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All Stars rugby league success, National Indigenous Cricket Championships action, a top surfer in the making and a class boxer on the world stage. It's been a huge month for Indigenous sport. And we've got it all covered in our bumper sports section starting on the back page.

Gaps still wide

Report finds just one of seven targets to be on track



THE ninth Closing the Gap report shows that only one of seven targets to reduce Indigenous disadvantage is on target to be met.

Tabling the report in Federal Parliament last week, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull – who named a new Indigenous Advisory Council this month – said Australia must “stay the course” despite the failings.

Of the seven targets, only Indigenous Year 12 attainment is on track. Targets covering Indigenous mortality, life expectancy, early childhood education school attendance, literacy and numeracy, and employment are not.

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NATIONAL Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chairs Rod Little and Jackie Huggins, at left, present a coolamon holding the Redfern Statement to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten at Parliament House, Canberra, as Indigenous leaders, supporters and politicians look on. The statement – hailed as a blueprint for the future of Indigenous Australia – was handed over on the morning before the Prime Minister delivered the ninth annual Closing the Gap statement. See our coverage on page 5.

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My FAMILY

Rodney Newall – Flinders Island, Tas



● Pictured: Shannon Scown and Hayden Moon with their daughter Shyanne Moon, Rodney 'Drummer' Newall and partner Jen Hooper.

WE'VE got a family tree like a boxthorn, fair dinkum. Mum, Faye Everett, was born on Cape Barren Island. Both her parents were Cape Barreners and all her aunts and uncles too. Dad, Luke Newall, was from Edith Creek (north-west Tasmania).

He met Mum when he was working for the Agricultural Bank. They got married and had three boys. There was a bit of controversy back in the day, whitefella, blackfella kind of thing, but it was never a problem as we grew up.

I was born in the capital city of Whitemark on the first day of winter. I don't really remember, but it was the only sunny day they had that month.

In the 1960s we all moved to Penguin (north-west Tasmania), a one-horse town, and the horse had died years ago.

To this day I cannot figure out how we fitted in the house. I remember lining up 13 cups to make tea, and that was just for the adults. We had a ball; we had a great life.

I moved back to Flinders along with Aunty Ruth and Uncle Eric – he had a cray

licence – and my cousins. We were brothers and sisters, a close family, no cuzzzy-bros about it. Crikey Moses, we had fun.

I loved snaring roo for Aunty Ruth. It was our staple diet and still is. When I got older I worked in Learmouth, WA, for a while, fishing and processing wild prawns.

That's where I met my partner, Jen, and we've been together 20 years now. I've got four children, Shannon, Luke, Julian who's named after his great grandfather Julian Clifford Maynard, and my eldest Stephen who's in the navy. He just came from a tour of duty.

We spent Christmas on Big Dog Island, swimming, spearfishing every day. I still go mutton-birding with my brothers on Big Dog; that's when we catch up.

When I went away and worked, I was always going to come home. I was born here and I'm going to die here. Cities and me don't mix. The best thing about the city is the rear vision mirror.

I'm happy with what I've got. We live in paradise. – As told to Jillian Mundy

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OUR CHILDREN



STUDENTS from the NRL All Stars Indigenous Youth Summit, pictured above, participated in workshops and activities around leadership and career pathways throughout the week leading up to the annual All Stars rugby league game. Artist and designer of the All Stars Indigenous men's jersey, Chern'ee Sutton (in red top), ran a workshop with the students in Newcastle.

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Protesters march to Parliament House in Sydney on Apology Day.

Warnings as Apology is remembered



A MARCH to NSW Parliament House was one of the highlights of

Apology Day on February 13, marking the ninth anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations.

Marchers in Sydney, led by the group Grandmothers Against Removals (GMAR), demanded an end to the ongoing removal of Aboriginal children from their families.

There are more than 17,000 Indigenous children in out-of-home care across the country, and GMAR says this amounts to the continuation of the Stolen Generations.

Protesters demanded the return of Aboriginal children to their families, more Aboriginal control of child welfare, an end to juvenile incarceration and more support for Aboriginal families to keep children safe.

In other national Apology Day events and news:

- A well-attended breakfast and community event was held in Adelaide.

- Link-Up Victoria hosted a morning tea to commemorate the day, and in Shepparton a breakfast was held for the community.

- In the Northern Territory, MP for Nhulunbuy Yingiya Mark Guyula raised concerns about the removal of Aboriginal children from Arnhem Land.

Rudd warns

Former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd – the man who gave the national apology – joined others in warning of the potential for a second Stolen Generation.

“We do not want another generation of young Aboriginal children unnecessarily separated from their culture,” he said.

“We do not want to see the emergence of a second Stolen Generation, not by design, but by default.

“Let’s see 100% of Indigenous kids placed within their wider family or Indigenous community.”

Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston also called for urgent action to address what he called a “crisis” in Aboriginal communities.

“The Apology provided an important acknowledgement of the harm that was done, but practical measures are urgently required – especially to meet the needs of ageing Stolen Generations members within their lifetimes,” he said.

“Many of the people who bared their souls to the inquiry in the hope of change have already passed away.

“Those who are left are getting old, often living in poverty due to being denied education and opportunities as children, and facing new challenges including in relation to aged care.”

● **More Apology Day coverage on pages 30-31**



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Human rights post for Oscar



INDIGENOUS and other organisations have welcomed the appointment of June Oscar to the Australian Human Rights Commission. Ms Oscar, a Bunuba woman from the Kimberley region in Western Australia, is the new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social justice commissioner at the human rights watchdog.

She replaces Mick Gooda, who stepped down to become a royal commissioner investigating the Northern Territory's youth justice system.

Ms Oscar has been a strong advocate for children and women, and came to prominence when campaigning against alcohol abuse in her community of Fitzroy Crossing. She oversaw Australia's first study of the rate of foetal alcohol spectrum disorder and how it affects a community.

Currently chief executive of the Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre in Fitzroy Crossing, she will take up her new national role in April.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples welcomed the appointment. "We look forward to working with Ms Oscar in her new capacity," co-chair Jackie Huggins said.

"We would like to thank (Deputy Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner) Robyn Quiggin for her work, leadership and dedication in the role since Mick Gooda transferred to the position of Royal Commissioner last year."

Attorney-General George Brandis praised Ms Oscar's accomplishments and said he had kept his eye out for a person with the practical experience of achieving real outcomes to make people's lives better.

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Justin Mohamed said Ms Oscar's work has been inspirational. "She has shown herself to be a remarkable and determined advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia, and in particular, for women and children," he said.

The appointment was also welcomed by the Labor Party.



Incoming Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social justice commissioner June Oscar.

Victory in Canadian kids' case

A CANADIAN court has ruled that the Government breached its duty of care to thousands of Aboriginal children that who removed from their communities over nearly two decades, paving the way for what could be major compensation.

The class action suit, which was launched eight years ago, sought \$1.3 billion on behalf of about 16,000 Ontario Aboriginal children who were removed from reserves and placed in non-Aboriginal homes from 1965 to 1984 under a federal-provincial agreement.

Ontario Superior Court judge Edward Belobaba ruled that the Federal Government breached its duty to take reasonable steps to prevent the children from losing their Aboriginal identity.

The plaintiffs in the case argued that the children's loss of Aboriginal identity caused issues including mental disorders, substance abuse and suicide.

Canada's Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett said the decision would not be appealed and the Government wanted to sit down with survivors to discuss a settlement. – AAP

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Advisory council has new faces



MALCOLM Turnbull has overhauled the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council, appointing six Aboriginal members. He has also dropped Bundjalung man Nyunggai Warren Mundine, who was appointed as chair three years ago by then Prime Minister Tony Abbott.

The new appointees include education champion Chris Sarra from the Stronger Smarter Institute, one of the first Aboriginal doctors in Australia Professor Ngiare Brown, and Northern Territory Australian of the Year finalist Andrea Mason.

Traditional owner Djambawa Marawilli, community development worker Susan Murphy and NSW Aboriginal Land Council chair Roy Ah See round out the six.

Mr Turnbull said he would



Chris Sarra

make further appointments after consulting with the new council members.

"The refreshed council reflects the Government's deep commitment to doing things with Indigenous Australians in a genuine partnership," Mr Turnbull said in a statement.

"The council is expected to



Andrea Mason

work with, and draw in, other Indigenous Australians to ensure the Government has advice from a range of stakeholders and communities.

"We have asked that the council continue to focus on the Government's priorities of education, community safety and justice, and employment."



Indigenous leaders including National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chairs Rod Little and Jackie Huggins present a coolamon holding the Redfern Statement to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten at Parliament House, Canberra. Indigenous leaders and politicians are with them.

Redfern Statement handed to leaders



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander leaders have delivered their blueprint for the future – the Redfern Statement – to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull at

Parliament House. The historic manifesto, calling for a new relationship with Indigenous people, was presented in the lead-up to the ninth annual Closing the Gap report.

The Redfern Statement has been signed by peak Indigenous organisations covering health, justice, children and families, disability and family violence prevention, as well as major mainstream bodies. It outlines solutions to closing the disadvantage gap and calls for more engagement with Indigenous people.

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chairs Rod Little and Jackie Huggins presented the statement to Mr Turnbull in a coolamon.

"After 25 years, eight federal election cycles, seven Prime Ministers, eight Ministers for Indigenous Affairs, 400 recommendations, and countless policies, policy changes, reports, funding promises and funding cuts, it's time to draw a line in the sand," Mr Little said.

"We need a new relationship that respects and harnesses our expertise, and guarantees us a seat at the table as equal partners when governments are making decisions about our lives."

Dr Huggins said Indigenous organisations are seeking a new relationship, a genuine partnership and a commitment to ongoing structural engagement.

"Aboriginal community-controlled health organisations deliver 2.5 million episodes of care a year in their local communities – and

A blueprint for the future

THE Redfern Statement, released for last year's federal election campaign, urges 'a more just approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs'. The document proposes changes across a wide range of areas, including education, justice, health and family violence. It calls for:

- policies to be made with communities – rather than to communities;
- more than \$500 million cut from Indigenous Affairs in the 2014 Budget to be restored;
- a new Closing the Gap target focused on driving down the number of Indigenous Australians in jail;
- support for justice reinvestment – where money is redirected to address underlying causes of crime; and

are the only health and leadership models making inroads on Closing the Gap targets," she said.

"Our teachers, education professionals and family violence experts are delivering real results on the ground in their communities every single day – despite chronic underfunding and an ad-hoc policy approach based on three-year election cycles."

National advocacy organisation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights ANTaR national director Andrew Meehan said handing the statement to the Prime Minister was a historic moment that should

- creating a stand-alone department for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs. (Indigenous Affairs is currently within the Prime Minister's Department.)

Led by the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, 17 other Indigenous groups have signed it. They include the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation and First People's Disability Network.

Mainstream organisations supporting the Redfern Statement include the Australian Council of Social Service, Australian Medical Association, Amnesty International, the Law Council of Australia and Oxfam Australia.

be embraced by the Government.

"The Redfern Statement represents a united, considered and comprehensive approach to addressing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disadvantage," he said.

"The only way we'll see this change is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to have a seat at the table as equal partners when decisions are being made about their lives."

"We've seen report after report, inquiry after inquiry, all making important recommendations, few of which have been implemented."

More than 30 mainstream organisations

have supported the Redfern Statement, including Oxfam. Chief executive Helen Szoke said Oxfam has been echoing the Redfern Statement's calls to fund the National Congress and reverse funding cuts made to Indigenous programs in the 2014 federal Budget.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples still die on average more than 10 to 17 years younger than non-Aboriginal Australians, experience some of the highest suicide rates in the world, and are being locked up in prison at unprecedented rates," she said.

"Many Indigenous leaders are calling the current situation a crisis, and simply paying lip service to Closing the Gap targets without proper engagement risks condemning another generation of Aboriginal Australians to acute poverty and injustice."

"In his 2016 Close the Gap address, the Prime Minister committed to 'do things with Aboriginal people, not do things to them'."

"The Prime Minister must genuinely engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people so they can shape the decisions that directly affect them."

The Greens also backed the Redfern Statement with Senator Rachel Siewert saying the Government should implement the recommendation that the \$534 million cut from the Aboriginal sector be reinstated.

"That money could go towards pursuing the priority areas outlined in the statement and would serve as a solid foundation for resetting the efforts to close the gap."

"I welcome the Redfern Statement's calls for reconciliation, including a discussion around treaties, and look forward to these discussions."

● Closing the Gap report, pages 6-7

Ninth annual national PM renews commitment

PRIME Minister Malcolm Turnbull has renewed his commitment to work with Indigenous people on creating change. Speaking in Parliament while tabling the ninth annual Closing the Gap report, he said Australia “has not come far enough”.

“We cannot shy away from the stark reality that we are not seeing sufficient national progress on the Closing the Gap targets,” he said.

“Although we are not on track to meet the ambitious targets we have set, we must stay the course.”

The report found a target to halve the gap in mortality rates between Indigenous and other children by 2018 was not on track, nor was another to close the overall gap in life expectancy by 2031.

“We have come a long way since the 1967 referendum, but we have not come far enough,” Mr Turnbull said.

“I’m very saddened and disappointed that the target to halve the gap in Indigenous child mortality is not on track.

“We cannot shy away from the stark reality that we are not seeing sufficient national progress on the Closing the Gap targets.” – Malcolm Turnbull

“We must redouble our efforts to reduce smoking rates during pregnancy, continue to improve immunisation rates, lift rates of antenatal care, reduce foetal trauma and keep our children safe.”

The Government remains short of the target to have 95% of Indigenous four-year-olds enrolled in early education by 2025, and there will need to be major improvements to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous school attendance by next year.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion has called the life-expectancy gap target “unrealistic”. “This target, let’s be frank, was ambitious and unrealistic in such a short time frame,” he said.

A target to halve the gap for Indigenous children in reading, writing and numeracy by 2018 is not on track, but the numbers are considered to be within reach.

Efforts to halve the gap in Year 12 attainment among Indigenous Australians by 2020 are on track, but a push to halve the gap in employment outcomes between Indigenous and other Australians by 2018 is not.

The Prime Minister said incarceration rates, domestic violence and rates of child protection among Indigenous Australians are also too high.

“There can be no relationship without partnership, and there can be no partnership without participation,” Mr Turnbull said.

“It has to be a shared endeavour. Greater empowerment of local communities will deliver the shared outcomes we all seek.”

Mr Turnbull said the Government will redesign the targets in partnership with Indigenous people.

“We’ll work to ensure that the Closing the Gap initiatives are community-driven and recognise that Indigenous leaders are absolutely central – paramount – to funding the solutions in a way that supports identity and wellbeing,” he said.

The Prime Minister also announced an Indigenous commissioner would be appointed to the Productivity Commission.

“We must have a rigorous evaluation of programs so we know what is working and what is not,” he said.

“The data and the research we have, and the evidence we need to build, will then be made available to Indigenous communities to empower leadership and support community-led programs.”

Labor calls for new approach

**Greens say
report is
devastating**



FEDERAL Opposition Leader Bill Shorten has called for a new approach in closing the

Indigenous disadvantage gap.

“We need a new approach – an approach that listens to First Australians, gives them a stronger voice that they control, and recognises that they have the solutions,” he said.

“We need a new approach that fosters hope, that builds on a sense of belonging. An approach built on respect, recognition and resources.

“A new approach that, from now on, the First Australians must have first say in the decisions that shape their lives.

“The same approach will only deliver the same failings. Now is the hour for change.”

Mr Shorten said the Closing the Gap report was a sobering reminder that there is so much more to do before equality is achieved for Indigenous people.

“This day is about celebrating successes but also about acknowledging feelings,” he said.

“It’s a time for truth-telling, for accountability and for striving to do better. Our collective failings are written across the land: in schools, communities, hospitals and families.

“Nine years after the framework was agreed, only one of the seven Closing the Gap targets is on track.

“Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians pay a



Federal Labor Leader Bill Shorten speaks about the Closing the Gap report in Parliament.

heavy price for this collective national failure.

“The First Peoples live with worse health and education outcomes, fewer employment opportunities, inadequate housing and the lasting effects of intergenerational trauma.

“The flawed design and delivery of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy reminds us that paternalism doesn’t work.

“We cannot ignore the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people, or impose solutions instead of working with communities.”

Mr Shorten called on the Government to heed the voices of Indigenous people.

“The \$500 million in cuts to programs and frontline services has had a very real and damaging impact,” he said.

“Despite a promise that there would be no jobs or services lost, the opposite is true. Cutting funding from local providers

doesn’t foster independence, it undermines hope.”

Aboriginal Labor senator Pat Dodson described the report as sad, distressing and disappointing, but said past wrongs can be rectified.

“With the right political leadership we can transcend the politics of fear and guilt as a nation and work towards a reconciliation based on truth-telling, healing and justice – wrongs can be righted.”

THE Australian Greens spokesperson on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues, Senator Rachel Siewert, has condemned the Federal Government for this year’s Closing the Gap report.

“One of the targets is on track to close the gap for our First Peoples. Just one,” she said.

“I have witnessed many Closing the Gap reports in my time as a senator, but this year’s report is particularly devastating.

“Unfortunately it is not surprising. When they ripped half a billion dollars out of the sector, leaders, Aboriginal organisations and service deliverers knew the impacts would be real.

“This is now reflected in this report. We’ve gone backwards when it comes to Aboriginal kids’ reading and numeracy.

“Only Year 9 numeracy is on track, which means those kids are getting poor outcomes just when they’re starting off in life.”

Senator Siewert has also urged Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull to implement justice targets.

“We have national targets in other areas of Closing the Gap efforts, why are justice targets so unfeasible?” she said.

“In the past decade, rather than reducing incarceration, we have seen a heartbreaking 88% rise in the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our prisons.

“We desperately need justice targets. Incarceration rates for our First Peoples are still appalling; it urgently needs addressing.

“Aboriginal peoples have the solutions. We must listen before things get even worse.”

Closing the Gap report



Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull delivers the Closing the Gap report in Federal Parliament.

Six gap targets aren't on track



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander organisations say this year's Closing the Gap Report demonstrates the absolute need for the Federal Government to work more closely with Indigenous people.

Of the seven Closing the Gap goals, just one – halving the gap in Year 12 attainment – is on track.

This year's report shows the other six – Indigenous mortality, life expectancy, early childhood education school attendance, literacy and numeracy, and employment – are not and, in some cases, are getting worse.

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Jackie Huggins said hearing the disadvantage gap was worsening made her "want to cry".

"There's a heavy blanket that surrounds you. You're not able to move from that; it's a wet blanket that sits over the top of your head," she said at Parliament House after the report was released.

"That's how it feels to me every single year. We need to break the deadlock here because we are just going backwards in our country.

"I would view this as an opportunity now and an absolute chance to turn this all around."

Dr Huggins said it was time to "draw a line in the sand" and start doing much more to stem the "horrible" disadvantage.

"While there have been some positive changes, the negatives totally overpower this in relation to where we are heading as a community," she said.

"We say enough is enough, it is not good enough, and we deserve much better. Listen to our people, walk with our people."

National Family Violence Prevention and Legal Services' Antoinette Braybrook said

promises to close the gap will mean nothing without concrete action.

"Year after year we keep coming back and our people are still dying, still our people are being incarcerated," she said.

"Still Aboriginal women are being bashed and murdered, still our children are being removed. It's really sad for us as Aboriginal people."

NACCHO chief executive Pat Turner said Aboriginal controlled health services deliver the best model of integrated primary health care in Australia, and every Indigenous person should have access to these services.

"The Prime Minister (Malcolm Turnbull) committed to working with our people this morning and from this date on we expect nothing less," she said.

"We can more than double the current 140 Aboriginal medical services that will improve health outcomes.

"Early childhood education delivered in a culturally respectful manner by our own people, trained to work locally in their communities, must be a priority."

Solutions

NSW Aboriginal Land Council chair Roy Ah-See, who has recently been appointed to the Indigenous Advisory Council, applauded the Prime Minister's commitment to work with Indigenous people and said he is looking forward to implementing Indigenous-led solutions.

"Our people are still dying more than a decade before other Australians, too many of our young people are incarcerated or placed in out-of-home care, too many of our women and children remain vulnerable to violence and too many of our people experience self-harm and mental health problems," he said.

"As the report indicates, progress in addressing this disadvantage has been far too slow.

"We should applaud the gains that have been made in literacy and numeracy, the numbers of young Aboriginal people completing Year 12 and the improvements we are beginning to see in health.

"These improvements show us that positive change is possible – particularly when Aboriginal people ourselves are the drivers of that change.

"This is a generational challenge and we have to keep the fight up because the lives of our children depend on it."

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Justin Mohamed said Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should be hopeful about the Closing the Gap report because the gains that have been made came at a time of instability. "If these positive gains can be achieved in an environment of uncertainty, imagine how much progress we would see with resourcing beyond one- to three-year funding cycles," he said.

"Organisations and communities would be able to conduct their vital work in an environment of certainty.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities have the answers; they have been leading the way.

"The goodwill is there, but we need to be committed to harnessing it. The Redfern Statement (see report, page 5) provides an action plan designed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders.

"It is a blueprint to work for, and with, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak bodies who know their communities."

● Eastwood's comment and editorial, page 20

● Close the Gap day, page 29

What the report reveals

A snapshot of results revealed in the 2017 Closing the Gap report.

● Indigenous mortality:

The target to halve the gap by 2018 is not on track, with the 2015 rate just outside the target range. Over the longer term (1998-2015), the child mortality rate declined by 33%.

● Life expectancy:

The target to close the gap by 2031 is not on track based on data since the 2006 baseline. Over the longer term, total mortality rate declined by 15% between 1998 and 2015, with the largest decline from circulatory disease (the leading cause of indigenous deaths). However, the mortality rate from cancer (the second leading cause of death) is rising and the gap is widening.

● Early childhood education:

The target is for 95% of all four-year-olds to be enrolled in early childhood education by 2025. In 2015, 87% were enrolled.

● School attendance:

The attendance rate in 2016 was 83.4%, similar to 2014 (83.5%) compared to the non-indigenous rate of 93.1%. Progress needs to accelerate to achieve the 2018 target.

● Literacy and numeracy:

The target to halve the gap by 2018 is not on track. Latest data shows of the eight areas measured (reading and numeracy for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9), only one (Year 9 numeracy) is on track.

● Year 12 attainment:

The target to halve the gap by 2020 is on track. Nationally the proportion of Indigenous 20-24 year-olds who achieved Year 12 or equivalent increased from 45.4% in 2008 to 61.5% in 2014-15.

● Employment:

The 2018 target to halve the gap is not on track. While there has been an increase in the Indigenous employment rate since 1994, there has been a decline since 2008. In 2014-15, the Indigenous employment rate was 48.4%, compared with 72.6% for non-Indigenous Australians.

● Source: The Prime Minister's Closing the Gap report.

I'm vindicated, says Pearson

QLD THE Queensland Government will look at ways to improve training for teachers in Indigenous communities following another report on the Aurukun school.

The report on the Cape York school, previously under the control of Aboriginal leader Noel Pearson, has found no evidence of deliberate mismanagement but makes several recommendations to improve services for teachers and students.

The Audit Office report recommends there be more binding agreements in place between private operators and the state, as well as greater training for staff to ensure the best outcomes for students.

Mr Pearson said his Good to Great Schools Australia organisation had been vindicated by the report, which found the Department of Education was to blame for many of the Cape York school's problems.

Leading way at Mardi Gras

NSW INDIGENOUS people will lead the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras parade on March 4. Their float, 'Creating Equality: step by step' is being created and led by Indigenous people of diverse gender and sexuality, together with family, friends and supporters.

The theme is designed to highlight the work being done towards achieving equality in all areas, including health, education and employment.

The theme colour is 'light and bright', so participants are encouraged to wear white as the basic colour, and to feel free to add whatever bright coloured decorations or accessories they like.

The entry is supported by the Aboriginal Project at HIV prevention, HIV support and LGBTI health organisation ACON.

To register for the parade visit <https://goo.gl/forms/AiifW26YHactCXww2>

Kalgoorlie man will face court

WA THE man accused of deliberately running down and killing Aboriginal teenager Elijah Doughty in Western Australia's Goldfields region wants to have his trial heard in their home town.

The man, whose name is suppressed, allegedly chased down the 14-year-old in his ute as the teen rode a stolen motorcycle in Kalgoorlie. The accused was charged with manslaughter, sparking race riots in the gold mining town.

He pleaded not guilty in December.

A tentative trial date has been set for July 17-21, and an application to have the case heard in Kalgoorlie will be the subject of a hearing on March 28. —AAP

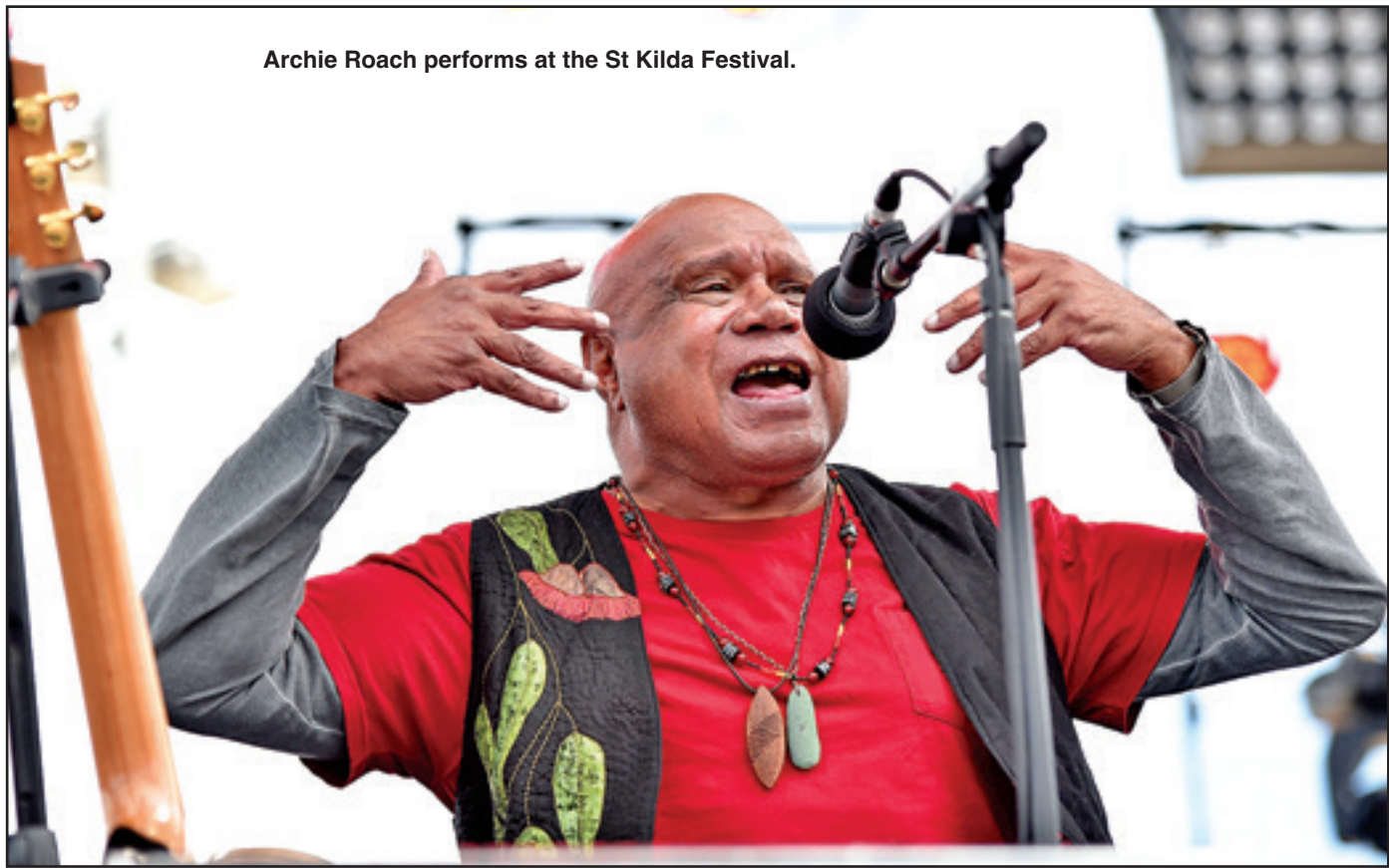
Main APY road work on track

SA WORK is set to start on building 43km of the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Main Access Road, after the \$21.4 million contract was awarded to Toll Mining Services. The contract covers a section of road between Pukatja (Ernabella) and Umuwa. The work is part of the upgrade of 210km of the Main Access Road and 21km of community access roads between the Stuart Highway and Pukatja (Ernabella) in the APY Lands.

At least 18 jobs will go to local Anangu people under the contract.

Work on the road is scheduled for completion by mid-2019.

Celebration at St Kilda



Archie Roach performs at the St Kilda Festival.

VIC THE St Kilda Festival has celebrated community spirit and Australian music on the Melbourne foreshore.

The free event had a line-up including renowned Aboriginal musician Archie Roach, and rappers Mau Power and Birdz. Crowds turned out to see these and many other artists perform at the festival.

Aboriginal culture was showcased, with Indigenous event Yalukit Wilum Ngargee happening in the week leading up to the St Kilda Festival.

Comedian Kevin Kropinyeri hosted the event, with performances from Lexine Solomon, Yirmal, Shauntai Batzke, Gawurra, Lady Lash, Darlow and Alice Skye.

Now in its 12th year, Yalukit Wilum Ngargee, also featured markets and stalls and children's activities alongside performances from musicians and dancers.

The *Confined* exhibition, featuring artworks by Indigenous artists in, or recently released from, prison in Victoria was held at the St Kilda Town Hall as part of the event.

The exhibition aims to support Indigenous offenders. Artworks on show explored issues of identity and connecting to culture and country.

The exhibition was presented by The Torch, which supports Indigenous offenders and ex-offenders.

The Torch also held Dhumbadha Munga (Talking Knowledge), looking at the relationship between the arts workers and artists they support.

Study reveals racism issues

AUSTRALIA ALMOST half of Indigenous Australians have described experiencing racism, according to the findings of Reconciliation Australia's latest Australian Reconciliation Barometer survey. The barometer is a national research study conducted every two years to measure and compare attitudes and perceptions towards reconciliation in the wider Australian as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

"Our Australian Reconciliation Barometer findings show that in the six months prior to the survey, 46% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians experienced at least one form of racial prejudice," Reconciliation Australia chief executive Justin Mohamed said.

"This is up from 39% in 2014, and is two-and-a-half-

"The reality is that unless goodwill is followed through with significant reform at an institutional level, Australia will continue to fall short of its full potential as a reconciled nation."

— RA's Justin Mohamed



times higher than an Australian from the general community, of whom only 18% had had such experiences."

Other key findings of the survey reveal that:

- Many Australians (57% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and 39% of Australians in the general Australian community) agree Australia is a racist country.
- Almost half (46%) of Indigenous Australians say they trust other Australians, but only one in five (19%) of the wider community think Indigenous Australians trust them.
- Almost all Australians (97% Indigenous and 89% of others) believe the relationship is important.
- Most Australians agree that Indigenous cultures are important to Australia's national identity (93% Indigenous and 77% of others).

"What we're seeing since the first survey in 2008 just after the National Apology to Stolen Generations is that whilst we've maintained a lot of goodwill

since then, we aren't moving fast enough on issues of racism and trust," Mr Mohamed said.

"This is holding all Australians back from having positive relationships with each other. Part of the problem that our State of Reconciliation in Australia (report) uncovered last year is that we aren't addressing racism at an institutional level.

"Attempts to weaken legal protections under the *Racial Discrimination Act* are ongoing; Australia is yet to implement its international obligations under the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and the Australian Constitution still allows for racial discrimination in our nation's founding document.

"The reality is that unless goodwill is followed through with significant reform at an institutional level, Australia will continue to fall short of its full potential as a reconciled nation."

Program offers a fresh start



A PROGRAM by Mallee District Aboriginal Services has given a fresh start to a group of young people at risk of involvement with the justice system. Six graduates of the inaugural Koori Connect Program have resumed their education with Mildura's FLO Connect after completing Koori Connect, devised as a 'pre-FLO' program, in the final term of 2016.

FLO Connect is an education re-engagement scheme which offers young people who have left school the opportunity to reconnect in education, training and/or employment.

MDAS family services manager Andy Charles said Koori Connect's small group size allowed one-on-one attention to getting the teenagers back on track.

"It's about intervening with kids whose next stop could quite likely involve the justice system," he said.

"Relationship"

"We have a strong relationship with all the schools in the district, and with FLO Connect, and that helped us identify three girls and three boys aged between 14 and 17 who were disengaged from school long-term.

"We were lucky to have some funding available from the Department of Justice and Regulation that we could use to get teachers on board and get this pilot project up and running and we are pleased with its success.

"All of these kids have really taken the opportunity – and in a couple of cases have stepped up to leadership."

Mr Charles said that although the goal was to get the young people back into school, Koori Connect took into account

Dakota Alexander, Koori Connect Coordinator Warren Wimbis and Brandon Reid in the MDAS Youth Hub kitchen.



the broader challenges facing program participants.

The project was run from the MDAS Youth Hub where Mr Charles said the young people felt comfortable. Programs focused on education, personal development and cultural activities and were aimed at rebuilding confidence and motivation.

Participants Dakota Alexander and Brandon Reid said the program had made a huge difference to their outlook.

Mr Charles said the rebound in confidence among the young participants was its biggest achievement.

"When they came to us they didn't really have a voice. At the end, two of the participants stood up, representing the

group, and acknowledged the support they have had, and that they were thankful for that," he said.

"It's not just about learning, it's about rebuilding a sense of purpose and empowerment. We're really proud of them and look forward to seeing them continue to progress through FLO Connect this year."

Title law concern



THE Federal Government has been accused of failing to properly consult Indigenous communities about proposed changes to native title laws.

A bill aiming to reverse the effect of a recent Federal Court ruling was expedited through Parliament's lower house last Thursday, just a day after being introduced.

Labor and the Greens slammed the uncommonly quick turnaround and the little time given to examine in detail something that could have "significant" implications.

The legislation aims to reinstate a 2010 decision effectively overruled by the full bench of the Federal Court. That February 2 ruling means a single member of a claim group can stop an Indigenous land use agreement from being registered.

The proposal would re-establish the status quo so agreements are authorised based on the group's broader will.

It's believed the court's decision has invalidated up to 150 existing agreements, including some around agricultural and mining ventures.

While not objecting to the point of the bill, Labor's Linda Burney – Federal Parliament's first female Lower House Indigenous MP – labelled the Government's handling of the proposed changes as "completely disrespectful" to her

community and the spirit of native title. It was at odds with the Prime Minister's sentiment in his Closing the Gap speech earlier this week to do things with, not to, Indigenous peoples, she said.

"There was absolutely no need for the rush," Ms Burney said.

But the peak body representing the native title sector urged Parliament to support the speedy passage of the bill.

National Native Title Council chief executive Glen Kelly said it was important to move promptly given the large number of agreements rendered invalid.

Agreements

The legislation would secure those agreements and implement changes the sector has been seeking for years, he said in a statement.

A Senate committee will have one month to scrutinise the bill before it goes to a final vote.

That will allow people to contribute to the impact of the decision, said Ken Wyatt, Australia's first Indigenous federal minister.

The Greens failed to extend to May the parliamentary inquiry after accusing the Government of abusing the democratic process.

Party leader Richard Di Natale claimed the timetable was being rushed to facilitate the development of the controversial Adani coalmine in Queensland. – AAP

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Justice on its way



THE families of three Aboriginal youths

murdered in the small NSW town of Bowraville have packed a Sydney courtroom to hear about a long-awaited appeal that could see a man retried over two of the killings.

Justice Clifton Hoeben discussed the potential timeline of an appeal which will determine if there's enough fresh and compelling evidence to retry the man previously acquitted of two of the murders.

The man, who can't be named for legal reasons, allegedly killed 16-year-old Clinton Speedy-Duroux and four-year-old Evelyn Greenup between October 1990 to April 1991 in the quiet mid-north coast town.

A third Aboriginal youth, 16-year-old Colleen Walker, was also killed in the area. Her clothing was found weighted down with

rocks in the nearby Nambucca River but her body has never been found.

The accused, who was granted bail at Newcastle Local Court this month, did not appear in Sydney's Court of Criminal Appeal last week.

The brief and uneventful hearing was told the man's lawyers needed time to consider up to 23 volumes of material before a date for hearing the appeal could be set.

The Crown was also told to provide a summary of what it considered fresh and convincing evidence.

Nevertheless Leonie Duroux, Clinton's sister-in-law, said family members were happy to be there, with some travelling from interstate.

The case will be in court again on March 31 when it's expected there will be further discussion about a time frame for the appeal.



Leonie Duroux, the sister-in-law of murdered teenager Clinton Speedy-Duroux, speaks to Detective Inspector Gary Jubelin after the Court of Criminal Appeal hearing in Sydney.

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Lauren Baker-Nicholson – Corporate Affairs

Lauren applied for the 2017 Graduate Program intake and has joined Woodside as a graduate Corporate Affairs Adviser in Exploration.

Lauren started her journey with Woodside in 2014 as part of the Indigenous Cadetship Program while studying Sustainable Development and Politics and International Studies at Murdoch University. Since commencing the program Lauren has worked in various areas of the company including project development, social contribution and stakeholder engagement.

"Gaining experience in the oil and gas industry while completing my studies was invaluable to both my tertiary achievements and professional development and it continues to benefit me today as a graduate."

"I have grown as a person with Woodside's support and have broadened my knowledge base extensively. The opportunities Woodside offers through these programs opens so many doors in the real world and the corporate world."

Courtney Kelly – Reservoir Management

Growing up in Innisfail North Queensland, Courtney moved to Brisbane at age 17 to study engineering at the University of Queensland. She went on to become the first Indigenous female Mining Engineer to graduate from UQ.

After graduating, Courtney moved across the country to Perth to begin her career in the oil and gas industry with Woodside as part of the 2016 Woodside Graduate Program intake. "Although moving away from my family in Queensland has been difficult it has been extremely rewarding. Woodside has an incredible work culture, collaboration across disciplines and the business makes my work exciting and dynamic. I've had the opportunity to be involved in really interesting projects, including being involved in the real-time execution of two drilling campaigns."

Having experienced the positive impacts of mentoring throughout her studies and her role, Courtney hopes to repay that by encouraging future generations.

"I hope sharing my experiences will inspire and encourage the younger generations coming through to further their studies and reach for their goals like I have. It has been hard work but it's been such a rewarding journey."

New chief executive for NSW land council



THE NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) has a new chief executive officer.

Wiradjuri man James

Christian takes on the position after serving in senior executive roles at Commonwealth and State level.

NSWALC chair Roy Ah-See said Mr Christian's experience was a great asset for the largest member-based Aboriginal organisation in Australia.

"The Land Rights network in NSW is in the best shape it's ever been. With our network of 120 local Aboriginal land councils, we are well-positioned to drive important issues including economic development," he said.

"The elected board of NSWALC welcomes Mr Christian to the organisation and looks forward to working with him."

Mr Christian said he was looking forward to his new role.

"In NSW, Aboriginal people are in a unique position of having a land rights system that can secure freehold land over certain Crown lands," he said.

"This opens up many opportunities for Aboriginal peoples to strengthen culture and to grow economically."

"The land base that we enjoy in NSW has enormous capacity to transform the lives of future generations of Aboriginal peoples and I look forward to ensuring to see these opportunities realised."

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Approval given for TJ Hickey memorial



THE family and supporters of TJ Hickey have

welcomed approval for a permanent memorial on the site in Waterloo, Sydney, where the teenager died.

But they have vowed to continue their fight for a fresh coronial inquest into the 13-year-old's death.

Police say that on February 14, 2004 TJ was riding a bicycle downhill without brakes as a patrol vehicle was nearby. They say he hit a gutter and was impaled in a 2.5m high fence outside a block of units. TJ died as a result of his injuries the following day.

His death led to riots, with local people convinced TJ died as the result of a police pursuit.

Despite a coronial inquest declaring the death a 'freak accident', family and supporters are adamant TJ's death was not an accident.

They have organised a street march each year since TJ's death to remember the teen and push their case.

That action has now led to official permission to install a memorial, but not with a special plaque made 10 years ago which cites TJ's death as the



TJ Hickey's mother Gail, holds her son's picture, and is with supporters at this year's rally on February 14.

result of a police pursuit.

Indigenous Social Justice Association secretary Raul Bassi says the new memorial, to be

installed on a yet-to-be-selected site in Waterloo, will have wording by TJ's mother Gail to encapsulate the family's sense of loss.

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Payouts for 'Dixon' kids



FORMER child residents who suffered years of abuse at a Northern Territory Aboriginal children's home

have become the first group in Australia to win compensation from the Federal Government following evidence at the sex abuse royal commission.

The 71 former residents of Darwin's Retta Dixon home, who alleged physical and sexual assaults by staff between 1946 and 1980, launched a civil lawsuit in 2015 against a convicted paedophile, the Commonwealth and the religious group that ran the home.

"It is hoped that the settlement of this claim will enable those who suffered to reach a form of closure on this period of their lives," a spokesperson for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet said.

The notorious home for

Stolen Generations children was run by Australian Indigenous Ministries (AIM) and overseen by the Federal Government.

The group's lawyer, Bill Piper, said half the plaintiffs alleged sexual abuse and basically all alleged physical abuse in what is believed to be the largest class action in NT history.

The Government spokesperson said all defendants contributed to the settlement after a week-long mediation but wouldn't disclose the amount.

They include the AIM and Donald Henderson, who never faced trial over claims of abuse he allegedly perpetrated while a house parent at Retta Dixon.

Henderson worked at Retta Dixon for 11 years and was convicted in 1985 of unrelated child sex abuse offences. He was fined \$300 and placed on a good behaviour bond.

In 2015 the royal commission found the church group repeatedly failed to protect the

children but didn't rule on whether the Government failed in its duty of care.

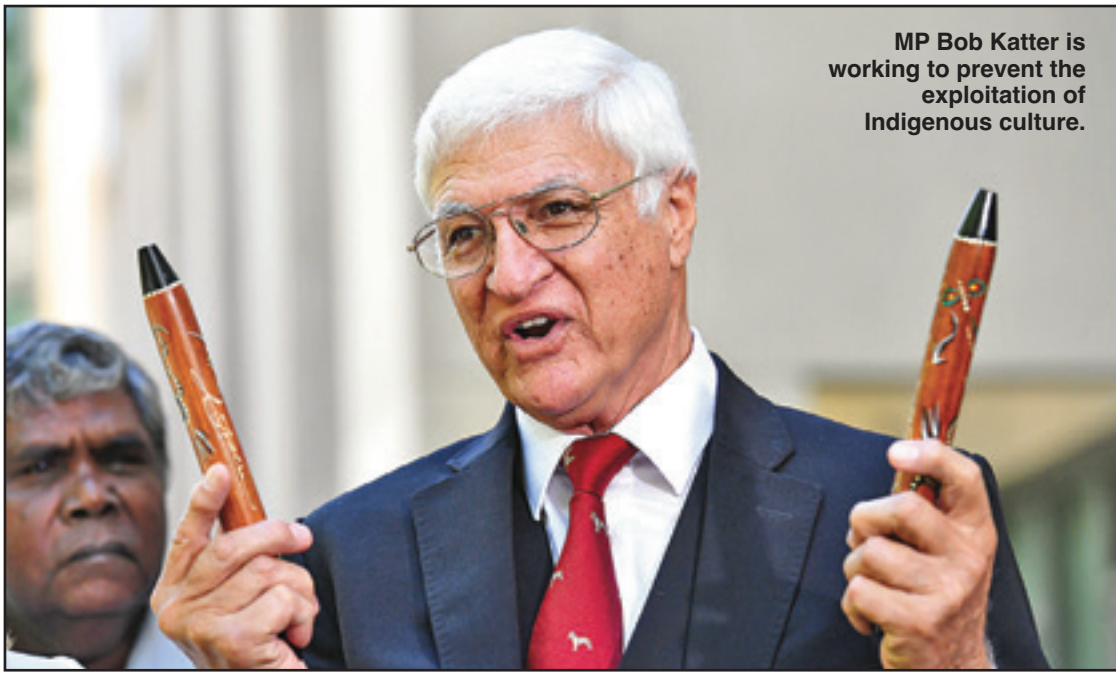
During the inquiry's hearings in 2014, 10 former residents gave evidence about sexual, physical and physiological torment they endured.

They testified that children were chained to beds, raped by Henderson, sexually abused by other children and punished for trying to report the assaults.

One girl was allegedly hit so hard her nose was broken and other children were force-fed until they were sick and then made to eat the vomit.

Abuse charges relating to five children were laid against Henderson in 1975, but were dropped, something which the commissioners found was wrong. A public apology and counselling was only offered by AIM during those hearings.

At first the organisation said it could not afford redress, but then agreed to sell a property to do so. — AAP



MP Bob Katter is working to prevent the exploitation of Indigenous culture.

Bill introduced to stop cultural exploitation



THE Arts Law Centre of Australia, the Indigenous Art Code and Copyright

Agency/Viscopy have welcomed the introduction of legislation to end Indigenous culture misappropriation through art.

The Private Member's Bill by MP Bob Katter proposes that the Parliament act to help prevent the exploitation of Indigenous culture and the deception of consumers about the authenticity of arts and craft goods they are buying.

This issue has been central to the 'Fake Arts Harms Culture' campaign which has helped raise awareness of how widespread the practice of creating commercial works in an 'Aboriginal style' but with no

connection to the Indigenous community has become.

This practice, which is largely aimed at tourists, deprives Indigenous communities and artists of control of their cultural heritage as well as fair payment for their work. It also disadvantages consumers who believe they are buying genuine works and those ethical suppliers who make the commitment of only stocking authentic Indigenous art products and merchandise.

Yolngu artist Banduk Marika welcomed the move.

"The ecosystem, the environment we live in is full of natural resources," she said.

"Our art is our resource. It belongs to us. We use it in a ceremonial context. It is a resource for our survival.

"If control of that resource is taken away from us, we cannot meet our cultural obligations; we cannot use it for our families benefit. Exploiting our resource needs to be negotiated on our terms. We need to have control of how that's done."

Arts Law Centre chief executive Robyn Ayres supported introducing legislation to deal with the issue.

And Indigenous Art Code chief executive Gabrielle Sullivan also praised the move.

"This is an opportunity to ensure that Indigenous communities and artists regain control of goods that bear their art, their culture, what belongs to them; that consumers are not misled; and that ethical businesses are recognised," she said.



FEDERAL Attorney-General George Brandis has suggested the Don Dale Detention Centre abuse

scandal may never have happened if better oversight measures were in place.

Senator Brandis reflected on the Northern Territory abuse saga after committing Australia to ratifying an optional international anti-torture treaty.

Ratification will see prisons, police watchhouses, juvenile justice and immigration detention centres across Australia monitored by independent inspectors – a move welcomed by many groups.

A royal commission was established in the wake of footage showing boys being tear-gassed, spit-hooded and shackled in the NT's youth prison system was aired on television last year.

Senator Brandis considered what might have been different if the treaty was in place when the events at Don Dale emerged.

"It may well be that either they wouldn't have happened at all or they would have been arrested at a much earlier time," he said.

The Government says it will

work with states and territories to launch the network of inspectors after pledging to ratify the protocol to the convention against torture.

Australia signed the convention in 2009 but the Government had never before committed to implementing it.

Meanwhile, the Human Rights Law Centre says Australia needs a stronger, more independent system of safeguards around conditions in places of detention.

"From the mistreatment of children at Don Dale to the death of (22-year-old Aboriginal woman) Ms Dhu in police custody in the Pilbara, we've seen how things can go tragically wrong," executive director Hugh de Kretser said.

"Implemented properly, (this treaty) will promote safe, well-managed places of detention. It will reduce mistreatment and risks of deaths in custody."

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services co-chair Wayne Muir said the move demonstrated an acceptance by governments that accountability in places of detention needed to be improved.

The Federal Ombudsman will be tasked with coordinating inspections and oversight.



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Men set to shed their issues

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIA'S first Aboriginal 'men's shed' is up and ready to roll at Karadi Aboriginal Corporation near

Hobart. The shed, which is about to be fitted out with wood-working machinery, is a base for the Karadi men's group which is approaching its first anniversary as a regular fixture.

One of the older members of the group, Rex Burgess, has never missed a group get-together and says it's a highlight of his fortnight.

"If I'm driving past on the highway, I can look up and know there's an Aboriginal men's shed sitting up on the hill," he said.

"It helps boys get off the streets and learn about their culture."

Place to yarn

Mr Burgess said the group provides a place for men to yarn about personal life and problems, especially for men who might find it hard to talk in other groups or around women.

He says his health has improved since becoming involved with the group, and he's also pleased to report that a lot of fellows are good cooks.

The men's group, which is facilitated by Jacob Prehn, an Aboriginal health and social worker, is based on 'adventure



Rex Burgess (front) is with other men's group participants Luke Mabb, Dougie Maynard, Thomas Riley, Jack Riley, Terrence Maynard, Josh Langford, Zac Romagnoli-Townsend, Jam Graham-Blair, Paul Mabb, Teangi Brown and group facilitator Jacob Prehn.

bush therapy' – getting out on country and connecting to culture.

There have been camps all over the state, with activities including caving, abseiling, fishing, kayaking and yarning around the fire.

Members have made waddies, clap sticks, spears and more recently have been

experimenting with making stone tools. In the pipeline is working with kangaroo and wallaby skins.

"There's always something coming up, giving people something to look forward to if they're having a crappy week," Mr Prehn said.

He said one reason the group is working well is because

members have autonomy.

"Everyone is equal in the group. If anything the older guys are the bosses," he said.

Mr Prehn gives credit to Rachel Dunn, the chief executive of Karadi, which in recent years has evolved from a women's group to a family organisation, for keeping out of the men's business and

involving herself only in finances and administration.

He said the group has many health benefits, provides links between generations and opportunities for referrals and assistance to other services.

The support of the group has helped some of the men stay off the grog and a couple of participants start university.

Aboriginal judge heading inquiry



ABORIGINAL man Judge Matthew Myers will lead the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) inquiry into the incarceration rate of

Indigenous Australians.

Announced in October last year, the review will examine the factors leading to the overrepresentation of Indigenous Australians in the prison system and to consider reforms to the law to address this.

Judge Myers said answers do not lie in building bigger prisons, and his inquiry will be the first step in building solutions.

"There is a goodwill among Australian people," he told the *Koori Mail*. "Many are realising how high the numbers are and realising that this can't go on."

"We want to consult with as many people as possible, including those with criticisms of the inquiry, because that's what will help us figure out what needs to change."

Indigenous people make up 27% of Australia's prison population, despite only being 3% of Australia's national population.

Judge Myers, Australia's first Indigenous Commonwealth judicial officer, sits in the Newcastle Registry of the Federal Circuit Court.

He said he and his review team will be



"This inquiry will look at how we can reform the law, it will look at why we're seeing so many people incarcerated and how we can change those laws and what we can do to see less people locked up. It's about working out what we can do better."

– Judge Matthew Myers

talking to as many people in the community as possible to find solutions to the high incarceration rates of Indigenous people.

"This is not a case of 'is there an overrepresentation?' – the numbers are clear and it's a national tragedy," Judge Myers said.

"Changes in the laws over the past 10 years have caused an increase in the numbers of our people incarcerated."

"This inquiry will look at how we can reform the law, it will look at why we're seeing so many people incarcerated and

how we can change those laws and what we can do to see less people locked up. It's about working out what we can do better."

Under the terms of reference, the inquiry will examine the laws, frameworks and institutions and broader contextual factors that lead to prison overrepresentation.

Those terms – available at www.ag.gov.au – were established after a public consultation period.

The ALRC inquiry must report to the Government by December 22 this year.

NT groups Innovating to Succeed



REPRESENTATIVES of Indigenous groups from across the Northern Territory will be in Alice Springs on March 3 for the Aboriginal Peak Organisations of the NT (APO NT) Innovating to Succeed Forum.

It is a free full-day event for managers and board members of NT Aboriginal organisations to network and hear how others are running their programs, expanding their businesses and strengthening their sustainability.

The event will be opened by NT Chief Minister Michael Gunner and there will be a keynote address from the 2016 National Indigenous Governance Award winner Western Desert Dialysis.

Participants will hear case studies from pioneering organisations such as the Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation, Central Australian Aboriginal Congress and the Palngun Wurnangat Aboriginal Corporation.

Topics on the program include governance, succession planning, starting commercial ventures and transitioning to independence. Government representatives will provide updates and a Q&A discussion is planned.

"If you want to learn more about how to develop innovative solutions to challenges, plan for change, or grow your organisation in a new and different way, we want to see you there," said Wes Miller, manager of the APO NT Aboriginal Governance and Management Program which runs the forum.

Details at www.aboriginalgovernance.org.au or on (08) 8959 4623.

Wotton to seek election

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island activist Lex Wotton will stand for the seat of Townsville as an independent candidate at the next Queensland election, which must be held in or before 2018.

Mr Wotton, who was jailed for his involvement in a riot after the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee on Palm Island in 2004, said he was standing so he could "speak out".

Mr Wotton, his wife Cecilia and mother Agnes were awarded \$220,000 recently after the Federal Court found Queensland

police breached the Racial Discrimination Act multiple times when responding to the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee.

But the Queensland Government is appealing the decision, a move which has brought widespread criticism from Indigenous people. Mr Wotton said the appeal was a major consideration in his decision to stand for the seat of Townsville.

"Speak out"

"By running for the state election, I am hoping to speak out," he told the *Townsville Bulletin*. "I'm upset with how they are treating this particular case. I'm hoping to make the police more accountable and address wider problems,

including Aboriginal deaths in custody.

"Townsville and Palm Island have been overlooked by the State and Federal governments. They say they will support this and that, but it always comes down to the budget."

Thousands of people have signed a petition demanding the Government drop the appeal.

Townsville-based activist and Indigenous community leader Professor Gracelyn Smallwood has encouraged friends and family to sign.

"Funding an appeal against the Federal Court decision shows pure arrogance, that First Nations people do not matter," she said.



Palm Island's Lex Wotton.

Economic forums look to the future



NORTHERN Territorians have been invited to have their say about the NT's economic future through a series of economic summits being held across the Territory.

Chief Minister Michael Gunner said the forums were part of the process to develop a long-term economic framework that will shape the Northern Territory's



NT Chief Minister Michael Gunner.

future. Key topics include jobs, investment, and Indigenous economic engagement.

People can contribute by providing comments on themes and forum topic papers online, or by registering to attend one of the summits.

Public forums will be held in the centres of Nhulunbuy (March 2), Tennant Creek (March 6), Alice Springs (March 7), Palmerston (March 8), Katherine (March 9) and Darwin (March 13).

Two final summits will be held in Alice Springs on March 24 and Darwin on March 29.

See economicsummit.nt.gov.au to register.

Guilty plea from former director



A FORMER former director of Githabul Nation Aboriginal Corporation in far northern NSW has pleaded guilty to dishonesty charges. Trevor John Close has admitted to three counts of dishonestly misusing his position as a corporation director to gain an advantage for himself.

In 2013 he used the proceeds of sale from a property owned by Githabul Nation to pay the rent for his private home in Sydney.

The charges were brought by Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven.

Close will be sentenced in the NSW Local Court on April 4.

Deadline near for leaders program



APPLICATIONS close on February 28 for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leaders Program (NATSILP). Under the program, participants 'walk in the footsteps' of Indigenous leaders to honour their story and support their leadership aspirations.

It is being run by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation (ARLF) and funded by the Federal Government.

Eighty places are available across four NATSILP programs being held this year.

More details and application forms at www.rural-leaders.com.au

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This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land.

An area of 100 units situated approximately 32 kilometres north north west of Mount Hope, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Scorpio Resources Pty Ltd (ACN 109 158 769) is the holder of Exploration Licence 8398 for Group one minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

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

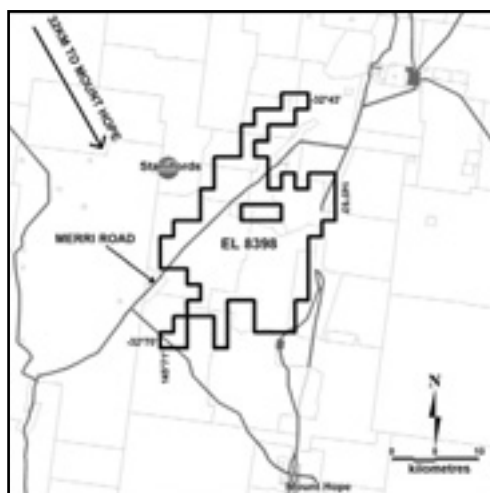
Minister for Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Jedda Hoffman; Titles Services, NSW Department of Industry, (02) 4931 6424.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **9 March 2017**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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Members of inDigiMOB
in Alice Springs.

This mob is delivering important digital skills



A PARTNERSHIP providing digital technology skills training to Aboriginal people in remote areas has just celebrated its first year.

And now inDigiMOB is rolling out its next phase to remote communities in the Northern Territory.

A partnership between the Indigenous Remote Communications Association (IRCA) and Telstra, inDigiMOB provided peer-to-peer digital skills training to people in Arlparra and Alice Springs town camps over the past year.

The aim was to bridge the digital divide in remote communities through informal digital skills training that values the experience and

knowledge of Indigenous people.

Now community partners Batchelor Institute and Tangentyere Council have committed to continue inDigiMOB in Arlparra and the Alice Springs town camps based on the evaluation of the pilot year.

Pilot year

Program data was collected throughout the pilot year to help identify effective delivery models, that will now shape the rollout and implementation of inDigiMOB into new remote communities this year.

"As more of our daily actions and activities move online, being able to use digital technologies brings a growing range of important benefits, especially for Indigenous people in

remote locations who often experience significant barriers to digital inclusion," IRCA general manager Daniel Featherstone said.

Telstra has also praised the program. "We want to see all Australians connect, participate and interact safely in the digital world, irrespective of where they live – which is what this program is all about," Telstra executive Steve Ellis said.

"To help expand the reach of inDigiMOB, Telstra has donated a new lease vehicle to IRCA for the duration of the partnership."

For more information about inDigiMOB and to access the pilot year evaluation report, visit <http://irca.net.au/indigimob>

Qld Govt urged to drop appeal



THE National Congress of Australia's First Peoples has called on the Queensland Government to stop its appeal over a discrimination finding against police.

The Queensland Attorney General has appealed a Federal Court ruling that police unlawfully discriminated against the Palm Island's Indigenous residents during a death in custody investigation and their handling of the subsequent riots in 2004.

Justice Debbie Mortimer found that the Queensland Police commanding and investigating officers on Palm Island at the time of the tragedy "operated with a sense of impunity, impervious to the reactions and perceptions of Palm Islanders, and very much with an 'us-and-them' attitude" which differed from their behaviour in other locations.

Further, the judge found police had contravened the *Racial Discrimination Act* in their treatment of Aboriginal witnesses, submitting inaccurate information to the coroner, and failing to "communicate effectively" with the community to defuse tensions.

Palm Island man Lex Wotton, who was jailed for inciting violence, and his family was awarded \$220,000 as part of the judgment.

"Great tragedy"

"Memories run deep of the great tragedy that happened to Mulrunji Doomadgee and community members in the riot that followed his death," Congress co-chair Jackie Huggins said.

"There is a long history of tension between police and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including on Palm Island, and actions of this type by the Queensland Government run the

risk of inflaming the situation.

Congress co-chair Rod Little questioned how the Queensland Government came to the decision to appeal.

"The Attorney General's actions are only going to further the divide between the Government and the community of Palm Island," he said.

"How can the Queensland Government expect to gain the respect and trust of our people by behaving in this way?"

"We call upon the Queensland Government and the Attorney General's Office to drop the appeal and begin reconciliation with the Palm Island Indigenous community."

"Congress urges that the Queensland Police Service and Government offer a sincere public apology to Palm Island residents as a gesture of goodwill and a step toward remediating relations."

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Clinical trial targets diabetes



A CLINICAL trial run by the Townsville Hospital and Health Service will use 3D digital photography and telehealth in a bid

to drive down soaring rates of preventable diabetes-related amputations.

Under the \$500,000 trial, funded by BUPA and the Australian Diabetes Society, 50 patients from rural and remote areas will receive treatment for diabetic foot ulcers via telehealth.

A Townsville hospital spokesperson told the *Koori Mail* this would be of great benefit to Indigenous people with diabetes, including many at remote communities.

"Given Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people tend to have much higher rates of diabetes, it would be fair to say that would be associated with higher rates of diabetic foot ulcers," the spokesman said.

Last month, staff endocrine specialist Associate Professor Usman Malabu visited Palm Island to train Joyce Palmer Health Service staff to use the new technology.

"Foot ulcers"

"These 3D cameras will allow us to track the improvement or deterioration of foot ulcers in as much detail as we would be able to if the patient was sitting right in front of a specialist," he said.

"Importantly, the pictures these cameras are capable of taking track not only the length and width of a foot ulcer but also the depth.

"Through this trial we will be able to track the healing process of foot ulcers without the need for patients to travel to Townsville weekly or fortnightly for a review."



Medical specialist Associate Professor Usman Malabu is with staff at Palm Island's Joyce Palmer Health Centre.

Dr Malabu said if the trial was successful it could be rolled out nationally and help significantly reduce the burden of diabetes-related health complications in regional and remote areas.

Diabetic foot ulcers form as a complication of diabetes and, if untreated and unmanaged, lead to amputation in more than 90% of cases.

Data from the Australian

Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care shows north Queensland regions have among the highest diabetes-related amputation rates in Australia. Outback Queensland, Cairns and Townsville all feature in the top 10 regions in Australia for the highest hospital admissions for diabetes-related amputations per 100,000 people.

Dr Malabu said nurses in

Richmond, Home Hill and Palm Island would be trained in the new technology. In addition to learning to use the digital camera technology, they will also be trained in diabetes management and wound care.

"This trial is about proving comprehensively if diabetic foot ulcer care can be delivered safely and effectively through telehealth," he said.

"We will be treating two cohorts of patients. Fifty will be managed via telehealth and a second group of 50 will continue to travel to The Townsville Hospital for care.

"At the end of the study we will compare those patient cohorts to see if the telehealth model delivered improved health, convenience and economic outcomes."

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Anger over burial site interference



THE Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) has demanded the South Australian Government act to stop inappropriate

interference with traditional burial sites.

The Adelaide-based organisation made the call after news reports that late last year SA police exhumed the remains of a baby buried decades ago in a cave in the Sandy Bore Indigenous Protected Area in the Everard Ranges, in the state's far north.

The remains had been removed for forensic examination under the SA *Coroner's Act*.

APY Lands official Rex Tjami said he and others including Elders were

upset by the police actions.

The ALRM said respect for traditional burial practices must be valued as much as mainstream practices.

"If this happened within an Adelaide metropolitan or rural/remote cemetery, there would have been legal consequences for the desecration of a gravesite," ALRM chief executive Cheryl Axleby said.

"The ALRM supports the demands of traditional owners that a reburial take place at the expense of the officials concerned. There should be an apology and there should be a reappraisal by government officials of the interaction of police procedures under the *Coroner's Act*, as compared to legal obligations under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act*."



Referendum dialogue at meetings



PARTICIPANTS at this month's Referendum Council regional dialogue meeting in Broome want a strong Indigenous voice to Parliament.

The meeting was one of 12 being held around Australia to discuss options for constitutional recognition with Indigenous people. Representatives from each meeting will report on behalf of their community to the National Indigenous Constitutional Convention at Uluru in May, where a final recommendation will be made to inform a report to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition about constitutional reform.

The Broome meeting, which had delegates from the Kimberley and Pilbara regions, was hosted by the Kimberley Land Council.

Delegates said they wanted an Indigenous voice to Parliament to give First Nations people a greater say in Government decision making on matters that affect them and their rights. They said the voice must not be appointed or hand-picked by government.

It was agreed that the goal of recognition was 'First Nation building', meaning that the point of recognition was to recognise and empower the First Peoples of Australia.

Other views covered a non-discrimination clause for the Constitution, amending the race power, removing section 25 of the Constitution (which refers to race) and agreement making.

Further dialogue meetings will be held in Darwin (Feb 22-24), Perth (March 3-5), Sydney (March 10-12), Melbourne (March 17-19), Cairns (March 24-26), Ross River (March 31-April 2), Adelaide (April 7-9), Brisbane (April 21-23), and Torres Strait (May 5-7) before the national convention at Uluru on May 24-26.

Meetings have already been held in Hobart and Dubbo, central-western NSW.

Referendum Council co-chair Pat Anderson addresses delegates at the Broome Regional Dialogue.

Indigenous stars oppose changes



A VERITABLE who's who of Indigenous artists and musicians have signed an open letter rejecting the Productivity Commission's recommendations which would change copyright in Australia.

They say recommendations will harm the ability of Indigenous film and television makers, writers, artists, musicians and journalists to tell Indigenous stories and make a living.

Among the scores of signatories are Jessica Mauboy, Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Cooperative, the Koorie Heritage Trust, author Bruce Pascoe and filmmaker Wayne Blair.

Writing in the open letter (see page 25), signatories say that under changes to Australian copyright laws being pushed by the Productivity Commission, large organisations and big technology companies will greatly diminish existing protections.

"This is not just unfair, it is a threat to the artistic mob and means it may be even harder to make a living for the next

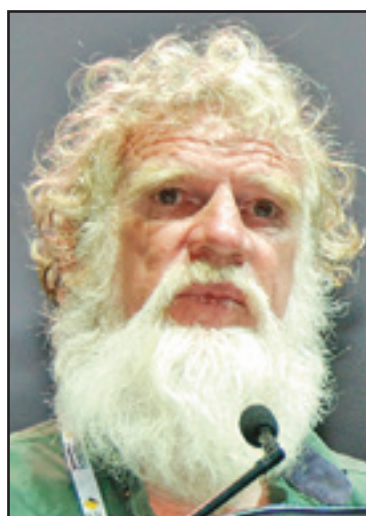


Jessica Mauboy

generation of artists," the letter says.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and creators have a right to receive fair payment for their work.

"Our kids should be able to grow up inspired by artists like Albert Namatjira and Emily Kame Kngwarreye, listening to music from artists like Dan Sultan and Jessica Mauboy and watching



Bruce Pascoe

movies like *Bran Nue Dae* and *Samson and Delilah* and TV shows like *Black Comedy* and *Basically Black* and reading books like *Shake a Leg* and *My Place*.

"Ownership, responsibility and control by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of their cultural heritage is paramount. The suggested changes will have a detrimental impact on the stories, imagery, knowledge and



Dan Sultan

heritage which is embodied in our storytelling and artistic works.

"Ownership is also a way of economic empowerment for those artists who earn money from selling, reselling and reproducing their works.

"We call on the Australian Government and Parliament to rule out these proposed changes from the Productivity Commission."

New ATSIEB members in Canberra



THE Australian Capital Territory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Elected Body (ATSIEB) has two new members. Dion Devow and Selina Walker have filled two vacancies on the seven-member ATSIEB.

Mr Devow, a Canberra-based entrepreneur, was born and raised in Darwin and is of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent. In 2011, he launched Darkies Design, a clothing label influenced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, languages, themes and humour.

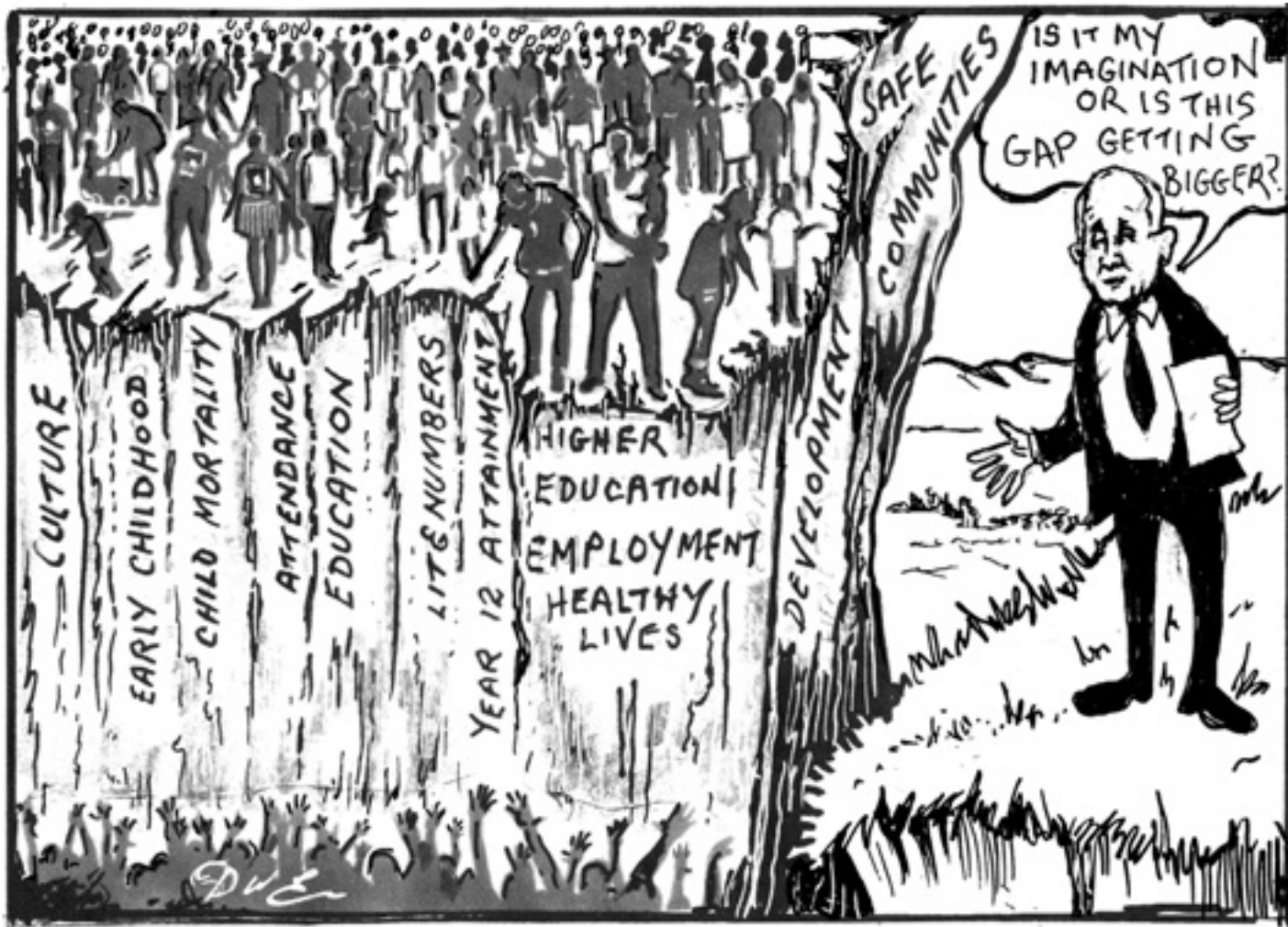
Ms Walker, the granddaughter of Ngunnawal Elder Aunty Agnes Shea, is known for her work supporting Indigenous youth.

She has worked in various roles at Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation, and in 2015 she represented local traditional owners at a meeting with the Prince of Wales.

ATSIEB works with the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to bring issues of concern to the ACT Government.

The next ATSIEB elections will be held in July.

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Louisa Sailor Torres Strait Islander woman

Favourite bush tucker?
Yam.

Favourite other food?
Salad.

Favourite drink?
Coffee.

Favourite music?
I listen to all kinds of music.

Favourite read?
Anything about Australian history.

Favourite TV show?
Home and Away. I also like documentaries.

Favourite holiday destination?
I'd love to go to Fiji. I've travelled to Vanuatu and Noumea and some other Pacific Islands, but I want to go to Fiji next.

Who would you most like to meet?
The Queen.

Who would you invite to a night around the campfire?
My grandchildren, my children and my parents.

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous people?
I'd be involved in the communities. No one asks what people in communities want. They all sit in air-conditioned offices and it's about time someone asked what the communities want.

Quote



"While there have been some positive changes, the negatives totally overpower this in relation to where we are heading as a community."

– National Congress co-chair Jackie Huggins at the release of the Closing the Gap report

● See page 7

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Heed the words or fail again

"THIS ninth Closing the Gap report showcases real successes being achieved at a local level across the country – by individuals, communities, organisations and governments."

These words were in Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's introduction to the ninth annual Closing the Gap report.

Real successes? Really?

The Prime Minister went on to say, "Successes are being achieved, however progress, overall nationally, is too slow." While that's more to the point, it's still a roaring understatement.

Just one of the seven Closing the Gap targets is on track. One.

That's appalling.

Four of the seven targets – child mortality, school attendance, employment outcomes, and reading writing and numeracy – are due to be achieved next year. But based on this year's report, there's little likelihood of that.

The statistics are grim. We're not going anywhere with Closing the Gap in life expectancy, and now Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion says it's an "unrealistic" goal.

How is Indigenous Australia meant to improve when the man meant to be advocating for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues in Parliament has apparently thrown up his hands and says it's all too hard to bring Indigenous



OUR SAY

life expectancy into line with the rest of the country?

In his report, Mr Turnbull relayed some sage advice given to him by Indigenous leaders ahead of his address to Parliament when he was presented with the Redfern Statement – "Work with us!"

Over and over Indigenous leaders have asked for things to be done "with us, not to us", and over and over those voices have largely been ignored.

The Prime Minister says he's listening this time, but how do we know they're not just more words?

How do we know there'll be action behind what he says?

Each year we're told our people are still dying too young, our babies lose their lives too often and our health is still much poorer than other Australians.

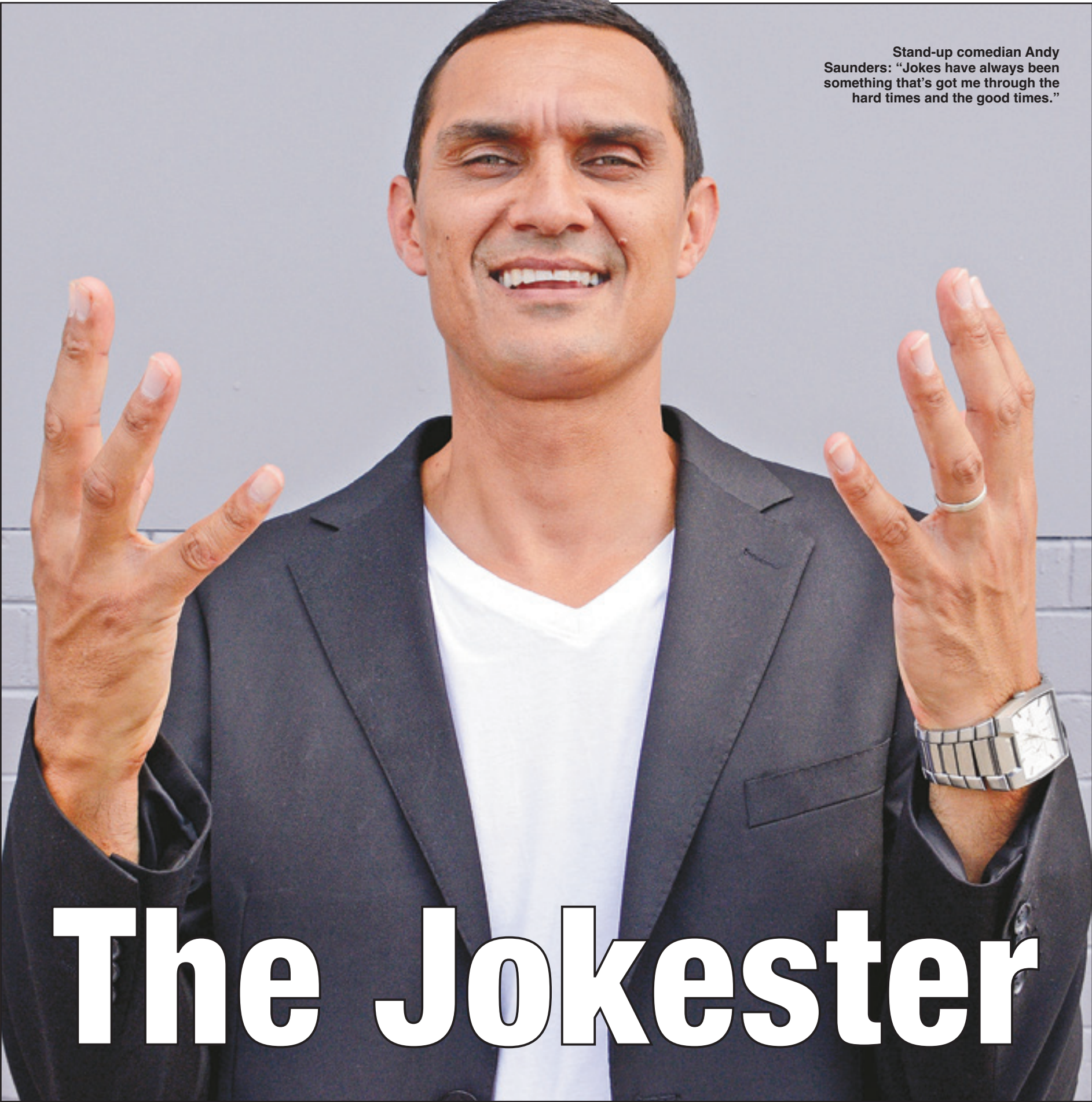
Each year we're disappointed.

We're tired of being disappointed.

The Prime Minister needs to heed the words in the Redfern Statement, or he'll be setting Australia up for another year of failure.

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Stand-up comedian Andy Saunders: "Jokes have always been something that's got me through the hard times and the good times."

The Jokester

By KEIRA JENKINS

STAND-UP comedian, father of four, husband of one, and not just an Aboriginal person – that's how Biripi (NSW) man Andy Saunders describes himself. And through all these personas and roles, Saunders says jokes are what keeps him going.

He loves life and making people laugh through all the ups and downs that come with it.

"I've always used comedy to get out of trouble," Saunders told the *Koori Mail*.

"I think you get more out of people when you make them laugh. That's why I always used to make my mum laugh before I asked her for money.

"I've seen the alternative to laughter, and it just doesn't get you the same result."

Saunders will be doing stand-up shows for the Lismore Laughs comedy festival, on the NSW north coast, the Brisbane Comedy Festival and Melbourne International Comedy

Festival in the coming months.

"I have to warn you, there are some jokes in my shows," he said.

"I like to talk about myself, and also find the ridiculous in serious things. I've learnt that when people are relaxed and they let their guard down you can inject a lesson into your shows."

The topics Saunders covers are as vast as they are funny.

He jokes about everything from how to appropriately name a cyclone and how to buy a car without upsetting your wife, to what it's like growing up poor.

But he said the best things to make jokes from are the social issues that seem to plague Australian culture.

"To not address those social issues, especially being part of a minority group, is an opportunity wasted," Saunders said.

"You've got to have fun with them, and they're my favourite jokes to tell. Even non-Aboriginal people are really

connecting to these issues now.

"There's been a huge change in people, and they're more comfortable with black humour now, which I think has to do with having so many strong leaders in comedy.

"Seeing things like *Black Comedy* on ABC television makes people more comfortable to laugh at things they might have thought they weren't

"People say there's a time and a place for that, but I say every time and every place is a time and place for a joke."

supposed to laugh at."

Making the so-called serious issues of society seem ridiculous is one of Saunders' favourite hobbies.

"Stereotyping people because of their race, religion or colour is a clear target for me to make fun of because for one person to think they are better than another

human because of these things is so ridiculous," he said.

"My other favourite target is the mainstream media. Their lack of inclusion of Aboriginal people, while it's starting to change, is not getting there fast enough and that's frustrating for me.

"I'm probably too old to see the changes in my lifetime, but maybe one day I'll see my grandkids on the news on a mainstream channel – not on CCTV, but reading the news.

"It would be good to see that in my life time. It would mean that the mainstream media has recognised the importance of Aboriginal people and their place in society."

Although Saunders is a well-seasoned performer and comedian now, he said that comes from discovering he was funny at a very young age.

"Regardless of what kind of childhood you had, that's where the funny starts," he said.

"I've always used my being

funny to get out of tight situations. That's how you make people comfortable.

"I've been telling jokes since I was about four. I mean for a kid that young, I was telling jokes that were not desirable for a four-year-old.

"But I had that ability and my grandmother, at family gatherings, if she thought things were getting a bit boring she'd give me this look and I knew that meant I should do something, whether it be tell a joke or do a dance, or a rap, and I'd always start with a joke until people were saying, 'Do something else now, Andy.'

"I reckon if there was anyone in that room who wasn't my family they'd look at me with that squinty eye look you use to look at the sun, like 'What is this kid doing?'

"Jokes have always been something that's got me through the hard times and the good times.

"People say there's a time and a place for that, but I say every time and every place is a time and place for a joke."

Woorabinda looks to the future



A welcoming sign at Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council and, right, the school bus does the rounds at the central Queensland community.

Big plans to mark 90th anniversary

By CHRISTINE HOWES



WOORABINDA residents are working on a special calendar of events to mark the 90th anniversary of their community.

Located about 200km west of Rockhampton, Woorabinda became an Aboriginal settlement in 1927 under the Queensland State Welfare Board.

In that same year hundreds of men, women and children were forced to walk more than 200km from Taroom Aboriginal Settlement to their new 'home'.

Woorabinda Mayor Cheyne Wilkie said planned celebrations will pay respect to those ancestors and acknowledge the many sacrifices made in the establishment of the town they now call home.

He said he and his council were also working for their community's future.

"It's about shifting the attitudes and mindsets of the local community so they can empower themselves," he said.

"So they can start owning their own businesses, they can start running their own shops, they can start doing the things they need to do without thinking that there's no hope for them living here and that they can't do anything.

"We're about making sure that we keep an eye on the key elements of the council and our core business in terms of our funding, but also putting in a concentrated effort on business enterprise so we can get money back into this community.

"We want to look at programs for the community and also to get to the stage where we're



Woorabinda Mayor Cheyne Wilkie: "It's about shifting the attitudes and mindsets of the local community so they can empower themselves."

self-sufficient by 2020 – that's the goal."

Mayor Wilkie said there were many positives.

"Every single person between the ages of 15 to 24 is important to me and my council and we want to make sure that we're here to help," he said.

"There's a lot of kids that go to boarding school and come back

and do wonderful things, but we still need to do something with the minority of kids who are going to Wadja High School (Woorabinda) or aren't going to school at all.

"We still need to invest time, money and make sure that we help them with their aspirations.

"My vision and plans for the community are in terms of



Apprentice Diesel Fitter Jerome Munns is seen as a shining example of the future of Woorabinda. He started his apprenticeship in 2016 and expects to finish his studies within the next four years. Jerome said he works on all sorts of machinery, from mowers to bulldozers and graders. "I completed Grade 10," he told the *Koori Mail*. "Learning new stuff is the best thing."

empowerment, in terms of health, and in terms of schooling because we need our generation of kids now.

"We're getting some good results at school and we need to make sure that we need to focus on jobs for the kids who want to stay in community by being part of our growing workforce.

"We need to believe in the

future for them to have a career path."

Events already planned for the year include a youth and music festival, the third Taroom to Woorabinda Trek Walk, a gala anniversary dinner, Aboriginal community football match, Elders' showcase and historical activities, and the program will conclude with a rodeo.

Loose talk of treaties

THIS constant and loose talk of 'treaties' – what is its significance?

Treaties are only possible between sovereign nations. Everything else between two parties is an accord, a pact, a contract, an agreement, a memorandum of understanding, a heads of agreement etc – but, not a treaty!

Are we to conclude that the proposed 'treaties' imply recognition by the Australian States and Commonwealth of pre-existing Indigenous sovereignty?

I am writing this on Waitangi Day (February 6) – the acknowledgement by our

Kiwi cousins of the treaty entered into by the British Crown and the Maori First Nation of the country now known as New Zealand.

Queen Victoria recognised the sovereignty of the First People of New Zealand and therefore a treaty between two sovereign nations was possible and was prosecuted.

Until the validity of the *Commonwealth of Australia (UK) Act* is challenged in Britain, the words and warnings of Australian constitutional lawyers Professor Greg Craven and Professor Twomey stand. The talk and promotion of treaties is simply "word games"!

Only one unilateral declaration of independence, formally constituted, asserting the sovereignty of one First Nation is required. Until then, this melancholy country is watching an exercise in futility and grandstanding.

The 'deep knowledge' of Indigenous Elders is now of vital importance.

How can this wisdom be heard and heeded for all our sakes – black, white and brindle?

LESLIE JAMES HUNTER
Geelong, Vic

All Stars is great

I WAS honoured to attend the NRL's All Stars Week in Newcastle after designing the Indigenous All Stars jersey for the third year.

I painted the centrepiece of an eight square metre painting on February 9 at the All Stars and the Indigenous All Stars camps. Both teams and squad members all placed their handprints and signatures on the painting, which could only be described as priceless.

The painting has been donated by me and will be auctioned by the NRL, with all proceeds going towards the Preston Campbell Foundation. The centrepiece I created was similar to that of the Indigenous All Stars jersey which was called 'Thaamu, Caina Putut, Ilya, Wartanganha' which means 'Totems, Long ago, Today, Tomorrow' in the Kalkadoon (north-west Queensland) language.

I was also a guest speaker at the NRL's Indigenous Youth Summit at Newcastle University where I spoke to 64 youths before conducting a painting workshop with them and then judging the final six winners.

I take my hat off to the All Stars Week and the NRL. To see both teams having dinner and conversing with the Youth Summit students and then posing with them to have photos taken, well you should have seen the smiles



on the kids' faces. It is a moment they will remember forever.

It shows that this week is not just about the game, it's about the NRL and both the Indigenous All Stars and the World All Stars giving back to communities and schools, encouraging the youths

who will be tomorrow's leaders to be the best they can be.

I was thrilled by the games on Friday night. What a magnificent performance by both the men's and women's Indigenous All Stars teams.

I can't help but think that their

jerseys emblazoned with the totems of the past, present and future gave both teams the spiritual advantage to their games.

CHERN'EE SUTTON
Artist
Kalkadoon woman, Qld

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

A BIG thanks to all of our readers for sending letters, poems and other feedback; we love hearing from you.

You can help us by keeping your letters to 400 words or less and poems generally no more than 25 medium-length lines. This will increase your chances of being published.

Even if sent via email, all letters and

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POETRY

Our Mark

We walk across our
coloured land
Leave our footprints in
the sand
How we tracked from
shore to shore
Now they say it's not
ours, NO MORE!
People came from
across the sea
Claimed our land and
dispossessed thee
The whiteman tried to
wipe us out
Assimilate us to make
us white
200 years and it was
never put right
Now we have gone
from strength to
strength
Lined up there with
the best
Our struggle's been
long, our struggle's
been hard
But best by far we've
made our mark.

RAYLENE CAMPION
Adelaide, SA

Striding into my tomorrow

The bush calls me
back
To do what it does best
Healing emotional pain
Setting me amongst
the Ancients
Walking in their
footsteps
My mind is restored
and I cry less
My lungs suck in
clean air
Expelling accumulated
filth
My feet walk the old
paths
And with sturdiness I
stride into my tomorrow
Encouraged by a
passion anchored in
country.

BRUCE DOCKER
Brisbane, Qld

FUNDING NOW AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL HERITAGE PROJECTS

Heritage Near Me is an initiative of the Office of Environment and Heritage to protect, share and celebrate the diverse heritage values of NSW for future generations. The program works closely with local government, industry and organisations to raise community awareness of their local heritage.

The Heritage Near Me Incentives program includes three grant programs: Local Heritage Strategic Projects, Heritage Activation Grants and Heritage Green Energy Grants.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FOR FOLLOWING STATE-WIDE PROGRAMS

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Funding is available for support for projects and programs that will enhance and protect local heritage assets and values, either through minor works conservation projects, community-based events and activities, or the development of innovative heritage processes, strategies and plans.

Funding from \$10,000 to \$100,000 available for successful projects. The Local Heritage Strategic Projects program is open year round, subject to available funding.

2017-2018 HERITAGE ACTIVATION GRANTS

Funding is available for projects designed to increase public enjoyment of local heritage, such as physical works for public access, public programming, strategy development and business planning.

Funding from \$10,000 to \$100,000 available for successful projects. Closing date: 5pm Friday 21 April 2017

Application information and guidelines for both grant programs at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/Heritage/heritage-near-me-incentives.htm

Enquiries to heritage.nearme@environment.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9873 8544.

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Protect, share and celebrate our local heritage

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CANCER INSTITUTE NSW COMMUNITY AND CONSUMER ADVISOR PANEL

- Have you or a family member/friend had cancer?
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The Cancer Institute NSW is the NSW Government agency dedicated to lessening the impact of cancer across the state. We are looking for members of the public to join the panel as an advisor. The successful candidates will work as a group collaboratively with Cancer Institute NSW staff on projects and programs of work to help us understand the needs of cancer patients and their families.

- We are seeking candidates from a range of ages and backgrounds to work with us to improve cancer services across NSW, including aspects of prevention, screening and early detection as it relates to cancer.
- You will need to commit to attending meetings at the Cancer Institute NSW as required, either in person, or by video conference or teleconference.
- We estimate that advisors would need to dedicate up to two hours per week to fulfil their duties, but this is negotiable.
- This is a voluntary, unpaid position, with some out-of-pocket expenses (travel/taxis) would be covered.
- The Panel is due to commence late March 2017. An orientation pack will be provided with all the relevant information required.

Closing Date is Wednesday 8th March 2017.

For a position description or further information, please contact Alisha McInerney at:

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Phone: (02) 8374 3571

To find out more about the Cancer Institute NSW visit: www.cancerinstitute.org.au

Heritage Act 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

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

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

Bidura House Group, Glebe

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 8 March 2017.
Enquiries to Alexandra Boukouvalas on (02) 9585 6004 or alexandra.boukouvalas@environment.nsw.gov.au

Bull Cave, Kentlyn

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 8 March 2017.
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Australian Agricultural Company Mine Manager's House, Hamilton

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 14 March 2017.
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South Head General Cemetery, Vaucluse

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 14 March 2017.
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Cliefden Caves Area – Limestone Group and Paleontological Site

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 14 March 2017.
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The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by email, telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this group of places.

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

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Opinion

Extremes of sport on display

In the past month we have witnessed the extreme roller coaster of emotion in Aboriginal sport – first the Anthony Mundine fight and then our Aboriginal All Stars.

The Mundine versus Green fight represented everything that is wrong with Australia, so strong was its symbolism.

He was an Aboriginal champion forced to fight well above not only his own weight but also the weight of an entire country against him.

In support, I proudly put on my Blackfella T-shirt and went down to the local to watch the fight. Aussies outnumbered us cheering for Green, and among the playful banter were serious racial overtones.

Aussies have gotten really good at hiding racism, but as former US President Obama has said, "... it's not just a matter of not saying 'nigger' in public. That's not the measure of whether racism still exists or not. Societies don't overnight completely erase everything that happened 200-300 years prior."

The fight started and for the first two rounds the Aussie's were all screaming for blood, particularly after Choc's late blow. Forget that the first rule of boxing is to always be ready and keep your arms up. We have all seen late blows in boxing, but such things don't matter to those passionate about waving the Aussie flag.

After the first two rounds the cheering slowly died down as round by round Choc picked off Green to a stunned silence.

But this is Australia, and once again as Aboriginal people we had something taken from us. The whole pub went into a roar of celebration when Green was announced the winner, even though we all knew he had lost.

The fight highlighted that many Aussies have no interest in the truth. It doesn't bother them that their arrival meant genocide, deception and theft to our people; it doesn't bother them that history continues to repeat even though the lies and deception of terra nullius has been deconstructed and disproven over and over again.

All they want to celebrate is their having control of every tier of society. They maintain control of the media, education and the political system with devastating effect, but they don't care as long as we remain the problem – not them.

Movements against Muslims, refugees and Indigenous peoples are on the rise as anger



Woolombi Waters

continues to be channelled towards brown-skin people not just within Australia but the world. And here not only is Choc an outspoken Aboriginal man, but an Aboriginal Muslim targeted with hate.

I know hate is a strong word, but we all felt it when Danny Green was announced the winner. Even though they knew their champion didn't win, it didn't matter, because the rules they control determined that here was yet another victory over brown-skin people and just like Australia Day they were going to celebrate.

Even Jeff Fenech, one of the greatest boxers Australia has ever produced and who has condemned Mundine over and over again for his political views, joined in the chorus of people saying Anthony Mundine was robbed.

"It was one of the most heroic performances in Australia's boxing history, even that he had the balls to put on more than 10kg and get into the ring against a bigger and stronger man. Without doubt, Choc won on the night," Fenech said.

After the fight social media went into a frenzy:

"#MundineGreen2 Farcical Corruption. Mundine won by a mile! Makes a mockery of boxing!"

"#boxing #MundineGreen2 #Green WINS on points

"I'm at Star Casino. It is packed with boxing fans. Not one person believes Green won that fight. It's a travesty #MundineGreen2"

And if there was still any doubt, as the boxers went into the last round Sportsbet was paying \$1.08 for Mundine compared to

\$8 for Green. For those who don't understand betting, you pay the higher odds to the person or team who has less likelihood of winning, so to be paying so little on Mundine compared with Green shows how dominant Mundine was going into the final round.

The roller coaster of extreme emotion was then completed when our fabulous Indigenous Rugby League All Stars destroyed the world All Stars after a Johnathan Thurston masterclass, winning 34-8.

The All Stars have an Aboriginal coach in legend Laurie Daley together with young guns like Latrell Mitchell, Ashley Taylor and Beven French, and are led by seasoned campaigners Greg Inglis, Blake Ferguson and Andrew Fifita – demonstrating our dominance of rugby league.

"You can't change who you are and you've got to be proud of who you are and you've got to understand and know a little bit about yourself and your family and that's what this week is all about and what the leadership camp is about on the weekend," said Laurie Daley, highlighting that the All Stars Week is about so much more than just footy.

The Indigenous Women's All Stars also won, giving the mob a double celebration. Jillaroo Caitlyn Moran played a masterclass not dissimilar to Johnathan Thurston, setting up two of the three tries, while halfback Simone Smith's vision and dangerous running earned her the player of the game award.

Samartha Leisha and Suvannah Connors both scored before the wining try was orchestrated by the legendary Bo De La Cruz who put Moran into space who then passed to Tahlia Hunter scoring in the corner for a 14-0 lead just before full time.

The World team crashed over out wide through Selena Tranter, but unlike the Anthony Mundine v Danny Green fight, nothing could take this celebration off us on the night.

Journalist Stan Grant summed up what the week means to us all when he told the players before the game: "When you go out and play on Friday night, you are the best of us. Every one of you is a product of the success, sacrifice and endurance of your ancestors. No one can tell you who you are because you know who you are. When you go out and put that uniform on you are playing for each other and for each of us."

● Dr Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail columnist.

OPEN LETTER

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, PERFORMERS,
FILMMAKERS AND WRITERS OPPOSE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATIONS ON COPYRIGHT IN AUSTRALIA.

We the undersigned unanimously reject the Productivity Commission's Recommendations on copyright in Australia. The recommendations to change copyright protections will harm the ability of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander film and television makers, writers, artists, musicians and journalists to tell Indigenous stories and make a living.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and creators have a right to receive fair payment for their work. The changes to Australian copyright laws being pushed by the Productivity Commission, large organisations and big technology companies will greatly diminish these protections.

This is not just unfair, it is a threat to the artistic mob and means it may be even harder to make a living for the next generation of artists.

Our kids should be able to grow up inspired by artists like Albert Namatjira and Emily Kame Kngwarreye, listening to music from artists like Dan Sultan and Jessica Mauboy and watching movies like *Bran Nue Dae* and *Samson and Delilah* and TV shows like *Black Comedy* and *Basically Black* and reading books like *Shake a Leg* and *My Place*.

Ownership, responsibility and control by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of their cultural heritage is paramount. The suggested changes will have a detrimental impact on the stories, imagery, knowledge and heritage which is embodied in our story-telling and artistic works. Ownership is also a way of economic empowerment for those artists who earn money from selling, reselling and reproducing their works.

We call on the Australian Government and parliament to rule out these proposed changes from the Productivity Commission.

SIGNED

Vernon Ah Kee (Artist)
Jada Alberts (Actor, Writer, Director)
Dave Arden (Musician)
Bronwyn Bancroft (Artist, Illustrator, Author)
Bibi Barba (Artist)
William Barton (Performer, Composer)
Larissa Behrendt (Filmmaker, Academic)
Richard Bell (Artist)
Kevin Bennett (Musician)
Rachel Bin Salleh (Publisher)
Mervyn Bishop (Filmmaker)
Wayne Blair (Filmmaker, Director, Actor)
Brendon Boney (Singer, Songwriter)
Adam Briggs (Musician, Writer and Actor)
Troy Cassar-Daley (Musician)

Beck Cole (Director and Screenwriter)
Brenda Croft (Curator, Academic)
Julie Dowling (Artist)
Leah Flanagan (Singer, Songwriter)
Julie Gough (Artist, Writer and Curator)
Aroha Groves (Artist, Designer)
Anita Heiss (Author, Presenter and Commentator)
Rarriwuy Hicks (Actor)
Terri Janke (Copyright Lawyer)
Melissa Lucashenko (Writer)
Jessica Mauboy (Singer, songwriter, Actress)
Rachael Maza (Artistic Director, Actor, Narrator)
Philip McLaren (Author, Academic)
Sally Morgan (Author, Dramatist)

Hunter Page-Lochard (Actor)
Bruce Pascoe (Writer, Teacher, Historian)
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Leah Purcell (Actor, Director, Writer)
Kim Scott (Novelist, Writer)
Shari Sebbens (Actor)
Bjorn Stewart (Actor, Writer)
Dan Sultan (Singer, Songwriter)
Jared Thomas (Author, Playwright, Poet, Academic)
Gina Williams (Singer, Songwriter)
Tara June Winch (Writer)
Jason Wing (Artist)

ORGANISATIONS

AACHWA (peak body for Aboriginal art centres across Western Australia) • **BlakDance** (national industry body for contemporary Indigenous dance) • **Boomalli** (Aboriginal artists co-operative representing 50 artists) • **Desart** (representing over 40 central Australian Aboriginal art centres) • **Indigenous Art Centre Alliance** (representing 13 arts centres across far north Queensland) • **Koori Heritage Trust** • **Moogahlin Performing Arts Incorporated**

KEEP CREATORS CREATING

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Ugar leader served with Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion

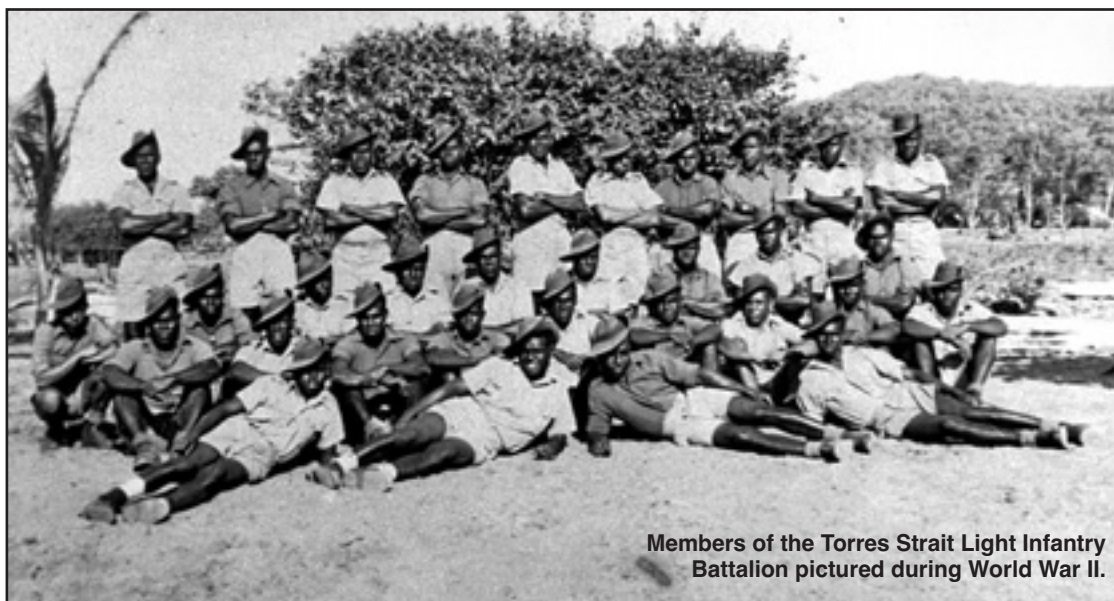


TRIBUTES have been paid to Jerry Stephen Snr, a Torres Strait Islander war veteran who died in December.

Mr Stephen Snr was believed to be the oldest surviving Torres Strait Islander veteran from World War II.

He enlisted as a private in the Citizen Military Forces in December 1942, serving with the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion – the only Indigenous battalion ever to be formed in Australian military history.

In 1944, nearly every man in the Torres Strait was a member of the battalion, and in Mr Stephen Snr's family alone four of his brothers were also enlisted.



Members of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion pictured during World War II.

His decorations included the 1939-45 Star, the Defence Medal, the War Medal 1939-45

and the Australia Service Medal 1939-45 for his service in the Torres Strait Islands

during the period of the Japanese bombing campaign. Following his military

service, Mr Stephen Snr returned to his family at Ugar – also known as Stephen Island – in the Torres Strait and continued in the fisheries industry before starting a career in the Queensland Police Service. He served as the Ugar police sergeant for more than two decades.

Mr Stephen Snr served several terms as a councillor on the Ugar Community Council, advocating for education, health and native title rights. Following his retirement, he continued his community work and remained a warden of the Anglican Church on Ugar.

Mr Stephen Snr passed away in Cairns. The Australian Army supported his family to repatriate his body back to his traditional home of Ugar, where his funeral was held.

True champion on a horse and for his people



THE late Lindsay Black, from Springsure, was a Queensland and Australian saddle bronc champion. He passed away recently, aged 86.

Mr Black became the first Aboriginal person to win at the World Buck Jumping Championships.

After he retired from rodeos he worked as manager on Leopold Station and managed cattle at Wave Hill Station where his children were born.

He was involved with the first Aboriginal legal aid service and started Darumbal kindergarten in the 1970s. Mr Black also worked with eye surgeon Fred Hollows as a field guide.

He is featured in the Stockman's Hall of Fame at Longreach along with his father, Barney Black.

Mr Black's son, Darryl, told the *Koori Mail* his father was a man of many talents.

"He was a drover. He competed in rodeos, he worked at Wave Hill as a manager, and did a stint with the Fred Hollows Foundation," Darryl Black said.

"He was a tough man. They don't make them like that any more."

The late Mr Black was a respected Elder and in his later years he started taking tours to his grandmother's



A newspaper clipping of the late Lindsay Black shows the skill that made him a state and national saddle bronc champion.

country, hoping to educate tourists about Aboriginal people and his culture.

"My father was well known," Mr Black said. "He lived his life, and he had a

good life. He's not suffering any more.

"He was a humble man. He didn't want to have his name in lights, but he's done a lot for his people."

Dr Gumana a fighter for Yolngu



THE late Dr Gumana was an Elder and leader of the Dhalwangu Clan of the Yolngu people. Among his many honours, he was an Officer of the Order of Australia.

Senator Malarndirri McCarthy said he was dedicated to land rights for Aboriginal people and the fight for equality and social justice for the Yolngu way of life.

"As a Yanyuwa woman from Borroloola in the Gulf of Carpentaria, I say thank you for the example Dr Gumana gave in the struggle for sea rights so that First Nations families with cultural links to the sea country could benefit from such diplomacy and quiet strength in leadership," she said.

"Dr Gumana was a determined and compassionate leader of his people, and his wisdom he generously shared with those of us who sought him out."

"His legacy lives on beyond the Gangan Homeland and the shores of Blue Mud Bay, right across to First Nations clans in the Gulf region and indeed right across the Northern Territory and Australia."

NT Government Minister Ken Vowles said Dr Gumana was a great Northern Territorian.

"He made a lasting contribution to cross-cultural understanding of Yolngu history, values and culture," Mr Vowles said.

"He was a treasure and I express my deep condolences to his grieving family, friends and countrymen."

"Dr Gumana was a determined and compassionate leader of his people, and his wisdom he generously shared with those of us who sought him out."

Big night as our All Stars shine



Members of the Nean family, from Tamworth and Moree, catch up at the game.



The banner says it all: Fans love Johnathan Thurston.

Fans savour league feast



Carla McGrath and Michelle Deshong, from Cairns



MORE than 20,000 fans packed Newcastle's McDonald Jones Stadium on February 10 hoping for a feast of rugby league action.

And that's exactly what they got in this year's All Stars clashes – the unofficial start of this year's NRL season.

The news was all good for Indigenous supporters, with the Indigenous All Stars downing the World All Stars 34-8, and the Indigenous women claiming their first win 14-4 in a fitting send-off for the retiring Bo De La Cruz.

It wasn't all rugby league either, with plenty of live entertainment on the night, as well as a week-long program of community events and activities.

The Indigenous All Stars spent plenty of time connecting to culture during a special leadership camp in Sydney before the game, with players being inspired by Tribal Warrior's Shane Phillips, and Indigenous journalist Stan Grant.



Alexandria and Mark Naden, from Dubbo, at the All Stars.



Maree Simon, Lamar Ahoy, Brenda Simons, Kylie Merritt and Bianca Merritt, all from Gulargambone, NSW.



Travis Field, from Rockhampton, with Brett Field, Ryan Field and Brody Naden from the NSW Central Coast.



Grace Bond, from Cherbourg, Alyssa Steo, from Newcastle, and Sandra Morgan, from Cherbourg.

Coomealla helps beat heat



COOMEALLA Health Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) staff have helped residents young and old keep their cool during recent heatwave conditions in western NSW.

The workers spent a week providing water and cooling systems to Elders at Dareton and Wentworth and children at Gyndarna Preschool in Dareton to help them handle the heat.

CHAC's Summer Hunt says heatwaves kill more people than any other natural disaster.

"Many of our community don't have air conditioning in their houses, and the heat can make people very sick, especially if they are over 65 and have chronic diseases," she said.

"Part of our job as an Aboriginal community-controlled health organisation is to make sure Elders and people at higher risk are safe during extreme heat events, which are becoming more common."

Temperature records were broken in the Sunraysia region this month, with two consecutive days topping 46 degrees.

"Not only is cooling in houses important, but having enough water and making sure our bodies stay hydrated is essential to avoid heat-related



CHAC staff members Doug Jones and Aaron Hunt hand out water and fruit to community members at Namatjira Avenue, Dareton.

illness," Ms Hunt said. "That's why we delivered water to ensure that all of our

Elders had plenty of clean water to drink to stay hydrated. Sometimes just the act of

delivering the water allows us to check in on how our Elders are doing during the heat."

Praise for late TSRA chairperson



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) has acknowledged the late Terry Tabuai Waia for

his service to the Torres Strait community through his recognition as a Member of the Order of Australia in the recent Australia Day honours list.

Mr Waia, a former TSRA chairperson, was awarded the honour for his "substantial commitment to leadership, advisory and advocacy services to Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander communities in far north Queensland".

TSRA chairperson Pedro Stephen said the late Mr Waia was an outstanding member of the community and played a major role in the Torres Strait region.

"He devoted almost a decade of services to the TSRA, as the TSRA Member for Saibai then the chairperson during his 2000 to 2004 term. He was also deputy chairperson of the TSRA from 1994 to 1997 and founder of the first TSRA Fisheries Committee," Mr Stephen said.

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The NSW Planning Assessment Commission determines large-scale and often complex and controversial private sector development and infrastructure applications, and operates as an independent statutory agency of the NSW Government. The Commission carries out reviews and determinations of State significant development proposals and holds public hearings and meetings, as requested by the Minister for Planning or the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment. The Commission also provides independent expert advice on a range of planning and development matters, when requested by the Minister or the Secretary.

The Commission is committed to improving the transparency, certainty and independence in the planning and decision-making process of the NSW planning system. The Commission's role has evolved in recent years from a predominantly advisory function to playing a more significant role in the review and determination of development proposals. Consultation with the community is particularly prominent in its work, and it is exploring ways to conduct reviews and determinations that are more streamlined and promote greater transparency.

Commission Members are appointed by the Minister; and bring to the Commission expertise in planning, architecture, heritage, the environment, urban design, land economics, traffic and transport, law, engineering, tourism or government and public administration. Candidates will need to demonstrate expertise in one or more of these areas, with a particular interest at this time in candidates with a background in mining, environment, architecture, planning, geology or public administration. We are seeking senior leaders with the capacity to make high level, complex decisions; and the authority and capability to lead high profile projects which have a lot of community sensitivity. The proven ability to work collaboratively and to bring a fair and considered approach to Commission determinations will also be essential.

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Territory pipeline concern



THE future of a major Northern Territory gas pipeline is in doubt after some traditional owners lodged an emergency objection to land clearing amid fracking concerns. The Wakaya and Waramungu Aboriginal land trusts are calling for the pipeline project from Tennant Creek to Mt Isa to be rejected by the NT Development Consent Authority.

The Chinese-controlled Jemena Gas pipeline was set to go ahead next month but Aboriginal people are worried the company could start fracking if a temporary ban on unconventional gas exploration is lifted.

"We said numerous times that we do not want fracking, as the impact it has on the environment would be devastating for our water, animals community and landscape," Wakaya traditional owner Max Priest said.

Waramungu Land Trust's Dianne Stokes says the Chinese-controlled company misled them during consultations, and she is now demanding a guarantee that unconventional shale gas will never

be transported along the pipeline.

"We feel Jemena is speaking with a forked tongue," she said.

"Jemena are keeping landowners in the dark to silence concerns about fracking while elsewhere promoting its plans to transport unconventional gas."

The company said it has been negotiating in good faith for months with Aboriginal land councils and looks forward to finalising the agreements.

Review

Jemena says gas from current off-shore conventional sources will underpin the pipeline's development, and any future sources of gas will depend on the outcome of the NT Government's independent review into hydraulic fracturing. The pipeline was set to rebuild Australia's dwindling gas supply and create more than 900 Territory jobs during construction.

The Commonwealth says the NT Government's moratorium puts Origin Energy's massive onshore Beetaloo Basin project and the long-term financial security of the Territory in jeopardy. — AAP



At the UNESCO Australian Memory of the World Warlpiri Drawings ceremony in Canberra are, from left, David Jeffery, of AIATSIS, Gerald Watson, from the Warnayaka Art Centre in Lajamanu on Warlpiri country, and Professor Melinda Hinkson, of Deakin University.

Warlpiri Drawings in safe hands



THE collection of artworks known as the Warlpiri Drawings is now on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Australian Memory of the World Register. The UNESCO Australian Memory of the World honours documentary heritage of significance for Australia and the world, and advocates for its preservation.

Held by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Studies (AIATSIS), the Warlpiri Drawings collection consists of 169 crayon drawings collected by noted anthropologist Mervyn Meggitt while undertaking fieldwork with Warlpiri people at Lajamanu (Hooker Creek) between 1953 and 1954. Meggitt encouraged men and women to make crayon drawings to assist his research into elements of Warlpiri society.

AIATSIS acting chief executive Craig Ritchie said the institute was thrilled the drawings were being honoured through inclusion on the register.

The drawings' historical significance lies in the way they document the relationship and obligations of the artists to their traditional country. They also predate by two decades the acrylic painting on canvas that emerged at Papunya in the early 1970s that began a revolution in modern Aboriginal art.

The collection of drawings, along with photographs and accompanying audio material featuring Meggitt discussing the drawings, was deposited with AIATSIS in 1965 and donated by Meggitt's widow, Joan, in 2013.

NT youth package welcomed



THE Northern Territory legal aid and community legal services sector has welcomed the NT Government's \$56 million youth justice package.

Under the package, the Government has allocated an extra \$18.2 million a year for diversionary programs for young offenders.

The move comes after the Don Dale Detention Centre abuse scandal and increasing concern over youth crime.

Announcing the package, NT Chief Minister Michael Gunner said, "The youth justice system is broken and this is the first big step towards fixing it." NT legal aid and community legal services sector spokesperson David Woodroffe welcomed the funding. "We are excited to see that the Government has taken on board principles, approaches and programs we have long supported to address the serious problems in our community of youth crime and youth justice," he said.

"We look forward to working closely with both government agencies and our non-government organisation partners to build a new youth justice system based on early intervention, effective case management, real engagement with victims, and a stronger focus on the diversion of young people away from courts, detention and further offending."

"Importantly, the Territory Government has backed up its words with a commitment to very substantial additional funding to work with families and to recruit, train and employ additional staff to work directly with young people in trouble, and to help them stay out of trouble. That is just what we need."

Oxfam move to close gap



OXFAM is calling on people to come together next month to help close the gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians by 2030.

Registrations are now open for National Close the Gap Day 2017, on March 16, with tens of thousands of Australians, including community group members, health service professionals, schools and individuals, expected to take part again this year.

Statistically, an Aboriginal Australian will die at least a full decade younger than other Australians.

Oxfam Close the Gap Day campaign coordinator Tom Widdup said closing the gap was about more than removing the life-expectancy gap within a generation and about improving Indigenous health outcomes overall.

"It's also about halving the gap in mortality rates for Indigenous children under five, ensuring access to early childhood education in remote communities, halving the gap



in in employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians and tackling the gaps in literacy and numeracy," he said.

"Our Indigenous suicide rates are among the highest in the world, and Aboriginal people are being locked up in prison at unprecedented rates.

"Inequalities"

"While some progress has been made, there is no room for complacency in bringing an end to the totally unacceptable inequalities which persist for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."

Oxfam says last year was Close the Gap campaign's biggest year yet, with a record

1630 registered events around the country.

The campaign was formed in 2006 by more than 40 Indigenous, health and human rights organisations committed to closing the gap on life expectancy and health outcomes.

Mr Widdup said people registering this year would receive a kit with materials including information about how to run an event, as well as Close the Gap posters, stickers and a t-shirt.

"Close the Gap is about all of us," Mr Widdup said.

"By supporting and working in genuine partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their representatives, we can make huge strides towards equality and create lasting change.

"We can do a lot locally while calling on our leaders to step up to do more nationally.

"This is a great opportunity for all Australians, regardless of their background, to come together and tell the Government we want the gap closed once and for all."

To find or host an event, visit www.oxfam.org.au/nctgd



Environment,
Land, Water
and Planning

Appointment of an Aboriginal Victorian as a Commissioner of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder

The Victorian Government is seeking a suitably skilled Aboriginal Victorian to contribute their experience and knowledge to improving the environmental health of rivers, wetlands and floodplains by registering an expression of interest for the role of Commissioner with the Victorian Environmental Water Holder (VEWH).

The VEWH is an independent statutory authority responsible for holding and managing Victoria's environmental water entitlements (the Water Holdings). The responsibilities of the VEWH include:

- making decisions on the most effective use of the Water Holdings, including use, trade and carryover
- liaising with other water holders to ensure coordinated use of all sources of environmental water
- authorising waterway managers to implement watering decisions
- commissioning targeted projects to demonstrate ecological outcomes of environmental watering at key sites
- publicly communicating environmental watering decisions and outcomes.

Applicants must be a Victorian resident with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage and have knowledge of or experience in one or more of the following:

- environmental management
- sustainable water management
- economics
- public administration

Understanding Aboriginal traditional ecological knowledge and values associated with environmental water will also be highly regarded.

Applicants are required to apply online. To apply and for more information, go to: www.delwp.vic.gov.au/onboard or www.getonboard.vic.gov.au.

Applications close: midday **Monday 10 April 2017**.

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Apology Day march and rally in Sydney



Auntie Karen Fusi speaks at the rally in Sydney.



Apology Day protesters cry 'shame' at Parliament House in Sydney.

GMAR call for action



Vanessa (surname withheld on request) shares her story with those gathered at NSW Parliament House.



THE group Grandmothers Against Removals (GMAR) demanded an end to the ongoing removal of Aboriginal children from their families at

an Apology Day march and rally in Sydney.

There are more than 17,000 Indigenous children in out-of-home care across the country, and GMAR says this amounts to the continuation of the Stolen Generations.

Protesters demanded the return of Aboriginal children to their families, more Aboriginal control of child welfare, an end to juvenile incarceration and more support for Aboriginal families to keep children safe.



Protestors march to Parliament House.



Auntie Hazel Collins marches alongside her grandson in Sydney.



Olivia Nigro and Auntie Deni Longman have something to say in Hyde Park, Sydney.

Apology Day marked in South Australia



Community members attend the Apology Day gathering in Veale Gardens, Adelaide.

City hosts events



MORE than 1200 people attended Reconciliation South Australia's Apology Breakfast held on February 13 in Adelaide.

They heard survivors of the Stolen Generations share their stories on the trauma of being separated from their families, land and cultural identity, and their resilience at overcoming the hardships.

Among those to speak were Uncle Richard Campbell and Roger Jarrett, from the Kinchela Boys Home in NSW, and Aunty Wilma Moran, from the Cootamundra Girls Home, in NSW, as well as South Australia's Jenni Caruso.

Reconciliation SA showed excerpts from NITV's *First Contact* as the centrepiece of the morning's program.

About 400 people also attended the Apology Day community event at Veale Gardens in Adelaide organised by Relationships Australia SA. Organisers were pleased with the turnout.

Wilma Moran, Richard Campbell and Peter Buckskin at the Apology Day breakfast. Picture: Patrick Ferguson



Eva Johnson gives a poetry reading at the Reconciliation SA breakfast.



South Australian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher and Elders at the lighting of the candles during the breakfast.

ABA funding round open until March



ORGANISATIONS in the Northern Territory have until March to apply in the current new Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA) funding round. Funding is available for projects that provided lasting benefits for Aboriginal people living and working in Territory communities.

The ABA, established under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, is funded by payments from the Commonwealth equivalent to the value of royalties paid by mining interests on Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory.

More information and application forms at www.dpmc.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/

Closing justice gap is a 'high priority'



LAW Society of NSW president Pauline Wright says closing the justice gap for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will be a high priority this year.

Ms Wright said the most glaring failure of the justice system remains the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in jails.

"The problem is complicated, but my own experience tells me that there is bias at work, whether unconscious or conscious," the Central Coast solicitor said.

"I have seen behaviour by young Aboriginal people that is treated as criminal when it would be regarded as mere larrkinism or skylarking from blue-eyed kids at Bronte."

Ms Wright said the Law Society will explore all options to address the justice gap, including justice reinvestment, restorative justice in Indigenous communities and culturally appropriate legal advice in courts in rural, regional and remote areas.

Her other goals for the year include calling for adequate legal assistance funding, and proper resourcing for country courts.

Upgrades planned for NT airstrips



PEOPLE in the Northern Territory outback will get better access to essential deliveries of food, medicine and mail with under a \$3.2 million upgrade planned for 16 remote airstrips in the Northern Territory.

The funding will ensure improved emergency medical evacuations and provide work and education opportunities, Federal Transport Minister Darren Chester said.

The move comes after difficulties with air food drops at remote communities cut off by flooding after heavy rain made many dirt airstrips in the Territory too wet to land safely.

Upgrades will be done at Jabiru, Milyakburra, South Goulburn Island, Nyirripi, Bathurst Island, Elcho Island, Croker Island, Lake Evella, Palumpa, Peppimenarti, Ramingining, Snake Bay, Wadeye, Elliot, Hodgson Downs and Robinson River.

Corporation placed in administration



THE Mirndiyan Gununa Aboriginal Corporation has been under special administration. Founded in 1973, and incorporated in 1983 as Woomera Aboriginal Corporation, Mirndiyan Gununa organises, presents and promotes the traditional culture of the Lardil and Kaidit people of Mornington Island, especially dance and visual arts.

The corporation receives funding for its activities from the Federal and Queensland governments.

Last September, directors wrote to Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven raising concerns about the centre's operations, management and financial position, and requesting assistance through the appointment of a special administrator.

An examination of the books of the corporation confirmed some of the directors' concerns.

A special administrator has been appointed until July 31.

Dancing at the festival



MEMBERS of the Fighting Gunditjmarra traditional dance group (top) kick up the dust at this year's 20th anniversary Rainbow Serpent festival held at Lexton, Victoria. And, above, women dance at the opening ceremony of the six-day festival, which attracted about 20,000 people. The festival featured a range of acts from around the world. *Pictures: Orlando Santos*

WA warning on child poverty



WESTERN Australia's community services sector says more children and young people – many of them Indigenous – are going to fall into poverty and homelessness if

political parties don't make funding for services a priority.

In the lead-up to the WA election on March 11, the sector has launched the 'What If It Was Me?' campaign, calling for greater social equality, including more support for youth.

WA Council of Social Service chief executive Louise Giolitto said an investment in children and young people was an investment in the state's future.

"At the moment, there is a significant segment of that population that we are failing as a society," she said.

"Child poverty rates across Australia are increasing, with nearly three-quarters of a million children growing up in poverty.

"The number of children being taken into state care in WA continues to grow, and 53% of those children are Aboriginal.

"The state has a direct responsibility to support young people transitioning from state care and detention, and commencing their journey into adulthood.

"Higher chance"

"Yet we know that these young people face a significantly higher chance of finding themselves homeless or coming into contact with the justice system.

"All children deserve to be safe, treated with dignity and respect and be nurtured to grow to their full potential."

Youth Affairs Council of WA chief

executive Ross Wortham said connected, collaborative systems of support were vital to addressing inequality and disadvantage among children and young people.

"We need effective early intervention and prevention programs that work with vulnerable children and their families to address underlying risk factors in order to reduce ongoing contact with the justice and child protection systems," he said.

"We need to make employment opportunities accessible to young people. Many are leaving school, university or TAFE feeling underprepared and anxious about the employment process.

"And we need to make sure that young people have access to non-judgmental and supportive services and service providers."

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Poche Centre for Indigenous Health (University of Sydney)
on (02) 9114 1118
email abigail.clarkson@sydney.edu.au

Applications close 5pm (EST) Monday April 17

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Want to start on the pathway to becoming a nurse?

The Cert III in Health Services Assistance designed to train, develop and increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people qualified and skilled to work in health services and nursing.

The course will be run in three blocks in Sydney, with work placement requirements to be undertaken between block study.

Scholarships are available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from across NSW to access this program providing financial assistance for:

- > Course Fees
- > Laptops & Study Materials
- > Meals
- > Travel & Accommodation Costs

– Applications close 5pm (EST) Friday March 24 –

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Rube Nixon encourages women not to be afraid to have a breast screen.



Rube made right choice 23 years ago



RUBE Nixon visited the BreastScreen Queensland Toowoomba Service for her yearly checkup last month, and recently got the 'all clear' for the 23rd year in a row.

While to most people, this may not seem like anything special, to Ms Nixon it's an accomplishment, because it was that first visit 23 years ago that may have saved her life.

"I was devastated when I found the lump," the Kunja woman from south east Queensland told the *Koori Mail*.

"It was never something that was talked about when I was a kid. It was all hushed up. No one ever spoke about cancer.

"My sister had passed away 12 months beforehand – I think it was to

the day. She gave me the strength I needed to carry on.

"I was looking after her when she was sick, and helping her. I was a nurse at the time so I'd seen a lot of cancer, so I was prepared when I found it."

After she found the lump Ms Nixon was sent from Cunnamulla to Toowoomba to be treated.

Diagnosed

She was the first Aboriginal woman to be diagnosed with cancer by the Toowoomba clinic.

"It's so important to get checked," Ms Nixon said.

"Do it for your kids. There's a lot of women out there with kids. You do it for them. You live as long as you can and enjoy life for as long as you can, that's my motto."

Ms Nixon was in her late 30s when she was diagnosed, and said she believes it was stress-related.

"At the time I worked two jobs and I was taking care of my sister not long before that," she said.

"I was burning the candle at both ends and I wasn't taking any time for myself. I was young, I thought I had lots of stuff to do and plenty of time to do it."

Ms Nixon had to take two years off work to recover before she returned to her job, and said she is very proud of reaching this milestone.

Now Ms Nixon encourages women not to be afraid to have a breast screen, and to do it regularly.

She also said it's important for women to do their own checks at home at least once a month.

Ms Nixon said she can live without worry now that she gets regularly checked.

"I've got another 12 months to celebrate now," she said.

Unhealthy sugars targeted



THE Central Australia Health Service wants people to eat less unhealthy sugar.

Fresh from a campaign during National Healthy Weight Week, the Alice Springs-based organisation says there is a lot of misinformation about sugar.

"So it's important to clarify the truth around its consumption," Alice Springs hospital dietitian Haley Carr said.

"We want people to be aware of sugar with no nutritional value, known as 'empty sugar', because it should be limited in our diets.

"We also want people to be aware of the sugars that occur naturally in food, such as fruit and milk, and how these should be part of your regular diet."

Mixed messages

Ms Carr said a key focus of the promotion of eating less sugar is to clear up some of the mixed messages regarding healthy sugars.

"Making people aware of unhealthy sugars that can cause weight gain is a vital step in treating chronic disease, such as diabetes, renal failure and cardiovascular disease, before they become major health issues," she said.

"We hope to get the message out to a broader range of people about the healthy consumption of sugar and the importance of watching what you eat and drink."

Central Australia Health Service and the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress staff distributed information at stalls around Alice Springs this month as part of the campaign.



More health workers tackle sexual health



South West Aboriginal Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation Birds and BBVs course participants: from left, Terry Garlett, Elizabeth Narkle, Tammy McGrath and Talicia Jetta.



ABORIGINAL health workers around Western Australia are being trained to carry out testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in a bid to increase testing rates among the state's Indigenous people.

The Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) initially ran the pilot program 'The Birds and BBVs' in Albany in May last year, and since then 49 people have participated in the training.

Two-day training courses have been held in Broome, Kalgoorlie, Bunbury, Roebourne and Perth.

AHCWA chairperson Michelle Nelson-Cox said rates of STIs and blood-borne viruses were far higher among Aboriginal people than the general population.

"Aboriginal people are five times more likely to have chlamydia, 14 times more at risk of gonorrhea, six times more likely to contract syphilis and 10 times more at risk of hepatitis C than non-Aboriginal people," she said.

"Concerningly, the rates of infections such as syphilis, gonorrhea, hepatitis C and HIV are increasing among Aboriginal people, particularly in the 15 to 30-year age group."

Fun and interactive

Ms Nelson-Cox said the training program, which was developed by AHCWA and Sexual Health Quarters, was designed to be fun and interactive.

"The course is designed to help Aboriginal health workers and others working with Aboriginal people to feel confident to broach the subject of STI testing with their clients," she said.

"We're seeking to normalise testing by making it a routine part of a visit to an Aboriginal community-controlled health service, even when people present at the clinic for an unrelated issue."

"The feedback we're getting is that if health workers feel confident, and can explain that it's simply a routine test, clients are generally happy to agree."

"We are hopeful that this training program will contribute to increasing the rate of STI testing among Aboriginal people and, further down the track, help to decrease the number of STIs."

AHCWA is now working with Curtin University to evaluate the training program. This year, courses are planned for Wiluna, Carnarvon, Newman, Derby, Kalgoorlie and Perth.

HIV prevention expands beyond using condoms



A HEALTH campaign targeting gay men is seeking to raise awareness about new approaches to HIV prevention that don't always involve condoms.

Launched by NSW health organisation ACON, 'How Do You Do It?' aims to educate gay and same-sex-attracted men about new biomedical options such as PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) and UVL (undetectable viral load) that now sit alongside condoms as effective methods of preventing HIV transmission.

ACON chief executive Nicolas Parkhill

says the campaign reflects the latest developments in the science of HIV prevention.

"Condoms have been and remain a very effective, accessible and cheap barrier to HIV transmission and so still have a vital role to play in terms of HIV and STI prevention," he says.

"However, if a person is HIV negative, they can now take PrEP, an antiretroviral drug that prevents HIV negative people from becoming infected."

"And if a person is HIV positive, it's now proven beyond doubt that HIV treatments can help reduce that person's viral load to

an undetectable level, making it almost impossible to transmit the virus."

"Of course there's a range of important provisos attached to both of these biomedical approaches in relation to effectiveness, side-effects, access, and affordability. But the important message is there's no longer a one-size-fits-all approach to safe sex."

"We can now choose from a range of strategies – condoms, PrEP or UVL – to maximise sexual pleasure while protecting ourselves and our partners from HIV."

"Having these options is a tremendously exciting development in terms of HIV

prevention because by combining their use we may be able to deliver the biggest reduction in HIV transmission rates in NSW in decades and move closer to our goal of virtually ending HIV transmission in NSW by 2020."

Launched to coincide with the start of this year's Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival, the campaign will be promoted across NSW in gay media and venues, via outdoor advertising and through a range of social media channels.

More information on 'How Do You Do It?' can be found at: www.endinghiv.org.au/youchooose

Doctors call for action on obesity



THE current lack of coordinated national action to tackle obesity in Australia is unacceptable, prominent researcher Laureate Professor Nick Talley says.

Prof Talley is the chair of the Council of Presidents of Medical Colleges – a coalition of Australia's most influential doctors' groups – and has called for urgent action to halt the "alarming" rates of obesity.

More than one in four children is now overweight or obese, as are over two-thirds of all adults.

Of children and adolescents diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, one-third are either overweight or obese.

"It is alarming how much unhealthy body weight has expanded since the 1970s, when obesity was uncommon," Prof Talley wrote in the *Medical Journal of Australia*.

"Aside from aesthetics, the problem is not excess weight per se, but the serious health consequences that stem from being overweight or obese."

The serious health consequences include an increased risk of cancer, heart disease and diabetes – all of which shorten life expectancy.

Prof Talley says all areas of the health sector, governments and community must work together.

As a starting point, Prof Talley wants the formation of a national task force by the Federal Government to oversee a national plan to combat obesity.

The task force is part of a six-point plan of action established by the National Health Summit on Obesity, held last year.

"It is time now that Australian health care professionals, organisations, training future health care professionals, and governments at all levels begin looking at what we can do together, the six-point plan is a start," Prof Talley said.

The six point plan includes:

- reclassifying obesity as a chronic disease to remove stigma;
- introducing a tax on sugar-sweetened beverages;
- incentives for food reformulation;
- reduce unhealthy food marketing to children;
- education and upskilling: targeted training for all medical and health professionals to ensure a focus on nutrition, physical activity and obesity prevention and management; and
- pre-conception planning: expand prenatal and early childhood obesity prevention strategies.



The Need for Feed program participants and staff.

Students cooking in Need for Feed



MALE students at Weipa's Western Cape College Residential Campus have had the opportunity to learn practical skills in the kitchen aimed at

supporting lifelong healthy eating habits.

The Need for Feed program, developed by Diabetes Queensland for teenage students, has been modified for use in Cape York.

The program is back by popular demand after it was run at the residential campus in 2015 with the female students.

The program offers the chance to try new recipes, master cooking skills, share local knowledge and enhance understanding and

enjoyment of healthy foods.

Apunipima community nutritionist Kirby Murtha said the Need for Feed program is a practical way to engage with students about healthy eating and cooking.

"This program is a great way for students to become independent in the kitchen and learn to make healthy food choices," she said.

"We know that many Australian children don't consume a diet that supports healthy growth and learning.

"This program has a focus on increasing consumption of fruits and vegetables whilst increasing nutrition knowledge and taking place in a relaxed and supportive environment with their peers. Supporting healthy food behaviours from a young age can make a huge difference

to health outcomes."

Need for Feed started with students making fruit salad and wraps. They move on to other dishes including curry, sushi, omelettes and stir-fries. On completion of the program, students are supplied with cooking equipment so they can share their skills with family and friends.

Western Cape College's Grant Smith said it is fantastic to see the students in a program that will support them to make healthy choices, not just while at the campus but in their own homes and communities.

Need for Feed is a joint initiative by Western Cape College, Apunipima Cape York Health Council, Diabetes Queensland and Queensland Health staff.

Study helps new mothers



APUNIPIMA Cape York Health Council has joined a study aimed at improving the mental health of expectant and new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers living in remote communities.

The 'Improving mental health screening for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pregnant women and mothers of young children', study will examine how the Kimberley Mums Mood Scale (KMMS) – a culturally appropriate mental health screening tool for pregnant and new mums – works in other remote regions apart from the Kimberley in remote Western Australia, where the KMMS was developed in 2012.

Apunipima Cape York Health Council, Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services, Western

Australia Country Health Service and the Rural Clinical School of Western Australia, The University of WA will work together to re-evaluate the KMMS in a larger Kimberley population during real-world implementation, test for applicability in other remote regions (such as far north Queensland), and develop locally appropriate versions if necessary. The study will run from 2017 to 2020.

"It's estimated that around one-quarter of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women living in remote communities experience high levels of anxiety and depression which can impact both mother and child during pregnancy and in the early years of the child's life," lead investigator Professor David Atkinson, from the Rural Clinical School of WA, said.

"Perinatal mental health is a



big issue for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. Current approaches to screening are not working well and this is to support real-world testing of the effectiveness of the KMMS in Western Australia and to adapt this screening approach to Cape York."

Professor Julia Marley, from

the Rural Clinical School of WA and the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Inc. said the KMMS has been found to be a reliable and valuable tool for identifying Kimberley Aboriginal perinatal women at risk of anxiety and depressive disorders.

"The development of locally

appropriate mental health diagnostic tools that enable a safe space for people to talk is critical for social and emotional wellbeing of ATSI populations in remote areas," she said.

"Improving mental health screening for Aboriginal women perinatally is an important step in addressing the burden of mental health issues amongst women having children and improving the wellbeing of the next generation of Aboriginal children."

Apunipima public health medical officer Dr Mark Wenitong said KMMS is a "shining example of culturally appropriate health care".

"Apunipima will use it in Cape York and evaluate whether it works for our population or needs to be adapted to local culture," he said.

Hollowing Earth 2016-17
(detail), blown and hot
formed Uranium glass, by
Yhonnie Scarce.



Uranium glass in Yarra exposes mining aftermath



ABORIGINAL artist Yhonnie Scarce's new installation, *Hollowing Earth*, at TarraWarra

Museum of Art in the Yarra Valley, examines issues related to the mining of uranium on Aboriginal land.

Scarce was born in Woomera, South Australia and belongs to the Kokatha and Nukunu peoples. She describes her work using glass as "politically motivated and emotionally driven" and says her

work often references the ongoing effects of colonisation on Aboriginal people.

"Uranium glass has been used in this work to represent the sickness that this material inflicts on those who have been in contact with it," Scarce said.

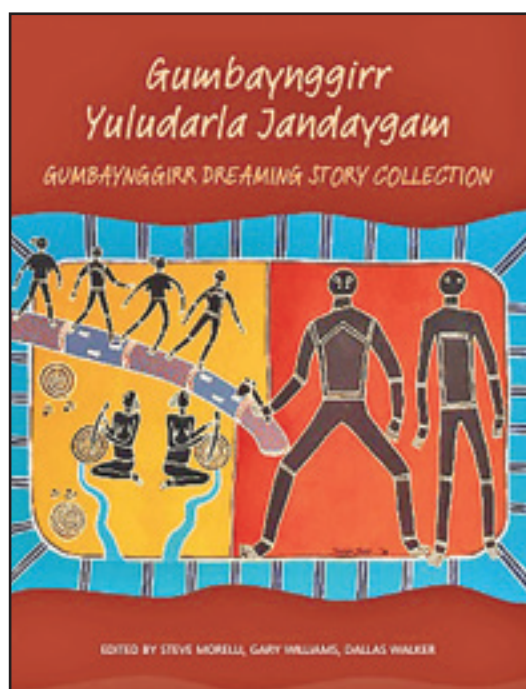
"But also the illness that is left behind once the earth has been opened and its contents have been exposed. Each 'bush banana' form identifies the desecration of country, gaping holes and scarred surfaces, all of which is the

aftermath of the disrespectful behaviour that mining inflicts on the planet."

Exhibition curator and TarraWarra Museum of Art director Victoria Lynn said the installation is presented as part of CLIMATE+ART+CLIMATE=CHANGE 2017 – a festival of exhibitions and events designed to inform, engage and inspire action on climate change (see www.artclimatechange.org)

Hollowing Earth continues until May 14. More details found at www.twma.com.au/exhibition/

Dreaming of stories



A NEW book of NSW Dreaming stories passed down to Elders from the Coffs Harbour area has been launched. The collection from the east coast of Australia has been published in the original languages, with English translations.

Published by the Muurrbay Aboriginal Language and Culture Cooperative, *Gumbaynggirr Yuludarla Jandaygam: Gumbaynggirr Dreaming Story Collection* was launched at the Nambucca Community and Arts Centre.

The book, based on 20th century recordings of Elders including Uncle Harry 'Tiger' Buchanan and Uncle Phillip Shannon, is a resource for Gumbaynggirr people who want to reconnect with their heritage and for people who want to learn more about Gumbaynggirr culture and language.

The book's introduction is a guide to the culture and languages of the area and the relationship between them. It explains why a special polite form must be used in some of the dialogues and provides some pointers on how to read the translated texts.

Bancroft creates clichés of home



ACCOMPLISHED Aboriginal artist Bronwyn Bancroft is especially proud of a work she has just completed for

the International House at the University of Sydney.

The Bundjalung woman said when she was asked to do the artwork she knew she wanted to build it on the concept of home.

"It's about all those cliché things – all roads lead to home and home is where the heart is – everybody deserves a home, and knowing international students who are a long way from home will be seeing it gave me the instant

theme for the painting," she said.

"I've been formulating the idea in my head. It's about how you perceive your home. The spiral is ever-evolving, and leads to the middle – to the home."

Ms Bancroft said home is also an important statement on Aboriginal people's connection to country.

"Aboriginal people may have been moved from their traditional lands but that's still the place they consider home," she said. "I want people to understand that wherever they're living that place has a special importance to Aboriginal people."

The painting was commissioned to commemorate this year's 50th

anniversary of International House.

Ms Bancroft was reluctant to compare it to her previous work. She said she's no longer a young woman and with the artwork being so large, she was just glad she managed to complete it.

"I'm pleased I could physically complete the work," she said. "I never thought I'd be a reasonable painter, and didn't think I was a good painter until I was about 50. When you're young you don't know much about the world so you can't really be good at much."

"Life is a long journey so you want to make sure you're learning and improving all the time."



Bronwyn Bancroft works on *Home* for the University of Sydney's International House.

Country arts grants in WA



COUNTRY Arts WA is seeking projects from regional artists and organisations as part of the final round of Regional Arts Legacy Grants (RALG).

Applications for a share of the \$173,868 are open until March 3.

Country Arts WA chief executive Paul MacPhail said that since its inception 12 months ago, the RALG program has injected almost \$1 million into regional organisations and projects.

"As more people become involved in regional arts, through involvement with an arts organisation or participation in a project, this program helps to ensure regional communities are creative, vibrant places to live," he said.

"We are inviting as many individuals and organisations as possible to put their hats into the ring.

"There is a wealth of talent in the regions as well as a high degree of unmet need, particularly in sectors such as visual arts."

Mr MacPhail said initiatives like

RALG were made possible through partnerships with State Government through the Department of Culture and the Arts, Department of Regional Development, and the Royalties for Regions funding program.

"RALG funding has had a significant and very positive impact on life in the regions, contributing to community vibrancy, liveability and cohesion, as well as opportunities for involvement in local arts and cultural activities, employment and professional development for regional artists.

"Creating thriving communities has many tangible spin-offs including the ability to attract and retain new residents, skilled workers, new investment and tourism, all of which help to stimulate growth and the local economy."

Funding for the RALG program is funded through the Western Australian Government's Royalties for Regions investment.

For more information or to apply for support, contact Country Arts WA on 1800 811 883 or (08) 9200 6200.

Artist reveals hidden history



ARTIST Robert Andrew will showcase three new works exploring his Australian Indigenous history with use of contemporary

technology in *Robert Andrew: Our mutable histories* starting next month at the Museum of Brisbane.

Andrew says his works uncover, reveal and re-present aspects of Australian Indigenous history that have been hidden, distorted and denied. They have resulted largely by unravelling the effects of colonialism on his own family history.

Our mutable histories aims to give voice and form to the disconnection between Anglo-European and Australian Indigenous history, and the complexity of belonging to two cultures. It reflects on issues of forgotten histories, identity and loss of language for

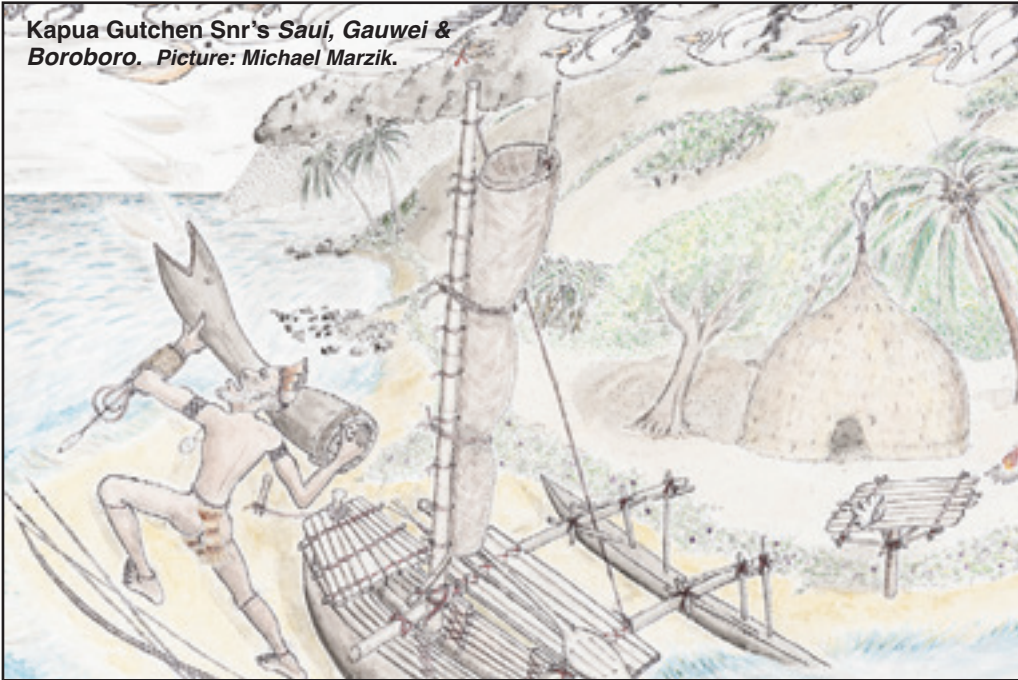
many Indigenous groups across Australia.

Using contrasting materials such as water, natural ochres, oxides and chalks alongside contemporary technologies, Andrew says he reveals a 'third space', a new and original landscape where two cultures collide and entwine. Kinetic artworks allow visitors to interact with a machine that uses water and ochre to create changing textural landscapes.

Many of the natural elements in the works are personally significant to Andrew, such as rocks sourced from his family home in Western Australia and timber from his Brisbane home built in 1865.

Robert Andrew is a Brisbane-based Indigenous artist and descendant of the Yawuru people of the Broome area in the Kimberley, WA. The exhibition will be held from March 3 until July 16. More details at museumofbrisbane.com.au

Kapua Gutchen Snr's *Sauj, Gauwei & Boroboro*. Picture: Michael Marzik.



Kapua Gutchen Snr's *Daido Siriam*. Picture: Michael Marzik.

Drawing from imagination and memory



ERUB artist and Elder Kapua Gutchen Snr is showing his artwork at the Cairns Regional Gallery as part of the exhibition *A Window into Erub*, until March 19.

Mr Gutchen was born on Waiben (Thursday Island) in 1957, and raised on Erub (Darnley Island) and Mer (Murray Island).

He learnt to draw during his time in the Australian Army.

For more than 20 years Mr Gutchen sketched people, campsites, infrastructure, shipping and boat movements before he realised he could draw things from his imagination and memory.

During his childhood on Erub, Mr Gutchen spent time listening to the people in his community telling stories and legends, including stories about life before and after white arrival.

These stories and Mr Gutchen's own cultural practices are the

inspirations for his artwork.

One of the works in the exhibition, *Koiet Le ra Takarr A Izurzur*, depicts a mourning ceremony of Mr Gutchen's tribe, the Meuram Buaigiz.

The painting depicts the performing of takarr (mummification) of a prominent tribal member, Koiet Le, following his death, and shows details of funeral customs and mummification techniques.

The exhibition also includes two sculptures by Mr Gutchen – *A u Koskerr*, which is a senior woman who plays an important role in imparting knowledge and traditional lore to young women and girls; and *Pedaukawa* (Uncle Baldy), which is of a man not ashamed of his increasing baldness and who stays happy as he ages.

Mr Gutchen's works are a visual representation of the culture and people of Erub, their ceremonies, rituals, market trade, music and dance performances.

For more details about the exhibition see www.cairnsregionalgallery.com.au/

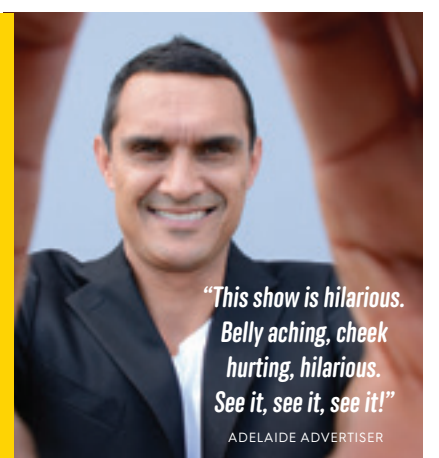
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Scholarship recipients and Blueearth staff: from left, Georgia King, Carol Brewster Michie (Yok Djakoorliny), Wendy Gillett (Blueearth CEO), Anette Morrison, Jenni Curtis (Yok Djakoorliny).

Sporting scholarships improving wellbeing



TWO Perth-based women have the chance to improve the health and wellbeing of their mob as recipients of scholarships from national health promotion charity Blueearth.

The recipients, Georgia King and Annette Morrison, will receive accredited Certificate IV Fitness Training, mentoring and support at North Metro TAFE in Perth. Once they have completed their studies, they will design and run fitness programs for members of Yok Djakoorliny, a health

and wellbeing group for Noongar and other Aboriginal women and their friends.

"As a Noongar and Yamtaji girl, the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal women is very important to me," Ms Morrison said. "I love sport and I love my culture very much. With this scholarship, I will work so hard to improve the health of the women around me."

Ms King said receiving the scholarship will help her realise her desire to work in the health field.

"My family has been actively engaged in improving the health of the

Aboriginal community," she said.

"Consequently, I'm extremely passionate about working with other Aboriginal women, and to help improve their health and wellbeing."

Blueearth chief executive Wendy Gillett said the scholarships, established in partnership with the WA Department of Sport and Recreation and Yok Djakoorliny, aim to empower Aboriginal women to take action to address growing levels of chronic disease.

"The scholarships also recognise the important role women already play in improving community health and wellbeing," she said.

Graduate students set to fly



WESTERN Australia's two top Aboriginal public school Year 12 students from last year have been named Rob Riley Memorial Prize winners.

Perth Modern School graduate Patrick Olofsson is the WA Certificate of Education (WACE) prize winner, while Comet Bay College graduate Elli Swinson took the Vocational Education and Training (VET) prize.

"Both students have big plans for the future and I am delighted to reward the hard work that sees them on the path to achieving their goals," Education and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Peter Collier said.

"Elli has an interest in aeroplanes and aviation and she used her certificate course in aviation studies to get closer to her dream of jet-setting around the world.

"Achievements"

"She plans to put her academic achievements and flight simulation experiences to good use as she pursues a career as a flight attendant.

"Elli is a determined student who achieved not only her WACE and a Certificate III in Aviation (flight operations), but also a Certificate II in Community Services and a Certificate II in Retail Services."

Patrick Olofsson will use his outstanding ATAR to fulfil a love of astrophysics.

"Patrick received an exceptional ATAR of 96.6 and will study a Bachelor of Science majoring in astrophysics at Curtin University this year," Mr Collier said.

"He excelled in physics, as well as chemistry, English, food science and technology, and specialist mathematics."

The awards are named for the late Rob Riley, an Aboriginal leader who made outstanding contributions in social justice, Aboriginal human rights and reconciliation.

Visionary Hyllus Maris



Lecture tribute to a visionary



AN historic lecture commemorating the work of Aboriginal visionary Hyllus Maris has been relaunched at La Trobe University.

The Hyllus Maris Memorial Lecture was launched in 1999 in honour of the Yorta Yorta woman, writer and poet, whose achievements in education include the establishment of Victoria's only Aboriginal school, Worawa Aboriginal College.

La Trobe's Professor Mark Rose said the lecture, to be held on March 8, is being restarted as part of the university's 50th anniversary celebrations.

"This will be the first time the lecture will be held in a decade. This

year we are relaunching it as a reflection of our commitment to Indigenous voices in higher education," Prof Rose said.

"This lecture is not only a celebration of this incredible woman's life, but the impact of education on the lives of Indigenous people."

Guest speaker Wiradjuri author Dr Anita Heiss will talk about the role of education in self-determination for Aboriginal Australians, particularly the young women who follow in the footsteps of Hyllus Maris.

"This lecture allows me to pay respect to the educational trailblazer that Hyllus Maris was," she said.

"Students at Worawa College are a daily reminder of her legacy and what we should all be grateful for."

Previous speakers have included social justice campaigner Dr Tom Calma, and leading educator Dr Chris Sarra.

The lecture will begin with a procession of Indigenous academics, led by live traditional music. A special performance by 2016 *X Factor* winner Isaiah Firebrace will follow. Hyllus Maris' family clan is also expected to be represented at the lecture.

Hyllus' sister Lois Peeler – a member of The Sapphires, a political activist and educator – will MC the event. Her niece, Tanya Peeler, has been instrumental in organising the lecture, including performances by Yorta Yorta artists.

To register visit 50years.latrobe.edu.au/events/hyllus-maris-memorial-lecture/

Students' hands on machinery



STUDENTS in the Northern Territory community of Barunga are getting a hands-on education in machinery

operating. The 10-week course, run by Batchelor Institute lecturer Alvin Tan, trains students in the use of an excavator, skid steer loader, wheeled front-end loader, backhoe and grader.

The training, which started on January 30, combines building and civil construction courses and is project-based. This means that while the students are gaining key skills, the Barunga community is also benefiting from improvements.

Projects include the construction of a concrete slab for a barbecue area at the park and another for the relocation of a disused tractor opposite the Barunga Festival stage.

A new pathway between the council office and activity area and a barbecue shed at Manyallaluk are also part of the program.

"These groups are very keen to be involved in the combined courses," Mr Tan said.

"They love those machines, and they are looking for projects where they can actually use their skills. A few of them have fair knowledge and skills in operating

Construction students receive training with Batchelor Institute in Barunga.



them so by attending this course they will be able to be trained properly."

The windows in the town church will also be replaced, the pond at the park will be widened and a section of the route to Manyallaluk will be graded.

These projects were requested by Community Development Program senior activity supervisor Sommer Meadows, who brought in Batchelor Institute to deliver the courses.

"Barunga and Manyalluk men

are always wanting to go one step further," she said. "Everything we do here prepares them for the future and job opportunity."

Batchelor Institute construction courses provide students will hands-on training

as well as training in workplace health and safety, reading plans, communicating in the workplace and working within a team.

The Batchelor Institute Resources and Infrastructure team are also working in Borrooloola and Mataranka.

40 years of AECG advising



ALMOST 40 years ago, Australia's first Aboriginal community-controlled education organisation was formed.

Four decades on and the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group will celebrate the landmark with a 40-year anniversary dinner following its annual general meeting.

Educators and supporters, as well as AECG life members, from across NSW and further afield are expected to attend the commemoration on March 4 and the Pullman Hotel near Sydney Airport.

A not-for-profit organisation, NSW AECG provides advice on matters relevant to education and training, with the mandate that this advice represents the Aboriginal community

A volunteer-based organisation, the key focus is community first, with the educational rights of Aboriginal people in NSW the driving force.

The organisation says its work to promote a more relevant and socially just education in NSW also brings reconciliation outcomes, which improve on the wellbeing of the NSW community as a whole.

For more information on the AECG commemoration dinner, email sherri.Longbottom@aecg.nsw.edu.au



DAVID Orr has become the Australian Catholic University's first Indigenous law graduate – and he's dreaming big.

The Gurang Gurang man who grew up in Maryborough, Queensland, is set to take up a sought-after position with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra.

Mr Orr, who is among the first group of lawyers to come from ACU, graduated with a Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Global Studies.

"I have always wanted to study law. For as long as I can remember, except for a stage when I was five and I wanted to be a bus driver – so I could talk to all the people," he said.

"I owe a lot of my success in gaining this position to my time at ACU and support I received from the staff here.

"I was attracted to ACU's new law program because it was a degree that was global, practical and ethical. As a new program it was exciting that we would have small class sizes and direct access to some of Australia's leading legal academics."

ACU is the only law school in Australia that makes pro bono (free) work compulsory. Students can also take



David Orr

advantage of an international student exchange program, which allows part of the degree to be undertaken at one of more than 70 international university partners.

"ACU's pro bono units have given me valuable experience in real world practice in differing areas of the law including in a family law practice that specialised in reuniting Aboriginal parents and children

after time spent apart due to being removed by Family and Community Services," Mr Orr said.

"This had a profound effect on me as an Aboriginal person."

Mr Orr's global studies internship was undertaken at a law firm in East Timor in which he had the sole responsibility of registering the Edmund Rice Association of Timor-Leste, a local non-government organisation (NGO). This involved everything from writing the constitution to submitting the final documentation with the Government and then delivering training to the directors of the NGO on their responsibilities under Timorese law.

"This was a life-changing experience and made me realise the power lawyers have to have an impact of real change on people and in society," he said.

"Studying a law degree doesn't finish at the end of the course. It is about lifelong learning that comes with a social responsibility."

"I have become a changed person during my time at ACU. I started my degree wanting to practice in competition law and while I still have a passion for that area of the law, I saw a natural shift occur to having a human rights and international law focus that was only strengthened by my experiences here."

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 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

Now Open: Registrations are now open for National Close the Gap Day 2017 Events. To find an event in your area or to host an event visit www.oxfam.org.au/nctgd Details: 1800 088 110

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

Until April 11: Bangarra's 2017 youth outreach Rekindling Program registrations now open. 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.

Until July 23: Troy Cassar-Daley National Tour Dates: Presents Things I Carry Around Live in concert. Details: www.troycassardaley.com.au

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Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan Street, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903 or text 0429 423 116.

Ongoing: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous people across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

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, 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



Eastern Health staff Aboriginal employment coordinator Kalina Morgan, acting nurse unit manager Barry Collins, Aboriginal hospital liaison officer Jo Voce and the mental health program's Dan Nicholson are ready for the Family Sports Day.

Healesville sports day



Aboriginal Olympian Nova Peris will be a special guest at Eastern Health's Closing the Gap Family Sports Day on March 5, from 9.30am to 3.30pm, at the Don Road Sporting Complex in Healesville, Victoria.

Now in its fifth year, the event will feature top Aboriginal sporting talent in the region challenging Eastern Health staff in a football match and netball tournament.

Ms Peris was the first Aboriginal Australian to win an Olympic gold medal,

representing her country in hockey and athletics. She will assist with children's running races on the day.

Other family entertainment will include face painting, a petting zoo, jumping castle, showbags and giveaways. The day also features a welcome to country, and health information. Eastern Health Aboriginal hospital liaison officer Jo Voce said the sports day is important in breaking down cultural barriers.

"Over the years, this event has played a vital part in raising awareness about the important issue of Aboriginal health," she said.

Starting February 22: Ngalingah Mijung Dubais Our Happy Women Program. Includes yarning circles, life skills, services and ongoing support, job ready skills and more. Held at the YWCA, 101a Rous Road, Goonellabah, every Wednesday from 10am-3pm. Details: Mim on (02) 6625 5805 or email ameliab@ywcansw.com.au

Until February 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

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. For details visit www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/chronic-pain or email joanna.goodenough@health.nsw.gov.au Details: (02) 9464 4685

February 22-March 26: *Good Looking Exhibition* opening night. Showcasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from the LGBTIQ community. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt from 6-8pm. Details: 902) 9560 2541.

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 24: Black Nulla Performance. A celebrated and renowned black drag performance 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 ATSI 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

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 at Terry Hie Hie Grinding Grooves from 10am-2pm. Details: Jamie Day on (02) 6764 5925 or Susan Leslie-Briggs on (02) 6751 1127

March 3: Muli Muli Family Health and Tobacco Community Fun Day. A BBQ and fun activities for the whole family and meet other community service providers, prize giveaways on the day. Held at Muli Muli Health Post from 10.30am-1.30pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Hank or Troy on (020 6662 3514.

March 3: Southern Cross University Draft Reconciliation Action Plan Community Presentation. Seeking valuable feedback from the community, light refreshments provided. Held at Gnibi Room H1.08, SCU, Military Road, east Lismore from 10am-12.30pm. Details: (02) 66203 955

March 5-12: Lismore Women's Festival. Connecting and empowering local women, 40+ activities including women's expo, well-being workshops, art, photography, femme finale and much more. Held at Lismore and surrounding areas. Details: www.lismorewomensfestival.org

March 7: Aboriginal Women's Pampering Day. Part of the Lismore Women's Festival, includes manicures and pedicures, massage, belly casting and more. Held at the YWCA, 101 Rous Road, Lismore from 10am. Details: Briony Leonard on (02) 66 255 810.

March 16: Jullums Close the Gap Day. Includes entertainment, family friendly activities, health advice and healthy BBQ.

Held at Jullums AMS, 51 Uralba Street, Lismore from 10am-2pm. Details: Vickie Williams on (02) 6621 4366.

February 28: R U Apply Project. Ur Mobile: A tool 4 wellbeing. Find out about e-wellbeing and mental health resources like Youtube, apps and websites.

Details: Held at University Centre for Rural Health, Uralba Street (opp. Lismore Base Hospital) from 9.30am-1.30pm. Details: Sasha Harrington on (02) 6620 7343 or email sasha.harrington@ucr.edu.au

Victoria

Until March 18: *Dhumbadha Munga Talking Knowledge* Exhibition. Looks at two-way relationship between the art workers and the artists they support through the Indigenous Arts in Prison and community program. Held at Alliance Francaise, Eildon Gallery, 51 Grey Street, St Kilda from Mon-Sat, 9.30am-6.00pm. Details: (03) 9525 3463 or visit www.thetorch.org.au

Until March 19: Tracey Moffatt & Gary Hillberg Featuring *Montages: The Full Cut, 1999-2015* exhibition. Presents eight montage films that reflect on cinema and the cinematic form. Held at Shepparton Art Museum (SAM), 70 Welford Street, Shepparton, open 7 days, 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (03) 5832 9861 or visit www.sheppartonartmuseum.com.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*, 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

March 5: Eastern Health Annual Closing the Gap Family Sports Day. Includes a football match, netball tournament, family entertainment and community health information. Held at Don Road Sporting Complex, Healesville from 9.30am-3.30pm. All welcome. Details: 903) 5957 1100

March 17-26: 2017 Castlemaine State Festival Music. Featuring an array of national, international and Indigenous artists and a special concert titled 'Ulumbarra-Gather Together'. Details: www.castlemainefestival.com.au

Queensland

March 18: Bunya Festival. Includes live music, ceremony with traditional owners, displays, stories, art exhibition, food stall, arts and 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

Western Australia

Until February 25: Ngala Wongga – cultural significance of languages in the Goldfields of WA Exhibition. A photo exhibition and multimedia projection with rare audio of Aboriginal Elders' stories. Held at Gallery Central, North Metro TAFE, 12 Aberdeen Street, Perth from Mon-Fri, 10am-4.45pm and Sat, 12-4pm. Details: (08) 9427 1318 or visit www.gallerycentral.com.au

South Australia

Until May 29: *Whyalla Art Prize 2017:* Entries Now Open. A biennial award, national showcase of contemporary Australian art and boasts a monetary prize of \$25,000. Details: Joy Lothian on (08) 8444 0417 or 0423 828 035 or visit www.countryarts.org.au

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AES chief executive Kristy Masella (second from left) with staff from the AES Darwin Office in the Northern Territory.

20 years of training



Indigenous recruitment, training and mentoring company the Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) is celebrating its 20th year this month.

AES has secured more than 20,000 job placements and 2000 training and apprenticeships over the past two decades.

The AES milestone comes at the same time as the delivery of the Prime Minister's annual Closing the Gap report, in which employment is a key target area to achieve ATSI equality within the next 25 years.

AES chief executive Kristy Masella said the report highlights the significance of improving employment outcomes for ATSI people and the importance of organisations like AES.

"The AES approach is about more than job placements, it's about mentoring and providing ongoing one-on-one support, that's been the key, we're proud of the work we do in creating financial independence so our families and communities can access more opportunities and better



The AES management team celebrates 20 years of business.

services," she said.

The AES was founded in 1997 in Moree, in north western New South Wales. At the time, in spite of being one of the richest agricultural regions in New

South Wales, the Aboriginal employment rate in the town was just 44%.

The disparity prompted social entrepreneur Dick Estens, working with local Aboriginal Elders and the Gwydir

Valley Cotton Growers Association to present a plan for the implementation of an Aboriginal employment strategy in Moree.

In 2002, the AES launched its ongoing partnership with ANZ Bank, establishing the first Indigenous student-based banking traineeships in Australia.

Commonwealth Bank, NAB and Westpac soon followed, with the program being replicated around the country.

More than 150 young Aboriginal people complete AES school-based and full-time traineeships and apprenticeships each year. Today there are 12 AES offices nationwide.

"The success of the AES model sends a message about the power of harnessing the abilities and investing in the talents, expertise and passion of local Aboriginal people themselves to create positive outcomes for their communities," Ms Masella said. "There are challenges ahead towards closing the gap in outcomes – as the AES has done since its inception, we will continue to work to deliver relevant training and employment opportunities that will translate into positive social outcomes for Aboriginal communities."

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The Service operates out of the Lismore office assisting women who have experienced domestic and family violence.

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Job kits Phone: 6621 1000 or ela_foster@clc.net.au. An eligibility list and casual pool list will be developed from this process.

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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 (BKI) 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.

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For more information visit:
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Applications close:
24th February 2017

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Justice

Juvenile Justice Caseworker

- Juvenile Justice
- Department of Justice
- 1x Temporary Caseworker required for the Kempsey Office (up to 15 months)
- 1x Ongoing Caseworker (Identified) required for the Taree Office
- Salary range: \$85,098 - \$92,912 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Primary Purpose of the Role:

Front line delivery functions of a community office, providing a quality range of externally and internally sourced services to youth justice conferencing clients, victims of crime, court mandated young people and their families, as part of a multi-disciplined team.

The primary focus is to reduce re-offending of young people and enhance their functioning and reintegration into their families and the community.

AQ4819

Applications Close: 26 February 2017 (11.59pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Angela Scott on 0475 808 680.



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Please note you will be required to complete a police check if successful in your application.

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Senior Client Service Officer Aboriginal

- Clerk Grade 5/6
- Department of Family & Community Services
- Housing NSW, South West Sydney District
- Requisition No. 00004WEA

Salary range \$79,384 - \$87,591 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Role Description:

As a Senior Client Service Officer you will assist clients with complex support and housing needs by providing specialised advice and making referrals to appropriate support services. This role provides a broad range of applicant, tenancy and property management services and advice to clients, advocates and other stakeholders across the access and tenancy service streams.

Working collaboratively with Client Service Officers, internal specialists and external service providers, you will develop innovative strategies to deliver improved client outcomes and overcome barriers to access and coordinate and monitor case management plans. Providing on the job training, mentoring and guidance to client service staff to ensure client's needs are understood and culturally appropriate services are delivered is an important part of this role.

Job Notes:

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.

There is 1 (one) ongoing role and 1 (one) temporary role for a period of up to 6 months with the possibility of extension in accordance with the Government Sector Employment Act 2013.

A Recruitment Pool may be created to fill both ongoing and temporary opportunities if and as they arise.

A current drivers licence is essential to the role.

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.

Applications Close: Monday 27 February 2017 (11.59 pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Christine Pocock on (02) 4629 3211 or Christine.Pocock@facs.nsw.gov.au

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Principal Community Services Officer, Regional Office

Region - Far North Qld

Temporary until 31/12/17

**Department of Communities, Child Safety and
Disability Services**

Salary: \$100 639 - \$107 915 p.a.

Location: Aurukun

REF: QLD/233171/17

Key Duties: Coordinate the development of the Aurukun Youth Strategy and lead its implementation, including consultation, engagement and reporting.

Skills/Abilities: Understand the issues affecting young people in Aurukun; sound relationships within community; ability to work collaboratively and independently; and to provide high level written and verbal reporting

Enquiries: Tracey Harding (07) 4036 5330

To apply please visit www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 3 March 2017



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Health
Justice Health &
Forensic Mental Health Network

Aboriginal Health Worker Primary Health Care (Aboriginal Identified)

Classification: Aboriginal Health Education Off Non Grade

Location: Silverwater Correctional Complex

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$49,121 - \$72,346 pa

Enquiries: Leo De Jesus (02) 9700 2233

Email: cornelio.dejesus@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

This is a dedicated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants must be able to prove Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act*. JH&FMHN deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginal status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or prior to commencement of the position.

Closing Date: 26 February 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 375202

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WA ENGAGEMENT OFFICER RECOGNISE Campaign

RECOGNISE is the movement building community awareness and understanding about the need to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution and to deal with racial discrimination in it.

As the WA Engagement Officer, you will work closely with the WA Field Leader, Reconciliation WA, and the Western Australians for Recognition working group.

Your role will be to engage key stakeholders across the State to ensure they have a high level of awareness and understanding of the campaign and how they can play a role in supporting constitutional recognition and reform.

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 <http://www.recognise.org.au/get-involved/jobs/> and download the selection pack.

Applications deadline is **27th Feb 2017**, however, please feel free to get in touch after the deadline to find out if the position has been filled.

Please send completed applications to Rebecca Blurton at rebecca.blurton@recognise.org.au



Community Child Care Association – Marketing and Communications Co-ordinator

Attractive Salary Range from \$70,000-\$73,000 per annum plus superannuation (dependent upon experience)

Location: Preston, Melbourne

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply

Community Child Care Association is the peak body for community owned, not for profit education and care services in Victoria.

Essential Requirements

- Tertiary qualifications in relevant discipline (e.g. Bachelor Degree with a major in communications and/or marketing.)
- Previous experience (3 years +) in a similar marketing position preferably within the community services/not-for-profit sector.
- Willingness to travel across regional Victoria and metro Melbourne.
- Committed to working flexible hours as required for marketing and engagement events.
- Current Working with Children Check and police check or equivalent or willingness to undergo such screening.
- A current Victorian driver's licence and daily access to a vehicle

How to apply for this opportunity

Request a position description at reception@cccinc.org.au or on 03 9486 3455.



Education

Team Lead, Community Engagement

- Clerk Grade 9/10
- Temporary Full-time appointment for a period up to: 21 December 2018
- Position number and location: 197555 – Oxford Street, Darlinghurst

Total remuneration package: \$125,620 Package includes salary (\$102,838 to \$113,324), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The NSW Department of Education serves the community by leading the provision of world-class education. The department protects young children by regulating preschool and long day care providers. Once children move into school, we provide them with a world-class primary and secondary education. We also work to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

The Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement Unit is positioned within the NSW Department of Education's Aboriginal Education and Communities Directorate.

Aboriginal Education and Communities values its strong partnership with the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. and communities, in supporting NSW Public schools to deliver high level, quality teaching to maximise learning outcomes for Aboriginal students.

The work of the Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement Unit is underpinned by this objective, and provides leadership, strategic advice and direction on all matters relating to Aboriginal education across the Department. The Unit contributes to national and state policy development for Aboriginal education including language and culture programs in schools.

About the role

The position provides high quality professional, organisational and policy support to the Director Connected Communities and a team of Senior Leaders, Community Engagement located in Connected Communities schools.

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. Can you tell us what strategies you have used to engage with community to improve social and educational outcomes for Aboriginal students and indeed all students in your school? 300 word max
2. Would you give us an example of when you have provided leadership, support and professional learning to staff to improve their ability to meet the needs of Aboriginal students? 300 word max

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Applications Close: 8 March 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Kim Proctor on (02) 9244 5316.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 197555

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Justice
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Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer

- **Play a key role in the rehabilitation of indigenous offenders**
- **Ongoing, full-time position**
- **Salary range \$63,629 - \$77,259 plus superannuation**

Located in Lara (near Geelong) Karreenga is a medium security facility accommodating up to 300 protection prisoners.

As the Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer, you will provide ongoing welfare, advocacy and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners, including assisting in the access of appropriate pre and post release programs and entitlements to assist with their reintegration into the community. You will also facilitate Aboriginal cultural events and activities at the prison.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Koori community, with the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with its members
- excellent interpersonal, conflict management, and written and verbal communication skills
- a high level of integrity and commitment to the rehabilitation of offenders.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close on Wednesday 8 March 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.



Justice

Assistant Manager (Aboriginal Identified)

- Juvenile Justice
- Department of Justice
- Ongoing Full-Time
- Location: Kempsey Juvenile Justice Community Office
- Clerk Grade 8/9, Salary (\$96,784 - \$105,730), plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Assistant Manager manages a multidisciplinary team providing service/program delivery that aims to reduce re-offending of juvenile offenders and enhance their functioning and/or reintegration into the community, and increase community safety.

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Applications Close:
Sunday 5 March 2017 (11:59pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Angela Scott on 0475 808 680.

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

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EXPLORE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL AS AN ABORIGINAL/TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ACADEMIC AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

Are you an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Academic looking for a change and the opportunity to work in a Regional University to develop your aspirations, potential and capability.

Would you like to enhance the future of your communities through quality research, fostering innovation and delivering a formative educational experience? Do you want to work in a University with a global reach in student participation. The University of New England may be the place for you?

The University of New England offers a unique opportunity for Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander academics to undertake teaching and research in areas that directly impact Aboriginal communities in the Northern Region of NSW, and Aboriginal communities across Australia. The University prioritises research in areas such as human health and well-being, communities, cultural heritage, and the environment. The University's emphasis on research-led teaching allows academic staff to translate their research outcomes into academic teaching and encourages, particularly, Indigenous curriculum development, to support delivery of research outcomes directly back to Aboriginal people and their communities.

In addition to the possibility of more permanent opportunities, the University of New England is also seeking Aboriginal /Torres Strait Islander people for casual and short-term work. Further information can be obtained by contacting:

Ms Pamela Widders
Snr HR Consultant,
Aboriginal Employment.
Ph: 02 6773 5764
Email: pwidders@une.edu.au



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Aboriginal Caseworker/Counsellor Trauma Support Service

- Exciting opportunity for Aboriginal Caseworker/Counsellor with a trauma support background
- Flexible work days (3-5 days)
- Based in Harris Park, Sydney

This is an exciting opportunity for Aboriginal Caseworkers/Counsellors for our Trauma Support Service (Wattle Place).

The successful candidate will provide:

- Quality therapeutic case management and counselling to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Forgotten Australians and people who have been impacted by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses into Child Sexual Abuse.
- Trauma informed support, information and referral to facilitate client well-being;
- Quality support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Forgotten Australians with supported file reading and family tracing and reunion;

Wattle Place Trauma Support Service is committed to long term work with Aboriginal families and community.

For more information about the role and details on how to apply, visit:

www.applynow.net.au/jobs/RANSW133

Please note this is an Aboriginal Identified Position
Relationships Australia NSW considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2017

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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 preminent, 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.



Police
& Justice



General Administrative Support Officer

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- Campbelltown Command, Campbelltown
- Clerk Grade 1/2
- Permanent Full-Time
- I Work for NSW Requisition No.0000525P

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.
- An information session for this position will be held at Campbelltown Police Station, 65 Queen Street, Campbelltown on Monday 27 February 2017 from 11am to 12pm. If you wish to attend the Information session, please email the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit at haboriginal@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 haboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications Close: Sunday 12 March 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact David Mathias on (02) 4620 1186.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 0000525P

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Manager, Mount Isa - Gulf Child Safety Service Centre

Region - North Qld, Child Safety

(Specified - Applicants are required to provide a reference from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander who is accepted in the community as a referee.) Remote and Regional Location Incentives also apply to this position including an annual incentive payment, accommodation assistance and locality allowance.

Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services

Salary: \$111 503 - \$117 931 p.a.

Location: Mount Isa

REF: QLD/233780/17

Key Duties:

Manage staff and financial resources

Lead and manage delivery of high quality child protection services

Participate in local forums

Develop service delivery partnerships

Skills/Abilities:

Relevant human services and management qualifications would be an advantage

Provide high level support, advice and information to regional management in relation to child protection service outcomes

Enquiries: Phillip Brooks 4799 5533. To apply please visit www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 3 March 2017



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Danila Dilba
Health Service

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Danila Dilba Health Service is going through a dynamic period of expansion, growth and review and currently has the following vacancies:

ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER (Full-Time, 1 Position) *\$82,031 to \$90,318

The Aboriginal Health Practitioner will participate in the provision of comprehensive primary health care to the Indigenous people of the Greater Darwin Area. In addition the AHP will provide a support role to other health practitioners both within the organisation and the community. The AHP is crucial to maintaining cultural integrity and advocates strongly for our patients.

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST (Full-Time, 1 Position) *\$56,422 to \$64,778

The Medical Receptionist will provide high quality reception and administrative support to the clients and medical staff, whilst managing the appointment system under the direction of the relevant Clinic Coordinator of the Palmerston GP Clinic of Danila Dilba Health Service.

OFFICE SERVICES COORDINATOR (Full-Time, 1 Position) *\$81,186 to \$89,229

The Office Services Coordinator works in a small team to ensure quality and sustainable health facilities / services through coordination and administration of client transport and DDHS fleet, minor new works programs, urgent repairs, programmed repairs and maintenance and all facilities related services whilst ensuring DDHS meets requirements under national Work Health and Safety legislation and associated regulations.

We offer:

- Attractive salary with salary packaging benefits
- Six weeks annual leave
- Flexible hours
- Training and development

**Applications Close: 27th February 2017
(Close of business 5.00 p.m.)**

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

(* Total salary includes leave loading & superannuation)

Danila Dilba Health Service is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation that provides comprehensive, high-quality primary health care and community services to Biluru (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) people in Yilli Rreung (greater Darwin) region.

Details: daniladilba.org.au

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Quality Surveyor and Senior Quality Surveyor APS 5 and 6 broadband Ongoing/non-ongoing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth

The Australian Aged Care Quality Agency (Quality Agency) is responsible for holding aged care providers accountable against the Accreditation standards for residential aged care, the Home Care Standards for home care services, Quality Review of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Care Services (NATSI Flex) and also supporting service provider performance through education, training and compliance assistance.

The Quality Agency is offering full-time ongoing and non-ongoing opportunities in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth, to become a Quality Surveyor/Senior Quality Surveyor. The non-ongoing positions are for a minimum 12 month period. Successful candidates will be provided with a training program that is internationally accredited by the International Society for Quality in Healthcare, (ISQua) leading to registration as a Quality Assessor.

The following are the key responsibilities of a Quality Surveyor:

- Assess the quality of care and services provided through aged care services against the applicable standards
- Interview care recipients and their representatives about the quality of care and services provided through an aged care service.
- Collect, synthesise, and analyse evidence to make findings;
- Prepare and write accurate reports to inform statutory decisions;
- Work effectively as a team member to accomplish organisational goals;
- Manage internal and external stakeholder relationships effectively;
- Represent the Quality Agency with credibility and professionalism;
- Provide information and training to aged care services to improve performance against the standards, promote high quality care and continuous improvement.

Eligibility:

The Quality Agency is seeking people with backgrounds and experience in the following roles:

- Systems auditors
- Human service managers, e.g. disability services, indigenous services, services delivered to culturally and linguistically diverse consumers
- Quality Improvement managers
- Health professionals
- Professional standards or human services investigators
- Complaints managers
- Aged Care sector experience, home care, community care and residential care
- Adult educators

To succeed, applicants will have strong inter-personal and communication skills, an ability to understand, analyse complex situations, and sound IT skills to write reports using mobile device technology. A driver's licence is mandatory.

These roles involve regular travel away from home within each state to aged care services in rural and regional centre's with consecutive weeknight stays each fortnight.

These roles are broadband classified APS5/6 and as such the range of salary will commence at \$70,220.00 up to a maximum of \$92,265.00. The salary offered will be subject to experience of the successful candidate/s and upon registration as a Quality Surveyor. In addition, 15.4% superannuation will be paid.

The diversity of our staff is very important to us. We welcome and actively encourage applications from people with disability, women, and people with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. We recognise the richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and the unique knowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees bring to our workplace, policy development and service delivery. We welcome and actively encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Only candidates who hold Australian citizenship can apply. Refer to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection website www.border.gov.au for further information. Appointment is conditional on successfully completing a national police check.

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

- Please make a statement of claim as to how your capabilities, background and experience will contribute to your success in the Quality Surveyor role.
- 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:

For further information about the Quality Agency, office locations and other related resources, please visit <http://www.aacqa.gov.au>.

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>.

HOSPITALITY MANAGER YARRAWARRA ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE



The Yarrowarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre (YACC) is located on Red Rock Road, Corindi Beach which is approximately 35kms north of Coffs Harbour. It comprises a conference/training venue able to sleep up to 70 in 20 rooms with a commercial kitchen and other spaces for meetings, etc. The Centre is on approximately 7 acres of parkland. The Wadjar Gallery and cafe are part of the Centre. There are three other buildings available for community use/accommodation.

Gurehlgam is looking for an experienced Hospitality Manager to organize and oversee daily operations of the Yarrowarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre. The manager will be responsible for building the business, building repeat business, coordinating activities and delivering exemplary customer service.

The hospitality manager will:-

- Be responsible for the overall success of the Centre.
- Be supported by a gallery manager and part time bookkeeper.
- Have direction over a number of casual staff covering cleaning, grounds upkeep, catering and cultural activities.
- Work closely with the Gurehlgam manager and Board.

An attractive package will be negotiated in line with common standards for this position.

Contact Kenn at manager@gurehlgam.com.au for the full position description.

Applications close COB, Friday, March 17th



Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The **Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service (TAMS)** is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This is a great opportunity to work with an employer of choice and a leading Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service Provider by guiding the organisation into its next phase of development and growth with a dynamic team of professionals. You will be responsible for the continued development, implementation and progression of our Medical Service through effective good governance, leadership, management and comprehensive planning both from an operation to strategic level, thus 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 TAMS 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 primary health care and the needs and aspirations of community in the struggle to Closing the Gap for Aboriginal people in the areas of Health. The capacity to interpret and implement legislation, sound communication skills along with strong proven leadership skills is required. 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.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

For a recruitment package contact Catherine Trindall on 0488984573 or by email debbiel@tams.org.au

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the above position and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Applications to be marked "Confidential" and forwarded to the Convener of the Panel at: Tamworth Aboriginal Health Services PO Box 253. Tamworth NSW 2340.

Applications close 6th March 2017

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Applications close Sunday 5 March 2017

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Department of Natural Resources and Mines

Graduate Surveyor (IDNID)

Natural Resources, North Region, Land Services

Department of Natural Resources and Mines

Salary: \$57 143 - \$73 138 p.a.

Location: Cairns or Townsville (other areas around the state available by negotiation)

REF: QLD/233809/17

Key Duties: We are seeking an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Graduate Surveyor to join our team to perform a range of office and field surveying duties.

Skills/Abilities: To apply you must hold a degree qualification in the field of surveying, have a C class manual driver's licence and be Registered as a Graduate with the Surveyors Board of Queensland.

Enquiries: Gemma Picco 4222 5402

To apply please visit www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing date: Friday, 3 March 2017



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Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Dental Assistant Grade 1

Location: Tamworth

Enquiries: Vicki Philpott (02) 4016 4831

Reference Number: 374672

Closing Date: 5 March 2017

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Strategy - Aboriginal Health Worker

Location: Qurindi Community Health Centre

Enquiries: Michelle Gallagher (02) 6746 0232

Reference Number: 376605

Closing Date: 7 March 2017

This position is identified for Aboriginal people and exemption is claim under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants must be female. This is a genuine qualification under Section 31 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Clinical Nurse Consultant - ICCAP Program

Location: Position location is negotiable between Narrabri or Moree

Enquiries: Sharyn Tyter 0428 406 812

Reference Number: 376928

Closing Date: 7 March 2017

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

Closing Date: as above

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Numbers above.

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Family & Community Services

Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker

NSW Family and Community Services aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children by recruiting and developing outstanding individuals to be leaders in child protection practice.

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**Being an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker is tough.
It takes a special kind of person. But the rewards are huge.**

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**Do you identify as Aboriginal and have two years experience working with
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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:

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- 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



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Aboriginal Outreach Worker (Aboriginal Health Worker)

Temp F/T up to June 2018 at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
Salary: \$49,121 - \$72,346 pa
Enquiries: Julie Finch (02) 9515 9890
Reference Number: 373380

Closing Date: 10 March 2017

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Female Aboriginal Immunisation Liaison Officer (Registered Nurse OR Aboriginal Health Worker)

F/T at Camperdown Population Health
Enquiries: Essi Huhtinen (02) 9515 9420
Reference Number: 366780

Closing Date: 31 March 2017

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander and Being Female are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under section 14(d) and section 31(2h) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date: as above

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- Port Macquarie & Coffs Harbour
- Package up to \$72k (Clerk Grade 1/2)

We are looking for enthusiastic and organised team players to work in our Legal Aid Offices. This role includes preparing correspondence, processing legal documents, liaising with stakeholders and providing basic referral information to clients.

**Closing Date:
Monday 27 February 2017**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Penny Avery on (02) 5525 1611.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00005156



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Come walk in the footsteps of remarkable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders. Honour their story to support your leadership aspirations.

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You should apply if you are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, 21 years or older and have a connection/interest in rural and regional Australia.

NATSILP is an open enrolment free service and delivered by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation. This initiative is supported/funded by the Australian Government.

www.rural-leaders.com.au or call 02 6281 0608.

Applications close 28 February 2017.



Victorian Equal Opportunity
& Human Rights Commission

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- **Fantastic opportunity to make equality a reality**
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For further information and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Sunday 26 March 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.

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Police
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General Administrative Support Officer

- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- Griffith Local Area Command, Griffith
- Clerk Grade 1/2 Permanent Full-Time
- I Work for NSW Requisition No.0000525E

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 Griffith Police Station, 41-47 Railway Street, Griffith on Thursday 2 March 2017 from 11:30am to 12:30pm.** If you wish to attend the Information session, please email the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit at haboriginal@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 haboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au**

Applications Close: Sunday 12 March 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Brenda Stedman on (02) 6969 4301.

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Requirements for Apprenticeships:

- Open to applicants 17 years of age or older at the time of commencement

- Must hold an Open or Provisional manual "C" class driver's licence (at the time of commencement)

Energex values diversity and encourages people from all backgrounds to apply, including women and members of indigenous communities. School leaver applicants are also encouraged to apply.

We want candidates with initiative and technical aptitudes that are team and safety focused.

Apply online at Energex Careers <http://careers.energex.com.au> - Job reference Apprent/07/2017

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 5pm on Monday, 27 February, 2017

Please note that the application form is not designed to be completed via a mobile device, and it will take approximately 30 minutes to finish. Preferred candidates will be subject to a pre-employment medical assessment.

(No late applications will be accepted)



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YERIN
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Services Inc.

F/T Early Childhood Nurse

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply

Overview of Position

Yerin is looking for a suitably qualified person to be a part of our multidisciplinary team as an Early Childhood Nurse. The position holder will sit within the Primary Health Care Clinic and Dhanggan Gudjagang Team (Maternal/Child & Family) in order to improve access through delivering initiatives that respond to the local needs of the community. You will need to be able to multi-task, have excellent communication skills, be well organised and able to effectively time manage. You will lead and participate in a team environment but also be able to work independently.

A Competitive Salary Package is available including salary sacrifice.

For Further Information and to obtain an application pack ensure you address the Essential and Desirable criteria in the Position Description – contact Allison Trindall on 02 43511040; recruitment@yerin.org.au or visit our website www.yerin.org.au

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Health
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Local Health District

Registered Nurse

Aboriginal Chronic Care Program
Outreach Service
Population Health
Temporary Full-Time
Registered Nurse
Salary: \$1,114.30 – \$1,564.80 pw
Enquiries: Libby Brown (02) 4734 3860

**Closing Date:
2 March 2017**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 374853

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Teacher of Aboriginal Health (Practitioner) - (Identified Position)

We are seeking a Teacher of Aboriginal Health (Practitioner) to support, guide, enhance learning and enable students to achieve their desired outcomes.

JobsNSW Ref No: **00005341**

Salary: Total package up to \$104,648 pa

Status: Temporary contract for two years

Location: Port Macquarie

Closing Date: Sunday 5 March 2017

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SAHMRI
South Australian Health & Medical Research Institute



South Australian Academic
Health Science and
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The South Australian Academic Health Science and Translation Centre, a National Health and Medical Research Council approved Centre, has the vision to continuously enhance the rate of translation of research into health care in order to support a cost effective and efficient health system.

The SA Aboriginal Chronic Disease Consortium (SA ACDC) is part of the South Australian Academic Health Science and Translation Centre. The goal of the SA ACDC is to drive, coordinate and sustain the implementation of the South Australian Aboriginal Heart and Stroke Plan 2017-2021, the South Australian Aboriginal Diabetes Strategy 2017-2021 and the South Australian Aboriginal Cancer Control Plan 2016-2021. The implementation will address priorities specific to each plan, as well as priorities which span across plans.

The South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) is hiring, on behalf of the Consortium, a Senior Project Officer and Project Officer to work with the Consortium's Executive Officer.

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

This position will work with the Executive Officer of the Consortium to help create the plan and then guide the implementation to deliver outcomes against the South Australian Aboriginal Heart and Stroke Plan 2017-2021, the South Australian Aboriginal Diabetes Strategy 2017-2021 and the South Australian Aboriginal Cancer Control Plan 2016-2021. This position is for two-year contract located at SAHMRI, North Terrace facility, Adelaide.

PROJECT OFFICER

This position will support development of the SA Aboriginal Chronic Disease Consortium (SAACDC). The Project Officer will have a role supporting both strategic and operational activities and lead work in the communications area. This position is for 12 month contract located at SAHMRI, North Terrace facility, Adelaide

To Apply

To apply and for a copy of the position description for the respective roles, please visit the SAHMRI careers page and select the position you wish to apply for.
<https://www.sahmriresearch.org/human-resources/careers>

Applications close: 5pm Monday 8 March 2017



**COUNSELLOR
(PSYCHOLOGIST / SOCIAL
WORKER)
OFFICE OF STUDENT SUCCESS,
SYDNEY**

This is an identified position and Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality and or Torres Strait Islander in addition to addressing the selection criteria. Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977

- Provide support to students so that they can fully realise their goals
- Part-time (0.6 FTE) continuing role based in North Sydney

Australian Catholic University (ACU) is an inclusive community which welcomes students and staff of all beliefs. ACU has over 1,800 staff supporting more than 32,000 students across seven campuses – Adelaide, Ballarat, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, North Sydney and Strathfield.

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The Counselling Service operates within the Office of Student Success. The Office responds to individual needs and provides quality support services and programs to students to ensure they develop to their full potential.

As a Counsellor, you will provide a quality professional counselling service to students who require support to fully realise their personal and academic goals.

Your main responsibilities will be:

- Conducting outreach, conducting group activities and workshops, which may include mental health first aid
- Providing one-on-one counselling sessions to students
- Providing referrals to other agencies and professionals.

To be successful in this role, you will need to demonstrate:

- Completion of, progress towards, or enrolment in postgraduate qualifications in Social Work, Psychology or Counselling
- Commitment to the mission and Catholic ethos of the University
- Registration as a Psychologist and/or current full membership with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW)
- Demonstrated experience in counselling young adults.

This position involves child-related employment and a Working with Children Check will be required.

Applicants with a Social Work background will need to advise whether they have Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) membership or, alternatively, may upload this as part of the application.

How to Apply:

Obtain the Position Description at this address:
<http://careers.acu.edu.au/caw/en/job/972265/counsellor>

Applicants are expected to address all selection criteria listed in the position description. To apply for this role click the "Apply" link below. Visit Hints and Tips on how to apply.

Total remuneration valued to \$107,331 - \$119,997 pa, including salary component \$90,696 - \$101,399 pa (HEW Level 8), employer contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

General enquiries can be directed to Dr Darko Hajzler, Manager, Counselling Service on (03) 9953 3579 between the hours of 8.30 am to 9.30 am, or via email on darko.hajzler@acu.edu.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Wednesday 8 March 2017



Education

Aboriginal Education and Engagement Officer

- Senior Education Officer (ETS)
- Temporary Full-time appointment for a period up to: 3 years from entry on duty date
- Position number and location: 174154 – Tamworth

About the role:

Providing high level support and advice to schools, educational services teams and key stakeholders in the implementation of strategies relating to Aboriginal education and engagement.

Please address the selection criteria in relation to the Statement of Duties for the position 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 numbers 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.

Applications Close: 8 March 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Lynne-Maree Hugginson on (02) 6656 6612.

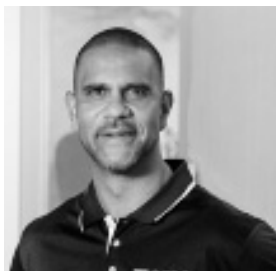
Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 174154

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- Commercial cleaning
- Window cleaning
- Maintenance Services
- Steam Cleaning

We are also looking for an Indigenous Engagement officer to be based out of our Victorian Office in Hawthorn, VIC.

How to Apply

Get in touch with our Indigenous Engagement Team to register your interest and get an application pack.

Helen Peterson | 1300 889 210 | Helenp@cmcservices.com.au

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Remuneration Package Negotiable) Full Time/Permanent

The Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council (KLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the 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 Kempsey 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 Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA) (or the ability to rapidly acquire), 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 Rowan Lisson, by email: rowan.lisson@alc.org.au or on (02) 6659 1200.

Applications can be forwarded to rowan.lisson@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The CEO Recruitment Panel
Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1912, Coffs Harbour, NSW, 2450

Applications close 10th March 2017
Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



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This position leads our kitchen team to deliver meals for all events and conferences at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern, Sydney.

Successful applicants will have a strong commitment to delivering client focussed food services, good staff management capability, an interest in Indigenous ingredients and a capacity to work flexibly according to event bookings.

Requirements:

- Certificate III Commercial Cookery (or equivalent)
- Current Food Safety Supervisors certificate

Fulltime, shift work availability is required.
12 month contract term.

Position Description: ncie.org.au/jobs

Enquiries: peter.mclaughlin@ncie.org.au

Applications: jobs@ncie.org.au

Closing Date: Monday 6 March 2017



Education

Make an impact in NSW Connected Communities Schools



The NSW Department of Education is offering **temporary assignments for up to three years** for school psychologists to work in NSW public schools, as a new professional experience. **Connected Communities** schools are committed to driving improved outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people by working closely with their communities.

There are opportunities in these Connected Communities schools:

Brewarrina Central School, Walgett Community College - Primary School, Walgett Community College - High School, Coonamble High School, Coonamble Public School, Moree Secondary College Albert St Campus

What is on offer?

- Opportunity to deliver counselling services to enhance student engagement, learning and development
- **Opportunity to become an ongoing employee of the department with assignment to a negotiated location at the conclusion of the three years***
- Fully flexible commencement package up to the value of \$5,000 (for example flights, professional learning, data package)
- \$10,000 annual bonus following satisfactory completion of each year of service
- Access to existing rural and remote incentives, including up to 90% rental subsidy and Relocation support.

* The successful applicant for this position will be appointed to the school on a temporary basis. At the conclusion of the term of the temporary assignment, subject to satisfying all relevant legislative provisions, the employee will be converted to an ongoing employee and assigned to a work location in the Department that will be agreed by the Department and the employee.

**Applications Close:
Wednesday 1 March 2017 (4pm)**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Katrina Worrall, Principal Psychologist on (02) 9266 8036 or at katrina.worrall@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 0000529V.

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Education

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What is on offer?

- Opportunity to deliver counselling services to enhance student engagement, learning and development
- **Right of return for permanent staff at completion of the three years, for new employees the offer of permanent employment to a negotiated location***
- Fully flexible commencement package up to the value of \$5,000 (for example flights, professional learning, data package)
- \$10,000 annual bonus following satisfactory completion of each year of service
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The Multicultural Network Inc is a community organisation working to bring about positive social change and improve the lives of vulnerable people in our community. We are seeking a motivated skilled and experience candidate to fill the following vacant position:

The Gathering Project Officer

28hs/week (SCHADS 6: \$40.26 p/hour- \$1,127.28 p/week), NSW- Based at Bankstown

This position focuses on systemic change, influencing Aboriginal policy, advocating on Aboriginal issues and promoting collaboration within the community sector. Requirements: skills/qualifications in policy analysis, networking and systems advocacy.

To apply: please request a Job Package from eo@tmn.net.au or by ringing Roxana Rascon, EO, on 0404156465. Your application must address the selection criteria in the Job Package. **This position closes on 6/3/2017.**

Aboriginal Access Worker

KINGSFORD LEGAL CENTRE, FACULTY OF LAW, REF. 57687

Salary Level: Level 6, A\$81,199 (pro rata) per year (plus 9.5% employer superannuation and leave loading). This is a 12 month fixed term (14 hours per week) position with the possibility of continuing, dependant on funding.

Kingsford Legal Centre (KLC) is a community legal centre providing free legal advice to people living in the Botany Bay and Randwick municipalities of Sydney. KLC is also a clinical legal teaching facility of UNSW.

The Aboriginal Access Worker will plan and implement strategies to improve the access of the local Aboriginal community to the services provided by KLC. This includes, providing assistance and support to Aboriginal clients, consultations with the community to determine legal needs, further develop culturally sensitive access strategies and services for Aboriginal clients and promote the services provided by KLC.

Being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act.

The hours of work are 14 hours per week. There is some flexibility as to the hours per day and the days per week worked. KLC is a family friendly workplace.

Applicants should systematically address each of the selection criteria in their application.

Applications are made online at:
<http://www.jobs.unsw.edu.au/>

Having read the documentation, you may then direct any enquiries to Denise Wasley telephone (61 2) 9385 9566 or email legal@unsw.edu.au

Applications close: Friday 15 March, 2017.



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Senior Programs Officer

Parramatta location

Salary Range \$104,203 to \$122,668 (+ 9.5% super) + other benefits
Applications from Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged

The opportunity

The Senior Programs Officer provides advice and supports NSWALC in relation to NSWALC's programs and community benefits schemes.

The Senior Programs Officer will:

- Liaise with a range of external stakeholders including government agencies, industry, business, non-government organisations, the Aboriginal Land Council network and community groups to support the delivery of NSWALC projects and programs that impact on, or affect, the Aboriginal Land Council network;
- Conduct research and analysis, including the collation and management of data and information to identify issues and propose a range of options and solutions to achieve planning outcomes for the Aboriginal Land Rights Network;
- Manage the planning, development, implementation and evaluation of NSWALC projects and programs managed by the Policy and Programs Unit;

To be successful in this role, the Senior Programs Officer will need to have:

- Advanced knowledge and understanding of the cultural practices, values and issues that affect Aboriginal people in today's society.
- Demonstrated political acuity, diplomacy and sensitivity with local political, community and business leaders.
- Significant experience in project management including project initiation, project planning, project implementation, evaluation and managing and monitoring budgets.

About us

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is the State's peak representative body in Aboriginal affairs and aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community. NSWALC is a not for profit organisation.

More information about NSW Aboriginal Land Council can be found at <http://www.alc.org.au/>

How to apply

To apply for this position please obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Role Description and Success Profile by contacting Kody Boney by email: recruitment@alc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4490. Applications close 9.00AM Monday, 13 March 2017 and can be forwarded to recruitment@alc.org.au

Job Status: Ongoing (permanent)

Job Reference: 0004



Education

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO)

- Temporary full-time appointment up to: 15 December 2017
- Position number and location: 174160 - Murwillumbah

Total remuneration package: \$81,624 Package includes salary (\$67,248 to \$73,635), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The NSW Department of Education serves the community by leading the provision of world-class education. The department protects young children by regulating preschool and long day care providers. Once children move into school, we provide them with a world-class primary and secondary education. We also work to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

About the role

Working as part of a team to support and develop partnerships and understanding between the Aboriginal community and the Department at all levels, thereby helping to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal school students.

We are looking for a suitable candidate to contribute to and when required lead the development of consultative mechanisms to promote understanding between Aboriginal communities and the Department.

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. How do you see yourself personally working with the local Aboriginal community and highlight how you see yourself establishing the links between schools and the community? (300 words).
2. How have you worked as a member of a team to ensure that partnerships with the Aboriginal community are strengthened, resulting in improved outcomes for students? (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: 8 March 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Denise Brown on (02) 6623 5928.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 174160

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Education
and Training

Koorie Engagement Support Officer – ES1.4

Department of Education and Training

Salary Range: \$75,501 to \$89,022

Ongoing Position

Position to Commence 18 April 2017

South Western Victoria Region

The Victorian Department of Education & Training is seeking a suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person to work in the South Western Victoria Region as a Koorie Engagement Support Officer.

The position will be based in Horsham and support schools and early childhood services.

The successful applicants will work as a member of the Western District Koorie Education Workforce. You will be responsible for facilitating and managing the delivery of programs for Koorie children and young people through early childhood to school completion.

The occupant of the position will possess strong leadership skills to ensure the successful delivery of educational support services, provide advice to schools, kindergartens, families and the Koorie community on strategies aimed at improving educational outcomes for Koorie children and young people, have a high level of understanding of Koorie education and community needs and have suitable qualification/s.

This role is an identified position and is available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. **VCAT exemption # A195/2009**

Applicants are encouraged to apply on-line via the Recruitment Online website at www.education.vic.gov.au/schooljobs

Please refer to position number **1075370**.

Applications close **8/03/2017**

Contact Suzanne Camm, Manager Service Support for position information.
camm.suzanne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au **Ph: 03 5564 3543**



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Aboriginal Community Support Worker

Location: Central Coast, NSW

We're looking for a passionate individual to join our team in Gosford on a permanent part time basis. Your responsibility will be to support our Indigenous customers in their recovery journey in a community outreach and centre based settings.

Some of your key responsibilities will include;

- Person centred / recovery oriented planning with customers
- Developing and implementing individual support plans for allocated customers
- Reconnecting with families and Indigenous communities
- Empowering customers and promoting independence
- Managing some challenging behaviours

Skill and Experience:

- Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills*
- Passion for the sector and supporting vulnerable people

- Technical literacy with proven ability to use Microsoft Office and systems for reporting
- Minimum Certificate IV in Mental Health or Disability or equivalent industry experience
- A NSW Driver Licence and willingness to travel between suburb locations
- Willingness to obtain an Australian Federal Police Check, WWCC and First Aid Certificate

If you are interested in the position, please visit our New Horizons careers website: <http://applynow.net.au/jobs/N49664>

**Applications close COB
2nd of March 2017.**



WATERNSW

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE GROUNDWATER DEEP SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **ALAN WALSH** for a bore, for irrigation purposes on Lot 105 DP756459.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW,

PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A009439)

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2576, Paul Morsanuto, Water Regulation Officer.

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WATERNSW

UPPER PEEL RIVER TRIBUTARIES WATER SOURCE

An application to amend WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL 90CA813659 has been received from **RODNEY EDWARD HAWORTH AND JULIE ANNE HAWORTH** for the addition of two existing earthen dams on unnamed watercourses and one existing earthen dam on Cooee Creek on Lot 29 and 53 DP 755336 County of Parry, Parish of Ogunbil for industrial and irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, P O Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A9468)

Any queries please call (02) 6763 1470, Ben Hanks Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A05256

WATERNSW

MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **MICHAEL ANDREW HEADON & ANNE DAPHNE HEADON** for a 100 mm pump on the Murrumbidgee River, 5//1094059, Parish of Manie, County of Talia.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A8654). Any queries please call (02) 6951 2510, Tracie Scarfone, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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WATERNSW

UPPER NAMOI ZONE 9 COX'S CREEK (UP-STREAM MULLALEY) GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL (amendment of existing approval for 1 X additional Bore and Irrigation area) has been received from **R E CADELL** for 1 X Groundwater Work/Bore for irrigation purposes on Lot 2, DP 1144283 County of Pottinger, Parish of Premier.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, P O Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection (A9226).

Any queries please call (02) 6763 1467, Ben Hutt Water Regulation Officer.

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WATERNSW

HAWKESBURY AND LOWER NEPEAN RIVERS WATER SOURCE

UPPER HAWKESBURY RIVER (CATTAI CREEK AND COLO RIVER) MANAGEMENT ZONE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **CHARLES JOSEPH AND CARMEN MARY MUSCAT** for a bywash dam and 1 x 80mm centrifugal pump on Lot 18 DP 16781, Parish of Currency, County of Cook for the irrigation of 9 hectares. This application is to add Lot 3 DP548570 to approval 10CA118526. (A009435)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, Locked Bag 5123, Parramatta NSW 2124 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries should be directed to (02) 8838 7531, Wayne Connors, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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Department
of Industry

Training Services NSW Opportunities

OCHRE

- Make a difference to Aboriginal training and employment outcomes!
- Ongoing opportunities available in multiple locations across NSW

Our Vision

The NSW Department of Industry is working towards developing a strong economy and resilient communities. Passionate about diversity and inclusion, we believe that a diverse workforce is imperative to building a better future for all Australians.

The capability of our Department continues to grow through the creation of sustainable career opportunities for Aboriginal people, ensuring that the growth and prosperity of our Aboriginal communities is complementary with the growth and prosperity of our State.

As part of the NSW Government's commitment to Aboriginal economic development under OCHRE, Training Services NSW is embarking upon an exciting and compelling initiative to create optimal career opportunities for Aboriginal people across the nine regional centres in our network.

Opportunities

- **Manager Aboriginal Initiatives, Grade 11/12 Reference # 492903**

Location: Sydney CBD.

- **Training Services Manager, Grade 9/10 Reference # 492904**

Regional Centre Locations: Southern & South Western Sydney, Central & Northern Sydney, North Coast & Mid North Coast, Hunter & Central Coast, Western Sydney & Blue Mountains, New England, Riverina and Illawarra & South East NSW.

- **Training Coordinator, Grade 7/8 Reference # 492905**

Regional Centre Locations: Central & Northern Sydney, Hunter & Central Coast and Riverina.

- **Training Advisor, Grade 5/6 Reference # 492906**

Regional Centre Locations: Southern & South Western Sydney, Central & Northern Sydney, North Coast & Mid North Coast, Hunter & Central Coast, Western Sydney & Blue Mountains, New England, Riverina and Illawarra & South East NSW.

The NSW Department of Industry is an inclusive workplace that promotes diversity and encourages flexible working arrangements.

These opportunities are ongoing, Identified (Aboriginal) roles in accordance with the Government Sector Employment Act 2013. The roles have been identified as Aboriginal roles in accordance with the provisions of Section 14a of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

The NSW Department of Industry would like to acknowledge Deborah Newenham who has produced the original artwork used in this advertisement representing a future of unity and opportunity.

The traditional custodians of this land, of elders past and present are respectfully acknowledged.

Applications Close: Wednesday 15 March 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Peter Whitely on 0427 643 925 .

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Numbers above.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland



National
Native Title
Tribunal

Notification day: 8 March 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, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, Brisbane QLD 4003 **on or before 7 June 2017**. After **7 June 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: Michael James Congoo and Ors on behalf of the Bar Barrum People #10 v State of Queensland (Bar Barrum Rivers Claim)

Federal Court File No: QUD607/2016

Date filed: 5 August 2016

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.

Description: The application area covers about 17.6 sq km and consists of numerous rivers and creeks in the vicinity of Dimbulah and Herberton. Note the dark lines on the map represent the rivers and creeks.

Relevant LGA: Mareeba Shire Council and Tablelands Regional 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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WATERSNSW

LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SHARING PLAN

LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

THAT PART OF THE WATER SOURCE UPSTREAM OF LAKE CARGELLIGO WEIR

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND/OR WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from NICHOLE BACK for a 50mm pump, capacity 0.08 ML/day on Lot 184 DP750136, Parish Bocobidgle, County Ashburnham, for Stock and Domestic purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A009348).

Any queries, please call (02) 6850 2808, Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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WATERSNSW

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE GROUNDWATER DEEP SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from RYAN MICHAEL MCGOLDRICK and ROSANNA FRANCES TEMPEST for 1 bore, on Lot 174 DP 756457 Parish Yamma, County Urana for irrigation purposes. (A009432)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, LEETON NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2743, Angela Lepper Water Regulation Officer.

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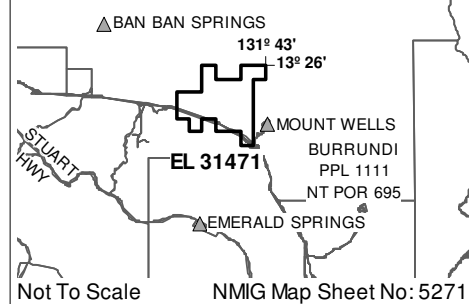
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

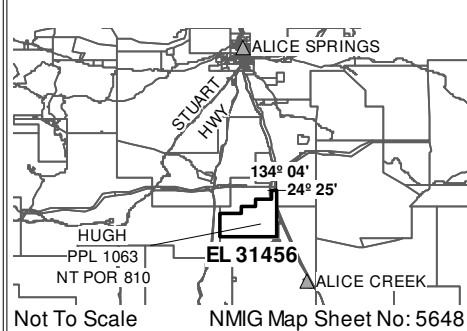
The Honourable Kenneth Edward Vowles MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry and Resources, C/- Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

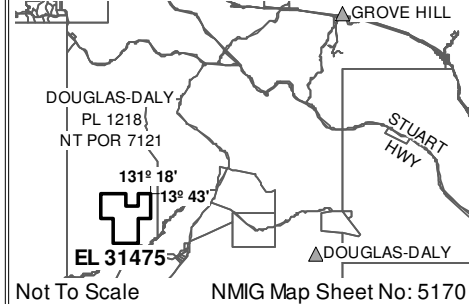
Exploration Licence 31471 sought by BACCHUS RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 606 340 872 over an area of 24 Blocks (81 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MCKINLAY RIVER locality.



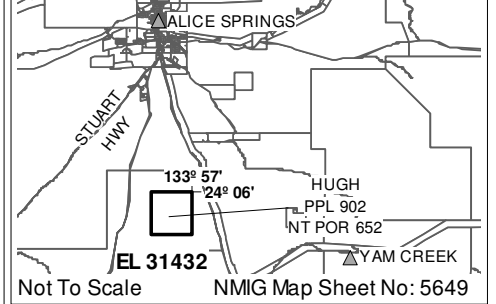
Exploration Licence 31456 sought by BMEX PTY LTD, ACN 615 217 680 over an area of 177 Blocks (554 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CHARLOTTE locality.



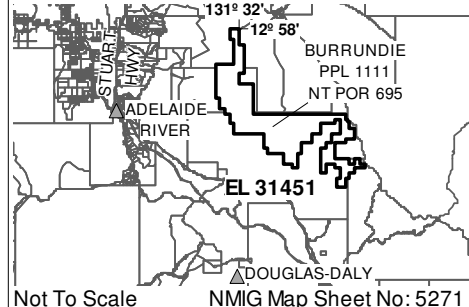
Exploration Licence 31475 sought by COPPEROZ PTY LTD, ACN 603 957 124 over an area of 11 Blocks (37 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TIPPERARY locality.



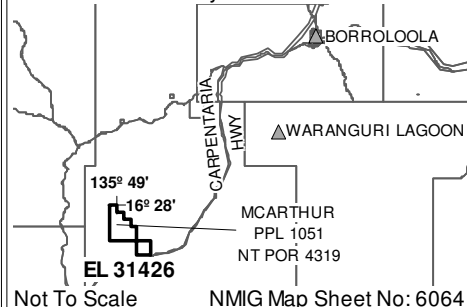
Exploration Licence 31432 sought by CYAN STONE PTY LTD, ACN 606 864 840 over an area of 36 Blocks (113 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PEACHY locality.



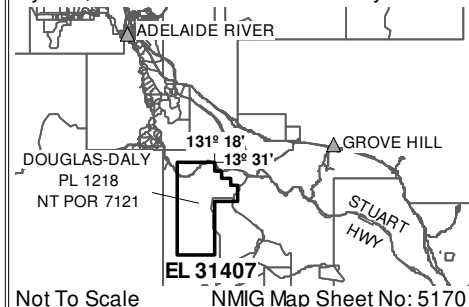
Exploration Licence 31451 sought by ML GLOBAL PTY LTD, ACN 150 097 242 over an area of 250 Blocks (834 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MCKINLAY RIVER locality.



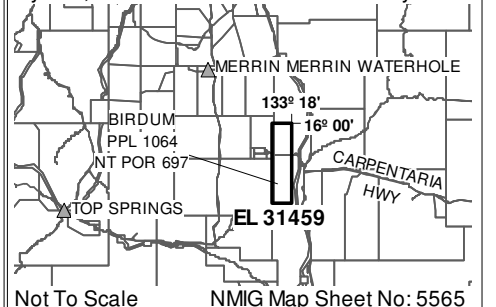
Exploration Licence 31426 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 18 Blocks (60 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MALLAPUNYA locality.



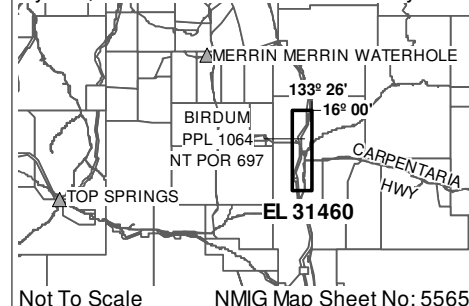
Exploration Licence 31407 sought by NEWMONT EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 006 306 690 over an area of 69 Blocks (231 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TIPPERARY locality.



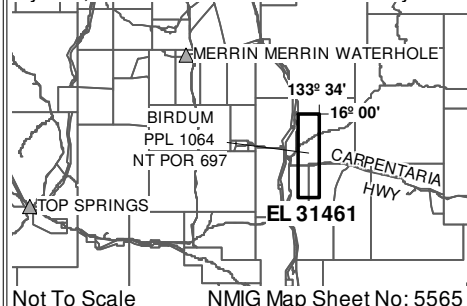
Exploration Licence 31459 sought by NORTHERN EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 092 403 506 over an area of 240 Blocks (792 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALY WATERS locality.



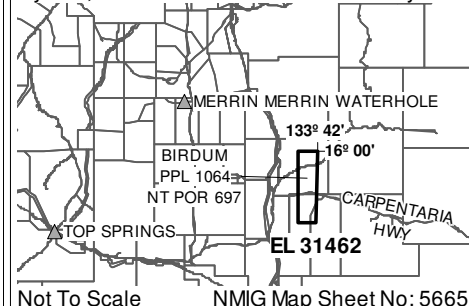
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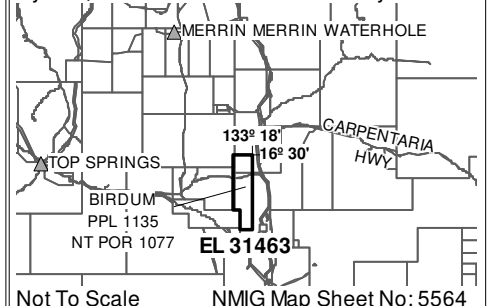
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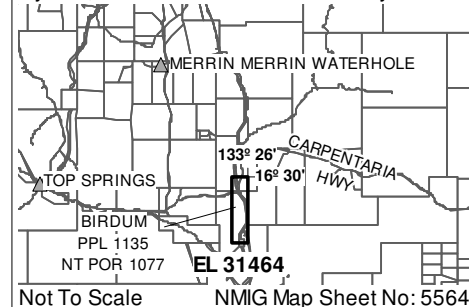
Exploration Licence 31462 sought by NORTHERN EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 092 403 506 over an area of 240 Blocks (791 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SCARLET HILL locality.



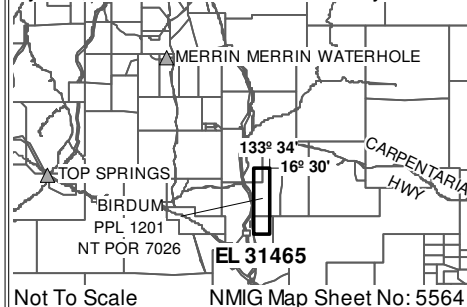
Exploration Licence 31463 sought by NORTHERN EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 092 403 506 over an area of 224 Blocks (718 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DUNMARRA locality.



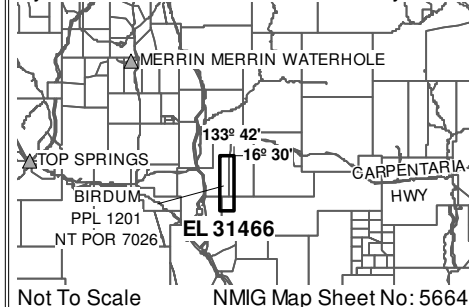
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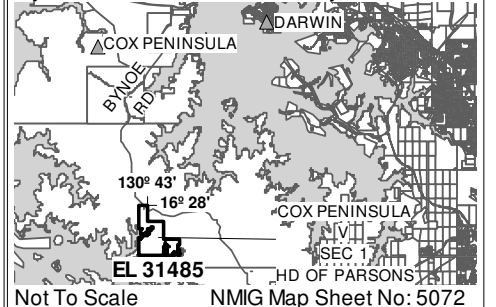
Exploration Licence 31465 sought by NORTHERN EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 092 403 506 over an area of 240 Blocks (790 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DUNMARRA locality.



Exploration Licence 31466 sought by NORTHERN EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 092 403 506 over an area of 240 Blocks (789 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WARRAMBAN locality.



Exploration Licence 31485 sought by SLIPSTREAM WANT PTY LTD, ACN 611 515 345 over an area of 6 Blocks (14 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BYNOE locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 22 February 2017

Williams signs Giants extension

DASHING defender Zac Williams has signed a contract extension that will see the Sydney Giants Academy product remain at the Australian Football League (AFL) club until at least the end of 2020.

The three-year contract extension was announced in Williams' home town of Narrandera last Saturday.

Gardner run out without scoring

ASHLEIGH Gardner had a horrible international cricket debut when she was run out for a golden duck against New Zealand in Melbourne last Friday.

Australia easily won the T20 match by 40 runs. Gardner had a nightmare debut, run out when she did not return to her crease quickly enough.

Eades to return to Western Australia

ESSENDON rookie Yestin Eades will return home to Western Australia after his contract with the Bombers was rescinded by mutual agreement. Eades stood down from the club in January as he faced charges for being involved in an alleged incident. The nature of the incident has not been revealed but the court agreed to consider Eades as eligible for a diversion program. He is scheduled to have the matter heard on March 27.



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
04/2060	ALEXANDER CREEK PTY LTD	496190	22.97HA	104km E'ly of Derby	Lat: 16° 58' S Long: 124° 35' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
15/1513	KENNEDY, Paul James	495771	87.01HA	14km E'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 121° 18' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
38/2737	DUKETON MINING LTD	499660	37.06HA	81km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 40' S Long: 122° 12' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
39/1853	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	499662	300.06HA	66km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 122° 20' E	LEONORA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.
Notification day: 22 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 **22 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. 22 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 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	04/2478	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	13BL	25km E'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 23' S Long: 123° 51' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1489	LODED DOG PROSPECTING PTY LTD	17BL	30km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 45' S Long: 121° 40' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/497	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	1BL	57km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 120° 42' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/558	RESOURCE HOLDINGS PTY LTD	11BL	47km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 121° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2667	GOLDTRIBE CORPORATION PTY LTD	64BL	99km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 122° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/1011	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	22BL	30km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 28' S Long: 120° 50' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1145	APOLLO MINING PTY LTD	60BL	75km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 23' S Long: 121° 51' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/879	LIONTOWN RESOURCES LTD	10BL	53km N'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 28' S Long: 120° 32' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1290-I	BULLSEYE MINING LIMITED	4BL	85km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 31' S Long: 121° 25' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1291-I	BULLSEYE MINING LIMITED	5BL	98km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 32' S Long: 121° 36' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3133	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	20BL	37km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 17' S Long: 122° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3134	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	8BL	51km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 122° 18' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3198	YANG, Lijun	3BL	40km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 16' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3199	YANG, Lijun	2BL	49km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 11' S Long: 122° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3208	DUKETON MINING LTD	43BL	46km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 49' S Long: 122° 28' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2015	MATSA GOLD PTY LTD	2BL	64km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 122° 26' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4570	GUNDARA ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	3BL	24km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 30' S Long: 118° 29' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4764	CARRIGAN, Susanne	4BL	37km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 19' S Long: 119° 25' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4801	LAWLA RESOURCES PTY LTD	15BL	36km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 29' S Long: 118° 53' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4850	FLATROCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	32BL	1km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 11' S Long: 119° 45' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3082-I	ESPORTS MOGUL ASIA PACIFIC LIMITED	10BL	50km N'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 15' S Long: 117° 54' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3490	ROSANE PTY LTD	25BL	44km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 45' S Long: 117° 22' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1795-6	LITHIUM AUSTRALIA NL	115BL	48km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 48' S Long: 118° 55' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1056-I	DIVERSITY RESOURCES PTY LTD	70BL	98km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 118° 39' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1057	OMNI PROJECTS PTY LTD	49BL	46km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 36' S Long: 119° 27' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3477	GREAT SOUTHERN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	31BL	27km SW'ly of Eucla	Lat: 31° 48' S Long: 128° 39' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4930	RULE, Glenn Fredrick	32BL	23km N'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 27° 31' S Long: 114° 15' E	NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4936	BORG GEOSCIENCE PTY LTD	70BL	10km SE'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 30' S Long: 118° 56' E	KONIDININ SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4937	BORG GEOSCIENCE PTY LTD	5BL	39km S'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 47' S Long: 118° 46' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4938	CONSTRUCTION RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (WA) PTY LTD	20BL	8km NE'ly of York	Lat: 31° 50' S Long: 116° 50' E	YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4939	CYGNUS GOLD LIMITED	6BL	50km W'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 37' S Long: 118° 21' E	KULIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5060	SARAG PTY LTD	9BL	34km S'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 31' S Long: 127° 45' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5061	EAST KIMBERLEY RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	136km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 16° 55' S Long: 128° 17' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3030-S	WARD, Edward Nathaniel	9.95HA	67km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 120° 45' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3033-4	GUNSMAN, Sandra Gloria				
Prospecting Licence	16/3035	BOULDER INVESTMENTS GROUP PTY LTD	382.76HA	46km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 120° 51' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2284-S	WHITAKER, William Barrie	199.44HA	46km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 120° 54' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2291-S	MONEY, Brian Mathew	9.36HA	42km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 7' S Long: 118° 7' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5178-S	YATES, Symon Alexander	7.68HA	67km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 55' S Long: 117° 29' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	26/4174	MORGAN, Glyn Thomas	9.67HA	41km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4232-S	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	177.95HA	28km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 121° 42' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4258	BUVET, Jerome Jean Kevin	0.60HA	18km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 121° 32' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2290-3, 27/2299 & 27/2301	POTTS, Christopher Peter	149.02HA	6km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2295-6	BREWER, Gerard Victor	1029.07HA	58km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 121° 43' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2307-S	BREWER, Gerard Victor	226.56HA	49km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 121° 42' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2312	GUISE, David Jonathan	10.00HA	58km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 121° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2312-4	FORTI, Luke Alexander	183.48HA	33km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 121° 37' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2314	FORTI, Luke Alexander	428.49HA	33km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 121° 37' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2315	FORTI, Luke Alexander	76.05HA	35km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 121° 37' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1313	FORTI, Luke Alexander	60.24HA	38km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 121° 36' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence		ANDERSON, Robert John	23.32HA	106km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 12' S Long: 122° 22' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1315	BASTOW, Anthony Brian				
Prospecting Licence	37/8831-4	SHAW, Paul David	86.84HA	76km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 122° 13' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	37/8871-2 & 37/8876-7	ALLAN, Peter Gerard	755.56HA	42km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 121° 4' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8873-4 & 37/8878-9	DIXON, Trevor John	599.93HA	18km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4325	DIXON, Trevor John	759.64HA	16km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 121° 29' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4326	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	94.62HA	68km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 51' S Long: 122° 13' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4327	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	25.36HA	63km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 52' S Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4328	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	114.25HA	64km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 54' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4341	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	100.17HA	61km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4346	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	9.66HA	10km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5804	JEWSON, Robert Andrew	131.57HA	15km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1426	POTTS, Christopher Peter	126.82HA	71km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 122° 25' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1430	PILKINGTON, Lisa Jane	10.05HA	36km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 121° 22' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1900-17	CHASSAING, Henri Vincent Andre	19.74HA	47km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 121° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1918-20	BLACK EAGLE (WA) PTY LTD	3416.60HA	11km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 120° 12' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1662-3	BLACK EAGLE (WA) PTY LTD	543.57HA	7km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 53' S Long: 120° 10' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2116	ECHO RESOURCES LIMITED	336.03HA	15km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 41' S Long: 120° 56' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		TAYLOR, Peter William	169.90HA	14km E'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 20' S Long: 116° 49' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1850	TAYLOR, Wendy Margret				
Prospecting Licence		HORROCKS ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	6.26HA	21km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 20' S Long: 127° 49' E	HALLS CREEK 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: 22 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 **22 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. 22 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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Plan to save Tiwi Bombers



A PLAN to ensure the future of the Tiwi Islands Football Club will be put in place over the off-season, with the Northern Territory Government asking the Australian Football League (AFL) to convene a financial sustainability working group to support the club.

NT Tourism and Culture minister Lauren Moss, Ararua MP Lawrence Costa and AFLNT CEO Michael Solomon last Tuesday announced the working group would include a representative from the AFL with financial expertise, as well as representatives from the Tiwi Bombers, the Northern Territory Government and AFLNT.

“The Bombers are an integral part of the Tiwi community and we want to see the club thrive into the future,” Ms Moss said.

“I spoke with AFL CEO Gillon McLachlan to ask that a working group be established to work through the club’s financial issues and to come up with a plan

to ensure it remains viable.

“It is fantastic to see that the AFL will convene the working group, providing an expert resource to help map out the future structure and sustainability of this important football club.”

McLachlan said that along with Michael Solomon, and his team at AFLNT, the sport was working with the people of the Tiwi Islands and the Northern Territory Government to support the work that needed to be done.

Mr Costa also met with AFLNT CEO Michael Solomon to request that AFLNT did everything it could do to ensure that the Tiwi Bombers survived.

“The last few days have been very difficult for many of the Tiwi people involved in the club and I am pleased that AFLNT has acknowledged this and will work with the Tiwi people to find a way forward for the club,” Mr Costa said.

“The Tiwi Bombers is a unique club with a purpose that goes way beyond just playing football.”



“What do you have to do to win a fight,” Anthony Mundine could be thinking after his controversial points loss to Danny Green in their latest fight in Adelaide. *Picture: Peter Argent*

Mundine wants rematch



ANTHONY Mundine has called for a third bout with Danny Green, declaring he will “destroy” his long-

time rival in Green’s home town of Perth.

Mundine went down to Green in a controversial points decision in Adelaide on February 3, squaring the ledger at one-all 11 years after beating his fierce rival in Sydney.

Mundine’s camp has lodged an appeal with the Australian National Boxing Federation in the hope of getting the result changed to ‘no decision’.

But the 41-year-old former super-middleweight and middleweight world champion is keen to settle the score on hostile territory.

“I want to beat him, whip him and hurt him in his own backyard in his own home in Perth,” told SEN radio.

“All his family can come, all his friends can come and witness him getting fried.

“I want to whip his arse.

“This time I really feel I can hurt him really bad. I want to put an end to his career.”

Green has hosed down talk of a rematch, saying he is happy to retire a winner.

Mundine says he is keen to fight Green with the right referee who will allow the two veterans to go at it on the inside and the outside.

“Ninety per cent of the people that know boxing know that I won the fight,” Mundine said.

“Even his fans were coming up to me after the fight saying I won the fight.

“I’m not talking one or two people. I’m talking everyone that I run into.”

Mundine said he wanted to fight Green at 83kg – 4kg heavier than what he weighed during the Adelaide bout.

Green, meanwhile has called Mundine a “poor sport” for lodging an official protest over over his points-decision loss.

Green said he would expect nothing less from his long-time rival.

“He showed disgraceful sportsmanship in the ring and I expect nothing less from someone of his character – his poor character – after the fight,” Green told Perth radio station Mix 94.5.

“I expect nothing less from such a poor sport.

“All it is is an appeal. It doesn’t mean anything’s going to happen.”

Mundine reportedly filed the appeal with the Australian National Boxing Federation, which must agree to hear the appeal.

If the federation agrees, three independent local judges will be locked into three separate rooms with videos of the fight and new scorecards.

Their score counts will determine if Green’s win stands.

Green also hit out at Mundine’s tactics, throwing a late punch in the first round when the West Australian had his back turned as the referee was separating them.

“I hit him with a couple of clean shots. I felt sharp early, then he threw that dog shot and it just changed the game,” Green said.

“It was just a disgraceful foul. It was incredible that he did it.” – AAP

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of South Australia



National Native Title Tribunal

Notification day: 8 March 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, GPO Box 1350 Adelaide, SA 5001 on or before 7 June 2017. After 7 June 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: Kokatha #3

Federal Court File No: SAD83/2016

Date filed: 21 March 2016

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description: The Application Area covers about 1613 sq km extending from Nectar Brook in the south to Warrakimbo in the north.

Relevant LGA: Port Augusta City Council, The DC of Mount Remarkable, The Flinders Ranges Council and Unincorporated.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Dianne Drake on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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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	37/1324	CREW, Christopher CREW, Ross Frederick DIXON, Trevor John MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	21.85HA	33km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	37/1325	KIN MINING NL	13.53HA	32km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 121° 32' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	37/1326	CREW, Christopher CREW, Ross Frederick MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	99.95HA	35km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 121° 40' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	38/1272	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	352.87HA	5km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 34' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1112	HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED	253.13HA	80km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 122° 16' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	40/345	A & C MINING INVESTMENT PTY LTD	202.25HA	39km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 121° 25' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	46/530	KAYES, Barry Neil	18.00HA	42km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 40' S Long: 120° 26' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	70/1354	LAKE HILLMAN MINING PTY LTD	75.26HA	49km E'ly of Dalwallinu	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 117° 10' E	DALWALLINU SHIRE
Mining Lease	70/1355	LAKE HILLMAN MINING PTY LTD	109.70HA	50km W'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 117° 21' E	KOORDA 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: 22 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 **22 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. 22 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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All Blacks challenged



His best years are well and truly behind him, but former Canterbury star Ewan McGrady still proves more than a handful for opponents at the Border Knockout Challenge at Gilbert Oval, Goondiwindi



THE powerful Newcastle All Blacks had their hands full in winning the second annual Border Knockout Rugby League Challenge at Goondiwindi last month.



Eight teams from Queensland and eight from NSW took part in the carnival, with the Queenslanders playing other Queenslanders in one half of the draw and NSW teams meeting in the other half.

That guaranteed a Queensland-NSW final and in the end, the Newcastle All Blacks squeaked home with a golden-point 19-18 victory over a local Goondiwindi side.

The carnival was organised by the Goondiwindi Rugby League Club, but the club did not enter a team in the competition.



A St George player is heavily dumped by tacklers from the Ewan McGrady Memorial side from Toomelah.



Three Ewan McGrady Memorial defenders, including former National Rugby League star Ewan McGrady, centre, bring down a Newcastle All Blacks player.



A Toobeah Swamp Donkeys player tackles a Goondiwindi Boars ball-carrier.



St George player Corben Cooper runs straight at the Hanna Goannas defence.



Rugby league journeyman James Livock, who turned out for the Ewan McGrady Memorial side, is sandwiched by two Newcastle All Blacks defenders.



Indigenous All Stars players link up before the kick-off against the World All Stars. Picture: Joseph Mayers

All Stars delivers

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

THE All Stars match has delivered again. It delivered on the field with the Indigenous all Stars having their most comprehensive victory with JT's match-winning performance matched by the debuts of the likes of Ash Taylor, Jack Bird and Bevan French. More importantly, it continues to deliver off the field with powerful messaging, great engagement with the community and the future of the concept secured.

I cannot express how proud I am of the leadership displayed by Johnathan Thurston and Greg Inglis and the support they received from not only the Indigenous players, but also the World All Stars and their coach Mal Meninga.

Meninga supported Thurston's quest to have an Indigenous team not confined just to an All Stars match, saying they could play the Maori, Papua New Guinea and other Pacific nations at other times through the season.

"I'd like to see that happen," Meninga said.

World All Stars captain Jake Friend added his endorsement.

"It's beyond just football. It's bigger than football," Friend said.

But it was JT and GI who drove the agenda across the week.

There was a large number of people who questioned whether JT would play after he was named on the Cowboys side to play in the Auckland 9s.

But JT himself deemed his appearance at the NRL All Stars non-negotiable despite facing a potential 39-game workload this year.

Thurston said there was no way he would miss the All Stars match and it had helped him to connect with his Indigenous roots and become a better person.

"I understand it's a hectic pre-season schedule," Thurston said.

"The stuff we do throughout the week in the community far outweighs the game.

"The power of sport and rugby league is to create social change – that's what this game does."

Thurston revealed he would have no problem being asked to be rested from games by the Cowboys during the year and would manage his training load carefully.

But the All Stars was not part of that equation – it was too important to JT.

After speculation last year that the All Stars concept may not survive in the crowded pre-season, Indigenous players and officials are confident the future of the game is now secure.

"It has always been questioned, but I think it has changed dramatically," Inglis said.

"I think what helps out a lot is that the clubs get behind it and also the coaches.

"It is just great to be a part of it. I think players love playing in it and it is great that we go out to do work in the communities."

Inglis was central to the success of the leadership camp held the weekend prior to the match.

"I think that the whole point of the camp is to ensure these young guys are confident in the way they are and who they are. I can't speak more highly of these camps," Inglis said.

"It is great to be part of these workshops



Indigenous All Stars players celebrate another try against the World All Stars. Picture: Joseph Mayers

"Coming on these camps creates a really good vibe about the All Stars match. It gives you a sense of belonging and it is just great to have this camp leading into Friday's match."

The group learnt about the significance of Indigenous culture and its place in Australian history, with sessions from guest speakers, including Stan Grant, Linda Burney and Chris Sarra dedicated to leadership, belonging, cultural heritage and identity.

"This week not only provides a significant and positive impact on the players involved, but the wider community and the importance of Indigenous history, the people and our culture," Inglis said.

The significance of the camp and the week to the players was captured by Jack Bird.

Learn about culture

"It's obviously my first time coming into the camp. You learn a lot about your culture and your background. It's something that I've always wanted to learn ever since I found out I was Indigenous," he said.

"I've learnt a lot already, especially from the older boys and Laurie and from the coaching staff.

"But it's not about me; it's about the kids and getting them to go back to their communities.

A little bit of a leadership role for them from a young age will help them in their future."

Raiders halfback Aidan Sezer went through something similar back in 2013 when he made his Indigenous All Stars debut and said the celebration of his background was what made this week so special.

Sezer, whose mother is Indigenous and his father Turkish, said he took a lot out of the experience which has encouraged him to actively learn more about his family's past.

"I played back in 2013 and that was definitely an eye-opener. I'm definitely a bit more familiar with my Aboriginal heritage now. I guess coming in, it just reminds you of such a strong culture and how proud Indigenous people are of their culture," he said.

"I'm very proud of my Aboriginal heritage and it's awesome to come in and celebrate our culture with all the boys."

Joel Thompson was another player who spoke out about the importance of the week in terms of its impact on communities.

Thompson had a difficult childhood, but after a troubled start to his NRL career, he has used his experiences to help mentor and inspire young Indigenous people facing similar challenges.

"There is so much divide and it isn't hard to see it," he said.

"You see it on social media. You see a lot of divide. I think it is time to fight all the issues as one."

He said to be selected in the Indigenous All Stars "means a lot".

"Not just to me, but my family and what it represents," he said.

But perhaps the moment that captured the meaning of the game and was the on field partnership between JT and young Ashley Taylor that led to Taylor scoring an important try.

It was a nice moment early in the match when Thurston capitalised on a World All Stars dropped ball, scooping it up and firing it to Taylor.

Taylor was tackled by Jarrod Croker but got a pass back to Thurston and immediately bounced to his feet to support the play and was in position to receive the pass back from Thurston to score a try.

"To get that try, I didn't want to let anyone down," Taylor said. Taylor wasn't only speaking about his teammates.

The try was also for his family, his mob and the broader Indigenous community.

It was almost as if JT was passing on the baton to the next community.

All Stars delivered – on and off the field.

Wilfred shines

By PETER ARGENT



AN important part of the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) junior talent pathway – the Under 16s Country Talent Program – was held at the impressive Immanuel College facility in the western suburbs of Adelaide.

Among the elite squad of 32 was Terrance Wilfred, a left-footed Aboriginal from the Glenelg rural zone. He has already played A-grade football.

The group went through a number of athletic and skills tests similar to those undertaken at the AFL draft combine.

Wilfred, as he proved in match conditions, showed exceptional breakaway speed.

He ran a third best time of 3.04 seconds over the 20m distance and his first five-metre split from a standing start was an outstanding 1.04 seconds.

"Initially, there was a country and

a metro academy, but we felt we saw enough of the metro lads over the course of the season," SANFL talent manager Brenton Phillips said,

"We have found some notable talent out of this program, including Port Adelaide champion Chad Wingard, recently rookie-listed North Adelaide footballer Kym Lebois, current Crow Riley Knight, St Kilda midfielder and SA under 18s title-winning captain Luke Dunstan, along with Port Pirie lad Lewis Johnston.

Country talent

"This gives us a chance to look at the country talent across the length and breadth of the state.

"A number of lads, including Terrance, performed well in the match.

"Generally, if we pick up six to eight players from this program in our state under 16s side, we'll have a competitive side for the national championships."

A number of the players took the eye in the Sunday morning clash, including Indigenous Robe midfielder Wilfred.

Despite not being of draftable age until 2019, Wilfred impressed a couple of the recruiting people, with one remarking he had a number of the traits of Carlton rookie Kym Lebois.

"We would expect he will play a majority of the games in the SANFL under 16s this year," Glenelg talent manager Brenton Hole said.

"Terrance is a magnificent kick, along with being athletic and reads the game pretty well.

"He played senior football at Robe last year will help his transition to elite junior football.

"He is also in the new Adelaide Crows Next Generation Multicultural Academy for teenagers from the age of 14 to 18, training at West Lakes everything second month.

"Last week the academy members were coached by AFL players Wayne Milera and Charlie Cameron and were educated about the strength and conditioning standards required."

Wilfred is a Year 10 student at Kangaroo Inn Area School, just outside of Robe.



Terrance Wilfred
Picture: Peter Argent

Six in talent squad

By PETER ARGENT



SIX exciting Aboriginal players are among the 2017 South Australian National Football League (SANFL) Under 18s Academy squad.

They are South Adelaide utility Nathan Kreuger, West Adelaide small forward Izak Rankine, North Adelaide ruckman Jeremiah Scrutton and the Glenelg trio of ruckman Ruben Flinn, Tobin Cox and Elijah Satala.

Rankine, Kreuger and Flinn displayed their talents in front of recruiting staff from all 18 clubs at Football Park on Saturday, February 11, where the class of 2017 draft prospects from SA were on show.

SANFL talent manager and under 18s coach Brenton Phillips said it was one of the best academy matches he had seen over the more than a decade since he took charge of this program.

In this match, which is generally regarded as the start to the year from a draft perspective, the SA Blue side 11.7 (73) defeated the Red team 10.7 (67).

The game had a number of momentum swings, while Flinn in ruck for the Blue side having a telling influence at the centre bounces, giving his midfielders first use of the ball in the opening term, where they kicked four unanswered goals.

While under an injury cloud before the game, Rankine, who



Players from the SANFL academy: from left, Tobin Cox, Nathan Kreuger, Izak Rankine and Ruben Flinn. Picture: Peter Argent

has already played SANFL football with the Bloods last year, displayed flashes of his sublime brilliance and kicked two goals.

Nathan Kreuger, a rangy 194cm, 84 kg utility played in a number of different roles – starting in defence, playing on a wing for a while and also moving forward – along with competing in ruck as well.

"Izak (Rankine) is a very special talent," Phillips said.

"He is still a bottom-aged under 18s player this season, so needs to wait another year before he can be drafted.

"In a different era despite his age, Izak would already be a top-level footballer.

"If he was on an AFL list he would play at that level now.

"Nathan (Kreuger) has a number of AFL qualities.

"If he can harness all his natural talents, he could be in for a big year in the national under 18s program.

"He's a raw talent and needs to delivery more consistently.

"Ruben (Flinn), like Izak was a part of the SA Under 16s side that won the national titles, being another bottom-aged player.

"His ruckwork, especially early, was excellent and was important to giving his side the early ascendancy."

Noted for his skillset and his football acumen, Tobin Cox is recovering from a shoulder injury, while Scrutton, a 191cm, 85kg big man from the Roosters' country zone, was a late exclusion as well.

Elijah Satala, a 183cm, 87kg midfielder who spent time in Queensland, but was born in South Australia, is back at the Tigers, and couldn't play because of an ankle issue.



Alijah Satala

Next generation

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



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ONE element to the success of the Australian Football League Women (AFLW) competition has been the success of the AFL Woomeras program for Indigenous girls.

Based on the Flying Boomerangs program, the Woomeras is a program that does not just focus on football.

As I have written previously, the Woomeras program develops leadership and life skills and provides pathways of opportunity within and outside the game.

Now in its fifth year, the Woomeras under 16 girls' team was this year joined by a similar group of multicultural players from across the country to participate in a six-day camp focusing on personal and cultural development, while also visiting AFL clubs and competing in two exhibition matches against each other.

For many it was a life-changing experience.

Encourage

AFL head of multicultural and Indigenous partnerships and programs Ali Fahour said the program was a great way to encourage young women to aspire to reach the elite level and fast track their football development.

"The 2017, Medleys (multicultural) and Woomeras Leadership Program is an incredible platform for young Indigenous and multicultural women to not only showcase their great talents, but to also develop leadership skills and the potential for them to become positive role models for their respective communities," Fahour said.

"The young women enjoy elite training environments with the aim of improving their football ability, enhancing their leadership potential and

exploring their cultural identity.

"The camp provided an opportunity for the girls to watch the Western Bulldogs play the Adelaide Crows in the NAB AFL Women's competition."

The AFLW itself has the power to create positive social change, shift attitudes and help set the social agenda in Australia, with a captive audience of passionate supporters of the game and members of the clubs.

Imagine what this can do when targeted at Indigenous communities!

Participants for both programs were selected following a three-stage process where hopefuls attended state try-outs before being selected for the State Kickstart Team (Indigenous) or State All Nations Team (Multicultural).

Following the AFL National Diversity Championships held in Shepparton last September, 50 participants were selected for the Medleys or Woomeras team.

For Queensland teenager Kitara Farrar, it was perhaps a reason for her to change her sporting pathway.

First love

Her first sporting love is track and field, but she is finding the appeal of AFL hard to resist.

"I am actually a sprinter, so AFL is just more of a fun sport ... I would like to play on TV," she said.

"I would like to go to the Olympics first and then play football after."

Farrar, 15, is part of the AFL's push to recruit more Indigenous girls to take up the game.

Not surprisingly, the camp has emphasised the new possibilities that have opened up for female footballers following the creation of the national AFLW competition.

"It is designed to give the girls a pathway to footy and the opportunities that are happening now with AFLW," said former Geelong and Essendon player Matthew Stokes, who has been working with the AFL's development team since retiring in 2015.

Introduction

"It teaches them about culture; we can bring them together and teach them that, but also give them an introduction into being a professional athlete."

There are now 12 Indigenous footballers in the AFL Women's competition – about 6% of the total playing pool.

Stokes said there was potential for that number to grow significantly.

"Especially in the communities – the boys play footy and the sisters and cousins get forced to play with them – so you'll find that most of the community girls are really skilful because they've been playing



Woomeras product Tayla Thorn surges forward in the AFLW competition.

with their brothers and cousins their whole lives," he said.

Adelaide utility Tayla Thorn is one of two Woomeras graduates currently playing in the AFLW.

"Meeting young Indigenous girls the same age as me throughout the program was really an inspiration and I still call those girls sisters to this day," Thorn said.

Began in Darwin

"I started off in Darwin just playing footy in a local competition and never thought I'd get anything out of it. Now that I am here I am just thinking how can I bring other people into this lovely sport."

The attraction of the sport is one thing.

The changing of lives and communities is even more important.

I look forward to the growth in numbers of Woomeras players progressing to the AFLW.

Let's give them our support.

2017 Woomeras head coach, Courtney Ugle; assistant coaches, Emily McGuire, Bronwyn Davey.

2017 Woomeras team: Shantel Ripa (IdD), Tiarna Awang (Qld), Rhiannon Blair (Qld), Kitara Farra (Qld), Saraiyah Piolt (Qld), Hope Ugle-Howard (WA), Nakeesha Miniter (WA), Mikayla Morrison (WA), Monique Riley (WA), Tyrah Kickett (WA), Mavis Lyndon (WA), Krstel Petrevski (Vic), Stephanie

Williams (Vic), Chelsea Briggs-Baksh (Vic), Ciara Gaykamangu (NT), Jacinta Anderson (NT), Gerrica Heenan (NT), Molly Althouse (NT), Shakira Henry (NT), Keyyann Rankine (SA), Samyde Forrves (SA), Maleah Walters-Holten (NSW/ACT), Erin Naden (NSW/ACT), Mia King (Tas), Sian Beeton (Tas).

Emergencies: Rachel Riley (WA), Courtney Little (WA), Shakira Pickett (WA), Reanne Morrison (WA), Zoe Blurton (WA), Michaline Mungatopi (NT), Phyllisia Paliluaminni (Vic), Shontaya Burgoyne (SA), Dekota Martin (NSW/ACT).

City move paid off

By CHRIS PIKE



AFTER six years in the W-League with Canberra United, Matildas goalkeeper

Lydia Williams' move to Melbourne City has ended in triumph with her helping the club make history by winning back-to-back championships.

Melbourne City became the first club in the W-League to win back-to-back championships when they won the grand final, beating Perth Glory on the road at Perth Oval with Williams a key part of that as the team's goalkeeper.

Williams had spent the past six seasons with her hometown Canberra United team, but after a 2016 that included an Olympics appearance in Rio and another National Women's Soccer League season in the United States for Houston Dash, she felt it was time for a fresh start.

The professionalism of Melbourne City, owned by English Premier League

powerhouse Manchester City, appealed to her and now the decision has paid off with the championship.

To get to the grand final, Williams and her City team had to get past Canberra in the semi-final, but they did so to set up a clash with the Glory in Perth that they went on to win 2-0.

Williams kept a clean sheet in the grand final and while exhausted, was delighted.

"My feelings straight away after the final whistle were exhaustion to be honest, but obviously I was really elated and excited to be part of that history-making moment," Williams said.

"It has been talked about for so many seasons now and finally it became reality and that final whistle came and it was an unbelievable feeling."

Overall, Williams was happy with her first season with City and any challenges that came along the way were quickly forgotten when the end result was the championship trophy.

"I think it was a good season," she said.

"Getting into a new team and learning the way they wanted to



Lydia Williams

play and everything, it was really exciting for me to step up my game and learn new things to develop my game play as a player.

"There were a few things that probably could have gone better, but at the end of the day we got the trophy and the medal so I'm happy with that."

Melbourne City dominated the W-League last season

winning the regular season premiership and championship, but things were tougher in the 2016-17 campaign.

While things didn't all go their way and they had to battle just to make it back to the grand final, to come out the other side of that with another title made it all the more special for Williams.

"The slump in the middle of the season probably took a lot of weight off our shoulders after we suffered that first loss," Williams said.

Pressure relieved

"That kind of relieved us of the pressure a little bit, but also bound us together to work even harder. There was a point there where we didn't even know if we would make playoffs, but we did and we ground it out to the very end. That made it all the more special at the end of the day."

Williams was proud of her six years at Canberra that included two premierships and a championship, but she was after a fresh challenge in the W-League and joining a professional environment like City fitted the bill perfectly.

Her Matildas teammate and City captain Steph Catley was the one who initiated the move and Williams couldn't have been happier with how it turned out.

"Steph Catley actually got in touch with me and said there was a spot open at City and asked if I would be interested in it," she said.

"I spent about a week thinking about it and discussing it, and I spoke it over with Mum and I pretty much signed on the dotted line. I thought it was time and to get this opportunity at such a ground-breaking club I think I'm more than happy with my decision."

Williams now turns her focus immediately to camps with the Australian team in Canberra and Sydney as the Matildas prepare for March's Algarve Cup in Portugal before she returns to Houston for another season with the Dash.

"It's definitely a new challenge and it's more tournament mode than another longer season," Williams said.

"Different mindsets come into play but I'm looking forward to continuing my career."

Kings experience well worthwhile

By CHRIS PIKE



EXCITING Australian basketball prospect William McDowell-White received an earlier-than-expected chance to play in the

National Basketball League (NBL) this season with the Sydney Kings and it offered a glimpse into his bright future.

McDowell-White has long been on the radar as another Australian player who could end up in the US-based National Basketball Association (NBA) to follow in the footsteps of Indigenous trailblazers Patty Mills and Nate Jawai, and compatriots Andrew Bogut, Matthew Dellavedova, Joe Ingles, Dante Exum and Ben Simmons.

After a standout high school career in Brisbane and spending time at the Australian Institute of Sport, the next logical step for the 18-year-old was to begin a college career in the United States.

He attempted to do that by joining older brother Darryl at Fresno State University in California, but that didn't work out as expected and when he was deemed ineligible for academic reasons, it was back to the drawing board.

College is still on his radar for later this year, albeit at a different school and McDowell-White remains eligible for that because he was signed by the Kings as a development player.

Had he signed a full contract in the NBL for Sydney it would have ruled him out of eligibility to go back to college, but the development player role keeps that a possibility and spending a couple of months with the Kings was something he will always cherish.

The Kings were coached this season by Australian basketball icon Andrew

Gaze with his assistant another NBL great and Gaze's long-time Melbourne Tigers teammate Lanard Copeland.

McDowell-White's teammates with the Kings included Rio Olympians Kevin Lisch and Brad Newley, along with Josh Powell, who is a dual championship winner in the NBA with the Los Angeles Lakers.

He arrived in Sydney in time to make his NBL debut at home at Sydney Super Dome against the Perth Wildcats on January 7. He made an immediate impact as well to finish with eight points and two rebounds.

That would prove his high numbers, but he hit the court in all seven games that were left in the season and even though only two of those were wins as the Kings season disappointingly finished without a finals appearance, McDowell-White more than held his own.

Impressive

He ended up with 15 points, eight assists and four rebounds over the course of the seven matches and considering it was not only his first time playing men, but first time playing professionally against some high-calibre athletes, it was impressive.

McDowell-White enjoyed his experience with the Kings and it wasn't so much because of what happened on the court, but to be coached by Gaze and be teammates with athletes like Lisch, Newley and Powell is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"It was a lot harder than I thought it was going to be. It's a bit different when you watch it on TV and they don't look as fast or as big, but when I got out there these guys were athletic," McDowell-White said.

"The guys here have enormous amounts of experience and to learn off

that is really special and it will help me. It's good to play against them every day in practice and then to have being mentored by Andrew and Lanard Copeland as well."

The son of triple AFL premiership player with the Brisbane Lions Darryl White and Northern Territory basketballer Bianca McDowell, McDowell-White was always a good chance to be a success at whatever sport he decided to stick to.

He now has a big year ahead to determine which college to give a chance to after things went awry at Fresno State.

All going well, McDowell-White will spend anywhere from one to four years at the college of his choosing before embarking on a professional career that could easily see him drafted into the NBA.

If not, the NBL in Australia is a more than worthy back-up plan.

That is all ahead of the 18-year-old and while that's where his focus lies, he is equally passionate about being a positive role model for the Indigenous youth.

"The stereotypes are obviously there but I'm just trying to change it and make it a better place for everyone," McDowell-White said.

"We are stereotyped as having natural talent and being mentally unstable, but that is something my dad and family have come across to try and help young people stay in school, stay off the streets and not do drugs."

"I'm just trying to be the best role model I can. I have people look up to me as a positive figure and I'm just trying to be a good bloke all over so people can only say good things about me. I want to be someone who people look up to; that's who I'm trying to be right now."



William McDowell-White

Carnival attracts record numbers



A RECORD number of players took part in the 2017 Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs.

More than 500 cricketers competing in various divisions – Major Centre Men, Community Men, Community Women and Schools Divisions, took part.

Held in conjunction with the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC), the annual Imparja Cup provides the opportunity for cricketers from across Australia to join a celebration of cricket, family and two strong cultures.

Eight teams competed in the Major Centre Men's Division, where a dominant Tennant Creek remained unbeaten.

Batting first in the grand final against Alice Springs, a confident Tennant Creek reached 145, assisted by an impressive 59 not out from Marcus Maher.

In reply, Alice Springs were unable to gain momentum and were out for 97.

The most valuable player award went to Wussat Syed, from Alkutipitja, while Alice Springs captain Ryan Mallard took home the Spirit of Cricket award.

The Major Centres Division Team of the Tournament was named as: Wussat Syed (Alkutipitja), Tim Hordingham (Tennant Creek), Reggie Smith (Alice Springs), Taki Shioji (Tennant Creek), Nigel Lockyer (Alkutipitja), Shannon Johnson (Top End Thunder), Thomas Gillett (Tennant Creek), Dale Hillen (Katherine), Gordon Mallard (Alice Springs), Trevor Presley (Alkutipitja), Brian Rowse (Desert Eagles), Andrew Baker (Tennant Creek).

The Community Men's Division saw 16 teams vying for the title, where a determined Red Centre Wranglers (128) took out the grand

final under lights against Brothers in Arms (120).

John Chisholm, from the Brothers in Arms, was awarded most valuable player, while the Spirit of Cricket award went to Chad Barnes, of the Timber Creek Dingoes.

The Community Men's Division team of the tournament was named as: John Chisholm (Brothers in Arms), Makiu Satour (Red Centre Wranglers), Andrew Sau (Anmatjere All Stars), Desmond Jones (Timber Creek Dingoes), Steve Renehan (Ityepintye Renegades), Jason Barnes (Timber Creek Dingoes), Baden Peckham (Ityepintye Renegades), Zac Motlop (Timber Creek Dingoes), Eric Campbell (Red Centre Wranglers), Reece Emmins (Red Centre Wranglers).

Six-times champions

The Community Women's Division had a record eight teams taking part and the grand final saw six-times defending champions Bush Potatoes beat a spirited Ladeez Cricket Team by seven wickets.

The most valuable player award went to Febi Mansell, from South Australia, while the Ladeez Cricket Team 2 took out the Spirit of Cricket award.

The Community Women's team of the tournament: Febi Mansell (South Australia), Melissa Liddle (CAAMA), Lavinna Saville (Bush Potatoes), Sarah Roberts (Bush Potatoes), Stephanie Austin (South Australia), Nikki Crafter (Tennant Creek), Phyneah Maher (Ladeez Cricket Team), Deanne Willetts (CAAMA), Megan Bathen (Central Stars), Rose Moore (Bush Potatoes).

Eleven school teams participated in a MILO T20 Blast Schools Cup at Traeger Park during the Imparja Cup, with talented performances and enthusiasm on display from the NT's future cricket stars.



Anmatjere All Stars players turned out for the Community Men's Division.



Teammates and friends: a pair of Bush Potatoes players from Alice Springs are on their way to opening the batting in the Imparja Cup Women's Community Division.



The Desert Eagles played in the Major Centres Division and finished fourth.



The Tennant Creek team shows off the Imparja Cup after their Major Centres grand final win.

SA women take their first tentative steps



SOUTH Australia's first ever all-female Indigenous team to compete in the Imparja Cup has completed a successful competition campaign in Alice Springs, finishing the tournament in third place.

SA competed in the Community Division, which exists to give cricketers of a lower skill level, or who are new to the game, an opportunity to play competitively.

Two pools of four teams each participated in this division, with the Northern Territory's Bush Potatoes eventually taking out the top prize for

the seventh consecutive year.

After a shaky start with a loss to the Bush Potatoes, South Australia were able to back it up with two wins for rounds two and three.

Following three minor rounds, SA were sitting second on the ladder of their four-team pool.

A play-off for third place overall between the second-placed teams from each pool saw SA victorious over the Central Stars.

Captain Febi Mansell was awarded the most valuable player of the tournament for the Community Division, while she and teammate Stephanie Austin were also named in the team of the tournament.



Victorian coach, former Test player Julien Weiner, and Victorian captain Ben Abbatangelo embrace after Victoria's win over NSW in the men's final.



West Australian Bevan Bennell seems to be asking himself why he played that shot after his dismissal in a game against Victoria

Tassie twins continue to impress

TASMANIAN Indigenous twins Liam and Rhys Ward, 18, have capped off a huge 12 months of cricketing opportunities by representing Tasmania at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) in Alice Springs.

The two opening bowlers from Kingborough Cricket Club are part of the Cricket Tasmania High Performance Program and toured the UK in June with the most talented young players in the state as well as three Tasmanian Tigers players.

Liam was also the community rookie for the Hobart Hurricanes this season.

Alice Springs provided yet another challenge for the rapidly improving pair as they looked to deal with conditions extremely foreign to them with extreme heat and bouncy wickets.

However Rhys acclimatised very quickly, finishing Tasmania's game against the Northern Territory with his side's best bowling figures (2-35 off 10) and was also Tasmania's top scorer with the bat (47 not out).



Ash Gardner in Alice Springs earlier this month.

What next for Ashleigh?

WHILE she is on the cusp of a national debut after being chosen in the squad for the upcoming series against New Zealand, Ashleigh Gardner was desperate to still be a part of the NSW team at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC).

"Pretty much the first question I did ask (when informed she had been chosen in the Commonwealth Bank Southern Stars) was am I still allowed to go to Imparja," she said.

"It is such a special thing to come up here to not only represent my state, but also my culture at such a special event as Imparja Cup and I just love coming up here every year."

This year marked Gardner's seventh time participating in the Indigenous competition in Alice Springs, having first taken part in the Imparja Cup when she was just 13, the youngest ever female to represent NSW, and she has seen the standard continue to improve over that time.

"This is my seventh year coming up here so I guess I know what to expect when coming up to Alice Springs. The competition has become so much better over the past couple of years and hopefully it's just improving from now as well."

Gardner has enjoyed an incredible 12 months, starting with a victory for NSW at the 2016 NICC. Based on her performances at the NICC, she was chosen to captain the first Indigenous women's cricket tour to India in May before being selected to play for the Governor-General's XI that defeated South Africa in November.

The second season of the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) then proved to be a breakthrough one for the 19-year-old, playing a major role in the Sydney Sixers victory in WBBL final and being named the WBBL Young Gun thanks to her 414 runs and 10 wickets in the competition.

After such a stellar year, Gardner's call up to the national squad may have seemed an expected next step for those watching her career, but when she found out she had been selected she couldn't wipe a smile off her face.

An NICC first for umpires



FOR the first time, a National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) match was officiated by two

Indigenous umpires, with Allan Coulthard and Reuben Garlett overseeing the contest between the Northern Territory and Tasmania men's teams at Jim McConville Oval, Alice Springs, on February 7.

Coulthard and Garlett returned to the second NICC having both been involved in the Imparja Cup.

Coulthard lives in Adelaide and has had an involvement with cricket for most of his life, including a playing career spanning 15 years and an umpiring career that started in 2006-07.

During his playing days, Coulthard played club cricket and also had the opportunity to take part in the Imparja Cup in 2002-03 before returning to represent South Australia as an

umpire at the Indigenous competition during his first umpiring season.

In his officiating career for the South Australian Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association, which spans 10 years, Coulthard has also officiated a number of SACA grand finals.

Perth-based Reuben Garlett first began his umpiring career with the WACA in 1996 and has enjoyed a long-standing connection with the state system over the following years.

As well as officiating WACA first grade cricket between 2011-12 and 2013-14, Garlett has also been a West Australian umpiring representative at three Imparja Cups, officiating in the state/territory division in two of the tournaments.

While NICC matches have previously had the involvement of one Indigenous umpire, the February 7 match was the first NICC to have been officiated by two Indigenous umpires.



Twin brothers Rhys and Liam Ward, of Tasmania, at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships in Alice Springs.



Indigenous umpires Reuben Garlett and Allan Coulthard are serious about the National Indigenous Cricket Championships on February 7 in Alice Springs.

NSW sweep top awards



NSW swept the individual player awards for the National Indigenous Cricket Championship (NICC) tournament, with Nathan Price named the men's player of the tournament as well as the highest run scorer, and Ashleigh Gardner named women's player of the tournament as well as being the highest run scorer and wicket taker.

Price had another outstanding NICC, scoring 248 runs at an average of 62 and a strike rate of 91.2.

Price's consistency was demonstrated in the fact he was NSW's highest scoring batter in five of their six matches in the regular rounds of the championships.

Western Australia's Dane Ugle scored the second most runs at the NICC, 172 runs, while Queensland's Preston White scored 168 runs.

Ashleigh Gardner was devastating with bat and ball during the NICC, playing a major hand in New South Wales making the final of the championships for the seventh consecutive year.

Gardner scored 152 runs at a strike rate of 197.4 and with an average of 50.67, including a high score of 83.

She also took nine wickets in four matches, the highlight being her 5-12 against Western Australia. NSW teammate Roxsanne Van-Veen (121) and

the Northern Territory's Carmella Gray (120) were the next most prolific run scorers, while Queensland's Tamika Hansen (8 wickets) was runner-up for highest wicket taker.

NSW's Ben Mitchell recorded the most wickets in the men's competition, heading into the final with 13 wickets to his name, including figures of 4-10 against Queensland. Mitchell outdid teammate Djali Bloomfield (11 wickets) and Tasmania's Rhys Ward (11 wickets) to be the highest wicket taker.

In addition to the individual awards, the 2017 men's and women's Black Caps squads were announced, with players in the 12-member squads selected on player performances throughout the NICC.

2017 Men's Black Caps squad: Preston White (Qld), Ben Abbatangelo (Vic), Nathan Price (NSW), Dane Ugle (WA), Adam McDermott (Qld), Hugh Sando (WA), Zac Chapman (NT), Ben Mitchell (NSW), Keren Ugle (WA), Rhys Ward (Tas), Djali Bloomfield (NSW), Worrin Williams (Qld).

2017 Women's Black Caps squad: Ashleigh Gardner (NSW), Roxsanne Van-Veen (NSW), Carmella Gray (NT), Nicole Honeysett (NT), Carly Fuller (Qld), Shaye Easton (Qld), Sara Darney (NSW), Sally Moylan (NT), Tamika Hansen (Qld), Kavita Pepper (WA), Jemma Astley (NSW), Julie Muir (NSW).



Jonte Pattison bowls for NSW against Queensland on the first day.



Djali Bloomfield (NSW) makes his ground against Queensland on the opening day.



Laine Beckett this year turned out for South Australia.



Victorian captain Ben Abbatangelo hits out against Western Australia on the opening day.



NSW skipper Nathan Price kept his team in the race in the men's final, but came up short when he was the last man dismissed.



Northern Territorian Zac Chapman squeezes sweat from his headband.



West Australian Dane Ugle looks for a second run.



Fast bowler Reece Ward gets pace (and air) for Tasmania.



Men's final hero Clayton McCartney scored a brilliant century for Victoria against NSW. Keen judges ranked it as one of the finest in NICC history.

Champions pressed by newcomers



New Southern Stars recruit and champion NSW batter Ashleigh Gardner is about to dispatch this ball to the boundary.



NSW won the women's final at the 2017 National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC), defeating

Queensland by just five runs in a scintillating contest at Traeger Park, Alice Springs.

The win extended NSW's winning streak in the women's competition to 10 years.

Queensland, playing in just their second NICC within the women's division and first final, made it to the final after an impressive six-wicket victory against the Northern Territory a day earlier, while NSW secured their spot after finishing at the top of the ladder in regular round matches.

Having won the toss, Queensland put NSW in to bat.

After losing the crucial wicket of opener Roxsanne Van-Veen early, an 83-run partnership between Sara Darney (59 from 48 balls) and Hannah Darlington (28 from 35 balls) put NSW in a strong position at the midway point of the innings.

Tamika Hansen's persistence paid off, however, with the dangerous Queensland bowler claiming the wickets of Darney and Darlington in consecutive overs and finishing with 2-22.

Some late innings hitting from Jemma Astley (18 from 10 balls) helped add some crucial runs to the NSW total, with the side finishing at 5-134 in their 20 overs.

The Queensland batting innings started positively, with Tamika Hansen (21 off 13 balls)

and Carly Fuller (37 off 29 balls) partnering to take their side to 43 runs at the end of the fifth over before Hansen was run out.

Fuller then enjoyed an exciting 43-run partnership with Courtney Hagen (21 off 18) to take their side to 2-87 midway through the match and put Queensland firmly in control.

Roxsanne Van-Veen (6-16) was the bowler responsible for removing Fuller and Hagen and she continued this form to take the wickets of Christina Coulson, Shaye Easton, Clodagh Ryall, and Shaniqua Miller in quick succession and bring NSW back into the game.

Shareene Ferrier (25 off 26 balls) kept Queensland in the hunt, with the side needing 12 runs off the final over. Jemma Astley held her nerve to restrict Queensland to 9-129 and help NSW claim the title.

NSW captain Julie Muir commended the Queensland side for the fight they showed, particularly in the batting innings.

"They got off to a flyer didn't they? They didn't hold back. They used the power play quite well I thought and put us bowlers under pressure and went really well," she said.

Muir identified the bowling spell from Van-Veen as the turning point in the match for NSW.

"With her experience, the stump to stump bowling. I thought she did a great job today. She didn't do too much with the bat like she normally does for us, but she came through with the ball."



● ABOVE: The victorious NSW women's team after beating Queensland in the final.

● LEFT: Northern Territory players celebrate their first-night victory over Western Australia in the women's division.

● BELOW: Tamika Hansen, from Rockhampton, celebrates the fall of a wicket for Queensland.



NSW women's final hero Roxsanne Van-Veen finished with the outstanding figures of 6-16.



NSW wicketkeeper Sara Darney is confident of a run out in the women's final.





It's a jubilant Victorian team after winning the men's final. All NICC pictures: Darrian Trayner/Cricket Australia/Getty

Vics victorious



VICTORIA has won the National Indigenous Cricket Championship (NICC) for the first time, beating NSW by 18 runs in the final at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, on Monday, February 13.

NSW won the women's title for the 10th consecutive year, beating Queensland in a thrilling final earlier in the day.

Victoria won the toss in the men's final and elected to bat first, but an impressive run out in the second over removed Daniel Mock (2) to give NSW the early momentum.

Djali Bloomfield (1-34) and Ben Patterson (2-47) then combined for a destructive bowling spell that left Victoria reeling at 5-74 in the 21st over.

With their backs against the wall, Victorians Clayton McCartney and Nick Boland mounted a comeback, putting on 73 before Boland was dismissed for 21.

McCartney's innings continued in 51-run partnership with Joshua Eaton (18) before he was dismissed by Ben Mitchell (2-43) for 114 from 109 balls, with his side at 7-198 at the end of the 45th over. McCartney's century was the only one at the 2017 NICC carnival.

A handy run-a-ball effort late in the innings from Wade King (13 not out) helped Victoria reach 8-228.

The NSW run chase was initially hampered by a loss of top order wickets, with Nick Boland (3-44) claiming the key wickets of Damien Duroux (21) and Brendan Smith (4) to have New South

Wales at 3-65 in the 14th over.

Nathan Price was then joined by Jonte Pattison (30 off 49 balls) and the pair proceeded to build a carefully crafted 64-run partnership that shifted the momentum back in favour of NSW.

The partnership was broken by Tom Collett (3-29) who claimed Pattison's wicket before also dismissing Harrison Kelly (3) and Marty Jeffrey (1) shortly thereafter.

Price's partnerships with Ben Mitchell (19 off 26) and Ben Patterson (20 off 18) helped to keep NSW in with a chance, but the NSW captain's was the last wicket to fall, caught in the deep by Daniel Mock for 78 off the bowling of Boland.

The title win was the first for a Victorian men's team at the NICC and the

significance of the moment was not lost on Victorian captain Ben Abbatangelo when he spoke after the match.

"There have been a lot of people that have shared the experience on the journey and I think we are just really fortunate to be reaping the rewards at the end of it and I think as a program and as a state we just want to remember what that feeling feels like," the skipper said.

"It means the world to everyone who's here wearing the Big V. We put grade cricket aside, we put a lot of things aside, work aside, to be here and represent our state and represent ourselves so it means everything to us."

Victoria's win in the men's final came after NSW defeated Queensland in the NICC final earlier in the day.



Smiles don't come much bigger than the one on Victorian captain Ben Abbatangelo's face after his team's win over NSW in the final of the NICC.



Victorian batsman Nathan Gardiner finds the middle of the bat in the final against NSW.

Highlights from the big game



Indigenous All Stars player Joel Thompson appears to be directing traffic while on the run in the game against the World All Stars in Newcastle.
Pictures: Joseph Mayers



Johnathan Thurston gives another rugby league master class as he engineers the Indigenous All Stars' win over the World All Stars.



Tyrone Peachey takes on the World All Stars defence.



Blake Ferguson finishes off a slick backline move to score a try.



Penrith player Leilani Latu collected a short line dropout in the fourth quarter and bulldozes through the defence to score the last try of the match.



Co-captain Greg Inglis holds the Arthur Beetson Trophy after the Indigenous All Stars' victory.

Hornets stung by Redfern



CHRIS Sandow failed to fire his beloved Cherbourg Hornets in their 34-12 loss to the Redfern All Blacks in Newcastle on February 9.

The Sydney side ran away with the game in the first half and led 24-0 just after half-time in a game played the night before the big All Stars clash in Newcastle.

The Hornets, who won the Queensland Murri carnival to earn the right to play the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout winners, were stunned by their first half disappointment.

Despite a couple of tries inside the final 30 minutes, the Hornets left themselves too much work to do.

The match received national media attention because of Sandow's return to the field, following a summer of uncertainty surrounding his playing career.

The former South Sydney and Parramatta star walked out on Super League side Warrington Wolves late last year, returning to Cherbourg to be with family.

He was fined \$300 in the Murgon Magistrates Court in January after being filmed brawling in Cherbourg on New Year's Day, before agreeing

to a request to be a public voice against violence in his home town.

The New Year's Day troubles cast doubt on a potential return to the National Rugby League (NRL), with many pundits eyeing the Redfern game as a final chance for Sandow to prove his worth to a side in need of a talented playmaker before the NRL season starts next month.

It was an unhappy return to rugby league for Sandow.

He was largely a passenger and looked overweight as his side was outmuscled in front of a strong crowd in the exhibition game at Newcastle No 2 Sportsground.

He had a few bright spots in the first half – chipping and chasing to pin Redfern in-goal as well as making a break from inside his own half – but otherwise failed to stand out.

He ducked waiting media after the game, with the Cherbourg team slipping out a side entrance to avoid journalists.

The former South Sydney and Parramatta halfback came into the game hoping to prove that he was worthy of an NRL lifeline.

Sandow has remained adamant he wants to get back to the top flight and began training with his hometown Hornets. – *With AAP*



Redfern player Brett Kelly avoids Cherbourg defender Neil Stanley.



It was a rare moment when Chris Sandow found himself with room to move in the Interstate Challenge match between the Cherbourg Hornets and the Redfern All Blacks.

Pictures: Joseph Mayers

The Redfern All Blacks and supporters celebrate beating the Cherbourg Hornets in Newcastle on February 9.



The NSW Koori and the Queensland Murri under 16 teams get together after their match in Newcastle on February 9. NSW won a thriller 16-14. Pictures: Joseph Mayers



Kooris win a thriller



- TOP: Milachi Roberts tackles Queenslanders Elia Mooka while Jayden McKenna moves in.
- ABOVE: Bailey Biondo-Odo passes the ball to Lochie Pollock.
- LEFT: Izziah Aldridge tries to skirt the Queensland defender Lincoln Rebel.
- RIGHT: NSW defender Caleb Hodges tackles Watjeria Briggs.
- FAR RIGHT: NSW captain Kobe Rugless attacks.



A HIGH-intensity match in high temperatures ended in a come-from-behind victory to the NSW Koori Indigenous under 16 side, defeating their Queensland counterparts 16-14 during All Stars rugby league week.

Despite the mercury not dipping below 30 degrees until late in the second half, it was a back-and-forth encounter to begin proceedings at Newcastle No 2 Sportsground.

Eventually the deadlock was broken – a half-break by Queensland's Alofiaua Khan ended in a dangerous tackle from the NSW defence, with Queensland earning momentum and scoring from the resulting penalty.

A shift from left to right brought the first points of the game, with Watjeria Briggs crossing for the Murri side.

Unconverted by Bailey Biondi-Odo, it was 4-0 to the visitors.

Just four minutes later, another mistake by NSW brought about points for their opponents. This time a spilt ball in-goal gifting Queensland a simple four-pointer.

The kick was waved away again for an 8-0 lead.

Soon after resumption of play in the second quarter, the Murris were in again thanks to a slick break through the middle for Biondi-Odo. Fullback Rayden Burns took advantage of the scrambling defence to score under the posts, converted to

extend their lead to 14-0.

The lead was getting out of hand and the home side needed to hit back quickly, which they did in the ensuing passage of play.

With a Queensland fumble off the restart, NSW mounted pressure and came up with points via the left centre Triston Eldridge. That brought the game back to 14-4 – the half-time scoreline.

Early in the second half, the Koori boys again enjoyed early possession – and, once again, proved that their opponents couldn't withstand the pressure. Skipper and hooker Kobe Rugless scored in the middle, converted by Joseph Gordon to reduce the deficit to four.

That would be the only scoring for the quarter as proceedings began to even out, but NSW would be hurt by the departure of fullback Malachi Roberts.

In the final stanza, however, the home side managed to lock things up when Izziah Aldridge crossed for the home side, with Gordon adding the extras from out wide to give them a 16-14 advantage with nine minutes remaining.

The Murri weren't done with yet, earning repeat sets and almost scoring via an impressive run from Burns, but the NSW defence narrowly held out to record an emotional victory.

In the eighth instalment of the fixture, which had previously been held in Queensland, the NSW Koori under 16 side earned their second victory in front of a vocal Newcastle crowd.

– Simon Masterton





Coach Dean Widders, centre back, with his victorious Indigenous All Stars.

Girls break hoodoo



THE Indigenous Women's All Stars beat the World team for the first time with an impressive 14-4 win at Newcastle Stadium on February 10.

Dean Widders' side showed vast improvement to their defensive structures from previous years, holding out a number of attacking raids from a lacklustre World team.

All three try-scorers for the Indigenous team were playing in their first All Stars match while local product and Jillaroo Caitlyn Moran set up two of the three tries and halfback Simone Smith's vision and dangerous running game earned her the player of the match award.

A highly physical first quarter was punctuated by some brilliant defence by the Indigenous team, who gave themselves too much to do due to a couple of errors.

But they were able to hold out the attacking raids those errors generated.

The match started to look like a war of attrition in the second quarter when Indigenous back-rower Kandy Kennedy left the field in a medicab after suffering a horrible injury when her leg was caught underneath her and opposite number Kody House in a tackle.

World All Stars lock Renae Kunst was also taken off for a concussion check.

The second quarter did provide the first points of the game – the try was started by a wonderful darting run from halfback Simone Smith. Her pass found a supporting Caitlyn Moran. The Newcastle local put in a cross-field kick which looked too long off the boot, but was allowed to bounce inches inside the dead ball line by World halfback Maddie Studdon and a wicked bounce shot

the ball back for a lurking Samatha Leisha to plant the ball down.

Moran's conversion gave the Indigenous side a well-earned 6-0 half-time lead.

The opening minutes of the second half brought a second try to the Indigenous team when five-eighth Lavina Phillips showed great vision to grubber wide for winger Suvannah Connors to step back inside the sliding defence and score for a 10-0 lead.

Smith only just failed to latch onto a well-read intercept attempt late in the third quarter that would have all but sealed the result.

Protecting their 10-point advantage, the Indigenous side continued to defend resolutely and their desperation was evident in the efforts of Phillips who twice earned possession, once by diving on a loose ball and once with a one-on-one strip.

Big hits

The final stanza saw some monstrous hits although Tahlia Hunter and Karina Brown bounced up after being levelled by crunching tackles.

The punctuation mark came four minutes from full-time with some lovely ball movement – first a stunning cut-out ball from Bo De La Cruz put Moran into space before the centre's slick pass-on put a debutant over for the third time in the match, winger Hunter's four-pointer making it 14-0 with barely a minute to play.

The World team avoided the ignominy of a defeat to nil when they crashed over out wide through Selena Tranter as the full-time siren sounded.

Indigenous All Stars 14 (Leisha, Connors, Hunter tries; Moran goal) d. World All Stars 4 (Tranter try) at McDonald Jones Stadium.



- TOP LEFT: Bo De La Cruz tackles a World All Stars player.
- TOP: Amber Pilley lines up a pass.
- ABOVE LEFT: Rebecca Riley passes the ball.
- ABOVE MIDDLE: Emily Young is on the charge.
- ABOVE: Simone Smith looks to pass.
- LEFT: The Indigenous All Stars women's team win the Fanning Murphy Trophy. Pictures: Joseph Mayers



The Indigenous All Stars are all smiles after their 34-8 demolition of the World All Stars in Newcastle on February 11. *Picture: Joseph Mayers*
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Where to after 2018?



JOHNATHAN Thurston has ramped up his call for the expansion of the Indigenous All Stars but stopped short of Phil Gould's suggestion to include them in the rugby league World Cup. Thurston produced a masterclass to guide the Indigenous team to a 34-8 victory over the World All Stars in Newcastle on February 11 in an entertaining display that boded well for the future of the concept.

The likes of Thurston, Ash Taylor, Greg Inglis, Andrew Fifita and Wade Graham turned in skilful performances as they ran riot over the World team.

The All Stars fixture will not be a part of the 2018 National Rugby League (NRL) schedule – because of the World Cup – but Thurston and All Stars coaches Mal Meninga and Laurie Daley pleaded for it to be retained in 2019.

With growing concern about player workload, it remains to be seen whether it will remain in the pre-season or shifted to the back half of the year.

North Queensland, Maroons and Australian great Thurston during the week ignited debate when he suggested that the

Indigenous team should be taken on tour and play against smaller Test nations such as Scotland or other representative teams such as a New Zealand Maori or Pacific Islands sides.

Penrith boss Gould took it one step further during the Nine Network commentary suggesting they could become a Test-playing side, a suggestion which would split the Australian team in two.

"I agree with what Johnathan Thurston said earlier this week, it needs to play together more often," Gould said.

"We need to find them opposition to play against. Even to the point of being part of the World Cup as a separate entity."

Torn allegiances

Gould's suggestion is unlikely to gain momentum with around 30% of the Kangaroos side made up of Indigenous players.

Superstars such as Thurston, Inglis, Sam Thaiday, Fifita and Blake Ferguson would have to weigh up allegiances to their country or culture.

Thurston, who will step down from representative football at the end of the year, said he would always choose to put his country ahead of anything else, but insisted Gould's idea had merit.

He will now push for the

Indigenous side to play more often, as opposition for touring Test teams, and dreams of the side going on international tours.

"I would always put my hand up to play for Australia, that's me personally," Thurston said.

"But when we have teams coming from overseas to play here, I'd love to see the Indigenous All Stars playing a warm-up match and get involved in a spectacle like that."

Thurston played a big part in a first-quarter points-scoring blitz that propelled the Indigenous All Stars to a thoroughly deserved 34-8 win over the World All Stars.

Thurston was once again in majestic form as his side claimed their fourth win from seven matches to take the overall lead in the annual fixture.

An awe-inspiring pre-game Indigenous war cry led by Greg Inglis set the tone for what was a special night in Newcastle, with both teams hugging it out afterwards in an endearing show of mutual respect.

The smoke had barely settled when Joel Thompson made a huge break down the right edge before he dished a ball back on the inside to All Stars debutant Jack Bird who touched down next to the posts after just three minutes.

An Akuila Uate error gifted the Indigenous side a chance to double their advantage, and they wasted little time in accepting the gift with Blake Ferguson finishing off a slick backline move to score from the ensuing scrum.

Nothing seemed to be going right for the World All Stars who found themselves down by 16 points at the first break when Nene Macdonald's midfield error sparked a breathtaking counter-attack that ended up with Thurston popping a pass to Ash Taylor for their third try of the evening.

An error-riddled second quarter threatened to finish scoreless until David Mead managed to wriggle his way to the chalk to peg one back for the World All Stars minutes before the main break.

Then, with less than 60 seconds to go in the half, the World All Stars gave their hopes of a comeback a huge shot in the arm when Macdonald finished off a slick right to left movement to cut the gap to eight points.

That's as close as they got however, as the Indigenous All Stars woke from their slumber to extend the lead with another scintillating movement as Bevan French got into the clear with his first touch before he banana kicked back inside for crowd-

favourite Thurston to score to make it 22-8.

As good as that try was, it paled in comparison to the noise generated when Greg Inglis burst into the clear courtesy of two monster fends before the Rabbitohs fullback was eventually dragged down 20 metres short of the line.

Freak kick

While that play didn't lead to points, the crowd of 20,241 didn't have to wait too long for another reason to get out of their seats as Thurston produced a freakishly accurate kick to hit Dane Gagai on the chest for another four-pointer.

Penrith fans would have rejoiced when Leilani Latu collected a short line dropout in the fourth quarter and bulldozed through the defence to score a try reminiscent of Royce Simmons's famous 1991 grand final match-sealing play.

Indigenous All Stars 34 (Jack Bird, Blake Ferguson, Ash Taylor, Johnathan Thurston, Dane Gagai, Leilani Latu tries; Johnathan Thurston 4, Aidan Sezer 1 goals) d. World All Stars 8 (David Mead, Nene Macdonald tries) at McDonald Jones Stadium, Newcastle. Half-time: 16-8. Crowd: 20,241. – With AAP

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Gallant in defeat

Referee stops Quinlan world title fight in 10th round



DUNGHUTTI boxer Renold Quinlan lost his International Boxing Organisation (IBO) super-middleweight title in London to Chris Eubank

Jnr when he was stopped by the Englishman in the 10th round.

The fight was at London Olympia on February 4.

Despite the loss Quinlan earned respect with a gutsy display. Quinlan was regarded as a 25-1 shot, and was thought to be not up to the task of defending the title he won from Daniel Geale last October.

Those looking for an early end to the fight were disappointed as the 27-year-old from Kempsey, in only his 13th fight as a professional, mixed it with his talented opponent.

Despite being on the end of some wonderful combination punching from Eubank, Quinlan somehow found a way to roll off the ropes and hurt the Englishman with his stinging jabs.

The fight could have ended in the sixth round when Eubank unleashed a flurry of punches, but Quinlan survived until the bell.

It was a similar story in the eighth where Quinlan took several venomous uppercuts, but still hung in there.

But the punches were taking their toll

and referee Howard Foster spared him any further punishment, despite Quinlan's protestation that he could continue.

Eubank, (24-1) is something of a showman and entered the ring in theatrical way. After posturing on the apron of the ring in his gold shorts, he jumped over the ropes and into the ring.

Quinlan's belt was carried into the ring by close mate Albert Kelly, the former Cronulla and Gold Coast rugby league star, now playing for Hull FC in the UK.

"He was very hard," Eubank said of Quinlan after the fight.

"It was like hitting concrete. Full respect to him. He gave me a real hard fight. But this is just the start for me."

The 27-year-old secured his 24th win in 25 fights as he eventually ground down the Australian and it means dad Chris Eubank Snr and his son are the world's first father and son to have won world titles.

Eubank Snr won his first world title in 1990 when he defeated Nigel Benn as a 24-year-old and by the time he had reached 27, his son's age, he had defended the world title 11 times.

But this time it was a bitterly hard fought win with Quinlan surprising everyone with his rock hard chin and real grit.

But the gulf in experience was obvious from the first bell with Eubank having twice

the number of fights even though they are both 27.

Eubank was cautious of Quinlan's power that caught his previous opponent Daniel Geale stone cold.

It was supposed to be an easy night's work for Eubank, but he was stunned at Quinlan's staying power.

Proud Quinlan – part-Aborigine, part-Fijian – promised fans a ring war and they got it.

Quinlan showed no fear in the opening round and took the fight to his rival, landing decent shots that forced Eubank to fight off the back foot to earn the round.

Shades of Ali

Eubank went into showman mode in the second, rolling his shoulders and shuffling his feet to bring a smile to Quinlan's face.

Quinlan is a former sparring partner of Anthony Mundine.

The UK boxing media dismissed the fight as a mismatch and accused Eubank (23-1) of taking the easy route to a world title after he snubbed the chance to take on the unbeaten Golovkin last year.

But before the fight, Quinlan (11-1) said he was not fazed by the critics or the outspoken antics of Eubank and his father.

"It's all just words and I find it funny," Quinlan said.

Quinlan has taken a circuitous route to a world title in a stop-start career where he lost his focus after turning pro nine years ago.

His trainer Ian Stapleton claims he was the most naturally gifted boxer he'd seen as a teenager, before drifting away from the sport.

A move to Sydney revived his career, but he admits the distractions of the big city were too great and that lack of discipline culminated in a disappointing defeat to Jake Carr for the Australian middleweight title in 2014.

"The Carr fight was a real wake-up call," Quinlan said.

"I was in danger of tossing my career away. So I moved back home, started training properly and doing things the right way."

Victories over Ricardo Marcelo Ramallo and Michael Van Nimwegen earned him a shot at Geale, who he floored with a razor-sharp right hand to stun the Launceston home crowd.

"I was told not to take that Geale fight and I was told not to take this fight," he said.

"I could have easily stayed at home and defended my belt. But I've come to the other side of the world because I fear no one."

Renold Quinlan, left, gets in close against Chris Eubank Jnr of Great Britain during their February 4 IBO world super-middleweight title fight at Olympia London. The referee stopped the fight in the 10th round, giving the title to Eubank on a TKO.

Picture: Getty





Soli Bailey wins the 2015 Indigenous surfing title at Bells Beach, Victoria.

Biggest win of career



AUSTRALIAN 2015 Indigenous surfing champion Soli Bailey has won the biggest event of his short career, the Volcom Pipe Pro in Hawaii.

The 21-year-old from Suffolk Park, Near Byron Bay, NSW, scored a remarkable underdog victory on February 9 against Pipeline veterans Adriano de Souza (Brazil) and Bruce Irons (Hawaii), and Californian Griffin Colapinto to secure the Volcom Pipe Pro, a World Surf League (WSL) Qualifying Series (QS) 3000 event.

The competition featured some of the best surfers in the world at one of the most famous venues on the planet and Bailey came out on top, well ahead of competitors with a combined heat score of 13.26.

"This is definitely the biggest win of my career," said Bailey.

"There's been a few tough losses last year and what not, and I think I've just learned from them and to come here and stay cool, calm and collected right through the final, then take it out..."

"It's a dream come true and one step closer to where I want to be."

The Volcom Pipe Pro has only seen four winners in its eight-year history – Jamie O'Brien (Hawaii) in 2010, John John Florence (Hawaii) in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2015, Kelly Slater (USA) in 2014 and 2016 and now Bailey in 2017.

Much to the dismay of the local beach crowd, Florence went home early, sent packing in the first semifinal by Bailey and Colapinto.

Conditions shifted for the final and the four athletes were on the hunt for waves, while the slight offshore breeze and building surf helped the cause.

Colapinto was off to a fierce start and jumped on the first couple of waves, while Irons opened up his campaign early as well. Meanwhile, Bailey and de Souza got into a feisty paddle battle for position, but didn't find a solid score until after the biggest set of the day swept through the lineup.

Leg ropes snapped

The massive waves snapped Bailey's and Irons' leashes and forced them back to shore to adjust their equipment.

De Souza took advantage of the cleared out lineup and scored a 4.50 on a small left, but it wasn't long after that Bailey dropped the first proper ride of the final, a 5.67 for a reeling right.

"It's pretty surreal right now," said Bailey.

"All I know is something amazing just happened and there were some great waves ridden and I'm just super, super stoked right now."

The best wave of the 35-minute final went to the Australian for a double barrel combined with a solid frontside turn, which garnered a 7.33 and an eruption from the

Soli Bailey shows his skill at the 2015 Indigenous surfing titles at Bells Beach.



beach crowd.

He backed this up with a 5.93, which put him points ahead of runner-up de Souza, who ended with a combined heat score of 8.43.

Bailey, a former Australian pro junior champion, was crowned Australian Indigenous surfing champion at Bells Beach, Victoria, in 2015.

Bailey was unstoppable throughout that event, winning every heat on his way to the final knocking out reigning event champion Otis Carey (Coffs Harbour, NSW) in the semifinals.

The final saw Bailey edge out Russell Molony (Central Coast, NSW).

"I am so wrapped just to be here with all the different tribes, it didn't really matter if I won or lost," said an ecstatic Bailey after his Indigenous title win.

"This event is so much fun, it's a really relaxed event and everyone is just so happy to be here. It means so much to all of us."

"I am one of the youngest guys in this comp, so I am just constantly learning off all of the guys like Russ and Pagey and Otis." Molony won the title in 2016.



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pays off
for Lydia**
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The Voice of Indigenous Australia



Hannah Darlington bowls for NSW at the National Indigenous Cricket Championship (NICC) in Alice Springs.
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The Indigenous All Stars Women's team celebrates its win over the World All Stars in Newcastle on February 10.
Picture: Joseph Mayers

Sports bonanza



IT'S been a huge couple of weeks for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sport in Australia, highlighted by two of the biggest national Indigenous events – the National Indigenous Cricket Carnival (NICC) in Alice Springs and rugby league's showcase All Stars match in Newcastle. Victoria deservedly won their first NICC title, beating traditional heavyweights NSW twice during the carnival. The important win was in the

final at Traeger Park on Monday, February 13.

A few days earlier in Newcastle, Johnathan Thurston showed yet again why he is one of the world's best rugby league players when he engineered the Indigenous All Stars' 34-8 win over Mal Meninga's World All Stars.

That capped off a great night for Indigenous rugby league following the Indigenous Women's All Stars 14-4 win over the World All Stars.

A night earlier, also in Newcastle, the Redfern All Blacks raced away in the first

half to beat the Cherbourg Hornets 34-12 in the Interstate Challenge that featured the winners of the 2016 Murri carnival (Hornets) and the NSW Aboriginal Knockout (Redfern).

In a curtain-raiser to that game, the NSW Koori under 16 side beat the Queensland Murris 16-14, breaking a stranglehold the Queenslanders had held.

Continuing a great run of Indigenous sport, young Byron Bay surfer Soli Bailey scored the biggest win of his career – the Volcom Pipe Pro in Hawaii.

He went into the final as the outsider amongst the final four, but in winning, he knocked over some of the world's best.

In boxing, Kempsey product Renold Quinlan lost his International Boxing Organisation (IBO) world super middleweight title to England's Chris Eubank Jnr in London, but earned plaudits for his gutsy effort.

Quinlan was a rank outsider. The fight was stopped in the 10th round.

● Turn inside to catch up on all the action.



Renold Quinlan, right, strikes Joseph Kwadjo at Acer Arena, Sydney, in November, 2013. Picture: Getty



Soli Bailey, the 2015 Australian Indigenous surfing champion, has won the biggest contest of his career – the Volcom Pipe Pro in Hawaii. In the process, he beat some of the world's best.

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