive peak body Track Care WA, the Conservation Council of WA and Aboriginal ranger organisations.

WA outback manager for Pew Charitable Trusts David Mackenzie said the plan would protect an area of WA nearly the size of Tasmania. "These properties were purchased by government for conservation 20 years ago due to their high natural and cultural heritage values," he said.

"It's about parks for people, making them accessible so families can visit."

An assessment found that for every dollar invested in the plan, more than \$3.70 in value would be created for WA, including \$2.30 as a direct benefit to the State Government.

All 66 properties are subject to native title claims, and the proposal states the project will only go ahead if the traditional owners agree to it. – AAP

Grants will help promote culture



A TOTAL of \$200,000 in funding is available to support ACT Indigenous residents undertake study and training, and to promote culture in the

community. Under the ACT's Cultural and Leadership Grants programs, individuals can apply for grants up to \$3000 and organisations up to \$10,000 to fund activities aimed at empowering participants to develop their individual skills and to represent their organisations to strengthen the Canberra and wider Indigenous communities.

Under the scholarship program, individuals can apply for up to \$5000 to undertake study and training.

Applications close on January 31. Details at www.communityservices.act.gov.au/atsia/

Educating people a vital function for Jellurgal



Jellurgal Cultural Centre staff Trish Kane, Cody McAllan, Katrina Singh and Lexene Busbridge.



THE Jellurgal Cultural Centre at Tallebudgera on the Gold Coast is going from strength to strength.

Manager Lexene Busbridge said one of the important functions of Jellurgal was to educate people.

"We've been doing a lot of work with schools, which is great because it's really important to teach students on the Gold Coast about

the living Yugambah culture," she said.

"There are seven familial clans who are the traditional custodians of the area and we've also had lots of input and help from other tribes and lots of Elders involved."

Jellurgal – which is the only dedicated Aboriginal cultural centre on the Gold Coast – also offers cultural tours of the area.

"We take people up the mountain to see significant sacred sites, show them stone fish traps, middens and

explain our creation story," Ms Busbridge said.

"We're not far from a men's bora ring, so we show people and teach about our cultural practices. It's a very interactive tour."

The centre also sells Aboriginal artworks.

"The Yugambah Aboriginal dance troupe is also doing great work with the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary," Ms Busbridge said.

"And with our arts and crafts we try to support

local community as much as possible.

"Jellurgal is just a great place to come and visit – a big important part of reconciliation is about educating people about our culture."

Jellurgal is the cultural arm of the Kalwun Development Corporation, which provides a range of services and facilities for the Gold Coast's Indigenous community, in housing, health, aged care and child protection.

Kormilda College bailed out by Govt



THE Federal Government has bailed out Australia's largest Aboriginal boarding school and saved it from closure.

Darwin's Kormilda College was facing a funding crisis amid fiscal mismanagement by the school's board.

Now the Government has stepped in with financial support for 2017, contingent on an audit into its financial position and the development of a plan to keep it going.

The Northern Territory Government pledged \$5.1 million in September to keep the private school afloat until the end of the

2016 school year, but its future beyond had been in doubt.

"It is absolutely essential the Kormilda College board is able to work through its current difficulties and transition to a business model that puts the college on a sustainable footing," Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said.

Nearly 50 years

Operating for nearly 50 years, the college caters for Indigenous boarders from 35 communities across the NT and Western Australia with high levels of poverty and low school attendance

rates. The college has 660 students and can accommodate 230 Indigenous boarders.

At an emergency meeting, the school's board stepped aside and handed responsibly to an interim steering committee.

It costs \$40,000 for one remote Aboriginal student to attend the college each year.

The amount of federal funding was not immediately clear, but in the past the school has received 75% of its funding from the Federal Government and the rest from the NT Government.

Anger at loss of mural



THE removal of a mural depicting Indigenous struggle leaders Vincent Lingiari, Mum Shirl Smith, Eddie Mabo, Faith Bandler and

Charles Perkins from the wall of Wayside Chapel in Bondi, Sydney, has sparked community anger.

Plans to remove the prominent artwork had been strongly opposed by many, including family members of those depicted.

Wayside Chapel pastor Graham Long has apologised for removing the original mural, but says a "bigger and better" artwork will soon be under way.

"Wayside will commission a new artwork to be painted by Aboriginal people to honour Aboriginal culture and history," he said.

The church also said the mural was "culturally inappropriate" because artists Paul Davis and Etienne Cohen did not provide written permission from family members of the people depicted on the wall.

But local man David Keig, who worked to save the mural, said families had given their support to the artwork and were dismayed at its removal.

He told the *Koori Mail* the image of the Aboriginal flag, which has now been painted in place of the mural, is adding insult to injury. "I am horrified at what they have done," he said.

"The whole thing is very messy. There was an application for heritage listing and I suppose the church thought you can't heritage list something that isn't there."

But Wayside Chapel says the removal of the mural was not related to the Interim Heritage Order.

"Wayside was not consulted or directly informed regarding the order," it said.

Pastor Long said he was dismayed the community was focusing on the removal of



Protestors and descendants of the leaders depicted in the mural gathered to show their support for the now-removed artwork.

the mural rather than Wayside's history of "supporting it's Aboriginal brothers and sisters. We have a strong track record of pioneering work alongside Aboriginal people for over 50 years and our work has never

been stronger than it is today," he said.

Greens councillor and local Aboriginal leader Dominic Wy Kanak condemned Wayside's actions.

"Our community is very disappointed," he

said. "It's very sad that there's still ignorance in our community about reconciliation and the importance of Aboriginal social justice. It's especially sad when that ignorance comes from a place like the Uniting Church."

SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY INTO HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY



Judicial chair appointed

Panel of 10 scientists selected

Inquiry commenced 8 December 2016

In September 2016 the NT Government announced an independent Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing of onshore unconventional reservoirs in the Northern Territory would be conducted. Draft terms of reference for the Inquiry were released for public feedback and a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing of onshore unconventional reservoirs was introduced.

What's changed?

Hundreds of submissions were received with requests for the Inquiry to look at the social, cultural and economic impacts of hydraulic fracturing, as well as the science. Under the finalised terms of reference the Inquiry must consider the wider risks and impacts of hydraulic fracturing and associated activities. It will also consider issues such as land access, the impact of exploration activities and the costs and benefits of the onshore unconventional gas industry more broadly.

What's next?

Hon. Justice Rachel Pepper has been appointed to chair the Inquiry, along with a panel of 10 scientists with expertise in areas such as water, geology, ecology, health, sociology and engineering.

Register today

For more information and to register your details to receive updates about the Inquiry go to

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Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Applications close
10 February 2017**

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Torres Strait know-how shared



TORRES Strait turtle and dugong management programs have been a feature of the Australian Sea Turtle Symposium, held in the Northern Territory.

The symposium brings together marine turtle scientists, Indigenous rangers, community volunteers, university students, and government agencies from across Australia and internationally.

Senior Erubam Le ranger Aaron Ketchell and Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Environmental Management Program staff Tristan Simpson and Belinda Norris gave two presentations.

They focused on the community-based dugong and turtle management work undertaken across the Torres Strait, and the research undertaken at Maizab Kaur (Bramble Cay) over the past two years.

"The Maizab Kaur presentation highlighted the strong cultural significance of Maizab Kaur to the traditional owners, the importance of the island as a green turtle and seabird rookery, and the collaborative monitoring being undertaken by the TSRA Land and Sea Management Unit, traditional owners, James Cook University and the Australian Institute of Marine Science," TSRA chair Pedro Stephen said.

"Maizab Kaur is the largest



Aaron Ketchell and Belinda Norris from the TSRA deliver a presentation at the Symposium.

green turtle and seabird rookery in the Torres Strait.

"Every year the island dramatically changes in shape and size with the trade wind (Sager) and monsoonal (Kuki)

seasons, however there is concern by traditional owners that the island is eroding and becoming smaller.

"The monitoring undertaken at Maizab Kaur is measuring

these seasonal changes of the island and the impacts it is having on green turtle nesting, incubating eggs and the seabird population."

Mr Stephen said the TSRA

Environmental Management Program is now leading marine turtle monitoring at key index rookeries across the Torres Strait in collaboration with traditional owners.

Appeal fast-tracked



AN illiterate Aboriginal man jailed for killing a 21-year-old man in Broome in 2010 has successfully applied to have an appeal against his manslaughter conviction fast-tracked.

Gene Gibson, who is from the remote eastern desert community of Kiwirrkurra, is serving seven-and-a-half years behind bars for fatally striking Josh Warneke with a pole from behind as he walked home

from a night out in the Kimberley town.

A series of flawed police interviews more than two years after the attack were deemed inadmissible, forcing prosecutors to drop a murder charge and accept Gibson's guilty plea to manslaughter.

His advocates say he was wrongfully convicted because he never understood what was happening.

Lawyer Michael Lundberg said court orders had been made to expedite the three-day appeal, which has been

tentatively scheduled for early March.

A Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) report in November last year concluded the botched interviews had exposed systemic failures in the Western Australian Police Force.

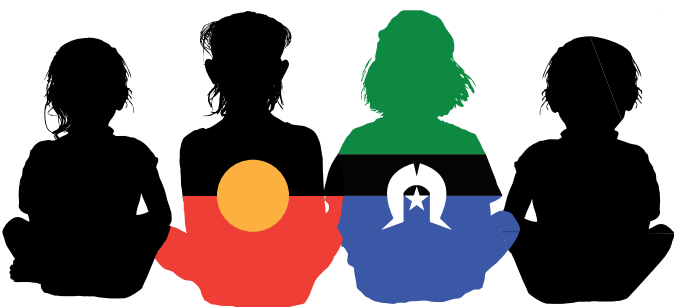
Recommendations

The CCC made four recommendations including that WA Police ensure people not proficient in English have the assistance of an interpreter.

Police announced in January they would adopt the policy, while Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan revealed two officers were facing disciplinary action over the Gibson interviews, which could ultimately end with their demotion.

Mr Warneke's mother, Ingrid Bishop, told *60 Minutes* in June she didn't believe Gibson killed her son and was "not going to have someone sit in a prison because no one else could be bothered doing their jobs". — AAP

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

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

Mount Drysdale Complex, Cobar
 Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 31 January 2017. Enquiries to Dr. Sarah Martin on 0455 083 746 or sarah.martin@environment.nsw.gov.au

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

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

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Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship 2017

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

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

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

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

Applications close 31 January 2017.

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

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

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



These boys get into the hip hop groove at Narrogin.

Narrogin's Burdiya Mob in music video



YOUNG Aboriginal people from Narrogin in Western Australia feature in a new music video produced by Community Arts Network (CAN).

The song *Djarliny*, meaning 'listen' in the Noongar language, is all about heeding what Elders say.

The group, known as Burdiya Mob, wrote and recorded the song during workshops hosted by CAN. Significant sites around Narrogin were used as a backdrop for the video clip.

CAN general manager Monica Kane said the program in Narrogin is part of a wider initiative about rekindling stories on country.

"We run the programs with kids in high schools," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's about storytelling and merging traditional ways of telling those stories with more contemporary methods.

"It's about engaging young people to be confident in their culture. It's about engaging them

to work together and create something in language."

Burdiya Mob worked with a group of professional artists on the project including actor, director and dancer Ian Wilkes; actor, writer, TV presenter and theatre director Kylie Farmer; painter and dancer Jade Doolman; and singer-songwriter Gina Williams.

Ms Williams said it is integral to keeping culture alive for young people to be involved in these programs.

"These kids had to turn up to school to be involved in the program," she said.

"Relevant"

"It's about keeping culture and traditions relevant. The best way to do that is engage youth to look at cultural maintenance through dance, and storytelling in a modern context.

"The result is more authentic when you have young people driving these projects. The thing that I found was that these kids weren't scared of the idea of the

project and were really up front about what they wanted to do.

"It was great to work with them. They started off a bit timid, thinking that they didn't know language. But in that video they're singing in language and I think that's really cool."

The group also worked closely with local Elders who taught them the practice of toolmaking, kangaroo skin tanning, fire making, and eco-dyeing, as well as language and dance.

Narrogin's CAN Aboriginal Arts and Culture coordinator, Geri Hayden, said working with the artists and the Elders was a great experience for the kids.

"First they had some dancers teach them some hip hop to get them into the groove," she said.

"Then they went into writing the song, which they actually put all together in one day. I was pretty impressed by that.

"Listening to those kids sing in language made me so proud and the fact they did it themselves just shows how much talent they've got in them."

Govt lifeline for Larrakia Nation



THE Federal Government has bailed out a Northern Territory Aboriginal corporation which provides vital services to the disadvantaged.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion has moved to save Larrakia Nation from imminent closure, providing ongoing funding as well as funding for short-term staffing needs.

The organisation, which runs night patrol, aged care, ranger and homelessness services throughout

Darwin, went into special administration in June amid internal strife.

This was mainly due to an inability to recoup the cost of helping people travel back to remote communities under its Return To Country program, which Labor has blamed on red tape ignored by the Federal Government.

Administration

Senator Scullion has extended Larrakia Nation's special administration period until March 31.

"The Commonwealth has been working closely with the Northern

Territory Government and Larrakia Nation on options to address the long-term sustainability of the organisation and ensure vital services to the local community continue to be provided," he said.

"I am committed to supporting the ongoing delivery of night patrol and early childhood support services currently delivered by Larrakia Nation."

Senator Scullion says he's also working with fellow senator for the Northern Territory, Labor's Malarndirri McCarthy, to ensure governance matters at Larrakia Nation are improved.

Greeting for Maori panels at MONA

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIAN Aboriginal people have greeted Maori representatives at the Museum of Old and New Art, near Hobart, so that Maori poupou – large carved wooden panels – can “harmoniously cohabit the two spiritual dimensions”.

The greeting was a condition requested by the descendants connected to the poupou for them to leave New Zealand.

Three poupou, which convey stories of family history, are part of MONA’s *On Origins of Art* exhibition, which explores the biology behind why we make art.

The exhibition has more than 230 objects from 35 countries, spanning millennia and cultures and curated by four world-renowned scientists and evolutionary theorists. It contains many pieces from First Nations people.

Palawa researcher and MONA consultant Greg Lehman said the museum was looking for meaningful new ways to engage with and respect and honour the culture and art of First Nations.

Tasmanian Aboriginal activist and artist Jim Everett, who spoke at the greeting, said that bringing together culture and cultural arts is the way to make sure art and culture do not become static.

“If culture is bought to a still it will die; culture must keep evolving, and the greatest expression of culture is in our arts,” he said.

Included in the show are Tasmanian Aboriginal shell necklaces and fibre work, a video referring to ‘Bunjil’s Wings’ from the Museum of Melbourne, some Maori taonga on loan from Te Papa



Tasmanian Aboriginal artist Leonie Dickson presents Moana Parata, from the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, with a kelp water carrier she made. To the left are Jim Everett and Greg Lehman, and on the right are Moana Parata’s family members Dawn, Keith and Joe Sayers.

Tongarewa Museum (NZ), an artwork by Vernon Ah Kee, ancient French spear throwers, ancient massive stone tools thought to be art pieces, and photographs of African people painted in ochre motifs that could easily be

mistaken for those of Aboriginal people.

The exhibition was born out of MONA’s ongoing interest in why people make art, and what art is for.

On *Origins of Art* runs until April 17.

MONA, a museum that opened in 2011

on the banks of the Derwent River in suburban Hobart, is owned by David Walsh, an eccentric gambler, philosopher, art collector and businessman. It has become a Tasmanian institution and major visitor drawcard.

Concern over Vic child legislation



IT is “grossly unfair” to expect Aboriginal people to report family members who sexually abuse children, a royal

commission has been told.

Jeannie McIntyre, from the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency, has called for a dedicated Aboriginal sexual assault service during an appearance at the Child Abuse Royal Commission, saying many people are victims of family violence and don’t feel safe to report relatives.

Victoria has introduced a raft of child sexual abuse laws, including one that makes it a crime to fail to disclose a sexual offence against a child.

But Ms McIntyre said there needed to be an Aboriginal-specific service to help people report child abuse, because many didn’t trust mainstream services.

“If we really want to educate the

Aboriginal community and get people to where they can, even within family, make some of these reports, you’ve got to have an Aboriginal-specific service to be able to walk them through that,” she said.

“I think we’ve got a long way to go... as of now it would be grossly unfair to expect Aboriginal family members to report on other Aboriginal family members.”

The commission heard any adult with information that leads them to believe a child sexual offence is being committed and who fails to act can be charged.

Safety concerns can be used as a defence against prosecution, but Ms McIntyre said her agency was still concerned about the legislation.

“That’s already criminalising someone if they’ve got to defend their actions for not reporting,” she said.

The Victorian law reforms also include

a “course of conduct” charge that removes the need to prove particular acts of sexual abuse, the commission heard.

That need, stemming from a 1989 High Court decision, caused challenges for prosecutors because it was hard for children to identify individual incidents of abuse, Greg Byrne from the Victorian Department of Justice and Regulation said.

The hearing highlighted the NSW case of Catholic brother Christopher Rafferty, who was acquitted of sexually abusing a high school student because the victim couldn’t prove the particular incidents with which Brother Rafferty was charged.

David Noll, from the NSW Department of Justice, said the state’s child sexual assault laws are under review, with a draft consultation paper set to be released soon. – AAP



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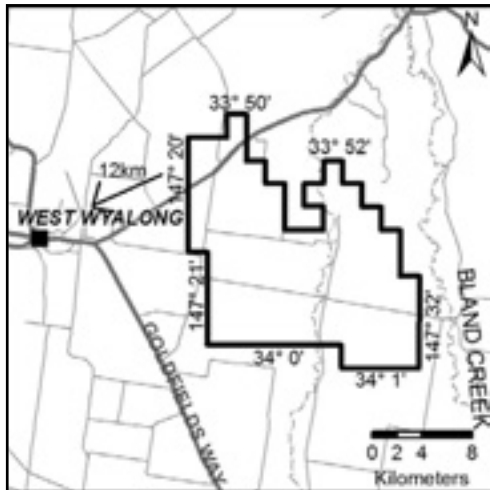
Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

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

How further information about the act can be obtained Further information may be obtained from Jedda Hoffman; Titles Services, NSW Department of Industry, on (02) 4931 6424.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C’t’h) the notification day is **29 December 2016**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Health clinics to benefit from NT package



THE Northern Territory Government has unveiled a \$2 million repairs package for remote health clinics as part of a \$22 million infrastructure stimulus initiative aimed at

propping up the struggling construction sector.

Treasurer Nicole Manison says it will boost local jobs and deliver important upgrades to facilities for patients and

practitioners in Indigenous communities. It comes after the Government announced the steel industry would get a \$5 million injection for projects including bus shelters.

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



With apologies (of sorts) to Bill Leak, *The Australian*.

A Yarn With...



Beverly Port-Louis

Nyoongar Elder from Perth, WA

Favourite bush tucker?
Kangaroo tails.

Favourite other food?
Fish.

Favourite drink?
A nice cuppa tea will fix anything.

Favourite holiday destination?
I'd love to go back to the Caledonian Islands.

Favourite sport?
I enjoy watching hockey.

Favourite read?
I love reading genealogies (family lines). That's a passion of mine.

What are you watching on TV?
I love anything that (environmentalist) David Attenborough does.

Who would you most like to meet?
Crown Princess Mary of Denmark (formerly from Tasmania). She seems very down to earth.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
There's nothing better than sitting with all your Elders and your aunts around a campfire.

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous people?
Get rid of racism. I'd make sure government had more respect for us, and we need to eradicate drugs in our communities.

Quote



"We'll never stop fighting to repatriate our remains, our old people, our artefacts, everything about us. It all belongs here, as we do."

– Tasmanian Aborigine Jarrod Edwards

● See page 13

Unquote

'Flawed, broken' scheme must go

HAVE a read of the 'Job creation and income support in remote Indigenous Australia: moving forward with a better system' report (see page 6 of this edition) and we think you'll be left with just one conclusion – the Federal Government's Community Development Program (CDP) has to be scrapped.

The report, by experienced researchers from the Australian National University (ANU), shows that, rather than supporting unemployed Indigenous people in remote communities, CDP places unfair and unreasonable expectations on participants.

Readers will remember the CDP – a work-for-the-dole scheme by any other name – replaced the Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP) and the earlier Community Development Employment Program (CDEP).

The earlier schemes weren't ideal, but CDP is something else again.

The new report doesn't mince words, saying it is flawed, broken, a policy disaster and, worst of all, an affront to human rights.

In a particularly damning statement, report author Dr Kirrily Jordan says: "CDP is a clear example of people trying their best and being undermined by dysfunctional government policy."



OUR SAY

And the Federal Government's response? Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion has dismissed it, because his office, which isn't in charge of administering CDP, wasn't invited to contribute. He claimed CDP has delivered "significant progress in terms of engagement and participation rates".

Well, not according to the ANU report, Minister.

Bottom line here is Indigenous Australians in remote communities are being done over and not getting what they should.

And that just won't do.

ASAFE and happy Christmas and new year to our readers.

As we've said previously, your continued support – in some cases from since we started back in 1991 – means a great deal to us.

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Aunty Sheila has come full circle

By KEIRA JENKINS

SHEILA Humphries has come full circle in her life, recently returning to the land from which she was taken as a child many decades ago.

In March, Aunty Sheila, her daughter and two of her grandsons moved to a new home in the Perth suburb of Caversham only to find it was just across the Swan River from the mission from where she was removed at just age four.

"Mum and Dad put us in that orphanage so we could go to school," the Noongar woman told the *Koori Mail*.

"But they took us back home after about a year. Mum could see we weren't getting a good education like she thought we would.

"So they came and got us, but the Native Welfare Board said we absconded.

"We didn't abscond and that's the only time I remember being with Mum and Dad together, before I got taken away again when I was about seven.

"Two years after we were taken for the second time, Mum passed away."

Now Aunty Sheila, who is best known for her artworks, has eight children, 31 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren of her own.

She began to paint as something to do while the kids were at school and while her husband, who was also an artist, was away working in the mines.

"Naughty little girl"

"I got into my husband's paints while he was away at work like a naughty little girl," she said.

"I used to hide the paintings behind the cupboard and he used to wonder where all his canvases were going and why his paints kept going down.

"One day he found the paintings and I thought, 'I've been caught out.' He said to me he'd take them into town to try to sell them but he didn't think anyone would buy them.

"He took them into town and when he came back for lunch I asked him if any had been sold. He said no but he was lying through his teeth! When he came home at the end of the day he had no paintings but \$5000."



Noongar woman and Stolen Generations survivor Aunty Sheila Humphries with her Guinness World Record certificate and newspaper clippings of her award-winning artworks.

Aunty Sheila still holds the Guinness World Record for the largest Aboriginal artwork, for a project she completed on Survival Day 2007.

Aunty Sheila and her nieces created the work out of sand, based on one of her paintings. "Painting is therapy to me, I'm in another world and I can forget

the past," Aunty Sheila said.

"I'll get up at 3am and paint until the sun comes up. I forget everything that has happened and I'm at peace."

But although she escapes while she is painting, the memories of her experiences in the orphanage still haunt Aunty Sheila.

"When I was having my first babies – they were twins – there were two doctors, a matron and two police in the room waiting to take my babies," she said.

"I was still a ward of the state until I was 21 so they tried to take my girls off me, but my husband stopped them."

Aunty Sheila worked in the industrial laundry at the orphanage from the age of 12, and was no longer allowed to attend school.

"I had very little education," she said. "I couldn't help our children with their homework. They had to wait for their dad to come home so he could help them.

"Fish out of water"

"But when my youngest went to school I enrolled in a college. I thought it was an Aboriginal education program to learn the basics, but it was a college, so I felt like a fish out of water.

"I used to sit in my classes with a dictionary because I didn't understand a lot of the words.

"After six months I dropped out because it was too much for me. But my husband pushed me to go back. He said to me, 'I know you can do it.'

"So I graduated and became a childcare worker."

It wasn't until 1994 – almost 50 years after being taken from her home as a child – that Aunty Sheila said she realised how "broken" she was from the hardships in her life.

"I woke up from a nightmare and my husband asked me what was wrong. All I could say was 'I want my Mummy'," she said.

"I was a 54-year-old grandmother and I was crying for my mum. The next day my husband took me out to where Mum was buried.

"He said to me, 'You should write things down. It'll help you heal.' I thought about it but it took me three weeks just to go out and get the pens and the paper to start.

"I hope I can publish it next year. I was so bitter and this has helped me to overcome that.

"The world needs to know what happened to me."

"I woke up from a nightmare and my husband asked me what was wrong. All I could say was 'I want my Mummy'."

App makes sense to rangers



ABORIGINAL rangers in central Australia have created a world-first app that speaks their

language. Fed up with the wordy and complex Indigenous Protected Area management plan, the Warlpiri speakers of the southern Tanami Desert have replaced it with an innovative digital storybook that "puts them in charge".

Traditional owners responsible for looking after country near the border of Northern Territory and West Australia can now use the interactive web application that requires neither literacy nor English skills.

It replaces the text with short videos, audio and animation in Warlpiri, allowing viewers to move through the management plan by following voice navigation prompts and icons.

More than two years in the making, the storybook can also be accessed through a desktop app in community learning centres and home computers, as well as through USB sticks for TVs and game consoles.

"It doesn't even require an internet connection. Who said innovation and agility are only for cities?" Central Land Council director David Ross said.

"And because so many locals were involved in filming, directing, editing, translating, designing and scripting the storybook, it has built community pride and ownership before it's even launched."

Mr Ross hopes the app can inspire young Tanami people to



An Aboriginal ranger conducts a burnoff in the Tanami Indigenous Protected Area of central Australia.

become more involved in ranger group activities such as seasonal burning, feral animal management and the protection of threatened species.

Traditional owners now want to roll out their innovation to

other Indigenous groups at home and abroad.

"Already, people in Lajamanu have put aside a quarter of a million dollars of their compensation money from the Granites Mine to create another

digital storybook for the Northern Tanami IPA. We expect the idea will take off from here because it fulfills a real need," Mr Ross said.

The world's largest gold miner, Newmont, co-funded the

project, saying it recognised the concept's global potential.

"I hope the storybook will become a valuable tool for empowering Indigenous people, no matter how remotely they live," Mr Ross said. — AAP

Recognition for police trackers



THE history of Aboriginal trackers is the focus of a new website and

historical display following an initiative between the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Coordination Team and Native Title Services Corp.

The launch of the website was held at the Police Aboriginal Strategic Advisory Council (PASAC), while the historical display was unveiled at NSW Police Academy in Goulburn.

The website and historical display showcase the history of Aboriginal trackers in NSW, looking at who they were and where they came from, while recognising their skills and the role they played in the NSW Police Force.

Perhaps the best known tracker in NSW was Alexander (Alec) Riley, who worked mainly at Dubbo from 1911 to 1950. His



Police trackers Frank Williams, left, and Alec Riley.

tracking feats were respected by the non-Indigenous and Aboriginal communities alike, and in 1943 he was awarded the King's Police and Fire Services Medal for Distinguished Conduct. Riley was also the first tracker to



be promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Assistant Commissioner Geoff McKechnie, the NSW Police corporate sponsor and portfolio holder for Aboriginal relations, said this is a great way for the

force to acknowledge the contribution of Aboriginal trackers.

"This website captures the essence of who these men were; the places they worked and the extraordinary services they performed across NSW," he said.

"It has taken almost two years to conduct this research and prepare this information.

"These men were exceptionally skilled in hunting, gathering and tracking and were significant in helping to solve a lot of cases, arrest notorious bushrangers and locate people lost in the bush.

"When we reflect on men like Alec Riley and Frank Williams, the fact they were both awarded the King's Police Medal proves how significant their work was."

The website, titled 'Pathfinders: the History of NSW Aboriginal Trackers', is at: <http://pathfindersnsw.org.au/nsw-aboriginal-trackers/>

Niyiyaparli in agreement



THE Niyiyaparli people of Western Australia have signed a Land Access Agreement (LAA) with a major mining company. Under the

deal with Greenmount Resources covering the Karlawinda Gold Project south-east of Newman, Niyiyaparli people have negotiated community benefits.

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) represented the Niyiyaparli in the negotiations, with chief executive Simon Hawkins saying such agreements are the basis for a future of positive outcomes for traditional owners.

"This agreement demonstrates how negotiating in good faith with traditional owners can prove to have a positive outcome for both parties," he said.

"The fact that agreement was reached within six months shows that when companies and traditional owners work together, negotiations can be concluded in a timely fashion with mutually beneficial outcomes.

"It has far-reaching benefits for the community, not only now but in the future, enabling Niyiyaparli people to have access to training, employment and contracting opportunities associated with the Karlawinda Gold Project."



On page 25, Amnesty International's Roxanne Moore welcomes the Queensland Government move to stop putting 17-year-olds in adult jails.

Tas Govt told to quit stalling on heritage

THE Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre is angry and disappointed that the State Government has further delayed the proposed changes to the *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975*.

The Government is claiming they need to carry out more consultation on the matter.

We have been lobbying the State Government for years to provide better protection to our heritage by making amendments to the *Relics Act* – but we have largely been ignored.

Earlier this year, some highly significant Aboriginal rock art was vandalised in the Tasmanian highlands and the incident was highly publicised. The Government then announced that they would amend the *Relics Act*. That was over six months ago.

The TAC agreed that the State Government's proposed amendments would not be sufficient for the long term but would be helpful in the short term – if they were to be made quickly.

Now we are hearing that there will be further delays in the process and that the State Government needs more time to consult.

Who exactly are they consulting with?

We have made the State Government aware of our position and the failings of the *Relics Act* are already widely known.

If the State Government was serious about the protection of Aboriginal heritage, it would have acted sooner on this matter. 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 four-wheel-drive tracks in the Arthur Pieman (in the north-west of the state), knowing the threat these activities



This petroglyph is an example of Tasmanian Aboriginal heritage.

have to Aboriginal heritage, shows that they put little value on Aboriginal heritage.

The penalties for damaging Aboriginal heritage are low – lower than the penalties for damaging European heritage.

There is also a provision in the *Relics Acts* that allows for ignorance to be used as a defence, making it very difficult to prosecute anybody.

There is barely any deterrent to prevent people from damaging heritage – and that includes the agricultural and forestry industries.

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.

We call on the State Government to quit stalling and make amending the *Relics Act* a priority.

ADAM THOMPSON
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Hobart, Tas

POETRY

Those in blue

Echoes of Palm Island
In South Hedland
Of those in blue and Mulrunji
Of those in blue and Ms Dhu
Tragedies which should have never been
The cry for justice rings loud
Black lives matter
Even the more
The inquests have been
The scripts in print
Video of her treatment
The world should see how
Ancient Peoples are treated
In Australia.
A first world country
Protecting those in blue
But
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Millions Were Buried Six Foot Under
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Just Walking Without Any Hope
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Inspiration of a man has shown the way

ON December 5 Lex Wotton, his wife Cecilia and his mother Agnes made history by winning their class action case against the Queensland Police Force.

This was a case about race discrimination focusing on the conduct of Queensland police officers on Palm Island between November 19 and 28, 2004.

These were heavily armed Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) police who smashed into the houses of 18 families on Palm Island, rifles raised, confronting unarmed men, women and children. Mr Wotton was tasered in front of his family.

For most Australians, such scenes are for nightmares and movies not associated to those police who are meant to serve and protect.

As the State of Queensland has accepted that all officers were "acting in the course of their duties", the State of Queensland is liable for their conduct.

Make no mistake. This is a landmark judgment in Australian history, and though mainstream media isn't documenting the true significance of the case, it has highlighted once again the very ugly underbelly of racism that divides this country.

Federal Court judge Justice Debbie Mortimer declared that police had contravened section 9(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)* in that they conducted themselves differently because they were dealing with an Aboriginal community and the death of an Aboriginal man.

That section reads: "... prohibits differential treatment of people based on race where that treatment has the purpose or effect of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment or exercise

by them of identified human rights. In this case, those rights include the right to equality in the application of the law, the right to access police services that are impartial and independent, the right to liberty and security of the person, and the right not to have one's privacy, family and home interfered with in an unlawful or arbitrary way."

What makes this judgment so significant is that with so much speculation and debate in Australia about whether we live in a racist country, the court agreed that on Palm Island 12 years ago Queensland police conducted their behaviour based on race, both in favouring a white suspect who at the time potentially had beaten a black man to death, and in treating Aboriginal residents with hostility.

In talking with Lex over the phone soon after the decision was announced, I commented that he didn't sound like someone who was celebrating a victory. He said: "No brotha ... The toll on me and my family has been hard. It's been 12 years I will never get back. There is no sense of winning anything. I am just very tired and thinking of my loved ones, my wife Cecilia in particular, and the support I received from my legal team. I am exhausted ..."

Lex Wotton is a quiet, well-spoken, humble man who was put in extraordinary circumstances.

I remember when Lex came to Brisbane as part of the G20 protests and mob treated him with so much respect.

Here was a man who had truly sacrificed for his community.

Lex rallied people together. He spoke with conviction and passion, and I watched as people



Woolombi Waters

raised their heads, inspired by both his presence and words.

Lex Wotton gave us hope. It was in approaching him later I realised how tired he was from the load he was carrying with so much dignity and strength.

Good man

This was not a man who had wanted any limelight or celebrity. This was simply a good man who chose to act when others didn't.

I realised I was trespassing into the space of a man who for a short time was looking to simply hide and be left alone.

I then saw him again in Alice Springs at the end of 2014 during the Freedom Summit when more than 100 Aboriginal language groups met to discuss the cruel realities of our people living in Australia.

For Lex it was a repeat of more of the same. He spoke

when he had to, never chased any limelight, didn't cut anyone off or speak over them and, as always, remained so incredibly humble.

The last time I saw Lex in person was at the National Indigenous Human Rights Awards earlier in the year where he won the Anthony Mundine Award for Courage.

I can't think of anyone more deserving.

Never let us forget that the Coroner's report on Mulrunji Doomadgee's death found he had suffered four broken ribs, a ruptured spleen, a torn portal vein and his liver was just about cleaved in two as a result of the actions of police sergeant Chris Hurley.

In Lex's own words he said to me over the phone: "It was the thought of this could have been my son who died in police custody and that it would not stop happening ... it happens too much, deaths in custody, and we had to make a statement. I really didn't have any choice ... I had to make a statement and that statement was made."

The injuries suffered by Mulrunji at the hands of Chris Hurley (who was charged with manslaughter and found not guilty) have never been questioned, only the circumstances of how these injuries occurred.

Only in recent days, Hurley was found guilty of assault at the Southport Magistrates Court in Queensland.

Earlier in the year he was under investigation after allegedly pushing a female officer at a Gold Coast shopping centre.

Hurley was already suspended without pay in February after being charged with

breaching a domestic violence order. He was already suspended, with pay, after allegedly firing his gun during a car chase on the Gold Coast in May last year.

And here is the real worry. This is a case that (pardon the pun) is black and white in that it defines racism.

When you take out all the emotion and look simply at the facts, you have a white police officer with a history of violence and abuse, and an Aboriginal man who the coroner confirmed died as a result of injuries from this very same police officer.

You then have an Aboriginal man who in having his community under siege by heavily armed police chose to make a stand.

And yet we still find ourselves in heated debate. Both mainstream and social media are sympathising with the white police officer, with reports that Hurley now suffers post-traumatic stress disorder and needs help.

Lex, meanwhile, is seen as having received compensation for starting a riot. No-one is looking deeper into the circumstances or what motivated him on the day.

But for now within our own community let's celebrate the inspiration of Mr Lex Wotton.

Despite the time spent in jail and the years sacrificed he has never stopped believing that one day we will have truth and justice in this country. More than just in words he has shown us the way.

What better way is there to end my articles for this year... than with hope.

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Injustice rectified in Qld

THE Queensland Parliament made history when it passed the *Youth Justice and Other Legislation (Inclusion of 17-year-old Persons) Amendment Bill 2016* to move 17-year-olds out of adult prisons and back into the youth justice system. This rectifies more than 50 years of injustice, and shifts Queensland back in line with the rest of Australia – and with international law.

For many years, Queensland has been the only state or territory in Australia to hold 17-year-olds in adult prisons and to try them as adults, in breach of children's rights.

The hopes, dreams and potential of 17-year-olds have been wasting away behind adult prison bars for five decades.

There has been evidence of concerning practices towards children in adult prisons. For example, disturbing footage emerged in September of a 17-year-old Aboriginal boy wearing a spit mask, handcuffed and left in isolation in a Brisbane prison.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child defines a child as any person below the age of 18 years, and says children must be separated from adults in prison.

Since 2005, the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child has called on Australia to remove 17-year-old children from the adult justice system in Queensland.

But it's not only the prison conditions that are worrying. Children in the adult justice system have less chance of rehabilitation, are subject to tougher sentencing, and have less access to basic needs and education.

Amnesty International, alongside organisations such as the Youth Advocacy Centre, Sisters Inside and the Youth Affairs Network of Queensland, have been campaigning for many years to get 17-year-olds out of the adult justice system.

In June, the Queensland Government made a step in the right direction. It passed a law to end the automatic transfer of 17-year-olds to adult prisons where they have committed an offence as a child but had six months or more on their sentence, by raising the age of transfer to 18.

However, if a 17-year-old committed an offence, they were still tried as an adult in the criminal justice system, including being detained in an adult prison.

In October, 40 children aged 17 were being held in adult prisons in Queensland.

A week after the release of Amnesty's report – 'Heads Held High: Keeping Queensland kids out of detention, strong in culture and community' – the Queensland Government made the welcome announcement that it would



Roxanne Moore

introduce a bill to end the treatment of 17-year-olds as adults in the justice system. Now that bill has been enacted.

This change is particularly important for Indigenous children and communities.

In Queensland, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are 22 times more likely to be in detention than non-Indigenous children. As soon as a kid goes into the 'big prison', it is incredibly hard for them

to get out of the quicksand of the justice system.

Of course, in many cases kids would have a much better chance of stopping offending if they were not sent to detention at all, including youth detention.

As we saw in recent media reports, there have been many cases of horrific conditions in youth detention all over Australia. This only leads to further trauma for children.

The best chance at rehabilitation for children, particularly Indigenous children, is for access to community-led programs that can help them deal with the issues in their lives leading to their offending, in a culturally appropriate way, in their communities.

I recently attended the Sisters Inside 'Is Prison Obsolete?' conference in Brisbane. The overwhelming message was that prisons are harmful and do not work to reduce crime.

If we invest in and support communities to deal with the underlying causes of crime – family violence, substance abuse, mental health, housing, education and employment issues – prisons will not even be necessary.

At the conference we heard from so many community programs with an exciting vision for improving the rights of Indigenous people in contact with the justice system.

These included 'Hey sis', an Aboriginal women's sexual assault network from Mudgin-gal Aboriginal Corporation; young First Nations people in New Zealand taking action through 'Justspeak'; the 'Crucial Connections' program at Sisters Inside, tackling the cycle of incarceration for families; and radio, photography and spoken word projects for women inside to express their experiences and share knowledge through organisations like Seeds of Affinity.

Investing in these kinds of programs, rather than jails, is critical to creating change, and this is what is meant by 'justice reinvestment' – an approach that has seen a drop in crime and imprisonment rates in parts of the United States.

Several Queensland MPs spoke about that state's commitment to justice reinvestment during the debate on the 17-year-olds legislation.

These are exciting developments in Queensland.

While there is more work to be done, I feel hopeful about a brighter future – one where our kids who veer off-track are supported through programs like these, to live to their fullest potential in our communities, rather than being behind bars.

● **Roxanne Moore, a Noongar woman, is Indigenous Rights Campaigner at Amnesty International Australia.**



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Nominees sought for person of year



NOMINATIONS for the 2017 Western Australian of the Year Awards are now open. Noongar Elder Robert Isaacs, WA's Person of the Year in 2015, is urging Aboriginal people to submit nominations.

"I encourage everyone to nominate a person who has made a real difference to their community," he said.

There is a specific Aboriginal Award, as well as Arts and Culture, Business, Community, Professions, Sport and Youth categories.

Nominations close on January 31, with the winners named on June 2. For more information or to nominate go to www.waday.com

Website focus on Indigenous justice



THE NSW Government says a new website will make it easier and faster for government policy makers to access the latest information and research on Indigenous justice.

Attorney General Gabrielle Upton said the Indigenous Justice Clearinghouse (IJC) website provides a free and central source for exclusive research, information and reports.

"Since 2006 the IJC has been a one-stop shop online for Indigenous justice policy makers, practitioners and researchers in Australia and New Zealand," she said.

"The new website has been completely redesigned to simplify user navigation, ensuring they can find the latest information and data easily at the click of a button."

Find it at www.indigenousjustice.gov.au

Music rights body backs Recognise



APRA AMCOS, one of Australia's leading music rights management organisation, and the Recognise campaign have joined forces to raise awareness within the music

industry of constitutional change.

The two organisations have created a new position to help Recognise in its work of raising awareness for the campaign for recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution and dealing with the racial discrimination in it.

Danielle Tuwai has been appointed project manager and is designing and leading a program of engagement for artists and the music industry.

For more information about Recognise, visit www.recognise.org.au

The Nationals WA support campaign



THE National Party in Western Australia has unanimously endorsed the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution. Party leader Brendon Grylls said the party's

decision to support a motion recommending constitutional recognition of Australia's First People was a historic and proud occasion for The Nationals WA.

"Unfortunately Australia's founding document, its Constitution, only recognises the country's colonial history and not that of Aboriginal Australia," he said.

"WA was the final state to officially recognise Aboriginal people in its Constitution. This demonstrates the nation is united at a state level, and it is now time for the Commonwealth to act."

Mr Grylls said the endorsement sent a powerful message to Canberra.

"Australians believe in equality and opportunity, and it is important we have a national Constitution which reflects that," he said.



Banksia Aboriginal ambassador Minelle Creed, centre, with Winnie Campbell and Danielle Douglas.



AN enterprise that collects used cooking oil from mining camps and businesses

across the Pilbara region of Western Australia and turns it into renewable biodiesel fuel is one of the winners at the Banksia Sustainability Awards.

ASHOIL took out the Banksia Indigenous Leadership for Sustainability Award at a ceremony in Sydney.

The biodiesel is sold under contract to Rio Tinto Iron Ore for use in drill and blast operations, with the by-products generated in the production used in agricultural, industrial and chemical outlets.

Banksia Award goes to Pilbara fuel enterprise

ASHOIL's fuel supply and distribution business is based in Tom Price, and the project covers remote communities and businesses in surrounding areas.

The Manymak Project by the Power and Water Corporation, in partnership with Centre for Appropriate

Technology, East Arnhem Regional Council, Charles Darwin University and the NT Department of Housing, took out the Sustainable and Resilient Communities Award.

Launched in May 2013, the project known as Dharray Manymakkung Pawaw Ga Gapuw assisted more than

500 households in Galiwinku, Gapuwiyak, Gunyangara, Mililingimbi, Ramingining and Yirrkala use energy more efficiently.

The project was led by Indigenous Essential Services and received funding through the Federal Government's Low Income Energy Efficiency Program.

Yolngu people were at the forefront of spreading the message and sharing ideas about using less energy in the communities and strategies to conserve water.

Other Indigenous finalists included Worimi man Joshua Gilbert for the Community Environmental Leadership award, and the Mungalla Aboriginal Corporation in the Banksia Natural Capital category.

Findings of water review criticised



TRADITIONAL owners in the southern Murray-Darling Basin have condemned the findings of the Northern Basin Review.

The Murray Darling Basin Authority has recommended a 70 giga litre (GL) cut to water recovery for the environment in the northern basin, down to just 320GL from 390GL.

Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) chairperson Rene Woods said cutting water recovery will hurt Aboriginal people.

"Our cultural traditions and contemporary practices are inherently linked to the health of these waterways," she said.

"All basin governments have recognised the significance of natural flow regimes to sustaining some of the

world's most resilient cultures."

Studies conducted as part of the Northern Basin Review have highlighted the value of environmental flows to supporting Aboriginal culture and community wellbeing.

But Ms Woods said the the latest

"The recommendations of this review, if formalised, would perpetuate the injustice experienced by Aboriginal people in the northern basin."

decision fails to acknowledge Aboriginal rights and interests.

"Rather than backing away from much-needed reform, basin governments should be addressing Aboriginal people's rights by recovering water to support cultural flows, which are dedicated entitlements

for Aboriginal nations," she said.

Ms Woods said the findings of the Northern Basin Review have all but ignored Aboriginal interests apart from three small concessions relating to access to waterways, refurbishing of weir pools and greater Indigenous participation in water planning.

"Traditional owners will be asking: How has the assessment of socioeconomic outcomes in the Northern Basin factored in the impacts on Aboriginal people from loss of their cultural heritage and impacts on their wellbeing?" she said.

"The recommendations of this review, if formalised, would perpetuate the injustice experienced by Aboriginal people in the northern basin.

"We stand in solidarity with traditional owners in the northern basin and will work with them to address these challenges."

Darwin's Danila Dilba celebrates



David Precoma and Neil Aldersley attend one of the celebration events.



Kelly Doherty and Patricia Raymond enjoy the Malak clinic celebration.

25 years of service



DARWIN-based Danila Dilba Health Service has held a week of celebrations to mark its 25th birthday.

Founded on November 8, 1991, Danila Dilba is an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation providing culturally appropriate primary health care and community services to biluru (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) people in the Yilli Rreung (greater Darwin) region of the Northern Territory.

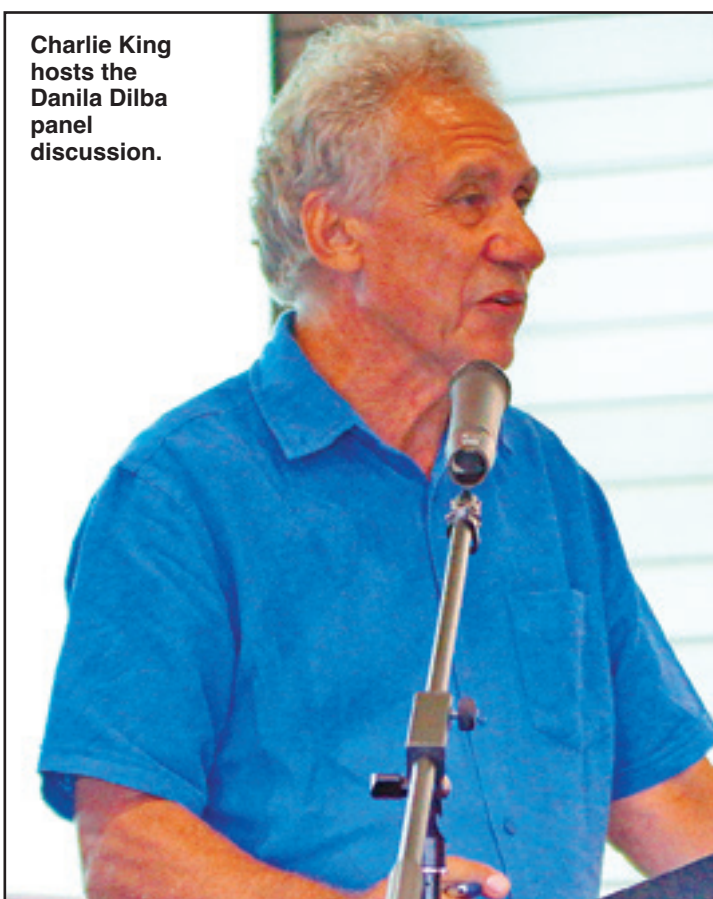
Founded as a result of Indigenous activism in the 1970s, Danila Dilba was established through local people holding meetings, lobbying government, lodging petitions and even holding a sit-in at government offices demanding a culturally appropriate primary health service for Indigenous people.

The name Danila Dilba Biluru Butji Binnilutlum was given to the service by the local Larrakia traditional custodians. In the Larrakia language, Danila Dilba means 'dilly bag used to collect bush medicines', and Biluru Butji Binnilutlum means 'Aboriginal people getting better from sickness'.

The organisation's logo, which reflects this meaning, was designed by Larrakia Elder the Rev Wally Fejo.

Danila Dilba has grown significantly in size and capacity, from eight staff and one building in 1991 to five

Charlie King hosts the Danila Dilba panel discussion.



clinics, including separate men's and women's clinics, mobile and dental clinics, community programs and a staff of more than 130 serving almost 12,000 clients in 2016.

The week of 25th anniversary celebrations included a family fun day at the Malak clinic, a pancake breakfast at the Palmerston Health Centre and a community cook-up at the city centre clinic.

About 130 staff, directors, members, representatives of other Aboriginal organisations and politicians attended an afternoon tea where long-serving staff were presented with awards.

Aboriginal broadcaster Charlie King hosted a panel discussion at the event along with Danila Dilba founding member and first client Barb Cummings.



Danila Dilba staff members Byron Davis, Dennis Tak, Bronwyn Burt and Stacey Watson work hard at the community cook-up.



Josephine Clark, Delma Holt and Adrian Dantoine at the Danila Dilba community cook-up. Pictures: Karina Kassman



Joseph Knuth and Karen Geer do brekkie at the Palmerston celebration.

Music and dance is a big part of a Christian gathering at Lismore Showground.



Emanuel Roberts and Sisiliya Vora cook up a storm.



Rev Etuate Moimoi, Pastor Gordon Johnson, Nina Moimoi and Lois Johnson at the showground.

Christians gather at showground

By RUDI MAXWELL



MORE than 100 people gathered at the Lismore Showground for a weekend of gospel music, dancing and pastoral care.

Organiser Lois Johnson said the aim was to provide love and care for young Aboriginal and Pacific Islander people.

"It's about healing and restoring," she said.

The showground was built over a bora ring and decades ago Aboriginal Christians also used to meet there.

"We had our last meeting

here with Pastor Frank Roberts Snr in 1959," Mrs Johnson said.

"Many of us are descendants from Cubawee (the former mission just outside of Lismore) so last year we decided to have another gathering and this was our meeting place.

"Heal our people"

"We want to bring our young people back. We're trying to help heal our people one community at a time."

Bundjalung woman Leonee Nowta said the event had been a wonderful family gathering.

"It's just a great way to

bring people together – and blackfellas love music," she said.

Mrs Roberts said the weekend wouldn't have been such a success without the assistance of the Pacific Islander community, including Rev and Mrs Moimoi, who travelled from Brisbane.

She said the event had the blessing of Widjabul Elders, including Pastor Brian Roberts, Pastor Barry Roberts, Diane Torrens, Rev Dorothy Gordon, Lynette Roberts and Greg King, and that it also had the support of Rising Aboriginal and Islander Ministries and the Uniting Church Aboriginal Congress.

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Pointed bone a hidden gem



AUSTRALIA'S oldest-known piece of Indigenous jewellery has been unearthed in the Kimberley region of northern Australia by Australian National University archaeologists.

The ornament, a pointed kangaroo bone worn through the nose, has been dated at more than 46,000 years old and debunks a theory that bone tools were not used in Australia for thousands of years.

ANU School of Culture, History and Language researcher Michelle Langley said this was the earliest hard evidence that Australia's first inhabitants were using bone to make tools and ornaments.

"We know people had bone tools in Africa at least 75,000 years ago. People were leaving Africa around the same time

and arrived in Australia some 60,000 years ago," she said.

"Until very recently the earliest bone tools we had found in Australia dated to about 20,000 years ago, so there has been a 40,000-year gap.

"Some people believed that the knowledge of bone tool making was lost on the journey between Africa and Australia.

"With this find, we now know they were making bone tools soon after arriving in Australia."

The bone was dug up at Carpenter's Gap, a large rockshelter in Windjana Gorge National Park.

"It's a shaped point made on kangaroo leg bone, and at each end we can see traces of red ochre," Dr Langley said.

"This artefact was found below a deposit dated to 46,000 years ago, so it is older than that date."

Throughout history

Indigenous Australians have used kangaroo leg bones for a variety of activities, such as leatherwork, basketry, ceremonial tasks, and bodily decoration.

"The bone we found is most consistent with those used for facial decoration," she said.

"All across Australia both men and women would wear a bone point through their nose identical to this one.

"Children in some communities were known to have had their nose pierced quite young, while in others only certain individuals were allowed to adorn themselves in this fashion."

Dr Langley said the location and nature of this artefact made it a rare and remarkable discovery. "Organic-based items like this don't survive in the north Australian record very often, so it's a very unusual find," she said.

Consumers told it is okay to say no



ABORIGINAL consumers are being told 'it's okay to walk away' as part of an education campaign by Consumer Protection Western Australia.

Acting Consumer Protection Commissioner

David Hillyard said one aim of the campaign is to make the state's Aboriginal consumers aware of their consumer rights and have the confidence to say no.

"We hope to embolden Aboriginal consumers in urban, regional and remote areas to resist high-pressure sales tactics and be aware of their consumer rights, particularly when approached uninvited at shopping centres, car parks, in their communities through door knocking or on the phone," he said.

"There are many cases of companies and salespeople targeting Aboriginal consumers who may be disadvantaged by their geographical isolation, lack of choice and competition, poor English or lack of financial literacy."

Federal and state government agencies have in recent times taken action against suppliers and sellers of training courses, mobile phone services, electronic goods, photography packages – even water coolers and first-aid kits – using high-pressure sales tactics.

"Many consumers in Aboriginal communities sign consumer contracts when they don't realise what they are signing up for," Mr Hillyard said.

"Can't afford"

"Some contracts have committed the consumers to a payment plan they can't afford, for goods and services they don't really need or want."

The nationally coordinated campaign will involve community presentations, the distribution of information material and 'Do Not Knock' stickers, and will be backed up by media and social media messaging.

"Aboriginal consumers who don't want salespeople coming to their homes are encouraged to put up a 'Do Not Knock'

sticker on their front door, as salespeople who ignore this request by the consumer are breaking the law and may face a fine of up to \$50,000," Mr Hillyard said.

"We also want Aboriginal consumers who have made a purchase or have signed a contract under these circumstances to contact consumer agencies and lodge a complaint so these issues can be resolved and appropriate action taken.

"By telling Aboriginal consumers it's okay to walk away, we hope that they will have the confidence to reject unwanted proposals from traders and not fall victim to dodgy sales tactics by signing consumer contracts or making purchases they may later regret."

For more information visit www.commerce.wa.gov.au/cp.

Inquiries can be made and complaints lodged by contacting Consumer Protection by email: consumer@commerce.wa.gov.au or by phone: 1300 30 40 54.

Consumers can also order free 'Do Not Knock' stickers.

Native title win in Kimberley



AN Aboriginal group has won a native title claim for an 184 square kilometre area near Fitzroy Crossing in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

Another claim for a 2212 sq km area that forms part of the application has not been determined, and it is expected it will be withdrawn and replaced with an application from a wider claim group.

"The court congratulates the Yarrangi Riwi Yoowarni Gooniyandi claimants," Federal Court judge Michael Barker said.

"Gooniyandi country is that on to which the Gooniyandi language has been inscribed by the travels of ancestral beings during the creative epoch they call Ngarranggarni ... the law for Gooniyandi people that encompasses all aspects of their lives.

"The determination is recognition by Australian law of enduring traditional laws and customs over the determination area which have their origins prior to the proclamation of Western Australia in 1829."

Yuendumu gets training centre



A NEW trade training centre has opened at Yuendumu, 250km north-west of Alice Springs. The centre, at Yuendumu School, will offer vocational education training (VET) to senior students and other community members.

Remote Northern Territory trade training centres are also located in Tennant Creek, Ngukurr, Maningrida, Borroloola, Ntaria, Gunbalanya, Nhulunbuy, Jabiru, Milngimbi and Lajamanu and Galiwin'ku (Shepherdson College).

Reconciliation plan for games



THE Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is nearing completion. Games chairman Peter Beattie says the event

has already implemented initiatives outlined in the document.

The games are a member of Supply Nation and have supported Indigenous participation in the GC2018 tender process.

Mr Beattie, a former Queensland premier, said he was delighted that the RAP was already featuring in the day-to-day business of delivering the games.

"The team at GOLDOC, comprised of people from more than 14 countries, are embracing elements of the Yugambah language and learning about the traditional owners and heritage of the Gold Coast – that is a great early legacy of this initiative," he said.

Local Aboriginal company Banaam has been engaged to share insights into the local Aboriginal heritage and culture, providing a greater understanding of the cultural principles of the region.

Premature births rate low in west



PREMATURE births have reduced by 8% in Western Australia and are at their lowest rate in six years. WA Health Minister John Day said the reduction translated to about 200 babies, many of them

Indigenous, who have been given a better chance of a healthy future.

The fall has been attributed to a targeted preterm birth prevention program, dubbed 'The Whole Nine Months' led by The University of WA.

About 34,000 women give birth each year in Western Australia.



Almost 100 delegates attend the Indigenous Superannuation Summit, held in Melbourne.

Many issues identified at Indigenous super summit



IMPROVING superannuation for Indigenous people was the focus of a recent summit in Melbourne.

Superannuation industry representatives and Indigenous people discussed issues including barriers, changes to forms and earlier access to benefits at the Indigenous Superannuation Summit – the second to be held by the Indigenous Superannuation Working Group.

Working group chair Eva Scheerlinck said many Indigenous people face problems with accessing their super.

"Identification is a huge issue for Indigenous people," she told the *Koori Mail*. "There are certain rules in place to

make sure you are who you say you are before you can access your super, and it's a very common problem for Indigenous people who may have changed their name, or may not have a birth certificate to not be able to access their super."

More cooperation

Ms Scheerlinck said the working group wants more cooperation from superannuation funds to allow Indigenous people access to their super.

"We've talked about maybe setting up a dedicated Indigenous hotline," she said.

"We've also talked about getting some of the super forms changed so they're easier to understand and fill out.

"There needs to be more conversation

around this, and the summit was an opportunity for people to tell their stories and for people to listen in a sensitive way to the message."

First Nations Foundation chief executive Amanda Young agreed that identification was an issue.

"The Government sets the bar too high for identification," she said.

"At last year's summit there was a lot of ideas about how to fix that and we've started rolling out those ideas now."

Ms Young said superannuation is important, and there will be a Super Day Out held in Melbourne as part of Wominjeka Festival next year.

"Super is your money," she said.

"Contact your funds and find out about how you can access it when you retire."

Prison review urges action



AN overhaul of South Australia's prison system should include more

support for prisoners transitioning back into the community, a policy panel has found. State Correctional Services Minister Peter Malinauskas has received a report from the group tasked with providing advice on transforming the system containing 36 recommendations.

Among them is case management for every prisoner, from when they enter prison to six months after release, to reduce their risk of reoffending.

Currently 46% of people who leave SA prisons return within two years, and in October 74% of prisoners had been behind bars before.

Panel chair Warren Mundine says the strategy was based on consultation with people in the community, businesses, organisations and prisoners themselves.

"We sought to create a response to this challenge that was evidence-based and considered the entire journey of an offender," he said.

Considered

Mr Mundine, who chairs the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council, said the group heavily considered the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who make up one in four SA prisoners.

Seven of the 36 recommendations involve targeted and culturally appropriate services and programs for people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Noongar want presence on highway site



TRADITIONAL owners of Beeliar Wetlands want to be on site while the Perth Freight Link is constructed in case Aboriginal artefacts are uncovered.

Government consultants have met with traditional owners to discuss heritage management plans for the proposed Roe 8 highway extension, which is the first part of the link, as the Perth development area includes current and former archaeological heritage sites.

Noongar people say the area contains chert stone tools known to be at least 5000 years old, as well as quartz and glass artefacts.

They were previously consulted for their views on the extension, with most opposing the development.

It was recommended a representative from each traditional owner group be allowed on site during construction to monitor for artefacts.

But Aboriginal heritage approval was signed off without this being included.

Greens MLC Lynn MacLaren was asked to leave the latest meeting before it began, despite being invited by traditional owners. She said current plans to not have qualified Aboriginal site monitors would result in artefacts failing to be recorded.

"For the relevant minister to not even allow this demonstrates the height of philistinism and contempt for Aboriginal heritage," she said.



An Aboriginal ranger monitors mangroves on his country.

Mangrove dieback sparks concerns



ABORIGINAL rangers are working to evaluate the extent of a massive mangrove dieback in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

The dieback, involving more than 7400 hectares of mangroves stretching 1000 km west of the Gulf town of Karumba, was discovered a year ago, with scientists describing it as unprecedented.

The Queensland-based Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, with the help of James Cook University's TropWATER, is training 19 rangers to monitor the situation on the eastern side.

The training began last month for Indigenous ranger teams based in Normanton and Burketown.

The program is being led by TropWATER scientist Norm Duke, who said the organisation is giving its full support to having well-advised, science-trained Indigenous rangers across the north of Australia.

"The rangers are very keen to improve their recording and dissemination of information so the data they collect is relevant to environmental managers in government, as well as for science researchers," he said.

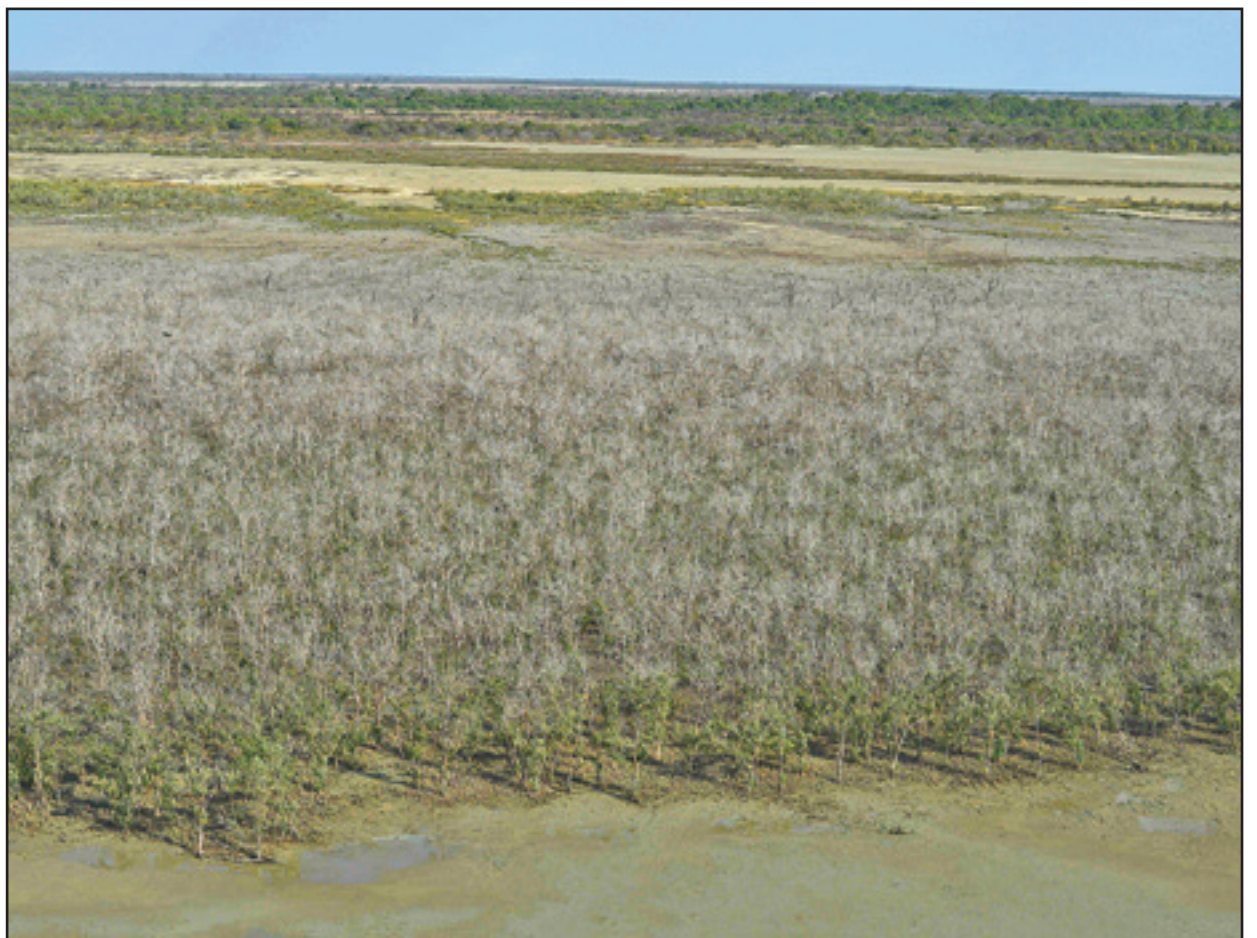
Dr Duke said the implications of the dieback are likely to be far

reaching. "Locals are justified in their concern for possible impacts on fisheries, coastal productivity, as well as to shoreline stability and more," he said.

"Losses of shoreline mangroves exposes those shorelines to severe storms and waves that could erode large sections of coastline."

Normanton senior head ranger Paul Richardson is keen to see further investigation into the dieback and opportunities for Indigenous rangers to undertake monitoring.

"Traditional owners are concerned about the recent dieback event and the potential widespread environmental impacts it may have," he said.



This aerial view reveals the extent of the mangrove dieback on country in western Queensland.

Putting inmates in the driver's seat



A NEW program that encourages Indigenous prison inmates to complete the

NSW Driver Knowledge Test aims to help reduce vehicle offences and recidivism rates among young people.

Corrective Services and Juvenile Justice NSW have signed a memorandum of understanding with Roads and Maritime Services to have the test available in correctional centres.

Corrective Services Commissioner Peter Severin said the program was aimed at young Indigenous inmates to reduce incarceration rates and increase the number of licensed drivers.

"Allowing young inmates to complete their test can mean when they're released they can go straight to Roads and Maritime and collect their learner licence," he said.

"This not only saves time but reduces the temptation for them to drive without a licence."

Confidence

Juvenile Justice executive director Melanie Hawyes said support is targeted towards Indigenous youth of legal driving age to improve their confidence and job prospects and to prevent reoffending.

"We offer eligible detainees in the Waratah Pre-Release Program the opportunity to sit for the Driver Knowledge Test, and we have Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre



A prison inmate studies for the NSW Driver Knowledge Test.

detainees able to practice the Driver Ability Road Test online during after-school programs," she said.

"Once detainees are eligible for outings, staff can accompany detainees to Service NSW to complete the test."

There are more than 700 Indigenous inmates aged under 25 in the state's correctional centres, with a recidivism rate of 66.7% – 15 percentage points more than other inmates of the same age group.

Anecdotal evidence from

community and custodial corrections officers also suggests many young Indigenous people breach parole due to driving offences and are ordered back to prison.

"It's important we stop this cycle of reoffending and breach

of parole, which leads to young people returning to correctional centres again and again for driving offences," Mr Severin said.

"We hope this program will help to reduce some of that reoffending."

Qld curriculum concern raised

By KEIRA JENKINS



THE draft Queensland Year 11 and 12 Modern History curriculum has concerned some Aboriginal people.

The curriculum includes a unit titled 'Australian Indigenous Rights Movement since 1967', which has some people worried that policies in the 19th and 20th centuries, the 'frontier wars', colonisation and the resulting massacres of Indigenous people, will be left out.

But Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority chief executive Chris Rider said the draft curriculum has a greater focus on Indigenous Australian content than the current syllabus.

"The 'Australian Indigenous rights movement since 1967' would be a compulsory topic for schools that offer the syllabus," he said.

"The topic also encourages context by asking schools to consider what 'life and other circumstances were like for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people before 1967 (the date of the referendum to amend the Constitution to include Aboriginal people in the census and allow the Commonwealth to create laws for them)."

Mr Rider said schools would also have the opportunity to choose to study Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander content in a number of other units.

"In a unit titled 'Start of World War I to Election of Menzies', schools could explore the circumstances of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the years 1914-1949," he said.

"The syllabus would also let schools develop a unique in-depth study of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander movement for justice from a time period of their choice.

"Ongoing debate"

"While it does not privilege a particular view, the draft syllabus invites schools to link aspects of the Australian Indigenous rights movement to the ongoing debate about the language used to describe the arrival of Europeans in Australia."

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Jackie Huggins has recently called for an increase in Indigenous content in school curriculums.

She said there still needs to be more emphasis on Indigenous history in Queensland, and across the country.

"I don't think there can ever be enough

Indigenous content in the history curriculum," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"In terms of how long we've been here, and in terms of how much history we have, there can never be enough content.

"We have a significant place in Australian history. And it's not only about us, it's about the Australian way of life and non-Indigenous people's experience of us in history.

"There have been some very unpalatable things in our history that have been cast upon Aboriginal people. Those things are swept under the carpet and they shouldn't be."

Ms Huggins said even if schools are encouraged to look at the context of the Indigenous rights movement before 1967, there is too much content for just one topic.

"Even if you look at it on the basis of Aboriginal history prior to 1967 there will be things that are overlooked," she said.

"Not only does focusing only on one period in history do us a great disservice, but it does the whole country a great disservice because it only gives half a view of history.

"Our history started thousands of years before occupation. I think it's important for kids – Indigenous and non-Indigenous – to know that."

Art award has new categories



TWO new categories have been added for next year's Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

In 2017 there will be the Telstra Multi-media Award and and Emerging Artist Award, as well as the five other categories, with \$50,000 on offer for the major award winner.

Held at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, the 'Telstras' have been running for more than 25 years.

Gallery director Marcus Schutenko said the awards showcase the diverse practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, unearthing new artistic developments in contemporary Indigenous art practices for new and emerging artists, while also including major works by some of Australia's best artists.

Entries are now open for the 2017 awards. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists can submit one original work that has not been previously exhibited or made available for sale.

For more information or to apply, visit magnt.net.au

Claim parties in agreement



Port Curtis Coral Coast People representative Richard Johnson signs the new agreement watched by, from left, Gladstone Regional Council chief executive Stuart Randle, North Burnett Regional Council chief executive Mark Pitt, North Burnett Region Mayor Rachel Chambers, Bundaberg Region Mayor Jack Dempsey and Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett.



A LOCAL Government Indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) covering the Port Curtis Coral Coast

(PCCC) Native Title Claim in central Queensland is now in place. It was signed between Gladstone, Bundaberg and Burnett regional councils, Gidarjil Cultural Heritage Corporation Ltd and applicants for the claim, which covers about 22,000 sq km of land and waters.

Applicants are Kerry Blackman, Dean Sarra, Lurleen Blackman, Richard Johnson, Nat Minniecon, Matthew Cooke, and Neville Johnson, who negotiated the ILUA on behalf of the PCCC claim group.

They say the ceremony marked a significant milestone for the members of the PCCC claim group, who filed their native title determination application in the Federal Court in August 2001.

Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd (QSNTS) is working with the applicants and native title claim group.

10 leaders inducted into Vic honour roll



TEN Aboriginal leaders who have worked for their communities

have been inducted into the Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll at a ceremony in Melbourne.

They are Gwen Atkinson, John Baxter, Angela Clarke, Frances Gallagher, Clara Luttrell-Garisau (1933-1999), Judy Jackson, Mary Jane Gunyuk Milawa (1830-1888), Pamela Pedersen, Glen Peters

(1951-2015), and Barbara Walker (1927-2012).

The Honour Roll celebrates the achievements of Aboriginal people, past and present.

This year's ceremony marked the sixth year of the Honour Roll, with a total of 89 Aboriginal Victorians now inducted.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins said the 2016 inductees show the diversity of contributions made by Aboriginal people to their community and Victoria.

"The Honour Roll acknowledges and celebrates the wide-ranging contribution of Aboriginal people who have made Victoria a better place for us all," she said.

"Every inductee has strived to make their community a stronger and fairer place – they deserve our respect, gratitude and recognition."

The roll is on permanent display in the Victorian Parliament. For more details see www.vic.gov.au/aboriginalvictoria

Couple in battle to keep land

By KEIRA JENKINS



A COUPLE in the Northern Territory are trying to raise \$350,000 to keep the land they've lived on for more than 30 years from being sold.

Michael Foster and his wife Cindy live on the Daly River, where Mr Foster grew up and the couple raised their own children.

Their home was built on land that is part of the Tipperary group of stations, which covers an area of more than 200,000 hectares.

Part of the station was granted back to the Kamu people in 1986, and Mr Foster said his parents approached the Northern Land Council to build a home on this land.

It was not until years later that the land Mr Foster's home was built on was found to belong to Tipperary Station, which is now in the process of being sold.

Mr Foster said this land is important to him. It was where he was raised, where he raised his children and where his parents and siblings are buried.

"The general manager of the station said I could buy the land my house is on for \$300,000," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"I don't have that kind of money.

Realistically I haven't got a leg to stand on against these rich men.

"But they're going to have to drag me off this land if they want to get rid of me.

"Once they sell it they'll use the land for agriculture or mining and it'll fill the land with pollution. I feel like I'm banging my head against a brick wall.

"We're crying for help but we've had more critics than we've had support."

Tipperary Station general manager David Connolly said the family had built the property without the owner's permission and Mr Foster has no rights over the land.

"Beat up"

"This family is trying to beat up about this," he said.

"There's no title on it – it's freehold land – and now the owner wants to sell it.

"The owner offered, out of the goodness of his heart, a chance for Mr Foster to buy the land, but they are living there illegally, although that is a strong word considering the owner is not too worried about it."

Mr Foster said it is an uphill battle, but he is committed to saving his home.

For more information and to donate to Mr Foster's cause visit www.gofundme.com/2u2wfvwtw

NT Indigenous child death rates are high



CHILD death rates are falling in the Northern Territory, but Indigenous kids and those born in the bush are still grossly overrepresented.

The NT Child Deaths Review and Prevention Committee's latest annual report reveals there were 38 child deaths in the NT last year.

More than three-quarters of those were Indigenous, and almost two-thirds were from outside the Greater Darwin area, while 60% were infants.

NT Attorney-General Natasha Fyles tabled the report in Parliament, saying the child mortality rate had dropped slightly in the past three years, but any death is still tragic for families.

During the five-year period up to 2015, eight children died while in state care.

"Those young children sadly pass away from

disease, disability, and from accidents as well, but we need to make sure that the system isn't failing them," Ms Fyles said.

"That's why those deaths are automatically referred to the coroner for that extra level of scrutiny. It's important that those recommendations are then listened to by government."

One death is yet to go to inquest, but of the other seven deaths investigated by the coroner, no adverse findings were related to the quality of care. During that same five-year period the number of deaths of Aboriginal children was substantially greater than then general population.

"There was a total of 180 deaths of Aboriginal children, or 74.4% of all child deaths, which is much greater than the proportion of all of Aboriginal children (41%) in the total NT population for these age groups," the report said.

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Good times and bad

THE ongoing struggle for land and rights, closing gaps, election successes, sports victories – all these and much more made Indigenous affairs news in 2016. Here, the *Koori Mail's* KEIRA JENKINS takes an edition-by-edition look at what featured in our pages during the past year.

Edition 617 – January 13: The families of three Aboriginal children murdered at Bowraville in 1991 vowed to fight on for justice. The NSW Government ruled out changing double jeopardy laws to retry a prime suspect in the murders of Colleen Walker-Craig, Clinton Speedy-Duroux and Evelyn Greenup. The families were disappointed by the blow to their quest for justice, but said they would not give up the fight.

In Sydney, the Harbour Bridge was lit up with the image of an Indigenous woman as part of the welcome to country ceremony during the city's New Year's Eve celebrations. Welcome ceremony creative director Rhoda Roberts said the imagery included natural landscapes and the flora and fauna symbols of local clan totems. Our Indigenous All Stars rugby

league players, led by Johnathan Thurston, were aiming for a hat trick when they took on the World All Stars at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane.

Edition 618 – January 27: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the country gathered to commemorate Survival Day. People turned out for rallies, music and arts festivals, and sports events, continuing the cry for January 26 – the date of the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788 – to be dropped for a day respectful of Indigenous culture and heritage. It was a big year for Indigenous performers at Tamworth's Country Music Festival, with a stellar line-up gracing the stage for the Aboriginal Cultural Showcase, including new talent Logan Hoswell and a Tamworth regular Gooi Knox.

We were getting ready for the return of ABC's *Black Comedy*, with the second six-part series of hilarious sketches and satire including favourite characters the competitive Tiddas, the Housewives of Narromine and the Blak Force troops.

It was an all-women committee calling the shots for the 2016 NSW Rugby League Knockout. They were

charged with overseeing the organisation for the annual event.

North Queensland captain Johnathan Thurston pulled out of the NRL Indigenous All Stars game, saying he wanted to focus on his home team, The North Queensland Cowboys, and prepare for their World Club Challenge clash with Leeds.

Edition 619 – February 10: The Close the Gap priorities and progress report called on the Federal Government to stay on track for the long term. The report called for more investment in Indigenous health and for more decision-making power to be in Indigenous hands, with the CTG Steering Committee asking for a stronger focus on disability and for a justice target to be added. The Melbourne Fashion Festival showcased Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander models and designers with its Birrimbi Dulgulga Bajal (Sea and Rainforest Dreaming) project taking the lead in the cultural program.

It was a big fortnight in sport, with both the All Stars Rugby League match in Brisbane and the National Indigenous Cricket Cup carnival in

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Rapper Briggs was one of the stars at this year's National Indigenous Music Awards, held in Darwin.

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Conference shines light on Indigenous suicide

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Ready for NAIDOC

Is it a record? Plenty of Indigenous players in Gold Coast v South Sydney NRL clash. See the back page.

Organisations unite for Redfern Statement

'We are tired of being ignored'

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Alice Springs drawing crowds. Despite a cancer threat, National Football League (NFL) player Jesse 'The Monstar' Williams was planning a return to the sport. While the NFL attention had been on NRL star Jarryd Hayne's debut with the San Francisco 49ers, Williams had a stellar career in the sport, with his team, the Seattle Seahawks, taking out the Superbowl.

Edition 620 – February 24: The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples feared it would have to close by the end of the year if it could not secure more funding. Co-chair Jackie Huggins told the *Koori Mail* Congress had struggled for a sustainable financial plan since the Coalition Government was elected and refused to refund the advocacy body.

The Northern Land Council was running a test case in the Federal Court, asking for compensation for the extinguishment of part of the Ngaliwurru and Nungali people's native title. The NLC lawyer said the case could have far-reaching implications for native title claimants across the country.

NSW took out the men's and women's finals at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships in Alice Springs. Amazingly, both teams won by 123 runs, with the men defeating Queensland and the women downing the Northern Territory. Both teams had been dominant throughout the competition and entered their respective finals undefeated.

After almost two years considering a cricket career, Ashleigh Barty decided to return to her first sport, tennis. She said she was re-energised after her hiatus from the sport and ready to get back on the tennis circuit.

Edition 621 – March 9: Our front page boasted a little fashion flair with a picture of Cairns-based designer Lynelle Flinders' work being showcased by Indigenous models at the opening of the Melbourne Fashion Festival.

Yawaru man Patrick Dodson was getting ready to take a seat in the Senate after accepting Labor Leader Bill Shorten's offer to fill a casual vacancy for Western Australia. And NSW Labor politician Linda Burney, a



This year's winners at the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award: from left, Ishmael Marika, Robert (Tommy) Pau, Harold Thomas (main award recipient), Nicole Monks, Betty Kuntiwa Pumani and John Mawurndjul. Picture: Jillian Mundy

Wiradjuri woman, announced she would look to federal politics at the September election.

Members of the NSW Aboriginal Fishing Rights Group called on the Prime Minister for help in setting up an Aboriginal commercial fishing business.

And in sport, Jonathan Thurston called for the Indigenous All Stars game to be played during the NRL grand final week and for the NRL season to be cut down to 22 rounds.

Edition 622 – March 23: Indigenous community leaders called for our people to have hard conversations. Cairns community activist Yodie Batzke told the *Koori Mail* issues stemming from disadvantage, including drugs, self-harm, suicide and child abuse could not be solved until people "broke the silence". Her calls came after the release of a report detailing high levels of youth sexual abuse in Aurukun and West Cairns. The report also found sexually transmitted infections were rife in both areas, with the rate in Aurukun 56 times the Queensland average.

Meanwhile, in sport, St Mary's beat the Wanderers 50-48 in the Northern Territory AFL grand final at TIO Stadium in Darwin.

Edition 623 – April 6: A parliamentary committee recommended the 'winding back' of many harsh conditions of the Stronger Futures legislation, including compulsory income management. But the Federal Government was refusing to say whether it would follow that advice.

The committee also recommended a review of the alcohol restrictions on Aboriginal land and redesigning the School Enrolment and Attendance through Welfare Reform Measure, in which parents had their Centrelink payments reduced if their children didn't attend school.

In Tasmania, people on Truwana (Cape Barren Island) in the Bass Strait were already seeing a difference in the number of feral animals in the isolated community after the Aboriginal ranger's program was introduced to last year.

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) was encouraging all political parties to focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health in the upcoming election.

In sport, Queenslanders Brendan Doggett was named the Lord's Taverners Indigenous

Cricketer of the Year at Cricket Australia's State Cricket Awards. The fast-bowler from Toowoomba was the Brisbane Heat's community rookie last season but soon became a member of Queensland's Futures League team.

Edition 624 – April 20: Indigenous, legal and social justice organisations called on all Australian governments to work with Indigenous communities to address the national crisis of Indigenous imprisonment on the 25th anniversary of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody report.

Most of the 339 recommendations the commission made in 1991, including imprisonment as a last resort, have never been implemented.

The Deadly Funny National Final and Showcase drew a crowd in Melbourne as part of the International Comedy Festival. Jalen Sutcliffe, from Townsville, took our the top award for his show combining dance, song and yarns.

We had a special report on hidden violence in Aboriginal communities, with a call for women who find themselves victims of family violence to speak

up and break the taboo surrounding the subject.

Inspired by the achievements of Indigenous Marathon Project graduate Adrian Dodson-Shaw, who was the first Indigenous Australian to finish the North Pole Marathon, Broome lawyer Megan Highfold decided to take on her own challenge and compete in the New York Marathon.

Lance Franklin was making fans reconsider their gloomy expectations for his team the Sydney Swans in the AFL season after leading the team to victory against the Giants.

Edition 625 – May 4: The Northern and Central land councils were furious over the Federal Government plans for the Aboriginals Benefit Account. The Government was moving to change the management of the ABA, which administers grants to Aboriginal organisations from mining royalties on Aboriginal land in the NT. Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion was accused of meddling too much in the ABA, and planning to reduce the number of land council representatives on the fund's advisory committee.

Anangu people wanted climbing on Uluru to be banned. They were upset after then Northern Territory Chief Minister Adam Giles sparked controversy when he spoke of his support of tourists who wanted to climb Uluru despite the wishes of traditional owners.

In sport, South Sydney star Greg Inglis came under fire after his quiet start to the NRL season, with the Rabbitohs at the bottom of the competition leaderboard.

Edition 626 – May 18: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project co-chair Professor Tom Calma called on governments to take a step back and empower Indigenous communities to find their own solutions in the wake of a conference shining light on Indigenous suicide.

Bidjara actor Deborah Mailman won her fourth Logie, for her performance in *Redfern Now*. Ms Mailman dedicated her award to Bangarra Dance Theatre music director the late David Page.

Victorian Imparja Cup captain Ben Abbatangelo was named in the Victorian Futures League

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Academy winter squad. The cricket star was in the inaugural squad in 2015. The Yorta Yorta man had been a community rookie for the Melbourne Stars in the Big Bash League.

Edition 627 – June 1: Victoria entered the first official stages of negotiating a treaty with Aboriginal people in the state.

Weaver Yvonne Koolmatrice, cloak-maker Vicki Couzens and rapper Nooki took out Red Ochre honours as part of the National Indigenous Art Awards in Sydney.

The families of the three Aboriginal children who disappeared from Bowraville more than 25 years ago had fresh hope that their case may be finally heard in court.

And in sport, Richmond beat Essendon in the AFL's Indigenous Round Dreamtime at the 'G game.

Edition 628 – June 15: It was our 25th anniversary edition, and we celebrated the quarter of a century milestone with a special souvenir cover.

In NSW, people gathered from all over the country to deliver a message of solidarity and strength to all political parties at the launch of the Redfern Statement.

Rhoda Roberts and Nyunggai Warren Mundine topped the awards for Indigenous people in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

In sport, there were celebrations as almost half the players in the Gold Coast Titans v South Sydney Rabbitohs clash were Indigenous.

Edition 629 – June 29: The Beanie Festival in Alice Springs again proved a popular attraction, with more than 8000 people attending.

The Federal election was fast approaching with more than a dozen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people seeking election on July 2. Nine Indigenous candidates were running for the Senate. All the candidates wanted to forge a new relationship between the government and Indigenous people.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples and other peak Indigenous bodies outlined their wish-list for the new government in the Redfern Statement.

In sport, Queensland Rugby



Indigenous cyclist Amanda Reid is all smiles on the podium after winning a silver medal in the 500m women's C1-2-3 time trial at the Paralympic Games in Brazil.

League player Dane Gagai set a State of Origin rugby league record by scoring a hat trick in the Maroons' 26-16 win against NSW in game two of the series.

Edition 630 – July 13: Four Aboriginal politicians won House of Representatives seats at the July 2 election. Ken Wyatt (Liberal) and Labor's Pat Dodson, Malarndirri McCarthy and Linda Burney were successful, with Ms Burney making history by becoming the first Indigenous woman in the House of Representatives.

At the 2016 NAIDOC National Ball in Darwin, Bangarra Dance Theatre's Stephen Page received the Lifetime Achievement Award, while Professor Chris Sarra took out the Person of the Year title.

In sport, plans were underway for the 2016 Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout, with a meeting

organised to look at the event's sustainability.

Edition 631 – July 27: Nine Indigenous Australians were chosen to compete at the Olympic Games in Brazil. They were John Porch (Rugby 7s), Leilani Mitchell and Patty Mills (basketball), Brooke Peris and Mariah Williams (hockey), Lydia Williams and Kayah Simon (soccer), Taliqua Clancy (beach volleyball) and Benn Harradine (discus).

There was a mixed reception to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's decision to retain Nigel Scullion as Indigenous Affairs Minister.

A special report on remote community Utopia showed terrible living conditions, with only the most basic services available to residents.

We also reported on a push to establish a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sports

committee to act on behalf of the Indigenous community on sporting and recreation matters.

Edition 632 – August 10: There was outrage after images emerged of Indigenous youths being mistreated at the Don Dale Youth Detention Centre in Darwin. The Federal Government called a royal commission into the treatment of children in custody in the Northern Territory.

Harold Thomas' painting *Tribal Abduction*, of a child being taken from its mother by authorities, won the \$50,000 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award (NATSIAA).

The National Indigenous Music Awards were held in Darwin, with Victorian rapper Briggs taking out song of the year, and Gurrumul Yunupingu being named artist of the year for the fifth time.

In sport, the Indigenous All-

stars basketball team were set to take on the New Zealand Maori.

Edition 633 – August 24: Thousands of people gathered in the NT community of Kalkarindji to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wave Hill Walk-off. The Gurindji people, led by land rights champion Vincent Lingiari, left Wave Hill station in August 1966, fed up with working for rations instead of wages.

An Amnesty International report said children in detention in Queensland were being violently abused and mistreated.

In sport, Torres Strait men's teams were set to boycott the Arthur Beetson Foundation Queensland Murri rugby league carnival, citing high costs.

Edition 634 – September 7: Representatives from peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander bodies urged narrowly re-elected Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull to meet with them and "reset the relationship" between the Government and Indigenous people on the opening on the first sitting day of the new Federal Parliament.

The Western Australian town of Kalgoorlie was in turmoil, with a peaceful gathering outside the courthouse descending into violence after a 55-year-old white man was charged over the death of a 14-year-old Aboriginal boy.

In the NT, Aboriginal chief minister Adam Giles' CLP Government was dumped, with Labor winning the vast majority of the Territory's 25 seats.

In sport, Indigenous AFL players Lance Franklin, Cyril Rioli and Eddie Betts were named in the 2016 AFL All Australian Team of the Year.

And in NRL, it was announced that Newcastle would host the 2017 All Stars game.

Edition 635 – September 21: Leading Indigenous human rights organisations were urging the Federal and Northern Territory governments to protect the rights of young people in detention. Their calls followed reports that youths were being held in solitary confinement-like conditions at Darwin's Don Dale Detention Centre.

The *Koori Mail's* education feature showcased the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people,

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including Torres Strait Islander sisters Maizie Na, Veronica Coutts and Nazareth Youngblutt, who graduated together as teachers from the Australian Catholic University.

In sport, cyclist Amanda Reid won a silver medal in the 500m women's C1-2-3 time trial at the Paralympic Games in Brazil.

Edition 636 – October 5: It was a huge edition for sport, with rugby league knockouts in NSW and Queensland. NSW hosts the Redfern All Blacks defended their championship title in both the men's and women's competitions.

Despite calls from former NRL players Anthony Mundine and Joe Williams for a boycott, Indigenous players in the NRL and AFL grand finals all stood for the national anthem.

In other news, Aboriginal peak bodies described a forum between signatories of the Redfern Statement and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister as a “breakthrough” in future engagement with the Government.

The Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory was set to begin, with a series of public hearings, community meetings and site visits starting to get under way.

Edition 637 – October 19: The National Congress of Australia's First People was hoping a combination of philanthropy and government support would help it survive. Co-chair Jackie Huggins told the *Koori Mail* she was "cautiously optimistic" that the peak body would not have to close at the end of the year. Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion signalled that the Government has changed its headline position on providing more funds to Congress.

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Breakthrough

That's the way Aboriginal groups are describing a forum between signatories of the Redfern Statement (pictured) for Indigenous affairs policy advancement and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion (right). National Congress co-chair Jackie Huggins (left) said the groups were encouraged, and Senator Scullion "stunned well". Get the full story on page 5.

The Big League

NSW It's coming to football. It doesn't get much better than the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout. This year's event, played in Lachlan at the weekend, was no exception, with the action coming thick and fast. Our other picture shows Redfern All Blacks' Courtney Treadwell smashing through the Red Earth Bricks in the western final. At top right, Nathan Roberts, who may have been playing his last game, tickles a Westpac All Blacks representative in the eastern final. At bottom left, Ashby Taylor's Redfern stars in the Challenge Two consolation in a semi-final. It was a huge hour for debuting champion Redfern All Blacks, with the men taking back-to-back titles and the women winning their 10th consecutive grand final.

● National anthem boycott call falls on deaf ears – page 3



Award-winning cartoonist and artist Danny Eastwood was with us for another year. Here's an example of his work, published in edition 622.

Competitors in Dance Rites competition dazzled a capacity crowd at the Sydney Opera House as part of Homeground Festival.

In sport, boxers Anthony Mundine and Danny Green promised their long-awaited rematch would go ahead.

Edition 638 – November 2: Victorian Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People Andrew Jackomos found children across the state suffered great trauma as a result of being separated from family. He called the findings of his report “staggering” and set out more than 70 recommendations to reduce the number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care.

Indigenous models strutted their stuff at the annual Yapa Styles Fashion Festival, a week-long Aboriginal fashion spectacular featuring outfits by Indigenous designers.

Australia and New Zealand were gearing up for the inaugural National Indigenous Football Championships.

Cricket Australia's move to recognise and develop Indigenous players, including offering career pathways to players, and celebrating the 150th anniversary of the 1866 Boxing Day match between an Aboriginal XI and the Melbourne Cricket Club, was welcomed by top cricketers.

Edition 639 – November 16: The ‘Family Matters’ report found that 15,000

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It's staggering

IC THAT'S how Victoria's Aboriginal Children and Young People, Anthony Jackson, has described the knowledge of what was reported into the state's child protection system.

Mr Jackson, labeled the 'Tashteen 1000' - 'because we, myself, 100 to 1500 children, a systemic racism on services provided in a lot of Victorian and Western' but work in Perthshire.

The head of Victorian children taken from their homes under child protection.

Others suffered physical, mental and cultural trauma, a result of separation from their families, and the loss of their identity.

Mr Jackson, who found the primary cause of children being removed is family violence.

'There are 10 children who were investigated

had experienced family violence. Parental and cultural abuse was a major factor in the ongoing child care. The state's child protection system has been a major factor in the ongoing child care. The state's child protection system has been a major factor in the ongoing child care.

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Our fashion front and centre



MODEL'S Melbourne's Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islander Fashion Festival during an evening show at the Melbourne Convention Centre, held at the Melbourne Convention Centre. The event was a celebration of the fashion industry and the cultural heritage of the Indigenous community. The event was a celebration of the fashion industry and the cultural heritage of the Indigenous community.

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Rising to the challenge



SOURCE (In foreground), of the Northern Nations NSW team, challenges Lindley Gaymanovics, of Western Bulldogs, during their game in the inaugural National Indigenous Football Championships tournament played last month at Berrima on the NSW south coast. The 16th attracted players from 16 of the 18 state and territory Indigenous football organisations and even bigger adult state sides. See our report on the back page, and pages 80-83. *Picture: Joseph Hooper*

Our kids at risk

Grim findings in new report



WARNING More than 14,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children will have moved from their families in the next 12 months, according to a new report by the Family Matters research team. The findings of the new Family Matters research revealed the world's 52 nations with the highest rate of child removal are Australia, which will triple by 2020 unless the nation's Indigenous child protection system is reformed.

The findings are a combination of Indigenous leaders, researchers and community-controlled service providers, Joseph Hooper, co-author, believes, discuss in real-time heard by Indigenous children.

Co-author Gail Murrell, who is chair of research at the National Indigenous Children's Centre, said the research of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Team (CASCPT), and that children and adolescents, victims of sexual violence, are at the highest risk of removal.

The research gathered in the report highlights how:

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University of WA hosts IBECC16



Katy Garcia, Anthony Watson, Sharon Reynolds and Craig Bonney attend the conference.



Peter Iancov and Sara Slattery, from Pilbara-based Kuruma Marthudunera Aboriginal Corporation.



Ellery Blackman and Robert Taylor.



University of Western Australia students Sara Bergmann and Mariah Lwoy.



Cheryl Smith and Karan Hayward.



Joslyn Tass and Corelee Heesemans.

Conference gets down to business

By KEIRA JENKINS



INDIGENOUS business, enterprise and corporations are growing despite challenges to the sector, according to speakers at IBECC16 (Indigenous Business, Enterprise and Corporations Conference 2016) in Perth this month.

The conference, held at the University of Western Australia, featured speakers from across the country. Among them were KRED Enterprises and Ambooriny Burru Foundation chief executive Wayne Bergman, University of Melbourne Australian Indigenous Studies chair Professor Marcia Langton, University of Canberra chancellor Tom Calma, solicitor Terri Janke, NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce chairperson Debbie Barwick, Noongar Chamber of Commerce and Industry chairperson Gordon Cole, and consultant Kristal Kinslea.

Indigital founder and chief executive Mikaela Jade and Covocate founder and director Les Delaforce spoke about "the fourth industrial revolution", which they said is being powered by new technology.

Ms Jade, who is developing an app to produce holograms from images, said the main hurdle she had come across was determining the "rights of Indigenous people in the digital space. We don't really have any rights to our stories once they're published in the virtual world."

"There's not really a space dedicated just to telling digital stories and we've got to be careful who we're signing our histories over to," she said.

"Indigenous people have just as much right to publish their stories and access their histories in the digital space from on their own country as anyone else does."

Mr Delaforce has developed a method of reducing unconscious bias in the recruiting process.

He spoke about the opportunities that young Indigenous people have in entrepreneurship.

"If we're going to continue to move towards economic development we need to shift to using technology as an integral part of our work," he said.

"We need to shift from just being consumers to being creators otherwise we'll get left behind. We need to engage young people from an early age."



Dwayne Mallard, Jane Tittums and Leonie Boddington at the conference in Perth.



Tanyah Nasir and Christine Ross spoke at the business conference's Strong and Deadly Sistas session.



Participants, from left, Monica Kane, Geri Hayden and Karyn Lisignoli.



The AFL's Shirley McPherson, Chevron's Mary Feild and Rio Tinto's Vicki Kirk.



Shane Skoja and Robert Brittain.

Report shows gains



A NEW report shows Aboriginal community-controlled health services are making significant gains to close the gap

in Aboriginal health. The 'Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Healthy Futures Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services Report Card 2016', launched by the Federal Assistant Health Minister Ken Wyatt, shows Aboriginal community-controlled health services are continuing to attract clients, with a 19% increase in episodes of care compared with the previous report.

National Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) chairperson Matthew Cooke welcomed the report, and called for a commitment to extend the reach of Indigenous-controlled health services. "Again we see the work our services do has a dramatic effect on the lives of thousands of Aboriginal people every day – both in a direct way on improving their health and more broadly in the communities as a large employer of Aboriginal people," he said.

"Almost three million episodes of

care were provided to over 340,000 clients over the last 12 months. This includes an increase of 23% in number of episodes of care provided to Indigenous people and an increase of 8% of all clients.

"Our services employ 3300 Indigenous staff across Australia which makes them the largest single employer of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the nation.

"Better health"

"We are seeing mums and babies in better health, less smokers and a small extension of Aboriginal life expectancy.

"These are incremental but important improvements.

"Putting Aboriginal health in Aboriginal hands is working.

"Now we need to see more Aboriginal people have access to our services in more areas around Australia.

"We have a long way to go to achieve health equality but we are on the right path if we continue to support models that work and evidence continues to mount that the best investment is in Aboriginal community controlled health services."



Assistant Health Minister Ken Wyatt and NACCHO chairperson Matthew Cooke hold the report.

Organisations warn over nutritious food



LEADING health organisations say the health gap between Indigenous people and other

Australians is set to widen unless urgent action is taken to address the availability and affordability of nutritious food in communities.

A coalition of organisations – the Red Cross, Dietitians Association, Indigenous Allied Health Australia, National Heart Foundation, Public Health Association and the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation – has released a blueprint for improving food security.

These organisations have been working on the issue of food security through workforce training and development, remote food supply, research, delivering food and nutrition programs across Australia, and advocating for change.

But they're calling for further cooperation to bring greater national attention to the issue, and want a coordinated response to enable effective action.

The blueprint calls for sustained action and leadership from all levels of government and other organisations towards food and nutrition security, based on approaches that have been developed with Indigenous people.

They say new figures show about one in four (23%) Indigenous people lives in a



Leading health organisations say it is vital affordable and nutritious food like fresh fruit and vegetables be readily available in Indigenous communities nationwide.

household that, over a 12-month period, had run out of food and could not afford to buy more – a figure six times higher than for other Australians.

Indigenous households have, on average, a weekly gross income of \$250 less than that of other households, with as much as 80% of family income used in buying the foods needed for a healthy diet.

The organisations want food and nutrition security for Indigenous people to be front and centre in the country's national nutrition policy, and in rolling out the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan.

Public Health Association chief

executive Michael Moore said Indigenous food security is shaped by complex factors.

"There is no quick-fix here, but a strong plan addressing the underlying complexity is one important step," he said.

Red Cross chief executive Judy Slatyer said every Australian should be able to buy adequate food, but the reality is that there is great inequality in who can and can't access healthy food.

"There are many reasons – poverty, low income, and poor housing, including a lack of the basics needed to store and prepare food," she said.

"Addressing these issues would certainly make having a healthy diet more accessible."

More jobs the goal of plan by NSW Health



NSW Health has launched a new plan aimed at boosting its Indigenous health workforce and reducing the health gap between Aboriginal and other people.

NSW Health says the 'The Good Health Great Jobs Aboriginal Workforce Strategic Framework 2016-2020' builds on the 2011-2015 strategic framework, setting out priorities, goals and key actions required to increase the Aboriginal health workforce.

NSW Health Aboriginal workforce manager Charles Davison said a robust Aboriginal workforce was key to closing the health gap between Aboriginal and other people.

"The more Aboriginal people we have working in health facilities the more we will see Aboriginal people attending health clinics to address their health concerns," he said.

"It's important that Aboriginal patients feel comfortable, supported and understood in health facilities across state so that they have positive experiences in the health system.

"They will then be more likely to seek medical treatment and advice when the need arises and, as a result, we should see better health outcomes.

"In NSW the life expectancy of Aboriginal males is 9.3 years lower than for non-Aboriginal

males and the life expectancy for Aboriginal females is 8.5 years lower than for non-Aboriginal females.

"We can address this disparity by improving health outcomes for all Aboriginal people in NSW."

Mr Davison said NSW Health's Aboriginal workforce had been expanding over the past four years, with representation of Aboriginal people increasing from 1.8% in June 2011 to 2.4% in June 2014.

Growth rate

Since then NSW Health says it has maintained a growth rate of 0.15% each year to reach 2.5% in June 2016, coming close to the 2.6% target set by the Council of Australian Governments in 2009.

Between 2015 and 2016 there was a 54% increase in Aboriginal medical staff, an 11.3% increase in Aboriginal nursing staff and an 10.5% increase in Aboriginal allied health professionals.

"We want to continue this growth but also to increase Aboriginal representation across all classifications – from traineeship positions right through to management roles and directorships," Mr Davison said.

"Our aim is to achieve 1.8% Aboriginal representation across all public service classifications by 2023."

'Wellness Wednesday' on Palm

By ALF WILSON



EVERY Wednesday, health workers from Palm Island's Joyce Palmer Health Service visit the local shopping mall to conduct health checks.

Service director of nursing John Rallings told the *Koori Mail* these 'Wellness Wednesday' events are a chance to see people about their health and provide some simple tests and health promotion advice.

"Each week we try and mix up the theme so one week may be about heart disease, the next could be about diabetes risks or managing diabetes, and we've done events on the importance of healthy lifestyle and nutrition.

"We also offer blood pressure checks and blood sugar checks at these events. Wellness Wednesday has been a great way to reach out to the community by coming to them, rather than relying on them coming to us."

Mr Rallings said it was also an opportunity to be on the lookout for anything that may require further following up at the health service.

"We've been running these events most weeks for the past 12 months and the feedback has been really positive from both our health workers and from the community," he said.

● Pictured left: Community health team members Tanya James, Selina Hughes and Melita Murphy at the Palm Island Wellness Wednesday stand.



HIV rate at new high



CHLAMYDIA is on the rise and the HIV infection rate among Indigenous people is at an all-

time high but remains stable for other Australians, according to the latest report card on the country's sexual health.

The 2016 Australian Annual Surveillance report into sexually transmissible infections (STI) and blood-borne viruses, released by the Kirby Institute, has found the rate of chlamydia notification increased steadily between 2006 and 2011.

About one in 20 young Australians now have the sexually transmitted infection, with more than 66,000 notifications of chlamydia in 2015. The majority, 77%, were in those aged 15 to 29.

Worryingly, most Australians don't even know they have the common STI.

According to the report, 72% of new infections in young

people were undiagnosed and therefore untreated.

The rate of new cases of HIV remained stable, with 1025 new cases reported at the end of 2015.

Sexual contact between men continued to be the main mode of transmission of HIV in Australia, accounting for 68% of

syphilis are on average three, 10 and six times higher respectively, with hepatitis C four times higher, according to the report.

Associate Professor James Ward, from the SA Health and Medical Research Institute, says this "unacceptable" gap between the sexual health of Indigenous and other

Australians is an "international embarrassment".

"At a time when Australia is showered in praise for being a world leader in HIV and hepatitis C prevention, one of our priority populations is being left behind," he said.

Assoc Prof James

Ward says these statistics cannot be ignored and effective HIV programs and clinics must be delivered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"This is going to require proper consultation, targeted campaigns and investment in health worker education," he said.

notifications in 2015.

However, the rate of HIV infection among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men is now more than double the rate for other Australians.

Other sexually transmissible infections in Indigenous Australians such as chlamydia, gonorrhoea and infectious

"At a time when Australia is showered in praise for being a world leader in HIV and hepatitis C prevention, one of our priority populations (Indigenous people) is being left behind."

Funds to target sex infections



FUNDS have been allocated for a survey to better understand why young Indigenous people are at

increased risk of blood borne viruses (BBV) and sexually transmissible infections (STI).

Federal Health Minister Sussan Ley and Assistant Health Minister Ken Wyatt detailed the funding at the launch of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HIV Awareness Week.

"While Australia has maintained one of the lowest HIV rates in the world it is still present and we need to do more," Ms Ley said.

According to the Kirby Institute's Annual Surveillance Report, the rate of HIV among

Indigenous people in 2015 is more than double that for the Australian-born, non-Indigenous population, with rates nearly three times higher for those aged over 35.

"While huge inroads have been made to prevent the spread of HIV, we need to ensure

that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have timely access to scientific advances in treatment and diagnosis, as well as access to best practice management of HIV that is culturally safe," Ms Ley said.

"This is why we will provide funding of \$485,000 to the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute to conduct a second GOANNA Survey to gain a better understanding of why

our young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are at increased risk of STI."

Mr Wyatt said it has to be acknowledged that those with HIV in Indigenous communities may face extra health care issues relating to stigma, shame and racism.

"To make real progress and combat the spread

of HIV we need to work together," he said.

"We need to eliminate discriminatory and stigmatising behaviour wherever, and whenever, we see it so people can seek the treatment they need without the fear of negative consequences."



Federal Health Minister Sussan Ley.

More stories from Gurindji country



A NEW release from Batchelor Press tells the story of the Gurindji people of Northern Australia.

The new book, titled *Mayarni-kari Yurrk* ('More Stories'), was produced by the same team that compiled *Yijarni: True Stories from Gurindji country* (Aboriginal Studies Press, 2016).

It has stories from the early station days, Puwarraja (Dreamtime) stories, local accounts of regional champions,

personal tales about 'Walk Off' identities (those who joined Vincent Lingiari in the famous Gurindji people's protest for proper pay and conditions), and a series of anecdotes from a police tracker at Wave Hill (Kalkaringi) Police Station.

Historical accounts from Dandy Danbayarri, Ronnie Wavehill, Blanche Bulngari, Pincher Nyurrmiari, Banjo Ryan, Violet Wadrill, Biddy Wavehill Yamawurr, Connie Ngarmeye and Topsy Dodd Ngarnjal are illustrated with historical and modern photos

as well as artwork.

Gurindji culture has a strong oral storytelling tradition that fulfils many purposes: ceremonial, entertainment and the transmission of knowledge vital to survival.

Mayarni-kari Yurrk details ancient and modern tales. It provides an insight into the Gurindji perspective on history and some personal stories of Aboriginal life in the Victoria River region.

More details are available at batchelorpress.com



'Mehi Murris' Chris Roberts, Elizabeth Munro and Cindy Duncan with Moree TAFE's Elizabeth Von Gavel at the Black Arts Market in Sydney.

Moree's Mehi Murris are sharing their art

By KEIRA JENKINS



A GROUP of Aboriginal TAFE students in Moree, north western NSW, came together back in 2000 to form the Mehi Gallery and Studio.

Sixteen years on and the self-named 'Mehi Murris' are selling their artworks around the country – and the world.

The gallery founders wanted a space where they could showcase their work and stories and have the opportunity to share their art.

Now the Mehi Murris – there's about 25 of them – are using a range of arts practices, from carving and painting to sculpture and printing, reflecting their diverse ages and backgrounds.

They've also had the opportunity to do commissioned works for individuals, community organisations and private businesses.

Founding member David

(Crockett) Craigie said visitors are always interested in artworks on display.

"We get to show off our talents," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"The tourists come in on the bus and I give the welcome to country, then they can see us working or buy art from the little shop."

Mehi Murri Cindy Duncan, who works with a variety of mediums, has had works displayed locally, and even overseas.

"Passion"

"My passion for art started at a young age and I loved creating and designing with fabric and various art mediums," she said.

"I love painting with acrylics and creating work featuring different dotting styles in all sorts of mediums and taking inspiration from all parts of Australia."

Fellow artist Chris Roberts' talent is painting and woodcarving, and his work has been exhibited at Boomalli gallery in Sydney.

"Much of my inspiration comes directly from the local surroundings, especially the river," he said.

"My artworks will frequently include fish, lizards and other wildlife. The carvings I do are of Aboriginal people in a traditional and contemporary context."

"After I left school I spent most of my time working on the land doing things such as stick picking, cotton chipping and tractor driving. When I'm not working I love spending my spare time on the river bank fishing, watching football or doing my art."

Goomaroi woman Elizabeth Munro said her artwork is part of a process of healing. "I started my new journey in life through art by attending Moree TAFE classes," she said.

"This is a healing process for me because of losses in my family. My art is very important to me in my life's journey."

"If you have time in your life's journey stop in at Moree TAFE and check out my new Mehi Mission girl design."

'Clever' interns all set



FIVE Indigenous screen practitioners have received paid internships on the second season of ABC/SundanceTV series *Cleverman*, now shooting in Sydney.

Screen Australia's Indigenous department, Screen NSW and the producers of *Cleverman*, Goalpost Pictures and Pukeko Pictures, have supported the five placements.

Daniel Collins, originally from the Tiwi Islands and now based in NSW, is working with the producers, whose credits include *The Sapphires*, *Holding the Man* and *Felony*.

Mia Boe, from NSW, is working in the art department under Indigenous production designer Jacob Nash (Bangarra Dance Theatre).

Ebony Jessup, from NSW, is working within the award-winning make-up team spearheaded by Kath Brown (*I, Frankenstein*, *The Hobbit*).

Joel Brown, from South Australia, is working as an aide to John Martin (*Redfern Now*, *Rake*).

And Petris Torres, from Western Australia, is working out of Peter Jackson's own production house Park Road Post during post-production in New Zealand early next year.

Producer Ryan Griffen said he was thrilled with the number of Aboriginal interns on the show.

"It's just as important to have Aboriginal practitioners behind the camera as it is in front of it," he said.

"Seeing more Aboriginal people join the crew makes every day feel like you're working on something really special."

Mia Boe said her internship has been invaluable.

"My experience as the art



Intern Mia Boe works on the set of the next season of *Cleverman*.

department intern has been a gateway to behind the scenes of all things I love – film, design, and art," she said.

"It has opened my eyes to the amazing hard work and initiative a career within design entails, and provided me with skills that will stay with me forever."

Screen Australia head of Indigenous Penny Smallacombe said few emerging screen practitioners had the opportunity to work with outstanding talent on a show like *Cleverman*.

"We know this program works and are proud to be championing this new generation of Indigenous screen creatives."

Linda right at home in new gallery

By ALF WILSON



WHEN the Townsville Cultural Centre closed last year, many local

Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal artists lost the chance to display and sell their work.

But that has now been addressed by artist Linda Oliver, who has opened a gallery under her house in the north Queensland city.

On display in the 'Linda Looz Art Gallery' are paintings, clapsticks, boomerangs and other crafts by more than 20 Indigenous artists from across the state as well as Fitzroy Crossing in the north of Western Australia.

Ms Oliver hopes the gallery will help to address a shortage of display venues locally.



Linda Oliver, centre, shows some of the artworks in her new Townsville gallery with Michael and Rosalind Sailor.

Sovereignty focus of new exhibition



THE Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA) will present

Sovereignty, a new exhibition focusing on the contemporary art of First Nations peoples of south-east Australia, as part of its Big Picture summer series.

The exhibition will celebrate self-determination, identity, sovereignty and resistance.

Taking the example of Ngurungaeta Elder and Wurundjeri leader William Barak as a model, and especially Barak's role as artist, activist, leader, diplomat and translator, the exhibition will show visual art and culture of Victoria's Indigenous people.

Sovereignty, on display from December 17-March 26 in Melbourne, is curated by Wemba Wemba and Gunditjmara woman Paola Balla and ACCA artistic director Max Delany.

It brings together new commissions, recent and historical works by more than 30 artists. A program of talks, forums, screenings, performances, workshops and events will be part of the exhibition.

"The artists represented in *Sovereignty* demonstrate deep knowledge of culture, connections, and diverse



Turbo Brown's 2009 painting of Jack Charles from the collection of Hans Sip, Melbourne, will be part of the *Sovereignty* exhibition opening this month at the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art.

understandings of self and identity," Ms Balla said.

Mr Delany said the exhibition is structured around a set of practices and relationships in which art and society, community, family, history and politics are "inextricably connected".

"Presenting some of the most interesting artistic practices developed over the past decade and earlier, *Sovereignty* provides an

opportunity to engage with critical historical and contemporary issues in Australian society," he said.

Sovereignty will include new commissions and major projects by Brook Andrew, Jim Berg, Maree Clark, Vicky Couzens, Destiny Deacon and Virginia Fraser, Gary Foley, Kent Morris, Steaphan Paton, Reko Rennie, Steven Rhall, and historical works including William Barak's painting *Ceremony* c.1880-90, and a carved parrying shield and club from 1897.

The exhibition will include the songs of Shepparton rapper Briggs, through his Bad Apples label; Amiel Courtin-Wilson's award-winning film *Bastardy*, focusing on the life and times of Uncle Jack Charles; and videos on Indigenous identity produced by young people involved in the Youth Leadership programs developed by the Korin Gamidji Institute, in association with the Richmond Football Club and University of Melbourne.

Photographs, video works, sculptures and protest banners by Gary Foley, Lisa Belleair, and Warriors of the Aboriginal Resistance, reflecting key moments of political activism and resistance, will also be included.

Charter a guide for designers



DEAKIN University is set to develop an International Indigenous design charter – a guide to help visual designers

develop culturally aware and accurate representations of Indigenous imagery in their work.

The project will start when Deakin researchers and Indigenous students from the university's Institute of Koorie Education (IKE) travel to Greenland, Sweden and Denmark for a series of workshops.

The team will meet Sami and Inuit people, along with prominent industry designers, academics and designers from the University of Greenland (Ilisimatusarfik), the Copenhagen School of Design and Technology, and Greenland House during the WAS.IS.ALWAYS South to North workshops.

Up for discussion will be the indigenous design charter that aims to assist designers to work together to incorporate Indigenous knowledge, communities and culture in projects.

Deakin University visual communication design senior

lecturer Russell Kennedy said the workshops followed the creation of the Australian Indigenous Design Charter: Communication Design.

"The Indigenous-led charter outlines 10 points for non-Indigenous and Indigenous communication designers and buyers of design to follow throughout the various stages of the design process," he said.

"The issue of inappropriate representation and misuse of Indigenous culture in communication design is international.

"Problems"

"There are indigenous groups facing similar problems around the world."

WAS.IS.ALWAYS will be hosted by Deakin's partner, the University of Greenland (Ilisimatusarfik), and formally opened by Australian ambassador to Denmark, Norway and Iceland Damien Miller, an Indigenous man.

It is supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Cultural Diplomacy Grant Program and endorsed by the International Council of Design.

Program a gap-closer



YOUNG Indigenous students will be able to get hands-on experience with robotics and coding through a Queensland-wide grants program aimed at public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres.

Speaking at the official opening of Advance Queensland's STEM.I.AM coding and robotics grants program, State Science Minister Leeanne Enoch said the scheme would provide opportunities for Indigenous students to develop their problem-solving, creative thinking and technology skills.

"STEM.I.AM aims to close the literacy and numeracy gap for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth to ensure they have the skills to fully engage in the digital economy," she said. "The program provides hands-on experience for students from Year 5 to 12. Activities will include coding and robotics workshops,

community-led code clubs, and state and national coding and robotics competitions. "Enabling more collaboration between libraries, community groups, schools and universities will encourage more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to study STEM (science, technology, engineering and

mathematics) at university." Eligible councils can apply through the State Library of Qld for up to \$25,000 to run the STEM.I.AM program in their community through their library or Indigenous Knowledge Centre. For more details, see www.advance.qld.gov.au/uni-researchers/

Pride aplenty as NBSA celebrates more successes



WESTERN Australian mine project manager Yulu McGrady took to the microphone at the recent Northern Border Senior Access (NBSA) Year 12 Graduation in Moree, northern NSW, with a happy air. As special guest at the event, the Toomelah man spoke of his pride for the 13 students graduating on the night, encouraging them to never give up, to strive for the top and to always keep dreaming.

Although Mr McGrady now lives in Tweed Heads, northern NSW, he said he is still passionate about supporting the youth in the Indigenous communities in and around his home town.

Along with Mr McGrady, families, friends and teaching staff joined the graduates at the Max Centre in Moree this month in what was a night of celebration for the graduates.

All four schools making up the NBSA had graduates: Erol Karkoe, Jared Lloyd and Darryl McIntosh from Boggabilla; Jayden Flick, Chanell Stuart, Carl Mason, Tanayah Peters, Tyrach Ramien and Jason Wright (Collarenebri); Kayden Hooper and Adrian Brown (Goodooga) and Jasmine Ellis and Tracey Jeffreys (Mungindi).

Graduate Jared Lloyd received the NBSA Academic Achievement Award, along with an award for excellence in

TAFE-delivered vocational education.

He gave the graduates' address, where he thanked teaching staff, families and the communities for their support. He also spoke of his gratitude in having the opportunity to gain an education through NBSA as well as the lifelong friendships made with fellow students and teachers from all four schools.

"We can't deny their (teachers') constant support, unrelenting encouragement and overall genuine care for us as their students," he said.

"Gratitude"

"They have taught us all extremely well which has developed much-needed skills, preparing us for the future with sound advice and knowledge, which demonstrated their passion for teaching, and we would like to express our gratitude.

"If I've learnt anything from school, it's that knowledge is power, and everything takes time."

Students go to NBSA in Year 11 to undertake the Higher School Certificate because the member schools (Boggabilla, Collarenebri, Goodooga and Mungindi) do not have sufficient numbers to offer the qualification individually.

NBSA coordinator Michele Riddell said she was honoured to watch another 13 students graduate from the access program.



UTS students and local Elders in Murrin Bridge.

Transformation for communities



AFTER delving into his family history and discovering his great-grandmother was Wiradjuri, UTS academic Allan Teale set the wheels in motion for a revitalisation project in central-western NSW.

UTS Design academics and students visited the communities of Lake Cargelligo and Murrin Bridge, hoping to transform neglected building and public spaces.

"It couldn't have happened without interior and spatial design lecturer Campbell Drake," Mr Teale told the *Koori Mail*.

"He's a man that puts the community above himself every time. He's the one who took the students out there and it wouldn't have happened without him.

"He's a down-to-earth guy. He and the students did a pop-up presentation to the community of their ideas. They really did a great job."

Mr Teale travelled to the communities with 35 UTS students to introduce them to the locals, then students worked with residents on design proposals.

"I go out there every couple of months," he said.

"I feel better as soon as I get out of Sydney. I feel better as soon as I get over those mountains. It feels like home.

"I've been connecting with the community there. I'm welcomed once I've made that connection. I've spent three years going out there and trying to get things happening."

In Lake Cargelligo, students have been working to convert the art deco

Civic theatre into an arts and culture space, renew the 100-seat cinema, and reinvigorate the foreshore community club into the town's new events venue.

The brief for Murrin Bridge includes retrofitting the existing health centre into a multi-purpose community centre, beautifying the town's cemetery and upgrading the sports ground.

Mr Teale said the experience was beneficial not only to the communities but also to students, some of whom were on exchange from all over the world.

"The community rubbed off on them and they're just as excited as me to see these plans come to fruition," he said.

"Thanks for caring"

"I had someone at the local IGA come up to me and say, 'Thanks for caring for our community.'

"Feedback like that is important because it's good to know people are happy. That means a lot to me, and to the students."

Mr Teale said although the project was his brainchild, executing it was a group effort.

"Not only did I have the support of Campbell Drake but we had the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet on board, especially Paul McFayden," he said.

"And of course none of it would have been possible without the Jumbunna unit at UTS and all the staff there.

"It was like cogs. Without one person's support it wouldn't have happened.

"I'm proud to have been part of it."



This year's Northern Border Senior Access Year 12 graduates get ready to party at their formal celebration in Moree, northern NSW.

Woorabinda youth looking to future



THEY'VE been under a bit of pressure in recent times, but this year's Year 12 graduates from the Aboriginal community of Woorabinda in central Queensland are looking forward to bright futures.

Raymond Rankin is keen to attend the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts in Brisbane.

"I did find finishing hard; it was a bit of a struggle because I have a Certificate III as well as my senior," he said.

Jobe Adams, who already has some production work under his belt, said he was the first person in his family to finish Year 12. "It was challenging, but I ended up doing it," he said.

Hoping

Ardin O'Chin said he was hoping for carpentry work with the local council, but was instead offered a job as an apprentice electrician.

"They'll give me a lot of support," he said.

Stanley Huskic is looking forward to being a nurse for his own people in Woorabinda.

"I'm having a gap year here in Woore while I do my assistant nursing studies, with my practical here at the hospital," he said.

"After this year I'm going to do more study and look at

Woorabinda's 2016 Year 12 graduates: from left, Jordan Young, Raymond Rankin, Jobe Adams, Ardin O'Chin, Miiesha Young, Stanley Huskic, Stewart Smith and Stephen Collins. Absent: Terry Sullivan and Keanu Doyle.



applying to go to university."

Red Cross Futures coordinator Stephen Collins said all of the graduates were keen to

keep setting and kicking goals.

"None of them wants to come back and just sit around. All of them want to keep going and

doing something, which is awesome," he said.

"And they're setting an expectation, not just for younger

brothers and sisters, but also the whole of community; and they're not just choosing to peak, they're setting another goal."



Proud and deadly mob at Cootamundra High



COOTAMUNDRA High School in south-western NSW has celebrated the achievements of local Indigenous students with its Proud and Deadly Awards.

A total of 52 students in the community from Kindergarten through to Year 12 received awards for academic achievement, sport, citizenship and Aboriginal cultural engagement.

A highlight of the night was the school dance troupe, featuring students from

Kindergarten to Year 11, all trained by Cootamundra High Aboriginal education officer Deb Lewis and Year 9 student Shania Williams taking to the stage.

There was also a welcome to country in English and Wiradjuri from Elder Bob Glanville, his grandson Peter Beath and their young assistant Charley Stanyer, a Year 7 student.

● Pictured above: Members of the Cootamundra Aboriginal Student Dance Troupe on stage at the awards.



A THIRD class of Indigenous students has graduated from a training program to help Indigenous

people apply to become firefighters.

In the latest ceremony, 22 students graduated with a Certificate IV in Fitness, as well as basic firefighting and job application skills.

Under the course, run by TAFE NSW – South Western Sydney Institute (TAFE SWSi) and Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW), participants attended classes at TAFE SWSi Macquarie Fields College, local fire stations and the FRNSW State Training College at Alexandria. They were also mentored by Aboriginal firefighters.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony, FRNSW acting deputy commissioner Mal Connellan said the course was part of the FRNSW Indigenous employment strategy.

"Being a firefighter is the best job in the world," he said.

"Thousands of people apply to be firefighters every year and, rightly, it's not easy to get in, but it's important the fire service represents the community it serves.

"The information and experience these graduates have gained will help them with the application process.

"Completing the course doesn't guarantee a position, but it has given graduates a unique insight into the job and the process."

Institute director Peter Roberts said TAFE SWSi was proud to be playing a leading role in giving Aboriginal people the opportunity to become a firefighter.

"We believe that everybody in our community should have the opportunity to gain the skills and training they need to reach their career goals," he said.

"Our partnership with FRNSW is helping to give Aboriginal people who want a career in the fire and rescue services the best opportunity to achieve that ambition.

We welcome items for our Calendar of Events. Send them to any of the addresses in the panel on page 23.

National

Ongoing: Lifeline – saving lives, crisis support, suicide prevention. For assistance call 13 11 14.

Ongoing: Carer Line is a free national telephone information and support service for and about carers that provides access to information, emotional support and referrals to a range of services for carers. Call 1800 242 636, Monday to Friday.

Now Open: National call for expressions of interest from Aboriginal Artists, professional or amateur, of any age. Details: Ochre Dawn Creative Industries on (08) 7226 3732 or email rebecca@ochredawn.com or visit www.ochredawn.com

Until March 17: 34th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (NATSIAA) entries open. One overall and six category winners to be selected. Conditions apply. Details: Rosie Metcalfe on (03) 9944 7636 or visit www.magnt.net.au

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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 Gumbainggirr nations. Details: Kylie Maunder or Jen Parke on (02) 6620 1800 or email youthinfrastructure@socialfutures.org.au

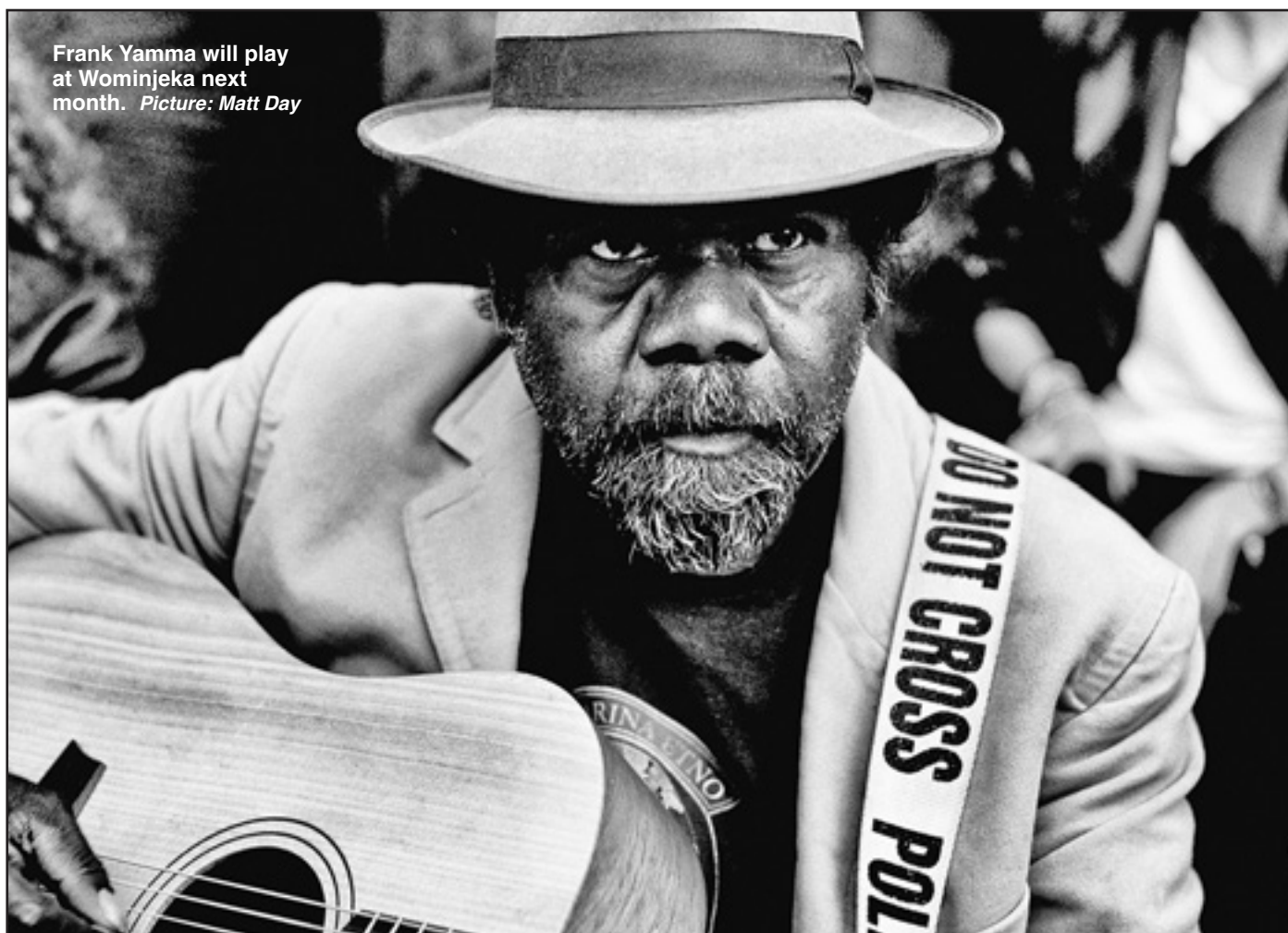
Until December 23: *Past and Present* art exhibition. Featuring a new series of paintings by artist Digby Moran. Held at Gallery Space, Learning Centre, Southern Cross University Library, Military Road, East Lismore. Cost: Free entry. Details: (02) 66203 752 or 1800 654 460 or email digbymoran@hotmail.com

Until December 24: *Barbara and the Camp Dogs* performance. A rock 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

Until January 15: *From our place* – an exhibition from NSW Aboriginal cultural centres. Nine NSW Aboriginal-owned cultural facilities have united to present an exhibition drawn from their collections. Held at Yarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Centre, 104 End Street, Deniliquin. Details: (03) 5881 3312 or visit www.yarkuwa.com.au

Until January 29: *Art From Milingimbi: Taking Memories Back* exhibition. Showcases the work of the artists at Milingimbi in the 1950s. Held at the Art Gallery of NSW, The Domain, Sydney from Mon-Sun, 10am-5pm, Wed,

Frank Yamma will play at Wominjeka next month. Picture: Matt Day



Festive in Footscray



THE Wominjeka Festival will return to Footscray Community Arts Centre in Melbourne next month with a celebration of contemporary Indigenous arts and culture featuring music, exhibitions, workshops, conversations, film and a school holiday arts program. The 2017 festival features Indigenous artists Frank Yamma, Kutcha Edwards and Bart Willoughby, along with emerging artists and

performers from across Melbourne's western suburbs.

Frank Yamma headlines Wominjeka in Concert on opening night, January 14, with a line-up of Indigenous artists from around the country taking to the stage as part of the TERRAIN 2017 event. Also playing will be Gawurra, Leah Flanagan, Benny Walker and Alice Skye.

Closing out the festival on January 21, Kutcha Edwards will be on at arts centre performance space stage

for a concert with Robbie Bundle.

Bart Willoughby Band will perform at the Little Wominjeka Klub on January 14.

Footscray Community Arts Centre head of programming Lydia Fairhall said Wominjeka "ignites critical conversations about culture, tradition and advocacy allowing for continued Indigenous visibility within contemporary Australia".

For more information and to see the full festival lineup from January 14-21, visit <http://footscrayarts.com>

10am-10pm (closed Christmas Day). Free admission. Details: (02) 9225 1700 or visit www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au

Until January 29: *The Koori Arts Expressions 2016* exhibition. Showcasing 90 selected works created by students from public schools across Sydney, inspired by this year's NAIDOC Week theme. Held at the Australian National Museum, 2 Murray St, Darling Harbour, Sydney. Open daily 9.30am-5pm. Free exhibition. Details: (02) 9298 3645

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, from 10am-3pm. Details: ALS on (02) 6623 4400 or Legal Aid on (02) 6621 2082. Also held on December 15 at Tabulam

January 11-22: *Home Country* theatrical performance. An story which shares perspectives on place and identity. Held at Colo Lane Car Park, Blacktown, from 6.30 (no performance on Monday and Tuesday). Cost: \$59/49 plus booking fee (includes communal feast). Details: Gabrielle

Wilson on 0433 972 915 or email gabrielle@thepresssociety.com.au

January 11-29: *Which Way Home* performance. Held at Belvoir St Theatre, 25 Belvoir St, Surry Hills. Cost: \$25-\$48 Details: (02) 9699 3344 or visit www.belvoir.com.au

Victoria

Until December 24: *Koorie Art Show 2016* 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 16: Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) annual general meeting, mural launch and comedy show. Held at VAHS, 238-250 Plenty Road, Preston from 10am. Details: Laura Thompson on (3) 9403 3388.

December 17-March 26: *Sovereignty* exhibition. Featuring works by more than 30 artists. Held at the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, 111 Sturt Street, Southbank, Tues-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun, noon-5pm. Free entry.

Details: (03) 9697 9999 or visit www.aconline.org.au

January 14-21: Wominjeka Festival. Includes workshops, exhibitions, live performances and more. Free and ticketed events. Held at Footscray Community Arts Centre. Bookings <http://footscrayarts.com>. Details: (03) 9362 8888.

Queensland

January 9-10: Story Lab workshop. Another program of hands-on fun and creativity for ages eight-17. Held in the State Library of Queensland, Stanley Place, South Brisbane. Cost \$30-\$70. Bookings: slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on. Details: (07) 3842 9824.

Western Australia

Until December 31: *Town Camp Yarns* exhibition. A homage to the conditions of the town camps that Tangentyere artists work and live in. Held at Short St Gallery, 7 Short Street, Broome, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-2pm. Details: (08) 9192 6118 or visit www.shortstgallery.com

Employment

EXECUTIVE • PROFESSIONAL • POSITIONS VACANT



Win shocks 'sparky'

By KEIRA JENKINS



DERBY-based business Wattnow Electrical has taken out the Western Australian Regional Small Business of the Year award. Ngarinyin man Jonathan Smith, who runs Wattnow Electrical, said winning at state level was "surreal".

"We entered as an Indigenous business because we're doing well at that," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"We got into the finals down south and took out the overall winners in WA, which was a big surprise."

Mr Smith started the business as a sole trader in 2010. The company has expanded and Mr Smith now employs three tradesmen, two apprentices and two assistants.

The small business award includes \$25,000 worth of television advertising and a full scholarship to Curtin University's Growth Program.

Mr Smith said that while the scholarship would be a chance

for him to expand the business, it would also be a 'catch 22'.

"It'd be great to expand, but that would mean more costs," he said. "We've grown to a manageable size and we've got good tradies and established a good rapport with the community."

"Potential"

"There is potential, though, with the mines that are looking to come through Derby so we've been talking about that opportunity."

"We're also looking at

expanding into more renewable energy. It makes sense with all the sun in the area to start moving towards getting rid of old gas and diesel generators, and that'll be a long-term goal."

Mr Smith has been in the electrical trade since 1998, after taking up an apprenticeship as a teenager.

"For the first two years after I started the business it was smaller and manageable for just me," he said.

"I'd do all the work myself. But then it got too much to keep

on top of. I was a tradesperson for a fair while, so it was hard to allow others to do the work."

"I had to step back into a management role. We've set clear goals for our business and they seem to be working."

Mr Smith said he hopes his success story will inspire the young people in his community.

"I'm always keen to support young people to grow and I hope this helps people to see that there's some good news coming out of Derby," he said.

"I really hope to inspire young Indigenous people."

It's your guide to employment

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Leadership in the treatment of mental disorders associated with criminal behaviour.

Forensicare

Psychiatric Service Officer – Grade 2

Reference number: 12261
Location: Thomas Embling Hospital
Full Time, ongoing

Forensicare is the statutory agency responsible for the provision of adult forensic mental health services
Forensicare is situated across five sites across Victoria with its largest site being Thomas Embling Hospital, located in Fairfield just 15 minutes north of the Melbourne CBD.
Thomas Embling Hospital is a 116 bed secure hospital providing acute care, rehabilitation and continuing care services.

About the role:
Working within a combined inpatient facility comprising an Acute and Continuing Care Program, this position will provide support to patients within the framework of the multi-disciplinary team to enhance the quality of the therapeutic program.

Duties:

- In consultation with the multi-disciplinary team plan, implement and evaluate group sessions and other activities.
- Undertake welfare tasks focused on patient's basic needs.
- Assists patients/unit with practical support activities where required.
- Follow a therapeutic program with individual patients.

Skills and experience:

- Full or partial completion of a qualification (e.g Certificate or Diploma in disability support, mental health support, allied health assistant, welfare or similar)
- Knowledge and understanding of the needs of people with a mental illness

Benefits
We value our staff and provide a range of employee benefits including:

- Great salary packaging conditions
- Excellent leave entitlements
- Post graduate scholarship programs
- Ongoing training and full orientation
- Comprehensive Health and Wellbeing Programs including: staff gym, staff health service, Critical Incident Stress Management and Employee Assistance Programs.

Forensicare values a diverse workforce and strongly encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

This position is subject to a Police Check.

Who to contact
Please contact Lisa Wright, Chief Social Worker, on 0408 653 337 for more information.

Visit our website to apply www.forensicare.vic.gov.au

Forensicare promotes the following values: responsiveness, integrity, impartiality, accountability, respect and leadership; and promotes behaviours that are consistent with these values at all times. Forensicare is an equal opportunity employer and offers a smoke free environment.

Applications close 26th December 2016

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Australian Government
Indigenous Business Australia

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Sector Development Officers Darwin, Brisbane and Canberra/ Sydney (3 year contract)

Salary: \$83,831 to \$92,944
plus superannuation of 15.4% p.a.

Are you:

- + experienced in understanding Indigenous economic development and business operations and passionate about achieving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- + knowledgeable in the areas of Australian Government Procurement policies and practices and stakeholder management
- + a strong achiever with great customer relationship management and significant personal drive?

IBA's Business Development and Assistance Program offers a suite of workshops, pre-business guidance, business support and business finance to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to start, acquire and grow commercially viable businesses.

The successful applicant for this role will play a key part in:

- + providing advice, guidance, coaching, skills and capabilities development to Indigenous businesses while raising awareness on what opportunities are available to them
- + implementing a strategic approach to support the Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP)
- + identifying growing industries in each area and designing user friendly tools to help businesses.


For further information including the job description, selection documentation and mandatory requirements for applications go to www.iba.gov.au. If you have any questions after reading this material please contact Stella de Cos on **02 6110 2614** or email her on stella.decos@iba.gov.au.

Applications close on 06 January 2017.



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.

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Health
Nepean Blue Mountains
Local Health District


Aboriginal Family Health Worker


Cranebrook Community Health Centre
Permanent Full-Time
Aboriginal Health Worker
Salary: \$50,349 - \$74,155 pa
Enquiries: Joanne Hugging (02) 4730 5100


Closing Date:
9 January 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 354609

NSW Health Service: employer of choice







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Careers In Child Protection Land Based Worker


DEPARTMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION
APY COMMUNITIES/OAK VALLEY
ONGOING (PERMANENT)
VAC NO: 2016-16096
\$72,544 - \$77,284 p.a (OPS5)

The Lands Based Worker leads community based child safety initiatives, within the large geographical remote Aboriginal land areas, and is accountable to the Supervisor, Lands Based Services to work independently and effectively with a minimal level of supervision. You will be the lead point of contact within the community for all DCP business. You will develop a strong understanding of the community's profile, families, and significant cultural events and communicate this information to other DCP staff, to ensure family culture is understood and respected.


People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

For further information about the role and to submit your application please visit:
www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/work-with-us
Enquiries to: Karen Barry, (08) 8672 4555
Applications close 11pm 17 December 2016





Government of South Australia
Department for Child Protection



Family & Community Services

Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker

NSW Family and Community Services aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children by recruiting and developing outstanding individuals to be leaders in Child protection practice.

As an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker you will be working with vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect, communities, interagency partners and peers, to be agents of change in the lives of children.

Being a Child Protection Caseworker is tough. It takes a special kind of person. But the rewards are huge.

We are looking for people with a strong commitment to children, families and community capacity building, people who possess a high level of resilience to become part of a team of skilled and dedicated professionals.

Do you identify as Aboriginal and have two years experience working with Aboriginal children, young people and families or communities?

If so apply now! Please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and enter job reference no: 0000410M


Join a team of dedicated and professional Child Protection Caseworkers in your area and benefit from:


- professional support and training
- flexible working conditions
- great career opportunities

Note: Aboriginal Caseworker must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

MORE INFORMATION
For more information visit
www.facs.nsw.gov.au/careers/caseworker

The *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*, requires persons engaged in children related work to have Working with Children clearances. If successful in this role you will be required to provide a Working with Children Check clearance number prior to commencing in the role.





CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TEACHING AT AFTRS

The Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) is seeking expressions of interest from industry practitioners who would like to work as teachers. The primary responsibility will be to lead groups of up to 20 students as they complete defined workshop activities. Employment will be on a part time basis. Prior teaching experience is helpful but not essential as AFTRS will provide you with teacher training.

AFTRS is committed to ensuring we have a workforce profile that reflects the greater diversity of the Australian community. To inspire genuine creativity and innovation we need to be able to draw on as many influences as possible. The stories our students tell need to reflect the complexity and diversity of our country. These stories form an important part of Australia's cultural identity and our students are part of the next generation of thought and cultural leaders.

To support our students in the attainment of this important and aspirational role, we need to make sure they are exposed to a culturally diverse workforce, which is both supportive and representative of the broader diversity of the Australian community. AFTRS is committed to including people from all backgrounds and giving all people an equal chance.

Industry practitioners from diverse backgrounds and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Educators are strongly encouraged to apply.



If you have industry experience in the following disciplines, we would like to hear from you:

Animation	Producing
Art Direction/Production	Editing
Design	Music
Cinematography	Sound
Directing	Screenwriting
Documentary	Visual Effects

Please email your current resume with covering letter outlining your relevant industry experience and why you would like to work at AFTRS to jobs@aftrs.edu.au by cob 27 January 2017.

Selection Criteria

1. Current experience in related discipline
2. Ability to teach and motivate students
3. Organizational skills

ABORIGINAL PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINEE - Cancer Support

The Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council of New South Wales (AHMRC) is the peak representative body and voice of Aboriginal communities on health in NSW. We represent our members, the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) that deliver culturally appropriate comprehensive primary health care to their communities.

The Trainee will be responsible for coordinating and implementing a program to improve cancer care for Aboriginal people in NSW with the assistance of other Project Officers.

The position may be required to undertake intra and inter-state travel from time to time.

Duties and responsibilities

Includes working collaboratively with key stakeholders to develop and implement all elements of the program:

- Facilitate the development of networks involving ACCHS staff, Health Professional and others to share information to community about Aboriginal cancer issues
- Develop and implement workshops, forums and other events about cancer involving community members , ACCHS health professionals and others
- Liaising with ACCHS to build their capacity in cancer care and to facilitate linkages with relevant cancer services
- Contribute to the development and implementation of training through our Aboriginal Health College that informs health professionals about the impact of cancer on Aboriginal people.
- Support and contribute to policy development and health research in the area of cancer
- Assist in writing reports including need analysis and community reports and those required by funding bodies
- Participate in AH&MRC team and staff meetings and contribute to continuous quality improvement

To apply in confidence please forward your selection criteria and CV to the Human Resources Department gagic@ahmrc.org.au by COB Friday, 13 January 2017.

Please visit our website for a full position description and selection criteria.

For a confidential conversation in more detail please contact Gordana Agic on (02) 9212 4777.


This is an Identified Position.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

The AH&MRC is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health agency with a commitment to the employment of suitably qualified Aboriginal people. The AH&MRC has a preference for employing suitably qualified Aboriginal people.

The AH&MRC is, and promotes, a smoke-free environment.
(The AH&MRC considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW))

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia 

Frankston Hospital

Administration Trainee
(Human Resources)

Limited Term Full Time
Closes 19/12/2016

Ref No: 19578

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Assistant in Nursing (Undergraduate)
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders

Reference Number: 360538

Enrolled Nurse
(Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders)

Reference Number: 360549

Registered Nurse
(Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders)

Reference Number: 360554

John Hunter Hospital, New Lambton
Enquiries: Chris Sharkey (02) 492 14477
Closing Date: 1 January 2017

These are identified Aboriginal Positions.
Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent.
Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of
the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Aboriginal Mental Health
Professional Trainee

Mental Health, Various Locations
Enquiries: Bron Rose 0428 425 324
Reference Number: 361384
Closing Date: 1 January 2017

This is an identified Aboriginal Position.
Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent.
Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the
Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Aboriginal Health Worker (AMIHS)

Tamworth
Enquiries: Sophie Scott (02) 6767 8148
Reference Number: 357821
Closing Date: 1 January 2017

This is an identified Aboriginal Position.
Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent.
Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the
Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must be
female. This is a genuine qualification under
Section 31 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Administrative Officer

Denman Multipurpose Service Centre (MPS)
Enquiries: Jean Larkin (02) 6547 3999
Reference Number: 364785
Closing Date: 2 January 2017

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position.
Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal
descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the
Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Child & Family Health Nurse Birra Li

Location Newcastle
Enquiries: Leanne Morris (02) 4016 4900
Reference Number: 364376
Closing Date: 8 January 2017

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position.
Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal
descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the
Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal applicants
must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to
addressing the selection criteria. In the event there
are no suitable Aboriginal applicants then
non-Aboriginal applicants will be considered.
Applicants must be female. This is a genuine
qualification under Section 31 of the
Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date: see above

Applications must be
lodged electronically. Please
go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au
and search Job Reference
Numbers above.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Project Coordinator
Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds

- \$24.49 - \$27.08 (gross) per hour (depending on experience and qualifications)
- Part Time (24 hours per week) - Fixed Term (12 months)

The Project Coordinator will implement and evaluate an exercise and healthy lifestyle intervention program for people recovering from mental illness, with an Indigenous focus. The role is responsible for building effective referral pathways and developing partnerships with community organisations to achieve positive outcomes for people living with mental illness.



For more details on this role, please visit our website
www.pcycqldcareers.com.au & enter ref code: 3186458.
Applications close 8pm 23rd December 2016

Queensland Police Service

Police Liaison Officer

Queensland Police Service, Regional Operations
Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$57 248 - \$62 833 p.a.

Location: Woorabinda

REF: QLD/228915/16

Key Duties: Knowledge and understanding of local cultures, customs and community organisations
The capacity to be accepted by the local community
Skills/Abilities: Learn and apply relevant laws, Queensland Police Service and other government policies, problem solve and organise, effectively communicate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community

Enquiries: Senior Sergeant Dan Meehan (07) 4913 2333

To apply please visit www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 23 December 2016



Queensland
Government



Technical Editor

This vacancy is open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, reflecting our commitment to the ABC's Reconciliation Action Plan, ABC Equity and Diversity Plan and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.

- Ultimo Location
- Salary Negotiable

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Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician

Perm F/T 38hpw at Mental Health Services, Bankstown
Salary: Dependent on Qualifications
Enquiries: Jenny Glass (02) 9780 2713

This is an identified position and Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date:
28 December 2016

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 362811

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Manager, Repatriation (Indigenous Identified)

Queensland Museum is seeking to appoint a Male Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Repatriation Manager.

- Queensland Government Salary Classification A06
- 11 months contract
- Full-time position

Queensland Museum maintains a culturally appropriate Repatriation Program. Working with the Repatriation Manager, you will facilitate the work of the Queensland Museum to repatriate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Secret and / or Sacred Objects and Ancestral Remains. You will develop and maintain positive relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities and provide access to collections in Queensland Museum.

This is a Queensland Museum Network post and may be based at any of the four QMN campuses at Townsville, Toowoomba, Brisbane or Ipswich.

It is a genuine occupational requirement that an Identified position be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by and arguable under Section 25, 104 and 105 of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act (1991). It is a genuine occupational requirement that the employee for this position be a male.

Application Closes Friday 6 January 2017

Further information and an application package, can be downloaded from the Smart Jobs and Careers website (www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au). Job ref: QLD/QMB235/16



Justice
and Regulation

Executive Officer (Eastern Metro)
Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee

- A great opportunity to make a difference in the community
- Ongoing, full-time position
- Salary range \$89,327 - \$108,078 plus superannuation

The South East Metropolitan Region delivers a range of Justice Services including: custodial services at our prisons, community corrections services, Sheriff's Operations, Consumer Affairs and front of house enquiries. Also located within the region is the Working with Children Check Unit, a statewide service providing community education and issuing of Working with Children Check Cards.

The Executive Officer will be responsible for the development and maintenance of supportive linkages between justice agencies and community organisations, providing policy advice, implementing the Regional Justice Plan, providing secretariat services to the Eastern Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC) as well as promotion of all Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) initiatives within the region.

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Koori community and the issues impacting on it
- strong problem solving and influencing skills, with the ability to think quickly and react appropriately to challenging situations
- excellent written and verbal communication skills and a demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with the Koori community.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Monday 9 January 2017.

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



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Start-Up Development Officer
Darwin (3 year contract)

Salary: \$74,931 to \$79,454,
plus superannuation of 15.4% p.a.

Are you:

- + experienced in commercial lending and business development
- + passionate about achieving economic development outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- + a strong achiever with great customer relationship management?

IBA's Business Development and Assistance Program offers a suite of workshops, pre-business guidance, business support and business finance to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to start, acquire and grow commercially viable businesses.

The successful applicant for this role will play a key part in:

- + building and managing networks of stakeholders, working partnerships and external resources
- + providing support and guidance to customers to develop their business and finance proposals
- + administering, facilitating and building participation in business information sessions, seminars and workshops including in regional and remote locations.

For further information including the job description, selection documentation and mandatory requirements for applications go to www.iba.gov.au.

If you have any questions after reading this material please contact Andrew Clarke on 02 61102762 or email him on Andrew.clarke@iba.gov.au.

Applications close on 6 January 2017.

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.





Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) is located in Redfern Sydney, the capital of New South Wales.

MLALC bounded by Georges River to the south, the Hawkesbury River to the north, the Macdonald River to north west and east to Southern cross drive.

MLALC has the distinction of being the first established NSW Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC), MLALC as a LALC established under NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 as the representative body for its members and all Aboriginal community within its prescribed boundaries provides a range of service and works with stakeholders from both community and government.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Aboriginal people to join the MLALC Office in the following positions.

Attractive salary packages apply.

• Operations Manager • Cultural & Heritage Officer

INFORMATION Before applying, you must obtain an Employment Package for the position(s) that interests you.

The Package includes a position description, selection criteria, information about the recruitment process.

To request an Employment Package or for further information please email MLALC-HR@outlook.com

CLOSING DATE: 20th January 2016

Applications are to be emailed, attention to the CEO: MLALC-HR@outlook.com

Position Available



TAFE New England is seeking a Part Time Casual Teacher in the following field:

► Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts

Applicants are encouraged to contact the enquiries officer

Elizabeth von Gavel on **(02) 6752 0336** with any questions.

Employment will be subject to providing evidence of a current and valid Working with Children Check (WWC)

Applications are to be submitted via JobsNSW

jobs.nsw.gov.au

Reference number: **00004VCO**

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex or a registrable offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on the recommended applicants.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 15th January 2017

P 1800 448 176 E info@tne.edu.au W www.tne.edu.au



Health
Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Trainee Environmental Health Officer

Temporary F/T up to January 2023 at Population Health, Camperdown
Salary: \$909.80 - \$1,010.60 pw
Enquiries: Graham Burgess (02) 9515 9420

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date:
20 January 2017



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 360759

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Justice
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Prison Officer opportunities – Dame Phyllis Frost Centre

- **Change careers to become a prison officer in our female prison**
- **No previous experience needed – 8 weeks paid training provided – females and males encouraged to apply**
- **25 Full time positions available – start date of 6 March 2017**

In this role, you will discover that no two days are the same. Every day on the front line offers new opportunities, experiences and challenges. You'll be able to use your life experience and great communication skills to not only supervise prisoners but contribute to their rehabilitation by providing leadership, advice, support and guidance. Most importantly, you have the potential to be the difference that helps prisoners turn their lives around and in many cases, prepare them to re-enter the community.

Your role as a Prison Officer will be based in Dame Phyllis Frost Centre, our women's prison based in Deer Park, 25 km West of Melbourne. The prison has a maximum capacity of 260 women prisoners, and if successful you will be joining a team of experienced staff members to support you.

You will find that our professional, safe and healthy environment will see you ready to deal with whatever challenges the day may bring. Your high level of resilience and confidence means you take any setbacks in your stride.

If this is the right role for you then you'll be given 8 weeks full training with approximately 20 new team mates to ensure that you are prepared and have the right skills to build a successful and rewarding career with us.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Conducting regular patrols, searches and security related activities aligned with our policies and procedures that you will be trained in.
- Being involved in your assigned prisoner's Individual Management Plans, ensuring that the programs they are participating in are linked to their needs and goals.
- Building professional relationships with the prisoners and your team mates, contributing towards a positive and enjoyable working environment.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit

www.correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au

We have a firm commitment to increase participation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people across our workforce. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close Wednesday, 28 December.

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Education
and Training

Koorie Engagement Support Officer – ES 1.4

Salary Range: \$75,501 to \$89,022

Ongoing Position

Position to Commence February 2017

South Western Victoria Region

The Victorian Department of Education & Training is seeking a suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person to work in the South Western Victoria Region as a Koorie Engagement Support Officer.

This position will be based in Horsham and support schools and early childhood services.

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 1070974.

Applications close **23rd December 2016**

Contact Suzanne Camm, Manager Service Support for further position information.

camm.suzanne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au **Ph: 03 5564 3543**

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Education

Executive Assistant – Aboriginal Education & Community Engagement

- Clerk Grade 3/4 - Identified
- Full-time ongoing appointment
- Position number and location: 192503 - Sydney

Total remuneration package: \$81,624 Package includes salary (\$67,248 - \$73,635), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The NSW Department of Education serves the community by leading the provision of world-class education. The department protects young children by regulating preschool and long day care providers. Once children move into school, we provide them with a world-class primary and secondary education. We also work to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

The Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement Unit is positioned within the NSW Department of Education's Aboriginal Education and Communities Directorate.

Aboriginal Education and Communities values its strong partnership with the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. and communities, in supporting NSW Public schools to deliver high level, quality teaching to maximise learning outcomes for Aboriginal students.

The work of the Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement Unit is underpinned by this objective and provides leadership, strategic advice and direction on all matters relating to Aboriginal education across the Department. The Unit contributes to national and state policy development for Aboriginal education including language and culture programs in schools.

About the role

The Executive Assistant provides high level executive and administrative support to the Director, Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement to ensure the efficient and effective operations of the Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement Unit.

Talent Pool

A talent pool may be created through this recruitment process. A talent pool is a group of candidates who have undergone an assessment process and have identified suitable for this role or similar roles for a period of 12 months. Being part of a talent pool means that you may be considered for ongoing, temporary or term employment for a range of similar roles by submitting only one application. This offers exciting opportunities for you to gain a wide range of experiences to build your public service career.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw
No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Describe your typical workday as an Executive Assistant, How do you prioritise your tasks?
300 word max
2. What specific software programs do you feel are essential to the day to day work of an Executive Assistant? 300 word max

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Applications Close: 11 January 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Mary Senj on (02) 9244 5866.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 192503

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Executive Leader, Support and Sustainability

Are you interested in:

- Working to ensure Aboriginal children are safe within their family and community
- Leading development of new business and emerging opportunities
- Getting outcomes for Aboriginal families, children and other stakeholders

AbSec is seeking a skilled and qualified person to undertake the role of Executive Leader, Support and Sustainability. The Executive Leader will lead a dedicated team in engaging with Aboriginal agencies and communities to support good practice in meeting standards and benchmarks, and build capacity of a growing Aboriginal community controlled sector in the human services system, specifically within an Aboriginal child and family system, and disability sector in NSW. AbSec is seeking applicants who are interested in an opportunity to build their skills and experience in policy development, and forming part of a committed team.

Applicants should obtain a copy of the position profile, and submit a cover letter (maximum two pages) and current CV (maximum five pages) that demonstrates their experience against the selection criteria to the Enquiries person listed below. Two referees must be provided.

Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised in Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).
- Applicants should have a current working with children's check
- A criminal record check will be undertaken on the successful applicant
- This role may require extensive travel across NSW, however will be based in the AbSec Marrickville Office
- Successful applicant will be engaged through a fixed term contract

All Enquiries to: Tim Ireland, Chief Executive Officer on 02 9559 5299 or email jodie.porter@absec.org.au

Applications can be emailed to:

Dakota.Torrans@absec.org.au

Post: PO Box 604 Marrickville NSW 1475

Applications Close:
Monday 9 January 2017



Health
Southern NSW
Local Health District

Aboriginal Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Clinical Leader

Site Negotiable

Salary: \$45.80 to 47.18 ph

Enquiries: Nicola Yates 0476 802 843

Closing Date:

Saturday 24 December 2016



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 362313

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Producer, Darwin

This vacancy is open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, reflecting our commitment to the ABC's Reconciliation Action Plan, ABC Equity and Diversity Plan and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.

- **Darwin Location**
- **\$61K - \$69K p.a.**

Are you a highly motivated content creating machine?
Are you ready to experience one of Australia's most interesting capital cities?

ABC Darwin is on the hunt for a producer to join their dedicated and experienced local team.

For a full job description and application form visit abc.net.au/careers

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AbSec are Hiring

Are you interested in:

- Working to ensure Aboriginal children are safe within their family and community
- Leading development of new business and emerging opportunities
- Getting outcomes for Aboriginal families, children and other stakeholders

AbSec are seeking skilled and qualified persons to undertake a range of currently vacant positions within the organisation.

Current vacancies

- Practice Support Officer
- Project Officer (2 positions)
- Communications Officer
- Business Development Officer (Part-time)

Interested applicants should obtain a copy of the position profile and submit a cover letter (maximum two pages) and current CV (maximum five pages) that demonstrates their experience against the selection criteria. Two referees must be provided.

Further details on each of the roles visit the AbSec website www.absec.org.au or call

(02) 9559 5299



- **Digital Media Coordinator**
- **Traffic Coordinator**

This vacancy is open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, reflecting our commitment to the ABC's Reconciliation Action Plan, ABC Equity and Diversity Plan and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.

Audience and Marketing is the ABC's centralised marketing division, servicing the ABC's brand and audience strategies.

We have two opportunities for you to join our passionate group of marketing and audience insights specialists who have audiences at the heart of all we do.

The **Digital Media Coordinator** will deliver marketing and media campaigns and promote the full range of ABC content, product & services, across TV, radio and online, to new and existing audiences. A passion and interest in digital media, and openness to learn & grow is necessary in this role to contribute to the development of effective media plans.

The **Traffic Coordinator** will be responsible for the intake of project requests/briefs and allocation of projects to team members. Effective planning skills are necessary in this role that will assign and schedule resources to complete jobs to deadline.

Applications Close: 28 December 2016

For details visit abc.net.au/careers

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Police
& Justice



Clerical Support Officer

- Aboriginal targeted position
- Temporary Full-Time up to 12 months
- Firearms Registry, MURWILLUMBAH
- Clerk General Scale
- I Work for NSW Requisition No: 00004WVZ

Salary Package: \$62,916. **Salary:** \$29,127 - \$57,015. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Provide a range of clerical services to support the achievement of business outcomes in a timely, reliable and efficient manner.

Key accountabilities

- Provide routine clerical support services, operating across various work units, office equipment and computer software packages.
- Provide clear, consistent and accurate information to internal and external customers.
- Contribute to the delivery of an efficient incoming and outgoing mail distribution.
- Accurately maintain records, databases and filing systems.

Key challenges

- Providing clerical support within high volume and time critical environment.

Job Notes:

- Applicants **must** satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- This position is a temporary employment/appointment under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990 for up to 12 months.
- 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 email: haboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

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Applications Close: Sunday 22 January 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Linda Trudy Lewis - A/Manager, Customer Relations on (02) 6670 8539.



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

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Department of Justice and Regulation

Do you have a genuine passion to make a real difference in the community?

Within the Department of Justice and Regulation, Corrections Victoria are seeking clinicians and senior clinicians to work with offenders across the criminal justice system in regional and metropolitan locations.

- Opportunity to deliver offender behaviour change programs and reduce the risk of re-offending
- Access to world class professional development through training, supervision and mentoring
- Ongoing full time, part time, and fixed term employment options available
- Base salary circa \$77-108k plus super (pending experience level)

Why work with us?

At the department, we provide every person with the means to achieve their potential through ongoing learning and development opportunities in a diverse, equitable and supportive environment. We look for people who are prepared to do their very best in line with our values and behaviours. Our values shape and influence how we recruit, train and develop our staff and build relationships with stakeholders.

If you are resilient, flexible, like to work as part of a team of like-minded individuals, and are passionate about delivering interventions that make a difference within the community, then we would like to hear from you!

Aboriginal Identified Positions, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

If you wish to find out more about these exciting opportunities please contact Sandra De Lorenzo, Recruitment Services on (03) 8684 1721. Visit www.correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au for more information and to apply online.

**Applications close
midnight Sunday, 29 January 2017.**



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ACI NSW Agency
for Clinical
Innovation

Clinical Auditor

Position Number: 364226

Location: North Shore & Northern Beaches

Status / Hours: Temporary Full Time (up to February 2018)

Salary: \$105,615.00 - \$120,402.00

The Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) was established as a board-governed statutory health corporation in January 2010, to work with public health organisations to improve healthcare for patients of NSW. The ACI has established clinical networks which engage clinicians and consumers to drive clinical innovation across the NSW health system. The ACI has a significant role in the future sustainability of the NSW health system as it supports Local Health Districts (LHD's) to implement models of care which meet the highest standards of effectiveness, safety and efficiency, based on the best available evidence.

The Clinical Auditor leads, drives and contributes to a state wide program of clinical audit to support the ACI Acute Care Portfolio in the process of investigating unwarranted clinical variation in NSW Hospitals.

The Clinical Auditor works in partnership with the ACI Acute Care Projects Team, hospital managers and clinicians to drive a program of site based clinical audit across select metropolitan, regional and rural hospitals in NSW.

The Clinical Auditor provides expert advice to the Director, Acute Care and key stakeholders on the outcome of clinical audit, to inform the development, implementation and benchmarking of health service improvement projects.

"NSW Health is committed to achieving a diverse workforce and strongly encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Temporary Full Time for 12 months with a possibility of further extension

This is a targeted position in accordance with NSW Health Policy Directive PD2015_026. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply and, where found suitable, will be given higher priority. Aboriginal applicants may have to cite their Aboriginality in addition to the selection criteria. Information to assist you with your application can be found on the NSW Health Stepping Up website – www.steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

This position is Temporary Full Time, up to February 2018 and classified as Health Manager 3

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourage people with disability and Indigenous Australians to apply

1. Tertiary qualifications or equivalent in a health related discipline and extensive relevant clinical experience in an acute care health care setting
2. Strong leadership skills and proven experience establishing and maintaining a creditable and robust program of clinical audit
3. Demonstrated knowledge of quality improvement, corporate governance, audit practices and standards, internal control and risk management
4. Strong analytical skills including the demonstrated ability to research, analyse and interpret complex information rapidly and accurately; and prepare and present analysis and reports.
5. Demonstrated stakeholder management skills including experience liaising and negotiating with stakeholders to promote, communicate and implement change and improvement initiatives
6. Excellent verbal and written communications and interpersonal skills with experience liaising and developing relationships with staff from varying levels and of various disciplines including senior clinicians and executives
7. High level computer competency including Microsoft Office Suite or similar, web based applications and experience in data analysis and application
8. Current drivers licence with a willingness to travel for work purposes.

Contact Person: Kate Lloyd

Contact Number: 0467 603 578

Contact Email: kate.lloyd@health.nsw.gov.au

For more information on the ACI go to <http://www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/>

If you are interested in being part of an innovative organisation and a vibrant team, make your application count by ensuring you address the selection criteria

CLOSING DATE: 19/01/2017



ACI NSW Agency
for Clinical
Innovation

Network Manager, Radiology, Nuclear Medicine and BMT

Position Number: 364122

Location: North Shore & Northern Beaches, Sydney NSW

Status / Hours: Permanent Full Time

Salary: \$118,289 - \$141,526

The Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) was established as a board-governed statutory health corporation in January 2010, to work with public health organisations to improve healthcare for patients of NSW. The ACI has established clinical networks which engage clinicians and consumers to drive clinical innovation across the NSW health system.

The position will provide high level advice to the ACI Executive and key stakeholders on the development and implementation of health service delivery improvement projects that relate to the ACI Clinical Networks.

'NSW Health is committed to achieving a diverse workforce and strongly encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people'

This position is Permanent Full Time and classified as Health Manager 4

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourage people with disability and Indigenous Australians to apply.

This is a targeted position in accordance with NSW Health Policy Directive PD2015_026. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply and, where found suitable, will be given higher priority. Aboriginal applicants may have to cite their Aboriginality in addition to the selection criteria. Information to assist you with your application can be found on the NSW Health Stepping Up website – www.steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

- Tertiary qualifications or equivalent in a relevant discipline and/or demonstrated health management experience.
- Demonstrated experience in project management and the implementation of local and statewide projects, frameworks and/or initiatives
- Demonstrated ability to make complex judgements, prioritise tasks and take initiatives through delegated responsibilities.
- Proven ability to manage and support multidisciplinary teams
- Capacity to engender enthusiasm; work cooperatively and effectively with managers and clinicians across various partner areas such as Hospitals, LHD's, Community and Primary units.
- High level verbal and written communication, interpersonal and negotiation skills
- Demonstrated experience in change management.
- Proficiency in IT applications and experience in data analysis and application would be an advantage.

Contact Person: Kate Lloyd

Contact Number: 0467 603 578

Contact Email: kate.lloyd@health.nsw.gov.au

For more information on the ACI go to <http://www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/>

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CLOSING DATE: 19/1/2017



Health
South Eastern Sydney
Local Health District

Dental Assistant Grade 2 - Targeted

Location: Aboriginal Dental Clinic, La Pouse Community Health Centre

Temporary Full-Time (up to 29/12/2017)

Enquiries: Claire Phelan (02) 9540 7442

Closing Date:
4 January 2017



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 364709

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Careers with Queensland Health

Advanced Health Worker (Sexual Health)

Cairns Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service.

Remuneration value up to \$ \$80 213 p.a., comprising salary between \$63 780 - \$70 303 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (005) (Applications will remain current for the duration of the vacancy).

Duties / Abilities: The Advanced Health Worker (Sexual Health) will work as a member of the Family Health Team at an advanced level with minimal supervision. This role will manage / assist in managing resources for the delivery of Men's, Women's and Sexual Health services within the Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service (TCHHS). This role will assist in the prevention, early detection and management of sexually transmitted infections to the remote Indigenous communities of Lockhart River, Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw and Coen.

Enquiries: Louisa Salee Contact 07 4082 3637

Job Ad Reference: TC228686

Application Kit: www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Thursday, 22 December 2016

You can apply online at www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



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www.iba.gov.au

Team Leader – Program Performance and Improvement, Canberra (3 year contract)

Salary: \$105,381 to \$116,993, plus superannuation of 15.4% p.a.

Are you:

- + experienced in team management and operational support
- + passionate about achieving economic development outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- + a strong achiever with great stakeholder engagement skills?

IBA's Business Development and Assistance Program offers a suite of workshops, pre-business guidance, business support and business finance to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to start, acquire and grow commercially viable businesses.

Working collaboratively across IBA, the Program Performance and Improvement Team is a key enabling function in service delivery for the Business Development and Assistance Program. The team supports the operational delivery of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander customers by ensuring that each unit has the systems, skills and processes to be as effective and efficient as possible.

The successful applicant will play a key role in:

- + developing, monitoring and reviewing program performance
- + implementing key strategic projects
- + translating the program strategy into operational objectives for a team of skilled officers and ensuring a seamless execution.

For further information including the job description, selection documentation and mandatory requirements for applications go to www.iba.gov.au. If you have any questions after reading this material please contact Simone Persson on 02 6110 2716 or email her on Simone.Persson@iba.gov.au

Applications close on 13 January 2017.

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.



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ABORIGINAL ADVANCED CASE MANAGER AND ABORIGINAL CASE MANAGER OPPORTUNITIES

Apply evidence based practice in the case management of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal offenders, providing unique culturally responsive services and practices to work towards the over representation of Aboriginal people in the Justice system.

Applications close Sunday 15 January 2017.

For more information, or to apply online, visit apply.correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au

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Executive Leader, Services

Are you interested in:

- Working to ensure Aboriginal children are safe within their family and community
- Leading development of new business and emerging opportunities
- Getting outcomes for Aboriginal families, children and other stakeholders

AbSec is seeking a skilled and qualified person to undertake the role of Executive Leader, Services. The Executive Leader will lead the development and implementation of AbSec services, focusing on innovation and new business to diversify the organisation. Specifically lead the development of AbSec's training arm to be a successful operation providing training for workers within the child protection and out of home care system in NSW. AbSec is seeking applicants who are interested in an opportunity to build their skills and experience in policy development, and forming part of a committed team.

Applicants should obtain a copy of the position profile, and submit a cover letter (maximum two pages) and current CV (maximum five pages) that demonstrates their experience against the selection criteria to the Enquiries person listed below. Two referees must be provided.



Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised in Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).
- Applicants should have a current working with children's check
- A criminal record check will be undertaken on the successful applicant
- This role may require extensive travel across NSW, however will be based in the AbSec Marrickville Office
- Successful applicant will be engaged through a fixed term contract

All Enquiries to: Tim Ireland, Chief Executive Officer on 02 9559 5299 or email jodie.porter@absec.org.au

Applications can be emailed to:

Dakota.Torrens@absec.org.au

Post: PO Box 604 Marrickville NSW 1475

Applications Close:
Monday 9 January 2017

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (PART TIME)

Location: NSW Orana Region (Flexible)

The North West Land Corporation (NWLC) as trustee for the North West Land Trust is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in the role of Chief Executive Officer.

The NWLC represents the interests of the 17 Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) of the North West Region of NSW. NWLC owns and maintain a number of rural properties on behalf of the regional LALCs.

As Chief Executive Officer of the NWLC, you will provide:

- Leadership and management of this regional Aboriginal charitable trust, ensuring the greatest outcomes and benefits for the Aboriginal people of North Western NSW
- Assistance, support and advice to the elected Board through the overall day-to-day management of the Trust's affairs in accordance with the delegated authorities;
- The implementation of the Board's strategies and resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner
- Relationship building and engagement with existing stakeholders and potential future partners and funders
- Regular reporting to the Board, members

and stakeholders regarding the activities of the Trust

- Leadership and management of staff, including rural properties caretaker, finance/compliance staff and contractors/short-term workforce

As CEO of a charitable trust, you will ensure ongoing compliance with the Trust Deed, company rules and the expectations of organisations being established under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

Location is flexible but the successful candidate must be available to travel regularly between Dubbo, Bourke, Coonamble and surrounds.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and must address the selection criteria. Recruitment package available at: <http://www.nwlt.org.au/careers.html>

For further information:
jacqui.gilligan@nwlt.org.au.

Applications must be received by: 20th January 2017

Aboriginal candidates are encouraged to apply.



Office of
Environment
& Heritage



Joint Management Coordinator (Aboriginal)

- Coffs Harbour
- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Vacancy Ref: 00004TIL
- ASAP up to 12 Months

Role description: The Joint Management Coordinator (JMC) will provide liaison, advice and support between the Board of Management, Local Aboriginal Land Councils, the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), and other stakeholders to coordinate, develop and implement joint management programs.

Total Remuneration package: \$110,697 pa. Package includes salary (\$90,215 pa - \$99,862 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Applications Close:
Wednesday 21 December 2016 (11.59 pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Glenn Storrie on 0427 257 631.



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

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Police
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Human Resources Officer

- Aboriginal targeted position
- Permanent Full-Time
- Business Services Unit, Operational Communications and Information Command, SURRY HILLS
- Clerk Grade 3/4
- I Work for NSW Requisition No: 00004Y11

Salary Package: \$81,256. **Salary:** \$67,248 - \$73,635. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The position of Human Resource Officer is an integral part of the Human Resources team of Operational Communications & Information (OCI) Business Services and provides a range of human resource functions and services to OCI Command and all Sub Commands.

The position holder forms part of the Human Resource team that will provide centralised services such recruitment, position management, transfers, reports and registers for OCI Command and its sub commands.

Job Notes:

- Applicants must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- 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 email: haboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au**

Applications Close: Wednesday 11 January 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Paul Humphreys - Business Manager on (02) 9285 3879.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00004Y11

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Premier
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Director, Community Engagement

Aboriginal Victoria works in partnership with the Aboriginal community and provides a leading role across government in delivering the Victorian Government's agenda for Aboriginal policy reform to improve the quality of life of all Aboriginal Victorians. Aboriginal Victoria works with Local Aboriginal Networks and across Victoria to ensure that Aboriginal communities are able to shape their own priorities and future directions. Aboriginal Victoria also works to protect, manage and build a better understanding and appreciation of Victoria's rich Aboriginal heritage and is responsible for the effective implementation of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* and the *Aboriginal Lands Act 1970*.

The Community Engagement Unit develops and implements programs and activities within a community development framework in partnership with Aboriginal Victorians. The programs and activities encompass economic development, leadership and capacity building, celebration and promotion of Aboriginal culture and acknowledgement of achievement by Aboriginal Victorians, training programs, and support to community organisations and Local Aboriginal Networks (LAN).

The Community Engagement Unit delivers its accountabilities through two teams, Community Programs and Service Delivery. The Community Engagement Unit operates on a dynamic model of collaboration and shared responsibility across the team structure.

The Community Programs team, made up of 14 Aboriginal staff, is accountable for implementing the LAN Program Plan 2016-2020 to build community participation, support LAN community planning and implementation, broker investment and partnerships for community projects, and facilitation of community consultations.

The Service Delivery team, made up of 6 Aboriginal and non Aboriginal staff, are accountable for *Aboriginal Lands Act 1970*, Grants and Programs, Community Infrastructure, Victorian Aboriginal Honour and Ricci Marks Awards and the Aboriginal Remembrance Service, also secretariat support for the Aboriginal Honour Roll and Aboriginal Remembrance Committees.

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Director, Community Engagement is required to provide strong leadership and strategic direction to Aboriginal Affairs and the Community Engagement Unit managers to undertake the range of programs and activities that contribute to strong culture, engaged people and confident Victorian Aboriginal communities, in accordance with Departmental values and the Victorian Government's reform agenda.

This is a designated position established as a special measure under Section 12 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010*. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.

The closing date for this position is Friday, 6 January, 2017.

How to apply:

All applications should include only a resume and a cover letter addressing the key selection criteria, unless stated otherwise.

Please refer to the contact on the Position Description if you have any questions regarding the job vacancy.

Other relevant information:

Employment of successful candidates will be subject to a National Police Check.

DPC is an equal opportunity employer and our recruitment process focuses on essential skills and abilities. We welcome applicants from a diverse range of backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds and people with disabilities.

DPC values its people and is committed to attracting, developing and retaining diverse talent. DPC actively promotes diversity and inclusion in the workplace and does not discriminate based on age, sex, carer or parental status, disability, race, religious belief, sexual orientation, gender identity or other characteristics.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet's vision is to be recognised and respected leaders in whole-of-government policy and performance.

We work for the people of Victoria by helping the government achieve its strategic objectives. We do this by supporting the Premier, Deputy Premier, Special Minister of State, the Ministers for Aboriginal Affairs, Equality, Multicultural Affairs, Prevention of Family Violence, Veterans and Women, as well as the Cabinet.

We lead the Victorian Public Service by:

- Setting clear expectations
- Driving the government's objectives
- Providing unifying intelligence within the Victorian Government
- Pursuing excellence in whole-of-government outcomes in delivery and reform.

Website: www.dpc.vic.gov.au

Headquarters: 1 Treasury Place Melbourne Vic

Company Size: 500 - 1000

Executive Officer (Grampians Region) Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee

- A great opportunity to make a difference in the community
- Ongoing, full-time position
- Salary range \$89,327 - \$108,078 plus superannuation

The Grampians Region encompasses one medium security men's prison in Ararat and one minimum security men's prison in Langi Kal Kal and delivers a range of Justice Services including custodial services at our prisons, Community Corrections Services, Sheriff's Operations, Consumer Affairs and front of house enquiries.

The Executive Officer will be responsible for the development and maintenance of supportive linkages between justice agencies and community organisations, providing policy advice, implementing the Regional Justice Plan, providing secretariat services to the Grampians Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC) as well as promotion of all Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) initiatives within the region.

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Koori community and the issues impacting on it
- strong problem solving and influencing skills, with the ability to think quickly and react appropriately to challenging situations
- excellent written and verbal communication skills and a demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with the Koori community.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Monday 9 January 2017.

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



Technical Editor

This vacancy is open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, reflecting our commitment to the ABC's Reconciliation Action Plan, ABC Equity and Diversity Plan and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.

- Ultimo Location
- Salary Negotiable

The Digital Network is the ABC's strategic investment in you, our audience. We are rapidly building our digital service to our audience as well as to our internal clients.

The Technical Editor will leverage digital platforms to support the showcasing of ABC content across websites, apps and other ABC digital offerings.

For a full job description and application form visit abc.net.au/careers

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Aboriginal Identified Field Officer

- Clerk Grade 3/4
- Port Macquarie Office
- Ongoing Opportunity
- Salary Package up to \$82K (pro rata)

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to join our team, who is committed to building relationships between Aboriginal communities and legal services in the Mid North Coast Region.

The successful candidate will demonstrate strong community facilitation and coordination skills as well as a willingness to undertake further professional development.

Closing Date: Monday 9 January 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Juliana Crofts on (02) 5525 1600.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 0000415

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Connecting Voices – Aboriginal Family-Led Decision Making Facilitator (Casual)

Are you interested in:

- Supporting Aboriginal families to get the best possible outcome for their child
- Working to ensure Aboriginal children are safe within their family and community
- Getting an outcome that Aboriginal families, children and other stakeholders agree to

AbSec is seeking skilled and qualified people to undertake the casual role of Connecting Voices – Aboriginal Family-Led Decision Making Facilitator. It is through empowering families to take the lead in working through family issues, the family is not only strengthened, but able to see how their current and future choices affects every member of the family.

AbSec is seeking interested applicants to join a pool of trained and qualified facilitators. This will be a casual pool and successful applicants will be called upon at times to conduct a meaningful, culturally sensitive family conference. A facilitator must be trained in family group conferencing or alternate dispute resolution processes, and able to engage meaningfully with Aboriginal children, young people, families and community members.

Applicants should obtain a copy of the position

profile, and submit a cover letter (maximum two pages) and current CV (maximum five pages) that demonstrates their experience against the selection criteria to the Enquiries person listed below. Two referees must be provided.

Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised in Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).
- Applicants should have a current working with children's check
- A criminal record check will be undertaken on the successful applicant
- This role may require extensive travel across NSW, however will be based in the AbSec Marrickville Office
- Successful applicant will be engaged through a casual contract

**All enquiries and applications to:
Jodie Porter on 02 9559 5299 or email jodie.porter@absec.org.au.**

Post: Po Box 604 Marrickville NSW 1475

Applications close: Wednesday 11 January 2017.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements



**National
Native Title
Tribunal**

Notification day: 21 December 2016



**QI2016/052 Eromanga Township Tenure Resolution ILUA
State of Queensland**

Description of the agreement area:

The agreement area covers about 2.8 sq km, located in the vicinity of Eromanga Township.

Relevant LGA: Quilpie Shire Council

The agreement contains the following statements:

5.1 The parties consent to the validation of any Future Acts done prior to the Execution Date by the State in the Agreement Area to the extent they were done invalidly for the purposes of Native Title and can be validated in this Agreement.

5.2 The consent at clause 5.1 includes but is not limited to:-

- (a) The grant of freehold over the Freehold Area; and
- (b) The grant of a lease for commercial/business purposes over the Leasehold Area.

5.3 The parties:

- (a) consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts to the extent that they are Surrenders or Future Acts; and
- (b) if any of the Agreed Acts, which are also Future Acts, are done prior to Registration, agree to the validating of those Agreed Acts.

5.6 The parties agree that any Surrender permanently extinguishes all Native Title Rights and Interests in the area of the Surrender from the date the Surrender takes effect.

6.1 In accordance with clause 5.3(a), the Native Title Parties consent to a Surrender in relation to that part of the Surrender Area identified in Part A of Schedule 2 to take effect upon Registration.

"Agreed Acts" means all acts necessary to give effect to this Agreement including but not limited to any acts done as part of, or in relation to the acts specified in Schedule 4.

Schedule 4 Agreed Acts

1. Subject to clause 6.1, the Surrender of all Native Title Rights and Interests to the State over the Land Exchange Lots in Part A of Schedule 2.
2. Subject to clause 7.7, the Surrender of all Native Title Rights and Interests to the State over the Revenue Share Lot when sold in accordance with clause 7.
3. Subject to clauses 7.5 and 7.9, the grant of any interest, including a lease, over the Revenue Share Lot prior to the Revenue Share Lot being granted in fee simple.
4. The creation of a reserve over Lot 9 on GO844025 for Township Purposes.
5. The grant of Aboriginal freehold over Lot 10 on GO31 to the RNTBC.
6. Any variation of this Agreement consented to by the RNTBC in accordance with the *Native Title (Prescribed Bodies Corporate) Regulations 1999* (Cth).

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

State of Queensland
c/- Crown Law
GPO Box 5221
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Mark Wallace, Barbara Olsen and Barbara Bond on their own behalf and on behalf of the Boonthamurra People; Boonthamurra Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
c/- Queensland South Native Title Services
PO Box 10832
Adelaide Street
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has 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, GPO Box 9973, Sydney, NSW, 2001** by **21 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 this application, call Dianne Drake on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

Shared country, shared future.

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**The offices of the Koori Mail
will be closed from
5pm Friday, 16 December 2016
to 9am Tuesday,
3 January 2017 inclusive.**

**Staff in the editorial and advertising departments
will be checking their emails intermittently over the
Christmas break and New Year.**

**Our final edition for 2016 will be published on 14 December.
The first edition for 2017 will be published on 11 January.**

Season's greetings to all

WATERSNSW
SOUTHERN RECHARGE
GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **TOORAWEEENAH P.A. & H. ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED** for one groundwater bore to service the Tooraweenah Showground on either Lot 1 or 2 of DP 946774, Parish of Tooraweenah, County of Gowen, for the purpose of recreation and irrigation on both said land portions. (A009052).

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.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A04119

WATERSNSW
MID ORARA RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a Water Supply Works & Use Approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000 has been received from **VITALHARVEST LIMITED** as follows; In the Mid Orara water source for the enlargement of an existing dam to 900 megalitres & 2 100mm centrifugal pumps, on Lot 12 DP776278, all Parish of Corindi, County of Fitzroy for water supply for irrigation of Lots 11 & 12 DP776278, Lots 1 & 5 DP 731384 & Lots 12 & 13 DP 718722 and farming purposes. (Ref A009073)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Locked Bag 10 Grafton NSW 2460 within 28 days of publication of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call 02 6641 6500, Peter Hackett, Water Regulation Officer.

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WATERSNSW
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

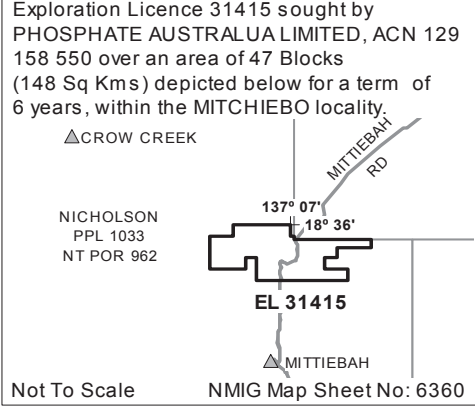
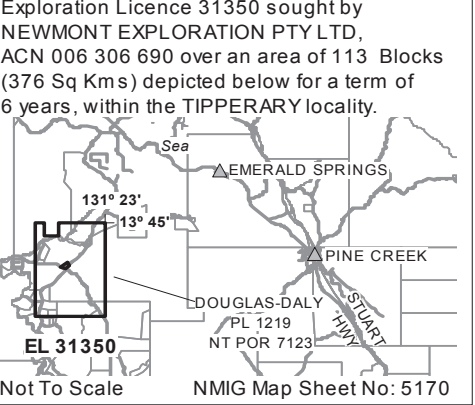
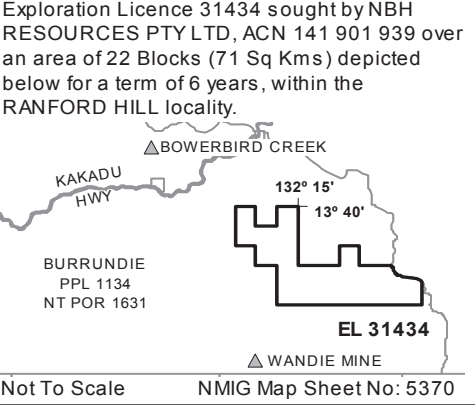
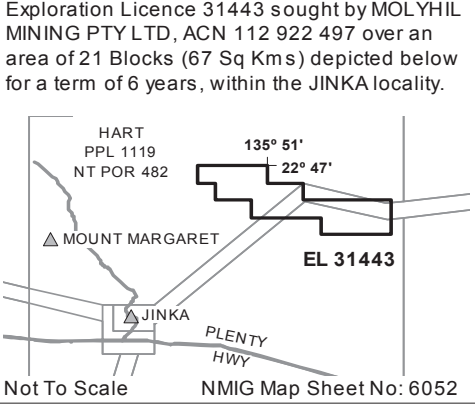
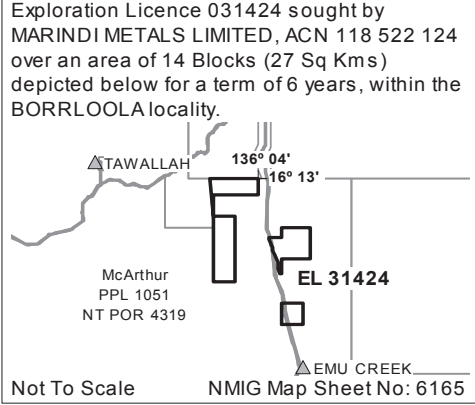
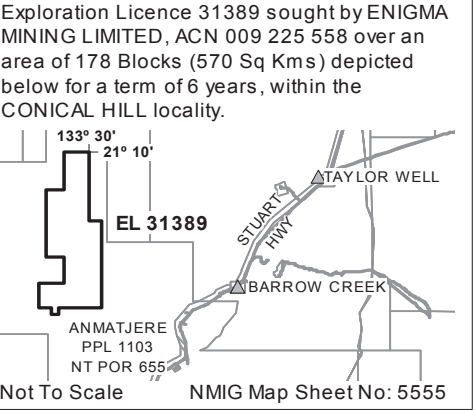
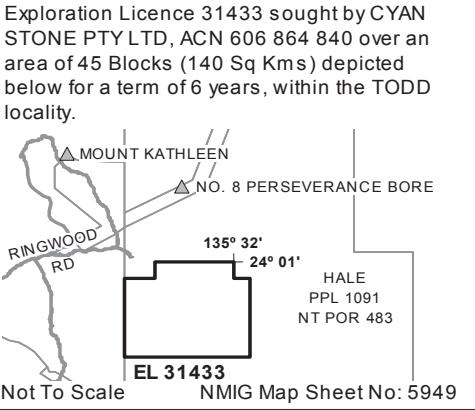
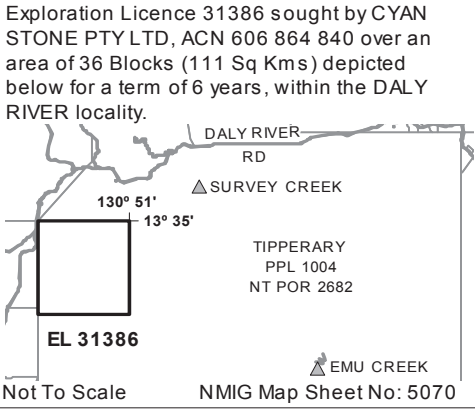
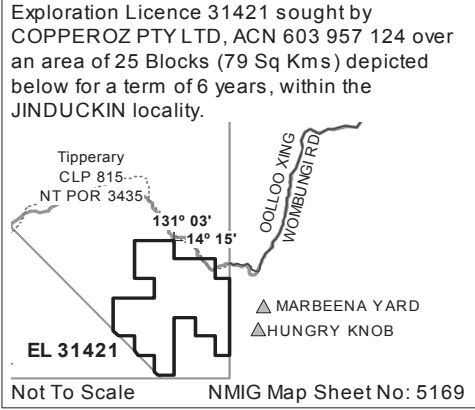
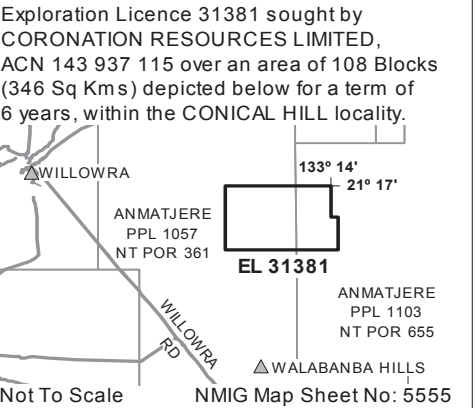
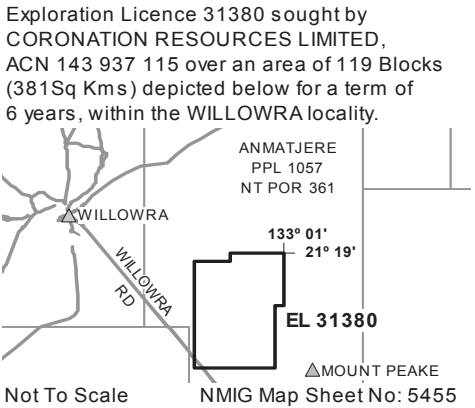
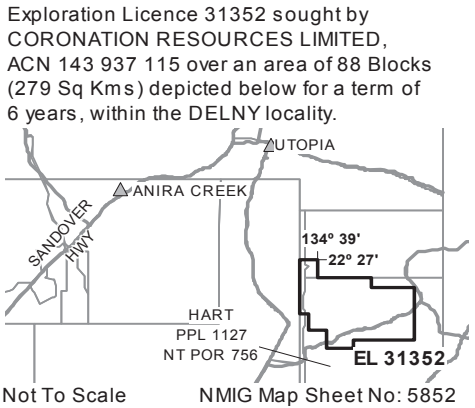
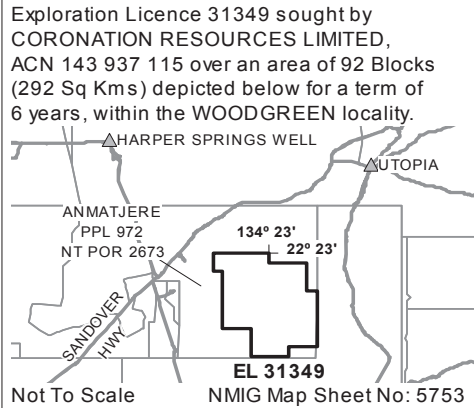
The Honourable Kenneth Edward Vowles MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry and Resources, C/- Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.



Notification Day: 14 December 2-16

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements



National Native Title Tribunal

Notification day: 21 December 2016



QI2016/049 Peninsula Developmental Road ILUA State of Queensland

Description of the agreement area:

The agreement area covers approx. 6,166 sq km extending about 500km south westerly from about 35km east of Weipa to Lakeland, Cape York Peninsula.

Relevant LGA: Cook Shire Council, Lockhart River and Napranum Aboriginal Shire Councils

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

8. The Parties consent to the doing of the PDR Agreed Acts to the extent that they are Future Acts.

10. Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P (Right to Negotiate) of the NTA is not intended to apply to the doing of the PDR Agreed Acts.

11.1 Subject to compliance with this Agreement, if any of the PDR Agreed Acts done prior to the Registration Date are invalid Future Acts, the Parties agree to the validating of those PDR Agreed Acts.

Definitions

“PDR” means the State-controlled road called the “Peninsula Developmental Road”

“PDR Agreed Acts” includes the following within the PDR Agreement Area: (a) the construction, maintenance, operation, upgrade and use of the PDR; (b) the declaration of a State-controlled road under the TIA; (c) Road Works; (d) accommodation works, as that term is defined in the TIA; (e) the extraction and use of quarry material reserved to the State and administered under the Forestry Act 1959 (Qld); (f) the construction of any public works which are necessary or incidental to the completion of the PDR Project; (g) access to land necessary for the acts described in items (a) to (f); (h) the grant of any authority, licence or permit required by Law for the acts described in items (a) to (g); and (i) all other acts which are necessary or incidental to the completion of the PDR Project.

“Road Works” has the meaning given in the TIA and includes, but is not limited to: (a) road clearing; (b) construction of culverts; (c) drainage inlet and outlet works; (d) embankment extraction; (e) pavement investigation; (f) use and construction of water storage sites; (g) water extraction from watercourses and sub-surface water; (h) construction of access roads or tracks; (i) installing and maintaining site facilities and hard stand areas; (j) installing and maintaining diversion drains; (k) installing and maintaining and operating water bores; (l) installing and maintaining and operating roadside rest areas or stopping places; (m) reinstating side drains; and (n) structure upgrades.

“TIA” means the Transport Infrastructure Act 1994 (Qld).

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

1) Michael Ross, Silva Blanco, James Creek, Jonathan Korkaktain, Reginald Williams, Wayne Butcher, Clarry Flinders, Philip Port and Hogan Shortjoe
2) Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation
c/- Cape York Land Council
PO Box 2496
Cairns QLD 4870

State of Queensland
GPO Box 1549
Brisbane QLD 4001

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Cape York Land Council, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has 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 21 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 this application, call Nadja Mack on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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WATERNSW

MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a water supply work approval has been received from Walnuts Australia Pty Ltd for 3 x 610mm pumps, for irrigation purposes on Lot 8 DP 756038 (Benerembah/Sturt)

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 objection. (A009091).

Any queries please call 69512576, Paul Morsanuto, Water Regulation Officer.

A04253

DPI WATER

HAWKESBURY AND LOWER NEPEAN RIVERS WATER SOURCE (LOWER NEPEAN MANAGEMENT ZONE)

An application for a new WORK APPROVAL has been received from ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES for a 75 mm centrifugal pump on Part Lot 1 DP 614436, Parish of Strathdon, County of Cook for water supply for industrial purposes. (A008995)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water Locked Bag 5123, Parramatta NSW 2124, within 28 days of this publication. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection.

Any queries should be directed to (02) 8838 7520. John Galea, Water Regulation Officer.

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WATERNSW

NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from SULTS PTY LTD for four pumps on the Murray River on 6//560393, Parish of Tataila, County of Cadell, for industrial (caravan park) purposes (Application No. A9074).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (03) 5898-3935, Jenny Campion, Water Regulation Officer.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A PETROLEUM LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Petroleum Leases shown below under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld).

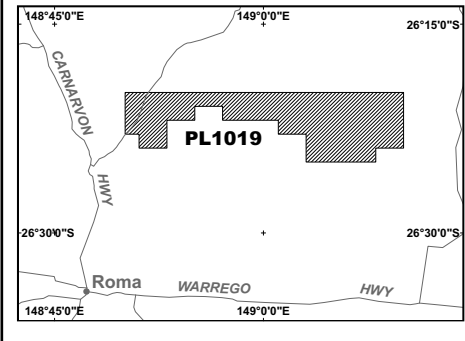
Nature of Act(s): The grant of a Petroleum Lease under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld), authorises the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of petroleum for a period not exceeding thirty (30) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding thirty (30) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Petroleum Leases be granted under Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

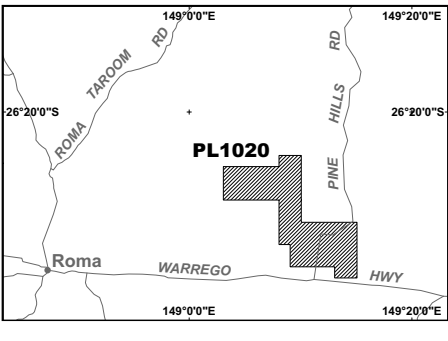
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a “native title party” is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Petroleum Leases. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

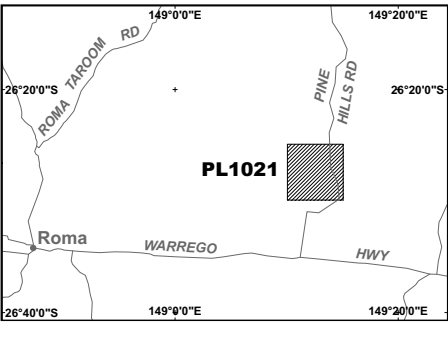
Petroleum Lease 1019 sought by Santos CSG Pty Ltd, ACN 121 188 654 (30%), PAPL (Upstream) Pty Limited, ACN 131 318 888 (27.5%), Total E&P Australia, ARBN 112 603 880 (20%), KGLNG E&P Pty Ltd, ACN 146 143 339 (15%) and Total E&P Australia II, ARBN 149 617 167 (7.5%), over an area of 64 sub-blocks (196 km2), centred approximately 30 km North East of Roma, in the locality of Maranoa Regional council.



Petroleum Lease 1020 sought by Santos CSG Pty Ltd, ACN 121 188 654 (30%), PAPL (Upstream) Pty Limited, ACN 131 318 888 (27.5%), Total E&P Australia, ARBN 112 603 880 (20%), KGLNG E&P Pty Ltd, ACN 146 143 339 (15%) and Total E&P Australia II, ARBN 149 617 167 (7.5%), over an area of 55 sub-blocks (167 km2), centred approximately 39 km East North East of Roma, in the locality of Maranoa Regional council.



Petroleum Lease 1021 sought by Santos CSG Pty Ltd, ACN 121 188 654 (30%), PAPL (Upstream) Pty Limited, ACN 131 318 888 (27.5%), Total E&P Australia, ARBN 112 603 880 (20%), KGLNG E&P Pty Ltd, ACN 146 143 339 (15%) and Total E&P Australia II, ARBN 149 617 167 (7.5%), over an area of 25 sub-blocks (77 km2), centred approximately 43 km East North East of Roma, in the locality of Maranoa Regional council.



Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grant of the Petroleum Leases, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Petroleum Lease applications may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 1 William Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3199 8083.

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
Exploration Licence	15/1515	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	17BL	31km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 46' S Long: 121° 34' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/870	CARNEGIE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	7BL	66km N'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 22' S Long: 120° 56' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3173	WRASSE RESOURCES PTY LTD	18BL	79km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 1' S Long: 123° 42' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3186	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	2BL	17km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 28' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3187	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	1BL	21km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 122° 31' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3188	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	2BL	79km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 35' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3189	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	43BL	215km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 124° 55' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3191	VENTNOR GOLD PTY LTD	10BL	218km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 124° 51' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3203 & 39/2013	VELO RESOURCES PTY LTD	378BL	186km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 124° 29' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1998	JINDALEE RESOURCES LTD	2BL	99km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 30' S Long: 122° 30' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2000	VENTNOR GOLD PTY LTD	32BL	219km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 29° 6' S Long: 124° 44' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2003	VENTNOR GOLD PTY LTD	14BL	208km N'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 124° 45' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2012	VELO RESOURCES PTY LTD	200BL	194km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 33' S Long: 124° 9' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4772	LE AUSSIE MINING PTY LTD	35BL	41km SW'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 20° 39' S Long: 119° 19' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4831-I	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	70BL	69km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 2' S Long: 119° 28' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4837	GILL, Jason Andrew	4BL	58km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 120° 35' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1071	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	16BL	62km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 14' S Long: 120° 35' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1076-7 & 46/1080	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	123BL	89km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 20' S Long: 120° 50' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3498	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	8BL	51km N'ly of Newman	Lat: 22° 54' S Long: 119° 39' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3505	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	35km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 14' S Long: 119° 24' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3507-I	ADVANCED CAPITAL MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	58BL	54km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 40' S Long: 118° 14' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/3552-I	DOMAIN MINING PTY LTD	2BL	74km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 55' S Long: 118° 19' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/3553-I	DOMAIN MINING PTY LTD	7BL	75km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 57' S Long: 118° 22' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/3554-I	LAST CRUSADE PTY LTD	10BL	65km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 51' S Long: 118° 23' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/3566	RED FIELD PTY LTD	13BL	104km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 118° 17' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	51/1770	LEVISSIANOS, Angelo	3BL	91km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 55' S Long: 119° 1' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1783	COBALT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	70BL	112km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 32' S Long: 119° 37' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1784-5	COBALT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	80BL	72km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 22' S Long: 119° 10' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1786	COBALT BULL PTY LTD	48BL	107km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 16' S Long: 119° 49' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3446-I	ROBE RIVER MINING CO. PTY LIMITED MITSUI IRON ORE DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD NORTH MINING LIMITED CAPE LAMBERT IRON ASSOCIATES (REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME) PANNAWONICA IRON ASSOCIATES (REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME)	1BL	53km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 30' S Long: 119° 14' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3469	HURRICANE PROSPECTING PTY LTD	16BL	182km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 49' S Long: 116° 59' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1916	COBALT BULL PTY LTD	10BL	101km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 11' S Long: 119° 56' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1785	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	17BL	35km NW'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 55' S Long: 121° 37' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4902	CADRE RESOURCES PTY LTD	64BL	36km SW'ly of Williams	Lat: 33° 18' S Long: 116° 40' E	WEST ARTHUR SHIRE, WILLIAMS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4910	CRATON GOLD PTY LTD	114BL	46km NW'ly of Mount Barker	Lat: 34° 19' S Long: 117° 19' E	CRANBROOK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4911	CRATON GOLD PTY LTD	180BL	27km E'ly of Corrigin	Lat: 32° 20' S Long: 118° 9' E	BRUCE ROCK SHIRE, CORRIGIN SHIRE, KONDININ SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE, NAREMBEEN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4912	CRATON GOLD PTY LTD	167BL	68km SE'ly of Katanning	Lat: 34° 2' S Long: 118° 9' E	GNOWANGERUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4913	CRATON GOLD PTY LTD	34BL	22km E'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 31' S Long: 118° 31' E	MERREDIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4915	SSSA (W.A.) PTY LTD	21BL	30km SW'ly of York	Lat: 32° 3' S Long: 116° 31' E	BEVERLEY SHIRE, YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4917	AUSTRALIAN UNITED SILICA CORPORATION PTY LIMITED	16BL	15km S'ly of Bunbury	Lat: 33° 27' S Long: 115° 40' E	CAPEL SHIRE, DARDANUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2405	CRATON GOLD PTY LTD	70BL	26km E'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 26' S Long: 118° 33' E	MERREDIN SHIRE, WESTONIA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2406-7	POTASH WEST NL	106BL	149km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 119° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2408	POTASH WEST NL	29BL	148km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 119° 17' E	MENZIES SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2409	POTASH WEST NL	68BL	122km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 119° 14' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2410	BACOME PTY LTD	8BL	21km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 118° 58' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2411	MERIDIAN 120 MINING PTY LTD	4BL	123km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 29° 55' S Long: 118° 46' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5000	ARGYLE CORRIDOR RESOURCES PTY LTD	200BL	137km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 17° 0' S Long: 128° 41' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE, WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6109	DOBBIE, Kristina Marijke	143.74HA	20km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 8' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6110	REDCODE PTY LTD	120.06HA	17km N'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 20' S Long: 121° 32' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6111	REDCODE PTY LTD	143.65HA	9km NW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 25' S Long: 121° 32' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2969	KLARIOR RESOURCES PTY LTD	199.75HA	46km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 120° 52' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3000	EARTH ORE RESOURCES PTY LTD	199.76HA	48km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	16/3001	EARTH ORE RESOURCES PTY LTD	197.43HA	48km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	20/2289	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	19.53HA	49km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 10' S Long: 118° 17' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5132-8	EDWARDS, Robert Glenn	1354.28HA	30km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 121° 24' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5141	EDWARDS, Robert Glenn	186.60HA	36km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 121° 24' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5142	EDWARDS, Robert Glenn	201.38HA	34km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 121° 25' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5165-6	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	272.01HA	49km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 121° 13' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4147	BEDROCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	4.83HA	31km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 121° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4233-7	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	968.41HA	35km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 121° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4238 & 26/4240	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	359.15HA	35km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 121° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	36/1859	HASS, Neil William	122.26HA	40km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 6' S Long: 121° 2' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8695	SMITH, Gregory Donald	9.54HA	53km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 30' S Long: 120° 59' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8810	SCARFE, Pauline	66.40HA	3km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 121° 19' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8811	CREW, Ross Frederick	9.37HA	31km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 121° 5' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8812	LORENTZ, Wolfgang Michael	138.39HA	23km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4268-9	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	319.97HA	86km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 122° 6' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4270-6	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	1378.01HA	79km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 122° 9' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4277-9	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	580.96HA	108km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 28' S Long: 121° 57' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4280-3	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	608.20HA	102km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 31' S Long: 121° 59' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4284	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	142.18HA	55km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 44' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4288	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	78.32HA	51km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 58' S Long: 122° 22' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4290	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	81.58HA	56km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 7' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4294 & 38/4296-7	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	460.45HA	58km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 51' S Long: 122° 19' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4295	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	143.34HA	58km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 53' S Long: 122° 19' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4298	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	133.05HA	60km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 52' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5712	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	177.69HA	37km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 2' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5736-7	ISSLER, Natacha Andrea LING, Monte Justin LING, Geoffrey Evan SIBRAA, Kevin Peter	377.68HA	80km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 122° 12' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/3028	DE GREY MINING LTD	51.09HA	54km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 46' S Long: 118° 44' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	45/3029	DE GREY MINING LTD	51.80HA	53km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 46' S Long: 118° 42' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	46/1894	EDWARDS, Mark	9.71HA	4km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 52' S Long: 120° 9' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1827	DOMAIN MINING PTY LTD	102.42HA	72km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 54' S Long: 118° 19' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	51/3002	THORNS, Raymond Arthur	165.85HA	57km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 5' S Long: 118° 37' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3005	CNN INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	121.00HA	56km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 5' S Long: 118° 35' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3006	CNN INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	73.77HA	57km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 5' S Long: 118° 36' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3007	NEVE, Ross Alan	124.95HA	52km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 3' S Long: 118° 36' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4395	HENDERSON, Leigh Neil	179.68HA	42km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 27' S Long: 119° 40' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 14 December 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 **14 March 2017**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 14 April 2017**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
24/196	KING, Alastair Graeme	473530	141.38HA	56km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 10' S Long: 121° 12' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
25/497	SOUTHERN GOLD LIMITED	497372	49.71HA	59km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 122° 13' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
28/2599	ALLOY RESOURCES LTD	497775	52.88HA	79km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 122° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
31/1058	SARACEN GOLD MINES PTY LTD	497338	6.92HA	111km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 122° 18' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/1123	SARACEN GOLD MINES PTY LTD	497339	25.38HA	109km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 5' S Long: 122° 17' E	MENZIES SHIRE
38/2005	FALCON MINERALS LIMITED	496546	27.62HA	78km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 33' S Long: 122° 19' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2955	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	495919	101.92HA	60km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 51' S Long: 122° 18' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2976	DUKETON MINING LTD	496919	7.52HA	57km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 1' S Long: 122° 19' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
39/1674	HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED	495985	21.55HA	89km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 25' S Long: 122° 17' E	LEONORA SHIRE
39/1729	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	495765	9.97HA	46km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 2' S Long: 122° 27' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
39/1810	HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED	495986	50.97HA	89km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 25' S Long: 122° 19' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
39/1911	AC MINERALS PTY LTD	495984	189.57HA	90km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 122° 13' E	LEONORA SHIRE
45/3392-I	LAST CRUSADE PTY LTD	492858	23.49HA	65km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 51' S Long: 118° 24' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 14 December 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 **14 March 2017**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

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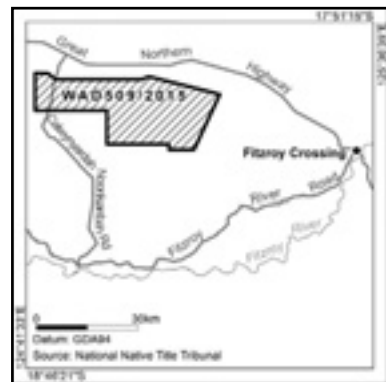
Notice of applications for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 28 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, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 27 March 2017**. After **27 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: Grace Mulligan & Ors v State of Western Australia (Warlangurru)

Federal Court File No: WAD509/2015

Date filed: 8 September 2015

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The application covers about 726 sq km approx. 45 km west of Fitzroy Crossing.

Relevant LGA: Shire Of Derby-West Kimberley.



Application name: Alec Buck & Ors on behalf of the Warlangurru People v State of Western Australia (Warlangurru #2)

Federal Court File No: WAD744/2015

Date filed: 21 December 2015

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The application covers about 284 sq km approx. 41 km north west of Fitzroy Crossing.

Relevant LGA: Shire Of Derby-West Kimberley.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Claire Smith on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nmtt.gov.au.

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Notice of Action - Cape Preston Project Deed (WGTO Compensation)

1. CITIC Pacific Mining Management Pty Ltd, Sino Iron Pty Ltd and Pastoral Management Pty Ltd (**CITIC Parties**) are parties to the Cape Preston Project Deed (WGTO Compensation) (**Deed**). The Deed includes provisions for the payments of compensation to the WGTO (Wong-goo-tt-oo) People as a 'Native Title Party'.
2. Native Title Tribunal Claim WC98/40 by the WGTO People was dismissed on 23 October 2009, and the WGTO People were removed from the register maintained at the National Native Title Tribunal on 27 October 2009.
3. In proceeding CIV 1260 of 2015 in the Supreme Court of Western Australia (**Proceeding**), the CITIC Parties are seeking determination of whether the Deed remains enforceable in light of the deregistration of the WGTO People as a native title group which will determine whether the CITIC Parties are obliged to pay compensation under the Deed. A copy of the CITIC Parties' Defence and Counterclaim in the Supreme Court Proceeding is available on request from Thaluntha Pty Ltd.
4. Peter Jeffries and Peter Hicks have each been appointed as representatives of any 'Native Title Party' under the Deed for the purposes of the Proceeding.
5. Although Peter Jeffries and Peter Hicks have been appointed as representatives, if you have an interest as a 'Native Title Party' or part of the WGTO people under the Deed, you are entitled to seek to be heard in the Proceeding or to be made a party to the Proceeding on application to the Court. If you seek to appear in the Proceeding, and are unsuccessful, you may be liable for costs.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 28 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, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003 **on or before 27 March 2017**. After **27 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: Northern Cape York Group #3

Federal Court File No: QUD780/2016

Date filed: 7 October 2016

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The application area covers about 1,285 sq km and consists of two parts: a reserve near Slade Point, southwest of Bamaga and two parcels about 25km east of Mapoon extending east to the old telegraph track.

Relevant LGA: Cook Shire and Torres Shire Councils.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Nadja Mack on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nmtt.gov.au

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Ezekiel to play futsal in Brazil



CAIRNS teen Ezekiel Murphy has been selected to represent Australia on a futsal tour next year to Brazil. The Freshwater Christian College student was selected based on his solid performances for Far North Queensland in this year's National Futsal Championships.

The 14-year-old's sights are now set on the Brazilian tour, where he will play in front of big crowds in the futsal-mad nation.

Ezekiel credits Freshwater Christian College principal Hector Costello and his futsal coaches and mentors George Litsberger and Tanya Broadwater for his success.

Ezekiel's aspirations are to play football professionally and be a computer engineer.

A Go Fund Me page has been setup to help support his trip – www.gofundme.com/ezekiels-futsuls-brazil-tour



Futsal player Ezekiel Murphy.



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
General Purpose Lease	36/48	BRAEMORE NICKEL PTY LTD	664.77HA	18km N'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 46' S Long: 120° 45' E	LEONORA SHIRE
The purposes of G 36/48 are: A storage or transportation facility for minerals or mineral concentrate, Plant, Tailings Dams and Associated Infrastructure.						
Mining Lease	08/516	KALAMAZOO RESOURCES PTY LTD	1224.41HA	20km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 49' S Long: 115° 8' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	09/168	COMPLEX EXPLORATION PTY LTD	731.78HA	181km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 26° 32' S Long: 115° 57' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Mining Lease	24/962	PADDINGTON GOLD PTY LIMITED	85.69HA	29km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 121° 19' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	37/1315	NAVIGATOR MINING PTY LTD	703.19HA	30km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 121° 35' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	37/1316	CREW, Ross Frederick	242.56HA	45km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 37' S Long: 121° 41' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	37/1319	NAVIGATOR MINING PTY LTD	160.35HA	29km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 121° 36' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	37/1320	NAVIGATOR MINING PTY LTD	27.08HA	33km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 121° 39' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1108	CREW, Ross Frederick	9.99HA	57km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 58' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	45/1258-I	CHICHESTER METALS PTY LTD	3933.14HA	93km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 15' S Long: 119° 17' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years. Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

Notification day: 14 December 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 **14 March 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. 14 April 2017**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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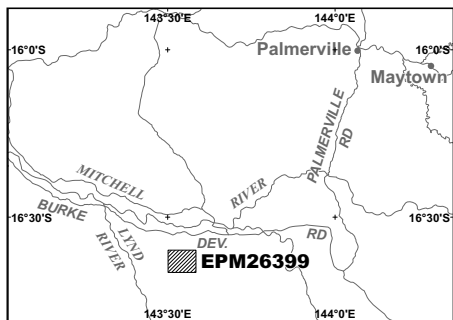
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS AND PROPOSED RENEWALS OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

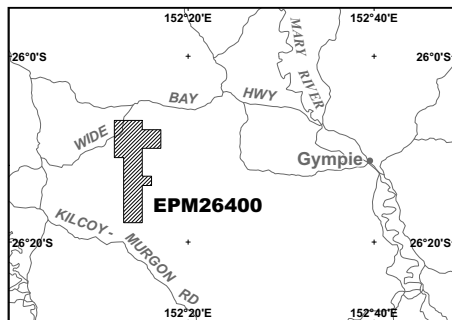
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* of the proposed grant of EPM 26399, 26400, 26401, 26403, 26404, 26406 and of the proposed renewals of EPM 13682 and EPM 13413 under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

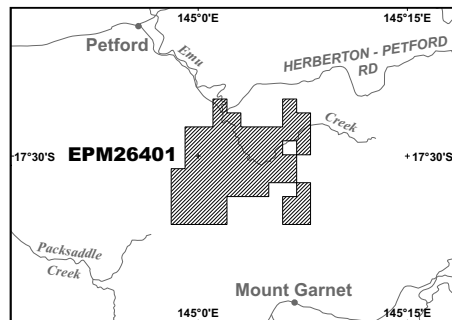
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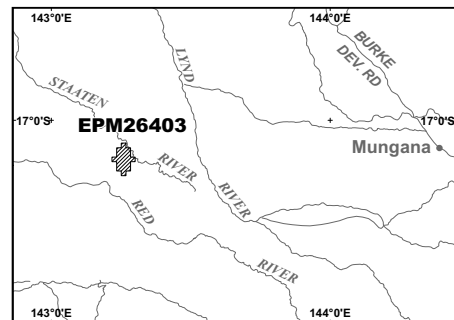
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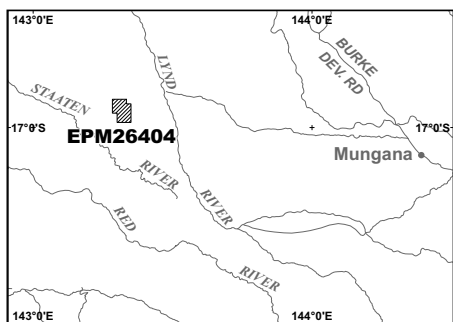
Exploration Permit 26401 sought by Jervois Mining Limited, ACN 007 626 575, over an area of 60 sub-blocks (196 km²), centred approximately 19 km North North West of Mount Garnet, in the localities of the Mareeba Shire Council and Tablelands Regional Council.



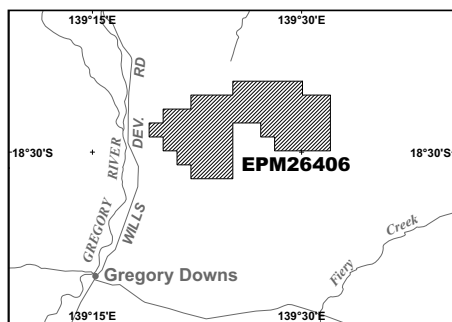
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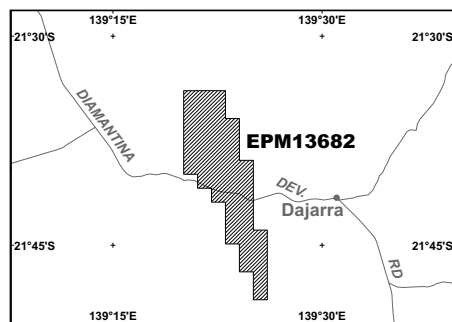
Exploration Permit 26404 sought by Lynd Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 610 450 498, over an area of 17 sub-blocks (56 km²), centred approximately 115 km West of Mungana, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



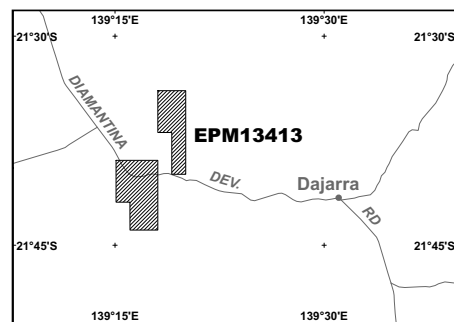
Exploration Permit 26406 sought by Red Meta Limited, ACN 103 367 684, over an area of 54 sub-blocks (175 km²), centred approximately 26 km North East of Gregory Downs, in the locality of the Burke Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 13682 renewal sought by Summit Resources (AUST) Pty Ltd, ACN 009 188 078, over an area of 43 sub-blocks (137 km²), centred approximately 15 km West of Dajarra, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 13413 renewal sought by Summit Resources (AUST) Pty Ltd, ACN 009 188 078, over an area of 22 sub-blocks (70 km²), centred approximately 21 km West of Dajarra, in the localities of Boulia Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014.

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 mining and exploration tenements. 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 objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 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) 3199 8082

Notification Day: 04 January 2017

Sharks aim for ‘triple crown’



Cronulla's Jack Bird.



NRL premiers Cronulla Sharks have outlined their bid to emulate South Sydney and add the Auckland Nines and World Club Challenge titles to the club's trophy cabinet.

Until two months ago, the Sharks' only piece of silverware was the 1979 Amco Cup. Now Shane Flanagan's premiership winners are eyeing rugby league's 'triple crown'.

But Cronulla will have to overcome a gruelling schedule, with their World Club Challenge showdown with Wigan to take place in England on February 18, a fortnight after the two-day Auckland Nines.

"It's going to be a hard task. It's going to be a big month for myself and the Sharks, but I'm sure we're capable of doing it," said Sharks centre Jack Bird, who is also likely to feature for the Indigenous All Stars against the World All Stars in Newcastle on February 10.

Given his side's demanding program – all

before the NRL season proper even begins – Flanagan is unlikely to take a star-studded line-up to Auckland.

Bird, though, says he's certain to play after recovering from a dislocated elbow that the rugged centre heroically played with for much of Cronulla's 14-12 grand final victory over Melbourne.

The 21-year-old was a member of the Sharks side that was pipped 18-14 by South Sydney in extra time of the 2015 Auckland Nines final.

Souths' win came after their drought-breaking NRL grand final triumph over Canterbury and before the Rabbitohs' 39-0 drubbing of St Helens in the World Club Challenge.

Despite possibly being understrength in Auckland, Bird insists the Sharks are gunning for the title.

"That's the plan. We go over there hoping that we can win the comp," he said. – AAP

Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland
Notification day: 21 December 2016



National Native Title Tribunal



QI2016/053 Bigambul People and Local Governments ILUA & QI2016/054 Bigambul People and Ergon Energy ILUA

Description of the agreement areas:

These Agreement areas each cover about 19778 sq km approx. 192 km west of Brisbane.

Relevant LGA: Goondiwindi Regional Council, Balonne Shire Council, Western Downs Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

Parties to both agreements
Russell Doctor, Elaine Georgetown, Rhonda Sandow and Cyril Logan as the Applicants for the Bigambul People Native Title Determination Application (QUD101/2009)
C/- Just Us Lawyers
PO Box 120
Red Hill QLD 4059

Party to QI2016/054
Ergon Energy
C/- MacDonnells Law
GPO Box 79
Brisbane QLD 4001

Party to QI2016/053
Balonne Shire Council, Goondiwindi Regional Council, Toowoomba Regional Council and Western Downs Regional Council
C/- MacDonnells Law
GPO Box 79
Brisbane QLD 4001

The agreements contain the following statements:

[Explanatory notes or summary in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

QI2016/053 Bigambul People and Local Governments ILUA

27(b) Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act (which relates to the right to negotiate) does not apply to any Future Acts covered by the Agreement.

31.1 The Parties consent to any Activity which has a Low Native Title Impact (they are described in Schedule 6) [Low native title impact activities include: maintenance (e.g. repairs to buildings, roads and car parks); low impact infrastructure (e.g. street signs, replacing an existing sewerage treatment plant); statutory approvals (e.g. environmental approvals); low impact tenure grants (e.g. trustee lease by a local government to a sporting club over a reserve, easements); pest control (e.g. removing weeds, eradicating feral animals); contractual interests (e.g. license to a community group to use land or waters under a local government's management or control); operational activities (e.g. civic functions on land or waters); access and site investigations (e.g. surveying an area); emergencies (e.g. constructing a fire break); contractual interests with third parties (e.g. maintenance contract); low impact works/infrastructure otherwise agreed at a Capital Works Forum].

31.4 Where the conditions [which include giving notice to the Native Title Party and complete consultation in accordance with the agreement or participating in a Capital Works Forum to reach consensus] in the immediately following sub-clause are satisfied, the Parties consent to any Activity which has a High Native Title Impact (they are described in Schedule 7) [High native title impact activities include: high impact infrastructure and tenure grants, anything which prevents the exercise of Native Title, high impact works/infrastructure otherwise agreed at a Capital Works Forum].

32. Where a condition [which include giving notice and undertaking consultation about future acts] applicable to a Particular Future Act is satisfied, the Parties consent to the Particular Future Act (they are described in Schedule 8).

"Activity and Activities" has the widest possible meaning and includes any activity (including any construction and ground disturbing activity), action, undertaking, dealing, grant, approval, consent and agreement.

QI2016/054 Bigambul People and Ergon Energy ILUA

12.1 The Parties consent to the doing of any low native title activities, particular future act and any class of future acts in this Agreement.

12.3 Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA [which deals with the right to negotiate] does not apply to any future act, to which the Parties have consented, in this Agreement.

12.4 The Native Title Party consents to Ergon Energy and its contractors undertaking the low native title impact activities [Low native title impact activities include: inspecting/maintaining/repairing/reinstating electricity infrastructure or access tracks, tree lopping/clearing in the vicinity of electricity infrastructure; installing street light poles and service that are tied into the existing power line system; performance of statutory duties/responsibilities under electricity or other laws; grant of any valid lease, easement, permit, licence or other interest to Ergon Energy which was operative prior to the date of commencement of this agreement for a use of or incidental to the performance of statutory duties/responsibilities under electricity or other laws; exercise by Ergon Energy of any rights or obligations under any way-leave agreement, easement, licence, permit or other interest over land or waters that are valid at the date of commencement of this agreement; accessing the Native Title Agreement Area].

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 any of the agreements 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 21 March 2017. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to the relevant agreement before it can be registered.

Details of the terms of the agreements are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Sylvia Jagtman on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Shared country, shared future.

Gillespie misses Twenty20 coach role



JUSTIN Langer is confident he can help overturn Australia's faltering Twenty20 fortunes when he takes the national side's reins for February's series against Sri Lanka.

The former Test opening batsman has been appointed caretaker Australian coach for the three T20 clashes, while incumbent Darren Lehmann is in India preparing for a four-Test series.

Langer beat a strong list of contenders to the role, including fellow Test greats Shane Warne, Indigenous man Jason Gillespie, Ricky Ponting and Michael

Hussey, who were all believed to be interested.

It was expected Langer, who played 105 Tests, would be unavailable for the role due to coaching duties with Western Australia in the Sheffield Shield.

But the temporary appointment confirms his status as Lehmann's most likely successor, with Langer also standing in to guide

the national team to a one-day tri-series win in the Caribbean in June.

Langer also coaches Big Bash League team Perth Scorchers.

He said he was keen to develop Australia's skills in the shortest format after some disappointing recent performances, including this year's World T20 where the team failed to progress past the quarter finals.

"Twenty20 international cricket is the one format in which Australia is yet to win a global tournament," Langer said.

"So every chance we get to play it and develop our skills is very significant.

"That means these three matches will be hugely important."



Jason Gillespie

Record 24 teams in Barra Cup



A RECORD 24 teams took part in the Barra Cup – the finale of the Remote Community Cricket Carnival calendar – held in Borroloola. Six mixed teams played in the inaugural six-a-side High School MILO T20 Blast division, followed by a MILO in2CRICKET skills sessions for Transition, Year 1 and Year 2 Borroloola

Primary School students. The Primary School MILO T20 Blast School Cup featured eight mixed teams.

Ten teams competed in the Barra Cup – Cairns Industries, Misfits, Poddy Dodgers, Manangoora Magpies, Gravel Pit, Bobcat and the All Stars, Wanderers, the Savannah Way Construction Crew and travelling teams Robinson River Brumbies and the Timber Creek Dingoes.

Cairns Industries beat the Poddy Dodgers in the trophy final, while the Wanderers overcame Timber Creek Dingoes in the Barra Cup final.

In a notable effort, the Timber Creek Dingoes competed in three grand finals and travelled more than 2450km during the remote community carnival season.

The Barra Cup Team of the Carniva is: Andrew Anderson, Stephanie Anderson,

Noel Ankatell, Barney Chong, Grant Cook, Tim Cosgriff, Alistair Evans, Tom Forgan, Jaida Green, Ryan Hector, John Pluto, Curtis Shadforth and Nettie Taylor.

NT Cricket says the success of the Barra Cup is due to the ongoing support of the Lord's Taverners NT, the Roper Gulf Shire Council and the Borroloola Primary School, as well as Marcus Rosas, Craig Williamson and Sammy Hamza.

Daniel Wells



Injury is an issue for Wells



NEW Collingwood assistant coach Brenton Sanderson

has confirmed star AFL recruit Daniel Wells has a calf injury that is forcing him out of training.

But the Magpies insist it is not a major issue, saying Wells, an Indigenous man, is on a managed program until after Christmas.

Sanderson's comments follow media speculation about Wells' condition. The Magpies insisted then that Wells was not injured. But Sanderson said later that Wells had a calf injury that would sideline the midfielder for some time.

Collingwood says it wants Wells at full fitness in March, not now. But it is significant because the free agent has come to the club as an injury risk.

While he managed 19 games this past season, lower-leg issues restricted Wells to just 12 matches over the previous two years.

"He's probably going to miss about 10 days of training; he's got a slight strain of the soleus which ... once you hit 30 they tend to pop up every now and again," Sanderson said.

"He really is the Ferrari in the garage that you just want to bring out when you need to, and he's just going to add so much class to this side.

"We've just got make sure we get him to round one in really good physical shape. Typically players at the back-end of their career need to managed more carefully and he definitely ticks that box.

"We've just got make sure we get him to round one fit and raring to go."

Wells, 32 in February, played 243 games for North Melbourne before joining Collingwood. – AAP



Torres Strait Stingers, in blue, and Palm Island Barracudas congratulate each other after a game in this year's FNQ Challenge.

Successful year of league predicted

By ALF WILSON



QUEENSLAND Rugby League Northern Division game development officer Sean Durant is confident that the sport in the Torres Strait, Cape York and the Northern Peninsula Area will go ahead

in leaps and bounds in 2017 after a successful 2016 season.

Cairns-based Durant said there had been many highlights over the past year, including a 60-18 win by Northern United over Queensland Outback in Townsville.

Torres Strait Islander players Windsor Bowie, Daniel Mairu and Weipa Raiders' Tim Oberleuter were the stars for United, which was picked after the RARL FNQ Challenge in Townsville during late June. The TSI Stingers won that carnival from Palm Island Barracudas, Northern Cape and Southern Cape.

The Cape sides included players from

Weipa, Napranum, Mapoon, Aurukun, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal, Lockhart River and Coen.

Cape York players travelled far for the Cape Cluster competition and Allblacks carnivals.

Durant said there were plenty of highlights during 2016 in Cape York and Torres Strait rugby league.

"The Wagadagam Storm 9s was a great concept and well-run carnival," he said.

"There were holiday camps on Yam Island for players aged six to 12, and on Thursday Island for 12-17-year-olds.

"In June, the Island of Origin carnival grand final was held on Thursday Island, with Kigu Raiders defeating Magun Warriors.

"The Cape Cluster was highly competitive, with an enthusiastic and youthful Lockhart River Scorpions taking out the grand final on home soil.

"The NPA competition was back in business, with Injinoo Crocs defeating the Alau Eagles in a memorable grand final.

"The Thursday Island grand final ended in a classic win for the Mulga Tigers, whose players travelled by dinghy every week.

"Magun Warriors, coached by Mixie Lui, won the Zenedth Kes Cup in a fierce competition dominated by forward battles."

Durant said the return of the Three Rivers competition was a positive, with Cooktown overcoming a brave Hope Vale in the decider.

Junior competitions in Weipa, Cooktown and Badu Island were highlights, as was Terry Abednego being named NRL volunteer of the year.

"Dave Bell narrowly missed out on NRL school teacher of the year award, and Marsat Newman refereed every NPA game and then travelled by dinghy to referee in the Zenedth Kes comp," Durant said.

He said that while rugby league was alive and well in the Cape/Torres Strait, he hopes to have more accredited volunteers and junior competitions in NPA and on Thursday Island in 2017.

AFL clubs snap up new talent

By PETER ARGENT



FIVE young Indigenous players – three of them South Australians – have been picked up by clubs in this year's AFL rookie draft. And another three delisted Aboriginal players were also picked up in the draft, giving them a further lifeline at the top level of the game.

The rookie selections come after last month's AFL national draft, where 12 Indigenous players were selected from 77 places.

Touted as a top-20 draft pick in the main draft at the start of the year before persistent injuries affected his performances this season, Kym LeBois was the first Indigenous player snapped up. He is going to Carlton. The creative forward's bloodlines include Essendon and Port Adelaide champion Gavin Wanganeen and former Essendon star Alwyn Davey.

Carlton list manager Stephen Silvagni said LeBois is a small forward with great agility.

"Although Kym is on the smaller side, he's very elusive and hard to tackle," Silvagni said. "He's got great speed and is a beautiful kick on his left side; it's a real weapon for him."

South Australian small forward Tyson Stengle, whose uncle is Sydney Swans star and *Koori Mail* columnist Michael O'Loughlin, was secured by Richmond. Stengle was impressive in last year's SANFL under 18 Macca's Cup competition, kicking 49 goals. He added a further 37 across that grade and SANFL reserves football this year.

Collingwood secured basketball convert Mitch McCarthy, who until 2015 pursued a 'hoops' scholarship in America. The Magpies see a massive upside in this strong-marking key defender/ruckman. He played as an over-ager with Dandenong Stingrays in the TAC Cup competition, but suffered a season-ending foot fracture.

The fourth new face is Sturt utility Jarrod Lienert, who had a breakout season with the Double Blues in the SANFL. The son of former Sturt player Brett Lienert, and hailing from the Murray Bridge Imperials, Lienert is now 22 but looks to have matured into his 195cm frame.

The mercurial Yeastin Eades and Tasmanian lad Brady Grey were given second lifelines, at



Rookie draft pick Kym LeBois is off to Carlton.



Jarrod Lienert will be playing AFL for Port Adelaide.

Essendon and Fremantle respectively.

Plucked out of the Hampton League and seen as yet another left-field selection by Geelong, 176cm small forward Jarmaine Jones was the Cats' final rookie selection, at number 48 overall.

And the last Indigenous player collected – by the Sydney Swans – was St Mary's junior Shaun Edwards. First drafted in 2011 by Greater Western Sydney, Edwards played 12 games with the Giants, before being traded to Essendon in October 2013. He played a further 12 AFL matches across three seasons before being delisted by the Bombers.

Turning 23 on December 22 and now at his third club, this is seen as Edwards' last chance at the top level.

● See our next edition for selections from the AFL Category B Rookie Draft.

2016 AFL Rookie Draft Indigenous selections

No 5 pick: Kym LeBois (by Carlton, from North Adelaide).

No 6: Tyson Stengle (by Richmond, from Woodville West Torrens).

No 7: Mitch McCarthy (by Collingwood, from Dandenong Stingrays).

No 36: Yestin Eades (Essendon – relisted).

No 38: Brady Grey (Fremantle – relisted).

No 42: Jarrod Lienert (by Port Adelaide, from Sturt)

No 48: Jarmaine Jones (Geelong).

No 49: Shaun Edwards (by Sydney Swans, from Essendon).



Cherbourg netballers: back, Wawida Collins and Mariah Martin, centre, Loralle Saltner and Sherry Sandow and, front, Tarneecia Douglas and Pallara Watson.

Cherbourg netballers show style



A GAME or two of social netball in the former mission town of Cherbourg, 300km north-west of Brisbane, has blossomed into two

representative teams competing in nearby Kingaroy and a third place in this year's competition.

Player Wawida Collins said Cherbourg just missed out on a spot in the grand final and, for the first time, a team travelled to Brisbane to represent the community at the recent Indigenous Sports and Cultural Festival.

"We've been fundraising and we have sponsorships to pay for our accommodation, uniforms and some of the costs," she said.

"Netball has taken some big

steps in Cherbourg. We now have 23 women registered to play in two teams.

"The Cherbourg Strikers are competing in the Kingaroy B/C division, and the Cherbourg Stingers are in A grade.

"We do training runs where we work together to strengthen team play and develop skills.

"The council here has given us bibs and uniforms. They offered us a bus to get to Kingaroy but we like to car pool, which is a great way for us to support each other."

Collins said Cherbourg also had five level one umpires and four foundation coaches.

"We were also lucky to have Beryl Friday from the Queensland Firebirds netball squad run a drills and skills clinic in Cherbourg," she said.

Boom times for our game

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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READERS will know my passion for the Flying Boomerangs program in providing a pathway for Indigenous players to the AFL and the positive impact such a program has on the individuals involved and the communities they come from.

Over recent weeks the continued value of this program has been reinforced.

The AFL draft was probably close to the highest ever in terms of Indigenous representation with about 15% of all draftees in 2016 identifying as Indigenous.

This is outstanding on any criteria of judgment, but when you consider the success of the AFL multicultural programs and expansion into new markets it is a truly outstanding figure.

This year, 21 Indigenous players made it on to an AFL list in the draft, the highest number in 10 years.

The AFL's Simon Lethlean was rightly proud of this achievement and the many programs that contributed to the overall result.

"To see 15% of all players drafted to an AFL club this year identify as Indigenous shows the strong links between football and Indigenous Australians," he said.

"We are really proud that our programs at the state and community level are working to identify and promote Indigenous footballers."

Thirteen of the 21 Indigenous players drafted, or selected as a Category B rookie in 2016, have been involved in AFL programs designed to fast-track their development



Star of the future Tyson Stengle was the No 6 selection, by Richmond, in this year's AFL draft.

and support their dreams of reaching the elite level.

"The high number of draftees in 2016 will see the total number of Indigenous players in the AFL system reach 81, the first time since 2006 that the number has climbed above 80," Lethlean said.

"Leadership"

"We hope all of these young men continue to enhance their leadership capacity and continue the legacy of great Indigenous footballers who have laid the foundations for their success."

The fact that eight graduates of the Rio Tinto AFL Flying Boomerangs were selected by AFL clubs this year, with five drafted within the first 30 selections, including two former captains in Jy Simpkin and Sam Powell-Pepper, is something I am particularly proud of given

my previous involvement as a coach and mentor in the program.

In addition to the Indigenous footballers selected, there were 24 players who were either born outside of Australia or have at least one parent born overseas, which reinforces how strong the Indigenous result is.

"Our multicultural programs are an important part of our push to increase the number of AFL footballers who represent new and emerging Australian communities," Lethlean said.

"We have invested in Next Generation Academies, which will use the strength of clubs to grow and develop our game, and ensure it is representative, inclusive and embraces gender and cultural diversity.

"We will continue to invest in our Indigenous and multicultural programs and provide young men and women

with a clear pathway to the elite level."

Given my recent article on pathways for girls and women I am glad to see them mentioned, but we need to continue to expand specific programs for them – programs like the Flying Boomerangs, which targets talented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders aged 14 to 15 as part of the game's Indigenous partnerships program.

It is not just a talented athlete program, as the true focus is on personal development and leadership skills as part of educating the next generation of Indigenous stars.

The team is currently in China and player Christian Miller-Sabbioni said he has discovered similarities between Indigenous and Chinese culture.

"Aboriginal people who live in remote communities and out on remote islands don't really want to move because it's their culture," Miller-Sabbioni said.

"They don't want to be pushed into Western civilisation. It's the same with these people. They would rather live like this than go live in apartments."

Opportunity

This is an enormous opportunity for our players to more fully appreciate their own culture by visiting other cultures and living them.

Ali Fahour, head of multicultural and Indigenous partnerships for the AFL, expects Indigenous participation in the sport to continue to grow, as evidenced by the draft.

"In 2016, 10% of AFL players came from Indigenous backgrounds. If you compare that to the population of 3%, we are overrepresented," he said.

"You think about the untapped talent out there in this community and how much they can offer the game."

The team has played matches against the Port Adelaide Aboriginal Academy and the AFL China side as part of the tour.

These players will come back as better people and will have a far better chance of transitioning to the AFL as a result.

They will become ambassadors for all that is good in the game as well as being role models for those who aspire to follow in their footsteps.

Speaking of community, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas.

May the New Year also bring us peace and wellbeing – and a great year of footy!

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

February 3 kick off for women's competition



THE new AFL women's competition will start on Friday, February 3, in Melbourne.

Collingwood and Carlton will headline the opening encounter of the 28-match season at Olympic Park Oval under lights.

Matches will be played in seven states over seven weeks at suburban centres around the country: Ikon Park, Olympic Park Oval, VU Whitten Oval and Casey Fields in Melbourne; Thebarton Oval and Norwood Oval in Adelaide; Fremantle Oval and Domain Stadium in Perth; Rushton Park in Mandurah, WA; Manuka Oval in Canberra; Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney in NSW; and TIO Stadium in Darwin, along with new venue South Pine Sports Complex in Brendale, north of Brisbane.

The NAB AFL women's grand final will be played on Saturday, March 25, at a time and venue to be confirmed.

The schedule includes six double-headers with men's pre-season matches. Five are curtain-raisers and one a curtain-closer.

Free access

Fans will have free access to all NAB AFL women's competition matches, with the exception of the five double-headers played as curtain-raisers. A ticket to the JLT Community Series match will be required for entry to those games.

Four clubs play four home matches – Adelaide Crows, Collingwood, Fremantle and Western Bulldogs. Four clubs play three home matches – Brisbane Lions, Carlton, GWS Giants and Melbourne.

The AFL's Simon Lethlean said the home-game split was determined based on venue availability and travel loads, and may differentiate between each season.

"Clubs were consulted on their preferred venues and other requests such as a capacity to host family days," he said.

"We endeavoured to accommodate club requests where possible, while ensuring accessibility for fans, and other issues such as venue facilities, lighting for night matches and double-headers.

"Other match considerations included minimum six-day breaks between matches, providing the opportunity to minimise travel days and the number of weekdays impacted for each club. We are also very conscious of avoiding extreme heat in states such as Brisbane and Perth."

Eight AFLW home and away matches will be broadcast live on the Seven Network – two in round one on Friday and Saturday night, then every Saturday night from rounds two to seven. It will broadcast the inaugural NAB AFLW grand final exclusively live.

FOX FOOTY will broadcast all 28 home and away matches live (and will broadcast the AFLW grand final on delay). All AFLW matches will be broadcast live on the Official AFL Live App and AFL.com.au



The Indigenous All Stars women's team from this year, with staff and officials.

These stars shine

By PRESTON CAMPBELL



ONE of the great initiatives the All Stars generated was the development of the Indigenous Women's All Stars clash with the Australian Jillaroos.

The game captured the attention and admiration of the men's side, and I know that Greg Inglis in particular has been a great supporter of their cause.

Anybody who has participated in the many Aboriginal knockouts can attest to the skill and passion of our sister players.

The skill is almost a given, but it is the toughness of the competition that surprises many.

I had the pleasure of watching the interstate match recently that also acted as a trial for next year's All Stars match.

The quality of the game was there for all to see and I look forward with excitement to next year's clash.

NSW won the tight clash 28-24 in a battle that deserved a much bigger crowd.

The beauty of having a defined pathway for elite female players is that we are now seeing the profile of the girls being raised and they are becoming role models in their own communities.

Their stories are just as inspiring as the males in their communities, with Nakia Davis-Welsh being just one example.

Her dad Paul competed at the top level and was an outstanding player.

Davis-Welsh grew up in Kempsey and she lived with football as part of her life, playing with her brothers and cousins while attending school at Kempsey South Public.

Like a lot of young girls growing up she felt uncertain about her future and that is where rugby league and the support of her family have played a huge part in her life.

A talented athlete in a number of sports, she made a successful application to enrol in Hunter Sports High and her career blossomed.

"My family made a huge sacrifice to move from Kempsey," Davis-Welsh said. "Without their support I would not be where I am today."

And Davis-Welsh is not just talking about her sporting career.



Nakia Davis-Welsh runs hard for the Indigenous Women's All Stars.

"By moving to Hunter Sports I was motivated to do well at school and became the first person in my family to complete Year 12," she said.

This has allowed her to progress to employment working in administration with the Native Titles Office while continuing her rugby league career with the mighty Redfern All Blacks.

Next year she hopes to study sports management at university.

"Moving to Sydney and starting uni was too quick for me at the time but I want to continue my education," Davis-Welsh said.

"One day I would like to work with the NRL and go home and teach the kids how to play and to also let them know they can chase their dreams."

Which brings us back to her initial selection in the All Stars.

Davis-Welsh was in Year 10 and had not played organised rugby league until six weeks previously when she helped the Mindaribba Sisters win the annual Koori Knockout, played at Raymond Terrace.

Her Dad Paul relates what came next.

"She got picked for the NSW Indigenous team from there and they went

to Queensland and played the Queensland girls, then she texted me after that and said, 'Dad, I got in,'" Davis said.

"I couldn't believe it. She was only 16."

Nakia had played representative netball and had been selected in the Combined High Schools touch football team, but this was something else.

"I was shocked," Davis-Welsh said. "But to have the chance to represent myself, other Indigenous girls and my family was something special."

"When I first went into camp I was nervous as this was my first time with the older girls, but they made it feel like family."

"We were all asked to talk about why we were there and what representing our families and communities meant to us."

"It was pretty emotional, but to hear each other's stories was unreal."

When it came to game day Davis-Welsh started on the bench and was extremely nervous but she suddenly was thrown into the match when the fullback got injured.

"I was nervous but soon I just focused on the game and it was all over before I had time to think."

Davis-Welsh is now almost a senior player even though she is just one year out of school!

Her achievements mean so much to her family, especially since the tragic loss of her brother in a car accident when he was chasing his own NRL dream.

Nakia Davis-Welsh now has her sights on Hunter Stadium on Friday, February 10, when the Indigenous team will look to avenge the 24-4 loss endured to the Women's All Stars in 2016.

The Indigenous Women's All Stars train-on squad is: Jasmine Allende (NSW), Suvanah Connors (Qld), Libby Cook-Black (Qld), Nakia Davis-Welsh (NSW), Bo De La Cruz (Qld), Sarah Field (Qld), Eunice Grimes (NSW), Tahlia Hunter (NSW), Kandy Kennedy (NSW), Samatha Leisha (Qld), Briony Livingstone (NSW), Kiara Maza (NSW), Stephanie Mooka (Qld), Caitlin Moran (NSW), Lauren Motlop (NT), Molly O'Connell (Qld), Kelsey Parkin (Qld), Lavina Phillips (NSW), Amber Pilley (NSW), Rebecca Riley (NSW), Simone Smith (NSW), Tanisha Stanton (NSW), Tahlulah Tillet (Qld), Emily Young (Qld) and Rebecca Young (NSW).

Shaun Nona pushes forward.



Big roles tipped for trio

By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS players Kierran Moseley, Shaun Nona and Roy Baira are expected to play major roles next season for the Townsville and District Mendi Blackhawks,

already one of the favourites in the Queensland Intrust Super Cup rugby league competition.

Classy Torres Strait Islander five-

eighth Nona, and Moseley, an Aboriginal man from Cloncurry, will be two of the trump cards for the Blackhawks, while Baira will coach the club's under 18 team.

Nona has previously been with the Illawarra Cutters, North Queensland Cowboys, Melbourne Storm and Northern Pride.

Moseley, who has played NRL with the Penrith Panthers and Gold Coast Titans, is a versatile hooker.

And Baira played in the Townsville

and District Rugby League competition and captained the Townsville Stingers representative side for many years before becoming a coach.

He was assistant coach of the champion Mal Meninga Cup side in 2015 while it was still known as the Townsville Stingers. This year he continued as assistant coach of the team, which won the premiership.

Included in next year's Blackhawks under 18 team squad is Torres Strait Islander rising star Ememarki Shibasaki.

New mob on way

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

THERE are a lot of educated people in the world, but there is no doubt that most of us learn our most valuable lessons in the university of life.

The NRL recently held its annual rookie camp and it was great to hear my good mates George Rose and Billy Williams were on hand to start the mentoring of the next crop of Indigenous players in the game.

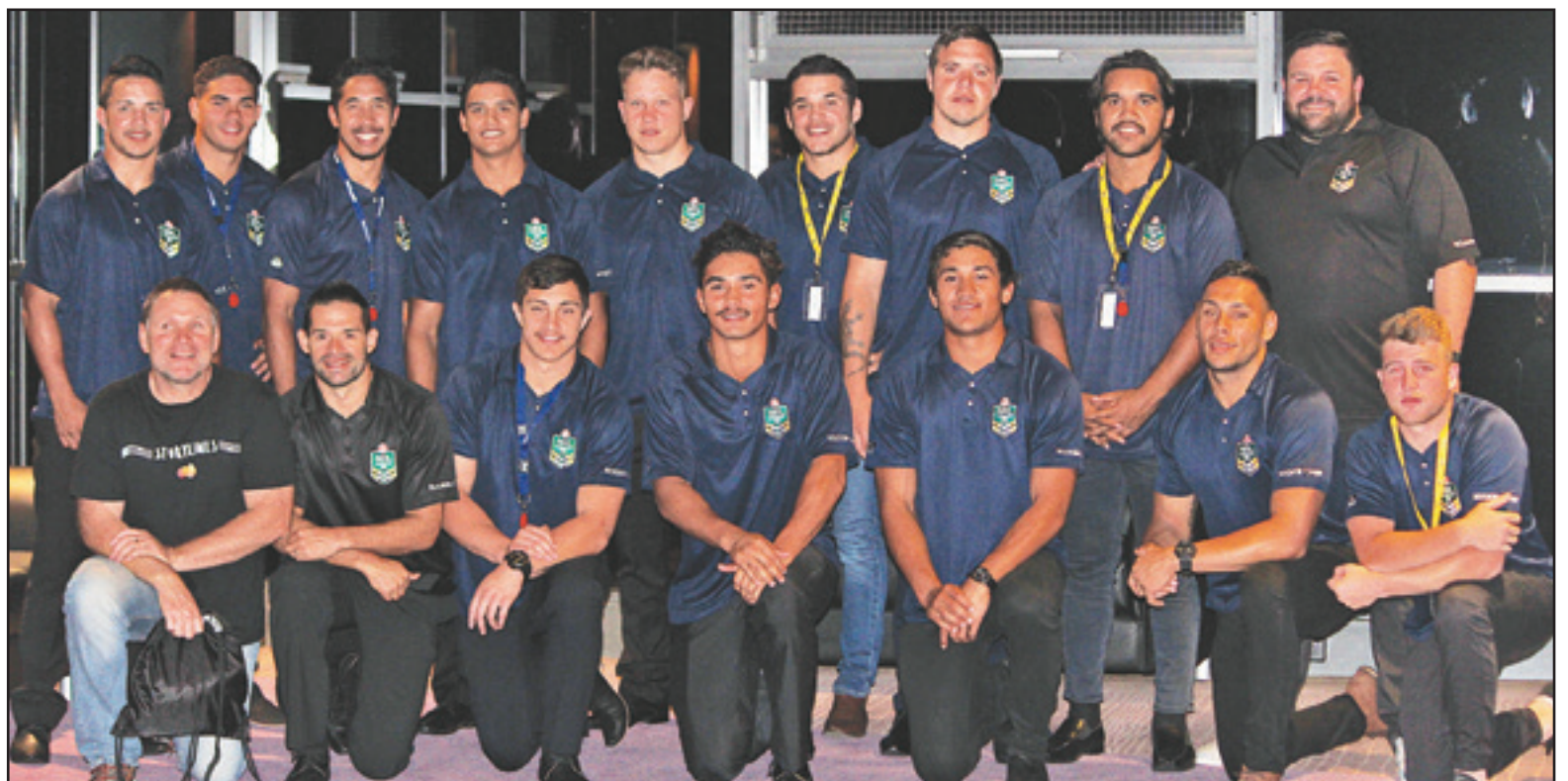
In what was a select camp it was great to see 14 young Indigenous lads get an insight into the demands and challenges of being an NRL player.

Billy Williams is well-known to most of the players in the NRL, having delivered cultural awareness workshops across the game for more than 10 years.

He is often introduced as 'The Professor', but his lessons are from life and the learned lessons from our elders that have been handed down to us over many generations.

Billy combines serious messages with doses of humour, but his presentation has always had an impact on Indigenous and non-Indigenous players alike.

If I were to try to capture the essence of his presentation I would use the word respect. It starts from his acknowledgment of country and explaining the importance of this in Aboriginal



Mentors Billy Williams and George Rose with the latest mob of NRL Indigenous rookies at this year's camp.

and Torres Strait Islander terms rather than it being seen as a token statement.

It is a message that develops into respect for yourself, respect for the land and the respect for each other.

In speaking of respect for each other, Billy tries to get all the players to develop an understanding of their own culture and an appreciation of the team and club culture central to being a successful NRL player.

Feel welcome

This is all a part of the players being made feel welcome to the world of the NRL and accepted for who they are, where they come from and who they represent.

It gives all the players a platform to understand the other key messages delivered to them across the camp.

Apart from big George Rose, the boys had the opportunity to meet and learn from more than 20 current and former NRL players who presented workshops with industry experts from a variety of areas.

One of the powerful workshops was delivered by former Raiders skipper Alan Tongue who built on

the idea of self-respect by getting rookies to understand they have a 'personal brand'.

It is a great talk that helps players not only understand the scrutiny they are under but also the opportunities that they can access through their involvement in the game.

The boys also learned some of the skills needed to manage their brand in a session on social media delivered by the Australian Federal Police.

I have seen this workshop and it is scary how much information people can access and you just have to remember that once a photo, comment or story is posted, it is there for life.

It also should make us think about how many of the people we accept as friends on Facebook are people we can really trust.

Another powerful workshop was on the topic of respectful relationships and attitudes towards women in our life and in society.

With domestic violence finally getting the attention it deserves it is important that our young men become ambassadors in this area, and it was great that players of the standing of Roy Asotasi, David Solomona and Brenton

Lawrence led the discussions in this space.

An important link was made to alcohol abuse, with no doubt that alcohol is not only linked to domestic violence but also to other areas where we make bad decisions that impact on ourselves and the people close to us.

Dean Halatau and Quentin Pongia shared their experiences in these talks and their open and at times brutal honesty had the desired impact in the groups.

If that message were not strong enough, the talk on illicit drugs was reinforced by Reni Maitua, whose struggle with depression and using illicit drugs to escape his pain not only almost ended his career but also almost cost him his life.

Resonates

It is a story that resonates with me and I can understand both how difficult it would have been for Reni to relate that story and how empowering it would have been at the same time.

To enable the players to understand how you can grow through difficult times the players also had a session on resilience with Dan Hunt and Joel

Thompson from the Dragons, sharing their stories.

Joel is emerging as a great leader and role model not just for our players but for Indigenous youth wherever he goes.

His commitment to youth through developing programs has been widely acknowledged, and the fact that a young kid from the bush who struggled at school and in his personal life is now excelling at university is an inspiring story in itself.

The players also had presentations on financial planning and the role of the players' association.

As always, the camp finished on a high with a sports theatre session led by Nigel Vagana with the assistance of professional actors and 'volunteers' from the playing group.

There were a few laughs, but the serious messages came through loud and clear.

The players went away with a lot of knowledge, but if all they learnt was the key message of respect from 'Professor' Williams then the whole event was worthwhile.

Good luck to our next mob on their journeys!

And season's greetings to all.



Cricket pioneers

Bernard powers to new bests



Bernard Sabadi-Nona readies for another lift.

By ALF WILSON



TORRES Strait Islander Bernard Sabadi-Nona has had a great year as a powerlifter, rounding it off with a top performance at the North Queensland Open competition this month in Cairns.

Cairns-based Sabadi-Nona achieved several personal goals at the titles, including a squat of 205kg, bench press of 177.5kg and deadlift of 265kg, totalling 647.5kg.

"I'm pretty proud to have achieved some of my goals including a squat of over 200kg, and I set a new deadlift personal best within the year," he said. "I placed second in my class, and my new total now makes me an A-grade lifter."

"With some more work I hope to add another 60kg to my total, which will make me an Elite II Powerlifter."

"I still have plenty of goals in sight and am keen for more in 2017. I'm also hoping to inspire more mob to join the sport."

Sabadi-Nona, 32, is a member of a large Badu Island family.

While now committed to powerlifting, he also enjoyed rugby league.

"I have played for Badu side Kulpiyam and Yarrabah's Bukki Buna, but injured my knee and needed reconstructions," he told the *Koori Mail*.

Netballer set to play in England

By CHRIS PIKE



AFTER eight years in the ANZ Championship, not only has Josie Janz-Dawson got a new netball team to play for, but it's on the other side of the world.

And it's a brand new club in Britain's Netball Super League.

Janz-Dawson has been part of the West Coast Fever team in the ANZ Championship since the trans-Tasman netball competition began in 2008.

But when Australia and New Zealand decided to split, and Australia implemented the new National Netball League, the 28-year-old defender who hails from Thursday Island found herself without a home. She wasn't offered a new contract with the Fever in Perth or any of the other clubs.

That meant she had a decision to make, and it wasn't an easy one given her ties to Perth and Western Australia as a whole, where she has done good work with the Wirrpanda Foundation.

The Torres Strait Islander has played a significant role in the organisation's Deadly Sistaz program to help Indigenous girls throughout WA, but if Janz-Dawson wanted to continue to play top-level netball it was



Josie Janz-Dawson looks to pass for the West Coast Fever.

going to take a significant move.

The Netball Super League is Britain's premier competition and not only that, with the folding of the ANZ Championship and creation of Australia's National Netball League, it's now shaping as the second strongest netball competition in the world.

It is certainly the strongest in the northern hemisphere, and

when major team the Severn Stars was granted permission to join the Super League in 2017, officials looked to Australia for some talent.

When they saw that Janz-Dawson hadn't been snapped up by any Australian clubs in the National Netball League they made her an offer, and now ahead of the season starting in

February she has already taken up residence in England.

Pre-season training has started, and Janz-Dawson is fitting in at the new club while trying to adjust to a British winter.

Helping Janz-Dawson's decision to move was the Stars' appointment of former Australian Diamonds player Mo'onia Gerrard as coach.

While Severn has put together a largely youthful English-based squad, the club wanted to sign experienced internationals as bookends.

Janz-Dawson is a proven quality defender from her eight seasons in the ANZ Championship, so she provides what is required at that end of the court.

She will also take on a significant leadership role.

Janz-Dawson is excited by the move to England to play in a new competition.

"I think we will have the ability to blend a few playing styles together and I'm really looking forward to learning more from Mo'onia Gerrard as my coach," she said.

"Having now started the pre-season training program, Mon is pushing us to train at a high intensity and I'm really looking forward to the challenge to keep it going and setting the standard for what we can achieve together in 2017."

Meninga will coach World All Stars



MAL Meninga will coach the World All Stars team at the Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars match in Newcastle on

February 10. Meninga takes on the role after previous World All Stars coach Wayne Bennett expressed his desire to step down from the coaching position to concentrate on his Brisbane Broncos and Rugby League World Cup commitments in 2017.

Meninga, who led the Kangaroos in securing the world number-one rugby league ranking again after winning the Four Nations tournament last month, said he was looking forward to the opportunity to coach some of the best players in the world.

"I thought the concept of a World All Stars team was a terrific step forward when it was introduced this year," Meninga said.

"The camaraderie not only between the Australian players, but also amongst the players from competing nations during the Four Nations was very evident and I know from speaking with the players that the All Stars match is one of the highlights of the year."

"Wayne continues to be a tremendous advocate for this game and in particular, what it stands for. I will be taking his legacy forward and I encourage as many Indigenous and non-Indigenous fans to get to the game in Newcastle next February."

Meninga will join Indigenous All Stars coach Laurie Daley in Sydney this week as the coaches name their teams to play in Newcastle.

Tickets for the Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars match are available at www.nrl.com/tickets

Bentley aims to kick goals with Dockers

By CHRIS PIKE



KIRBY Bentley has been something of a trailblazer, and after making the move from netball to Australian rules football she is on target to be one of the stars of the new AFL women's

competition. Bentley was signed as a priority pick by the Fremantle Dockers to be part of the inaugural national women's competition, to begin in February.

But it's not been all smooth sailing for the 30-year-old. She is still recovering from a knee reconstruction and is yet to take part in full training with the Dockers, but she hopes that changes before too long.

Bentley has no doubt she will be ready for the season-opener in early February, with the inaugural grand final set for Saturday March 25.

"I never expected to play AFL so it's especially frustrating to not take part in full training as I recover from an ACL (knee) injury," she said.

"Hanging out for it"

"I look forward to training with the girls without any contact over the next couple of weeks and then hopefully I'll be taking a few hits after that. To be honest, I'm kind of hanging out for it."

After making the move from netball to playing football in 2009, Bentley never imagined there would be a national competition she would join.

She has represented Melbourne in recent exhibition matches with the Western Bulldogs, but now the national competition is a whole new level and she is excited to be part of it with Fremantle, and to be able to test her talents against the best.

"After years of waiting and all the hype

around the arrival of AFLW, the reality of being a Fremantle Docker is only starting to kick in," Bentley said. "The Fremantle Dockers is our club and this is where we're at for the next four months, so everybody just needs to come together and enjoy the moment for what it is, and get to work."

"I think you need to play the best to become better and to challenge yourself and to grow. That is what the AFLW is all about. The game is growing constantly, so the more we expand the more we will improve across the board."

Bentley loves her sport, but she says being a mentor for Indigenous youth throughout Western Australia has given her the most satisfaction. She even has a youth girls competition, the Kirby Bentley Cup, named for her.

Now with the beginning of the AFL women's competition, she sees the bigger picture that this historic first group of players is setting the stage for every girl who can now see a "real pathway to play professional sport".

"It's been great to see families with groups of young girls coming down to watch us train," she said.

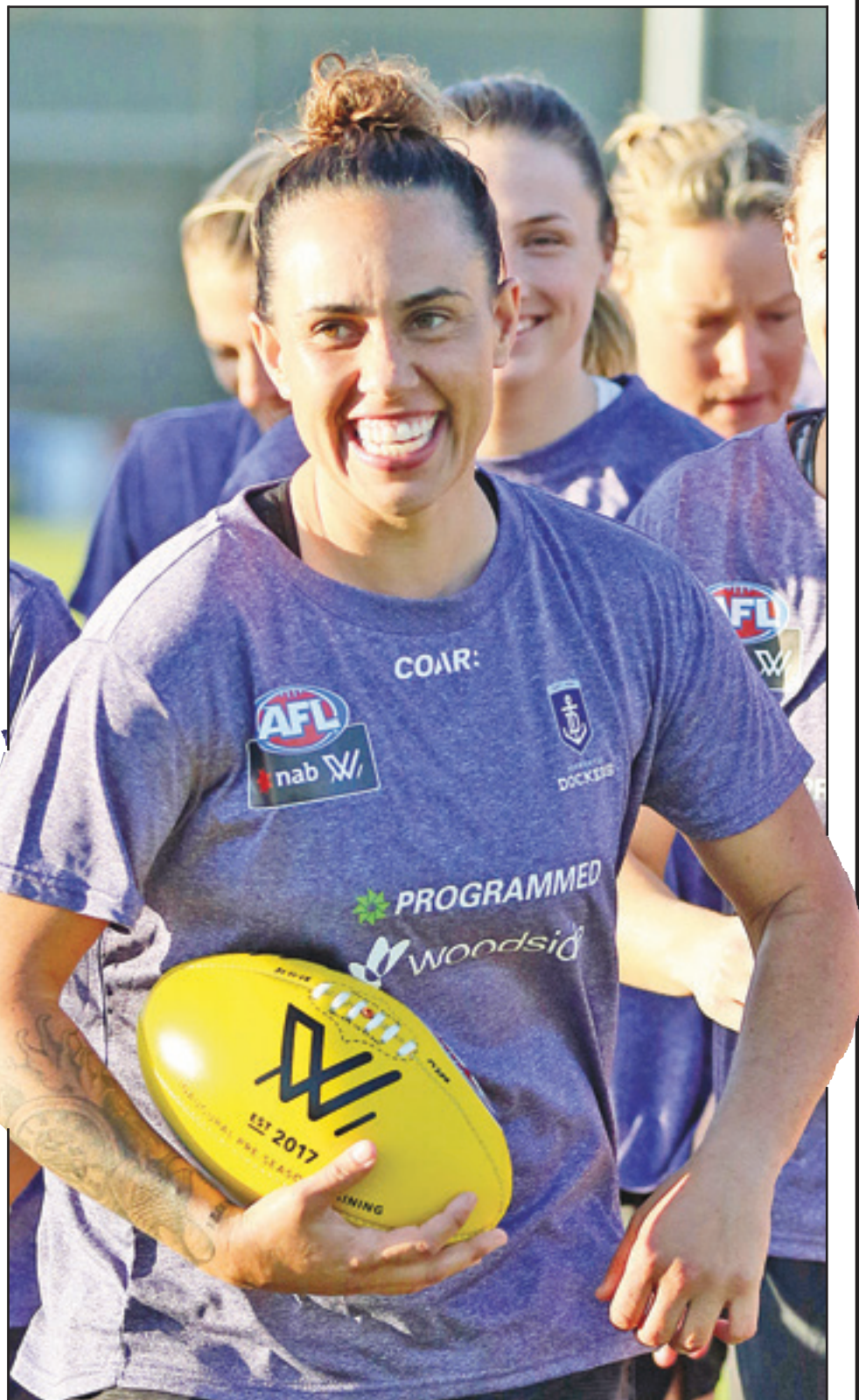
"People are certainly interested in what we are doing and what it's going to bring to women's sport."

"It's important to engage with our fans as you never know the impact that we could be having on their lives."

"You never know how a passing comment you make will affect or inspire somebody."

"We're playing a game that we love and these young girls and families are coming down now because they're interested in football and they see a future in it for their young daughters."

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Kirby Bentley is pleased to be playing in the new AFL women's competition with the Fremantle Dockers. Picture: Phil Barnes

Marathoners wanted



APPLICANTS are being sought for the next squad of Indigenous Marathon Project recruits. The project, a core program of the Indigenous Marathon

Foundation, is open to all Indigenous Australians aged 18-30.

The goal is to produce "incredible leaders and long-distance runners", with a national tour set to kick off in March 2017 to identify 12 inspirational Indigenous participants.

Successful applicants will have six months to train for the New York City Marathon, under the guidance of IMF founder and director and marathon legend Rob de Castella, and 2014 IMP graduate Adrian Dodson-Shaw.

"I'm really looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead in getting a new squad ready for the NYC Marathon start line, and helping them step up and become young leaders," Dodson-Shaw said.

The new squad will have the support of the 65 IMP participants who have passed

"I'm really looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead in getting a new squad ready for the NYC Marathon start line, and helping them step up and become young leaders." – Adrian Dodson-Shaw



through the program since 2010.

De Castella said the search was not about discovering Olympians. "It is about finding motivated people who have the strength of character to inspire their communities and the nation through their commitment and ability to tackle challenges," he said.

"The marathon is one of the hardest

things anyone can do, and doing it in just six months is amazing. Doing it from no running and from remote and isolated parts of the country is an incredible test of character and determination."

"IMP is looking for these amazing young Indigenous men and women who are driven and passionate about wanting to make a difference. Individuals who want to show

themselves and others what is possible, and through that inspire a better Australia."

The national tour in March will visit communities around Australia and from that six men and six women will be selected after a trial that includes a 3km run for women and 5km run for men, in addition to an interview. The group will also be expected to complete a Certificate III in Fitness, First Aid qualification, and Level 1 Recreational Running accreditation as part of the project's education component.

There were a record number of applications this year. Applications, which close on January 30, can be made online or a form can be downloaded from the website www.imf.org.au.

The IMP is a program of the Indigenous Marathon Foundation, a not-for-profit foundation established in 2009 by de Castella. The IMF relies on the support of the Federal Department of Health, Department of Regional Australia, local Government, Arts and Sport, Qantas, ASICS, Accor, Good Oil Films and the generosity of the Australian public.

Talent on show in a great year for sport

2016 was another great year for Indigenous sport. From the football codes through to not-so-high-profile sports, our people made their mark.

Here, in no particular order, PETER ARGENT takes a look at some of those achievements as reported in the *Koori Mail*.

● **All Australia trifecta – Betts, Franklin, Rioli:** Three of the most exciting Indigenous talents in AFL – Adelaide Crow Eddie Betts, former Hawthorn and now Sydney key forward Lance ‘Buddy’ Franklin and mercurial Tiwi Islander Hawthorn’s Cyril Rioli – won All Australian AFL honours this year.

Each had a dynamic and telling impact on the competition, with Betts also taking out the AFL Goal of the Year for a freakish effort in May.

● **State of Origin hat-trick hero Dane Gagai:** Queensland rugby league star Dane Gagai was spectacular with a three-try effort in a win that clinched the 2016 State of Origin series against the Blues.

After an inauspicious start at Lang Park, Gagai redeemed himself in the decider.

The Torres Strait Islander is a second generation professional rugby player. His father Ray played for the the Broncos back in 1989.

● **Amanda Reid – Paralympic cycling silver medallist:** Sydney cyclist Amanda Reid collected an Paralympic silver medal after her performance in the C1-2-3 500m time trial at the Rio de Janeiro Games. It was a career-best ride.

The Guringal woman had already participated in the 2012 London Paralympics as a swimmer and is looking forward to the 2020 Tokyo event.

● **Andrew Fifita leads Cronulla Sharks to NRL title:** Maligned at times, Andrew Fifita played a key role in the Sharks’ 14-12 victory in the exciting and historic NRL grand final.

One of Cronulla’s key performers in this breakthrough title win, Fifita made 23 runs, gaining 189 metres, was credited with 12 tackle bursts and critically scored the match-winning try in the second half.

● **Shaun Burgoyne’s 300-game milestone:** Footballer, brother, father and Aboriginal statesman, Shaun Burgoyne joined the magical 300 AFL games club early in the 2016 season.

The 33-year-old was originally



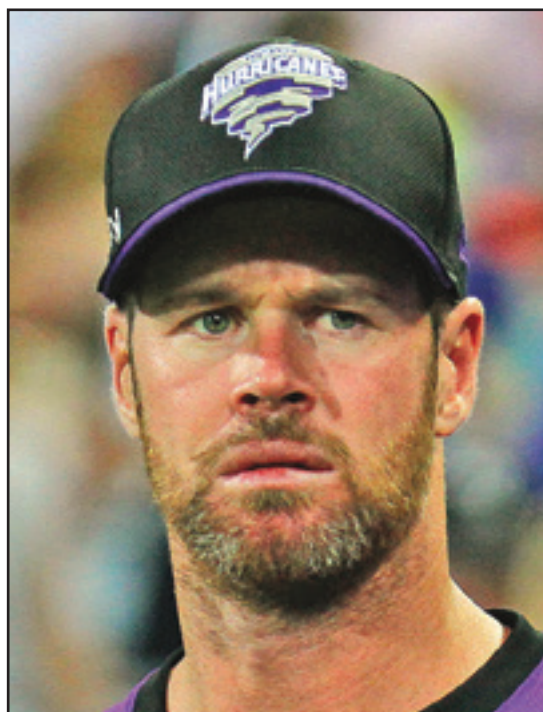
Andrew Fifita celebrates Cronulla’s NRL win.



Shaun Burgoyne attacks for Hawthorn.



Ash Barty returns to the tennis court.



Dan Christian tastes Sheffield Shield success.

picked up by the Power with pick 12 in the 2000 National Draft, and went on to play in 157 matches for Port Adelaide.

In the middle of this year he played his 150th senior game with Hawthorn, joining another special group of footballers.

He was a member of the 2004 flag-winning team with Port Adelaide and three successive premierships with the Hawks.

● **Dan Christian collects his second Sheffield Shield title:** Playing for his third state, first-class cricketer Christian enjoyed his second successive Sheffield Shield title when the

visiting Victorians defeated South Australia at Glenelg Oval in this year’s grand final.

The Wiradjuri man is a natural all-rounder. He is also a brilliant fieldsman both close to the wicket and on the boundary.

Once a 12th man for an Australian test in Hobart, Christian has represented his country in one-day and T20 cricket.

● **Softballers Stacey Porter, Vanessa Stokes, and Janice Blackman:** Three exciting Aboriginal talents – senior player Stacey Porter, pitcher Vanessa Stokes and outfielder Janice

Blackman – were key members of the Australian Spirit national softball team this year.

Porter is noted as one of the best power hitters in the code, while Stokes played professionally in the United States.

Blackman, the youngest of the trio, is an accomplished all-round talent.

● **Success in the AFL draft:** This year, 22 Indigenous players made it on to an AFL list in the 2016 draft period, the highest number in 10 years.

Twelve players were selected in the main draft, including three

in the first round, and another eight were either collected or given a second chance in the rookie draft.

In the new Next Generation Academy – Category B Rookie section, two more Indigenous talents have been given opportunities.

● **Indigenous women’s cricket tour of India:** In the experience of a lifetime, a team of talented young Aboriginal women toured cricket-mad India, furthering sport and cultural relationships between the countries.

The team had one win and picked up a wealth of experience, including a trip to the Taj Mahal.

The 10-day tour included two games in Mumbai.

● **Jared Petrenko’s ANZAC Day Medal:** Nick-named ‘Pup’, Jared Petrenko was superb in the annual SANFL Anzac Day feature match, being honoured with the Bob Quinn Medal as best player on the ground.

Petrenko epitomises all the attributes of the Anzac, being team-orientated, hard-working and dedicated to his cause.

He continually put his body on the line in the Eagles’ win in the competition grand final replay.

● **Dual talent Ashleigh Barty:** At the start of the year, Barty was playing cricket for her state – having represented Queensland in the Women’s National Cricket League and the inaugural Women’s Big Bash League competition.

A couple of months later, she returned to her first sport, tennis.

Barty soared 50 places in the latest WTA rankings after a quarterfinal finish in Taipei last month.

She jumped to No 275 in the word, an exceptional ranking given she has only played four tournaments since her return to tennis following a near two-year absence.

She endured four months on the sidelines after Wimbledon with an arm injury.

● **St Mary’s 31st NTFL title:** Simply the most productive and successful state league football club in the nation, the Darwin-based St Mary’s Green Machine collected its 31st Northern Territory Football League Premier title in March.

In a thrilling climax, St Mary’s held on to defeat favourites the Wanderers by two points in a low-scoring, tense affair.

Since starting 64 years ago, the St Mary’s has an amazing 47% premiership winning ratio.

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Netballer to play in British league
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The Voice of Indigenous Australia



Fresh footy talent on way



THE depth of Indigenous talent in rugby league and Australian rules football has been well and truly underlined in recent days. Following on from the AFL national draft where 12 of the 77 crop of new talent picked up by clubs were Indigenous, another five young Aboriginal hopefuls have been snapped up in the rookie draft.

And a couple more youthful up-and-comers have also been selected in the AFL Category B Rookie Draft.

Then there's the new AFL women's competition, which

also boasts a solid Indigenous contingent.

There's plenty of young talent coming through in the NRL as well, with 14 Indigenous hopefuls aged 17-19 taking part in the code's rookie camp.

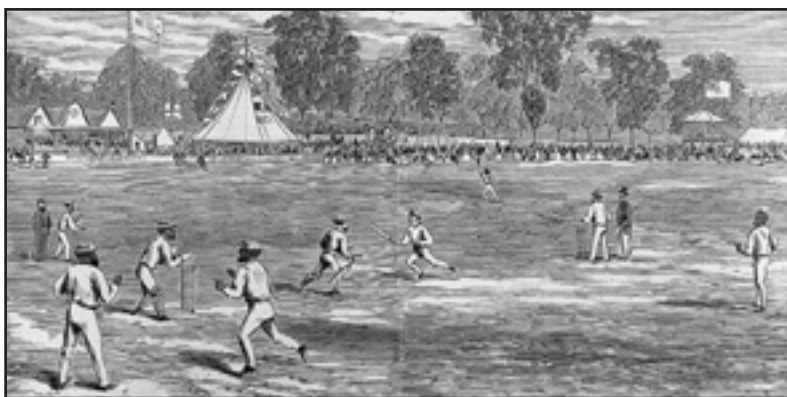
They have been inspired by some Indigenous legends of the game as they prepare for careers in the big league.

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● **Columnist Preston Campbell takes a look at the NRL rookie camp on page 63.**

● **League All Stars women prepare, page 63.**

Our cricket pioneers



150 years ago this month, an Aboriginal cricket side made history at the MCG. See our special report on page 64.



Heat's on for Lalor



HE might be wearing traditional cricket whites in this picture, but that will all change later this month when Indigenous fast bowler Josh Lalor lines up for the Brisbane Heat in the national Big Bash League. Lalor has been a regular in the professional Twenty20 BBL, previously playing for the Sixers and the Thunder. Fresh off a five-wicket haul for the Blues in a Futures League cricket game earlier this season, Lalor is keen to don the colourful Heat outfit and be part of the razzle-dazzle of BBL. The women's BBL is already under way, with Indigenous star Ashleigh Gardner playing for the Sydney Sixers.

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