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Crows off to a flying start in women's comp



THE Adelaide Crows will sport the only Indigenous jumper in the first season of the AFL women's competition – and it was designed by former footy great Andrew McLeod. The new women's comp kicked off last Friday night when Carlton beat Collingwood in front of 25,000 fans. The Crows proved too good for Greater Western Sydney Giants 7.6.48 to 1.6.12 in their first game, at Thebarton Oval. McLeod, pictured here with Aboriginal players Jasmine Anderson and Tayla Thorn, told the *Koori Mail* that he was inspired to design the jersey by the strong female role models in his life and his Indigenous heritage. Anderson and Thorn are both from the Northern Territory. The Indigenous jerseys will be worn as the Crows' away strip. *Picture: Peter Argent*

Title chaos



NATIVE title groups were phoning their lawyers last week after the full bench of the Federal Court ruled that the largest native title settlement ever negotiated was invalid. The Federal Court decided 3-0 that a \$1.3 billion native title deal between the Noongar people and the Western

Australian Government cannot be registered because some of the named applicants did not sign off on the Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs).

The decision overturns a previous ruling that only a majority of named applicants was needed for an ILUA.

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far-reaching ramifications.

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Council chief executive from 2006-2015, said the decision had national significance.

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My FAMILY

Sharon Brown – La Perouse, NSW



THIS is my family. I'm on the right, with my daughter Chyana on my lap. My partner Craig is sitting next to me and my cousin Joseph is on the end. Behind him is my Auntie Rob. Jai, Prestin and Kyra are my nephews and niece, and behind me is my son Kynan.

I grew up in La Perouse and I've been here my whole life. Auntie Rob lives next door to me and all my brothers and cousins are close so we get together with the kids a lot. We grew up all playing together as kids and we want our kids all growing up the same.

We're a close-knit family. I grew up with my cousins being like siblings to me so there's no second cousin or third cousin for my kids. At the end of the day they're all just cousins.

We love taking the kids out to community events because they get to

meet up with each other and their friends. Everyone knows everyone here and we've got a big family. We're raising our kids the same way our parents raised us.

Family means everything to me, and at the end of the day I wouldn't be where I am if I didn't come from such a loving and supportive family. I am very lucky to be part of this family. The one thing I was taught as a little girl is that material things don't matter if you're surrounded by mob. We're a rich family in terms of having love and support all around us.

We're all hard workers. We all teach our kids to do their best with what they've got and just have a go. All of the adults have jobs in the community. I work in health in an Aboriginal organisation.

We all just try to give back to the community because it's our platform for the next generation.

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OUR CHILDREN



THANKS to all the people, including these children, who dropped in on the *Koori Mail* stall at the Yabun Festival in Sydney. About 35,000 people turned out at Victoria Park, in the inner west suburb of Camperdown. The main stage was host to top musicians, including Kev Carmody, Warren H Williams, Vic Sims, Marlene Cummins, Rochelle Pitt, Terra Firma and the Salt Lake Band. The Young Black and Deadly stage was another highlight, where up-and-coming youngsters showcased their music and dance talents. A new edition was the Corroboree Ground, where traditional dancers from across the country shared their songs and dancing. There were plenty of stalls, including fashion, food, arts, crafts and information stands from Indigenous and other service providers. Joining the crowd were the thousands of protesters who marched their way through Sydney.

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Changing the date

Dan Sultan headlines the One Day in Fremantle concert, held on January 28 as an alternative to celebrating Australia Day on January 26. Earlier on the day, around 1000 people attended a cleansing ceremony organised by local traditional owners at the Fremantle Round House. For our extensive coverage of Invasion Day protests and events, see pages 31-46.
Picture: Tash Nannup



Dylan Voller is released



ONE of the young Aboriginal men abused at the Don Dale Youth Detention Centre in Darwin, Dylan Voller, has been granted early release from prison.

Mr Voller, 19, is one of the young men at the centre of the Northern Territory royal commission into juvenile detention, and he was not due for release until October this year.

But last week, a Northern Territory Supreme Court judge agreed to release the 19-year-old on bail into the Alice Springs-based BushMob rehabilitation program.

Justice Peter Barr ordered that Mr Voller take part "fully" in the program for at least 16 weeks and also imposed a range of other conditions on his release, including wearing an electronic monitoring bracelet.

"The experienced team leader who prepared the pre-sentence report said if Mr Voller participated in BushMob he will gain life skills to re-integrate into the community. That coincides



● **Justice for Youth**, a poem by Dylan Voller, page 23, with illustration (above) by Zac Grieve.

with my opinion," Justice Barr said.

"Dylan Voller will have the support of a psychiatrist, psychologist and a GP."

The NT royal commission into juvenile detention was sparked when footage of Voller being tear-gassed, spit-hooded and shackled in the youth prison system was aired on national television last year, following multiple reports by the *Koori Mail* and other media organisations that had fallen on deaf political ears.

During his release application, Mr Voller's solicitor Peter O'Brien told the court that

his client was a changed man and his participation in rehabilitation would be a test for whether the rest of his sentence could be suspended.

"He's also potentially a role model who can show that if you have the right programs out there for young people instead of imprisonment, then you can change crime, you can reduce crime and you don't have to have the sort of treatment that we saw on *Four Corners* last year," Mr O'Brien told the ABC.

In December, Mr Voller gave evidence to the royal commission, saying he thought he would die in detention, and describing what it was like to be restrained to a chair and hooded for hours on end.

"The feeling of not being able to do anything; those officers could have done anything to me for that three-and-a-half hours and I wouldn't have been able to do anything about it," he said.

The crown opposed Mr Voller's release, telling the court his past behaviour suggested he was likely to reoffend.

The court will decide in June if the rest of his sentence will be suspended. — *With AAP*



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Protests heat up at Roe 8



WESTERN Australian Police have arrested 38 people including one man accused of assault, as heated protests continue over the clearing of land at the Beeliar Wetlands as part of the Roe 8 highway extension.

Since December, hundreds of people have been arrested in protests involving people locking themselves to machinery, knocking over fences and sitting naked in trees, while legal appeals involving Aboriginal people and environmentalists continue.

The protesters say the project involves bulldozing Aboriginal sacred sites, 400-year-old trees and native wildlife in the Beeliar Wetlands.

The Government signed contracts last year for the \$450 million Roe 8, which is part of the larger Perth Freight Link that aims to better link Perth's industrial areas with Fremantle Port, and take trucks off suburban roads.

Labor will scrap the project and cancel the contracts.

Shadow Treasurer Ben Wyatt said Premier Colin Barnett had the capacity to stop the work but had made the decision to "push on aggressively".

He urged the premier to put it off until the election and free up police to do everyday work.

Mr Barnett said he was not happy that police resources and money were being spent on people breaking the law at the Roe 8 site.

"But we will not stand by and let protest groups dictate what happens," he said. – AAP

Country music calls



Binda Warren hits a high note at this year's Tamworth Country Music Festival. Huge crowds enjoyed music from performers from all over Australia. See our full report and more great pictures by James Henry on pages 26-27.

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Payout won't erase trauma



PALM Island man Lex Wotton has labelled his damages payout – for being incorrectly

targetted by police during the Palm Island uprising following the death in custody of Cameron 'Mulrunji' Doomadgee – as "30 pieces of silver". Meanwhile opposition grows to the Queensland Government's appeal of the decision.

The Federal Court ruled Queensland Police actions breached the Racial Discrimination Act after protests were sparked following Mulrunji's death and the subsequent release of a report categorising his death as an accident, despite him having four broken ribs and his liver almost cleaved in 2004 after being taken into custody on the island in 2004.

Mr Wotton, who was jailed for inciting violence, was awarded \$220,000 along with his family as part of the judgment.

Federal Court Judge Debbie Mortimer found that police conducted themselves "with a sense of impunity, impervious to the reactions of Palm Islanders."

"I have found that police acted in these ways because they were dealing with an Aboriginal community," she wrote in her judgment.

Qld police actions racist, rules judge

Wotton, family awarded damages



However, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government appealed the decision soon after, in a move which has been slammed by Indigenous Elders as perpetuating racism and extending the hurt caused by the saga.

Mr Wotton's lawyers released a statement last week saying he has mixed feelings about accepting the payout money.

"We'll accept the payment because the court has ordered it," he said. "But 30 pieces of silver can't wash away the trauma which police caused

to blacks on Palm Island 12 years ago."

Indigenous health campaigner Professor Gracelyn Smallwood launched a petition against the appeal, which has so far gathered more than 17,000 signatures.

"The state government and police still do not want to help, they just want to subdue Indigenous people," Professor Smallwood said in a statement.

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk last week said she couldn't comment on the matter because it was before the courts. – With AAP

Jessica belts out National Anthem at fight



Jessica Mauboy performs at the Anthony Mundine-Danny Green fight at the Adelaide Oval last Friday night before singing the national anthem. In the week leading up to the fight, Mundine said he would not stand for the anthem. "I am a man that stands against wrong and I think that is a big wrong in our country," he said. "And I can't stand for something that I don't believe in." Mundine said the anthem was the theme song for the divisive White Australia policy, and unjust to him and his fellow Indigenous population. "I'm about uniting people together, uniting the country together," he said. *Picture: Peter Argent*

Native title chaos

Noongar impasse has national ramifications

By RUDI MAXWELL



IN a decision that is likely to have implications for many native title groups, the Federal Court has ruled that a \$1.3 billion native title deal with the

Noongar people cannot be registered because some of the named applicants refused to sign off on it.

Under the proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA), Noongar people would surrender native title rights in a 200,000 sq km area spanning from Jurien, north of Perth, to Ravensthorpe, in the Goldfields-Esperance region, in exchange for \$1.3 billion worth of land, finance and benefits over 12 years.

But the deal was challenged in court, with two of the named applicants, and two other Noongar people (Mingli Wanjurri McGlade, Margaret Culbong, Mervyn Eades and Naomi Smith) arguing that the lodgment with the Native Title Registrar was invalid because they did not sign the agreement.

Last week, the Full Bench of the Federal Court agreed.

The chief executive of the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC), which has been negotiating the deal for years, Wayne Nannup, said that between January and March 2015, the six

Noongar claim groups held authorisation meetings to consider the settlement of their claims for native title and decided whether to approve the benefits set out in six ILUAs negotiated with the West Australian Government.

"All six authorisation meetings voted to approve the negotiated settlement of their claims for native title; voted to approve the ILUA for each region; and voted to direct the Noongar named applicants to sign the ILUAs on behalf of the group," he said.

"Of the 44 named applicants across the six groups, five named applicants refused to sign the ILUAs they were directed to sign."

Far-reaching

Senior native title barrister Tony McAvoy, a Wiri man, said the decision could have far-reaching ramifications.

"One would assume that ILUAs that have been registered where less than the full number of applicants signed the agreement would be open to a declaration of invalidity," he told the *Koori Mail*.

Mr McAvoy said that until 2011, it was assumed that all named applicants had to sign off on any ILUA.

"So if an applicant wouldn't sign the ILUA and the native title group wanted it to go ahead, then the only course was to remove the applicant," he said.

But a decision in 2011 (known as

Queensland Gas Company Pty Ltd v Bygrave No 2) ruled that only a majority of applicants was needed.

"I haven't had a chance to fully review the judgment, but I've got to say that I think that the decision of the full Federal Court has properly corrected an error that occurred in QGC v Bygrave – and I don't think it will be overturned on appeal," Mr McAvoy said.

"That decision (QGC v Bygrave) led to a really horrible state of affairs because mining companies knew they could split the group and get it through, whereas before if the group was split, then an ILUA didn't get through and the mining company had to go the long way round.

"It made for very toxic relationships in community within native title groups."

National significance

National Native Title Council chief executive Glen Kelly, a Noongar man who was SWALSC chief executive from 2006-15, said the decision had national significance.

"It's pretty normal for traditional owners to contest the way an ILUA has been agreed to, but in this case they attacked the native title system itself and put a wrecking ball through the way ILUAs are executed," he said.

"The decision puts in danger several hundred ILUAs and means that negotiations

for ILUAs around the country will effectively stop. It also means, if negotiation can't happen because you need 100% agreement on the outcomes, that it increases the likelihood of litigation and less negotiation for packages that look after the community. Often ILUAs will include health, education, cultural support, housing benefits.

"There's no point attacking the judgment. Really, what the judges have done is interpret the Native Title Act literally. The problem exists within the Native Title Act and people have been lobbying for many years to have it changed.

Time to prioritise

"Neither the current nor previous government listened. It never rose to the top of the priorities pile. Perhaps now it has to."

A spokesperson from the Office of the Attorney-General said that the Commonwealth was reviewing the judgment.

"The Commonwealth recognises that a number of ILUA parties are likely to have negotiated and executed agreements on the basis of the decision in Bygrave," she said.

"The Commonwealth is considering what steps may need to be taken to deal with the issues raised by the Full Court and provide certainty for all parties in the native title system."

\$10 million to help suicide prevention



THE Federal Government will invest \$10 million over three years to roll out an Indigenous suicide prevention plan nationally.

The Critical Response Service, successfully trialled in Western Australia over the past year, will be expanded into the Northern Territory and South Australia this year.

The program is part of the broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project (ATSISPEP) that was released last year. Every part of ATSISPEP was developed by, or with, Indigenous experts and communities.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the initiative will be introduced to other jurisdictions from 2018 to combat alarmingly high suicide rates among Indigenous people, which are twice the national rate and five times the national rate for young people.

"Every suicide is a tragedy and the effects on tight-knit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are often more profound – contributing to



Professor Pat Dudgeon hands Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion the final Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project report last year.

the clusters of suicide and self-harm that we see," Senator Scullion said.

"For suicide rates to fall, it is essential Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can access responsive and culturally appropriate care."

The CRS is an Indigenous-run

initiative led by Adele Cox, a Bunuba and Gija woman from the Kimberley region of WA and a national leader in mental health.

Members of the CRS team make contact with Indigenous families affected by a suicide or a traumatic event and coordinate existing support services to best

meet the needs of the family.

Senator Scullion said there's currently a myriad of uncoordinated agencies and not-for-profit organisations that don't adequately support families in times of great distress.

"The effect is that people fall between the cracks," he said.

Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact

Lifeline 13 11 14 or
Suicide Call Back Service
1300 659 467 or
Kids Helpline
(young people aged
5 to 25)
1800 55 1800 78

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support services can be found at
www.naccho.org.au
or www.sewbmh.org.au or
www.healthinfonet.edu.au

Ms Cox said the initiative would also contribute to broader suicide prevention activities. She told the ABC that too many Indigenous families didn't know where to go for help.

"There are so many families and communities who were not being provided with the right sort of support with regard to response times as soon as a suicide or a traumatic incident occurred," Ms Cox said.

Original songs hit the top 20

By KEIRA JENKINS



INDIGENOUS artists have shone in this year's APRA Song of the Year shortlist, with songs by A.B. Original, Archie Roach and Dan Sultan all making it

into the top 20.

A.B. Original has two songs in the shortlist, including their collaboration with Dan Sultan *January 26*.

Also included in the shortlist is their powerful tune *2 Black 2 Strong*, and Archie Roach's *It's Not Too Late*.

A group of past nominees, including country music star Troy Cassar-Daley, will make up a 'voting academy' and choose the winner from the top 20. The winner will be announced on April 3.

A.B. Original said they were proud of the support they had received from fans and their peers in the industry alike.

The rappers, Trials and Briggs, said they were thrilled to not just have one, but two songs in the top 20.

"This is one of the only awards voted by musicians so it feels really great to be recognised by our peers," Trials told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's really something else to have two songs in the top 20."

The pair has also been popular among triple j listeners, with *January 26* coming in at number 16 in the Hottest 100 last week.

"It's really something," Briggs said.

"But it's kind of secondary, that kind of response. First and foremost we're making the music for ourselves because we're selfish."

"Then we use the music to impress our mates. I think it's the honesty in our music that people like. In the back of our minds it feels good to know people are loving it."

As for the date of the Hottest 100, and their Laneway performance in Brisbane on January 26, Trials said they had two options – boycott it, or turn up and educate.

"Maybe if it was a different festival, or different organisers we wouldn't have turned up, but we've had such good conversations with the Laneway guys," he said.

"They really gave us a platform to use however we see fit. We thought a lot of people won't go to an Invasion Day March in the morning so this is our chance to bring the march to them."

"We got to talk to them about why we're so passionate about it, and we've got plenty to say. It would have been a missed chance for us not to turn up."

Briggs agreed, saying it was great for Laneway to give A.B. Original the chance to perform their way.

"To have two Indigenous dudes representing on stage brought to the forefront what we're talking about," he said.

"We just want to help start some real change."

A.B. Original have struck a chord with listeners, with two of their songs *2 Black 2 Strong* and *January 26* (a collaboration with Dan Sultan) making into the top 20 of triple j's Hottest 100.



Wedge-tailed eagle flies to freedom

By JILLIAN MUNDY



A MAJESTIC and wild Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagle was released back onto her country from the mountain at Preminghana

last week following four months of rehabilitation at the Trowunna Wildlife Park.

The 4.5kg mature female, with a wingspan of 2.37 metres and standing almost a metre tall, had been found at nearby Arthur River with a wing injury last year.

Androo Kelly, owner and director of the wildlife park, said she was one of the most aggressive and strong birds he had handled in 30 years. Unlike other eagles the park has cared for, she did not build any trust in her carers.

"We feel it was much more ethical that she was able to be released back to her country than to be euthanised or kept in captivity. At least if she doesn't make it, she's back on the country where she belongs," he told the *Koori Mail*.

The morning of her release she took the top off Mr Kelly's knuckle and gave her main carer a painful 'farewell kiss' requiring four stitches to his lip.

Care was taken to release her on a clear day, with wind blowing towards where she was rescued and away from a nearby wind farm.

Pakana rangers Jarrod Edwards and Victor Ralph, who manage the land at

Preminghana, who were among a small group that ascended the mountain to witness her release, had not noticed the pair of wedge-tails that usually soar above the area, of late.

They said the liberated eagle headed towards the area of a nest on the property they believe is hers and are keeping a keen eye out for her return to the skies.

Preminghana is a 525ha area that stretches along 5km of breathtaking coastline in north-west Tasmania. It is home to iconic rock art sites, other heritage, threatened species, bush tucker and craft resources. It was returned to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community through legislation in 1995.

Subspecies

Tasmanian wedge-tails have been isolated for 10,000 years from their mainland cousins and have become a separate and larger subspecies.

The Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagle is an endangered species, with only around 130 breeding pairs left.

Habitat loss, nest disturbance, collisions and electrocutions with powerlines, road trauma, shooting, trapping and poisoning – basically humans – threaten their survival.

Of the 15 injured wedge-tails bought to Trowunna Wildlife Park, seven have been successfully rehabilitated and released, four kept in enclosures as 'ambassadors' for their species, the others euthanised because their injuries meant no



Androo Kelly carefully holds the eagle before her release.

● Inset: The female wedge-tailed eagle takes flight at Preminghana.

quality of life.

Mr Kelly said they had been working with TasNetworks, which owns the state's electricity poles and wires, to reduce injuries and fatalities to the birds.

It has been trialling the use of dangly disks from powerlines and

insulated perching platforms extended from the top of power poles.

TasNetworks has also supported the development of a walk-through rehabilitation centre with one-way viewing glass, an off-display repair and

rehabilitation hospital and a new large-scale wedge-tailed eagle free-flight aviary, for birds whose injuries have left them unviable for release.

Wedge-tails hold a place in the spirituality of Tasmanian Aboriginal people.

Scathing assessment

Report finds strategy badly managed



THE Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) has released a damning assessment of the Federal Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy

(IAS). The independent report found that the IAS was poorly implemented, suffered from rushed planning, did not prioritise the needs of Indigenous communities, had insufficient monitoring and planning mechanisms, unclear guidelines and did not keep records of key decisions.

"The department's grants administration processes fell short of the standard required to effectively manage a billion dollars of Commonwealth resources," the report said.

"The basis by which projects were recommended to the Minister was not clear and as a result, limited assurance is available that the projects funded support the department's desired outcomes. "Further, the department did not:

- assess applications in a manner that was consistent with the guidelines and the department's public statements;
- meet some of its obligations under the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines;
- keep records of key decisions; or
- establish performance targets for all funded projects."

The peak Indigenous children's body

SNAICC said it was unsurprising that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was not effectively implementing the IAS.

SNAICC chief executive Gerry Moore said the report had revealed what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations had known from the IAS's establishment.

"This strategy is deeply flawed and wholly unsuitable for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and people," he said.

"I encourage the Prime Minister to take this opportunity to reset the Government's relationship with Australia's First People, and to start genuinely listening to us and respecting our right to have a say in issues that concern and affect us."

Australian Greens spokesperson on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues Senator Rachel Siewert said the ANAO report confirmed the many criticisms made by Indigenous people since the IAS was introduced in May 2014 under former Prime Minister Tony Abbott and current Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion.

"The problems are so many that it will be extremely difficult to establish if the IAS meets its objectives," Senator Siewert said.

"Not fully implementing a consultation strategy, not advising the Minister of potential risks, not meeting key timeframes for implementation, not implementing

proper partnerships with Aboriginal communities, opaque negotiations, inconsistent assessment processes... The list goes on and on.

"The Government has agreed to the recommendations, but I have to ask how it was allowed to get to this stage. Such fundamental flaws have real life impacts on the ground to service organisations, Aboriginal communities and even at an individual level. The whole strategy has been mired with uncertainty.

"Our First Peoples deserve better. This is not good enough.

"The Government also needs to reinstate the half billion dollars ripped out of funding during the Abbott-era. Local communities are still feeling the effects of this huge cut."

Criticism dismissed

Senator Scullion dismissed many of the report's findings, saying they were based on information from 2014.

But he did agree to implement the four recommendations made in the report and announced \$10 million a year over four years to strengthen evaluation of Indigenous Affairs programs.

"The Government's reforms have enabled a far more strategic and flexible approach to the Government's investment in Indigenous Affairs to achieve better outcomes on the ground while relieving

administrative burden and red tape for organisations servicing Indigenous communities," Senator Scullion said.

"It is unfortunate the ANAO, in undertaking its audit, consulted primarily with service providers that were competing for funding – not the communities that have benefited from the Government's reforms."

Labor's Indigenous Affairs team of Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, Senator Pat Dodson and Warren Snowden said in a statement that the IAS had been a "total disaster from the very beginning".

"Not only did the Government rip more than \$500 million from the Indigenous Affairs budget, the entire process has been completely shambolic, leading to widespread confusion amongst local organisations," they said.

"This debacle is an example of what happens when you ignore the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This is what happens when you impose solutions instead of working with communities.

"This is the Government's last chance to reset the relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Indigenous Advancement Strategy needs to be ripped up and replaced with something that respects local voices, gives more control to communities, and prioritises evidence-based outcomes."

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Rally in Sydney



A RALLY will be held at Hyde Park in Sydney on February 13, marking nine years since Kevin Rudd's apology to the Stolen Generations. In his speech Mr Rudd promised the atrocities of the past would 'never happen again'.

The rally hopes to draw attention to the number of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care, which has increased dramatically since Mr Rudd's apology – from around 9000 Aboriginal children in 2008, to more than 16,000 today.

Organisers of the rally say resources to deal with the crises affecting communities around homelessness, drug and alcohol problems, or family violence have been cut back, while more than \$1 billion annually is spent removing Aboriginal kids.

NSW Community Services Minister Brad Hazzard recently announced a review of all cases of Aboriginal children taken into out-of-home care in the past 12 months. Rally organisers are demanding that affected families are put at the centre of the review, and resources are committed for a major restoration initiative.

● Apology anniversary event in Adelaide, page 53.

PULIMA 2017

We are pleased to announce the next Pulima Language Forum will be held in Cairns, Queensland in October 2017.

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Registration of Interest

Aboriginal Stakeholder Consultation

White Rock Wind Farm Pty Ltd (WRWFPL) invites registration of interest from Aboriginal stakeholders for the assessment of variations to Stage 2 for the White Rock Wind Farm (WRWF). WRWFPL has engaged NGH Environmental Pty Limited to prepare the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) that would form part of a Modification Application for the WRWF Project Approval. The Application will be assessed by NSW Department of Planning and Environment and is likely to be referred to Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

WRWF Stage 2 involves up to approximately 50 additional wind turbine sites and associated infrastructure mostly located to the south of White Rock Mountain (about 20km southwest of Glen Innes). The Stage 2 project is generally in the Maybole locality and can be accessed from Kelleys and Maybole Roads, within the Glen Innes Severn and Inverell Local Government Areas.

As per the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation requirements for proponents dated 2010, responses from Aboriginal people who have an interest in the project area and hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places are sought within 14 days of the date of this notice.

Written submissions including contact details should be sent to:

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Those registering an interest will be contacted to discuss the project further. Those who do register are also advised that their details will be provided to OEH and the Local Aboriginal Land Council, unless they specifically advise in writing that their details are not to be forwarded.

All correspondence must be received within **14 days of this notice**.



The Recognise Youth participants at a workshop in Brisbane last week.

Youth leaders inspired to bring national reforms



THE Recognise Youth campaign has kicked off in Queensland, with young people travelling from across the state to discuss constitutional recognition.

The Brisbane workshop saw Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander campaigners aged 15 to 25 consider constitutional change and the broader historical movements for rights and reconciliation.

The Recognise Youth workshops are a training and leadership-focused

program, working towards building a network of young advocates who will gain skills to campaign for constitutional recognition and for other issues important to them.

There are currently more than 40 youth representatives across Australia.

This workshop was the fifth in the national series with previous workshops held in Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

Recognise Youth co-coordinator and Gamilaraay woman, Nioka Tyson said young people are

driving this campaign.

"The Recognise Youth team is engaging young people around the country as youth representatives to help build momentum for constitutional recognition in their states and communities, ahead of a likely referendum this year," she said.

Ms Tyson said 10 young people from across Queensland, including from Brisbane, Port Douglas, Coolumb Beach, Rockhampton, Mount Isa, Bentley Park, Arukun, Pormpuraaw and North Stradbroke Island attended the workshop.

Changing justice campaign in WA



THE Social Reinvestment WA campaign has been launched, outlining a new approach to

justice in Western Australia that organisers say will promote community safety, social wellbeing and inclusive justice for all people.

As a coalition of community organisations, Social Reinvestment WA is aiming to tackle the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the criminal justice system.

Social Reinvestment WA co-chair Daniel Morrison said the current 'tough on crime' approach is based on the "false claim that it makes our

community safer".

"WA imprisons over 6000 people a year and yet crime rates have increased," the Noongar Yamatji man said.

"Imprisoning people in such massive numbers is doing nothing to make communities safer.

"The only way to reduce crime is to address social and economic disadvantage, which we know is the main cause of offending.

"We need to be tough on the causes of crime, and tackle the underlying causes of offending.

"It costs an average of \$334 per day to imprison an adult, but just \$46 a day to supervise an adult in the community.

"Community approaches are not only more effective,

they are also far less expensive. In WA, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make up only 3% of the overall population, but 40% of adults and 75% of children behind bars.

"Our approach to this issue needs to be evidence based and responsive, not sensationalised or reactive."

'Social reinvestment' or 'justice reinvestment' means taking funds that would have been spent keeping people in prison and instead investing them in community-based programs to help lower crime rates and reduce reoffending.

Social Reinvestment co-chair Noongar woman Glenda Kickett said there needs to be work done towards creating healthy families, to put into

practice smart justice, and to create safe communities.

"We need to see immediate reform of the ineffective laws and policies, like imprisoning people for unpaid fines, that cement a cycle of costly imprisonment at the expense of children, families, and community safety," she said.

"We need to identify those communities that are most in need, and provide them with effective and culturally competent programs and services.

"WA can be a leader in promoting community safety, social wellbeing and inclusive justice for all people."

For more information on Social Reinvestment WA, visit <http://www.socialreinvestmentwa.org.au/>

[Black Space] ready for storytellers



SCREEN Australia is looking for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

storytellers with big ideas, and aspiring Indigenous creative producers, to take part in two new programs this year.

The [Black Space] Web Series Initiative and Indigenous Producers Internship Program have been developed by Screen Australia's Indigenous Department.

[Black Space] will be an opportunity for Indigenous creators, online video content producers and video bloggers to be part of a new generation of screen storytellers, bringing their projects to life as web series.

The program is aimed at Indigenous talent with ideas at a 'production-ready' stage to create a series of three to five stand-alone episodes of four to 10 minutes, which could be a comedy, drama, mockumentary, factual, or any other relevant genre.

Two successful creative teams will be funded up to \$200,000 each to produce their concepts, to be made entirely for online publication, and will be invited to attend a two-day workshop focused on marketing online content.



Behind the scenes of *Cleverman*: Director Wayne Blair and director of photography Mark Wareham are at the monitor. Production designer Josephine and creator Ryan Griffen are behind.

Applications must be submitted by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander writers. The team's core creative members must be Indigenous for the project to be eligible.

Project producers must have at least one eligible short drama or documentary credit.

[Black Space] applications close on April 10.

The second initiative – the Indigenous Producers Internship Program – will provide paid opportunities for up to three Indigenous producers to be mentored and trained by experienced screen producers

working at Australian production companies.

The internship program is designed to help more Indigenous producers break into the screen industry, provide sustainable ongoing salary-based employment and increase screen credits for producers at

the early stages of their career.

It is also an opportunity for established production companies to take on emerging creatives, expand their own skills sets and contribute to an Australian screen sector that is richer and more diverse.

The Producer Internship Program is similar to the one Ryan Griffen undertook at Goalpost Pictures, where he developed the ABC series *Cleverman* and kick-started his career.

Internships may be completed full-time over a one-year period or on a part-time basis over two years, with Screen Australia's Indigenous Department contributing between \$50,000 and \$70,000 to the salary of the producer placement. Production companies are encouraged to supplement this amount with their own contribution.

Production companies involved in the Indigenous Producers Internship Program may be Indigenous or mainstream, and applications must be jointly completed by the Indigenous producer intern and the production company mentor, in agreement with a solid work plan.

Indigenous Producer Internship Program applications close on February 24.

IAC's future is unclear

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE Turnbull Government's confusing and muddled approach to Indigenous Affairs

continued last week, with the dissolution of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council (IAC) on January 31.

As the *Koori Mail* reported in November last year, after the three-year appointments to the IAC expired on November 23, Mr Turnbull extended the time-frame until January 31 this year.

The IAC met once in that extension, in mid-December.

From its formation under former Prime Minister Tony Abbott the IAC has been plagued with criticism from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander bodies and people, with many pointing to problems with hand-picking advisors and issues surrounding transparency and purpose.

The last publicly available communicate from the IAC is dated February 11, 2016 – almost a year ago.

A spokesperson for Mr Turnbull said he was "committed to the continuation" of the IAC.

"Members' terms were extended until January 31 and then the appointment of new members goes through usual

Cabinet processes," she said.

However, it seems unlikely that previous chair Warren Mundine will be reappointed. In October last year Mr Mundine took a public swipe at the Federal Government after they announced an inquiry into Indigenous incarceration without bothering to consult the IAC, saying he was "getting sick and tired of the crap that is coming out of this Government in regard to Indigenous Affairs".

"I'm not fussed in regard to the positions finishing," Mr Mundine told the *Koori Mail*.

"What's important is that this Prime Minister has to put his mark in the Indigenous Affairs area, put out his policies going forward. I think that's critical.

"We've had the Productivity Commission report into Indigenous Affairs, the national audit of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy and we're about to see another Close the Gap report – which I'd firmly say is again going to be a damning report. So the big question is, 'What is the Turnbull Government going to do?'"

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples – the democratically elected Indigenous peak body – suggested that Mr Turnbull scrap the IAC altogether and, instead, seek advice from already existing

Indigenous organisations.

"This goes to very heart of the efforts to emphasise the importance of Congress with its membership expertise and experience across all sectors to the minister and Prime Minister," co-chair Rod Little said.

"Congress is and will be a much more valuable informant to the parliament than hand-picked individuals with lesser networks, knowledge or experience across matters impacting on our people on a daily basis."

Congress co-chair Jackie Huggins said it had been made clear last year through the Redfern Statement (a set of guidelines developed by Indigenous peak bodies for effective policy development in Indigenous affairs) that Indigenous people have the solutions.

"We have within our membership professionals, academics, experienced persons and organisa; plus most importantly, the beneficiaries of services who would in anyone's mind be the best sources to inform of the impacts of policies, programs and services," she said.

"Prime Minister, we are here. We have been for a number of years and will be for many more. It is time for genuine engagement with Congress."

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A fresh perspective

By KEIRA JENKINS



MAGABALA Books is gearing up to bring Aboriginal perspectives to primary school classrooms all over the country.

The Broome-based publishing house will be creating teaching resources for 15 Indigenous stories after receiving a \$33,550 grant from the Copyright Agency's cultural fund.

Magabala Books chairperson Edie Wright said the resources would be a wonderful opportunity for students and teachers to engage with Aboriginal stories.

"This will ensure there is a good representation of Indigenous literature in the classroom," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's easy for teachers to have the resources and access them online. We know teachers are busy people.

"This is an opportunity to improve the teaching resources for these stories."

Eight books have been chosen for stages one and two of the initiative, which Ms Wright said reflected the diversity of Indigenous literature.

"There's a range of stories," she said.

"There are traditional stories, contemporary stories, a whole range of different authors, artists and illustrators reflecting the diversity of Aboriginal people.

"There are authors from remote areas. There are well-known authors with international presence too."

The titles in stage one, which will be available next month, are *Once There Was a Boy*, by Deb Leffler, *The Lizard Gang*, by Kirra Somerville and illustrated by Grace Fielding, *Mad Magpie*, by Greg Dreise, and *Fog a Dox*, by Bruce Pascoe.

The titles included in stage two, set to be released in July, are *Two Mates*, by Melanie Prewett and illustrated by Maggie Prewett; *Scaly-tailed Possum and Echidna*, by Cathy Goonack, illustrated by Katrina, Marlene and Myron Goonack; *Stolen Girl*, by Trina Saffioti, illustrated by Norma MacDonald; and *The Girl From the Great Sandy Desert*,



Edie Wright

by Jukuna Mona Chuguna and Pat Lowe, illustrated by Mervyn Street.

Ms Wright said the titles would be beneficial not just to Indigenous students' learning, but other students too.

"*The Girl From the Great Sandy Desert* is about two sisters walking from the bush and learning to cope in a white man's world," she said.

"Children from migrant families will connect with that story and having to cope in a whole different place.

"There's also overarching themes of collaboration and reconciliation in the stories that would be beneficial for all children to hear."

Magabala Books was founded by Indigenous Elders to protect the intellectual property in Indigenous stories and ensure cultural protocols are followed and the benefits flow back to the authors and their communities.

"Thirty years ago, we didn't have control over our stories, and Aboriginal people went through a period of thinking 'there's got to be a better way than this'," Ms Wright said.

"There was no copyright. There were no royalties or recognition for the authors. So Magabala Books came out of that.

"The publishing house was developed as a better way to acknowledge our cultural right, to control the promotion of our books and to support equality for us."

● Edie Wright yarns about her life's stories on page 21.



Once There Was a Boy, by Deb Leffler.

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Welcome to Adelaide Oval



Young Kaurna boy Vincent Buckskin Jnr was part of the Welcome to Country dance troupe that performed at the Adelaide Oval on Survival Day – January 26 – during the one-day international cricket match between Australia and Pakistan. The troupe of seven performed before the coin toss. The ceremony also featured traditional music. Australia scored 7-369 and Pakistan replied with 312. Picture: Peter Argent

Koori Gras comes out



AN exhibition and series of arts events called *Koori Gras* will celebrate First

People's involvement in the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade. Held in Redfern at 107 Projects on Regent Street, Koori Gras will run during the 2017 Mardi Gras Festival, from February 24 to 27.

Koori Gras will highlight the history of First People's entries in Mardi Gras parades, and will show key historical images and artefacts to raise awareness of the history of Indigenous involvement in the First Nations float.

The exhibition will feature a 'Black Nulla' drag performance on February 24, where for one night only, the cabaret space will come alive with celebrated Indigenous drag performers, with an after-show DJ and bar.

A communal dinner and open mic night will also be held on Saturday, February 25, when the Black Point table will become the backdrop for a communal 'feed', and an open mic available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander guests to share stories about their involvement in Mardi Gras parades.

The *Koori Gras* curatorial group consists of Liza-Mare Syron, Tim Bishop and Mish Sparks. The event is produced by Moogahlin Performing Arts in association with 107 Projects, Intimate Spectacle, Studio Mod and Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.

For more information, visit www.moogahlin.org/koori-gras-107.html

New Good Looking exhibition opens

In honour of Mardi Gras, Boomalli Aboriginal Artists co-operative at Leichhardt is also presenting an exhibition showcasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from the LGBTQI community.

Good Looking, curated by Kyra Kum-Sing, will feature works by Matthew Cook (dec), Jeffrey Samuels, Arone Meeks, Jasmine Sarin, Ella Bancroft, Jenny Fraser, Clinton Nain, Wild Barr Co, Mary Munro, Petyer Waples-Crowe, Deborah Breckenridge and Maurice Shipp.

"The very first Boomalli Mardi Gras exhibition was called *Looking Good*, co-curated by Mathew Cooke, Brooke Andrew and Rea Noir in 1994," Ms Kum-Sing said.

"The aim of the exhibition is to honour, tribute and acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQI artists who have made this show possible over the years.

"I would like to acknowledge Mathew Cook for the tireless commitment and writing the initial letter to Boomalli about creating this exhibition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQI artists in 1994."

The exhibition will open at 6pm, Wednesday, February 22, and run until March 26. The opening will include performances by Kerriane Cox and Dreamtime Divas, with the evening MCed by Kathy Malera-Bandjolan (Kum-Sing).

Sue Pinkham and Louise Bell at the 1996 Mardi Gras.



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Housing fund for WA



HUNDREDS of Aboriginal families in the Kimberley and Pilbara are set to benefit from a \$200 million fund established by the

State Government aimed at increase housing options in these areas.

The North-West Aboriginal Housing Fund is an initiative of the Government's regional services reform, which it says will help Aboriginal people in regional and remote Western Australia.

Regional Development Minister Terry Redman said affordable housing, supported by human services, could put families on a path to greater educational and economic success and improved well-being.

"In the WA north-west, the majority of Aboriginal households are in social housing – more than 70% in the Kimberley and more than 50% in the Pilbara," he said.

"This fund will support hundreds of Aboriginal people to move out of social housing and into transitional housing, private rental

accommodation or home ownership."

Mr Redman said the fund was broader than the Government's transitional housing program because it would provide opportunities for private housing investment, encourage innovation in housing design, and occur over four years to allow for the qualification of Aboriginal apprentices and trainees.

WA Housing Minister Brendon Grylls said families in transitional housing would need to fulfil a range of tenancy obligations,

including ensuring their children attended school and the adults in the household were employed or in training.

"The program will apply the transitional housing principle of mutual obligation, in which individuals, couples and families must meet education and employment responsibilities in return for affordable rent and a range of support services," he said.

Child Protection Minister Andrea Mitchell said that, over the next four years, the North-West Aboriginal Housing Fund is

expected to result in increased school attendance for at least 600 Aboriginal children, participation in jobs and training by about 300 adults, apprenticeships for 30 young people and eventual home ownership for at least 15 families.

The four-year fund will be implemented this year, starting with a \$25 million commitment from the Federal Government to build 50 more transitional houses in the Kimberley.

Construction of the houses is expected to begin in Kununurra by September 2017.



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Author Cathy Clun and Tanaya with *Simple Signs*.



Book helps kids with hearing difficulties

By ALF WILSON



CATHY Clun is passionate about helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with hearing

loss and to that end has written a book titled *Simple Signs*.

Mrs Clun, who lives in Townsville, said the book is designed to spread sign language to rural communities which have their own traditional languages.

Simple Signs has been co-authored by Danielle Sinclair and features illustrations which demonstrate signs for about 70 words or actions.

"We care for eight beautiful kids including four from Palm Island, two from Lake Nash in the Northern Territory, and

one each from Murray Island in the Torres Strait and Townsville," Mrs Clun said.

"Two are deaf. Neither of their birth families could sign and there is no access to signing classes in remote communities.

"The shocking fact is that in some areas up to 93% of the kids have hearing loss.

"Ear disease"

"Aboriginal children in Australia suffer the highest degree of ear disease and hearing loss in the world. They don't have a voice because nobody can communicate with them."

Mrs Clun said statistics show that about 90% of Indigenous children in the Alice Springs area and 70% of those on Palm Island have hearing difficulties.

"Just about every Indigenous community in

Australia has many children who are deaf or have hearing problems," she said.

Mrs Clun said some of the children were learning signing at school, but were unable to speak at home.

"I want deaf kids to be able to be in their community, with family and able to communicate," she said.

"So I wrote this book and it is designed so that our kids can teach their families and communities. It depicts Aboriginal children signing and even has a space to put the words into language.

"I really hope it helps the children."

Mrs Clun has a Diploma in Child Protective Services and an Advanced Diploma in Counseling.

"I hope to get the books out to every Indigenous community and into schools," she said.

Youth 'MPs' wanted



APPLICATIONS are now open for this year's National Indigenous Youth Parliament (NIYP). Started in 2012,

the NIYP is a week-long leadership program for Indigenous Australians aged 16 to 25, to be held in Canberra from May 23-29.

Participants are chosen based on their ideas, community activity and leadership potential.

The centrepiece of the week is a two-day simulated parliament in the House of Representatives chamber at Old Parliament House. Participants will debate bills and issues important to themselves and their communities.

Electoral Commissioner Tom Rogers said NIYP is an opportunity for young people to learn about government and leadership directly from the people making decisions that affect Indigenous communities.

"The NIYP brings together Indigenous leaders of the future who are prepared to step up, debate important issues and look for solutions to Indigenous disadvantage," he said.

"Participants will receive training in public speaking and in dealing with the media.

"The young parliamentarians will learn from the nation's leaders, members of the parliamentary press gallery,



Last year's National Indigenous Youth Parliament (NIYP), in Canberra. Applications are now open to be part of this year's NIYP.

Indigenous leaders and senior public servants."

Young Tasmanian woman Rachelle Maluga, who took part in the 2014 NIYP, is passionate about changing the Constitution and removing laws that

discriminate against Aboriginal people.

"Our Constitution was written a little more than a century ago and does not recognise the first chapter of our national story, of my family history, of Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander peoples who lived in this land for more than 40,000 years, and continue to live as the world's oldest continuous cultures," she said.

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are required to participate in the NIYP, apart from a desire to have a say in what's going on in the community.

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Wurramurra feeling *Love*

By KEIRA JENKINS



EMILY Wurramara released her new single *Hey Love* in the lead up to Survival Day. The

Wannadilyakwa (Northern Territory) woman wrote the song about her mother's fight against racism and discrimination, but rooted the story in love and hope.

Ms Wurramara said the song was about an incident that her mother experienced when she was in high school.

"I don't say much about what happened in the song but they pushed her around and they said nasty things to her," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I decided to release it around the time of Survival Day because it's such an important time. It's a day to remember. It's not a day to celebrate."

"I always go back to my roots

with my music. I thought, what better way to utilise my music than to get the message out that it's a day for remembering."

Ms Wurramara said that at the end of the day her music is all about giving back to her people.

"It's about being a positive role model," she said.

"To get the message out and say it's a day to remember. It's just common sense not to be

so eye-opening for her. "She could have just been angry but she has become so much better and stronger because of that experience and I wanted to portray that through my song," she said.

"The message is: Don't let it bring you down. Sometimes you have to fight for your rights but you shouldn't feel bad for doing that."

Ms Wurramara said 2017

was set to be a big year for her, with another EP in the works and a trip to Kansas in the United States for the Folk Alliance International Festival this month.

"It's so exciting," she said.

"It's been an

amazing experience to play shows all around. When I found out I was going to Kansas I was so stoked.

"I was kind of in shock. It wasn't until I saw my bio up on their website that it finally started to sink in."

"I decided to release it around the time of Survival Day because it's such an important time. It's a day to remember. It's not a day to celebrate."

celebrating on January 26.

"That's why I'm encouraging people to reflect on what happened."

Ms Wurramara said she was inspired to write the personal song about her mother's story because it was



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Disability support to double in NT by 2020



THE National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is tipped to more than double the number of people with a disability in the Northern Territory who receive support.

Federal Social Services Minister Christian Porter said the NT would see the second largest expected percentage increase of all states and territories nationally.

"An additional 3,345 people with permanent and significant disability in the Northern Territory will receive funded support – an increase of 103%," he said.

Minister Porter said local markets in the NT were already expanding to meet demand.

"Since the introduction of the scheme in Barkly in July 2014, there has been a 100 per cent increase in new providers servicing that area alone."

Assistant Minister for Social Services

and Disability Services, Jane Prentice said the Territory's unique geographic and cultural characteristics, with its high proportion of Aboriginal residents, had informed a community by community approach to the rollout.

"This will ensure the views of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability are central to the design, delivery and services which directly affect them," she said.

The Territory disability services market

is expected to double to \$320 million by 2020 and create up to 1325 jobs.

A total workforce of between 2,150 and 2,700 is estimated at full scheme in 2020.

Mr Porter says the significant growth in disability expenditure and localised service delivery will boost economic opportunities.

"What this will look like is more than twice as many jobs and a big injection of dollars into the local market," he said.

New NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister

By KEIRA JENKINS



NEW NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian has appointed Nationals MLC Sarah Mitchell as the Aboriginal Affairs Minister.

Ms Mitchell will also be the Early Childhood and Education Minister.

Ms Mitchell said she was honoured to be appointed as Aboriginal Affairs Minister.

"I'm proud to be an advocate for Aboriginal communities," she said.

"I am looking forward to getting to our regional communities and hearing first-hand from families, educators and Elders."

NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) chair Roy Ah-See welcomed Ms Mitchell to the position, saying he would seek meetings with her as well as the new Lands Minister

Paul Toole and Environment Minister Gabrielle Upton.

"Working together, the land rights network and the Government are on the right track in our shared agenda to realise the social and economic potential of our land," Cr Ah-See said.

"I want to be out and about in the regions and in the community."

"The Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 is one of the most progressive pieces of legislation in this state and is recognised internationally as the best way to achieve self-determination and economic independence for Aboriginal people."

Ms Mitchell has already begun 'building relationships with key groups in the Aboriginal community', and will be meeting with NSWALC this week.

"I don't want to be sitting in an office in Sydney," she told the *Koori Mail*. "I'm a country girl so I want to be out and about in the regions and in the community."

Ms Mitchell said she believes she's the right person for the job because of her experience and interest in Aboriginal communities.

"I've been in the upper house for six years and in that time I've worked on things like reparations for Stolen Generations," she said.

"I'd like to do more with that fund as minister. During the time I worked on the inquiry I was going around to communities and I felt like I connected with people who told me their stories so I'd like to help them."



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A 'Closing the Gap' initiative for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

Stress level study shows up problems for our mob



NEW research into stress levels in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

could ultimately help to close the health gap, according to academics.

The study, published in medical journal *Scientific*

Reports, found impaired secretion levels of the stress hormone cortisol in the young Aboriginal adults they tested.

James Cook University Professor Zoltan Sarnyai said cortisol was usually at its highest in the morning.

"In the people who identified as Indigenous, it was almost

entirely missing," Professor Sarnyai told AAP.

Cortisol helps the body to deal with the daily hassles and stresses of life.

To ensure the research was objective and non-biased, researchers took saliva and hair samples from the test subjects.

"It's important to note that we had people who identified as

Indigenous, and people who identified as various other ethnicities," Professor Sarnyai said.

It is highly unlikely the lack of cortisol production is due to genetic factors, according to the professor.

But the study couldn't rule out other factors such as environmental surroundings and

trans-generational trauma.

It's hoped the study will open up ways to predict the development of mental health issues in Indigenous communities.

"It allows us to objectively monitor efficacy of programs and policies to reduce the Indigenous health gap," Professor Sarnyai said. – AAP

Winning boost to new digital business



ABORIGINAL-owned digital agency Ngakkan Nyaagu (NGNY) is planning to put to good use the inaugural PwC and MURRA Boost Initiative it has won.

The PwC & MURRA Boost Initiative, established by leading professional services firm PwC and Melbourne Business School's MURRA Indigenous Business Masterclass Program, is designed to help strengthen and build capacity within Indigenous business organisations.

NGNY co-founder Liam Ridgeway says the \$30,000 worth of skills and expertise initiative prize will go towards helping expand the Redfern-based agency which aims to assist in building an Indigenous digital economy.

"This will help us manage our growth and define ourselves and our business strategy," he said.

"We've got nine staff at the moment and five of those are Indigenous. We'd also like to understand how we can expand on that. There'll be a few projects coming and this initiative will help us learn how to manage them."

Mr Ridgeway and his business partner John Saulo founded NGNY three years ago, after realising there were "not many Indigenous voices in the digital space".

NGNY now focuses on developing websites, apps, and graphic design, particularly giving opportunities for Indigenous people to work with technology.

"There's not a huge representation of Aboriginal people in technology," Mr Ridgeway said.

"But also a lot of Aboriginal businesses and organisations now have a digital



NGNY co-founders John Saulo and Liam Ridgeway.

presence and we want to help them capitalise on that.

"We want to help organisations identify how they can control their online presence. A lot of businesses may be paying companies a lot of money to look after their digital presence and they don't really know what they're getting.

"We aim to be really transparent so the organisations we work for understand what they're getting."

Mr Ridgeway said he was excited by the opportunity to take part in the MURRA Boost Initiative and for the opportunities it will provide for NGNY.

"When we found out we won, we'd just

come out of a series of meetings," he said. "When we applied we just went, 'We'll put our hat in the ring and see how we go.' The next thing we knew, we won, which was very exciting.

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Women pay tribute to matriarchal societies



A GATHERING of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, Honouring our Mother

Country, was held on Maiwar (Brisbane River) on January 22 to pay tribute, mourn and honour women's law and matriarchal societies.

Organiser and Yugambah woman Jenny Fraser said the free community event included a panel discussion featuring a range of perspectives from guest speakers who represented a number of tribal backgrounds from throughout Queensland.

"In the tradition of the 1938 Aborigines Day of Mourning that was held on Australia Day, Jirun Women's Council presented Honouring Our Mother Country," she said. "This is a much needed gathering to yarn and lay flowers, to remember the strength and resilience of the old people."

Speakers on the panel were Sovereign Granny Karen Fusi, Goori writer Melissa Lukashenko and Gurang hip hop artist Kaylah Truth.

Dr Mary Graham gave closing remarks after the panel discussion.



Karen Fusi speaks at Honouring our Mother Country at Kuril Dhagun, with panel members Kaylah Truth and Melissa Lukashenko.

Dr Graham grew up in south-east Queensland, and is a Kombu-Merri person through her father's heritage and a Wakka Wakka clan member through her mother's heritage.

With a career spanning more than 30 years, Dr Graham has worked across several government agencies, community organisations and universities including the Department of Community Services, Aboriginal and Islander Childcare Agency, the University of Queensland and the Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander

Research Action.

"In the lead up to Australia Day, we are mourning what has been lost, and taking stock of what is being maintained and what is being re-established," she said. "We're taking our rightful path and fulfilling our obligation to run the country alongside our men."

Honouring Our Mother Country took place at venue partner Kuril Dhagun, the Indigenous Knowledge Centre in the South Brisbane Cultural Precinct, kicking off with healing from a smoking ceremony by Kathy Fisher and Cindy May

(Wiradjuri) and concluding ceremoniously with the laying of flowers set adrift into Maiwar.

Jirun Council facilitated this informal teach-in to reach deep into the community to yarn and understand roles within Indigenous matriarchal societies. The event participants were asked to wear black and bring along picked flowers.

Jirun is an Aboriginal Women's Council and think tank that promotes the voice and advocacy of Queensland-based Indigenous women. The word 'Jirun' comes from the Kombumerri, Wanjerriburra and Yugambah language, which refers to the star constellation also known as Seven Sisters Dreaming.

Honouring Our Mother Country was an event presented by Jirun Council as part of the Brisbane Sovereign Embassy's 7 Days of Resistance leading up to Australia Day 2017.

It also showed solidarity for the many families who are campaigning against injustices toward Indigenous women around Australia, particularly those such as Logan woman Sheila Oakley, Lynette Daley in northern NSW and Ms Dhu in Western Australia.

Discrimination on the talking table



MORE than 150 people attended Reconciliation Queensland's question and answer-style panel discussion about racial discrimination at a popular leagues club on Brisbane's north side on Survival Day, January 26.

Among the panel members and invited guests were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, politicians and other prominent figures.

Reconciliation Queensland's Indigenous co-chair Maurice Serico said the strong attendance numbers showed that ordinary Australians yearned for a more meaningful way to mark their national day.

"Given the current debate around changing the date, the rallies around the country and the turnout to our event, I think we are witnessing a significant shift in mainstream attitudes to the way we define our national identity," he said.

"The challenge now is to maintain this momentum toward reconciliation, particularly in light of the decisive push to change section 18C of the racial discrimination act."

Mr Serico shared some of his own experiences suffering discrimination and injustice because of his Aboriginality.



Torres Strait Islander Elder Thomas Sebasio, with Grant Sarra, speaks at the public forum on racial discrimination in Brisbane.

"If you suffer from that kind of racial discrimination, there is no way that you can share in the fruits of living in Australia that citizenship and full rights can offer," he said.

Former senator and Queensland Greens convenor Andrew Bartlett was master of ceremonies for the event, ably keeping everyone on topic and in a positive mood.

First Nations panellists included

Torres Strait Islander Elder Thomas Sebasio; Murri Elder, author and activist Lesley Williams; and cultural change advocate Grant Sarra.

Also on the panel were Queensland's Anti-Discrimination Commissioner Kevin Cocks, Multicultural Affairs Minister Grace Grace and the Vice President of Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) Queensland Dr Wayne Sanderson.

Music and stories come to Bellingen



Shellie Morris



ABORIGINAL
singer/songwriter
Shellie Morris
speaks 17
different

Aboriginal dialects, many of which are considered sleeping or close to extinction. She will be visiting Bellingen on the NSW north coast for two nights of music and stories on March 17 and 18.

One of the languages Morris speaks is the Yanyuwa language of her grandmother – of which there are fewer than 20 speakers left in the world. Her recordings of contemporary songs translated into Yanyuwa have won multiple awards. A collaboration with the community of Borroloola, where her grandmother was from, saw Ms Morris and the Borroloola Songwomen record more than 60 traditional songs for an album that was a finalist in the ARIA World Music category in 2012.

The acclaimed artist has started her year with capacity crowds at the Woodford Festival

in Queensland and is now touring Hawaii, Canada and the United States with the Black Arm Band.

Morris will perform in Bellingen at No 5 Church Street as part of her new album promotion.

“Coming to Bellingen is really exciting because there are so many wonderful friends who I will be able to catch up with and share some of my new music with,” Morris said.

“It will certainly be a change from the minus-17 cold we are experiencing over here (in the US); a bit of a shock for someone used to Darwin weather!”

“My new recordings are all about collaboration, both for me as a songwriter and as a message for everyone in our country – we can walk together.”

While Morris has an international reputation, her intimate shows are more hard to come by, given the large amount of time she has spent working in more than 70 remote

communities over the past 20 years.

Her more recent work on the internationally award-winning *Prison Songs* musical documentary saw her lead the film into a sold-out Darwin Festival stage production.

From her work on the big stages with John Cale, Sinéad O’Connor and Gurrumul Yunupingu to sitting round a campfire with a guitar, her music speaks of shared experience and backgrounds.

Ms Morris won the 2012 national Music in Communities Award from the Music Council of Australia. She is a two-time winner of Female Musician of the Year at the NT Indigenous Music Awards and her language album *Ngambala Wiji Li-Wunungu* (Together We Are Strong) created with the Borroloola Songwomen won 2012 and 2013 National Indigenous Music Awards.

Tickets to the concert are available from the venue on (02) 6655 0155.

Programs address violence



MARNGROOK Footy
Show panellist and
former AFL footballer
Alan Thorpe
(pictured) is one of
the driving forces

behind Dardi Munwurro, an Indigenous organisation running programs for Indigenous men who are the perpetrators of family violence.

Family violence is a huge problem that continues to devastate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Indigenous women are up to 35 times more likely to experience domestic and family violence than other Australian women.

Indigenous women and girls are 31 times more likely to be hospitalised due to domestic and family-violence-related assaults compared to other Australian women and girls.

There was a 60% increase in the number of children in out-of-home care between 2013 and 2015 with family violence, alcohol and substance abuse the main factors.

Dardi Munwurro – meaning ‘strong spirit’ – is one of the few organisations in Australia to deal with family violence in Indigenous communities by working with the Indigenous male perpetrators.

The organisation has run programs for Indigenous men since 2000, aiming to break the cycle of family violence.

The programs take the men through a series of workshops dealing with identity, loss of culture, behaviour change and anger management.

After the program the participants keep in touch with Dardi Munwurro through fortnightly meetings.

The programs are also run in men’s prisons.

Almost 1000 Indigenous men have taken part in the programs since they were established, and Mr Thorpe said evaluations consistently show the programs are effective.

“In one case we had someone who started the program in prison. He followed up with us after getting out and now he’s reconnected with his kids,” he said.

Dardi Munwurro only has the resources to operate in Victoria, but would like to take their programs all over the country.

“Family violence is killing our communities and creating a whole new stolen generation of Indigenous kids, but with the right programs we can end the cycle of violence,” Mr Thorpe said.

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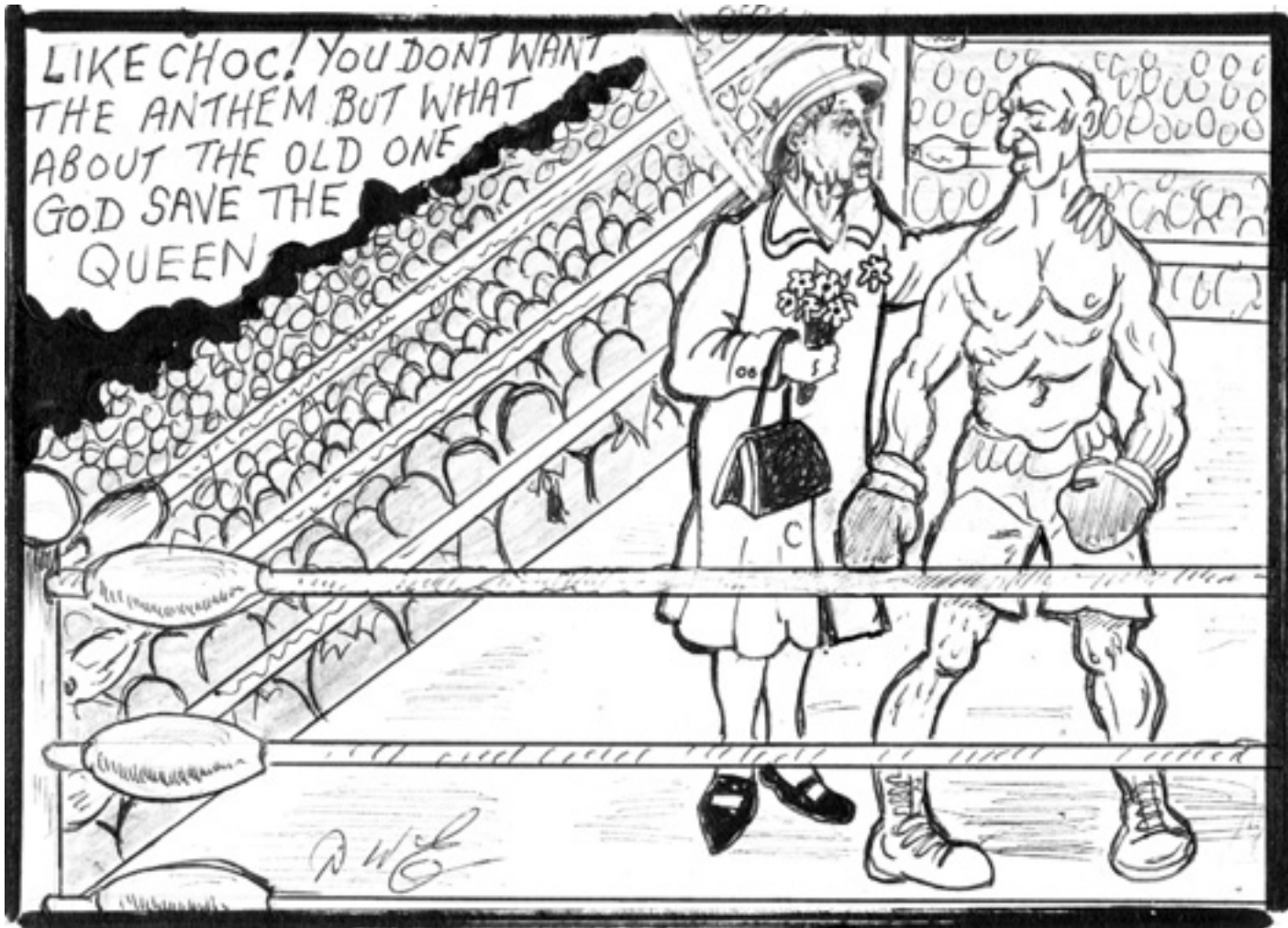
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A Yarn With...



Chris Tomlins

Yambah man from Alice Springs, NT

Favourite bush tucker?
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Favourite music?
Blues.

Favourite read?
Books, especially dramas.

Favourite drink?
Billy tea.

Favourite holiday destination?
I like to travel all over country.

Who would you most like to meet?
I'd like to meet someone with a big heart for the future.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Russian President Vladimir Putin, US President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Pope Francis. I might be able to teach them something.

If you could do anything for Indigenous people what would you do?
Just provide shelter and safety to all Aboriginal people.

Quote



"I ... took a wrong turn and found an ice rink. I decided I wanted to give it a go, and I went in and I liked it."

– Rising star ice skater Harley Windsor recalls how he started ice skating.

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Unquote

Telling it how it is: It's a crock

Well, it might have taken more than two years but finally an independent report has confirmed what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been telling the Federal Government about its Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS): It's a crock.

Rushed implementation, unclear guidelines, ad-hoc decisions, improper consultation, inadequate reporting – many of the problems that Indigenous people have been voicing loud and clear since the shambolic IAS was first brought in.

And the biggest pity is that the program's many and varied problems have affected too many Indigenous organisations.

And what's been Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion's response? To dismiss the findings of the report, while at the same time saying the Government was already implementing its recommendations and also finding another \$10 million per year over four years to improve evaluation. Huh?

How does that make sense?

Time after time after time Indigenous people and organisations are telling the Government the same message: Stop telling us how to do things and listen to us so we can find solutions together.

It's the message at the heart of last year's Redfern Statement, delivered before the federal election as a wake-up call to politicians to start developing proper useful policy in partnership with First Nations people.



OUR SAY

And yet...

It appears yet again that the message isn't being heard.

To be fair, over the past two years we have run several stories about Indigenous organisations that have benefitted from funding through the IAS.

But a government funding program cannot be evaluated by the few success stories – it needs to be evaluated for its entire structure.

And the Australian National Audit Office was pretty clear about the structure of the IAS:

"The department's grants administration processes fell short of the standard required to effectively manage a billion dollars of Commonwealth resources. The basis by which projects were recommended to the Minister was not clear."

It's not good enough – and what the Greens and Labor are saying is exactly what Indigenous peak bodies have been saying for years.

Scrap the IAS, restore the massive funding cuts to Indigenous Affairs – and start actually listening to the experts: First Nations people.

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

The woman who's made books her life

By KEIRA JENKINS

TEACHER, writer, chairperson of a publishing house – if it's got to do with literature, Edith (Edie) Wright has done it all.

The Bardi woman from Broome in Western Australia said she has always been interested in education, and is especially passionate about developing literacy skills in young people.

"Literacy is so important to everyone," Ms Wright told the *Koori Mail*.

"Every child and every adult has the right to pick up a book, or hear a story being told and be transfixed by it.

Developing skills

"Developing those skills is so precious. At least, that's what I believe."

Now, as chairperson of Magabala Books, an Aboriginal owned and controlled publishing house, and as an author herself, Ms Wright said one of the most significant things for Indigenous people is being in control of their stories.

"Literature is one way to challenge the traditional perspectives on our people and an opportunity to really get our stories out to demystify the perception of Aboriginal people," she said.

"I think it's great to have an impact and have input on some of our stories.

"Committed"

"There are some fantastic Indigenous writers out there telling stories of reconciliation. I work with an outstanding board of Aboriginal people from a range of backgrounds, but who are all committed to Indigenous literature."

Ms Wright started as an Aboriginal education officer, then over the course of her career, moved to being a classroom teacher, principal and eventually, a district manager for the education department.

She said spending so much time as an educator has allowed her insight into how much things have changed in her lifetime.



Bardi woman Edie Wright.

"When I first landed in the classroom there was no Indigenous literature on the curriculum," she said.

"Our old people started Magabala Books in 1987. We're doing the best that we can to get more and more Aboriginal authors on the shelves in schools.

"Why wouldn't I want to honour what my Elders did and carry on the cause? Why wouldn't I want to carry on the flag for them?"

Although she remains humble of her own achievements, Ms Wright is a well-respected member of the education community.

Her current role as Aboriginal education manager in the Kimberley has seen her lead many initiatives to improve attendance, retention and engagement for students.

Her achievements as chairperson at Magabala Books are also extensive, but Ms Wright said everything she's

done has been a 'team effort'.

"If we were to write a 'thank you' list, it would be an arm long," she said.

"It's not just the current board who has achieved so much in the past 30 years but it's all been a journey over that time.

"We've got an extensive cultural history. Magabala Books has been shaping the narrative and the history for all that time now."

"Extraordinary"

Last year, Magabala sold more than 100,000 books.

Ms Wright said it's not just the number, but the quality of books being sold by Magabala that is extraordinary.

"For a small publishing house, that achievement has just made us so proud," she said.

"We've published more books by Indigenous authors and illustrators than any other publisher in Australia.

"We've published the likes of Bruce Pascoe and Anita Heiss. These authors don't have to explain their culture and identity to us like they do at other publishers; we're already part of their community."

As a mother of two adult sons, and now a grandmother of seven, Ms Wright said she'd like to see more Indigenous literature in schools.

"It'd be great to have more of our titles on the book lists of high school curriculums," she said.

"Now that would be truly inspiring for me."

Breaking stereotypes

Ms Wright said she will continue her work with literature, spurred on by her desire to break down stereotypes and empower Aboriginal children.

"I will maintain my commitment to help others record their stories," she said.

"Writers can come to us with a manuscript and we'll help them develop it. I think it's very important, and so valuable to have that resource and that support for Indigenous writers."

"Literature is one way to challenge the traditional perspectives on our people and an opportunity to really get our stories out to demystify the perception of Aboriginal people."

Ice duo is rising in world skating ranks



TWO youngsters from opposite sides of the world – one of them of Aboriginal descent – are soaring up the rankings in the world of pairs ice figure skating.

Harley Windsor-Dahlstrom, 20, from Rooty Hill, in Sydney's western suburbs, and 16-year-old Russian Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya have been skating together for less than a year and already in the top five in the world junior ranks.

They are now aiming to compete for Australia at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

Their international debut was in September 2016 at the Junior Grand Prix (JGP) in Ostrava, Czech Republic. The pair were ranked sixth in the short program and ninth in the free skate, and finished eighth overall.

Later that month, the two competed at a JGP event in Tallinn, Estonia. They were awarded the gold medal ahead of three Russian pairs after placing third in the short and first in the free.

They finished as the first substitutes for the JGP final.

Alexandrovskaya-Windsor made their senior debut at the 2016 CS Finlandia Trophy, where they finished sixth and obtained the minimum technical scores to compete at senior-level ISU Championships.

The unlikely pairing was the brainwave of Windsor's Sydney coaches Galina and Andrei Pachin late last year, in a desperate bid to keep their talented young student in the sport he loves.

Under the Pachins, Windsor made it through the singles divisions with reasonable success in his early years, but his heart and natural, strong build made competing in pairs the real target.

"I was lucky to have a few partners from NSW and also Queensland where we learned the basics and passed all the qualifying tests," Windsor said. "Unfortunately, none of the partnerships really worked out.

"I thought that was going to be it. All done and not be able to do what I love in the sport."

His Australian coaches took a broader view and looked to Russia to find Windsor a partner.

The odds of finding a suitable partner were low, the odds of that girl wanting to skate for Australia were lower still.

Pachin took his student to Moscow in the hope of finding a partner. Enter Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya – a 16-year-old child, whose father died in 2015.

Katia, as she is known, was part of the Moscow-based Pairs training school, but there was no available partner. Her Olympic gold medal winning coach Nina Mozer saw the possibilities and liked what she saw in Harley.

Mozer was instrumental in securing a release for Katia from



Ekaterina Aleksandrovskaya and Harley Windsor compete in the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating on September 2, 2016, in Ostrava, Czech Republic. Picture: ISU/Getty

the Russian Federation after Australia's formal request.

Last September, Windsor and Alexandrovskaya made their mark on the world figure skating scene at their first attempt. There were no glaring errors, falls or major mishaps.

This unlikely pair is suddenly on the radar for their power and

technical strength.

"There wasn't much between us and fourth place – so not bad," Windsor said.

"Would have been close to third if I had done better in the short. Katia was annoyed about the short too. Hopefully we will get better components as the season goes on."

Windsor and Alexandrovskaya have now represented Australia at four international competitions.

But they won one of those tournaments and were placed highly in the others.

"The world rankings are sort of based on previous seasons, so for us to be that high only in our first season is

quite good," Windsor said.

Alexandrovskaya said she enjoyed skating with Windsor because he was a good partner and they made a good pair.

"Our skating styles are very similar and we just sort of matched really well straight off," Windsor said. "You can feel straight from the beginning if it's going to be good or going to be bad."

Andrei and Galina Pachin represented Russia in pairs figure skating, but moved to Australia 20 years ago.

They believe Windsor and Alexandrovskaya have what it takes to medal at the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea.

Windsor and Alexandrovskaya admitted the language barrier could be challenging at times, but he was learning Russian and she was learning English.

"At other times I think the language barrier actually helps us a little bit, you know – when we do get angry at each other on the ice, it stops us from being too verbal," Windsor said.

Their next major competitions will be the World Junior and Senior Championships in March.

If they skate well there, and Alexandrovskaya becomes an Australian citizen, they will qualify for the Olympics.

Commentators were impressed with the new pair on the international scene: "I'm not sure they know how good they could be. They're big, they're strong, they're fast," said one. "A little bit more experience and it's going to be very interesting to see what they do."

Windsor began ice skating when he was just eight years old, after stumbling upon an ice rink by accident.

"I was with my mum and we were near Blacktown and sort of just took a wrong turn and found an ice rink. I decided I wanted to give it a go, and I went in and I liked it," Windsor recalls.

"I kind of just loved the feeling across the ice, you get a nice cold breeze in your face and I felt like it was my thing."

"I went once a week, and then twice a week, and I started training more and more."

Windsor is the only ice skater in the family of 11 blended offspring ranging in age from 12 to 43. He is one of three children still living at home with Mum and Dad.

"My parents come from the country, and they're into horse riding and country stuff, so ice skating is a bit of a turn in a different direction," Windsor said. "I'm the odd one out. But my parents are 100% supportive of it, whatever they can do to support me, they do it."

Windsor's heritage spans across NSW. His mother Josie is from the Weilwyn and Gamilaraay people, while father Peter is from Moree of the Gamilaraay and Ngarrable people.

Windsor's great grandparents were full-blood Aboriginal people, neither of whom spoke English.



Getting it right about the Yumplatok Bible

I WRITE to you on behalf of my many Torres Strait colleagues and co-workers regarding the article about Yumplatok Bibles at a large Christmas celebration in Townsville on page 26 of the January 25 edition.

We thank you for the large amount of space that you gave to this story written by Townsville-based journalist Alf Wilson. The story was also printed in the *Torres News* of that same week.

I do wish to point out that your lead heading 'Kriol Bibles popular' was

inaccurate. The creole language spoken by Aborigines in the Top End is in fact called 'Kriol'. The initial impression people could have taken was that this was a story about the Aboriginal Kriol Bible.

The creole language spoken by Torres Strait Islanders is now very commonly being called by the Islanders as Yumplatok, meaning 'our language'. The *Torres News* led the article using the term Yumplatok Bibles.

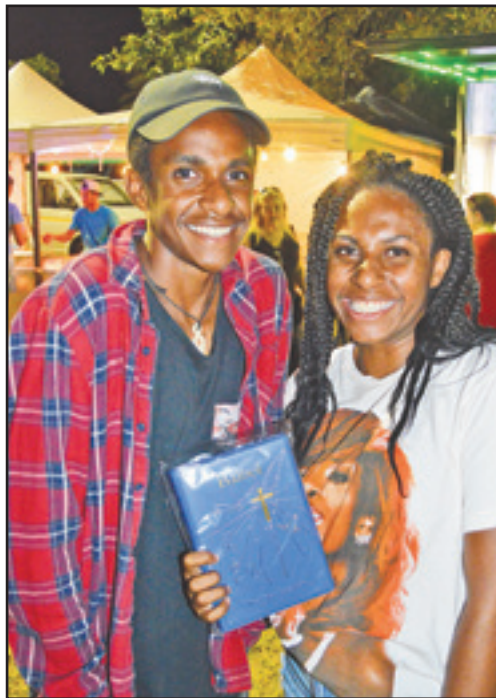
Apart from that, I, on behalf of my Islander

colleagues and friends, am very grateful for you including this article in your widely distributed paper.

Both the Aboriginal Kriol and Torres Strait Yumplatok Bibles are available as a download for Android and Apple phones.

MICHAEL CORDEN
Translation consultant
for Torres Strait Bible
Project, Cairns

Our apologies for the mistake, Michael, and thank you for setting us straight – Editor



Maureen Harrison and Dave Anderson with a copy of the Yumplatok Bible.

POETRY



Justice for Youth

When I close my eyes I feel the hits to my head.

But don't get me started on all the abuse and torment.

I was only 11 years, I didn't know If It was Right or Wrong.

But what I know now is these Assaults went on for way too Long.

Sitting in that chair with a hood over my head.

For the whole two and a half hours

I was Just wishing I was Dead.

I remember that time (name removed) told me to kill myself.

I thought about it for days.

If only you could feel the pain I felt.

I'm not gonna lie, there's been times I have cried.

And thought to myself "Am I gonna die inside?"

I have a lot of questions I really want answered.

Like why weren't my first cries out for help ever answered?

Does (name removed) really not care?

Or is (they) telling the truth and (they) didn't know what was going on in there.

Why can't (name removed) admit (they) was wrong?

Instead of pointing fingers and passing the Blame Along.

I would like to dedicate this poem to (censored) all the other juveniles who were subject to this sort of treatment.

And if the people who did this to me see this, I want you to know that I will never be able to forget it happened because it is stuck in my head. But I have found room in my heart to forgive you as I have also made mistakes and I hope one day I can also be forgiven for my mistakes.
Thank you

Dylan James Dudley Voller

Editor's note: Dylan Voller is one of the young Aboriginal men who was abused by guards in the Don Dale Youth Detention Centre.

This poem was originally published by *Honi Soit*, the Sydney University student newspaper. The accompanying illustration (above) is by Zac Grieve.

Let's lose the hate

I READ Woolombi Waters' piece in the latest edition of the *Koori Mail* on changing the date of Australia Day.

I have written about this at length in the past. My views are very public and counter to his views.

I was all set to write a response to Woolombi, but it later occurred to me that there is a much more serious matter to be discussed. I will get to this shortly.

I disagree with many of Woolombi's views, so this was just another disagreement. I sent him a text message which read "Just read your latest article. You finish with 'so let's change the date'. And that helps people - how?"

He thinks a date change is helpful, while I think it is as helpful as putting a band aid on cancer.

Five minutes after sending the text, predictably, my phone rings. I know who it is: "Yammaa brotha ...". And from there flowed a great conversation between Woolombi and myself.

Like all our other conversations, just as surely as there is disagreement, there is unshakeable goodwill between us. We have good mutual respect and admiration for each other.

I wished I drove his car and he wished he had more good looks! Though his eyesight is questionable, his goodwill towards me is not.

He and I disagree and maintain that goodwill. That's how it should be.

And this is leading to the main point I want to make.

Why is there so much anger and hate among some Aboriginal people towards others who disagree with them on issues?

We well know the problems of violence, and I reckon this is part of that same problem.

I am saddened when I see people on Indigenous-specific social media who, on top of blaming White Australia for all the problems Aboriginal people face, are so quick to slander and attack any Aboriginal person who has an opinion they don't agree with – especially an Aboriginal person who is trying to make a difference.

Out come the predictable slanders: 'coconut', 'sell out', 'jacky jacky', 'Uncle Tom'. And they call themselves 'Aboriginal'.

Just as I was about to write my response to Woolombi, I saw a post on Facebook attempting to discredit a high-achieving young Aboriginal woman for whom I and many others have a lot of respect. This and other attacks on her were vile.

That's when I realised there was a serious issue to write about – far more serious than any agonising about the date of Australia Day.

Often on these sites I see the message 'The world is watching' to accompany a rant about

some perceived injustice. Well here's a message for those Indigenous social media propagators of hate: "Australia is watching you, and you spoil the image for the majority of Aboriginal people who just want to get on with life and be the best they can be – and the best citizens of this great country they can be!"

Disagreements are fine. Heated discussions can also be fine, but let's do it without the hate.

If you disagree with another person's view, write about your reasons for that, rather than launching into character assassinations full of horrible and baseless insults. "Australia is watching you."

ANTHONY DILLON
Strathfield, NSW

That's history

CHANGING of the date of Australia's Day of celebrations may not change history, but the name change from Van Diemen's Land (1600s) to Tasmania and from New Holland (1600s) to Australia certainly did.

Now, as they say, the rest is history.

SELWYN HUGHES
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We need another minister

LAST month another milestone was achieved with Ken Wyatt becoming the first Indigenous Australian to be a Commonwealth minister, as the Minister for Aged Care and Indigenous Health. It's a terrific achievement and well deserved.

Indigenous health is an important national issue, given the significant gaps between the health and mortality of Indigenous and other Australians. It's worthy of particular focus and that's why there's a special ministry to pay attention to it.

The statistics and details on Indigenous health reveal a tapestry of interconnected health problems, risk factors and social issues that all contribute to and reinforce each other. And when you step back from the tapestry, and look at it as a whole, what you are really seeing is poverty. We can only close the gap in health between Indigenous and other Australians, by properly addressing the socioeconomic standing of Indigenous people. We can only do that by looking at this issue through an economic lens.

Between 1990 and 2010 the number of people living in extreme poverty globally in developing countries halved. One billion people were lifted out of extreme

poverty over a 20-year period. Two-thirds of that poverty reduction came from economic growth. Poverty rates fell because economic growth in developing countries accelerated. Most notably, in the three decades after China began to implement economic reform, extreme poverty fell from 84% to 10%.

Indigenous Australians are no different from any other people across the world. The only way we'll see Indigenous poverty and disadvantage eliminated is through economic development. The reason too many Indigenous people live in poverty is because too many Indigenous people don't participate in the real economy. Too many Indigenous children don't attend school, too many Indigenous people don't get a good education and too many Indigenous adults don't work in real jobs. And the good news is, this is a challenge that could be turned around within a generation if only we could get all Indigenous children going to school every day and all Indigenous adults into a real job. It's that simple.

Many Australians believe Indigenous people are poor because they live in dusty, remote communities with "no jobs" and refuse to move into the city. This is a myth. Nearly 80% of Indigenous



Nyunggai Warren Mundine

Australians live in urban or regional areas relatively close to the eastern and south western coasts. Many of these people moved from other parts of Australia and have moved closer to the larger Australian cities for work or better opportunities. My family did just that in the 1960s. It's true that Indigenous people

are disproportionately represented in remote and regional Australia and northern Australia compared to other Australians and in those areas unemployment and lack of education are particularly rife.

But the problem for these communities isn't so much lack of jobs, but that the jobs that do exist are mostly done by people from outside the community or not done at all. And for various reasons these areas have not experienced the economic development that every other remote community in Australia's history benefited from, communities like Sydney, Melbourne and Perth which, in the 1800s, were probably the most sparsely populated, remote communities in the world.

The government wants to see regional and remote Australia develop, particularly northern Australia. With good reason. Australia is a huge continent and most of Australia's economic activity occurs in a narrow corridor along the southern and eastern coasts.

Social media users may be familiar with the satellite image of the Korean peninsula at night that shows South Korea lit up and North Korea pitch black, a sign of the complete lack of economic activity under the communist north. Google

a satellite image of Australia at night and you will find an equally stark image – a slither of light on the south-eastern coasts and a cluster of light in the south west – and the rest of our country dark like North Korea. Now there's a confronting thought. Indigenous people have recognised interests over nearly three-quarters of Australia's land, and most of this is in those dark areas.

Australia has immense opportunity. The world has a growing population, hungry for primary resources and sources of food. And Australia has a huge mass of undeveloped land. Indigenous Australians in particular can benefit from this opportunity and realise the economic benefits of our lands and/or the compensation funds established for lands lost.

I understand why there's a Minister for Indigenous Health. But what I'd really like to see is a Minister for Indigenous Economic Development. Because that is the key to closing the gap between Indigenous and other Australians. And I believe all Australians want to see that happen as soon as possible.

● *Nyunggai Warren Mundine AO chairs the Yaabubiiin Institute for Disruptive Thinking.*

History will always repeat

SO all the naysayers are out once again condemning Anthony 'the Man' Mundine because he has a strong opinion and believes passionately in his value. Just as I wrote in the previous edition, "when someone does speaks out against the disparity between Indigenous and other Australians they are seen as divisive".

I have had the pleasure of meeting Choc a number of times. He comes across as extremely humble, always quiet and very respectful – just another nephew among the cousins.

I like him. I think he's deadly. And there comes a time when people need to act. Justice won't come if people don't fight.

Don't forget that slavery, segregation, child labour, the denial of woman's rights and hate against the LGBTIQ community were all 'matter of fact' at one point, written into law and carried as justice.

As stated by rapper Tupac Shakur's famous Auntie: "Nobody in the world, nobody in history, has ever gotten their freedom by appealing to the moral sense of the people who were oppressing them." (Assata Shakur)

I did some research looking at old quotes and references around the time of Abraham Lincoln's inaugural address, in which he reflects upon the American Civil War, saying, "Slaves constituted a peculiar and powerful interest. All knew that this interest was somehow the cause of the war."

After witnessing record crowds march in protest against Australia

Day, where in Melbourne – the capital of the first state to announce its intention to sign a Treaty – more people attended the Invasion Day rally than the Australia Day march.

Whose peculiar and powerful interests are being looked after by maintaining the status quo in Australia?

Consider your answer and then compare comments published in mainstream and social media against changing the date of Australia Day, or Anthony Mundine against comments at the time of Abraham Lincoln's address by those who supported slavery.

The first quote is taken from South Carolina.

"This sectional combination for the submersion of the Constitution, has been aided in some of the States by elevating to citizenship, persons who, by the supreme law of the land, are incapable of becoming citizens; and their votes have been used to inaugurate a new policy, hostile to the South, and destructive of its beliefs and safety."

"Submersion of the Constitution" means to be held under threat i.e. to 'become submerged' – the rest reads like a Donald Trump or Pauline Hanson speech against immigration. Donald Trump has gone so far as to immediately ban more than 218 million people from the US and to deny entry to refugees based on country and religion. This is the age of ultraconservatism and the US our greatest ally.

The US President's executive order, signed on January 27, led to the immediate detention of



Woolombi Waters

hundreds of people without any semblance of due process. Multiple judges blocked the government from detaining or deporting those singled out by the ban, holding that the order violated due process, equal protection, and the First Amendment.

News of Trump's executive order on immigration spread quickly as chaos and confusion was declared throughout the western world with the exception of our Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, who remained quiet.

Australia is the only country relying on the US to take our offshore asylum seekers – so perhaps it's better we hold our tongue.

So in talking about the US, let's look at an editorial supporting slavery from the 1800s, from Alabama's Muscogee Herald and attacking alternative thinking:

"A free society! We sicken at the name. What is it but a conglomeration of filthy operatives, small-fisted farmers, and moon-struck theorists? All the Northern men and especially the New England States are devoid of society fitted for well-bred gentlemen. The prevailing class one meets with is that of mechanics struggling to be genteel, and small farmers who do their own drudgery, and yet are hardly fit for association with a Southern gentleman's body servant. This is your free society which Northern hordes are trying to extend into Kansas."

You see the same arguments today: 'of not belonging', a 'threat to society' and values maintained by the left as "moon-struck theorists" recycled by those who benefit from history, its privilege associated to our institutions, our dates of remembrance, and yes, the national anthem – all of which maintain their position as superior "hardly fit for association with a Southern gentleman".

The date of Australia Day and our national anthem are chosen to celebrate one race over and above all others. That is undeniable, because it is the date that the British arrived, not the tens of thousands of years Aboriginal people occupied Australia, or the migrant labourers who would come later.

The national anthem celebrates this same history of

that one same ethnic and cultural group, which again is based on race. That should be the end of the debate, but unfortunately it is not and recently some of our own mob have jumped on the side of the ultraconservative over and above common sense, humility, truth and justice – who rather than write from a position of enlightenment – continue to support the 'colonial gaze'.

This is in despite of our witnessing a renaissance in Aboriginal culture beginning with the G20 protests in Brisbane, the Freedom Summit in Alice Springs and then the tens of thousands that closed down major cities throughout Australia protesting against the closure of remote communities.

Australia is well behind the rest of the world and what we are witnessing is a changing tide and these are our great civil rights marches of Alabama and Selma 60 years later.

The Age took a poll and found 60% agreed that the date for Australia Day should be moved.

Choc has won 47 of 54 fights over the course of a 16-year career. He has won 27 times by knockout and won three World Championships. Seriously, people should just sit down and let the man speak – he has deserved it.

Anthony Mundine shares his views openly and unapologetically on community faith, discipline and family. If he chooses not to stand for the national anthem, he has earned the right.

● *Dr Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail correspondent.*

Sports days planned for Mataranka



A SPORTS camp for some of the Northern Territory's most isolated children and a garden-to-table sustainability plan in Ngukurr are two of the seven projects to share \$15,000 in funding through round two of Roper Gulf Regional Council's 2016-17 Community Grants Program.

The council announced the recipients at its final meeting for 2016, with the NT branch of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA) to receive a \$3000 grant that will assist with running a two-day sporting event that will offer a 'sense of community' for rural families.

ICPA Katherine branch President Kerrie Scott said the inaugural sports camp, which would be held in Mataranka in April, would bring distance education students together to try their hands at team sports they would have otherwise had no exposure to because of

geographic isolation.

The Ngukurr community is also celebrating after the local school and netball team received grants of \$3000 and \$2000 respectively to help fund a food security project and netball trip to Melbourne.

Other recipients are:

- Mataranka Tourism Working Group – Stay, Play and Explore Mataranka and Surrounds project (\$3000)

- Minyerri Arts and Cultural Centre – Young Makers project (\$2000)

- Never Never Festival Committee – Stay, Play and Explore Mataranka and Surrounds project (\$1000)

- Big River Hawks – participation of girls' team in under 18 NTFL competition (\$1000)

Roper Gulf Regional Council's Community Grants Program provides financial assistance of up to \$3000 for projects that will benefit community events and activities, economic development, or the physical or natural environment.

The next round of applications will be announced in July 2017.



Netballers from the community of Ngukurr will receive training and a trip to Melbourne thanks in part to a \$2000 funding windfall through Roper Gulf Regional Council's 2016-17 Community Grants Program.

Capacity doubled

AN Aboriginal women's refuge has doubled in capacity following a \$6 million contribution from the West Australian Government.

The Wooree Miya Women's Refuge in Perth is managed by the Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service (AADS), and now provides crises accommodation for up to 10 women and 30 children who are escaping family and domestic violence.

Premier Colin Barnett opened the refuge last week, saying it would provide a safe environment with independent living.

"Specialist services, including counselling, health services, childhood development support and training and education, will be provided on-site to clients in a safe and confidential environment," he said.

Child Protection Minister Andrea Mitchell said there was a significant overrepresentation of Aboriginal women and children as victims of family and domestic violence.

The expansion project was a joint venture between the Department of Child Protection and Family Support, the Housing Authority, Lotterywest and the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC).

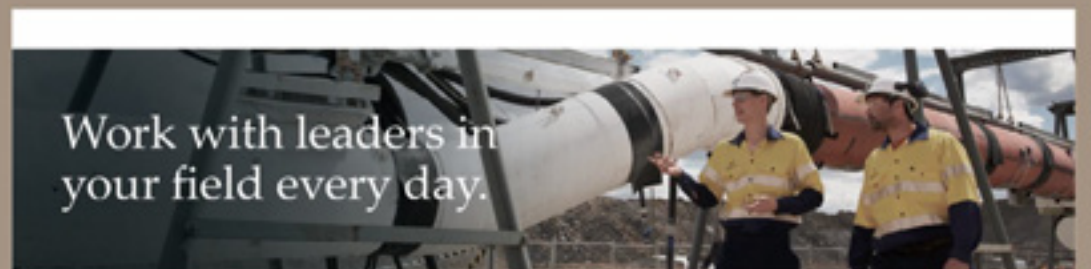
The women's refuge was built on land purchased by the ILC for \$1million. The ILC handed over the Deed of Grant to AADS at the opening.

The ILC-purchased land helped the organisation secure funding support from the WA Housing Authority and Lotterywest for the construction and fit-out, totalling more than \$7 million. The WA Department for Child Protection and Family Support has provided increased operational funding to support the expanded child protection program.

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



Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service chair Mary Cowley and chief executive Daniel Morrison, Indigenous Land Corporation executive director Tricia Button and divisional manager Kate Alderton.



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Aboriginal Studies	Languages (especially Indigenous languages)
Cultural Heritage Management	Sociology
Archaeology	Community/Social Development
Environmental Science	Social Science
Tourism	Communications/Arts

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This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only in accordance with Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. An Aboriginal person (As defined by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983) means:

- Is a member of the Aboriginal race of Australia, and
- Identifies as an Aboriginal person, and
- Is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person.

Preference will be given to applicants who live or have a connection with the Upper Hunter region of NSW. Scholarships may be awarded for up to three years depending on duration of course and maintaining eligibility for the scholarship.

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Air guitar is popular at the Tamworth Country Music Festival.



Trevor Walley, Roger Knox, Jarro Hickling and Amos Roach. Pictures: James Henry.



Shannoah Overs



Fiona Peters and Buddy Knox.



Busking award finalists Kimberly Gold



Yvonne Kent

country music



ANOTHER Aboriginal Cultural Showcase at the Tamworth Country Music Festival in NSW has gone down a success.

Country music performer Buddy Knox told the *Koori Mail* that the crowds were loving the Indigenous talent the showcase had to offer. "The crowds were definitely there," he said.

"From what I could see they were really getting into it. It was a really good time. Everyone was really enjoying themselves."

Between his own performances, Mr Knox took time out to support some of the other performers.

Although Mr Knox said everyone he saw showed off their talents, there were a few definite highlights for him.

"One of my favourites was James Henry – he's a lot like Uncle Jimmy Little," he said.

"Warren H. Williams was also great to see. And of course my father, Roger Knox, was there so he'd have to be a highlight of mine too."

Before the festival opened, Buddy Knox also spent some time mentoring nine young Indigenous students.

He said they also had a great time when they took to the stage.

"We did something different every day," Mr Knox said.

"A couple of them got into some contests and one got an encouragement award and another couple got into finals.

"The kids really got a lot out of it. There was a lot happening for me over the showcase but I can tell you it was another success."

Golden Guitar winners 2017

Troy Cassar-Daley took a number of Golden Guitar awards this year including: Album of the Year for *Freedom Ride*; Single of the Year for *Take a Walk in my Country*; Producer of the Year; and shared the Songwriter of the Year award with Paul Kelly.

Jessica Mauboy was one of the winners of the Vocal Collaboration of the Year award for *Spirit of the ANZACS*.



Dewayne Atkinson, Dalan Ruru, Lelly Bamblett, Troy Austin, Stan Cutmore, Uncle Phil Cooper, Josh Wanganeen, and John Egan are almost all from Melbourne.



Mark Atkins



James Henry Picture: Julie Cragie



Moesha Clark



One of the Kimberly Gold singers.



Lyn Lackay, Penny Walsh, Sharna Sheather and Robyn Martin, from Bourke, NSW.



Teangi Knox, bass player in the house band.

Bass Strait islanders celebrate



Gunditjmara/Kerea Whurrung musician Lee 'Sonny Boy' Morgan, from Warnambool district, plays the festival for the first time.



Wiradjuri man Johnny Huckle entertains the crowd with his humour and talent.



Thomas Wise, 17, shares his beautiful voice and is said to be following in his late mother Gina 'Laniya' Green's footsteps.



Jo Willis and her son Bradley look forward to their local festival every year.



Ngardi/ Wiradjuri musician Dale Huddleston, from Canberra, performs during the festival's Music on the Verandah at the Furneaux Tavern. He's joined by a line-up of local and visiting musicians.



Gwen Wheatley-Turnbull and Tracey Turnbull, from Flinders Island, with their cousin Cheryldean Green, from Melbourne, who travelled home for the festival.



Family and friends: Isaac Sainty, Joseph Eiszele, Kirsten Roberts, Shyanna Sainty and Tom Eiszele.

their rich culture and history



Lillian Wheatley attends her stall at the festival market, selling her contemporary kelp art and wares made from salvaged rope or ghost weaving, taught to her by traditional women from Erub Island in the Torres Strait.



Flinders Island living treasure Uncle Ronnie Summers.

Festive time on Flinders Island

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ON Flinders Island in the Bass Strait, a community with a rich Aboriginal, musical and seafaring culture and history holds an annual late-January festival that deliberately avoids 'Australia Day'. The Furneaux Islands Festival (Flinders is the largest island in the Furneaux Group), in its fourth year, is a three-day celebration of island community, culture, food and music.

"We're just going about it, we didn't create a fuss," Flinders Council community development officer Dolly Wheatley, a non-Indigenous born-and-bred Flinders Islander, told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's nice to show you can just do it.

"We're doing it our own way and celebrating our lifestyle and our history."

In 2013, Flinders Island residents, husband and wife musicians Sandro Donati and Judy Jacques put together an exhibition of the musical and dance history of the Furneaux Islands. It had a strong Aboriginal component, highlighting the 1896 recordings of Fanny Cochrane Smith and the unique string band music that evolved on Cape Barren Island through the Brown Brothers in the mid-1900s.

The couple had planned a follow-up musical event for the next year.

Also in 2013, the Flinders Council

decided to move its 'Australia Day' celebrations to a different day because the 26th was too divisive in their community.

The two events were combined and the Furneaux Islands Festival was born, with the first held over the Australia Day long weekend in 2014, but leaving the 26th as 'a day of reflection'.

Mr Donati said they were initially hammered in the local community paper by a minority conservative element, but the broader community held fast and the

FIAAI chief executive Maxine Roughley said she was proud of the Flinders Island community supporting an Australia that is inclusive, respectful and welcoming to all.

"I encourage you to take opportunities to learn about our recent and not-so-recent history, warts-and-all and admire the resilience of our Aboriginal community," she told the crowd at the festival community barbecue and concert.

Tasmanian Aboriginal songman, Elder and living treasure Ronnie Summers is an integral part of the festival.

He performed with some of the best jam musicians from across Australia, including performing songs in the Cape Barren Island string band music style.

Mr Donati describes Mr Summers as a 'bridge to the past'.

Aboriginal comedian Sean Choolburra was another festival highlight, running dance and comedy workshops with local youth and performing at festival events.

He's been to a few festivals on the island and says he's starting to feel like an honorary resident.

This year, Flinders Islands young'ns who participated in workshops tapped into popular culture, and the news and hype around US President Donald Trump, performing *Ju Ju on the Beat* and giving satire news reports about making Flinders Island great again and building a wall between Whitemark and Lady Barron – the two biggest towns on an island of about 700 residents.



Maxine Roughley and Sean Choolburra.

changes have been embraced.

In 2015 the municipal council partnered with the Flinders Island Aboriginal Association (FIAAI) to put on the festival.

Ms Wheatley says she is "stoked" to be working with FIAAI because it has brought people together.



Ivy Mae Searles, from Melbourne, has her face painted in ochre by her nan Dyan Summers, from Flinders Island.



Vicki-Laine maikutena Green displays the traditional shell necklaces and baskets she made for sale at the market.

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- Collect, synthesise, and analyse evidence to make findings;
- Prepare and write accurate reports to inform statutory decisions;
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How to apply?

Please refer to the Positions Vacant page on our website www.aacqa.gov.au to download and read the Quality Surveyor Recruitment pack.

Please complete an online application form and submit your resume to <https://agedcareassessor.submittable.com/submit/77494/aged-care-quality-surveyor-aps-5-6-broadband-ongoing-non-ongoing> by 5:00pm (local time), Monday, 27 February 2017.

Ensure you outline your relevant work-related experience, and provide examples to show how they align with the required selection criteria

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- In this role, you are required to have strong inter-personal and communication skills. Please describe a situation where you have demonstrated strong inter-personal and communication skills.
- Provide an example that demonstrates your ability to understand and analyse complex situations.

Only completed applications will be accepted i.e. a completed application form, a current resume and you have addressed the above selection criteria.

This advertisement is advertising positions that are both ongoing and non-ongoing, applicants should clearly state in their application which option they are seeking.

For enquiries, please contact Lana Jerdetski – Human Resource Officer on (02) 8831 1071

Further information:

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For more information on the Australian Public Service, please visit <http://www.apsc.gov.au/publications-and-media/current-publications/cracking-the-code/factsheet-4> and <http://www.apsc.gov.au/publications-and-media/current-publications/cracking-the-code>.

Leaders Program open



APPLICATIONS are open for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leaders Program (NATSILP), an 11 to 12 day experience in which participants walk in the footsteps of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders.

The new program, being delivered by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation (ARLF), is funded by the Australian Government.

ARLF chief executive Matt Linnegar said it is a unique opportunity for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people 21 years or older – with a connection and interest in rural and regional Australia – to develop their leadership capabilities.

“By walking in the footsteps of leaders who have been challenging assumptions and bringing new approaches for decades, this program supports participants to grow as individuals and broadens their perspectives,” he said.

Program director Scott Gorringer completed a similar ARLF program in 2010, the Australian Rural Leadership Program.

“I want the participants of the program to co-create robust conversations that will engage significant shifts across the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander landscape,” he said.

“Participants will also engage in a mentoring program for six months.”

There are 80 participant places available. Applications close on February 28.

To apply, visit www.rural-leaders.com.au

Human Rights Awards



THE National Indigenous Human Rights Awards are calling for applications recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have made significant contribution to the advancement of human rights and social justice.

The awards were established in 2014 and are held annually.

The inaugural awards were held at NSW Parliament House, and were welcomed by politician Linda Burney, and included key note speakers linguist and teacher Yalmay Yunupingu, artist Gail Mabo and boxer Anthony Mundine.

All recipients of the National Human Rights Awards will be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage.

To nominate someone for an award, go to <https://shaoquett.wufoo.com/forms/z4qw7zc1i3yv/w6/>

Mingle Mob continues



AN outreach program aimed at reducing antisocial and criminal behaviour, Mingle Mob, will continue to run a bus that picks up at-risk youth off the streets in South Hedland, Western Australia, and take them to a safe shelter after

receiving support from the Fortescue Metals Group.

Through finance provided by the Town of Port Hedland and \$20,000 in emergency support from Fortescue, the Youth Involvement Council (YIC) program has recently resumed after some uncertainty as a result of insufficient funding.

To ensure the sustainability of the program, Fortescue facilitated discussions between YIC and other community organisations including Karlka Nyiyaparli Aboriginal Corporation for continued finding and support for Mingle Mob.

YIC Youth Development manager Kristal-Kareen Wyllie said the Mingle Mob outreach program has proven to be an invaluable service for the youth of South Hedland by giving them transport home to a safe place and assisting with one-on-one case management support.

Death threats backfire



A HUSBAND is willing to take the fall and go to jail over an elaborate fraud case in the hope it will keep his wife out of prison, an Adelaide court has heard.

Simon Peisley and Tabitha Lean faked dozens of death threats they sent to their office, home and their children's school to get time off from their jobs at South Australia's Aboriginal health service.

In the District Court, Peisley's lawyer said the 41-year-old would choose jail time over a home detention sentence, hoping this would improve Lean's chances of staying out of prison so she can take care of their children. – AAP

Survival Day 2017 – Fremantle



Wayne Wharton, Elder Ron Gidgup, Robert Eggington and Mervyn Eades with young warriors.



James Miller holds one of the 400-year-old boomerangs.

Cleansing ceremony to celebrate date change

By TASH NANNUP



ON Saturday, January 28, around 1000 Indigenous and non-Indigenous people gathered to witness the cleansing ceremony held at the Fremantle Round House.

With Uncle Noel Nannup as MC, William Hayward opened the ceremony in language alongside

Robert Eggington from Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation, who followed with a passionate speech about the culture and history of the Round House and Wadjemup.

Attendees were asked to cast their view towards the island as three young warriors, James Miller, Jake Eggington and Robert Eggington Jr, were given the honour of flying two 400-year-old boomerangs on the beach below to mark the opening

of the significant gathering.

Speakers at the ceremony included Mingali Wahjurri, Uncle Richard Walley, Ezra Jacobs, Donna Nelson, Selina Eggington, and Josh Eggington.

Moving speech

Four members of the Brisbane Sovereign Embassy made their way to Whadjuk country to attend, with Wayne 'Coco' Wharton giving a moving speech.

"I take my hat off to the

council, but it makes the decision easy when you got people behind you like this," Mr Wharton beckoned to the crowd.

"We need treaties, not one, but many treaties."

A fire was lit inside the Round House to smoke out its barbaric history when the British Empire held tens of thousands of Nyoongah men, chained and shackled, prior to transportation to Wadjemup's concentration camp.

Fremantle's Mayor Dr Brad

Pettitt attended the ceremony and received the honour of having ochre placed on him by Uncle Richard Walley.

"I would love to see all councils around the country do the same. It's an important step towards reconciliation," Dr Pettitt said.

The massive cleansing ceremony was the Nyoongah response to Fremantle City Council's changing of the date of celebrating nationhood identity.



Uncle Noel Nannup.



Nyoongah warriors stand with Robert Eggington, Mervyn Eades and Herbert Bropho.



William Hayward opens the ceremony in language with Robert Eggington



Uncle Richard Walley.



Dr Brad Pettitt and Phillip Walley-Stack.

Survival Day 2017 – Fremantle



The crowd enjoys the Fremantle concert.



Daniel and Johnny Ford with their father Danny.



Olman Walley performs the Nyumbi celebration dance at the One Day Festival in Fremantle.

Big day for Freo

By TASH NANNUP



THE City of Fremantle's decision to hold an alternative to the annual Australia Day celebrations usually held on January 26 saw about 15,000 people converge on the Fremantle Esplanade for the One Day in Fremantle concert on January 28.

Fun workshops were held throughout the Freo park from 2pm, including clay making, bush tucker tasting, ochre face painting, weaving, textile workshops, hip hop workshops and more.

Food stalls provided plenty of options and while waiting for the main stage acts, the crowd was entertained by pop-up performances from Beleza Samba Dance Group, Afrotonic African Dance and Percussion troupe and the Perth Swing Dancers Academy.

With Gina Williams as MC, the entertainment started at 4.30 with the welcome to country by Marie Taylor, Herbert Bropho and Uncle Richard Walley, followed by a dance performance from young Nyoongah men and the Willagee Koolanga girls dance group.

The crowd swarmed to the main stage to listen to the soulful voice of Mama Kin, followed by the popular John Butler.

As the sun was setting, Dan Sultan performed as the main act, with all three artists coming together at the end with Gina Williams to sing *From little things, big things grow* as the finale to the drug- and alcohol-free family-friendly event.

The Fremantle City Council attracted controversy when it cancelled its Australia Day fireworks, instead opting for a culturally inclusive event which attracted Indigenous people and those from many other cultures, all enjoying the day together.



Herbert Bropho addresses the crowd.

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Dan Sultan, Gina Williams, Mama Kin and John Butler perform *From Little Things Big Things Grow*.



Steven Mackay plays drums provided by the Afrotonic African Dance and Percussion.



Marie Taylor delivers the welcome to country.



Fremantle Mayor Dr Brad Pettitt.



Ryan Thomas with his daughter Yasmin.



A section of the crowd at the Fremantle concert.



Wayne Binder and Christine Ross.



Candice Lorrae and Brian Lloyd enjoy the concert.



John Butler on stage.



Tanya Anderson and Jamie Backshell with their daughter Sara.

Survival Day 2017 – Brisbane



A.B. Original (Trials and Briggs) didn't let having songs in triple j's hottest 100 keep them away from showing solidarity with Brisbane mob.



Warriors of the Aboriginal Resistance speaker Ruby Wharton has her say.



Rapper DJ struts his stuff.



Lenaya Thompson, Jaylen Ruska, Lakota Thompson and Henry Thompson all travelled from Ipswich to the Brisbane Invasion Day march.



A massive crowd marches from Parliament House to Musgrave Park.



The crowd dances on the way to Musgrave Park.



Wayne Wharton conducts the smoking ceremony at Musgrave Park.



Aunty Pat Leavy gives an impassioned speech.



The Williams family from Bray Park, Brisbane.

Survival Day 2017 – Brisbane



Yerongpan woman Marissa Sandy dances during the march.



Jesse, Korben, 2, and Kirrily Green, from Brisbane.

Passion, pride on show

By RUDI MAXWELL



PASSION, solidarity and resistance were the order of the day for the Invasion Day march in Brisbane.

Before the several thousand strong march set off from Parliament House, poet and activist Lionel Fogarty said everyone was welcome on Aboriginal country.

"But the point is, you have to understand that when you live on our country you have to pay the rent," he said.

"An economical struggle with Aboriginal people is racism in this country. Racism has nothing to do with the normal people in the neighbourhood – it's the structures and education system.

"In this country they are not really telling the true history.

"The true history is being shown through the protest and the people who fight for land and cultural justice."

Aunty Pat Leavy said she, too, was concerned about education.

"And they're not closing the gap



Always was, always will be Aboriginal land.

and there's no affordable housing," she said. "I know people who are living in cars and in tents."

The protest marched through Brisbane to Musgrave Park, stopping several times along the way for dance sessions.

Once at the park, the sacred fire was lit and a smoking ceremony was performed.



Uncle Sam Watson leads the Invasion Day march in Brisbane.



Some of the thousands of protesters share why they want the date changed.

Survival Day 2017 – Canberra

Protestors in Canberra call for a treaty and sovereignty as well as environmental and social action.



Alan Coe, Robbie Ghillar Thorpe and Michael Anderson at the Tent Embassy.



Call to action in the capital

By KEIRA JENKINS



HUNDREDS of people gathered in Canberra on Survival Day, marching to Parliament House to call for sovereignty and a treaty.

Aboriginal rights activist Ghillar Michael Anderson called for action during a speech to people gathered at the Tent Embassy.

"This is not about sitting around and complaining," he said.

"It's about doing what we can do. We need an army of doers. We don't need dreamers or 'wannabes' or 'gunnabes'.

"Our people in the communities have suffered because of inaction. I hope that this gathering can help get the message out that we need action."

Mr Anderson said the best way to start change was to form a united front, and he saw the gathering of people at the Tent Embassy as the start. "We need people to take the lead towards change," he said.

"We need to fight ..."

"We need people to map our country, our journey. We need to fight and we need everyone to know why it is that we're fighting."

Barkindji man Marbk Barkendjah said he was marching in support of sovereignty for his people.

"Sovereignty is belonging," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"Sovereignty is acknowledging that this place was never lost to be found. It is acknowledging us as the First People.

"The Government has taken so much from us, and sovereignty says they won't take any more."

Protestors marched from the Tent Embassy to Parliament House, gathering and sitting to listen to a number of speeches outside.

Protesters gather in Canberra from all over the country.



Survival Day 2017 – Canberra

People gather at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy before the march to Parliament House.



Mayatili Marika, Jeanie Marika, Emrhan Tjapanangka Sultan and Bec Harnett in Canberra.

Protestors at Parliament House, Canberra.



Marchers Chad Morgan, Jason Williams, Thonice Blouss, Sandon O'Neill and Charlie Brown.



Marchers on their way from the Tent Embassy to Parliament House.

Survival Day 2017 – Melbourne



Will Austin has his say during the rally.



Shereena Clanton is loud and proud.



A section of the crowd in Melbourne.



Sikhs for Justice, with spokeswoman Sukhjot Kaur at right.



Bart Willoughby of No Fixed Address performs at the Share the Spirit festival.



Protesters march through Melbourne.

Survival Day 2017 – Melbourne



Marchers make their demands clear. Pictures: Mitch Goodwin



Brian Campbell attends the march.

15,000 march on city streets

By JACK LATIMORE



ABOUT 15,000 supporters walked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people during Melbourne's

Invasion Day rally, with crowd numbers peaking for a sit-in that occupied one of the city's busiest intersections for close to two hours.

After gathering in front of Victoria's Parliament House in the morning to hear speeches delivered by Indigenous Elders and young activists, the number of protestors swelled as the demonstration marched down Bourke Street and then Swanston Street, before culminating opposite the main entrance of Flinders Street train station.

Rally speaker Celeste Liddle said the demonstration was organised by a "loose coalition" of Aboriginal activists and non-government organisations, with support from Victorian Trades Hall, the Electrical Trades Union and Friends of the Earth.

The rally also saw more new faces take centre stage than in previous years, with Ms Liddle being joined by the likes of 19-year-old Yarramun Conole, 16-year-old Aretha Brown, and 20-year-old Will Austin.

"It's very important to have the younger people involved wherever possible," Ms Liddle said.

"These people are our future leaders. They're stepping up."

Uncle Brian Campbell, a Noonuccal man, travelled to the rally from Werribee, Victoria, where he has lived for 35 years.

"I've been doing it for 10 years now," he said. "Seeing this many people this year makes me proud. And so many



Robert Champion joins the Melbourne street march.

non-Aboriginal people are here marching alongside us."

Amber McGinness, a Kungarakana woman from the Northern Territory, said she has been marching all her life, but it was the first time that the granddaughter of venerated Aboriginal activist Joe McGinness had marched in a Melbourne rally with her son.

"It's pretty special to have him here today," she said. "We do the smaller ones back home, but the big city ones where we can shut down intersections like this and get a wider audience to hear us and support us is great."

Gunai man Uncle Colin Thomas again travelled to Melbourne from Victoria's Gippsland in the east of the state for the march. It's a trip

he makes every Invasion Day.

"We need to keep reminding the Government that we're here, that we're not going nowhere," he said.

"This is our land and it's about time they started listening when we say that there's no pride in genocide."

After the sit-in, many people made their way to Treasury Gardens at the eastern end of Melbourne's city centre for Songline's annual Share the Spirit festival, where they enjoyed performances from veteran Aboriginal band No Fixed Address and Mutti Mutti singer-songwriter Kutcha Edwards.

Acting Senior Sergeant Deb Lay, from Victoria Police, said behaviour at the demonstration and the festival was excellent throughout the day.



Yarramun Conole, 19, is one of the young Aboriginal people to address the crowd.



Melbourne rally organisers Eugenia Flynn and Celeste Liddle.



The sign says it all.

Survival Day 2017 – Adelaide



Damien Wanganeen, Shakira Bilney, Havana Wanganeen and Kiesha Wanganeen.



Nana and Amber Yepa with friend Manuella Cattle at Semaphore.



Chrystal O'Loughlin with her daughter Aleiah.



Christine Doolan with her granddaughter Kaleha and daughter Rhiannon enjoys a big day in Adelaide.



Zaachariaha Fielding of Electric Fields.



Pear Nam and Kym Wanganeen.



Stephen Goldsmith and Patrick Ferguson.

Survival Day 2017 – Adelaide



Some of the crowd at Semaphore.

Protestors make mark



HUNDREDS of Aboriginal activists marked Invasion Day by blocking the annual Australia Day cultural parade through Adelaide, while thousands more people attended Tandanya's annual event on the Semaphore foreshore.

The last sections of the parade, which featured about 3000 people from more than 100 cultural groups, were abandoned as protesters fanned out across the route in a show of defiance.

Earlier, they forced police and organisers to divert the parade on to footpaths as it made its way down King William Street in the heart of the city.

To chants of "always was, always will be Aboriginal land" the group was watched by a large crowd who had come to see the usual Australia Day entertainment, including a concert and fireworks.

City streets

Instead they were witness to one of the largest protests to take to the city streets for some time, with the activists watched over by a strong police and security presence.

Police said there were no violent incidents or arrests.

One of the organisers, Latoya Rule, used the occasion to shave her head to highlight the suffering of Aboriginal people.

After blocking the parade, the activists moved on to SA Parliament House, staging another brief protest, which blocked the intersection of King William Street and North Terrace for several minutes, forcing



Ngarrindjeri Elder Major Sumner at Semaphore. Pictures: Janette Milera

police into some hasty traffic control.

The Tandanya event at Semaphore featured a free concert hosted by Natasha Wanganeen and including performers Kahl Wallis, Electric Fields, Big Sexy, plus market stalls, dance workshops and Tandanya Gallery's pop-up store.

Tandanya chief executive Timothy

Richie said the annual event was an important way to showcase First Nations culture.

"The acknowledgement of Survival Day is paramount to our culture to ensure our community is further strengthened and empowered by all we embrace and stand for," he said. – with AAP



Music producer Michael Ross does his thing at the Semaphore Survival Day event in Adelaide.



Kahl Wallis, the lead singer for indie/alternative band The Medics, gives a solo performance.

Survival Day 2017 – Yabun, Sydney



Creator of Haus of Dizzy handmade jewellery Kristy Dickinson is with Stuart McGill, from Chippendale.



Torres Strait Islanders Abigail Kris (Thursday Island), Lawrence Mosby (Poruma Island), and Erica Kris (Moa Island).



The NRL's Dean Widders enjoys the day with his daughter Yilara.



Nakyah Mundine, Shyla Mundine and Ava Miller-Porter, all from Sydney.



Jessica Mauboy surprises the crowd by joining Warren H Williams on stage for a song.



The Doonooch Dancers perform at the Corroborree Ground.



Djaadjaawan Dancers, from the NSW South Coast, paint up.



National Centre of Indigenous Excellence mob: from left, Cameron Dennis, Liz Willis, Daini Turqere, Yuval Herscho and Kelly Coelho.



Uncle Max Eulo does a smoking ceremony at the official opening of Yabun.



One of the Enungkwerrimanja Dancers from Groote Eylandt, NT, performs.

Survival Day 2017 – Yabun, Sydney



The protest march on the way to this year's Yabun Festival.
Picture: Barry O'Mahony



Aisha Bowi, from the Torres Strait, Karen Gillette, from Brooklyn in the United States, and Tahlia Bowie, from the Torres Strait.

Festival hailed as the best yet



Salt Lake Band (Enungkwerrimanja) from Groote Eylandt, NT, perform to the big crowd.



THIS year's Yabun Festival in Sydney has been hailed as the best yet, with the day attracting about 35,000 people to Victoria Park in the inner west suburb of Camperdown.

The main stage was host to top musicians including Kev Carmody, Warren H Williams, Vic Sims, Marlene Cummins, Rochelle Pitt, Terra Firma and the Saltlake Band, all the way from Groote Eylandt.

A highlight each year is the Young Black and Deadly stage, providing an opportunity for up-and-coming youngsters to showcase their music and dance talents.

A new edition to the this year's program was the Corroboree Ground, where traditional dancers from across the country shared their songs and dancing with the crowd.

There were plenty of stalls on the day, including fashion, food, arts, crafts and information stands from Indigenous and other service providers.

Protesters

Joining the crowd at the festival were the thousands of protesters who gathered in Redfern, marching their way through Sydney city.

Dave Bell, from Indigenous group FIRE, which helped organise the event, said the arrival of the First Fleet 229 years ago marked the start of genocide rather than the birth of a nation.

"Since 1788 we've been fighting and it's a national disgrace to have a holiday on Australia Day – a day which marked the beginning of genocide," he said.

"There's a lot of sadness attached to that day. Let's all sit down together and come up with a day which will help us move forward."

NSW Police say one protester set an Australian flag on fire.

However, footage on social media shows police officers using an extinguisher before the flag caught alight.

A 20-year-old man was arrested and taken to Redfern police station for questioning. – with AAP



Professor Marcia Langton, with Koori Radio's Lola Forester.



Deanna Fekete and Sara Hamilton at the Australian Electoral Commission stall.



X-Factor star Rochelle Pitt.



Legal Aid NSW's Toni Cooper, Lynn Ellis, Jayne Christian and Scott Hawkins.

Survival Day 2017 – Yabun, Sydney

They're in the frame

Here's a selection of pictures from the *Koori Mail* Photobooth, which proved popular at Yabun. Thanks to all you mob for dropping in. Check out our social media galleries for more images.



Survival Day 2017 – Hobart



At the front of the Hobart crowd, Katilyn Brown from Claremont shouts, “Change the Date!”



Michael Mansell speaks at the Hobart rally. Pictures: Jillian Mundy

Rally getting bigger

By JILLIAN MUNDY



Around 1000 people joined the Invasion Day rally in Hobart calling for the country's national day of celebration to be changed.

The groundswell of growing support was obvious not only by increased numbers of attendees – double that of previous years –

but in the change in attitude of onlookers. In the past, many onlookers looked confused or contributed with racist statements or abuse, but this year it was nearly all cheers and thumbs up, with some onlookers joining the rally as it went past.

The crowd converged on Parliament House where they observed a minute of silence for those fallen in the Black Wars and laid a wreath on the steps of

Parliament House, as cannon fire echoed across the city from a nearby Australia Day Celebration – a poignant and haunting reminder of what those at the celebration were commemorating.

Michael Mansell who was in the line-up of passionate speakers, said while Aborigines triggered the change the date debate, the real issue was a moral question for the whole of the country.

“Of the 365 days of the year, which is the most appropriate, or which is the most inappropriate,” he said.

“Now that’s a moral question that Australia has to face up to.

“We say January 26 is the most inappropriate.

“It’s not about changing history, it’s about acknowledging the events of history but not celebrating the highly contentious ones.”

He calls on the next COAG meeting to generate a public discussion and hold a public competition for an alternative date, or a survey or a referendum.

“The people who are opposed to changing the date cannot come up with any arguments other than ‘let’s leave things as they are’. That argument will not hold weight against the tide of momentum that’s moving toward change the date.”



Jude Reid, Kartanya Maynard and Jodie Haines perform *Change the Date*, written by Theresa Sainty.



Over 1000 people attended this year's Invasion Day rally in Hobart.



The biggest crowd to date walks the streets of Hobart at the Invasion Day rally.



Jim Everett rallies the crowd.

Survival Day 2017 – Townsville



Mary Horope and her daughter Agnes in front of their Survival Day stall at Perfume Gardens in Townsville.



Marchers pass through the Townsville city centre.

Crowd hits the streets

By ALF WILSON



MORE than 300 people took part in Townsville's Survival Day event this year.

Hosted by the Big Eye Theatre, the event started with a street march from the Eddie Mabo Monument to Perfume Gardens, where there were activities.

Many marchers were angered by the Queensland Government move to appeal a Federal Court decision awarding damages against police over their actions on Palm Island following the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee in 2004.

Local leader Professor Gracelyn Smallwood



Velma Gara, Cynente Warria and Morris Cloudy in Townsville.

condemned the decision, calling for the sacking of Queensland Attorney-General Yvette D'Ath. "Invasion Day, Survival Day,

call it what you will, it marks the beginning of our cultural, physical and social destruction," she said.



Vicki Millwood, from Hughenden, at Perfume Gardens in Townsville.



At Perfume Gardens: from left, Philip Obah, Janine Gertz, Theresa Petray, Professor Gracelyn Smallwood, Cilla Pryor, Florence Onus, Michael Obah and Virginia Wyles.



Townsville Survival Day organiser Rosalind Sailor.

Focus on languages



A NEW photographic exhibition and multimedia projection highlights the cultural significance of Aboriginal languages in Western Australia's

Goldfields. Called *Ngala Wongga*, the exhibition draws attention to the need to preserve at-risk languages in the Goldfields by documenting the last speakers and their physical and cultural connection to their lands.

The installation comprises portraiture and aerial images of country to examine the interconnectedness of people with the land. Through photography, the portraits and landscapes are woven together as artworks and presented with video projection, alongside the recording of languages, music and stories.

Ngala Wongga is a collaboration between photographer and project producer Martine Perret and digital production technician, video and sound designer Jonathan Mustard.

It is on show at the North Metropolitan TAFE Gallery in Perth until February 25. More details at www.gallerycentral.com.au/

● **Pictured:** An image from *Ngala Wongga* of Glenys Williams in the Wiluna claypan with Levi and Keneisha.

Picture: Martine Perret



Mc TRIKS

Tribute tour to gangsta rap 'godfather' Eazy-E



A TRIBUTE tour to gangsta rap 'godfather' Eazy-E will be held next month at venues including Murgon in Queensland, Port Augusta in South Australia and Alice Springs. International hip hop artists

including Diggy Dre, L Dogg, Tony Muthaphukkin' G and T-Rill of C.P. Mafia are part of the tribute tour to Eazy-E, who died 22 years ago.

Tour host Mc Triks says the tour will feature six acts for one night only in each venue.

Full tour dates and details at www.facebook.com/mctriks.rd?fref=ts

Fellowship for George

"Participating in this course will help develop my knowledge and enable me to better contribute to one of Australia's most important challenges."

— Artist Mel George



THE National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) has revealed details of a \$300,000 grant by the Luminis Foundation to assist Indigenous creative professionals undertaking a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Cultural Leadership.

The Luminis Foundation Indigenous Fellowship for Cultural Leadership, to be awarded annually for six years, funds half the fees for the MFA course. The course

is available to professionals from a range of arts and cultural sectors who want to develop their entrepreneurial and advocacy skills.

The first recipient is experienced glass artist and curator Mel George, who wants to promote Indigenous crafts and ensure they become more integrated into Australian arts and craft practices.

Of Aboriginal and Greek heritage, George has taught at the Corning Museum in

New York and worked in the glass industry in Australia and the United States.

"Participating in this course will help develop my knowledge and enable me to better contribute to one of Australia's most important challenges," she said.

For the past 18 months, George has provided free consulting for Bula'Bula Arts Centre at the NT community of Ramingining.

She works as curator at Craft ACT: Craft and Design Centre, Canberra.



Pottery show at Qld library



WORKS from Cherbourg's Barambah Pottery are now on show at the State Library of Queensland, in Brisbane. The exhibition, *Barambah < Cherbourg > Art < Craft* showcases the creative diversity and historic production of Barambah Pottery, a commercial venture established in the Aboriginal community of Cherbourg during 1969.

It features more than 100 individual pieces of significant pottery — from elaborate vases to glazed goblets — created

before the Barambah Pottery closed in 1987.

The exhibition details the creation process, including the use of clay from Barambah Creek, and tells personal stories through historical photographs, a McConnell kick wheel designed for Cherbourg, and the pottery pieces themselves.

It has been co-curated with the Ration Shed Museum, a community-run cultural centre at Cherbourg.

More details at www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on/

● **Pictured: Examples of pottery from Cherbourg.**
Picture: Ration Shed Museum

Razem's latest work on display



One of Bronwyn Razem's artworks.



TRADITIONAL paintings and woven objects are featured in a new exhibition by Gunditjmara artist Bronwyn Razem.

The exhibition, which celebrates language, family and renewal, is part of the Wominjeka Festival held in Melbourne.

Razem, of the Kirrae Whurrong clan of western Warrnambool, integrates ochres, sand and other materials into her paintings. Her work also draws on the possum skin cloak traditions of her ancestors.

The exhibition, which continues until April 1, is at the Footscray Community Arts Centre. More details at www.footscrayarts.com/

Discussion night at trust



ART, culture and business are on the program for a discussion night at the Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne. 'In Conversation: The Business of Culture' will include artists featured in the trust's *Koorie Art Show 2016*.

They will address questions including: What does it mean to sell cultural designs? What impact does

this have on culture and the meaning of the work? And how can artists balance the business of art with the business of culture?

Artists John Patten, Cassie Leatham and Nathan Patterson will discuss topics of art and cultural practice and how to market and sell Indigenous art.

The discussion starts at 6pm on February 23 at the trust. More details at www.koorieheritagetrust.com/

Exhibition has lustre



A NEW exhibition at the Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM) in Sydney traces the heritage of northern Australia's pearl shell and pearling traditions.

Called *Lustre: Pearling & Australia*, the exhibition highlights the history and Aboriginal, Asian and European perspectives of the pearling tradition. It looks at personal stories of pearling, weaving together ancient Aboriginal trade stories with the development of a modern industry.

ANMM manager Indigenous programs Donna Carstens said Aboriginal people have valued and collected pearl shell for at least 20,000 years.

Tribute

"This exhibition is a story about pearling that is told largely from an Aboriginal perspective, while paying tribute to the maritime skills of Asian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander indentured workers, many of whom gave their lives to the industry," she said.

A highlight of the exhibition is the opportunity to board the

John Louis from the museum's heritage wharf. The pearl lugger, custom-built in 1957 to withstand Broome's big seas, was one of the last sail-rigged working craft built in Australia.

This exhibition was developed by the Western Australian Museum in partnership with Nyamba Buru Yawuru, Broome's Yawuru Aboriginal corporation and in consultation with senior Yawuru, Karajarri, Bardi and Jawi, and Mayala Elders from Saltwater Country.

It continues until August 13. Details at www.anmm.gov.au/



A pieces from the exhibition.

Packs motivate smokers to quit



PACK warning labels are motivating Indigenous smokers to quit smoking, according to new research by Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies).

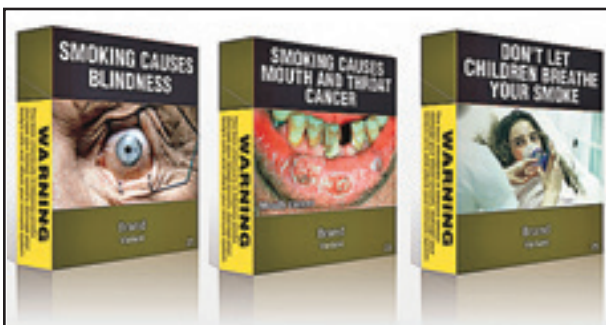
The study has shown that graphic warning labels not only motivate quit attempts but increase Indigenous smokers' awareness of the health issues caused by smoking.

Forming part of the national Talking About The

Smokes study led by Menzies in partnership with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services, 642 study participants completed baseline surveys and follow-up surveys a year later.

The study found that 30% of Indigenous smokers at baseline said that pack warning labels had stopped them when they were about to smoke.

Study leader, Menzies' professor David Thomas said the reaction rose significantly among



smokers who were exposed to plain packaging for the first time during the period of research.

"The introduction of new

and enlarged warning labels on plain packs had a positive impact upon Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander smokers," he said.

"Reacting to warning

labels by forgoing a cigarette may not seem like much on its own, but forgoing cigarettes due to warning labels was associated with becoming more concerned about the health consequences of smoking, developing an interest in quitting and attempting to quit.

"This is significant for our understanding of future tobacco control strategies."

In addition, Indigenous smokers who said at baseline they often noticed warning labels on their packs were 80% more

likely to identify the harms of smoking that featured on warning labels.

About two in five Indigenous people aged 15 and over smoke daily. Smoking is responsible for 23% of the health gap between Indigenous people and other Australians.

In 2012, pack warning labels in Australia were increased in size to 75% on the front of all packs and 90% of the back at the same time as tobacco plain packaging was introduced.

Qld health program facing federal axe



QLD AN Indigenous health program which has been running in Queensland for 21 years is set to close this year when federal funding stops. The federal Health Department gave the Queensland AIDS Council a 12-month funding extension to keep the 2 Spirits sexual health program operating. During that time, the department expected the council to "explore more sustainable funding alternatives".

But the council was told by letter that no further funding would be available after June 30.

"The department thanks your organisation and staff for the valuable contribution you have made to providing healthcare activities through your service delivery activities to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," the department said in the letter.

The council fears the cut comes at a time when more work is needed to prevent Indigenous sexually transmitted diseases and promote better sexual health practices, particularly among gay and lesbian people.

Infection rates

Council director Michael Scott said sexually transmitted disease infection rates were up to 20 times higher among Indigenous people.

One of the main projects which would be affected by the cut was the distribution of medication for HIV prevention.

Mr Scott said one of the biggest challenges was Indigenous LGBTI people did not go to medical services because of the stigma attached to being LGBTI.

"What we've found is building trust and rapport over time is what is needed," he said. "The time is right for a major investment in Indigenous health."

The 2 Spirits program was responsible for one of the most recognisable health promotion programs in Australia, Condoman, which sought to promote and encourage condom use.

A national study in 2015 found that between 2012-2014, the notification rate of new HIV diagnosis in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population (5.9 per 100,000) was higher than in the general population (3.7 per 100,000). - AAP



Federal funding is to be cut to the service which started the highly successful Condoman (that's him above) health promotion program.

Health in Motion for the Pilbara next year



WA FINAL-YEAR university students will team with health professionals in Western Australia's Pilbara region to deliver a new mobile health and education clinic for Aboriginal communities on country.

The Health in Motion program, a partnership between Gumala Aboriginal Corporation and Murdoch University, will offer allied health care, veterinary services and education as part of a pilot project due to start in 2018.

Gumala will invest \$450,000 towards capital expenses and operating costs for the four-year project, while the Karla Niyaparli Aboriginal Corporation's Niyaparli Charitable Trust Board will provide \$50,000 for capital costs.

This funding is in addition to a \$1 million pledge and \$250,000 donation that Murdoch University has received from philanthropists for the project.

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation executive officer Jahna Cedar said the dedicated mobile clinic for Aboriginal people on country was a worthy investment given the high level of chronic health conditions experienced by local Aboriginal people.

"Invaluable"

"Gumala is proud to support this groundbreaking trial that will see better access to medical care and better health outcomes for our members, as well as invaluable learnings for the students involved," Mrs Cedar said.

"Statistics show that hospital presentations for Aboriginal people in the Pilbara are higher than other regions in WA and it is known that around 65% of Indigenous people have at least one long-term health condition.

"For many of our people, the time, energy and cost it takes to travel vast distances to major towns can be a barrier to receiving health care.

"We believe this partnership will herald genuine benefits and provide a program that will self-empower our people. We hope other government and industry bodies will also come on board."

Health in Motion project director Associate Professor Bruce Walker said Murdoch University had conducted a health and education needs analysis of Aboriginal people in the Pilbara, which identified the gaps. The research also asked local Aboriginal people what they wanted.

"More than 90% of people surveyed supported a mobile health and education unit that would travel to smaller remote communities," Assoc Prof Walker said.



At the announcement of the funding are, from left, WA South West MLC Colin Holt, Member for Bunbury John Castrilli, SWAMS' board member Lera Bennell, chief executive Lesley Nelson and board chairman Karim Khan.

Maari Ma accredited yet again



MAARI Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation's Primary Health Care Service in Broken Hill has gained

Australian General Practice Accreditation Ltd (AGPAL) accreditation for the third time.

To achieve accreditation, a practice team works over three years to implement the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) Standards for general practices (the recognised national standard), which provides a template for quality care and risk management.

The staff, clinics, and all policies and procedures at the regional Primary Health Care Service (PHCS) were assessed by AGPAL late last year, with notification of accreditation being received just before Christmas.

Maari Ma chief executive Bob Davis said it's more than a feather in the cap.

"It's demonstration of commitment and quality to safety within the PHCS," he said. "AGPAL is the leading not-for-profit provider of general practice accreditation in Australia."

"To attain accreditation shows we are making a significant investment and commitment to quality on a day to day basis across all levels of the practice and are placing the wellbeing of our community as our priority."

"To achieve accreditation once again is testimony of the excellent work of the staff and the services we provide. We are providing acute care, chronic disease management, health promotion and development."

"In our region we now have 3300 people on our books and last year we conducted 1500 health checks, carried out 17,000 transports and had 60,000 interactions with patients."

"Eight GPs are working either full- or part-time at the PHCS and there is a range of specialist services including cardiology, renal, eye health, podiatry, paediatric, women's health, mental health and alcohol and other drugs, dietetics and dental."

Mental health boost in WA



BUNBURY-based South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS) has received a welcome boost for its mental health services.

Chief executive Lesley Nelson said the funding would support the refurbishment of office space at the SWAMS clinic to accommodate the service's mental health team.

She said the refurbished rooms would provide a safe and welcoming environment for clients during appointments and counselling sessions.

SWAMS has also welcomed new mental health coordinator Jacqui Davis and mental health Indigenous outreach worker Darin

Turvey. They joined long-time social worker Joyce Dimer.

Ms Nelson said the mental health team would also be supported by Aboriginal health workers Elizabeth Narkle and Jenny Wallam.

"It's the first important step in SWAMS being able to increase its reach in a service that is much-needed for our community," Ms Nelson said.

"Impact"

"We recognise the impact mental health issues can have on families and carers, and we want to help our clients through education, counselling and open communication."

"SWAMS will be encouraging clients

to seek support from our staff."

Ms Nelson said SWAMS has offered mental health services to its community for many years, with this service complemented by partnerships with Bunbury Counselling and Relationships Australia.

SWAMS board member Lera Bennell reiterated the service's vision to provide high-quality, holistic and accessible services to the community.

"This recent boost in mental health services further cements SWAMS' focus to achieve this vision," she said.

"We are extremely grateful to the State Government for its support in helping SWAMS continue to pursue best-practice and culturally appropriate health services for our community."

Infections take toll on children



INDIGENOUS children in Australia are twice as likely to die from severe infections like pneumonia and sepsis.

They are also about seven times more likely to get a life-threatening golden staph infection, according to a University of Queensland study highlighting the health inequalities between Indigenous and other Australians.

Research published in the Medical Journal of Australia shows intensive care unit admission rates for life-threatening infections in Indigenous children are several times higher than those of other children.

And twice as many Indigenous children per capita die from severe infections despite life support.

Of the more than 82,000 children aged 16

or under admitted to an intensive care ward during 2002-2013, 4864 were Indigenous.

Sepsis and pneumonia were the most common reason for admission of Indigenous children, accounting for 23% of non-elective admissions.

The number of intensive care deaths caused by these life-threatening infections was more than twice as high for Indigenous children than for non-Indigenous children – 2.67 per 100,000 a year compared to 1.04 per 100,000 a year.

Golden staph

Staphylococcus aureus, better known as golden staph, was the leading pathogen identified in children with sepsis or septic shock, and Indigenous children were more than seven times more likely to

suffer from such a life-threatening infection caused by this dangerous bacteria.

Despite campaigns to improve childhood survival of sepsis, Indigenous children were three times more likely to be admitted to intensive care for severe infections, said lead researcher Associate Professor Luregn Schlapbach, from the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital and the University of Queensland's Mater Research Institute.

"Further research is needed to define risk factors and to develop and assess appropriately targeted interventions," she said.

With a staph vaccine unlikely soon, efforts should focus on reducing transmission of the bacteria in order to save the lives of vulnerable indigenous kids, experts say. – AAP

Vision loss 'could be prevented'



EVERY patient with diabetes is at risk of losing vision, but up to 98% of the cases of severe vision loss could be prevented,

health experts say. At any given time, about one-third of patients with diabetes will have diabetic retinopathy, and one in 10 will experience sight-threatening retinopathy requiring treatment.

National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) guidelines recommend an eye examination every two years for non-Indigenous Australians with diabetes, and annual examinations for Indigenous people with diabetes.

But only half of non-Indigenous patients with diabetes and only one in five of Indigenous Australians with the illness receive the recommended eye examinations.

Help with military officer careers



INDIGENOUS people interested in an armed forces career are set to benefit from Royal Military College (RMC)

Leadership and Management scholarships.

The scholarship program is a recruitment initiative funded by ManpowerGroup Australia.

Recruiting services director Glenn McPhee said the scholarships aim to promote awareness of the RMC – Duntroon to all prospective candidates who can demonstrate the attributes of a successful leader.

“This is an exciting opportunity for potential recruits interested in attending ... Duntroon,” he said.

“This scholarship scheme is also designed to provide greater support and opportunity to Indigenous Australians and women interested in joining the Australian Army as a general service officer.”

Indigenous Management RMC

Scholarship recipient Seamus Flynn said the Indigenous Pre-Recruitment Course (IPRC) set him up for success to achieve a position at the RMC.

“IPRC allowed me to further invest in my own professional development and gave me the opportunity to become an army officer, an opportunity I am extremely grateful for,” he said.

“I believe a diverse team is an effective one, as individual strengths and experiences can be shared.

“I am looking forward to being part of an organisation that values the diversity of its people and actively seeks to develop every single individual.”

RMC commandant Brigadier Mark Brewer commended the recipients on their achievement.

“These scholarship recipients have shown commitment to their communities and outstanding leadership potential with the ability to grasp opportunity and think innovatively,” the army officer said.



Indigenous scholarship recipient Seamus Flynn is with RMC commandant Brigadier Mark Brewer and ManpowerGroup Australia's Glenn McPhee.

University summer school wins praise



MORE than 200 high school students from across the country have attended a week-long academic and cultural residential program at the University of Sydney.

The summer school program, now in its fourth year, is designed to give students knowledge and skills to connect what they learn at school with their options for the future.

The university is also expanding its school outreach program, aiming to engage Indigenous students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers.

Indigenous students stayed at the university's Camperdown campus, taking part in academic and cultural activities while getting a taste of university life.

The university's Mary Teague said the program is aimed at getting students to think about the different paths they can take.

“We want them to link their interests to what we have on offer,” she told the *Koori Mail*.

“We ask questions about what students are interested in for their future careers, and they can do this all on an app.

“They complete the quiz and it links them into a faculty that matches with their interests so then they go into a stream that suits them for the week-long program.”

Ms Teague said the main idea behind the program is to get more Indigenous students involved in university.

“We really want to improve our capacity to engage with Indigenous students and to get them into higher education,” she said.

“We want to say to students ‘school might not be for you and you might not have had a great experience at school but university is different’.

“This is an incredible opportunity for students to try university and to come on a journey to try out different career paths.”

Some of the activities included attending NSW Local Court at the Downing Centre; a tour of an aerospace lab with flight simulators and



drones; writing and recording music at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music; and a hands-on marine biology workshop at the Institute of Marine Science.

Kiarra Williams Browne, a Larrakia girl from Darwin, studied business over the summer school. She said she took the opportunity to attend the school because she wanted to get a feel for uni life.

“Learnt a lot”

“I’ve learnt a lot,” she said. “I’ve been meeting lots of new people too. Everyone is really friendly and the atmosphere has been so happy.”

Ashlee Steadman, from Newcastle, said the summer school has taught her much more

about university than she could have learned elsewhere.

“To be honest, it’s been the most amazing experience of my life,” she said.

“We got to go to a court session. We’ve been to art galleries and museums and seen ancient artefacts.

“I’ve spoken to different faculty members and they’ve suggested that I do a Bachelor of Arts because you can do so many things with it and I’m not sure exactly where I want my career to head yet.

“The highlight for me so far was the movie night. We watched (Alec Doomadgee’s documentary) *Zach’s Ceremony* and it was so empowering. It made me feel so in touch with my culture.”



Kiarra Williams Browne



Ashlee Steadman

Students inspired



THIRTY-FIVE Indigenous students from around the country converged on Adelaide for a summer school, run by CSIRO and the BHP Billiton Foundation.

The Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science (ASSETS) runs schools in Townsville, Newcastle and Adelaide for Year 10 students each year.

At the latest school, held over nine days, 105 students received support from a range of mentors.

Rebecca Allen and Mitchell Nerriitt, both from Perth, were selected to participate in the Adelaide camp because of their interest and achievements in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects.

"I really enjoyed the whole camp," Rebecca, from the Yandruwandha and Yawarrawarrka nations, told the *Koori Mail*.

"I loved visiting the Museum of SA because I got the opportunity to look at some of the archives to find out about my family.

"I was also really interested in the palaeontology. The whole experience was special.

"The mentors were also really helpful telling us about

uni life. At school you're told it's really hard to change your degree once you start, but my mentors have said it's actually quite easy to switch."

Mitchell, who is from the Thagarri nation, said he was inspired to go into the medical field by his mother, who is a nurse, and his interest in science and nutrition sparked his determination to attend the summer camp.

"I want to help people and



Summer school student Mitchell Nerriitt.

help my community," he said.

"I'd like to get into the medical field when I leave school, and go all-out and become a paramedic or work in the intensive care unit.

"This camp has been a

great opportunity for me. I've always loved food and nutrition and this has cemented my interests and my desire to help people.

"We should take every opportunity that comes our way without hesitation."

Summer camp mentor Karlie Noon said the program was a chance for students to enjoy science and cultural activities.

"We know Indigenous students have a high interest in STEM subjects but there's a huge underrepresentation in science," the Kamilaroi woman said.

"It's a matter of encouraging students to follow those interests and to combine it with the cultural aspects.

"That gives students more confidence in their abilities and strengthens their sense of identity."

Ms Noon said that after she completed her double degree in science and mathematics she wanted to mentor younger students so they had the support she struggled for during her studies.

"It's something I love doing," she said.

"No one in my family knew much about science and maths so I didn't discover that it was an option for me until I got to university.

"I struggled in my first year because I had no background in what I was doing. I want to support others so they don't have to struggle like that."

Summer school participant Rebecca Allen practices taking blood pressure.



Larrakia youth to benefit



LARRAKIA school students around the Darwin region have received assistance to buy books, uniforms and equipment for the start of the 2017 school year from the Ichthys LNG Larrakia School Participation Program.

INPEX's Hitoshi Okawa said Larrakia families will benefit from the program, to be managed and administered by the Larrakia Development Corporation.

"The INPEX Larrakia Advisory Committee identified that assisting families with school expenses helps to improve education outcomes for students," he said.

The Larrakia Advisory Committee was established last year by INPEX to secure local Aboriginal representative advice on business and community areas of opportunity and interest to Larrakia people.

Advisory committee chair and Larrakia Elder Bill Risk said the education funding was "a positive outcome".

"This support for school resources will help take the financial burden off parents and encourage school students to feel confident that they are well prepared for the start of the school year," he said.

Last year, the INPEX-operated Ichthys LNG Project, in partnership with the Larrakia Development Corporation, announced funding for three university scholarships for Larrakia people to continue their tertiary education in Australia. Successful applicants will be announced later this year.

For more information about the university scholarship program, contact the Larrakia Development Corporation office by email at applications@larrakia.com.au or on (08) 8947 3455.



Welcoming the Ichthys LNG Project support: from left, Larrakia Elder Bill Risk, INPEX senior Aboriginal affairs advisor Irene Stainton, Ricquel Cole-Briston and Larrakia Development Corporation chairman Mark Motlop.

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 telephone 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.

Ongoing: WGAR – Working Group for Aboriginal Rights (Australia). Prioritising grassroots Aboriginal voices and voices in solidarity with Aboriginal people's rights with information and opinions from a wide range of sources. Details: www.groups.google.com/group/

Now Open: National call for expressions of interest from Aboriginal artists by Ochre Dawn Creative Industries. Details on (08) 7226 3732, email rebecca@ochredawn.com or visit www.ochredawn.com

Until March 3: Canberra Calling young Indigenous Leaders – Applications now open. Fifty candidates) six from each state and territory and two from the Torres Strait Islanders) will be selected to attend the week-long leadership program in Canberra. To apply visit www.aec.gov.au/indigenous

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

Until March 21: National search for Indigenous Marathon Project Squad – 2017 Try-out tour dates. Open to all Indigenous men and women aged 18-30 and applications can be made on the day. Details: (02) 6162 4750 or visit www.imf.org.au

January 26: NITV's *Always Will Be Festival*. An array of programming and events that encourage a national discussion on what it means to be Australian today. Coverage includes a sunrise ceremony, anthem sessions, news documentaries and films.

February 16-July 23: Troy Cassar-Daley National Tour Dates: Presents *Things I Carry Around* live in concert. Commencing at Casino RSM (NSW). Details: www.troycassardaley.com.au or [facebook.com/troycassardaley](https://www.facebook.com/troycassardaley) or [Twitter@troycassardaley](https://twitter.com/troycassardaley)

February 20-April 11: Bangarra's 2017 Rekindling Program registrations now open. Bangarra's youth outreach program. Held at Warrnambool (Vic), Grafton (NSW), Docker River (NT), Umuwa (SA) & Townsville Qld). Register online at www.bangarra.com.au/youth-outreach/rekindling. Details: (02) 9251 5333.

March 18-29: Eazy-E Tribute Tour 2017. E3 aka Baby Eazy-E will be performing some of his father's greatest hits supported by other international hip-hop artists. Performances will be held in Brisbane, Murgon, Alice Springs, Adelaide and Port Augusta. Tickets on sale now at oztix.com.au Details: Ronald Cora on 0455 944 116.

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan Street, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903 or text 0429 423 116.

Ongoing: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous



Apology remembered in South Australia

RELATIONSHIPS Australia South Australia, in partnership with Nunkuwarrin Yunti and Reconciliation SA, will once again host the annual Apology Day Community Event on February 13.

Each year, the annual Apology Day Community Event is held on the anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations given by former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in 2008.

The annual Apology Day Community Event is focused exclusively on healing for the Stolen Generations and offers a safe place for this to occur.

This is achieved through the sharing of dance and song by local Aboriginal performers, traditional healing by Ngangkari and stalls providing pampering for the survivors and their families.

The annual Apology Day Community Event will be held from 10am-2pm in the Veale Gardens, on South Terrace.

people across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

Ongoing: Lismore women's and men's healing groups, held from February to December all year. Women's groups stop during school holidays. Held at Rekindling The Spirit, 25 Uralba Street, Lismore, Monday and Wednesday 11am-2pm. Details: (02) 6622 5534

Now Open: Aboriginal Go4Fun, a 10-week healthy lifestyle program for kids aged seven to 13 who are above a healthy weight. A parent or carer is required to attend each session. Details: 1800 780 900 or SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back.

Now Open: Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery (IPROWD) program applications. Details: 1300 832 939 or email IPROWD@tafensw.edu.au or visit www.iproud.tafensw.edu.au

Until February 10: Lismore City Council is seeking expressions of interest from Bundjalung artists wanting to create a new work in the city centre. Details: Brett Adlington on (02) 6622 2209 or email brett.adlington@lismore.nsw.gov.au or visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au under 'On Public Exhibition'.

Until February 28: Call for Artwork for (Agency for Clinical Pain (ACI's) Pain Network Aboriginal Resources. The artwork will be used to design a logo and as a resource for the Pain Management in Aboriginal Communities Project. Details: submission Requirements and process visit www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/chronic-pain or email joanna.goodenough@health.nsw.gov.au Details: (02) 9464 4685

Until April 17: Expression of Interest : Lismore Council's Aboriginal Advisory Group. A recruitment and information session will be held on March 22, at the Council Chambers, Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah from 5pm. Details: Sandra Campbell on 1300 87 83 87 or visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au

February 10: *Big Boss: Last Leader of the Crocodile Islands* documentary screening. A heart warming story of and Yolngu Elder who managed to save her language and cultural heritage. Held at Mullumbimby Civic Hall, 55 Daley Street, Mullumbimby from 8pm. Cost: \$15 door entry donation. Details: 0403 204 664.

February 13: Apology Anniversary March: Marking the nine years since Kevin Rudd's apology to the Stolen Generations. Commencing at the Fountain in Hyde Park, Sydney CBD at 12-2pm.

February 13: National Apology Day 2017 Event. Includes flag raising, guest speakers, apology, morning tea. Held at Pius X, Anne Street, Moree, from 10am. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 6752 1099

February 14: Knowledge Sharing Event: Mr Bob Faulker (Elder) will take you on a cultural journey, includes free sausage sizzle and Johnny cakes. Held at Boundary Rock, Woonooka Road, Daruka, from 10am-2pm. Details: Jamie Day on (02) 6764 5925 or Fiona sharpe On (02) 6765 9028

February 15: Aboriginal Women's Wellbeing Group. Held at YWCA NSW Northern Rivers, 101a Rous Road, Goonellabah, every Wednesday in the school term from 10am to 1pm. Free. Details: Karen on (02) 66250 111 or 0438 439 915 or Briony on (02) 66255 810

February 18-August 13: *Lustre: Pearlshell & Australia* exhibition. Tracing the fascinating heritage of northern Australia's unique pearlshell and pearling traditions from Shark Bay to the Torres Strait Island. Held at Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour, Sydney open daily from 9.30am-5pm. Free entry with General Admission. Details: (02) 9298 3777 or visit www.anmm.gov.au

February 22-March 26: *Good Looking* Exhibition opening night. Showcasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from the LGBTQI community. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt from 6-8pm. details: 902) 9560 2541 or email boom

February 25: 'Mt Druitt says 'No' to ice' event. Includes pool entry, sausage sizzle, entertainment with Archie Roach, Sean Choolburra and more. Held at Mount Druitt Swimming Centre, Mount Street, from 10am to 4pm. Free event. Details: Mary Kerr on 0425 721 076

February 28: Moree Knowledge Sharing Event. Inspect the completed board walk and fencing and celebrate Aboriginal cultural heritage, includes free sausage sizzle and johnny cakes. Held t Terry Hie Hie Grinding Grovves form 10am-2pm. Details: Jamie Day on (02) 6764 5925 or Susan Leslie-Briggs on (02) 6751 1127

February 20-24: Dubbo Aboriginal Men's Health Expo – registrations now open. A week long itinerary featuring guest speakers on a variety of issues important to men's issues. Held in Dubbo. Free. To register ring Quit B Fit Office on (02) 6882 2757 or visit www.wachs.net.au

February 21-26: *Koori Gras* exhibition. A chronology timeline history of First Peoples entries in the Sydney Mardi Gras Parade. Held at 107 Projects, Redfern Street, Redfern from Mon-Fri, 11am-7pm. Details: (02) 8271 9096

February 24: *Black Nulla* performance. Celebrated and renowned black drag performers for one night only. Held at 107 Projects, Redfern Street, Redfern from 7.30pm-12am. Tickets available at www.moogahlin.org/koori-gras-107 Details: (02) 8271 9096 or email infor@moogahlin.org

February 25: Black Point gathering. A giant communal table and 'feed' and an open

mic night for Aboriginal an Torres Strait Islander guests to share stories about their involvement in Mardi Gras parades. Held at 107 Projects, Redfern Street, Redfern from 6.30pm. Details: (02) 8271 9096

Victoria

Until February 15: *Confined 8* exhibition. Featuring 130 artists currently in or recently released from Victorian prisons presenting 140 artworks. Held at The Gallery, St Kilda Town Hall, Mon-Fri, 8.30am-5pm, Sat noon-4pm. Free entry. Details: (03) 9042 1236 or visit www.thetorch.org.au

February 23: 'In Conversation: The Business of Culture'. Artists from the *Koori Art Show 2016* will discuss art, culture and business. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Level 1 Gallery, Yarra Building, Federation Square, Melbourne from 6-7pm. Free. RSVP to info@kooriheritagetrust.com Details: (03) 8662 6336

February 25: Moogji Club People's Choice Award Announcement. To mark the closing of the Koorie Art Show, the club will be announcing the winner of the Moogji Club People's Choice Award (\$500). Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Level 1 Gallery, Yarra Building, Federation Square, Melbourne from 1-2pm. Free. RSVP to info@kooriheritagetrust.com Details: (03) 8662 6336

Queensland

February 15: 'I have a business idea.. now what?' Hear from McCullough Robertson Lawyers Senior Associate, Melinda Kastanya. Held at Business Studio, Level 1, state Library of Queensland, Cultural precinct, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane from 12.30-1.15pm. Free. Bookings essential. Details: (07) 3840 7666

February 16: Lady Leshurr Australian Tour. Brisbane-bred rap queen, Kaylah Truth will be joining global sensation Lady Leshurr (UK on her debut Australian Tour). Held at Woolly Mammoth, Fortitude Valley from 7.30pm. Cost: \$39.80 per person. Tickets: www.handsometours.com

March 18: Bunya Festival. Includes live music, ceremony with traditional owner, displays, stories, art exhibition, food stall, arts & crafts, guest speakers and much more. Held at 49 Mailmans Road, North Branch (Maryvale), Warwick (off Cunningham Highway not far past the top of Cunninghams' Gap) from 12 noon to 8pm. Cost: Adults: \$10, High School \$5, under 12 free. Details: (07) 4666 1187 or 0459 655 648 or email brendadavid@skymesh.com.au

Northern Territory

February 11: Performance by Arnhem Land singer Gawurra at the Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs from 8pm. Cost: \$40-\$45. Details: (08) 8951 1122.

Western Australia

Until February 25: *Ngala Wongga – cultural significance of languages in the Goldfields of WA* exhibition. A photo exhibition and multimedia projection through floating layers of tulle fabric will feature rare audio of Aboriginal Elders sharing stories. Held at Gallery Central, North Metro TAFE, 12 Aberdeen Street, Perth from Mon-Fri, 10am-4.45pm & Sat, 12-4pm. Details: (08) 9427 1318 or visit www.gallerycentral.com.au

February 10-12: *Boorna Waanginy: The Trees Speak* production. Opening the 2017 Perth International Arts Festival, an enthralling celebration of Nyoongar culture and the South-West's stunning biodiversity. Held at Kings Park & Botanic Garden, Perth between 8pm and 10.30pm daily. Free. Details: (08) 6552 6200 or visit www.news.wa.gov.au

Employment

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Parkes local, Benjamin Bevan is appointed in front of friends and family at the Defence Force Recruiting Centre in Parramatta.

Life at sea beckons



A TOTAL of 71 people from across the country were inducted into the Royal Australian Navy during January.

One of them was Parkes Aboriginal man Benjamin Bevan, who was appointed in front of friends and family at the Defence Force Recruiting Centre in Parramatta.

Mr Bevan will go to the Navy Officer Entry Course (NEOC), at the Royal Australian Naval College, HMAS Creswell, Jervis Bay.

This year he will gain basic military and mariner skills and exposure to Navy culture and traditions.

Mr Bevan said he was excited for a change in lifestyle and was looking forward to the challenges ahead.

"Serving on a ship for the first time will be a big lifestyle and cultural change, but I hope I will have something unique to offer that will make my community and country proud," he said.

Senior military recruitment officer Lieutenant Commander Benedetto Zappia said the young men and women appointed were selected

because of their aptitude and personal qualities to succeed in the Navy.

As a maritime warfare officer Mr Bevan is the commanding officer's representative on the bridge, and will be trained in the safe navigation of the ship at sea and in harbour.

For more information about Defence jobs, visit <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/navy/>

Queensland Training Awards nominations open



NOMINATIONS are now open for the 2017 Queensland Training Awards.

Celebrating its 56th year, the awards recognise the achievements of Queenslanders like Coralie-Pearl Foster and the team from the Oothung (Sisters) in Mining Program, rewarding their passion and

dedication to training.

Coralie-Pearl was a state finalist for two awards in 2016 – the Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year award and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year award. Coralie-Pearl is now completing a Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance at the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service, and strongly believes that education is one of

the most powerful tools of success, allowing her to lead by example for other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth.

In 2014, the Oothung (Sisters) in Mining Program won the Queensland and Australian Training Awards' Industry Collaboration award – which recognises an outstanding collaboration between an employer or industry body, and at least one other organisation,

to provide innovative skills development.

There are 14 award categories in 2017, including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year and the new the Equity VET Student of the Year award.

Nominations close on March 31, 2017.

For more information, visit the Queensland Training Awards at www.qta.qld.gov.au



It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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Digital Campaign Manager RECOGNISE Campaign

RECOGNISE is a fast growing team of creative and dynamic professionals who are passionate about creating a better country for all Australians. We are united and driven by our determination to recognise the First Australians and to deal with the racial discrimination in our nation's founding document. We believe change is possible and we are working to ensure the best possible outcomes.

Our role has a very specific focus. It is to raise awareness and build support for these principles ahead of a referendum being put to the Australian people.

We are looking for an energetic and experienced digital media professional to manage the RECOGNISE digital campaign. You will know how to design, plan, implement and evaluate a winning digital campaign strategy and will have the ability to manage a range of social media tools while building our audience.

You will be passionate and want to contribute your skills to this important cause. Campaign work is fast-moving and ever-changing. We are looking for passionate and committed people who are generalists and who can constantly learn new skills and adapt to new conditions.

Reconciliation Australia is committed to improving employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and strongly encourages them to apply.

To obtain a copy of the position selection materials please go to <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/employment/> and download the selection pack. For further information about this position please contact Reconciliation Australia's Senior HR Advisor on (02) 6273 9200.

Applications close: 6.00pm 24 February 2017.

Please send completed applications to:
Jobs@Reconciliation.org.au



Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician, Permanent Full-Time at Mental Health

Enquiries: Giles Barton (02) 9616 4266

This is an Identified Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

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**Closing Date:
22 February 2017**



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 372284

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Education

Evidence and Effective Practice Officer

- SEO 1 (ETS)
- Temporary full-time role up to 3 years
- Position number and location: 192517 - Oxford Street, Darlinghurst

Total remuneration package valued to: \$135,149 pa (salary \$112,614 to \$121,921 pa) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing high level support and advice to assist schools to achieve improved learning outcomes for Aboriginal students.

Please address selection criteria in your application. **Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.**

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check. In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Under new provisions for permanent teachers taking up non-school based temporary appointments, the right of return to their substantive position has been extended to up to 3 years.

The maximum continuous period of time in **temporary Non School Based Teaching Service appointments at-level is for 3 years (cumulatively)**. Successful applicants currently employed in an SEO1 (ETS), SEO2 (ETS) or PEO (ETS), who still meet the definition of recent school based experience (where it is required in the advertisement) and apply for a position at the same level, will be offered the new at-level position for the remaining balance of their existing period(s) of appointment (being a cumulative period in any at-level positions, inclusive of higher duties and/or temporary appointments to a maximum of 3 years).

Note: Recent school based experience is either direct classroom teaching within the past three years or school executive experience within the past three years. Direct classroom teaching or school executive experience is full time service in a school based position in a departmental preschool, infants, primary, central/community, secondary, environmental education centre or special school for a continuous period of one (1) year. For more information please review **Rules Oct 2015**.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality.
- Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience within the K-12 range.
- Demonstrated commitment to participating in accreditation processes.
- Demonstrated ability to develop and deliver professional development programs for teachers that supports Aboriginal education and engagement.
- Capacity to innovate, problem solve and develop creative solutions to emerging issues with a focus on improving Aboriginal student outcomes.
- High level written and oral communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to maintain accurate and comprehensive written records.
- Demonstrated capacity to work collaboratively and liaise and negotiate with key stakeholders including Aboriginal communities and the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.
- Proven successful experience in the planning, design, development, budgeting and evaluation of quality Aboriginal education programs.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies and the key deliverables and collaborative actions of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education strategy.

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Applications Close: 22 February 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Mary Senj (02) 9244 5866.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 192517

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Opportunity

A rewarding and supportive work environment along with professional training are among the many benefits of working for AlburyCity.

Aboriginal Community Development Officer

You will work with Albury's Aboriginal Community and local services to improve identified gaps in services to the community. You will also be responsible for coordinating the celebration of significant dates including NAIDOC, Reconciliation Week, Sorry Day and National Apology as well as providing cultural awareness to AlburyCity, schools and community groups.

Applications close Friday 24 February 2017 at 5.00pm.

www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/jobs

Murrawari Local Aboriginal Land Council

Murrawari Land Council 17 Forth Avenue
Enngonia NSW 2840 murrawarilalc@hotmail.com

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Murrawari Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the MLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Judy Shillingsworth, by email: murrawarilalc@hotmail.com or on (02) 68 747 888

Applications can be forwarded to murrawarilalc@hotmail.com or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson
Murrawari Local Aboriginal Land Council 17 Fourth Avenue
Enngonia, NSW, 2840

Applications close Monday 13th February 2017

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



Justice

Youth Officer

- Department of Justice
- Juvenile Justice NSW
- Casual
- Locations: St Mary's, Campbelltown, Gosford
- Casual Youth Officer, Salary \$28.75 per hour, plus casual loading, shift allowances and/or penalty rates as applicable.

Juvenile Justice supervises and cares for young offenders in the community and in detention centres in NSW. The division provides diversionary and community-based services, as well as custodial services in detention centres for young people on remand and on control orders.

Primary Purpose of the Role: The Youth Officer works as part of a team to provide care, support and constant supervision to detainees in NSW Juvenile Justice (Detention) Centres in accordance with relevant legislation, policies and procedures.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

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**Applications Close:
19 February 2017 (11:59pm)**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Recruitment Team at careers@justice.nsw.gov.au



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 000051KG

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Inclusion Professional

Are you a committed Early Years Educator with a passion for inclusion of children with additional needs?

We are looking for “a team player” to join Australia’s No. 1 quality provider of early years care and education in our Include Me team.

The Inclusion Professional will support educators in children’s centres to improve their capacity for inclusive practices and build environments where children with additional needs can thrive. The role will be based at our Canberra Hub and will be for a fixed term 22.8 hour part time contract.

Big Fat Smile is committed to cultural diversity, gender equality and non-discrimination. With our commitment to achieving reconciliation and a diverse workforce, **we strongly encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.**

To find out more and apply for the role, visit bigfatmile.com.au/jobs and click on the “Positions Available” banner.

MANAGER: INDIGENOUS DIGITAL EXCELLENCE (IDX)

The IDX Programs Manager heads an operational team delivering technology initiatives to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Based at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern, Sydney the IDX Program Manager will:

- Lead the development of IDX,
- Lead the design and delivery of the inaugural National IDX Awards 2017
- Develop and manage Flint Program learning experiences, community relationships and staff.

Applications close Friday 24 February 2017

For details visit: ncie.org.au/about/our-jobs



INDIGENOUS DIGITAL EXCELLENCE



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TELSTRA FOUNDATION

IDX is a partnership between the Telstra Foundation and the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence.



Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

Project Officer Aboriginal Services Branch (Aboriginal Identified)

- Package up to \$97k (Clerk Grade 5/6)
- Ongoing Role in Central Sydney (35hpw)

We are looking for an enthusiastic, hardworking & dedicated team member with demonstrated skills and experience in administrative & project support. You will be part of a small team working across Legal Aid NSW on Aboriginal service initiatives & employment programs. Much of this work is focused on delivering outcomes under the Legal Aid NSW Reconciliation Action Plan & Aboriginal Employment Strategy.

Closing Date:
Wednesday 22 February 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Scott Hawkins on (02) 9219 5109.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 000050PE

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Justice

Aboriginal Client and Community Support Officer – Aboriginal Services

- Ongoing Full-Time
- Location: Dubbo
- Clerk Grade 3/4, Salary (\$67,248 – \$73,635), plus employer’s contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Provide project support and effective customer service to Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal clients attending court.

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Applications Close: Tuesday 14 February 2017 (11:59pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Trevor Kennedy on (02) 6885 7659
Trevor.Kennedy@justice.nsw.gov.au



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 000050GF

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Environment,
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Forest & Fire Operations Officers (22 roles)

We are building an inclusive workplace to help realise the potential of our employees, embrace our differences, and apply our diverse thinking to innovation and delivering services to Victorian communities. All jobs can be worked flexibly and we encourage job applications from Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) are looking for people to deliver forest management activities in Victoria’s State forests and fire management activities in Victoria’s national parks, State forests and protected public land.

These positions are part of our Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVIC) crews located at DELWP work centres across Victoria. Each position is a key contributor to the ongoing effectiveness and output of the work centre and will have involvement with DELWP staff, contractors and seasonal firefighters.

There is also an opportunity for career progression both in field and office based roles.

The department has 22 ongoing positions available state-wide, 3 positions have been identified for Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander People.

Are you ready?

Training will be provided and positions are open to men and women who:

- Have a high level of fitness
- Are a team player
- Hold a current manual drivers licence

To apply online and for further information on position description and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Midnight Thursday, 16 February 2017.

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**www.delwp.vic.gov.au
Customer Service Centre 136 186**



Education

Senior Secondary and Post Schooling Advisor

- SEO 2 (ETS)
- Temporary full-time role up to 3 years
- Position number and location: 192516 – Oxford Street, Darlinghurst

Total remuneration package valued to: \$146,478 p.a. (salary \$132,141 p.a.) including employer’s contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing high level support and advice across School Operations and Performance Division to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal Education and in particular years 11-12 and post schooling.

Please address selection criteria in your application. **Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.**

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check. In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department’s National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

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Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality.
- Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience within the K-12 range.
- Demonstrated commitment to participating in and managing accreditation processes.
- Experience in leading curriculum implementation and demonstrated understanding of current trends, resources, quality teaching & assessment practice, relevant legislation and policies.
- Demonstrated ability to build the capacity of staff through the development and delivery of innovative programs and services that support Aboriginal education and engagement.
- Demonstrated ability to lead, develop, plan and implement strategic initiatives and innovative practices that support education change for improved student learning outcomes for Aboriginal students.
- Proven ability to liaise and negotiate with a range of stakeholders and work collaboratively within and across teams, with internal and external stakeholders, particularly with the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.
- High level written and oral communication and interpersonal skills and experience in the preparation of documents including briefings, reports and correspondence.
- Demonstrated capacity to ensure that projects are delivered on time, within budget and in accordance with agreed quality standards.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department’s Aboriginal education policies and the key deliverables and collaborative actions of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education strategy.

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Applications Close: 22 February 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Mary Senj (02) 9244 5866.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 192516

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NATIONAL CENTRE OF
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Programs Manager – TATU

This role leads a small team to develop and deliver NCIE's Tackling Indigenous Smoking program – Talking About Tobacco Use.

You will need demonstrated experience in:

- Team leadership and coaching
- Delivery of preventative community health programs
- Communication and networking with Indigenous Australian individuals and organisations

You will also need a NSW Working with Children check, to consent to a National Police Check and preferably hold a current Driving Licence.
Some travel may be required.

Position description available at:

<http://ncie.org.au/about/our-jobs>

Enquiries: April Long, General Manager Programs & Partnerships 0412 206 205

Vacancy closes: 25 February 2017

ANROWS

Senior Research Officer (Evaluation)

ANROWS is seeking to fill a vacancy for a Senior Research Officer (Evaluation) in its Research Team with the skills required to implement the ANROWS Research Program, and provide leadership, expertise and enthusiasm in working towards an end to violence against women and their children. Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) aspires to be an innovative research organisation with authoritative leadership and high impact to support the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 (the National Plan). Our mission is to deliver relevant and translatable research evidence which drives policy and practice, leading to a reduction in the levels of violence against women and their children.

The appointment is for the period from March 2017 until 30 June 2020.

An information package is available at:

<http://anrows.org.au/about/careers>

Applications close at midnight on 26 February 2017.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



Education
and Training

Koorie Engagement Support Officers (KESO)

There is a full time ongoing position available in the DET North Eastern Victoria Region (NEVR) – Ovens Murray Area, based in Benalla. This position plays a key role in working toward the achievement of education outcomes for Koorie children, young people, families and communities in partnership with the multi-disciplinary Area teams within the Region.

This role is an identified position and available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. Confirmation of the indigenous status of candidates may be requested.

Contact Kate Atkin on (03) 8392 9574 or atkin.kathryn.m@edumail.vic.gov.au for a detailed role description and selection criteria. Closing date for applications is **22/02/2017**



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Education

Stakeholder Engagement Officer Aboriginal Education & Community Engagement

- Clerk Grade 7/8 - Identified
- Full-time ongoing appointment
- Position number and location: 192532 - Oxford Street, Sydney

Total remuneration package: \$110,697 Package includes salary (\$90,215 - \$99,862), 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

This role supports the building and maintenance of relationships with key stakeholders as part of Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement's engagement strategy.

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.gov.au
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. Think about a time when you have had to strategically plan for an initiative. Describe how you planned for the implementation of the initiative to ensure it delivered results? (300 words maximum)
2. How would you see yourself in this role contributing to the goals, objectives and outcomes of the department's Aboriginal Education Policy? (300 words maximum)

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.

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Applications Close: 22 February 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Mary Senj (02) 9244 5866.



Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 192532

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Justice

Project Officer (Aboriginal Identified)

- Department of Justice
- Juvenile Justice
- Ongoing
- Location: Sydney CBD
- Grade 7/8, Salary (\$90,215 pa - \$99,862 pa), plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Role Description:

This role is within the Juvenile Justice Aboriginal Strategic Coordination Unit. The position holder will be responsible for managing and implementing a range of projects for the Aboriginal Strategic Coordination Unit to contribute to the effective operation and strategic direction and implementation of Juvenile Justice Aboriginal Strategic Direction.

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Applications Close: 14 February 2017 (11:59pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Reece Craigie on (02) 8346 1876.



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

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AmbulanceVictoria

Coordinator – Aboriginal Projects

An opportunity exists for a suitable candidate to join Doncaster Headquarters as a Project Coordinator in a fixed term, full time position working 5 days per week (38 hours).

The role of the Coordinator, Aboriginal Projects is to take the lead in coordinating Ambulance Victoria's (AV's) Aboriginal Employment Program (AEP), by providing project advice and support in the coordination and delivery of the paramedic cadetship program and related projects.

Ambulance Victoria offers a variety of generous salary packaging benefits, free on site car parking, with learning and professional development.

A suitable applicant must be able to demonstrate/possess:

- Qualifications and/or experience in human resources or a related field.
- Demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal employment initiatives, programs and strategies.
- Experience in developing and maintaining linkages with Aboriginal community group(s).
- Microsoft Office Suite at an advanced level.
- Problem solving, organisation and a hands-on approach.

Applicants can obtain further information from Maria Soo on (03) 9840 3693.

The Coordinator, Aboriginal Projects application and all relevant documentation is to be submitted by Wed 22 February 2017 to recruitment@ambulance.vic.gov.au

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Your Career as a Trainee Court Registrar Starts Here

The Magistrates' Court of Victoria is recruiting!

Do you want a career? Have you completed VCE or tertiary studies? Take the first step in becoming a qualified court registrar and build an exciting career within the Victorian justice system.

Working in the Magistrates' Court of Victoria (MCV)

The MCV has a long and proud history of providing justice for the people of Victoria across the state. The Court aims to provide an efficient, modern and responsive service to the public, court users and all stakeholders.

A Trainee Court Registrar will:

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- Complete the Certificate in Court Services.
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Some of the capabilities and experience we are looking for:

- Excellent organisational capabilities and the ability to prioritise daily work and demonstrate problem-solving skills.
- Team players with the ability to meet tight deadlines with attention to detail, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and proficient computer skills.
- Commitment, enthusiasm and ability to provide exceptional levels of customer service with sensitivity to the needs of others.
- Accountability, integrity and honesty with the ability to maintain confidentiality of information.
- Tertiary course or work experience in a relevant field, and / or VCE or equivalent

Applications open Monday 6 February to Sunday 26 February 2017.

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For further important information and how to apply visit
www.magistratescourt.vic.gov.au

Then visit www.careers.vic.gov.au to submit your resume and
the application form.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Salary – Negotiable depending on qualifications
and experience
(plus Superannuation)
Full Time Position

The Cowra Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of full-time Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Cowra LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required. A NSW Driver's license is essential.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact Mr Les Coe, by email: cowralalc@hotmail.com or on 02 6342 3259.

Applications can be forwarded to cowralalc@hotmail.com or marked "Confidential" and posted to: **Cowra LALC PO Box 769 Cowra NSW 2794**

The CEO Recruitment Panel
Cowra Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 769 Cowra NSW 2794

Applications close 8th March 2017 at Close of Business
Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Aboriginal Legal Officer: Permanent Part-time (28 hours)

This exciting position offers the opportunity to make a difference. Past highlights of position holders include settling matters preventing no-grounds terminations of Aboriginal tenants; a test case regarding the decision to end tenancies resting with members of a LALC; holding social housing landlords to account regarding Commonwealth Rent Assistance calculations and developing innovative training.

The Tenants' Union of NSW is a Community Legal Centre specialising in housing law matters. It is also the peak organisation for tenants in NSW and the resource body for the NSW network of Tenants' Advice and Advocacy Services.

The Aboriginal Legal Officer provides advice, litigation, research, policy development and the delivery of training, primarily to the four Aboriginal Tenant Advice and Advocacy Services in NSW.

The practice concentrates on contract and land law. The practice also undertakes matters in consumer, anti-discrimination, administrative, environmental, and credit and debt law.

Salary range \$73,255 to \$84,320 per annum pro rata, plus super, salary packaging and generous conditions. For job description and other information go to tenants.org.au/tu. Applications must address the selection criteria and attach a resume.

For further information call Grant Arbuthnot 8117 3704

Applications close 5pm Friday 3 March 2017.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are warmly invited and strongly encouraged to apply



Education

Strategic Projects Officer

- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Ongoing Full-time appointment
- Position number and location: 192522 (172288) - Darlinghurst

Total remuneration package: \$110,697 Package includes salary (\$90,215 to \$99,862), 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.

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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

This role provides high level strategic support for key projects and initiatives that contribute to the achievements of Aboriginal education outcomes.

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.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Outline your experience in managing projects and include the approach you take in doing this. Describe how you plan and prioritise tasks within the project and your methods for tracking deliverables (300 words).
2. Describe the most significant written document, report or presentation which you had to complete. (300 words).

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: 22 February 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Mary Senj or Janice Dennis on (02) 9244 5417 or (02) 9244 5751.



Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 192522

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Children's Koori Court Liaison Officer x 4

VPSG5 –Ongoing, Full time

Salary range: \$90,890 - \$109,969 (+ Super)

Four Ongoing positions based in:

- **Moe - please refer to position number 1256026**
- **Geelong - please refer to position number 1256033**
- **Shepparton – please refer to position number 1256041**
- **Mildura – please refer to position number 1256039**

An exciting opportunity exists for a highly self-motivated team player with a passion for improving outcomes for Koorie young people to work as a Children's Koori Court Liaison Officer. Working in a DET regionally-based multi-disciplinary area team, the successful applicant will provide advice to the Children's Koori Court on educational referral and facilitate access to appropriate educational options for Koorie young people appearing before the Children's Koori Courts, and Children's Courts in agreed locations. The successful applicant will also be available to facilitate access to appropriate education options for Koorie young people on community-based youth justice orders.

You will have a record in project management, stakeholder management and a well-developed understanding of factors impacting on Koorie learners and their families. Your conceptual, analytical and relationship building skills will be critical as will your written communication skills.

The Victorian Government is establishing Victoria as the Education State. The Education State reforms are designed to develop an education system that ensures all Victorians have equal access to the benefits and opportunities that come from education.

In Victoria, there are a significant number of learners who have been disengaged, or are vulnerable to disengaging, from education or training. Recent studies have shown that with the right intensive support and intervention, young people who fall behind and disengage can recover and catch up when they re-engage in education.

The Victorian Government's Marrung: Aboriginal Education Plan 2016-2026, launched in July 2016, has specific action areas which aim to address Koorie student disengagement and improve education outcomes. This includes the establishment of four Children's Koori Court Liaison Officer positions, to extend the positive impact of having DET officers attend court sittings and provide education referral for Koorie young people.

For further information, please contact Angela Singh on (03) 9651 3302.

For further information on the position description and selection criteria visit
www.careers.vic.gov.au.

Applications close 19/02/2017

www.education.vic.gov.au



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Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

Senior Recruitment Officer People & Organisational Development (Aboriginal Targeted – Talent Pool)

- Package up to \$97k (Clerk Grade 5/6)
- Ongoing/Temporary opportunities in Central Sydney

We are seeking experienced, hardworking and dedicated team players to coordinate Legal Aid NSW Recruitment and assignment processes. You will be part of a small team providing internal and external advice to stakeholders. Much of this work is focused on delivering outcomes under tight deadlines and managing all aspects of the recruitment process.

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Closing Date: Monday 13 February 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Helen Kojevnikova on (02) 9219 6360.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 000051PD

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Nepean Blue Mountains
Local Health District

Clinical Dietitian

Various Locations

Nepean, Springwood and

Blue Mountains Hospitals

Temporary Part-Time

Salary: \$30.09 - \$43.60 ph

Enquiries: Traci Cook 0439 490 859

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**Closing Date:
13 February 2017**



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 367376

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**Family &
Community
Services**

Senior Client Service Officer Specialist (Aboriginal)

- Clerk Grade 5/6
- Blacktown
- Reference Number: 00004ZMO
- \$79,384 - \$87,591 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Role Description:

This role provides a broad range of applicant, tenancy and property management services and advice to clients including those with complex support needs; advocates and other stakeholders across the access and tenancy service streams; and provides coaching and support to team members to optimise business and service outcomes. The role manages relationships, partnerships and networks between communities and the Department to improve communication on and access to services for clients and to support sustainable tenancies.

Job Notes: There is 1 (one) ongoing and 1 (one) temporary role for a period up to 12 (twelve) months in accordance with the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*.

Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position. The position has been identified as an Aboriginal position in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Our Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

FACS is committed to building a workplace culture that values diversity and inclusion. We actively promote the employment of people with disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, LGBTI and other diversity groups.

FACS encourages applications from people with disability and will provide reasonable adjustments in our recruitment processes and in the workplace.

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Applications Close: 14 February 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Alison O'Neill on (02) 9891 8247 or alison.oneill@facs.nsw.gov.au



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

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Warlga Ngurra Womens & Children's Refuge Inc. is looking for a new MANAGER

Someone with passion and experience to take over the day to day running of the Refuge and its programs. You will be responsible for a team of 5 as well as contractors and volunteers.

This is an Aboriginal identified position and proof of Aboriginality must be submitted with your application. A current drivers licence and working with children's check is a requirement. This is a full time position paid under the Modern Award (MA000100). For the information pack please email manager@warlanguorra.org.au

Applications close 24th February, 2017



GENERAL MANAGER ON COUNTRY OPERATIONS

Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation
(GLaWAC) Victoria

- Around \$115-125k plus car & benefits
- Native title, cultural heritage, land & waters resource management
- Professional & financial leadership
- Commercial acumen with an eye for business opportunity

Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation. GLaWAC is the Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) for the Gunaikurnai people and claim area and Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) providing joint management of 10 parks and reserves within the Gippsland region of Victoria.

Expressions of interest are invited from executives with three years' experience in a senior leadership position, ideally at General Manager level who can lead the management, revenue and cost elements of GLaWAC On Country operations, as well as forward planning for On Country Operations and the Cultural Hub's tourism activities.

GLaWAC considers that being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under s28 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic.).

To apply, please send a brief resume and cover letter to mardie@glawac.com.au. Suitable candidates will be supplied with a position description.

For more information, contact **Mardi Edwards** on 0421 818748 for a confidential discussion.

Applications close 24th February 2017.



The Australia Council is seeking applications for the following position based at their offices in Surry Hills, NSW:

Arts Practice Director - Literature

Full time, 3 year contract

Lead Council's engagement with the literature sector and provide specialist knowledge in the delivery of Council's strategic and corporate plans. This is a key leadership role that presents an ideal career development opportunity.

Applications close 15 February 2017 at 5.00pm AEDT

For further information please visit our careers page:
<http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers/>



Justice
and Regulation

Aboriginal Case Manager, Warrnambool

- Make a difference in your community
- Full time, ongoing position
- Salary range \$69,080- \$75,895 plus superannuation

Aboriginal Case Managers are responsible for applying evidence based case management practices for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal offenders. Aboriginal Case Managers support offenders to successfully complete their court orders, while balancing risks to community safety and may also be required to provide advice to the Koori Court to assist in the sentencing process.

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- a high level of knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Aboriginal Community
- a demonstrated understanding and practice of effective case management.

To apply online, please visit correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au by 27 February 2017.

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



Justice
and Regulation

Trainee Aboriginal Case Officer, Bendigo

- Make a difference in your community
- Full time, 12 month fixed term position
- Salary range \$52,424 - \$55,377 plus superannuation

Trainee Aboriginal Case Officers in the Court Practice stream are responsible for the administration of court orders for offenders assessed as being at low risk of reoffending. In this role, you will be required to support the management of a mixed case load of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal offenders through directing and monitoring offender compliance with court order obligations.

To be successful in this role, you will:

- be able to work efficiently and effectively, focusing on meeting deadlines and maintaining quality, and be able to produce a range of written documents
- have a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Koori Community, both society and culture, and the issues impacting on it.

To apply online, please visit correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au by 26 February 2017.

This is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.



Magistrates' Court
of Victoria

MANAGER, KOORI FAMILY VIOLENCE

Family Violence Programs & Initiatives Unit
VPS Grade 6

\$111,484 - \$149,188

Role No: MC0022

(Full time, Fixed term until February 2019)

The Manager, Koori Family Violence is a new role within the Magistrates' Court of Victoria, leading the strategic direction for Koori Family Violence responses and initiatives.

The purpose of the Magistrates' Courts of Victoria Koori Family Violence Response is to ensure

- safety and healing for Koori victims of Family Violence and
- accountability, safety and healing for Koori perpetrators of Family Violence

The Koori Family Violence Manager will lead the development and implementation of culturally appropriate Koori Family Violence projects and programs and Koori specific responses within the Specialist Family Violence Court model. The Manager will also contribute to strengthened relationships between Courts and the Koori community and Family Violence and Justice stakeholders; and represent Magistrates' Court of Victoria in relevant Government and community forums.

This is an Aboriginal designated position in accordance with Part 2, Section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Further information: Lisa Eldridge, Manager, FVPIU on (03) 9032 0952

Applications to: careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close 23 February 2017



Office Manager – RECOGNISE Campaign

RECOGNISE is the movement to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution and deal with racial discrimination in it.

Our role has a very specific focus. It is to raise awareness and build support for these principles ahead of a referendum being put to the Australian people.

We are looking for an experienced and enthusiastic Office Manager with great organisational skills. You will be highly motivated, able to work on your own and prioritise your work, but also enjoy contributing to a healthy team environment.

Reconciliation Australia is committed to improving employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and strongly encourages them to apply.

To obtain a copy of the position selection materials please go to <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/employment/> and download the selection pack. For further information about this position please contact Reconciliation Australia's Senior HR Advisor on (02) 6273 9200.

Applications close: 6.00pm 24 February 2017.

Please send completed applications to:
Jobs@Reconciliation.org.au



VACANCY NOTICE ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER IN HOME SUPPORT FULL-TIME

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) is looking to employ an Aboriginal Health Worker to work in their In Home Support Program.

Working in the Women's and Children's In Home Support Program you will be responsible for the implementation of culturally appropriate services to children and their families seen outside of the VAHS services. This position will work as part of a team with the Maternal & Child Health Nurse in the delivery of children's in home support programs.

To apply for this position, applicants must have an understanding of and commitment to the Aboriginal community and possess the following:

- Demonstrated understanding of children's health and development and appreciation of the needs and concerns of children and their families.
- Certificate III in Aboriginal Health Work or equivalent or the capacity to undertake further training and education.
- Good verbal and written communication skills and the ability to communicate effectively with young children, their parents, carers and the Aboriginal community.
- Demonstrated ability to develop health promotion programs and materials.
- An understanding and commitment to Aboriginal culture.
- Good computer skills.
- Current Victorian Driver's Licence.
- Knowledge and commitment to occupational health & safety legislation.

Please note: To be a successful candidate you must meet the position requirements as well as undergo a National Victorian Police Check, hold a valid Working with Children Check prior your appointment and complete a Safety Screening Statutory Declaration

Salary Packaging benefits are available.

For a copy of the Position Description and Key Selection Criteria please contact Merindah Brown on (03) 9403 3300 and if you wish to find out more about the position please contact Margaret Davidson on (03) 9419 3000.

Closing Date: 24th February 2017

Applicants should address the selection criteria and state full details of qualifications and experience including referees to:

Mr Michael Graham, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Health Service,

186 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy 3065 or employment@vahs.org.au

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Store Managers (Couple-run & individually run stores)

APY Lands, SA

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- * **Enjoy a hands-on, live-in position in a spectacular, remote location!**



The Mai Wiru Regional Stores (Mai Wiru) currently has multiple rewarding opportunities for **Store Managers** to work across their stores in the APY Lands, SA.

Working as part of the Mai Wiru team, Store Managers are responsible for the running and operation of the stores, which includes a range of healthy food and other essential items at affordable prices. These positions are key to the smooth operation of the store on a daily and ongoing basis.

For your hard work and dedication you will be rewarded with a **salary circa \$64,000 - \$69,000pp plus super**. Additional benefits include 7 weeks' annual leave, salary sacrifice options, furnished accommodation (\$40 per person per week rent), fully subsidised utilities and relocation allowance.



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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

We currently have a vacancy for:

Senior Lecturer – Creative Industries – Batchelor

Priority consideration for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants

For further information or to apply, log on to our website and download the Position Description www.batchelor.edu.au/people/current-vacancies

Applications close **Sunday 19th February 2017**



**Batchelor
Institute**

Manager of Indigenous Education

- **Key leadership role at a major training provider**
- **Lead and develop the growth of cultural capability**
- **Create opportunities for indigenous communities**



Bendigo Kangan Institute is seeking an exceptional individual to lead and develop the strategic growth and operational management of indigenous education and community engagement provided by BKI across regional and metropolitan communities. This role will take the lead in liaising with key Aboriginal community, Government and private sector stakeholder groups in the identification of training needs, the enhancement of BKI enrolments and the creation of job opportunities for the indigenous community. The role also provides advice to the CEO and Executive on Indigenous Affairs.

Reporting to the Executive Director of Studies, the successful candidate will identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and will be expected to develop and implement innovative initiatives that reflect the BKI commitment to indigenous education and complement government initiatives for Indigenous students.

A key focus for the role will be to provide leadership and management in the development of new, contemporary, industry focused options linked to traineeship or employment outcomes.

Bendigo Kangan Institute (BKl) is a values driven organisation delivering products both locally and internationally with a vision to provide world-class teaching, learning and assessment to its student cohort.

Attracting more than 30,000 enrolments each year, BKl is recognised as a major training provider for the automotive, health and community sectors as well as Indigenous education.

For more information visit:
www.bendigokangan.edu.au

Applications close:
24th February 2017

To apply - please go to www.jofisher.com and click on 'APPLY ONLINE' using reference BKImie0117, addressing your cover letter and resume to Andrew Norton, of Jo Fisher Executive, or call +61 3 9016 6000 for further information.



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**Family &
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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, their families and communities and interagency partners to be agents of change in the lives of children.

***Being an Aboriginal 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.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and enter job reference no: 000041OM to join a team of dedicated and professional FACS caseworkers in your area and benefit from:

- Professional support and training
- Flexible working conditions
- Great career opportunities

Aboriginal Caseworkers must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

More information available www.facs.nsw.gov.au/careers/caseworker

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further
Please call Recruitment on 1800 203 966 or email
caseworker.screenings@facs.nsw.gov.au



**Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 000041OM**

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The Copyright Officer is a member of the Collection Services team which provides access and research services for the collection. The role obtains copyright permissions from rights holders and advises on the application of copyright to the AIATSIS collections. The Copyright Officer applies the relevant sections of the AIATSIS Act and Access & Use Policy to the collections, advises on standards and educates staff on decision making in copyright and other rights matters and contributes to the development of systems and processes for managing rights and permissions. They assist in monitoring changes in intellectual property law and its application to AIATSIS.

The successful candidate will have a working understanding of Copyright and Intellectual Property, and experience in a museum, library, gallery or publishing context. A proven understanding of the application of rights negotiation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collection access is highly desirable.

An understanding is required of how providing appropriate access to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, artefacts and unpublished collection materials contributes to meeting the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and researchers.

Closing Date: 5pm Wednesday 22 February 2017

How to apply:

Please consult the AIATSIS website www.aiatsis.gov.au for more information and download the Application Pack. Follow the instructions on the Application Pack and submit your application to recruitment@aiatsis.gov.au by the closing date.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate a high level of cultural proficiency in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and the capacity to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as stakeholders, colleagues and peers.

This is an identified position

The Institute values a skilled and diverse workforce to meet the needs of the organisation in the promotion of knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



Therapeutic Support Workers & House Supervisors

North Eastern Adelaide, SA

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ABORIGINAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (Inner West)

Position: Aboriginal Sector Development Officer
Hours: Full time (dependent on funding) -38 hours per week
Salary: Grade 5, Year 2 (SCHADS SACS Award)
Location: The position covers Inner West community and is based at Rhodes and in the local community

Aged & Community Services Australia (ACSA) invites applications from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people to fill a vacant position of Aboriginal Sector Development Officer (IW) for the Inner West Sydney area. Please note the position will be based at the ACSA Rhodes office.

ACSA is a peak aged care organisation providing leadership to the aged and community service sector. ACSA has been funded by the Australian Government through Department of Health and the NSW Government through Department of Family & Community Services, Ageing, Disability & Home Care (ADHC), to auspice three positions. The aged care reforms will determine the future of the funding and this position, however, ACSA is able to support the position until 30 June 2018.

The Aboriginal Sector Development Officer position provides a great opportunity to work with Aboriginal communities and organisations, including mainstream agencies to help build relationships that will be strong, ongoing and resilient to enable the delivery of culturally appropriate, flexible and responsive Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) / Community Care Support Programme (CCSP) services to Aboriginal people and communities in the Inner West Sydney region.

Competencies

- This is an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander identified position
- Relevant social welfare or related qualifications.
- Experience in an Aboriginal Community liaison or similar role is essential
- Certificate IV in Workplace Training & Assessment (or willing to undertake)

Information Package

For an information package and further information, please contact Gai Marheine, Aboriginal Sector Support & Development Officer Phone 8754 0400 or email gaim@acs.asn.au

Written applications addressing both the Essential and Desirable selection criteria, and the contact details of 2 referees, must be emailed to:

Attention: Gai Marheine, Aboriginal Sector Support & Development Officer - gaim@acs.asn.au

Applications Close: Friday 23 February, 2017

Family Workers Get a career that matters.

Uniting is looking for Family Workers to join the Newpin Programme in our Doonside and Bidwell teams.

Our Newpin program provides centre based therapeutic support for families referred for the restoration of their children or for family preservation.

Newpin Doonside and the Newpin Fathers Centre provide support to mothers, fathers and their partners who are seeking restoration. Both positions focus on providing services to fathers.

Male workers are strongly encouraged to apply for these roles.

Aboriginal workers are strongly encouraged to apply for these roles.

To know more and apply visit our website:
<https://unitingcareers.nga.net.au> or contact Robyn Woodward on 02 9768 6879.

We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.

Uniting



Specialist Domestic and Family Violence Practitioner (Identified)

Warringu Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation has, for more than 30 years, been providing safe and supported accommodation for women and children fleeing violence; our services extend to those who are at risk of violence, as well as those who are homeless.

The Specialist Domestic and Family Violence Practitioner will work in the Cairns Region with the Family and Child Connect service. This is an identified position - to perform this role it is essential that the person who holds the position be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. This position is based within Warringu and is fixed-term, full-time until 31/3/2019. The position works in partnership with Act for Kids.

You will bring: at least 5 years working in a domestic and family violence capacity; working effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples would be desirable; experience and knowledge of domestic and family violence issues including theory, dynamics and the impact on individuals, families and communities.

For a full position description or to apply please email your cover letter and CV to Leanne Knowles at manager@warringu.org.au

Closing date: 15 February 2017.



Aboriginal Health Liaison Officer

Are you passionate about Aboriginal health and looking for a role supporting Aboriginal patients?" With its commitment to close the health gap, the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital is entering an exciting phase to strengthen pathways at the hospital and in community to improve accessibility and timely health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island patients.

The Eye and Ear is seeking applications for an Aboriginal Health Liaison Officer (AHLO). This role is part-time (0.6EFT) with negotiable days/hours for a great work-life balance.

The AHLO will contribute to improved health outcomes for Aboriginal patients with diseases of the eye, ear, nose and/or throat, by working closely with patients, staff, community-controlled organisations and community services. The fundamental purpose of this role is to provide face-to-face, on-site assistance to improve the overall experience of Aboriginal patients and their families whilst attending the hospital.

Additionally, the role plays an integral part in improving the ability of The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients by increasing the cultural sensitivity of services offered at the hospital.

The successful applicant will benefit from:

- Generous remuneration package
- Comprehensive orientation, training and ongoing workplace support
- Cultural and clinical role supervision and support
- Easily accessible East Melbourne location close to public transport
- Access to Salary Packaging
- Flexible working arrangements
- Flexible leave arrangements

We are seeking applicants who identify as Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander. The action constitutes a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. For further information please contact John Rogan on 03 9929 8946. For a copy of the position description or to apply online please go to the careers section on the Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital website www.eyeeandear.org.au

Applications addressing the selection criteria with a recent resume may be forwarded to People and Culture, 32 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne 3002

Application closing 22nd February 2017



AmbulanceVictoria

ABORIGINAL PARAMEDIC CADET VOLUNTEER MENTORS

Seeking expressions of interest from four members of the public to become volunteer Mentors to four Aboriginal Paramedic Cadets commencing in 2017. In line with Karreeta Yirramboi, Ambulance Victoria (AV) has developed the 2016-19 Aboriginal Employment Plan, aiming to increase employment participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at AV.

Cadets will be completing their second or final year of Paramedicine at a Victorian university and will be rostered to AV's Metropolitan branches. As a Mentor, preferably already working in the health sector, you will wear multiple hats including Coaching, Counselling, Sponsorship and acting as a Role Model to Cadets.

Enhance your skills in leadership, communication and coaching and make a difference today! To apply, please visit <https://careers.ambulance.vic.gov.au/jobs/AV-1255119>. Contact Maria Soo on 03 9840 3693 for any queries.



Health and Human Services

Senior Records Officer

- Salary: VPS3: \$63,629 – \$77,259 plus superannuation
- Employment Type: 2 x Full Time fixed term positions
Fixed term till 16 June 2017

As a Records Officer you will provide high quality advice and customer service to Divisional staff encompassing all aspects of records management – specifically records sentencing and archiving

Are you:

- Able to work within tight timelines?
- Creative and Innovative?
- Able to work both within a team environment and autonomously when required?

If this is you please apply at:

<https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-DHHS-E-497662>

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit;

www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact

Vicki Powell on 03 5722 0501

Job Reference No: **VG/DHHS/E/497662**

Applications Close: **Wednesday 22 February 2017**

For more information about the Department of Health & Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health & Human Services recruitment process.

Aboriginal Australians are encouraged to apply.

For information and support contact 1300 092 406 or aboriginal.recruitment@dhs.vic.gov.au

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Digital Producer - Indigenous Radio Unit

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.

Do you love finding stories that get your people talking? Stories that people are compelled to share?

This role will give you the chance to tell those stories using audio, text, images and video, working with dedicated Indigenous Radio program teams Away! and Speaking Out.

For a full job description and application form visit - abc.net.au/careers

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Health Western Sydney Local Health District

Aboriginal Training Coordinator

- Permanent Opportunity
- New position
- North Parramatta Location
- \$100,796 - \$119,551 annual package plus benefits

Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD) is currently embarking on an exciting and large-scale organisational transformation program that will significantly increase the size of the District's Health Care Services to meet the expanding health care needs of the people of Western Sydney. With a growing staffing base of over 13,600 people, WSLHD services a population of approximately 927,000 residents covering the Local Government Areas (LGA) of Auburn, Blacktown, Holroyd, Parramatta and the Hills Shire. The health district incorporates 120 suburbs in one of Australia's largest growing urban populations encompassing Australia's highest metropolitan Aboriginal population.

Currently we have an exciting opportunity for a highly experienced Aboriginal Training Coordinator to join our Training and Development team within the People and Culture Directorate.

This new position plays an integral role within People and Culture and is primarily responsible for the end-to-end delivery and rollout of WSLHD's Aboriginal cultural awareness program - *Respecting the Difference* to all people across the organisation. More than just an awareness program, your role is also to help us further our vision to inspire visible behaviour changes including participants to volunteer for "Closing the Gap" projects.

The successful candidate will work closely with the Aboriginal Workforce Coordinator, Training and Development team, Aboriginal Health team and managers and staff internally to build capability and awareness of Aboriginal culture as it relates to improvement in Aboriginal Health outcomes and increase in Aboriginal employees. Equally important is the development of external relationships with Aboriginal communities and organisations in the LGA as well as the Health Education and Training Institute (HETI), NSW Ministry of Health and other relevant stakeholders. Your new role will be structured so that you generally facilitate six sessions across three days of the week across facilities in the LGA. The other two days will allow you opportunities for relationship building, planning, attending to your wellbeing and supervision care and to focus on other important aspects of the role. You will also be entitled to one allocated day off per month.

To be suitable for this role you will have good interpersonal, presentation and relationship building skills and have a passion for storytelling and sharing your knowledge of Aboriginal culture as it relates to the *Respecting the Difference* program. Additionally, in order to assist us to have an enduring positive impact on this key strategic focus area, you will be a talented, knowledgeable, contemporary learning facilitator who is values-centred and whole-person-focused and can hit the ground running.

To be considered for this role, it is essential that you address the online selection criteria.

WSLHD is an equal opportunity employer committed to equity, diversity and social inclusion. Applications from equity target groups, including women and people with disabilities are encouraged.

This is an Aboriginal identified position. Exemption from the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 is claimed under Section 14d. Resources which support Aboriginal people preparing their application are available at steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

We are committed to our vision of 'better health services for the people of western Sydney and beyond' and to the delivery of health care or related services in line with our core values of collaboration, openness, respect and empowerment.

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Applications Close: 23 February 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Noel Posus, Manager Workforce Development Programs who the position reports to on 0427 683 183 or Wendy Bryan-Clothier, Aboriginal Workforce Coordinator on 0409 601 980.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 367052

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Support Worker Location: Port Macquarie, NSW

We're looking for a genuine and passionate individual to support our customers in our NDIA services and group home settings.

This is a full time, max term opportunity (until 31/08/17) operating across a 24-hour care roster, 7 days per week. Working in our Port Macquarie area you will support customers within this area.

You will report to the rostered site Team Leader. Key responsibilities will include:

- Delivering quality support to customers with complex health needs
- Person centred / recovery oriented planning with customers
- Promoting and empowering independence
- Providing hands on support to customers including personal care
- Managing some challenging behaviours
- Maintaining up to date quality reports and records using computer

If you are interested in the position, please visit our New Horizons careers website to complete the online application.

<http://applynow.net.au/jobs/N49639>

Applications close
COB 15th of
February 2017.



Women's Health West is accepting expressions of interest for the following positions of

Aboriginal Family Violence Outreach Case Manager

and/or

Aboriginal Family Violence Case Support Worker

Are you dynamic, collaborative and passionate about advancing equity and social justice for women from communities experiencing family violence? Do you have experience working with community, engaging with other services providers and Aboriginal women and their children?

These positions are responsible for providing culturally-safe, client focused and strengths based crisis, case management and case support to Aboriginal women and their children experiencing and escaping family violence in the western metropolitan region.

We are seeking Aboriginal women with life experience to support the delivery of family violence services that are culturally appropriate and responsive to women and children in the western region.

Remuneration in accordance with the WHW Enterprise Agreement 2010 level 3a and 3b based on qualifications and experience. Generous salary packaging and professional development opportunities are available. Current police and working with children checks essential.

To express interest in a position or to learn more about these roles contact Tess La Fontaine Manager - Counselling and Case Management on 03 9689 9588 or send your expression of interest and up to date CV to recruitment@whwest.org.au

Please visit our website www.whwest.org.au for the position description. VCAT Exemption A128/2012



Western Sydney
COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE

Court Support Worker (Aboriginal Specialist)

Part Time 14 hours per week Parramatta Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (PWDVCAS)

Selection Criteria

1. Identify as an Aboriginal Woman.
2. Experience with the legal system and social welfare;
3. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of domestic violence, including ADVO applications and related criminal procedures;
4. Ability to provide support and advocacy services to a diverse range of women and children;
5. Ability to work with local Aboriginal communities to promote awareness of domestic violence and PWDVCAS services;
6. Excellent communication, computer and administrative skills. Ability to work as part of a team;
7. Flexibility on working days preferably Wednesday and Thursday;

Being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act.

A current Working with Children Check is a requirement of the position.

Total Remuneration: \$26,928.06 Salary \$24,591.84 plus 9.50% superannuation Level 4B Point 1, SCHCADS Award.

Further Information: For a detailed job description and other information visit www.macquarielegal.org.au or email recruitment@macquarielegal.org.au if you have any queries please call Oloa Savaiinaea on (02) 8833 0922

Applications: All applications must address the criteria shown above. Applications can be sent via email to recruitment@macquarielegal.org.au or by mail to the following address:

Send applications, address selection criteria and CVs to:

The Convenor PWDVCAS Selection Committee,
Western Sydney Community Legal Centre,
PO Box 23 Parramatta, NSW 2124

Closing date: Monday 13th February 2017 at 5pm

BIRRIGAN GARGLE LALC

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council (BGLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a career undertaking a role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the BGLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Craig Craigie, by email: craig.craigie@alc.org.au or on 0418 417 323

Applications can be forwarded to craig.craigie@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Craig Craigie
New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1912
Coffs Harbour, NSW, 2450

Applications close Friday 3rd March 2017

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



Come work for NCOSS

The NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS) is a peak body for the not-for-profit community sector in New South Wales. NCOSS provides independent and informed policy advice, and plays a key coordination and leadership role for the sector. We work on behalf of disadvantaged people and communities towards achieving social justice in NSW. In 2016, the Board of NCOSS adopted new strategic directions aimed at ensuring NCOSS is:

An influential voice: NCOSS is an influential voice for and with people experiencing poverty and inequality in NSW, and the community organisations that work with them

A Platform for Possibility: NCOSS is a place where people and organisations come together to create change, opportunity and knowledge for and with people experiencing poverty and inequality

Strong and Connected: NCOSS has a talented and cohesive team that is resourced to do its work; and connected and responsive to both our members and people experiencing poverty and inequality in NSW.

We are now looking for two experienced and enthusiastic team members to work as Administration and Events Assistant, who will provide administrative and events coordination support to NCOSS staff and Campaigner, who will lead the development and implementation of campaigns that move members and stakeholders to action in support of social policy and other objectives.

For more information about the positions including Position Descriptions and Essential Criteria go to NCOSS website.

Administration and Events Assistant:
<https://www.ncoss.org.au/jobs/2710>

Campaigner: <https://www.ncoss.org.au/jobs/2711>

Applications should include:

1. An up to date curriculum vitae
2. A statement addressing selection criteria above

Applications close 19 February 2017



Indigenous
Literacy
Foundation

EARLY LITERACY PROJECT MANAGER

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation is a not for profit charity whose charter is to raise literacy levels in remote Indigenous communities across Australia. We are seeking a passionate, qualified early literacy Project Manager for our national Book Buzz program which aims to provide a strong foundation and love of reading for families, babies and toddlers in remote communities. Initially for a twelve month period, this role is based in Sydney and involves travel to remote communities across Australia to establish, develop and evaluate the program. In addition, this role involves researching, sourcing and trialing of new resources for the program.

This is a unique opportunity for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professional to make a positive contribution to early literacy in remote Indigenous communities. The suitable candidate requires qualifications in early education and with a minimum of three years experience working in remote communities.

This position will commence as 3 days a week and extend to full time at the completion of six months.

Immediate appointment. For a full description please refer to the ILF website.

Email: info@ilf.org.au

All applications, with current references, must be received by February 17.

Indigenous Literacy Foundation, PO Box 663,
BROADWAY NSW 2007

www.indigenouliteracyfoundation.org.au



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Child and Family Health Nurse (Building Strong Foundations)

Tamworth Community Health Centre
Enquires: Sophie Scott (02) 6767 8148

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Closing Date:
Sunday 5 March 2017



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 373247

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Health
Southern NSW
Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Worker

Moruya
Salary: \$25.39 - 37.40 ph
Enquiries: Shirlena Ruten
0417 593 558

A05070

Closing Date:
18 February 2017



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 371157

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Australian Government
Australian Aged Care Quality Agency

Quality Surveyor and Senior Quality Surveyor APS 5 and 6 broadband Ongoing/non-ongoing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE PAGE 30

ILBIJERRI THEATRE COMPANY

ILBIJERRI is Australia's leading and longest running Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Theatre Company.

We are currently seeking 3 arts professionals to join our growing team based in North Melbourne, Victoria.

GENERAL MANAGER

A newly created role responsible for the internal and operational running of our busy international arts company.

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER (2 Positions)

Play a vital role in our producing team as we deliver our program of new work, touring, artist development and community engagement.

ILBIJERRI can provide some assistance towards relocation costs for interstate applicants.

For more information visit ilbijerri.com.au or call us on (03) 9329 9097

**Applications close 3pm,
Tuesday 28 February 2017**



ALS
Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- Leadership role
- Strong strategic focus
- Based in Redfern

For over 45 years, ALS has been providing culturally appropriate legal services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, women and children in NSW and ACT.

Today, we are an established Aboriginal controlled community organisation with 23 offices and 185 staff working in urban, rural and remote NSW and ACT towards improving justice outcomes for Aboriginal people in and outside the courtroom.

The CEO will lead the organisation through a dynamic organisational change process with an eye on new business opportunities while maximising frontline service delivery and outcomes in consultation with Aboriginal communities.

The successful applicant will have a strong track record in senior management roles including government and non-government sectors, with high performance in strategic planning, change management, political advocacy and campaigning, organisational governance and sound financial management. An ability to effectively communicate with a wide range of agencies, services, sectors and communities utilising advanced interpersonal, negotiation and advocacy skills is essential to the position.

With the support of the Board, the CEO will cement ALS as a preeminent, peak, not-for-profit organisation.

Prior involvement in the charity and community sector desirable.

A competitive remuneration package will be offered together with the support of a dedicated board and staff.

All enquiries to Jennifer Ledingham who will provide an information package including selection criteria.

Phone 02 8303 6699 or email
Jennifer.ledingham@alsnswact.org.au

Application closing date
midnight Wednesday 22 March 2017

This role is an Aboriginal identified position as authorised by s14d of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.



Two scholarships are now available from Palliative Care SA to support the attendance of South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care workers at the Australian Palliative Care Conference in Adelaide September 6-8th 2017.

The scholarships of \$2,000 each include conference registration with the balance available to support travel, accommodation or other attendance expenses. PCSA has offered these scholarships since 2013.

Scholarship applications can be lodged with Palliative Care South Australia by email, fax or post and must be received no later than **May 30th 2017**.

Visit www.pallcare.asn.au/news to download the application form and guidelines. Phone 8271 1643 for more information.

CHILD CARE EDUCATOR

2-3yr Room Leader (5 children)
Position from early March to 22nd December 2017
Part time 25 - 30 hrs per week Monday to Friday

Billi Lids Long Day Care Centre is a 29 place service located in Billinudgel in Byron Shire.

We are looking for an experienced Diploma (or a Certificate III with room leader experience) qualified Child Care Educator who is passionate, capable and has the ability to work independently.

To be considered for this position it is essential you have:

- A minimum 3yrs experience working within an early childhood service
- Diploma or Certificate III in Children's Services
- Current First Aid, WWC & Asthma/Anaphylaxis
- An aptitude for being proactive & acting on guidance/direction
- Ability to work within a team
- Excellent oral & written communication skills
- Experience in programing, planning & maintaining children's records
- The ability to undertake the physical requirements involved within an early childhood setting
- Flexibility & adaptability to meet the services changing needs

Please forward your resume with two recent references to:
billylidsldcc@bigpond.com

Applications close 20th February 2017



The Aboriginal Medical Service Redfern (AMS) was established in 1971 and was the first Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation in Australia. We are multi-disciplinary health care facility with Medical, Chronic Care, Drug and Alcohol, Mental Health, Dental and Public Health units. We are seeking to fill various full time positions within our service to help us continue to provide high levels of patient care whilst servicing our local community needs.

Currently the positions vacant include:

- Aboriginal Mental Health Worker
- Aboriginal Health Worker in our Drug & Alcohol Team
- Diabetes Nurse Educator (3days/week)

We can offer you attractive remuneration & benefits including great Salary Packaging options and an inner city location easily accessible by public transport.

For further information and to obtain a position description please contact Human Resources at the AMS via email at recruitment@amsredfern.org.au or on (02) 9319 5823.



**Police
& Justice**



General Administrative Support Officer

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- Hunter Valley Local Area Command, Muswellbrook/Scone/Singleton
- Clerk Grade 1/2
- Permanent Full-Time
- I Work for NSW Requisition No.000051IL

Salary Package: \$72,164. **Salary:** \$60,154 - \$65,396. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The General Administrative Support Officer provides the delivery of efficient and effective general administration, clerical support, and receptionist services with a focus on quality services to commands/business units.

Job Notes:

- Applicants **must** satisfy the Aboriginality criteria listed in the advertisement.
- Applicants **must** hold a current driver's licence with no traffic offences recorded on their driving history within the last six (6) months.
- An information session for this position will be held at Muswellbrook Police Station, 26 William Street, Muswellbrook on Friday 17 February 2017 at pm. If you wish to attend the Information session, please email the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit at hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au or contact **Georgina Munro** on (02) 8835 6257.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with Flexible Rostering Guidelines. The position will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours on weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.
- It is a requirement to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed. The successful applicant will also be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- For assistance in completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check, Security Clearance or Information Sessions, please contact the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257 or via email hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications Close:
Sunday 26 February 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Rebecca Hinze on (02) 6542 6904.



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 000051IL

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WATER NSW

UPPER WOLLOMBI BROOK WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **STEPHEN LYLE GARDNER AND JANELLE FAY CRANE** for a 100 mm centrifugal pump on Lot 2 DP 1048394 for the purpose

of irrigation. (A09330)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW PO Box 2213 Dangar NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. Any queries please call 02 4904 2511, Heather Dewson, Water Regulation Officer. A04958

WATER NSW

MACQUARIE AND CUDGEGONG REGULATED RIVERS WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **ADAM LINDLEY AND ADELAINE LINDLEY** for one 50 mm centrifugal pump on the Cudgegong River on Lot 7001 DP 1032533, Parish of Biraganbil, County of Wellington for domestic and stock purposes (Ref: A009376).

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A04961

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of NSW

Notification day: 22 February 2017

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney, NSW, 2000 on or before **22 May 2017**. After **22 May 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: Gumbayngirr People #3

Federal Court File No: NSD1350/2016

Date filed: 15 August 2016

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: Application cover, Lots 554 to 559 in DP107228, about 1.47 sq km 2 km South of Nambucca Heads, between Nambucca River and Warrell Creek.

Relevant LGA: Nambucca Shire Council.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Dianne Drake on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL under section 92 of the *Water Management Act 2000* has been received from **MICHAEL CHARLES WILCOX** for 2 Groundwater Excavations, on Lot 42 DP 1212345 Parish Corindi, County Fitzroy for water supply for irrigation purposes. (A009416)

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any inquiries should be directed to (02) 6641 6500, Senior Water Regulation Officer, John Findlay.

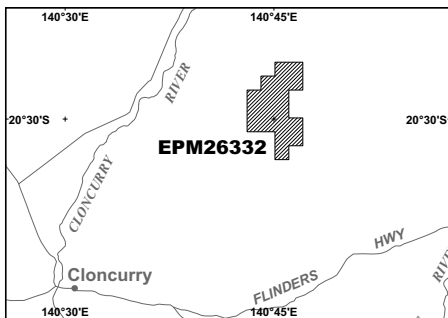
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

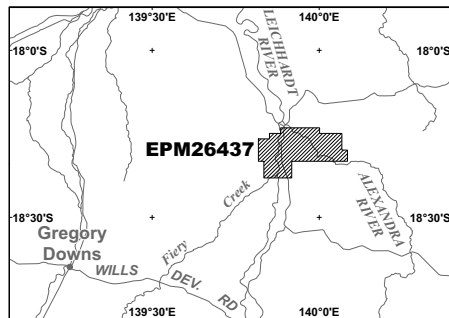
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 the Exploration Permits for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

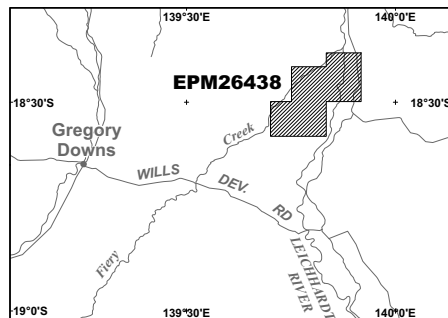
Exploration Permit 26332 sought by Index Pty Ltd, ACN 010 645 851, over an area of 18 sub-blocks (58 km²), centred approximately 35 km North East of Cloncurry, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



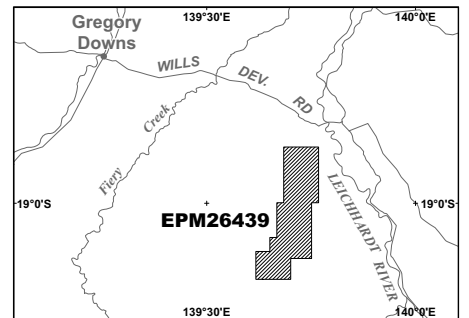
Exploration Permit 26437 sought by Newcrest Operations Limited, ACN 009 221 505, over an area of 97 sub-blocks (315 km²), centred approximately 82 km North East of Gregory Downs, in the localities of the Burke Shire Council and Carpentaria Shire Council.



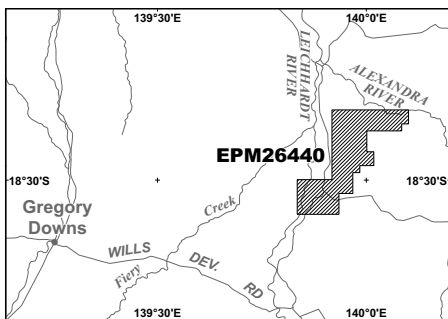
Exploration Permit 26438 sought by Newcrest Operations Limited, ACN 009 221 505, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (325 km²), centred approximately 60 km East North East of Gregory Downs, in the localities of the Burke Shire Council and Carpentaria Shire Council.



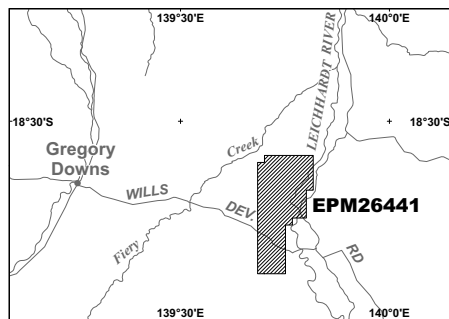
Exploration Permit 26439 sought by Newcrest Operations Limited, ACN 009 221 505, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (325 km²), centred approximately 65 km South East of Gregory Downs, in the locality of the Burke Shire Council.



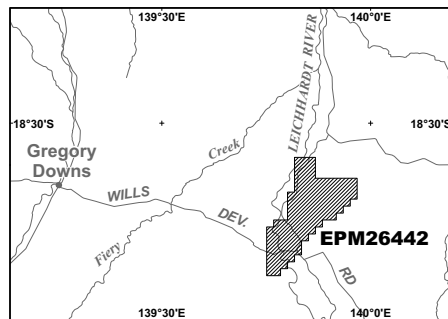
Exploration Permit 26440 sought by Newcrest Operations Limited, ACN 009 221 505, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (325 km²), centred approximately 77 km East North East of Gregory Downs, in the localities of the Burke Shire Council and Carpentaria Shire Council.



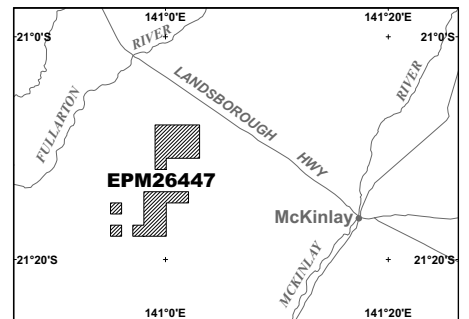
Exploration Permit 26441 sought by Newcrest Operations Limited, ACN 009 221 505, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (325 km²), centred approximately 52 km East of Gregory Downs, in the localities of the Burke Shire Council and Carpentaria Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26442 sought by Newcrest Operations Limited, ACN 009 221 505, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (325 km²), centred approximately 62 km East of Gregory Downs, in the localities of the Burke Shire Council and Carpentaria Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26447 sought by Sandfire Resources NL, ACN 105 154 185, over an area of 26 sub-blocks (83 km²), centred approximately 30 km West of McKinlay, in the locality of the McKinlay 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 Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an 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.

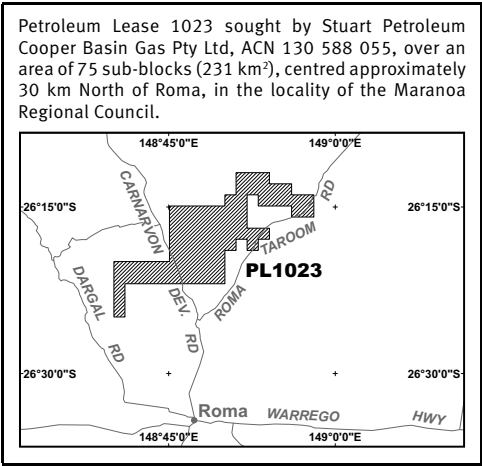
Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Level 4, 1 William Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3199 8082, nativetitleservices@dnrm.qld.gov.au.

Notification Day: 1 March 2017



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 Lease 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.

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: 22 February 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	08/2883	ARMSTRONG, Charles Kenneth	54BL	163km E'ly of Coral Bay	Lat: 23° 32' S Long: 115° 18' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2885	COCCINELLA PTY LTD	39BL	62km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 1' S Long: 117° 6' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2886	COCCINELLA PTY LTD	13BL	47km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 6' S Long: 117° 14' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2661-I	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	200BL	163km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 58' S Long: 123° 21' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	31/1142	XACT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	17BL	107km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 29° 59' S Long: 122° 9' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1143	XACT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	15BL	95km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 8' S Long: 122° 9' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1146	APP GEM MINING PTY LTD	3BL	87km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 33' S Long: 121° 55' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1232	CONNECTED IO LIMITED	34BL	61km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 44' S Long: 121° 16' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1299	MUSKETT, Raymond	23BL	40km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 44' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1301	WOODTHORPE, Kevin				
Exploration Licence	37/1301	MAJEKA MINERALS PTY LTD	15BL	89km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 35' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3204	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	15BL	35km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 122° 33' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1854	HERON RESOURCES LIMITED	48BL	65km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 23' S Long: 121° 47' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/362	WILDVIPER PTY LTD	50BL	33km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 121° 34' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3578	TOPDRILL PTY LTD	51BL	29km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 1' S Long: 117° 28' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1767	TALISMAN MINING LTD	14BL	94km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 54' S Long: 119° 2' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1799	GOLDEN LIFE NATURE PRODUCTS (WA) PTY LTD	30BL	136km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 46' S Long: 119° 30' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3480-I	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	8BL	149km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 33' S Long: 119° 53' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3481	GALAHAD RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	171km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 22' S Long: 119° 47' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2197	BACOME PTY LTD	15BL	68km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 116° 58' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2220	CARNEGIE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	16BL	126km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 27° 15' S Long: 116° 19' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4928	SHENTON RESOURCES LIMITED	78BL	7km E'ly of Moora	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 116° 2' E	MOORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4932	IMAGE RESOURCES NL	12BL	50km SW'ly of Moora	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 115° 36' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/612	COMET RESOURCES LTD	35BL	46km SW'ly of Munglinup	Lat: 33° 52' S Long: 120° 24' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4963	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	47BL	48km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 31' S Long: 127° 20' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5059	NATURALISTE HOLDINGS PTY LTD	16BL	24km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 24' S Long: 127° 48' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6124	WATERLAND, Jason	187.37HA	6km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 7' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3032	KUNDANA GOLD PTY LIMITED	180.06HA	31km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 121° 9' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	21/750	SANDER, Thomas Peter	147.30HA	2km S'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 26' S Long: 117° 53' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5171-S	MORGAN, Glyn Thomas	9.79HA	60km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 121° 3' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5172-S	MORGAN, Glyn Thomas	9.64HA	65km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 121° 0' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5173-S	MORGAN, Glyn Thomas	9.81HA	66km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 120° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5174-S	MORGAN, Glyn Thomas	10.00HA	68km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 120° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2421	LEFROY EXPLORATION LIMITED	11.57HA	34km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 122° 0' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2283-6	MINEX (AUST) PTY LTD	610.62HA	48km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 121° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1314	SAGGERS, David Malcolm	184.79HA	80km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 122° 15' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence		TURNER, Christopher Wayne				
Prospecting Licence	28/1316	SAGGERS, David Malcolm	159.05HA	75km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 122° 12' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence		TURNER, Christopher Wayne				
Prospecting Licence	29/2390-S	CHASSAING, Henri Vincent Andre	9.84HA	44km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 3' S Long: 121° 10' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2408	LARCA PTY LTD	177.64HA	3km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 121° 4' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2410	CHASSAING, Henri Vincent Andre	9.87HA	44km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 121° 10' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8836	MASON, Barbara June	15.16HA	23km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8837	DIVITINI, Clinton John	123.92HA	22km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 32' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8838-40	ALLAN, Peter Gerard	311.60HA	39km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 121° 6' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8842	MAURITZ, Leon Kurt	37.04HA	45km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 30' S Long: 121° 9' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8843	MAURITZ, Leon Kurt	51.60HA	62km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 21' S Long: 121° 6' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8844-S	TRUMPER, Victor Thomas	4.67HA	48km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 13' S Long: 121° 2' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8869	CREW, Ross Frederick	117.48HA	32km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 121° 4' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4316	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	23.83HA	18km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4332-7	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	1028.36HA	64km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 46' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4338-9	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	279.20HA	63km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 45' S Long: 122° 18' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4343	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	138.81HA	38km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 122° 33' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4344	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	27.90HA	37km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 122° 34' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4345	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	25.98HA	33km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 122° 32' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4357-63 & 38/4365-71	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	2612.85HA	72km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 45' S Long: 122° 12' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4372	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	157.31HA	73km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 122° 13' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4373-4 & 38/4376	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	570.78HA	52km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 9' S Long: 122° 18' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4375	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	70.53HA	45km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 13' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1425	WILTSHIRE, Peter Andrew	9.87HA	41km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 121° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1831	SLATER, Graham John	184.98HA	47km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 23' S Long: 119° 21' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3008-S	PITTARD, Robert Ian	9.73HA	80km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 58' S Long: 118° 55' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		BOZANICH, Anthony				
Prospecting Licence	51/3009	LEVISSIANOS, Angelo Michael	54.88HA	16km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 26' S Long: 118° 28' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4325-6	FORTUNA SL MINING PTY LTD	338.09HA	84km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 15' S Long: 119° 42' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4401	SPENCER, Christopher John	9.68HA	19km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 119° 1' 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 Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 8 February 2017

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 8 May 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. 8 June 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
15/1465	YANDAN GOLD MINES PTY LTD	499606	34.60HA	15km N'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 20' S Long: 121° 34' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
20/616	CUE MINERALS PTY LTD	498603	23.71HA	29km E'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 24' S Long: 118° 8' E	CUE SHIRE
20/629	CUE MINERALS PTY LTD	498604	1.98HA	30km E'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 22' S Long: 118° 8' E	CUE SHIRE
20/630	PETERSONS, George Juris	498605	45.18HA	24km E'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 26' S Long: 118° 7' E	CUE SHIRE
20/659	SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED	498606	23.74HA	29km E'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 23' S Long: 118° 9' E	CUE SHIRE
36/609	AGNEW GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	498704	52.05HA	30km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 5' S Long: 120° 26' E	LEONORA SHIRE
36/629	AGNEW GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	497340	15.30HA	34km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 54' S Long: 121° 2' E	LEONORA SHIRE
36/836	SARACEN METALS PTY LIMITED AGNEW GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	498703	23.79HA	24km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 120° 27' E	LEONORA SHIRE
38/2587-I	CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN RARE EARTHS PTY LTD	498340	212.28HA	29km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 122° 34' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2887	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	497621	174.78HA	12km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 122° 28' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2925	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	497622	23.50HA	14km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 122° 29' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3100	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	498895	49.96HA	14km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 122° 19' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
39/1697	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	498282	21.61HA	71km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 122° 17' E	LEONORA SHIRE
52/2880	SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL	498925	156.05HA	79km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 52' S Long: 118° 32' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
53/1398	ERIKSSON, Arne Olavi WARREN, Phillip Winton	499041	37.67HA	95km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 50' S Long: 119° 24' E	WILUNA SHIRE
77/2225-I	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	491974	20.76HA	54km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 120° 2' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.
Notification day: 8 February 2017
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 **8 May 2017**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.
Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 8 June 2017**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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Notice of applications for
determination of native title
in the state of Queensland



National
Native Title
Tribunal

Notification day: 22 February 2017

These are applications by native title claim groups which are asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003 on or before **22 May 2017**. After **22 May 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: Jeanette Singleton & Ors on behalf of the Yirrganydji (Irukandji) People #2 and State of Queensland
Federal Court File No: QUD337/2015
Date filed: 12 May 2015
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.
Description: The application area covers about 148 sq km and is located in 2 parts. An area of land surrounding Port Douglas and parcels of land surrounding Cairns extending from Yorkeys Knob to Edmonton.
Relevant LGA: Cairns Regional Council and Douglas Shire Council.



Application name: Tyrone Cannon & Ors on behalf of the Cairns Regional Claim Group and State of Queensland
Federal Court File No: QUD692/2016
Date filed: 2 September 2016
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.
Description: The application area covers about 1,220 sq km north and west of Cairns extending from Yorkeys Knob to Craiglie and west to Mareeba.
Relevant LGA: Cairns Regional Council, Douglas Shire Council and Mareeba Shire Council.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Maree Otto on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd ('QSNTS') invites the descendants of the following ancestors ('the Proposed Native Title Claim Group') to attend a meeting to **authorise a native title determination application (the Authorisation Meeting)**:

- Janie/Janey Billie/Billy (mother of Harry Thompson and Daisy Moreton (nee Thompson);
- Billy Turner (father of Amy Turner);
- Jackey Harvey (father of Emily Harvey the social mother of Robert Anderson Snr);
- Thomas Duggandan/Anderson (social father of Robert Anderson Snr);
- Topsy of Ipswich (mother of Jimmy Edwards Jnr);
- Ted Myer/Meyers/Myers (father of Elsie Richards);
- Molly Myers (nee Crow) (mother of Elsie Richards).

The date, time and location for the **Authorisation Meeting** is as follows:

Date: Saturday, 11 March 2017

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm (registration commencing at 8:30am)

Venue: Ipswich Civic Centre [Auditorium], Cnr Limestone & Nicholas Streets, Ipswich

The Purpose of the **Authorisation Meeting** is to:

1. Authorise the making of a native title determination application ('the Proposed Application') on behalf of the Proposed Native Title Claim Group:
 - (a) over land and waters within the **combined area labelled "Area A" and "Area B"** (depicted in the indicative map). The area generally extends in the north to the North Pine River, Coominya, and Brisbane River, south to the Queensland/NSW border, in the east along the boundary of the Lower Brisbane River, Upper and Lower Teviot Brook catchments, in the west, the boundary of the Bremer River and part of Lockyer Creek Catchments to west of Helidon and includes Brisbane, Ipswich Laidley and Boonah; or
 - (b) Alternatively, over lands and waters within the **area labelled "Area A"** (depicted in the indicative map). The area generally extends in the north to Coominya, Brisbane River and Inala, south to the Queensland/NSW border, in the east along the boundary of the Lower Brisbane River, Upper and Lower Teviot Brook catchments, in the west, the boundary of the Bremer River and part of Lockyer Creek Catchments to west of Helidon and includes, Ipswich Laidley and Boonah.
2. Authorise the Applicant to make the Proposed Application and deal with all matters arising in relation to it under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*;
3. Make decisions about directing and supervising the Applicant in performance of their duty;
4. Authorising the native title rights and interest to be claimed under the Proposed Application;
5. Deciding on a name for the Proposed Application.

INFORMATION SESSION

To assist members of the Proposed Native Title Claim Group to prepare for the Authorisation Meeting and to make informed decisions at the Authorisation Meeting, an information session will be held as follows:

Date: Sunday, 26 February 2017

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm (registration commencing at 9:30am)

Venue: Ipswich Civic Centre [Cunningham Room]
Cnr Limestone & Nicholas Streets, Ipswich

All members of the Proposed Native Title Claim Group are invited to contact QSNTS's Client Relations Unit on free call 1800 663 693 to register their attendance at the Information Session and/or Authorisation Meeting.



QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport or accommodation to or from the Information Session or Authorisation Meeting. However, lunch and refreshments will be provided to participants on the day.



Fans turned away from women’s AFL game



THE Australian Football League (AFL) is set to change venues for the new women’s competition after a capacity crowd left fans locked out of Carlton’s win over Collingwood. A remarkable 24,500 fans packed out Princes Park on Friday night as the Blues powered to a 7.4 (46) to 1.5 (11) victory in the competition’s first game. The AFL had been expecting about 12,000 punters to take advantage of free admission, with the game already having been moved from Collingwood’s smaller base at Olympic Park. The crowd far exceeded expectations with up to 2000 fans locked out midway through the first quarter, prompting a public apology from AFL chief executive Gillon McLachlan. Collingwood are scheduled to host another three games at 7000-capacity Olympic Park during the season, including a clash against Melbourne next Saturday night. But AFL game development manager Simon Lethlean says the

league will consider shifting that game to Princes Park as part of a double-header after Carlton’s clash with Greater Western Sydney. “We don’t want to have a game at Olympic Park if it’s going to be locking people out and unsafe so we’ll have a look at that,” Lethlean said. “Collingwood were quite relaxed about this game. They’re quite relaxed about next week. It’s not about a home environment for them – if they can get 15,000 people, they’ll want to, so they’ll do whatever we suggest is best.” The league couldn’t have scheduled a bigger match to launch the competition, with the Blues and Magpies boasting strong fan bases and a healthy rivalry built over more than a century. But few had expected to see Carlton’s traditional base rocking in a way that resembled its VFL heyday in the 1980s. “You looked at that game – it was like old-school Princes Park back in the 1980s, the crowd that was there,” Lethlean said. “It’s a pretty phenomenal success for women’s sport.” – AAP

Short in PM’s XI



D’ARCY Short has been named in the Prime Minister’s cricket XI to clash with Sri Lanka in a Twenty/20 game in Canberra. Michael Clarke will make his top-level coaching debut in the game at Manuka Oval on February 15. The squad also includes recently axed Australian batsmen Adam Voges, Joe Burns and George Bailey. James Pattinson will also continue his return to cricket, as will Daniel Worrall who has also been injured recently. However all eyes will be on

Clarke, who hasn’t been involved in anything other than park cricket since his retirement in 2015, but has since branched into his own coaching academy. Short has had a big season in Sheffield Shield cricket for Western Australia and in the Big Bash League with the Hobart Hurricanes. The match is Sri Lanka’s only warm-up fixture ahead of the three-game T20 series against Australia. PM’s XI: Adam Voges (capt), George Bailey, Joe Burns, Alex Carey, Arjun Nair, James Pattinson, Will Pucovski, Jason Sangha, D’Arcy Short, Henry Thornton, Daniel Worrall, Matthew Gilkes (12th man).



D’Arcy Short bowls for Western Australia against South Australia at Gliderol Stadium, Glenelg, last week. Western Australia won by seven runs. Short scored 18 runs in WA’s first innings and 17 in the second innings and finished with the bowling figures 0-1 and 1-13. Picture: Peter Argent



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	15/1832	EVOLUTION MINING (PHOENIX) PTY LTD	606.68HA	24km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 121° 8' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	15/1833	HBJ MINERALS PTY LTD	230.13HA	7km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 13' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	16/553	HAYES MINING PTY LTD	212.92HA	28km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	28/377	SHANNON RESOURCES PTY LTD	537.12HA	75km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 122° 11' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	45/1259	DAKOTA MINERALS LIMITED	899.11HA	86km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 1' S Long: 118° 55' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	47/1518-1	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	691.57HA	32km N'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 4' S Long: 119° 38' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	51/880	HODDER, David Kenneth	9.27HA	24km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 47' S Long: 118° 36' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Mining Lease	57/637	SIXMEZ PTY LTD	378.26HA	12km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 5' S Long: 119° 20' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 8 February 2017

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 **8 May 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. 8 June 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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PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMIT

SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Exploration Permit application applied for under section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* .

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0142	CARNARVON PETROLEUM LIMITED (ABN: 60 002 688 851)	478.3 km²	Shire of Ashburton (95.6%) City of Karratha (4.4%)

LOCALITY

The application is located in the Canning Basin and occupies a total of 6 blocks of the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SF50 (Hamersley Range). The application is entirely within the State Waters but also includes, in the eastern part of the application, four named islands: False Island (block SF50-6170), Little Rock Island, North Island and Middle Mangrove Island (block SF50-6241) and five smaller and unnamed islands. The total area of all the islands is approximately 3 km². The south-west corner of the application is located approximately 15.5 kilometres north of Onslow and approximately 7.5 kilometres south-east from Thevenard Island. The north-west corner of the application is situated approximately 4 kilometres directly south of Large Island and 7.5 kilometres north-west of Weld Island. The application commences at a point 115°20'4.66"E, 21°19'55.30"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°30'4.67"E, 21°19'55.28"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°30'4.67"E, 21°24'55.28"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°25'4.67"E, 21°24'55.29"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°25'4.67"E, 21°29'55.30"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°5'4.67"E, 21°29'55.34"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°5'4.66"E, 21°24'55.34"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°20'4.66"E, 21°24'55.30"S, and finally north along meridian to the starting point of 115°20'4.66"E, 21°19'55.30"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)

Nature Of The Act: Grant of petroleum exploration permit, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further two 5 year terms.

Notification Day: 8 February 2017

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **8 May 2017**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. The Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of 4 months after the notification day **8 June 2017**, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, or GPO Box 9973, Perth WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM SPECIAL PROSPECTING AUTHORITY

SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Special Prospecting Authority application applied for under section 105 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* .

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-SPA-0077	FINDER ONSHORE NO 1 PTY LTD (ABN: 67 615 319 876)	2100.44 km²	Broome Shire – 1481.37 km² Derby-West Kimberley Shire – 619.07 km²

LOCALITY

The application is located in the Canning Basin. The application occupies a total of 26 5'x5' blocks which are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SE51 (Broome). The application is covered by the Great Sandy Desert. The north-west corner of the application is located approximately 154 kilometres south-east of the township of Broome and the north-east corner being approximately 211 kilometres west-south-west of the township of Fitzroy Crossing. The application commences at a point 123°10'4.60"E, 18°59'55.01"S, thence east along parallel to a point 123°35'4.61"E, 18°59'54.98"S, thence south along meridian to a point 123°35'4.62"E, 19°4'54.97"S, thence west along parallel to a point 123°30'4.63"E, 19°4'54.97"S, thence south along meridian to a point 123°30'4.63"E, 19°9'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 123°50'4.62"E, 19°9'54.98"S, thence south along meridian to a point 123°50'4.63"E, 19°19'54.98"S, thence west along parallel to a point 123°40'4.63"E, 19°19'54.99"S, thence south along meridian to a point 123°40'4.64"E, 19°24'54.99"S, thence west along parallel to a point 123°35'4.64"E, 19°24'54.99"S, thence north along meridian to a point 123°35'4.63"E, 19°19'54.99"S, thence west along parallel to a point 123°10'4.63"E, 19°19'55.01"S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 123°10'4.60"E, 18°59'55.01"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)

Nature Of The Act: A Petroleum Special Prospecting Authority, while it remains in force, authorises the holder, subject to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* and in accordance with the conditions to which the Special Prospecting Authority is subject, to carry on in the blocks specified in the Special Prospecting Authority the petroleum exploration operations being; A desktop study will be undertaken in Perth, with no access to land required to complete this activity. A Special Prospecting Authority comes into force on the day the survey commences and unless surrendered or cancelled, remains in force for such period, not exceeding 6 months, as is so specified.

Notification Day: 8 February 2017

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **8 May 2017**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. The Special Prospecting Authority may be granted unless, within a period of 4 months after the notification day **8 June 2017**, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, or GPO Box 9973, Perth WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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Aiming for Australian title

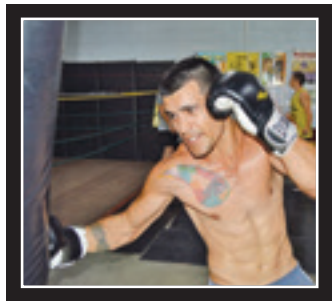
ALF WILSON



KAOS is the apt name of north Queensland Aboriginal boxer Kolby Johnston (pictured), and his trainer Gonz Hooper, from Flatenem Club, has no doubt he is headed for big things.

Johnston, who turned 26 on February 1, lives in Townsville after leaving his home town of Mount Isa at the beginning of 2014 to start his professional boxing career under Hooper.

"Kolby comes from a family with boxing in their blood. His grandfather Don 'Bronco' Johnston was a great drawcard down south in the 1950s and 1960s, winning an Australian middleweight title,"



Hooper said.

"His dad Glenn had about 1200 tent fights and Kolby as a kid had about 300-400 with the Fred Brophy troupe.

Glenn Johnson was known by his tent ring name of the 'Friendly Mauler'.

"Kolby Johnston also had around 30 amateur fights, winning about half."

But it has been since turning professional that

Johnston has realised his true potential.

"Kolby had five pro fights in his first year, winning all, including a knockout victory in the fifth fight to win the Queensland super welterweight title over Tommy Tzurumi," Hooper said.

"Kolby suffered his only professional blemish in a fight with Melbourne's Ben Capps when a very premature stoppage by the referee was called, even though Kolby was in no trouble.

"Capps has been offered a rematch to settle the score but so far has refused."

Hooper said Johnston was going places.

"Hopefully, this year he will get to the Australian title. That is a stepping stone to bigger and better things," he said.



● ABOVE: Survival 9s tournament co-presidents Troy Dargan, left, and Ronald Jones present Michael Lett with his player of the tournament trophies.

Pictures: TDA images
● RIGHT: Harley Grundy and Jade Anderson deliver desperation defence against Muloombimba's Trent Shelton.



PUBLIC NOTICE

NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd ('QSNTS') invites the descendants of the following ancestors ('the Proposed Native Title Claim Group'):

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| • Beeswing and his daughter Lucy Long | • Harry Denham | • Phoebe Munday |
| • Kitty, mother of Charles, Jack and Alice Dennison | • Maude Dixon / Hill | • William Hilbert Saunders |
| • Kitty [Dunn] | • Billy Edwards | • Lennie Jane Smith / Rodwell |
| • Mary Ann mother of William Arnold | • Jonathan Flick and Mary Ann | • William Trapman / Troutman |
| • Mary Ann and Murray parents of George and Ada Murray | • Charlie Hippi | • Whalen Johnny |
| • Reuben Bartman | • Eliza Kirk | • William (Billy) Wightman |
| • George Bennett and Mary Moodie | • Walter / William Marley | • Sarah Witon aka Witson / Wilson / Murphy |
| • Charles Cubby and Lucy Ann | • James McGowan father of Aggie, Annie and Kate McGowan | • Eliza Weatherall |
| | • Mary McGrady | |

to attend a **Native Title Authorisation Meeting** at the time, date and venue below:

Date: Sunday, 5 March 2017

Time: 9:00am registration for 10:00am start

Venue: Goondiwindi Waggamba Community Cultural Centre (GWCCC)
Cnr Russell & Short Streets, Goondiwindi QLD 4390



As a result of a request received from those who attended a Gamilaraay information session at Toowoomba on 27 August 2016, QSNTS is convening a native title Authorisation Meeting. The **Purpose of the Native Title Authorisation Meeting** ('Authorisation Meeting') is to authorise a Native Title Determination Application ('the Proposed Application') relating to the recognition of the Proposed Native Title Claim Group's native title rights and interests over lands and waters in South West Queensland (depicted in the map). The area is located north of the NSW/Queensland border, extending in the east to Lalaguli and in the north to Nindigully on the Moonie River. The area then extends west to meet Yuwaalaraay country between the Moonie and the Narran Rivers to the Bririe, a tributary of The Big Warrambool River, and includes the towns of Thallon, Dareel and Talwood. The preceding description and map are indicative only and the precise boundary of the claim will be provided at the Authorisation Meeting.

The Proposed Native Title Claim Group at the Authorisation Meeting will decide whether to **authorise**:

1. The making of the Proposed Application;
2. An Applicant to make the Proposed Application and deal with matters arising in relation to it under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth);
3. The role of the Applicant and the extent of its authority;
4. A boundary description for the Proposed Application;
5. A description of the native title rights and interests to be claimed under the Proposed Application; and
6. A title for the Proposed Application.

INFORMATION SESSION

To assist members of the Proposed Native Title Claim Group to prepare for the Authorisation Meeting and to make informed decisions at the Authorisation Meeting, an information session will be held on the day before the Authorisation Meeting, as follows:

Date: Saturday, 4 March 2017

Time: Doors open 10:00am for 10:30am start

Venue: Goondiwindi Waggamba Community Cultural Centre (GWCCC)
Cnr Russell & Short Streets, Goondiwindi QLD 4390

All members of the Proposed Native Title Claim Group are invited to contact the QSNTS Client Relations Unit on free call 1800 663 693 to register their intention to be present at the Information Session and/or Authorisation Meeting.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport or accommodation to or from the Information Session or Authorisation meeting. However, lunch and refreshments will be provided to participants on the day.



Survival league 9s to be held every year



THE Peter Lett Memorial team emerged victors of the inaugural Combined Countries Survival 9s rugby league tournament at Campbelltown on January 27.

The Blacktown Western Warriors were the runners-up, with Nanima Common Connection finishing third.

Michael Lett was chosen as the player of the tournament

Tournament co-director Troy Dargan said it was a great day.

"There was some great football on show throughout the day," he said.

"The Elders were looked after by our friendly volunteers and it was a positive day where families, community and unity were the main focus points.

"We are looking forward to a bigger and better Survival 9s in 2018."

Teams involved included Combined Countries, Cultural Brothers, Queanbeyan-Canberra United, Peter Lett Memorial, Nanima Common Connection, Muloombimba Kangaroos, Blacktown Western Warriors, La Perouse Bommers, Illawarra Titans and Western Sydney United.

The tournament was sanctioned by the NSW Rugby League.

Teams were limited to 14 players and games were played in two nine-minute halves.

Former NRL player Rod Silva later chose the carnival team that was to contest the Cabramatta International 9s on January 28:

1 Dwayne Connors (Queanbeyan Canberra United), 2 Ben Baker (Combined Countries), 3 Maurice Longbottom (La Perouse Bommers), 4 Tony Pellow (Peter Lett Memorial), 5 Adam Williams (La Perouse Bommers), 6 Jordan Terare (Western Sydney United), 7 Cleveland McGhie (Illawarra Titans), 8 Bowen Ryan (Nanima Common Connection), 9 Brody Rigg (Illawarra Titans), 10 Shannon Thorne (Peter Lett Memorial), 11 Trent Shelton (Muloombimba Kangaroos), 12 Luke Young (Blacktown Western Warriors), 13 Guy Thompson (Combined Countries), 14 Michael Wade, 15 Kendell Fahey (Nanima Common Connection).

Kedeisha a match winner

By PETER ARGENT



KEDEISHA Kartinyeri produced a match-winning 27-point performance as the Murray Bridge Bullets won the 2017 South Australian Country Basketball Championships women's title at the Wayville Basketball Area on Sunday, January 29.

Teenager Kartinyeri was one of the four Indigenous girls in the Bullets outfit, alongside player-coach Candice Love, forward Kalarie Jenner and fellow guard Jasmine Trevorrow.

"It was our first victory at A-grade country champs for more than 20 years," Love said.

"Kedesiha and I played ABA 'hoops' for the Eastern Mavericks as well.

"We had not played or trained together before the tournament, but I was confident we had a competitive group.

"We came out strong in the final, were dominant all over the court and stuck to our game plan.

"The semifinal was a tougher match with the heat – 38 degrees – and we had to defend our lead."

The Bullets were undefeated during the five games across the weekend of the annual statewide championships, defeating Strathalbyn in a one-sided final 61-41.

The team's toughest match was in the semifinal, when they edged out Whyalla 46-43.

Kartinyeri, still just 18, is diminutive, but quick and a creative guard, collecting the Paul Rees

trophy as the Most Valuable Player for the women's final for her tournament high 27-point effort in the decider.

The pocket rocket was also impressive in the opening game against Mount Gambier on Saturday with a 15-point game, and against Great Southern in round three where she reached double figures again, scoring 13 points.

Love and Trevorrow also were excellent performers in the Bullets.

Love, a senior member, was very productive offensively, finishing with average of 11.4 points per game over the five-match tournament. Her best effort was a 17-point return in the clash against Whyalla.

She also produced double-figure efforts against Strathalbyn (B) (12 points) and Great Southern (14 points) on Saturday.

Trevorrow's best effort was in the final against Strathalbyn where she scored six points.

Jenner, who returned to the game after an 18 month lay-off due to motherhood, produced her best performance in the opening game against Mount Gambier.

Kedeisha is the daughter of star country footballer Mervyn Kartinyeri, who also played SANFL football for Double Blues between 1998 and 2000.

At Sturt, he played 31 senior games, kicking 23 goals, being noted for his superior pace and amazing goal sense.

In country football, he won three River Murray Football League Mail Medals in 1997, 2004 and 2005 with the Tailem Bend Eagles, and has a rich extended family history at the club.



● LEFT: Murray Bridge Bullets Indigenous girls Kedeisha Kartinyeri, Jasmine Trevorrow and Candice Love played a big part in the Murray Bridge Bullets winning the 2017 South Australian Country Basketball Championships 61-41 in a one-sided final against Strathalbyn.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Notification day: 15 February 2017



National Native Title Tribunal



QI2017/002 Jemena Northern Gas Pipeline Project ILUA
State of Queensland

Description of the agreement area:

Agreement covers about 175 sq km in the vicinity of Yaringa Creek about 20 km west of Mount Isa.

Relevant LGA: Mount Isa City Council

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

4.1 To the extent that any or all of the Relevant Acts constitute or amount to a future act, each of the Parties consent to the doing of any or all of those Relevant Acts and agree not to challenge the validity of the Relevant Acts at any time in the future.

4.2 The right to negotiate provisions of Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act are not intended to apply to the doing of any or all of the Relevant Acts.

"Relevant Acts" means, without limitation, any or all of the following acts for the purposes of the Project in respect of the ILUA Area: (a) the Grant of the Authorisations; (b) the Grant of the Access Tenure; (c) the conduct of the Activities and the Project; and (d) any and all acts necessary or incidental to the Relevant Acts or to the implementation of the Project provided that such acts have no greater effect on Native Title than any of the acts done in accordance with paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).

"Access Tenure" [any right, title or interest (including a temporary licence) or any other interests (e.g. a lease or easement) in land Granted to the Company in the ILUA Area for the Project].

"Activities" means activities relating to the undertaking of the Project.

"Authorisations" [any authorisation, declaration, agreement, certificate, authority, permit, consent, approval, resolution, licence, exemption, permission, recording, filing, registration, notarisation or waiver required by any Authority or any Applicable Law].

"Project" [the planning, construction, commissioning, operation, maintenance, decommissioning and rehabilitation of a buried high pressure gas pipeline (as that term is defined in the Petroleum and Gas Act) from the Amadeus Gas Pipeline near Tennant Creek (in the Northern Territory) to the Carpentaria Gas Pipeline near Mount Isa (in Queensland) along with associated above and below ground facilities at various locations including: temporary construction camps and support facilities, lay-down and storage areas, communication and power systems, marker signs, temporary or permanent access tracks, roads for the construction, maintenance and inspection of the pipeline including to transport materials and other goods/equipment/personnel and all associated infrastructure, apparatus and equipment necessary to support/protect such roads, extractive mineral borrow pits, cathodic protection facilities and anode sites, pumps, valves, valve stations and access valve sites, temporary and permanent water bores or other water collection facilities, fuel tank storage, waste storage and generator sets for electricity generation and anything incidental to or associated with any of these purposes].

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

David Riley, Mavis Sarmardin, Wayne Age and Thelma Wilde on their own behalf and on behalf of the Bularnu, Waluwarra and Wangkayujuru People [and] William Blackley, Donna Cunningham, Patrick Donovan and Virginia Mayo on their own behalf and on behalf of the Kalkadoon People (the Bularnu, Waluwarra and Wangkayujuru People and the Kalkadoon People together comprising the Native Title Group)
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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 Ltd, 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, Brisbane, QLD, 4001 by 15 May 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.



Kedeisha Kartinyeri produced a match-winning 27-point effort in the South Australian Basketball Country Championship final.

Shared country | shared future

Teams perform well at Goldfield Ashes

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL sides West Indigies and Black Bream performed strongly at the Goldfield Ashes Cricket carnival at Charters Towers, in

North Queensland.

Held on 70 fields around Charters Towers and surrounds from January 20-22, the 69th Ashes had 230 teams in four men's divisions and a women's grade.

There were seven teams in A-1 grade, 26 in B-1, 134 in B-2, 51 in men's social division and 12 in the women's competition.

Now regarded as the biggest cricket carnival in the southern hemisphere and perhaps the world, about 2760 cricketers competed and an estimated 500 were of Aboriginal or Torres Strait descent.

The B-2 grade is regarded as by far the most difficult to win because of the large number of teams and West Indigies and Black Bream won all three of their matches.

West Indigies, led by inspirational captain Glenn Butler, finished second, and Black Bream came 20th.

The *Koori Mail* was at the Ashes on day one and saw Black Bream beat Logistics All Sorts at one of the many fields on the aerodrome reserve.

Star batsman Kerod Santo retired for Black Bream after making 50.

On another aerodrome field, West Indigies easily beat another Indigenous team – Garbutt Magpies, which had players of Torres Strait and Palm Island descent. Garbutt Magpies finished 107th.

Another team with Aboriginal players – Tropix – finished a creditable 28th in B-2 while Charters Towers Indigenous team Brothers came 33rd.

Mingela, who had the services of Queensland Imparja Cup batsmen Bradley Stout and Mick Prien, came 55th.

Although the temperature reached the high 30s, the players' comfort level was better than normal after recent heavy rain.

The fields were lush green compared with recent previous years.

Played against men

The Garbutt Magpies women's team, with players of Torres Strait and Palm Island descent, competed in the men's social grade and finished 36th.

The Garbutt Magpies men's and women's teams were in memory of Porkey Ross, who died in 2015.

Unusual rules in the lower grades included fielders who dropped a catch in the men's division having to wear a dress until somebody else spilled a chance, or batters who failed to score having to wear a duck hat.

Teams and players come from throughout North Queensland and beyond. The Weipa Crocs travel from Cape York.

There are many weird names of teams, including Tridanjy Troglodytes, Simpson Desert Alpine Ski team, Spud's Spankers, Smashed Crabs, Dreaded Creeping Bumrash, Djabringabeeralong, Ducken Useless and Scared Hitless.

The Ashes started in 1948 with a modest six teams in one men's grade.



Black Bream men's team in B-2 grade. Pictures: Alf Wilson



The Garbutt Magpies women's side played against men.



West Indigies star Ashley Paul.



● ABOVE: Black Bream scorers Robin Dallachy and Gordon Santo Snr.

● ABOVE RIGHT: Garbutt Magpies men's team in B-2 grade.

● LEFT: Shay-Anne Ross fields for the Garbutt Magpies women's team that played in the men's social grade.

● RIGHT: Barracking for local Indigenous side Brothers are, back left to right, Rebecca Simpson, Rachael Simpson, Vanessa Simpson; front, Bailie Simpson, 5, and Curtis Kleyn, 4.



These Eagles take flight



Francis Watson

By CHRIS PIKE



FRANCIS Watson and Willie Rioli have taken vastly different journeys to be teammates at the West Coast Eagles but they went to great lengths to achieve their dreams of being at an Australian Football League (AFL) club.

Rioli and Watson have little in common, but they do share one trait that has led them to a AFL careers – commitment and dedication to be drafted having been unlikely candidates for that two years ago.

Rioli has a rich family history with his father Willie Snr a former South Fremantle WAFL player, where his uncles Maurice along Sebby were stars along with another uncle Benny Vigona.

He's also related to former Geelong and Adelaide star Ronnie Burns, and of course Hawthorn's Cyril and Richmond's Daniel Rioli.

He always showed the talent growing up as well and when he landed at South Fremantle in 2013, it appeared a match made in Heaven given his family history.

He did play well at colts and reserves level, but his overweight frame was never going to allow him to go further. Then in 2014 he played with the Northern Territory Thunder, but was still carrying the weight and he knew it was make or break time.

He moved to South Australia to play with Glenelg and that's when he knuckled down to give himself the best chance to succeed in his career.

Remarkable result

Rioli lost almost 20kg and the results were remarkable. Before, he was a skilful player but because of his lack of fitness, a one-trick pony. Now, suddenly he could pull off the remarkable feats, but perform for the duration of a match.

By the end of the 2016 SANFL season with Glenelg, it appeared he would end up in the AFL and it was the West Coast Eagles who took him in last year's National Draft.

Rioli is glad to be back in Perth, having attended Clontarf College where he graduated in 2013.

"I graduated here and all my mates are still here, so I'm happy to be back in Perth," Rioli said.

"I guess moving to the SANFL was when it all started to click for me. The first couple of weeks of training were pretty hard and I knew that my stay in Adelaide wouldn't be for long if I didn't change my weight and diet.

"My diet was a big thing I had to change and I had to train a lot harder, and do a lot of extra work with the coaches. The two years went so quickly and I didn't worry about the amount of weight I was losing, I just worried about playing footy and that's what made me happy."



Willie Rioli

Rioli is also proud of the hard work he put in to now be in the AFL and with the Eagles crying out for a small forward, he could very well play plenty of top level football in 2017.

"I'm grateful that I did that all that stuff to get in better shape. To now be on an AFL list is something that I am proud because I know how hard I had to work to get here," Rioli said.

"When I moved to Adelaide was when I realised this might happen. After my first season there, I was told that if I worked hard, had a good pre-season and played well, I might end up on a list somewhere. I'm grateful they pushed me hard and to be here now is unreal."

Watson is a different, yet equally fascinating story in regards to his journey to the AFL.

His early years were spent living in Broome before moving to remote Kimberley community of Balgo Hills, south of Halls Creek.

He lived there firstly with his grandmother's sister until she passed away when he was nine, when he then moved in with his other grandmother.

But it was then when the Watson family, and he himself, were convinced that moving to Perth to get a high school education and play football at the same time would be best for his future.

He attended and lived at La Salle College for three years before a move back north. That

proved brief and he ended up finishing his schooling also at Clontarf.

There have been plenty of tough times along the way with Watson dealing with the death of family members back home, but he remained committed to his education and football.

His football took a great leap forward in 2014 when he played for WA in the National 18s Championships and then in 2015 he began playing league football with Claremont in the WAFL.

He was showing exciting signs too with his pace and left-foot kicking ability until a broken leg all but ended his hopes of being drafted that year.

Category B rookie

Watson bounced back in 2016 and was offered the opportunity to join West Coast as a Category B rookie used for players in exceptional circumstances. Now he has the chance to make his dream come true of playing in the AFL.

"I found out a little earlier than most people do when they get drafted and the club told me I might have an opportunity to become a Category B rookie," Watson said.

"They offered me a position and committed to me, and they wanted to know how I felt. I told them the Eagles are my team and I have been going for them since I was a kid. So I was committed back to them and now it's a dream come true to be here."

Passing the torch

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

AS I write this column, the National Rugby League (NRL) Indigenous players are about to engage in a culture and leadership development camp before the All Stars team will begin their preparation for the big match.

One of the big benefits of the All Stars week has been the opportunity for players to engage or re-engage with their culture and to share the stories of their own personal journeys.

I believe the camp has been a great opportunity for players to develop their knowledge and their skills and has seen the likes of Johnathan Thurston and Greg Inglis develop as leaders, not only at their clubs, but within the game and the broader community.

Wealth of knowledge

One of their personal legacies will be passing on their knowledge to the next generation of players and if the team remains intact after the NRL 9s competition, they have three of our most exciting new talents to mentor them across the week.

Among a list of other emerging stars, it is difficult not to highlight Ashley Taylor, Latrell Mitchell and Bevan French given the way they burst on to the scene last year.

There is no doubt that these guys are exceptional talents, but I don't want to place any additional level of expectation on them.

What I do believe is that the opportunity to learn off the likes of GI and JT in camp will be of great benefit to them.

For GI and JT, it will be part of the process of passing on the torch of responsibility as they work on what their legacy to the game will be.

I know Bevan French is over the moon with his late call-up to the team and it is a just reward given reports of the off-season he has put in.

Parramatta coach Brad Arthur



The Roosters' Latrell Mitchell is tackled by Cowboys defenders, including Johnathan Thurston, during a round three NRL match at Townsville on March 17, 2016. Picture: AAP

confirmed Bevan will get the first crack at the Eels' vacant fullback role this year.

The recruitment of Josh Hoffman from the Gold Coast had led to suggestions the former Titan had been earmarked for the No 1 jersey.

But Arthur said that his plans were still for 21-year-old French to fill the custodian role following the departure of Michael Gordon to the Sydney Roosters.

"Bevan will get the first opportunity at fullback," Arthur said.

"He's trained all pre-season there."

"Fullbacks clock up the most kilometres in the game so they do a lot of running. So we've had a big focus with Bevan in terms of his work at training."

Bevan has also earned the praise of club captain Tim Mannah.

Mannah believed hard work and a willingness to learn was the key to French's success last season.

"Bevan has shown that in any professional sport hard work leads to success," Mannah said.

"He still has things he needs to work on, but the pleasing thing is he has got a good attitude to want to be better."

"Bevan is a smart footy player and he knows how to read

games and plays really well."

Roosters skipper Jake Friend has backed teammate Latrell Mitchell to dominate the Indigenous All Stars side for many years to come.

"It's massive for him. I'm sure he will be in that team for a long time," Friend said.

"He's been training really well from what I've heard this pre-season and he's looking fitter and stronger. It'll be good to see what he can do with the likes of the players he's got in that team."

"I'm not only looking forward to seeing what he can do in this game, but also for the Roosters."

Revelation

The 19-year-old was a revelation in what was an otherwise disappointing season for the Roosters, finishing 2016 with 14 tries, 89 tackle breaks and 2401 running metres.

While his exploits might have caught a few pundits off guard, Mitchell's efforts last season came as no surprise to his teammates.

"We watched him work hard in the pre-season so we knew the talent that he had," Friend said.

"I think it was a big effort to play the amount of footy that he did at that age. He'll be better for that this year, and from what I've heard, he's training really well



Flashback to the 2016 Auckland Nines grand final won by the Parramatta Eels at Mt Smart Stadium, Auckland, on February 7. A young Bevan French is on the attack for the Eels. Picture: nrlphotos.com

and looking a lot more confident in his game than what he was last year."

Meanwhile, Ash Taylor has shown the traditional confidence of a halfback by saying he will have no hesitation over-calling Johnathan Thurston when the pair line up together.

Taylor was elected to take part in the All Stars game alongside fellow Titans Ryan James and Nathan Peats.

Taylor's father Randall is a Kamilaroi man and his mother Karen from the Mandandanji tribe and the 21-year-old intends to use the week in camp as a way to further not only his football education, but his cultural understandings.

But while he will be soaking up all the advice Thurston has to offer in the lead-up, he says when it comes to game-day he will have no hesitation in taking control if he thinks that's what is best for the team.

"If it's on it's on," Taylor said.

"There are going to be times where he's (Thurston) most likely going to get the ball over me but if it's on my side obviously you have to call it."

"You can't just let it go down the drain because he's overriding your calls."

"I'm sure he'll be telling me to back myself too because that's the biggest thing, playing with



The Gold Coast's Ashley Taylor kicks during the round 22 NRL game against the New Zealand Warriors at Robina, on the Gold Coast, last August 7. Picture: AAP

that confidence."

One of the emerging young playmakers tipped to succeed Thurston when he relinquishes his place in the Queensland Origin team, Taylor says he is most eager to gain an understanding of how Thurston controls a game.

"The thing would just be sitting back and listening to the way that he does control a game," said Taylor.

"Obviously, I'm going to have to be one of those halves with him so I'm just going to listen to him early in the week and take it all on board and hopefully put it all together on the field."

Although it will be his first time in All Stars camp, it won't be the first time Taylor has appeared on the All Stars billing.

He was a member of the Queensland Murri under 16s that played the curtain-raiser to the main game in 2011.

"It's something very special to be voted in by the fans and I want to make sure I give back and play the best I can when the game comes around," Taylor said.

Taylor, Mitchell and French would have been youngsters watching the early All Stars clashes involving JT and GI.

Now it is their time to accept the torch.

See you at the game!

Wells is shaping up well, says Buckley



NATHAN Buckley has defended Daniel Wells as a fantastic recruit, while admitting the Australian Football League (AFL) star had

work to do when he joined the club.

Wells has been an intriguing pre-season story, with ongoing speculation about his fitness.

The on-baller, who turned 32 last Friday, only managed two games at North Melbourne in 2015 because of injury.

Since Wells joined the Magpies late last year through free agency, there has been speculation about whether he has been injured.

The Magpies have said they are managing the 243-game veteran, who at his best would give their midfield

a massive boost.

The Collingwood coach used Wells as an example when talking about media scrutiny and the AFL.

"He wasn't in match condition when he arrived, but neither were a lot of our other players – that's what a pre-season is for," Buckley told SEN.

"Does that mean he's imperfect? Does that mean he's the wrong bloke to get in? Absolutely not.

"He's been fantastic for our group.

"We're not going to advertise the worst of our players. We're going to keep on you about the best of them and there are some pretty good things to acknowledge."

Buckley is pleased with how Wells' pre-season is progressing, saying they are confident the on-baller knows how to prepare himself.

"We're still getting used to him as an athlete and what he needs.

"He's still getting used to us as a footy club and what our game plan is asking," he said.

"He's in pretty good shape now, getting a lot of footy work in and heading in the right direction."

Buckley stood by his comments last August that he would struggle to retain his job if Collingwood failed to make the finals this season.

The Magpies have finished out of the top eight for the past three seasons.

"It was an accurate reflection of where we were and where we're at," he said.

"We expect to play finals ... Invariably the senior coach is the guy who needs to pull it all together, so I absolutely take responsibility for that." – AAP

Daniel Wells
Picture: Peter Argent



Barty's rising star

By CHRIS PIKE



ASHLEIGH Barty is again being looked at as Australia's brightest rising female tennis star

after her first summer back. She shone at the Australian Open in Melbourne in her singles and doubles performances.

Despite being a rising teenage star who had shown singles promise and made three Grand Slam doubles finals alongside Casey Dellacqua in 2013, by 2014 Barty knew that she needed a break from tennis.

She made it official after the 2014 US Open and ended up playing in the 2015-16 Women's Big Bash League with the Brisbane Heat.

She enjoyed that and it did freshen her up, but tennis is where she belonged and Barty made a cautious return to tennis for the rest of 2016, participating in nine tournaments.

Coming into 2017, the 20-year-old was ready to make her mark in the sport again and she certainly did that at the Australian Open, making it to the third round of a Grand Slam for the first time.

Endeared

That again endeared the Ipswich native to the Australian public and with Sam Stosur's career winding down and with the troubled Nick Kyrgios and Bernard Tomic failing to capture the nation's imagination, Barty could again be the country's brightest tennis star.

Losing in the third round to former world No 23 Mona Barthel was no shame for Barty in Melbourne.

Considering she was playing cricket 12 months earlier, she sees it as nothing but a success as well.

"If you would have asked me 12 months ago if I was going to be in the third round of the Australian Open, I would have said you were kidding," Barty said.



Ash Barty, right and her doubles partner and good friend Casey Dellacqua play a women's doubles match against Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic, of France, on day nine of the Australian Open in Melbourne on January 24

Picture: AAP

"It's been an amazing week. Just the experiences that I had to get to play on the big courts again against some of the best players in the world is really exciting.

"To know that I could come out with a really positive mindset in every match and work towards executing our plans regardless of who the opponent is."

While there might now be plenty of public and media pressure on Barty to perform, she isn't worried about that and is just taking everything as it comes, and enjoying the ride this time around.

"We never really put any pressure on where we wanted to be, we are just going with the flow a little bit but it's been a great

week and a great start to the summer," she said.

"We've done a lot of work to get to this level and obviously it would have been nice to play a bit more tournaments before now because I've been a bit restricted, but I've played as much as I can and a lot of quality matches already to start the year off during the Australian summer."

Barty burst on to the scene as a teenager and was burnt out by the time she was 18. Her options were to continue to play and risk hating tennis, or bite the bullet and take a break to hopefully rediscover the passion.

The latter is exactly what happened and she feels much

more ready for whatever comes her way this time around.

"I feel a lot different. I think I'm much more mature this time around and I know what to expect, and how to prepare much better," she said.

"The doubts with my tennis were when I stopped last time and when I had my little bit of a break to refresh mentally. That was the best time for me and since I've been back it's been perfect.

"We've worked hard on the court but I've enjoyed every moment of it with both my coach Craig (Tyzzler) and my fitness trainer Narelle (Sibte). It's been amazing and we've worked hard for me to get back here."

As much as Barty enjoys her singles success, it's playing with Dellacqua in doubles where her enjoyment is at its highest point. She is hopeful the pair can enjoy more success throughout 2017, having made the Australian Open quarterfinals.

"My focus will always be on singles and doubles. It's a hell of a lot of fun playing with Case. We are best friends and we love being out there playing together," Barty said.

"We have had a lot of success together before as well and it's exciting being out there with a mate, so hopefully we can have some more success now over the rest of the year."

Hi-tech in new Perth stadium



FOOTBALL fans are set to be dazzled by the world's largest LED sports lighting system when Perth Stadium opens in time for the

2018 AFL season.

Construction of the 60,000-seat venue is now more than 70% complete, with the latest development seeing the installation of state-of-the-art lighting.

More than 15,000 LED lights are being attached to the roof of the stadium and throughout the Stadium Park precinct.

The lighting will illuminate the playing surface – replacing traditional floodlights like those used at Domain Stadium – but will also be used to create stunning visual effects for sporting events and concerts.

Perth Stadium's LED lighting will be the first of its kind anywhere in Australia, and similar to the lights used at Stamford Bridge, the home of English Premier League powerhouse Chelsea, and Italian football giant Juventus' stadium.

"This lighting system is another world-class design feature, allowing visually stunning light shows to be created inside and outside of the stadium," WA Premier Colin Barnett said.

"Perth Stadium will truly change the spectator experience and every design decision has always had the fans and their experience at the core.

"This lighting system will interact with

the fabric roof lighting system, allowing the roof to act as a giant canvas, capable of showcasing a variety of colours in numerous configurations such as purple for Dockers games and blue and gold for Eagles home games."

The lights are expected to be fully fitted by mid-2017, when 17,000 square metres of turf is also scheduled to be rolled out onto the playing surface for the first time.

Meanwhile, more than a third (23,000) of Perth Stadium's seats have already been installed, with the rest to be fitted by March.

Each seat will have a drink holder, while general admission seats will be 50cm wide – the equivalent of two bench seats at Domain Stadium – and have significantly more legroom.

The majority of seats will also be located between the 50m arcs for AFL matches, bringing fans closer to the action.

About 85 per cent of seats are undercover, while sightlines from the top tier match the views from upper levels of the MCG, the current benchmark in Australia.

The high-tech Perth Stadium will also boast the two largest replay screens in the southern hemisphere, with some more exciting developments set to be unveiled in the final year of construction.

Focus remains on the internal fit-out of the venue, with the current 800-strong workforce set to swell to 1200 people in the coming months.



● ABOVE: The new Perth Stadium and sports precinct against the city backdrop. It is 70% complete and should be open in time for the 2018 AFL season. Pictures: Perth Stadium
● LEFT: The 60,000-seat Perth Stadium as it will look under an AFL format.

Early start, new future

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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IT'S as if the Australian Football League (AFL) season has begun early.

In many senses it has, but I also want to give the new AFL women's competition (AFLW) the respect it deserves and immediately give the women's competition its separate identity.

In earlier articles, I have written about the opportunities that this competition will provide for Indigenous girls and women as well as the positive impact it can have on communities, but let

me just talk about the footy first.

I am pretty excited about what the competition has in store for us and I can't wait to see women take the field as AFL players.

I can't wait to see them display all the skills of the game with goals, marks, tackles, bursting runs down the flank, goal celebrations, close finishes... the lot.

You just have to look at the success and development of other sports played by women to get a glimpse of what is in store.

Given the success of the 'taster' game last year, we know the interest is there given the crowd it attracted as well as the enormous television ratings.

Get better

And we know that the product is only going to get better as the girls are exposed to a professional training environment.

There are some who question the introduction of the competition, but we just have to support the concept and give it time to flourish.

We have to recognise that these women are the best athletes in the game and they've trained to get to this point.

They are also pioneers for the next generation and this is what we have to focus on.

And they're doing this without having the resources and experience that boys and men have had access to for years.

In fact, chances are high that most players along the way will have faced more obstacles than they've had assistance.

Thankfully, the AFL has already begun to address this issue with some Indigenous-specific programs, part of the broader investment in game development for females.

It is an important investment because these women are role models.

They're showing girls and women – and boys and men – that women can play AFL too.

If you work hard and are passionate about something, and yes, if you have some talent, you can be successful at whatever you set your mind to.

It is a message that will resonate with the girls in our communities.

AFL CEO Gillon McLachlan asked people to give the competition a chance.

"I'd like to remind everyone this is year one ... I will ask today that we give them time and space to grow into the elite footballers that we know they can be," he said.

"We are here for the long haul... I can guarantee you the AFLW in three years will be vastly different to year one."

In three years, we will be able to see a return on the investment in grassroots programs.

And they are programs that are already attracting important corporate support with Rio Tinto last year extending their

partnership to support AFL programs for male and females of all ages at grassroots levels in Indigenous communities while also providing opportunities in education and employment.

As we know, these programs are not just sports-based, but also focus on achieving positive social outcomes through leadership development, education, employment and training.

Included in these is the Woomeras program, which is the national female equivalent to the highly successful Flying Boomerangs program for boys.

Players are selected from the National Female KickStart Championships.

Opportunity

The Woomeras program has been established to provide young Indigenous women with the opportunity to develop on and off the football field and consists of two camps focused on football development, leadership and cultural identity.

The Female KickStart Championships consists of seven state teams (12 players a team) with a total of 84 Indigenous females playing in the National Female KickStart Championships.

Twenty-five of the best-performing participants in the championships are selected to progress to the Woomeras team in the Youth Girls National

Championships.

So already our young girls can see a clear pathway to the AFLW competition similar to that provided for the boys.

Having been involved in the Boomerangs program, I can only commend this initiative given its strong cultural context and its emphasis on the off-field development of participants.

If the girls do not progress to the next level on the field, they will still return to their schools and communities as leaders and role models.

It is equally important that we also provide opportunities and development pathways in coaching and management pathways for our females as well.

The need for increased involvement for males was recognised with the launch in 2013 of the Indigenous Coaching Academy.

With a lack of senior Indigenous coaches at the elite level, the academy is aimed at seeing participants complete the program with the potential of becoming a senior coach in the AFL industry.

I am certain the same opportunities will be offered for aspiring female coaches in the game as the AFLW grows.

In the meantime, I am just going to relax and enjoy the skills on display.

Go girls!

Until Next time... Keep Dreaming!

Bye bye Ben Barba

Ben Barba plays for the Indigenous All Stars against the NRL All Stars at Robina Stadium, Gold Coast, in February 2015.
Picture: nrlphotos.com



Dally M winner turns his back on rugby league



JUST days after facing an uncertain National Rugby League (NRL) future because of his drugs ban, Ben Barba has risen to

the highest paid rugby union players in the world.

Barba last Thursday inked a two-and-a-half year deal worth a reported \$1 million a year with French powerhouse Toulon following his shock exit from Cronulla.

The 27-year-old former Dally M winner will travel to the south of France immediately, but his move to play at this weekend's Global Tens was blocked by the Australian Rugby Union after they vowed to uphold Barba's NRL cocaine suspension.

Despite being one of the NRL's top earners at times during his nine-year career, Barba said he was forced into a corner after the NRL were slow to register his new one-year contract.

During a phone conversation with NRL chief executive Todd Greenberg last Wednesday, Barba was informed his deal

would not be registered until his 12-game suspension had been served.

"It was advised that my contract with the Sharks was not going to be registered until just before round 12 which placed the club in a difficult position regarding their financial position and if, or how, I may earn an income," Barba said.

His deal would place him as one of the best paid union players in the world behind All Blacks legend Dan Carter and Toulon teammates Matt Giteau and Leigh Halfpenny.

Poaching now likely

It also suggests the door is open for further raids on Australia's league stars by Toulon due to the cross-code interest of their coach, former English league international Mike Ford.

Ford was instrumental in luring Sam Burgess from South Sydney to the 15-man game during his stint at English club Bath and has already secured Parramatta sensation Semi Radradra for Toulon at the conclusion of the 2017 NRL season.

Barba has already been put on notice

that off-field misdemeanours that blighted his brilliant league career won't be tolerated by the French club.

Toulon's rich owner Mourad Boudjellal told French newspaper *L'Equipe* that Barba's deal had strict behavioural clauses and he would be sacked following the first infraction.

"In regard to the incident at the back end of last year, I take full responsibility for my actions," Barba said.

"I made a terrible mistake and I own it and will have to live it.

"I have four young daughters which will one day ask the question about how I won a grand final with my best mates at the Sharks and then made a poor choice which changed my life."

It remains to be seen how Barba will fit into the Top 14 side with Welsh international Leigh Halfpenny standing in his way for the fullback role, while they also boast France playmaker Francois Trinh-Duc at five-eighth, along with Giteau who is departing after this season.

He's likely to be a utility player.

Barba had hoped to move to France on

a short-term deal while serving his 12-game NRL ban for a second positive illicit drugs test, however the governing body moved quickly to shut down that plan.

NRL boss Todd Greenberg declared Barba's suspension wouldn't start until any overseas playing commitments were completed, virtually ruling Barba out of a return to the NRL this year.

Barba, 27, played 168 games across his nine-year NRL career at Canterbury, Brisbane and Cronulla and was a key component in the Sharks' maiden premiership win last year.

Barba left the door ajar for a return to rugby league.

He thanked Cronulla and the rugby league community and hasn't ruled out returning to the game.

"It's a fresh start and hopefully a successful one. I wish my teammates at the Sharks all the very best for the 2017 season," he said.

"Au revoir everyone. Thanks for the memories and, who knows, I may return down the track – you never say never."

—AAP

One more indiscretion and Roberts is out



NATIONAL Rugby League (NRL) supremo Todd Greenberg has met with Brisbane's

James Roberts over his off-field behaviour, with the centre understood to be on his last chance.

"The meeting was aimed at encouraging him to make the right choices," an NRL spokesman said.

Greenberg met with Roberts in his office at NRL headquarters in late January where he and integrity unit boss Nick Weeks delivered the Broncos centre his final warning, Fairfax Media said.

The 23-year-old Roberts' career was hanging by a thread following accusations that he pulled a young woman by the hair at a Gold Coast nightclub earlier this month before he was issued with a drunk diversion notice.

The NRL did not confirm if

Roberts was on his last chance.

Roberts has since undertaken a self-imposed alcohol ban.

The NRL had difficulty making headway on the case after two men who witnessed the incident, and identified the Broncos speedster, couldn't be tracked down for an interview.

It is understood the woman did not see Roberts pull her hair and was only told it was the Broncos back by the two men.

After undergoing its own

investigation into the incident, the governing body announced that it was unable to gain access to nightclub footage of the night in question.

The NRL's Nick Weeks said he was disappointed nightclub owners had turned the governing body away, however the case will remain open should developments come to light.

It is not the first time Roberts has been in trouble for off-field indiscretions. He was released

from South Sydney in 2012 for breaches of playing contract, and let go by Penrith two years later for off-field misbehaviour. He was then thrown a lifeline by Gold Coast where he won Dally M Centre of the Year, but was also investigated for an incident in Surfers Paradise at the end of 2014. A contract bungle led to him moving to the Broncos in 2016, where he was fined \$20,000 by the NRL for public nuisance at a Brisbane hotel.

Record teams at



THE 24th Imparja Cup is on in Alice Springs this week with a record number of teams participating.

Held in conjunction with the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC), the Imparja Cup involves teams competing across five divisions: Major Centre Men, Community Men, Community Women, Schools and Indoor/Outdoor.

In recognition of the origins of the Imparja Cup, which began with a friendly

match between Tennant Creek and Alice Springs, Major Centre Division matches were held in Tennant Creek last Saturday between three travelling Top End teams and a team from Tennant Creek.

Tournament director Mitch Farnell is excited by the increased number of registrations for this year's event.

"The Imparja Cup is a fantastic celebration of sport, culture and family and the number of participants grows every year," he said.

"We have had a particularly pleasing increase in the number of female teams

which indicates the growing strength of the women's game throughout the Northern Territory and Australia.

"We will see a record eight female teams compete for the Community Women's title, 13 male teams vying for the Community Men's title and eight teams in the Major Centre Division Cup.

"It is also great to have strong numbers of schools which have already registered to take part in the Clontarf School Cup on Wednesday (today) and in the Schools Cup on Friday.

The Imparja Cup began last Sunday at

Traeger Park, Alice Springs, with the Imparja Cup and NICC opening ceremony, followed by an exhibition match between the Alice Springs Originals and the Tennant Creek Originals.

The finals of the community mens and women's divisions will be played on Friday at the Flynn Drive Reserve from 5pm.

The major centres final will be at Traeger Park on Saturday from 9am.

The NICC men's and women's finals will be on Monday at Traeger Park from 10am.

New faces for Tassie



THERE are seven changes, including five new faces, in the Tasmanian team taking part in this year's National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) now being played in Alice Springs.

Newcomers are Stevie Hudson Jnr (Launceston), Aaron Tuxworth (Smithton), Liam Ward (Kingborough), Brandon Tonks (Forest Stanley) and Daryn Brown (St Annes).

Returning after missing last year's tournament are Emmett Watkins (Burnie Hurricanes) and Bhodi Johnston (Wynard).

Players who competed last year and are in the 2017 team are captain Callan Morse (Latrobe), Rhys French (Latrobe), Ben Revell (Smithton), Sean McGuire (St Annes) and Rhys Ward (Kingborough).

Stuart Schultz is the team manager and co-coaches are Paul Collins and long-time Tasmanian Imparja Cup skipper Guy Grey.



Marzena Oakley, from Woorabinda.



Alex Melville, from the Wynnum-Manly club, is back in Alice Springs for the NICC.

Qld stands alone



FOR the first time, Queensland has a stand-alone women's team at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) in Alice Springs.

Last year, players from Queensland and Tasmania formed a joint team that played in the women's State and Territories section under the Queensland banner.

Coached by Sunshine Coast fast bowler and former Queensland Indigenous player Ashley Renouf, the Queensland women's side now has the opportunity to add to the state's Indigenous cricketing history.

Cousins Edna Crouch and Mabel Campbell, from Stradbroke Island, were selected in a team from Queensland to play cricket against the touring English women's team in the 1934-35 season. Campbell, who played between 1934 and 1936, was a skilful batter while Crouch, who played between 1934 and 1938, was a spin bowler.

Edna Crouch's niece, Thelma Crouch, represented an Australian Women's Youth team against England in 1940 and also played for Queensland between 1948-49 and 1953-54.

In the 1990s, three Indigenous women – Debbie Walford, Denise

Marsh and Pat Fraser – represented Queensland.

The 2017 women's team contains three members of the Baralaba State College team that played in the national MILO T20 Blast Schools Cup finals at the MCG in December, with the teenage trio of Shaniqua Miller, Rhianon Adams and Marzena Oakley from the Aboriginal community of Woorabinda.

The Queensland Indigenous men will be looking for redemption after losing the 2016 final against fierce rivals NSW by 123 runs.

They are being captained by South Brisbane allrounder Worrin Williams as they chase their first NICC title since 2013.

Fourth time

The experienced Williams, a rookie contracted player with the Bulls in 2007-08, is leading Queensland for the fourth time at the titles.

The squad includes first-time selections in Gympie spinner Mason McGlone and Chinchilla product Rhys Gibson.

Gibson, a student at Ipswich Grammar School, has emerged from the Western Rivers Cup which is an annual cricket competition run by the South West Indigenous Network.

Williams and Toombul allrounder

Preston White are experienced campaigners, being a part of victorious Imparja Cup campaigns for Queensland in the past.

The Queensland women's team: Courtney Hagen (Valley District CC), Carly Fuller (Gold Coast District CC), Shaye Easton (Dalby), Tamika Hansen (Sandgate-Redcliffe CC), Lisa Goodman (Sandgate-Redcliffe, Toowoomba), Shareene Ferrier (Gold Coast District CC), Christina Coulson (Valley District CC), Clodagh Ryall (Redlands Tigers CC), Amanda Wilson (Defence Force), Shaniqua Miller (Woorabinda), Rhianon Adams (Woorabinda), Marzena Oakley (Woorabinda), Fallon Ord (Brisbane).

The Queensland men's team: Worrin Williams (South Brisbane CC, C), Preston White (Toombul District CC – VC), Tyran Eggmolesse (Northern Suburbs District CC), Adam McDermott (Wynnum Manly District CC), Dylan Blackman (Northsiders CC, Ipswich), Dwayne Malone (Western Suburbs District CC), Alex Melville (Wynnum Manly District CC), Mark Thompson (Toombul District CC), Mason McGlone (Gympie Valleys), Daley Martin (Western Districts Toowoomba), Jake Coolwell (Valley District Cricket Club), Rhys Gibson (Ipswich Grammar/Chinchilla).



Callan Morse bats for Tasmania at the 2016 NICC in Alice Springs. Picture: Darrian Traynor

cricket carnival



Michael Bailey is again leading the West Australian men's team at the NICC carnival in Alice Springs. Picture: Graham Hunt



Samara Williams has her eye on the ball for Western Australia at the 2014 Imparja Cup carnival in Alice Springs. Picture: Darrian Traynor/Getty

Sandgropers are confident



WEST Australian officials are confident their men's and women's teams will perform strongly at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) now under way in Alice Springs.

The West Australian Cricket Association (WACA) said there was a number of significant additions to both squads, making for a strong showing at the tournament.

Officials say WA is fielding an exciting line-up in the men's competition, with a number of talented pathway players named, including Rex Strickland and Craig Jones.

Bailey, Ugle are back

Current Perth Scorchers community rookie Dane Ugle is in the team, along with former Perth Scorchers community rookie contract holder Michael Bailey, who has returned as captain for this year's tournament.

Current WA and BBL player D'Arcy

Short is unavailable because of Sheffield Shield commitments, but continued his involvement in WA's NICC program as the team prepared to depart for Alice Springs.

The WA Women's Aboriginal XI has a number of experienced players, including Kavita Pepper, Emily Bowden and Samara Williams who were all picked in the National Women's Indigenous XI that toured India in 2016.

WACA female Aboriginal scholarship holder Allee Bartlett also returns to the side, along with a number of Geraldton-based players.

With the appointment WACA talent development coordinator Job van Bunge as head coach of the men's WA Aboriginal XI, this year's NICC marks a shift towards providing opportunities for players to gain experience and exposure to the talent pathway.

WACA community engagement manager Roy McNamara-Smith said the closer alignment with WACA High Performance was the result of collaboration and a commitment by the

WACA to develop a program that connected talented Aboriginal players with the pathway.

"We're really happy with how both our men's and women's teams have come together and the support and contribution of our High Performance staff has been critical in allowing us to elevate the profile and quality of our program to ensure we're sending teams away that will give the best performance for their state that they can," McNamara-Smith said.

National squads

"We had a number of players from both teams selected in national Indigenous squads last year, including D'Arcy Short and heading into this year's tournament our WACA Aboriginal programs coordinator, Larry Kickett, has been working really hard to bring a higher level of structure and support to the program as part of the broader work we're doing in supporting the growth in Aboriginal participation across the state."

WA men's squad: Zane Atwell

(Gosnells), Michael Bailey (South Perth), Bevan Bennell (Claremont-Nedlands), Jay Collard (Kalgoorlie), Dekan John-Furnace (Wyalkatchem), Craig Jones (Rockingham-Mandurah), Tyler McMiles (Gosnells), Hugh Sando (Pinjarra), Rex Strickland (South Perth), Dylan Tucker (Midland), Dane Ugle (Rockingham-Mandurah), Keren Ugle (Waroon), Khylie Ugle (Beverley)

Coach, Job Van Bunge; assistant coach, Michael Johnson; team manager, Corey O'Brien.

WA women's squad: Allee Bartlett (University), Kirsty Bennell (University), Emily Bowden (Midland-Guildford), Racquel Cross (University), Shakiya Cross (University), Candice Franklin (University), Rikki Garlett (University), Teleisha Hill (University), Katrina Jetta (University), Aggie Manel (University), Dainira Papertalk (University), Kavita Pepper (University), Samara Williams (University)

Coach, Brian Shields; assistant coach, Alan Singer; team manager, Lenny Papertalk.

Hannah making a name for herself



KAMILAROI 15-year-old Hannah Darlington is playing for NSW at the National Indigenous Cricket

Championships in Alice Springs.

She is in Year 10 at Westfields Sports High School, Sydney, and is a member of the school's talented sports programs for cricket.

Hannah, 15, lives in Erskine Park.

She plays second grade with the Penrith Cricket Club.

As well as playing for Penrith at club level, Hannah also represented at the Cricket Australia under 18 national carnival in Hobart last December, where she played three years above her age group.

She scored 119 runs and took 10 wickets. She won selection in the Australian Merit Team named after the carnival.

She also finished second in the player of the series voting. Following her performances, she picked up a rookie contract with the Sydney Thunder Women's Big Bash League team.

Last month, Hannah captained the NSW team that competed at the under 15 national carnival in the ACT, where she scored 218 runs at an average of 43.6, taking out the batting award.

She was also finished second in the player of the series voting, and was selected in the National Development Squad.

To join Breakers

Recently, Hannah received the news that she has been added to the Cricket NSW Breakers pre-season squad for season 2017-18.

Hannah continues the success of a string of Indigenous students from the Westfields Sports High

cricket program.

Former Australian Indigenous captain and Brisbane Heat team member, Josh Lalor, also attended Westfields.

Current NSW under 19 captain and three times member of the NSW Imparja Cup team, Brendan Smith, graduated from Westfields in 2015.

Aaron Muir, who represented both NSW and Western Australia in the Imparja Cup, and Ryan Donovan, who represented NSW and the ACT in the Imparja Cup, also were members of the school's cricket program. Josh Lalor's brother Jacob, who also played in the Imparja Cup, also spent his junior high school years at Westfields.

Another two exceptional cricketers to attend Westfields were former Australian captain Michael Clarke and current Australian batting star Usman Khawaja.



Hannah Darlington salutes the crowd at the under 18 carnival in Hobart.

IMP search hits the road



THE search for the 2017 squad of the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) began in Canberra last Wednesday when former world champion runner and IMP founder Rob de Castella and 2014 IMP graduate and head coach Adrian Dodson-Shaw put applicants through their paces for a place in the life-changing project.

No running experience is required, as the project is not necessarily looking for athletes, but for young Indigenous men and women who show the potential to become community leaders.

The national tour will visit communities around Australia and select six men and six women in a trial that includes a 3km run for women and 5km run for men, in addition to an interview with Dodson-Shaw.

The group will also be expected to complete a Certificate III in Fitness, First Aid and CPR qualification and Level 1 Recreational Running coaching accreditation as part of the project's compulsory education component.

There were a record number of applications in 2016, and high numbers are anticipated for the 2017 try-outs.

"There'll be some pretty exciting times ahead as we begin the national IMP 2017 try-out tour, and what better place to start than the nation's capital," Dodson-Shaw said.

"It's going to be a busy two months on the recruitment drive, but I'm looking forward to meeting the applicants and choosing the next squad to take on the New York City Marathon."

De Castella said the selection of a new squad was always an exciting time.

"The marathon is synonymous with struggle and achievement, and it is one of the hardest things you can choose to do," he said.

"Doing a full marathon from no running experience, on the other side of the world, in the biggest city in the world, in the biggest marathon in the world, is an incredible feat of hard work and determination.

"We are now recruiting a new squad to follow in the footsteps of the 65 IMP graduates we have produced since 2010.

"I encourage every young Indigenous man and woman who wants to make change happen to come along and be part of this amazing life-changing and life-saving adventure."

Try-outs are open to all Indigenous men and women aged 18-30, and applications can be made on the day.

Try-outs have already been held at Canberra, Bodalla, Nowra, Melbourne and Geelong.

They continue today at Newcastle (Empire Park, Bar Beach) at 8am.

Other dates:

Sydney, February 10, 6pm, Redfern Oval.

Perth, February 14, 8am, Lake Monger,

between Leederville and Wembley.

Karratha, February 15, 5pm, Bulgarra Oval.

Broome, February 16, 5pm, Peter Haynes Oval (Frederick Street).

Adelaide, February 21, 8am, Barratt Reserve, West Beach.

Brisbane, February 28, 8am, QSAC Track Kessels Road, Nathan.

Townsville, March 1, 8am, Muldoon Oval.

Cairns, March 2, 5pm, Pirate Ship, The Esplanade.

Thursday Island, March 3, 5pm, Mr Turtle.

Alice Springs, March 8, 5pm, Head Street Oval.

Port Macquarie, March 11, 11am, Westport Park.

Darwin, March 20, 6pm, Outside Darwin

Military Museum, Alec Fong Lim Drive.

Timber Creek, March 21, 6pm, Timber Creek Oval.



Adrian Dodson-Shaw

Injury toll climbs



THE National Rugby League (NRL) All Stars match at Newcastle on Friday night has once again been hit by a spate of withdrawals with Sam

Thaiday, Adam Reynolds, Will Chambers and Jake Trbojevic among seven players to pull out.

Reynolds, Trbojevic, Nate Myles and Konrad Hurrell are out of the World All Stars side for this Friday's match in Newcastle because of injury.

They will be replaced by St George Illawarra's Paul Vaughan, Manly's Akuila Uate, South Sydney hooker Damien Cook and Sydney Roosters' Mitchell Aubusson.

Thaiday and Adam Elliott were slated to turn out for the Indigenous All Stars, however had a line ruled through their names because of injury while Chambers has withdrawn due to the impending birth of his first child.

Parramatta excitement machine Bevan French, Gold Coast's Tyrone Roberts and Sydney Roosters' Chris Smith have come into the squad.

The concept has been marred by a string of high-profile withdrawals in recent years with clubs keen to wrap their players in cotton wool during the pre-season

Northern Territory product Chris Smith

was a Sydney Roosters mid-season recruit in 2016 after spending the first few years of his career at the Penrith Panthers.

He was given a couple of opportunities to play first grade last season, but is looking to consolidate his place in the club.

The second rower/lock is a product of the Nightcliff Dragons (Darwin) and played with the Australian Schoolboys in 2012.

The Indigenous All Stars team is: Ryan James, Nathan Peats, Andrew Fifita, Chris Smith, Bevan French, Tyrone Roberts, Johnathan Thurston, Ashley Taylor, Greg Inglis, Dane Gagai, Jack Wighton, Blake Ferguson, Tyrone Peachey, Jack Bird, Leilani Latu, Latrell Mitchell, Aidan Sezer, Kyle Turner, Joel Thompson, Wade Graham.

World All Stars: Paul Vaughan, Akuila Uate, Damien Cook, Mitchell Aubusson, Jake Friend, Jordan McLean, Gavin Cooper, Bryce Cartwright, Mitchell Moses, Joseph Lailua, Nene McDonald, Jarryd Hayne, David Mead, Regan Campbell-Gillard, Sisaia Feki, Sam Lisone, Sione Mata'utia, Moses Mybe, Tepai Moeroa, Jordan Turner.

Gates open at 5pm and the game will start at 8pm after the women's All Stars match at 5.30pm.



Tyrone Roberts pushes forward for the Indigenous All Stars against the NRL All Stars at Robina in 2015. He has received a late call-up to the 2017 team. Picture: nrlphotos.com

Familiar names in NSW under 16 team

RELATIVES of stars of yesteryear will represent the NSW Koori Under 16 side tomorrow night in the annual 2017 All Stars clash against Queensland Murri Under 16s at Newcastle's No2 Sportsground.

The 20-man squad includes Joseph Gordon – the son of former Knight Ashley Gordon, and Jarrod Peachey – relative to David and Tyrone Peachey.

Former Parramatta hooker Dennis Moran will coach the side as they look to

claim victory after draws in their past two meetings.

The match is part of the All Stars week-long celebration which also features a special lunch and jersey presentation to the Indigenous All Stars team.

Curtain-raiser

The NSW Koori Under 16 v Queensland Murri Under 16 match will kick off at 6pm tomorrow as the curtain-raiser to the

Redfern All Blacks v Cherbourg Hornets game at 7.45pm.

NSW Koori Under 16 squad: 1 Malachi Roberts Kempsey, 2 Tyrone Nean (Newcastle), 3 Malie-J Townsend (Wyee), 4 Tristan Eldridge (Canberra), 5 Jackson Addo (Corrimal), 6 Joseph Gordon (Newcastle), 7 Latrell Siegwalt (Wagga Wagga), 8 William Saunders (Minto), 9 Kobe Rugless (capt – Coogee), 10 Ulysses Roberts (Macksville), 11 Caleb Hodges

(Tweed Heads), 12 Wyll Darr (Dungog), 13 Jayden McKenny (Gateshead), 14 Jarrod Peachey (Dubbo), 15 Rhys Weldon (Wagga Wagga), 16 Izziah Aldridge (Sylvania), 17 Kuyan Laurie (Brisbane), 18 Billy Mitchell (Telarah), 19 Connor Harris (Blackville), 20 Marcus Lonsdale-Patten (Dalmeny).

Coach, Dennis Moran; assistant coach, Tim Humphries; manager: Rod Simpson; head trainer, Paul Hughes



Ashleigh Gardner
Picture: Sydney
Sixers/Ben Cuevas

Ash's dream realised

Teenager Gardner called into Australian cricket squad



TEENAGE allrounder Ashleigh Gardner's stellar Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) season with the Sydney Sixers has been rewarded with Australian cricket selection.

Gardner is in line to make her international debut when the Southern Stars face New Zealand in Twenty20 and one-day series in February-March.

She could become the first Indigenous woman to play for Australia since Faith Coulthard in the 1950s and 1960s.

Gardner was fifth top-scorer in the WBBL with 414 runs from 16 matches.

The 19-year-old Muruwari star from the Bankstown Sports Cricket Club also took 10 wickets at fewer than seven runs an over as the Sixers marched to the title.

Star allrounder Ellyse Perry won't play in the T20 series after missing the WBBL final for the Sixers with a hamstring injury, but she is a chance to return in the Rose Bowl ODI series in New Zealand.

After dominating the WBBL with five half-centuries, batsman Meg Lanning retains the Australian captaincy for both series against the Kiwis.

The Southern Stars will begin the three-match T20 campaign on February 17 before heading to Auckland for the first of three ODI clashes.

Cricket Australia's Indigenous engagement specialist Paul Stewart was delighted with Gardner's selection.

"Ash was a 13-year-old who competed in her first National Indigenous Cricket Championships (previously known as the Imparja Cup)," Stewart said.

"Today Ash becomes the second Aboriginal female cricketer to be selected to represent Australia behind Aunty Faith Thomas.

"Ash has a growing list of achievements, particularly 2016 when she captained the first ever national Indigenous women's team that toured India in May 2016.

"This is a historic moment within Australian cricket and in particular cricket involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

Gardner was named the WBBL Young Gun following her breakout season with bat and ball in which she produced a number of match-winning innings for the Sixers.

Gardner's selection follows an outstanding 12 months for the youngster, having captained the first Indigenous Australian women's cricket team on their tour to India in May and was a member of the Governor-General's XI that defeated South Africa in November.

National selector Shawn Flegler said the national selection panel had been impressed with the performances and consistency shown by Gardner in the past six months and was looking forward to seeing what she could do on the big stage.

Important series

"With the ICC Women's World Cup taking place in England in June, this is a really important series as we finalise preparations for one of the biggest challenges in world cricket," he said.

The Southern Stars are ranked number one in the World (ICC Women's rankings) and are the current holders of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup.

Speaking to bigbash.com.au, Gardner put her breakthrough summer down to the hard yards she put in during the off-season.

"I really honed in on what I wasn't doing right, the technical stuff, and that's probably what's really helped me this season," Gardner said.

"Every batter wants to be more

consistent and that's what I tried to do this year and it's paid off."

Before her selection in the Southern Stars, Gardner played down her chances of being included in the squad to meet New Zealand, but said if the opportunity did come along, she would grab it 'with both hands'.

"It's always hard to get in a team like that, so being in would be a massive honour," she said.

"If I ever make that level I'll take it with both hands. To bowl with the likes of Jess Jonassen and the other spinners in team, I'd try and do whatever I could to plant my spot in the team.

"I have to work really hard before I even get selected in a team like that ... but it's my childhood dream to play for Australia."

Sixers stand-in skipper Alyssa Healy was optimistic of Gardner's chances of Southern Stars selection.

"She's probably been the most in-form batter of this whole tournament," Healy said following the WBBL semi-final.

"She's come a long way in the last 12 months.

"She just proved she's ready for the big time."

Southern Stars coach and selector Matthew Mott is another who has been seriously impressed by the teenager.

"There's no doubt Ashleigh's put a good case forward," Mott told bigbash.com.au.

"I thought she had a better impact with the ball in the WNCL, but we rate her bowling really highly as well.

"Her impact with the bat for the Sixers has been exceptional, really, she's contributed in a lot of games and she's exciting to watch."

Healy wasn't the only one calling for Gardner's inclusion.

International superstar Dane van Niekerk said Gardner was an obvious choice for

Australian selectors.

"It'll be funny if they don't pick her to be honest," van Niekerk said.

"They can't go wrong with Ash.

"Besides the fact that she can blast a ball into the stands and she's been scoring runs consistently at a very high strike rate, she offers you really good bowling and fielding options, which is the complete package, especially in T20 cricket."

Van Niekerk was drafted into the South African women's team as a 15-year-old and took the captaincy reins eight years later at the age of 23.

Heat cuts short Gardner's grand final appearance

INTENSE 38-degree conditions forced Sixers teenager Ashleigh Gardner from the field with heat exhaustion during the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) final against the Perth Scorchers in Perth.

Gardner earlier copped a knock to the head while batting at training, and she left the field in the final during the Scorchers' innings at the West Australian Cricket Association (WACA) ground.

Veteran speedster Sarah Aley was the toast of the WBBL after snaring 4-23 to lead the Sydney Sixers to a seven-run win.

Chasing a meagre 125 for victory in 38-degree heat, the Scorchers were restricted to 7-117 from their 20 overs despite getting off to a strong start.

Gardner scored 21 from 31 balls in her innings and took 0-15 from her two overs in the Scorchers' innings.



Anthony Mundine, left, and Danny Green get in close during their grudge fight last Friday night at the Adelaide Oval.
Picture: Peter Argent



Choc: I was robbed



ANTHONY Mundine says he was robbed. Mundine lost on points to bitter boxing rival Danny Green on Friday night in a decision greeted by dismay in some quarters.

Green was declared the winner with three judges scoring 94-94, 96-94 and 98-90, exacting some revenge for his 2006 loss to Mundine.

But many boxing pundits, and Mundine, believe Green lost the fight.

"I thought I won that fight and it's 2-0 ... I deserved it," Mundine told Fox Sports.

"But history will tell a different story.

"People know in their hearts ... they know who was the better man."

The scoring of the judge that awarded the fight to Green 98-90 was particularly mystifying in a largely even bout.

And a photo of the scorecard showed the 96-94 judge awarded Green a maximum 10 points in a round when he was penalised a point for elbowing.

"What do you do ... when you give a performance like that? I had him beat up. I had him bleeding. His eyes were puffy," Mundine said.

"I still won the fight hands down ... they robbed me.

"I know I won it. He (Green) knows I won

it. That is what makes it so tough."

Meanwhile, Green says his triumph over Mundine has nothing to do with revenge, or race.

"It's nothing to do with revenge," Green said after the fight.

"I want to say to Australia this has nothing to do with black and white.

"This is a fight. It's sport. It has nothing to do with colour."

Green paid tribute to Mundine after a bout both boxers thought they had won at the final bell.

"That just feels so good," Green said. "I'm an old man but I gave it my best.

"I want to pay special tribute, I want everyone here to raise their hand and clap – I don't care what you think, but for putting on a show for all you guys and for being one of the best athletes in the country – a hand clap for Anthony Mundine now please."

Green capitalised on his weight advantage of up to 4kg against Mundine, his strength countering Mundine's trademark speed in a largely even stoush.

Whether Mundine made good on his pledge to refuse to stand for the national anthem before the bout was unknown as both fighters remained in their dressing rooms while Advance Australia Fair was sung.

Within 90 seconds of the fight getting

under way, Green crumbled from a cheap shot from Mundine, who cracked him in the jaw when his rival wasn't looking as the referee attempted to break the fighters.

Green was dazed and examined by the ringside doctor before the fight continued – both fighters traded equal blows in the initial four rounds, none overly damaging though Green did land two telling uppercuts.

Mundine, in his first fight since November 2015 and subsequent hip surgery, clipped Green with a sweet right in the fifth, but there was little to split the ageing boxers.

Penalised

Mundine struck with two powerful rights in the seventh round, during which Green was penalised for continued use of his elbow.

Green started the eighth strongly, but also received a brief flurry from Mundine when on the ropes and the ninth and 10th were also desperately tight rounds.

Both fighters will pocket up to \$10 million each from the bout between the four-times world champion Green and three-times world champion Mundine

And while both are past their prime, the end to their bitter rivalry was watched by the second-largest pay-per-view television audience reported in Australia – eclipsed

only by their stoush 11 years ago.

Even Green couldn't believe the third judge scored 98-90 in his favour.

"I didn't win by eight points. No chance," Green said.

Green himself holds no animosity towards Mundine – not for the late blow, not for anything.

For while their rivalry has been sour at times, Mundine always had Green's respect.

"I don't think Choc intentionally meant to do it like that. But in the heat of the moment, that is the game," he said.

"Choc proved he's a warrior – an incredible competitor. He's a superior athlete.

"He's a class act, man. I have always liked watching him fight.

"I can tell you now, he's got no sh.t in him. He's a goer, because I hit him with a couple of good shots and he came back hard.

"He's digging hard and really trying to put me away. And as a fighter, you become endeared to the bloke.

"His heart just wants to jump out of its chest because it's pulsating but he's digging deep.

"And you get respect for a fighter and I have always respected Choc. We don't see eye to eye, but I gained a lot more respect for Choc even though I won the fight." – AAP