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Leading the way at Mardi Gras



INDIGENOUS Australians again led the way at this year's Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras in Sydney, held last Saturday night. Despite the threat of rain, thousands turned out for the annual parade, including sistagirls from the Tiwi Islands, north of Darwin, who crowdfunded so they could make the trip south. See our Mardi Gras coverage, including more pictures, on pages 26-27. *Picture: Keira Jenkins*

MJDF victory



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My FAMILY

Sean Stanley Snr – western Sydney



THIS is me (second from left) with my children Sean Jr, 12, Delaraya, 10, and Sienna, 8, my cousin Edward in the middle, and my wife Rondelle. I'm a Wiradjuri/Biripi man and my wife is a Wiradjuri woman. We moved to Sydney from Dubbo about a year ago.

I'm from a big family. I have eight brothers and sisters. My wife's from a pretty big family too, so family is really important to us.

The family gets together every year for the Koori Rugby League Knockout, and I've been playing in the Knockout since I was 16. Sean Jr is also a really good footy player – he's been doing the Penrith Panthers junior development program.

The girls and Rondelle all play netball too, so we're a pretty sporty family.

I grew up on an Aboriginal reserve and I learnt a lot about culture living there. I encourage my kids to learn about culture.

My son dances, and we speak a few Wiradjuri words to them.

We make sure we get back out to Dubbo and Cowra in western NSW a lot so the kids can see their country. I think it's really important that they've got that connection to country. That's how I was raised, with the value of family and culture behind me.

I'm close to all my cousins and extended family. Ed is a second cousin but I've looked out for him since he was a kid. He's gone through some tough stuff in his life and I supported him through trouble with drugs and stuff.

Ed now works for The Glen drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre, after he went there for rehab himself years ago.

This picture was taken at the 'Say No to Ice' event in Mt Druitt. We were really excited to see Archie Roach playing there. We also wanted to see the dancers that Ed's been mentoring at The Glen.

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If you would like to see your family featured in the 'My Family' section of the *Koori Mail*, email a high-resolution digital photo to myfamily@koorimail.com along with a full caption (always reading from left to right) and between 350 and 400 words about your family. Tell us who is in your family, what you like to do as a family, your traditions and achievements, and what is important to you.

OUR CHILDREN



GRACE Tournier competes at the Woorrangalook Victorian Koori surf titles at Urquhart Bluff, on the Great Ocean Road. Seventy-five Indigenous surfers from across the state celebrated the 19th annual event, which brought together Indigenous communities in a fun weekend of surfing and culture. Communities represented included East Gippsland, Portland and the south-west, Koroi, Bendigo, Ballarat, Shepparton, Metropolitan Melbourne, Bass Coast, Mornington Peninsula and a strong contingent from the local Geelong and Surf Coast. ● See page 60.

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Deadly dancers show solidarity

5000 jobs pledge by company

The Deadly Dreaming Dancers, from Shalvey High School in western Sydney, perform at the Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation-run community day in Mt Druitt, western Sydney. The family support organisation put on the event to build solidarity among Aboriginal people in western Sydney against the use of methamphetamine (ice) and other drugs. See our report and more pictures on pages 30, 31. *Picture: Keira Jenkins*



AN Australian company has committed to create 5000 jobs for Indigenous Australians in the largest ever contract of its kind.

Staffing, maintenance and facility management service company Programmed announced the 10-year commitment with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and mining magnate Andrew Forrest at Parliament House last week.

Mr Forrest, founder of GenerationOne which aims to close the gap between Indigenous and other Australians through employment, called on the Federal Government and business community to do their bit to increase indigenous employment.

GenerationOne is overseeing the Programmed project, which Mr Forrest told Radio National would "shine a bright light into a minimum 5000 Indigenous families and we are delighted by that".

Mr Turnbull praised Programmed's commitment, saying the more than 600 of the company's 23,000 employees are Indigenous. "(Programmed is) committing here to grow that to 5000. That's a great commitment," he said.

Queensland drops Palm Island case



THE Queensland Government decision not to appeal a landmark racial discrimination case has opened the way for more than 100 Palm Island residents to seek compensation.

Attorney-General Yvette D'Ath said the Government had abandoned its challenge of a Federal Court decision that found Queensland police had been racist in their dealings with the community in 2004. The police actions were triggered by a series of riots in the far north Queensland community, following the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee.

Once-jailed rioter Lex Wotton and two of his family members were awarded \$220,000 in compensation for the pain they endured during morning raids.

His lawyer Stewart Levitt said the Government's backflip meant at least 100 other Palm Islanders could now be entitled to compensation. Mr Levitt said it could range from as little as \$5000 to \$175,000. "We have to prove the extent to which people have suffered," he said.

Mr Levitt said he hoped the Palm Island community and

Police Commissioner Ian Stewart would apologise to the people of Palm Island.

"This is not about humiliating anyone and this is not about extracting a pound of flesh," he said. "It's about restoring relations and putting things right that were wrong."

Mr Levitt said the decision not to appeal meant Australia now

had a Federal Court precedent for how police dealt with Indigenous communities. "It sets a standard and expectation not only for Queensland police, but for NSW and WA police, an expectation for the community that

people should behave fairly towards each other," he said.

"I think it will restore confidence with Indigenous people."

Mr Wotton said he was relieved the matter had finally come to an end and he could now move on with his life. — AAP

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Government could reach a "fair and reasonable" resolution outside of the courtroom. "I have always held out an olive branch for the Queensland Government and said why don't we try to resolve the balance of the case by negotiation?" he said.

Mr Levitt said he also hoped



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Jason's swing and a miss



JASON Wright-Brown winds up for a big hit for the Southern team in the annual Tasmanian Indigenous T20 cricket match against the Northern team at Cornelian Bay, Hobart. Problem was, he missed and a bail was sent flying. According to our correspondent Jillian Mundy, who took the images, the day was equal parts friendly, competitive and comic. For the record, Southern won. See page 58 for our coverage.

South Australians closer to a treaty



SENIOR Kokatha and Mirning man Roger Thomas will lead the consultation process towards a treaty between South Australian

Aboriginal people and the State Government.

Dr Thomas was appointed South Australia's Treaty Commissioner this month for a term of three years.

He will consult with Aboriginal communities across the state over coming months and provide advice to SA Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Kyam Maher on a recommended treaty framework. Dr Thomas will then facilitate the treaty-making process.

He told the *Koori Mail* his main priority as Treaty Commissioner is to have conversations with local people, engage with communities and invite them to share their aspirations for a treaty.

"Engagement with all Aboriginal communities in the state to ensure their voices are heard is by far my highest priority," Dr Thomas said.

"My role is to start these conversations then present the ideas to the South Australian Government."

Dr Thomas has experience in



Treaty Commissioner Roger Thomas, left, and SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher.

conducting consultations with the Aboriginal community, and has held positions on state, national and international advisory committees. He was the inaugural

Indigenous engagement professor and adjunct professor of education at the University of Adelaide and also the dean of the Centre for Australian

Indigenous Research and Studies. Dr Thomas said facilitating a treaty-making process is a big job, so it will be done in a number of phases.

"My consultations with community and report to the State Government is due to be completed in April/May," he said.

"But it will depend on the availability of communities. I want to make sure I have time to sit and listen with each community and don't want to put unnecessary pressure on people.

"I will need the input of these communities to help guide the report, so this is just an indicative timeline."

Minister Maher said appointing Dr Thomas to the role of Treaty Commissioner was the next step towards formally starting discussions and negotiating the terms of a treaty.

"The SA Government has made it clear that we want to go down the path of state-based treaty," he said.

"But we don't have fixed views on how the treaty process should go. Dr Thomas' role will be to conduct consultations for the treaty process."

"Then towards the middle of the year he will begin to facilitate the negotiation of treaty. His role is very needed.

"He will provide advice to the Government and help Aboriginal communities be heard."

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Making a positive splash for their community and their career: from left, Andy Jones, Michelle Thomas, Ian Shanahan, Heather Patmore, Sophie Suitor and Jess Patmore.

Tasmanian course a life saver

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ROYAL Life Saving Tasmania has partnered with Austswim to train seven Tasmanian Aboriginal people to become teachers of swimming and water safety in a bid to reduce drowning deaths and create job opportunities.

For course participant 24-year-old palawa man Andy Jones, from Hobart, water and water safety is close to his heart.

His experiences have not always been positive. Sadly he has flashbacks to the day when a foster carer returned home with the news that his foster mother had drowned attempting to save a sibling at a nearby beach.

There have been other close calls. Ms Jones' little brother Blake was just three when he was resuscitated after a swimming incident. Mr Jones also recalls being pulled from a pool by his hair when he was around seven or eight.

"I came to the course because

I was a young blackfella that nearly drowned when I was little," Mr Jones said.

"I didn't have the skills that I thought I had and I nearly lost my life."

A few years later he was taught to swim in the Huon River by another foster carer, an ex-military man. It is something for which he will always be grateful.

"In our culture we are always around water, it's around us every day," he said.

Now Mr Jones wants to drive home the message of the

importance of water safety and awareness and the need for everyone to learn to swim. He also sees career opportunities in the new scheme.

Royal Life Saving Society Australia executive director Paula Robertson says the intensive course is a big commitment and hopes that, once qualified, the community teachers will encourage greater participation in swimming classes.

"There are so many benefits that come from the program," she said.

"There are community participation, health and wellbeing benefits and reducing barriers to promote access and inclusion.

"It will provide greater diversity in qualified swim teachers and amazing role models for Tasmanian Aboriginal community members."

The participants have just completed the theory component of the training and over coming months will complete all the practical elements, qualifying them to work nationally in inland waterways, beaches and pools.

Amnesty report lashes Australia

By RUDI MAXWELL



IN its recent State of the World's Human Rights report, Amnesty International has condemned Australia's justice system for failing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Indigenous young people are detained at 24 times the rate of other Australian children.

Australia was also criticised for its continued abuse of people seeking safety and the 'warehousing' of vulnerable people in offshore detention, as well as the failure to legislate for marriage equality.

Amnesty Indigenous rights campaigner Roxanne Moore, a Noongar woman, said the report was aiming to bring global attention to the national shame of the continued over-representation of Indigenous children in detention.

"We've seen the horrors at Don Dale (Northern Territory) and Cleveland (Queensland) youth detention centres. In Victoria youths are being held in adult prisons and right around the country Indigenous kids are being mistreated in detention," she said.

"But, there's an opportunity this year, with the Royal Commission into Youth Detention in

the Northern Territory handing down its findings in August, for Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull to lead the states and territories with a new approach to justice.

"We need a new approach to youth justice to ensure the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids aren't locked up and it needs to come from federal leadership. We need to help support our kids to be in community and families to lead happy and fulfilling lives. And that means supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led solutions.

"Answers"

"Our communities have the answers, but until the government starts listening, we're just going to see the same patterns."

Ms Moore said examples of successful programs that address the root causes of Indigenous kids coming into contact with the criminal justice system included the several trials of justice reinvestment (where money that would have been spent locking kids up is instead invested in community-driven programs), cultural camps, the horsemanship program at Mt Isa, Queensland, and various Koori courts.

"We've seen really promising results from

justice reinvestment trials in Bourke, Cowra, Katherine, and Ceduna so I think there's an appetite for a new approach to justice that's about getting back to community – but you need government money to fund and support programs," she said.

"In Queensland Red Dust Healing ran a program at Cleveland Youth Detention Centre for 40 young boys. Not a single one of them went back to detention in a two-year year period. These are exactly the programs that should be funded."

With the Royal Commission into youth detention in the NT due to hand down its findings later this year, Ms Moore said it was important to remember the kids in the rest of the country too.

"Amnesty International has heard allegations of mistreatment of Indigenous kids in detention in every state and territory, it's a national issue," she said.

"It's imperative that the Prime Minister looks at the NT in the context of a national approach, not just about how Indigenous kids are treated in detention, but also why they're being locked up in the first place so we don't lose another generation behind bars."

● See our Red Dust Healing report in the next edition, out on March 22.

Findings of corruption



THE NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) has found that

former Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council (GLALC) chief executive Mark Johnson engaged in serious corrupt conduct between June and December 2010.

In its report, 'Investigation into the conduct of a former chief executive officer and members of the Board of the Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council', ICAC found that Mr Johnson knew his company, Waawidji, was receiving the benefits from GLALC via funds deposited into the Waawidji bank account, although he knew that under the *Aboriginal Lands Rights Act 1983* he was not entitled to continue to be employed as chief executive because he was a person who had an interest in a corporation that received a benefit from GLALC.

Among other findings, ICAC also found that Mr Johnson engaged in serious corrupt conduct by improperly favouring Gandangara Future Fund Ltd (GFF) 14 times between July 2011 and November 12, 2012, by authorising the transfer of funds totalling \$5,370,000 from the GLALC trust account to GFF, knowing that he did so contrary to legal advice.



Clair Parker, centre, is flanked by models wearing her designs.

Tiwi designer's fashion debut at the Oscars



THE first Indigenous graduate from the Whitehouse Institute of Design has already made her fashion debut – on the Oscars red carpet no less.

Clair Parker, from the Tiwi Islands in the Northern Territory, had not even graduated from her design course when she was asked to create a dress to go with the necklace *Tanna* producer Carolyn Johnson was to wear at the Academy Awards. *Tanna* is a 2015 Australian-Vanuatu film nominated for an Academy Award.

Ms Johnson took to the red carpet in the dress Ms Parker designed just one week after her graduation.

"I was recommended to Carolyn because she wanted something that would go with the cultural significance of the necklace," Ms Parker told the *Koori Mail*. "She wanted something that would be based around the necklace. I was just lucky that she liked my work."

"I went to a fitting with her in Adelaide, then I flew back to Sydney for my graduation, then after I graduated I made the dress."

Ms Parker said she would now move to New York for an internship.

"Fashion has so many different areas and I'm focusing on accessories," she said. "I'll be working for a Brazilian shoe company, but it's good to get my designs on a global stage."

"It's something I'm really looking forward to. It'll be a great learning opportunity, and it's



Clair Parker fits Carolyn Johnson's dress for the Oscars.

pretty competitive."

Ms Parker, a Northern Territory Young Achiever of the Year Award finalist, said being recognised for her recent achievements felt "awesome".

"I'm the first Indigenous graduate from Whitehouse but it would be so great if I could inspire more young mob to get into design," she said.

"I really want more Indigenous people in the area. There's only a few of us at the moment. I hope seeing my story and my path the young mob will see what a great industry it is and be inspired to take it up themselves."

Ms Parker said while fashion was something she was interested in and design was what she wanted to do, it took her some time to get there.

She said it all felt a bit impossible until she looked back and saw she'd done it.

Victory for MJDF

By RUDI MAXWELL



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Machado Joseph Disease Foundation board members, staff and clients. Picture: MJDF

awarded costs to the MJDF.

Chief executive Nadia Lindop told the *Koori Mail* the decision was a relief.

"Three years is a long time," she said.

"We're very relieved to be able to get on with doing our core business, which is all about looking after Indigenous Australians with MJD. It's been very difficult."

"For a small organisation we're really ambitious with what we try to do, very committed to following through on what we

say we will do and it makes a real difference to our clients' lives – not just in their day-to-day living, but we also do broader research to help the generations to come."

Senator Scullion said in a statement that the reason he had appealed the original Federal Court decision was because it raised important technical questions affecting the administration of the ABA.

"This case was not about whether funding should be provided, but how it is

provided," he said. "Aboriginal people with serious health issues should not have to fund their own support services and the Coalition Government will stick to this fundamental principle."

"I acted in July 2014 to assure the MJDF of the Government's ongoing support by agreeing to provide it with \$500,000 a year – significantly more than the interest it would have received had it received and invested the \$10 million ABA grant."

"I am disappointed that the then Labor Government's raid on the ABA has been upheld. I do not support money for Aboriginal people being spent on government services, a concern the ABA Advisory Committee – made up of Aboriginal representatives – has shared with me."

"It is not appropriate to make any further comment until the Government has had time to properly consider the decision."

MJDF chairperson Neil Westbury said he was looking forward to working with the Government on finalising a funding agreement.

"This is the second time the Federal Court has ruled against the Government on this matter," he said.

"It is time for the Government to put justice and fairness for some of the most severely disadvantaged Australian citizens before expediency. At their core, the matters here are not mere legal issues, but are deeply moral issues. The court has upheld fundamental issues of justice for some of the most disadvantaged Australians."

Constitution focus of regional dialogues



THE Referendum Council has been hosting a series of First Nations regional dialogues around the country to discuss possible changes to the Constitution.

Late last month in Darwin, more than 100 Indigenous people attended a meeting and discussed treaty, removal of race powers and Aboriginal governance.

Referendum Council co-chair Patricia Anderson said common themes were emerging from the meetings in regional areas, which have been scheduled to enable Indigenous people have a say in any constitutional change processes that would affect them.

"People don't want endless consultations," she said. "People want change."

The Darwin group suggested a new, elected Indigenous voice could have a say in Parliament, similar to Maori seats in New Zealand.

The racial non-discrimination clause was high on the agenda during the Darwin dialogue, with many people pointing to the suspension of the *Racial Discrimination Act* by the Howard Government in order to implement the Northern Territory Intervention in 2007.

Participants pointed out that removing the word 'race' from the race power and inserting 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' does not in fact remove racism. Rather, in the absence of words of limitation in the power or a guarantee against racial discriminatory laws by the Federal Parliament, racist laws could continue to be made.



Delegates at the recent Referendum Council First Nations regional dialogue in Darwin.

Euahlayi man Ghillar, Michael Anderson, said Aboriginal people at a meeting organised by the Referendum Council in Dubbo, western NSW, had rejected constitutional recognition in favour of Aboriginal sovereignty and treaties.

"Brainwashing"

"The enormous amount of money being spent on brainwashing the public to accept constitutional change, so as to include Aboriginal people in the colonial Constitution, is indicative of the quandary the

Commonwealth Government is in," he said.

"Our predicament, on the other hand, is our difficulty in defending ourselves against dictatorship.

"We know full well the complex nature of getting out from under the rule and dominance of a 200-plus years occupying power, which now rules by force and not by consent."

Wiradjuri woman Lynda Coe was one of 10 delegates elected from the Dubbo meeting to attend the National Indigenous Constitutional Convention at Uluru from May 24-26.

"Proud to say the agenda in Dubbo was sovereignty/treaty," she said. "The dialogue around constitutional reform and recognise was squashed by the grassroots movement.

"The consensus from those who attended agreed that the process of invite-only meetings did not provide clear representation of nations in NSW nor did the process give authority of those attending to speak on behalf of their nations as per our procedures."

Delegates at the Darwin dialogue expressed concern about

what happens after the National Indigenous Constitutional Convention. They do not want the Aboriginal package to be handed to the Referendum Council and then to politicians without a further negotiation period. They want to ensure that First Nations people are not excluded from final negotiations on a question that 'recognised' them.

A discussion paper has been released by the Referendum Council.

Submissions and comments can be provided through www.referendumcouncil.org.au

Field campaign a family affair



NGARRINDJERI man Luke Taylor has volunteered to lead a field campaign in South Australia for Recognise, the government-sponsored organisation advocating for Constitutional change, to coordinate and train volunteers, supported by his aunt Shirley Peisley.

"I've been involved in Aboriginal Affairs for a long time, in major organisations and with my own business, so when the opportunity came to be involved with the Recognise campaign, I jumped on it," Mr Taylor told the *Koori Mail*.

"I probably won't have the chance to be involved with another referendum, so I want to take the opportunity to make change for our people.

"One of the other main reasons I wanted to support the campaign to change the Constitution and remove racist provisions is that I recently had a young daughter and I want her to grow up in a society that acknowledges and respects her culture."

Mr Taylor is also a strong supporter of the treaty movement in SA and believes that constitutional recognition is a stepping stone to a national treaty or treaties with Indigenous people.

"There needs to be more understanding around that issue," he said.



Recognise's South Australian field campaign leader Luke Taylor and Shirley Peisley.

"State constitutions have been changed to recognise Indigenous people already, which is why we are talking state treaties now. Once the national Constitution is changed, then that can lead to a national treaty discussion.

"I'm involved in both discussions, which shows they can work side by side. I heard a quote regarding why would you sign a contract with someone who has their fingers crossed behind their back – that's what it would be like signing a treaty with

Australia without removing the racist provisions from the Constitution first.

"Why would you sign a contract, a treaty, with a country that could still pass racist laws?"

Mr Taylor is being supported by his aunt Shirley Peisley, who was one of many who worked in the lead-up to the 1967 vote to count Indigenous people in the Census.

"Young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander campaigners are our future," she said.

"And that is why I am passing on the baton to young people like Luke. My message to him and others who want to be part of the campaign is to never give up."

Recognise joint campaign director Mark Yettica-Paulson said there were also field campaign leaders in the other states and territories.

"Together they'll be aiming to have one million one-on-one conversations with everyday Australians," he said.

"They'll recruit, train and support thousands of volunteers to have those conversations in workplaces, at sporting matches, shopping centres, schools and community events.

"They'll aim to provide as much information as possible about the upcoming referendum."

Swimmers take Rottnest Island plunge



COMPETING in the annual Rottnest Channel swim from Perth to Rottnest Island held special significance for Brianna Ozies and Shelley Cable (pictured left).

They became the first Aboriginal duo to complete the 20km open-water swim, spending 10 hours in the Indian Ocean battling cold, fatigue and seasickness.

Ms Ozies, a Djungan woman from Derby, said she wanted to challenge herself and also raise awareness of the dark

history Rottnest Island (Wadjemup) symbolises for the local Noongar people.

"I love a good challenge and I completed the swim as part of the first Indigenous team in 2013," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"When I did that swim I learnt a bit about Rottnest Island. It was a penal colony and a lot of our men were kept there in horrific conditions for petty crimes.

"It was so bad that some of the men tried to swim to the mainland. So I guess I also wanted to feel what those men must have gone through.

"They wouldn't have had the support boat or probably even the fitness levels or training that we have. I wanted to spread awareness about what Rottnest is to Aboriginal people."

A Noongar woman from Perth, Ms Cable said made the swim because she likes to set "extreme challenges" for herself.

"It was a bit mad I think, a bit crazy," she said.

"We went about a kilometre off course when we were swimming. It took us 10 hours and it should have taken us only about seven."

Title law change concern



ABORIGINAL people and groups are concerned about the Federal Government rushing through changes to the *Native Title Act* in the wake of a Federal Court decision to strike out Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) between the Noongar people and the Western Australian Government.

The proposed changes, which have cleared Parliament's lower house, seek to overturn a Federal Court decision (McGlade v Native Title Registrar) upholding the requirement that all applicants need to sign an ILUA, which reversed a previous court decision that only a majority was needed.

The Senate referred the amendments to an inquiry, but only allowed submissions for two weeks, from February 16 until March 3.

Representatives from the Wangan and Jagalingou Traditional Owners Council, who have been fighting against Indian mining giant Adani's proposed Carmichael coal mine on their land in Queensland's Galilee Basin, were in Canberra last week to lobby senators against the proposed changes.

W&J spokesperson Adrian Burragubba said there hadn't been nearly enough time for sufficient stakeholder consultation.

"Disgusting"

"The period of time the Federal Government is allowing people to put in submissions is disgusting," he said. "No one's been consulted."

Mr Burragubba labelled the rushed timetable as unethical and immoral. "This is one reason why we are standing against this mine because the whole purpose is to try and protect our native title acts and interests," he said.

Noongar spokespeople who were claimants from the McGlade v Native Title Registrar case in WA were also in Canberra to lobby on the issue.

Mervyn Eades said that although well-intentioned, the Native Title Act was not working in the best interests of Indigenous Australians.

"We are here fighting for our rights but mining company rights to title seem to override our rights as custodians," he 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 – who is a former chief executive of the South West Land Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, which negotiated the Noongar ILUAs struck out by the Federal Court – said it was important to move promptly given the large number of agreements rendered invalid. The legislation would secure those agreements and implement changes the sector has been seeking for years, he said.

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New Whadjuk Walking Trails in Perth



Nyoongar Elder Neville Collard at the expanded Whadjuk trail network.



TWO new Whadjuk Walking Trails have been opened in Perth's western suburbs. The trails, set up by the Western Suburbs Regional Organisation Councils (WESROC), recognise Nyoongar heritage and bushland. The Karda Bidi and Karak Bidi linking trails have provided an additional 21.9km to the Whadjuk network.

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said the launch of the trails was a proud moment for WESROC and the community. "This launch represents more than expanding the Whadjuk network; it recognises Perth's Nyoongar heritage and urban bushland," he said.

"Community members, both in the western suburbs and across metropolitan Perth, will be able to enjoy the tracks well into the future."

Lotterywest, the Department of Sport and Recreation and Perth Natural Resource Management helped to fund and bring about the development of the trails.

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Chamber has concerns on Govt's policy



THE First Australians' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FACCI) has raised

concerns regarding aspects of the Federal Government's Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP).

Under the IPP, 3% (regarded as 'population parity') of all contracts from government departments must go to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses.

But FACCI claims a majority of its members are concerned about Commonwealth contract access and size of contracts, meaning tendering opportunities are unsustainable for many Indigenous businesses, and the level of Indigenous control in some joint ventures and partnerships.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said in a statement that in a short time period the IPP had proven to be highly successful.

"In just one year under the IPP, almost 500 Indigenous businesses have won more than 1500 direct and indirect contracts," he said.

"These contracts, worth more than \$284 million, were for the delivery of a range of goods and services – everything from communications technology products to recruitment, legal and financial services."

Laura Berry, the chief executive of Supply Nation, the organisation that certifies Indigenous businesses and co-ordinates much of the contact between them and government, said the IPP had created

Fact file

- Government contracts worth \$6.2 million in 2012-13 rose to \$284.2m in 2015-16.

- 493 Indigenous businesses were awarded contracts under the IPP in its first year.

- The number of new Indigenous businesses that have won contracts increased by 87% in the past year.

- A business must be a minimum of 50% Indigenous owned to be eligible as an Indigenous business listed on Supply Nation's Indigenous Business Direct.

- Of the top nine companies that won contracts last year under the IPP, the average Indigenous employment rate is 44%.

- Supply Nation's social impact report The Sleeping Giant highlights that, for every dollar of revenue, certified suppliers create \$4.41 of economic and social value.

Figures courtesy of Supply Nation

opportunity for contracting for hundreds of Indigenous businesses and driven significant momentum in the sector.

"Supply Nation believes the progress to date, and targets for this year and the future will have ongoing benefits to Indigenous businesses around the country," she said.

"We look forward to continuing our partnerships with the Federal Government and the corporate sector to maintain this growth trajectory

and achieve our organisational vision of a vibrant, prosperous and sustainable Indigenous business sector."

FACCI chair Deb Barwick said that while the IPP provides a potential platform for a great number of Indigenous businesses, more needed to be done to support new Indigenous-led ventures and entrepreneurs.

"We should have policies and support programs in place that nurture the aspirations of any Indigenous person, group, family or community to get into business," she said.

"We must be willing to take the time to do this well so that the economic impact and consequent social outcomes are sustained. This is how we begin to close the gap."

"For the IPP to be a lever for sustained and widespread economic participation by urban, rural and remote based Indigenous businesses, we must increase the numbers of Indigenous-owned and controlled businesses competing for and being awarded larger contracts."

"This requires an investment in developing the business skills and acumen of Indigenous people. Such an investment would help to alleviate any known supplier gap but more importantly, an investment in the human capital component supports a future where Indigenous owned businesses are competitive and delivering on government contracts in the absence of targeted policy."

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National Art Gallery for NT coming



MOVES to build a national Indigenous art gallery are a major step closer, with the announcement of two prominent Aboriginal central Australians as co-chairs for the project steering committee.

Curator, writer and consultant Hetti Perkins and Philip Watkins (the chief executive of Desert the peak industry for central Australian Aboriginal art centres) will lead the committee of experts to undertake the initial consultation work for the gallery, including considering where it should be located within Alice Springs.

The NT Government has allocated \$50 million for the project, which will provide jobs and economic growth through tourism and construction as well as better facilities for artists to showcase their art.

NT Tourism Minister Lauren Moss said Ms Perkins and Mr Watkins were ideal for the co-chair roles.

"Both will play a key cultural role through the early phases of the project and

assist with determining the location for the gallery," she said.

Assistant Minister for the Gallery Chansey Paech, and Aboriginal man from Alice Springs, welcomed the appointment of the co-chairs.

"Hetti Perkins and Philip Watkins will be perfect in this role because they are widely known and respected across the country for their professionalism and their skill at bringing people together from different social, geographic and political backgrounds," he said.

Ms Perkins said the gallery would be an opportunity to showcase Indigenous art nationally and internationally.

"This is a great opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contemporary artistic expressions of Indigenous artists and people from across Australia," she said.

"Our culture makes us unique in the world and a dedicated national Indigenous art gallery will become an international cultural landmark."



Clinton walks with purpose



ABORIGINAL man Clinton Pryor has clocked up more than 3000km on his trans-national walk to highlight Indigenous disadvantage.

The Wajuk, Balardung, Kija and Yulparitja man left Perth last year on a trek to Canberra to raise awareness of the injustice facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and the need for a treaty.

He has just been in Port Augusta, South Australia, for a rest break to allow

for repairs to the support vehicle.

Mr Pryor met with locals, including Port Augusta Mayor Sam Johnson, and also held a bridge walk to highlight Indigenous issues.

After visiting centres including Kalgoorlie and Uluru, he now plans to head east and arrive in Canberra later this year. A crowd funding campaign has raised more than \$16,000 for the first half of the journey, with a goal to raise \$19,000 for the remaining 1500km.

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Walking and connecting culture



DJA Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation and Bush Heritage Australia are working together to document cultural heritage on conservation reserves in the Wedderburn region of central Victoria.

New scar trees have been found, and the groups are replanting 70 hectares of land to create a 3000-hectare bush corridor across the northern end of Wychitella Nature Conservation Reserve.

Dja Dja Wurrung cultural heritage survey assessor Ron Kerr said he's enjoying the conservation efforts.

"It's good to be asked by Bush Heritage to do a survey and to get to walk the creek lines in this area where we've found and

recorded scar trees that connect us with our ancestors," he said.

Bush Heritage and Dja Dja Wurrung have been working together since 2006, combining traditional knowledge and scientific expertise to document cultural heritage sites. These sites will be added to the list of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the Wedderburn region, which identifies bush foods and medicines, scar trees, artefacts and cooking areas.

Bush Heritage's Jeroen van Veen will also be managing the project.

"We have an opportunity to heal and protect country together and that requires effort to incorporate Dja Dja Wurrung knowledge into our conservation management practices," he said.



Nardoo Hills Reserve manager Jeroen van Veen, Dja Dja Wurrung ranger Ron Kerr and field officer Jackson Dunolly. Picture: Annette Ruzicka.

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Catchment management authority board appointments for 2017

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Debate over Discrimination Act is stalled



THE Liberal and National parties are fighting about the Racial Discrimination Act (RDA) after a

parliamentary inquiry into freedom of speech declined to recommend changing Section 18C, which makes it unlawful to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate another person because of their race.

Last week the Joint Parliamentary Committee into Human Rights (made up of Coalition, Labor and Greens MPs) tabled its report, which also looked at how the Australian Human Rights Commission handles complaints.

The decision on whether to attempt to introduce legislation to change 18C is now in the hands of the Government, which is beset with infighting on the issue, after far right Liberal members have made the RDA a pet issue, with former Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Liberal Senator Eric Abetz widely considered to be the chief agitators.

More moderate Liberals and some National Party members have called for the issue to be dropped, saying it won't create jobs and their electorates don't care.

Opposition frontbencher Linda Burney said Labor would not countenance any change.

"This is not about making the Racial Discrimination Act stronger, this is an ideological

go at Malcolm Turnbull by a group of people that are malcontents," she said.

"If there is a view that 18C will be watered down then it has the potential of unleashing some very ugly racism in this country."

Treasurer Scott Morrison said changes to race hate speech laws won't do anything to help create jobs.

"This issue doesn't create one job, doesn't open one business, doesn't give anyone one extra hour (of work)," he told ABC radio.

Mr Morrison's stance mirrors that of Nationals MPs including leader Barnaby Joyce, who say it's not an issue in regional and rural electorates.

Mr Joyce said the people he meets in his New England electorate talk about what they're earning and making sure they get treated fairly.

"They do not invite me into their shed to look around their packing shed and then say, 'Barney, sit down in this chair. I want to talk to you about the Racial Discrimination Act,'" he said.

Unable to agree on whether to amend section 18C, the joint committee called for changes in the way the Australian Human Rights Commission handles complaints to speed up decisions and head off frivolous cases.

Liberal MP Ian Goodenough, who chaired the committee inquiry, favours changing the wording of 18C.

"I would support replacing the words of offend and insult with a higher term, such as harass or vilify," he said.

Commission president Gillian Triggs insists there is no problem with the wording of 18C.

"We know that it works extremely well in sending out the message that abusing people on the grounds of race in the public arena is not something that is acceptable in the Australian community," she told ABC radio.

But Professor Triggs acknowledged the threshold for complaints was too low.

She agrees with the committee's "sensible" recommendation that would give the commission president power not to proceed with unwarranted matters.

Race Discrimination Commissioner Tim Soutphommanasane told a Senate committee there had been a drop in the number of complaints received by the Human Rights Commission under Section 18C.

The figure was 116 complaints in 2013/14, 116 complaints in 2014/15 and 77 in 2015/16.

Mr Soutphommanasane said a wide range of community groups, including the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples and many other Indigenous bodies, had come out in opposition to changing the law. — *With AAP*

QUT employee denied leave to appeal



A QUEENSLAND University Technology administration officer has been denied leave to appeal her racial

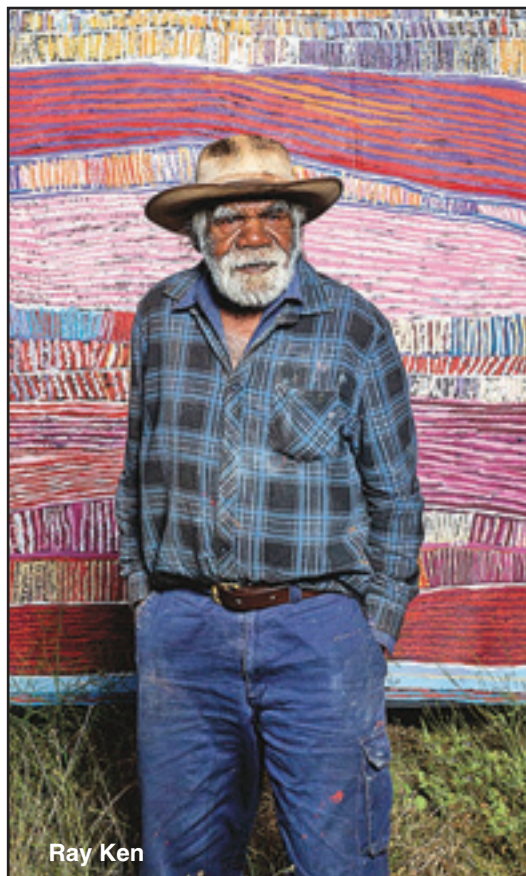
discrimination case against three students.

Cindy Prior attempted to sue three QUT students under section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act for \$250,000 after they posted comments on Facebook about being asked to leave an Indigenous-only computer room. In November, Federal Court

judge Justice John Dowsett dismissed her case ruling it did not have reasonable prospects of bringing a racial hatred case.

Last week the judge denied her leave to appeal his decision, meaning she is now liable for costs.

Exhibition of equality and activism



Ray Ken



THIRTY Indigenous artists will participate in the National Gallery of Australia's (NGA) new exhibition *Defying*

Empire: 3rd National Indigenous Art Triennial, running from May 26 until September 10.

It will bring together Indigenous artists from across the country whose work marks the ongoing resistance, resilience and defiance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people against colonisation.

Participating artists are Tony Albert, Brook Andrew, Sebastian Arrow, Daniel Boyd, Maree Clarke, Megan Cope, Brenda L Croft, Karla Dickens, Blak Douglis, Fiona Foley, Julie Gough, Lola Greeno, Dale Harding, Sandra Hill, Jonathan Jones, Ray Ken, Yvonne Koolmatrie, Nonggirnga Marawili, Archie Moore, Laurie Nona, Rusty Peters, Reko Rennie, Brian Robinson, Yhonnie Scarce, Ken Thaiday Sr, Judy Watson, Vicki West, Jason Wing, Pedro Wonaeamirri and Raymond Zada.

NGA director Gerard Vaughan said the exhibition will survey contemporary ATSI art, marking the 50th anniversary of the 1967

Referendum, which granted Indigenous people the right to be counted as Australians for the first time.

"At the anniversary of this watershed moment in history, it is important to showcase the significance of Indigenous art in defining our national cultural identity," he said.

"The creation of a strong school of contemporary Indigenous practice has played a crucial role – nationally and internationally – in recognising the power and relevance of Indigenous visual culture."

Issues of identity, racism, displacement, country, sovereignty and the Stolen Generations are explored through painting, weaving sculpture, video, prints, photography, metalwork and glasswork.

NGA's ATSI Art curator Tina Baum said the exhibition will further the conversation on Indigenous issues through contemporary art practice.

"This exhibition reflects the strength, creativity, diversity and pride of Indigenous artists, highlighting the historical and ongoing activism by Indigenous people to gain equality in this country," she said.



Yvonne Koolmatrie

UN expert concerns over Aust violence



WOMEN locked up for unpaid fines and red tape stopping others from escaping domestic violence were among issues

that left a United Nations expert unimpressed during an inaugural visit to Australia.

UN special rapporteur on violence against women Dubravka Simonovic has been on a 15-day fact-finding mission to Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Cherbourg (Queensland) and Alice Springs.

Ms Simonovic urged Australia to lift its game on providing crisis services and shelters for women facing domestic violence which is a key cause of homelessness.

Adequate funding for community legal services was also important, she said in Canberra while delivering her preliminary findings from her visit.

Ms Simonovic was particularly concerned about the plight of Indigenous women who are 34 times more likely to require hospital treatment as a result of domestic violence and up to 3.7 times likely to experience sexual abuse.

She criticised the inflexibility of

the Basics Card – a cashless debit card used to income-manage welfare payments – not being able to cover expenses related to domestic violence victims' escapes from danger.

The cards are used in some remote communities in an attempt to curb spending on alcohol or gambling.

During a trip to a Brisbane jail, Ms Simonovic spoke directly with women prisoners. She has called for better mental health care access and alternatives to custodial sentences for those with dependent children. Indigenous women are the fastest growing prison population in Australia.

"I would urge the government to review a policy of incarceration for unpaid fines, which has a disproportionate effect on the rates of incarceration of Aboriginal women because of the economic and social disadvantage that they face," Ms Simonovic said.

She also expressed concern about lax investigations into allegations of rape and sexual abuse of women refugees and asylum seekers in immigration detention on Nauru.



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Murri Watch Community Patrol officers Patricia Feltes and Charlotte Mairu.

Murri Watch patrol helping Townsville

By ALF WILSON



MURRI Watch community patrol officers Charlotte Mairu and Patricia Feltes have been playing an important role in efforts to help move itinerants – many of them Indigenous – away from the Townsville city centre.

Police have been moving people on, citing complaints of antisocial behaviour.

Ms Mairu and Ms Feltes, both Torres Strait Islander, are among eight Indigenous community patrol officers assisting people living in parks near the city centre.

Both women say they are devoted to helping the itinerant people, known widely as 'parkies'.

"I have been doing the job for nine years and everybody knows there is a crackdown now," Ms Mairu said.

"The news that a new football stadium will be built soon has been one of the reasons."

Ms Feltes said community patrol officers have a duty of care to the 'parkies', whose number sometimes reaches 50.

"We have to ensure they have a roof over their heads and try and have their health checked," she said,

The pair said some of the itinerants needed medication and had to be picked up from the police station.

"We take some out to the Diversionary Centre, while others can go to families or to the Happy Valley community," Ms Mairu said.

A step toward treaty in Vic



THE next step towards a treaty in Victoria will be a two-day statewide meeting in April, where it is expected that the structure of a representative body to negotiate will be decided.

The meeting follows an agreement on a 'road map to treaty' made at a meeting in December last year.

Options for representatives are currently being developed, which the Victorian Aboriginal community will consider and decide on at the next phase of consultation.

A further six face-to-face consultations will be held during March in Echuca, Portland, Sale, Wodonga and Melbourne.

The community will discuss voting options for the representative body and will have their say on the process of electing representatives.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins said having a representative body is an important step in enabling Aboriginal people to negotiate a treaty with the State Government.

"We have been clear: We want a treaty just as much as Aboriginal Victorians and this is a great step forward," she said.

The Aboriginal Community Consultation on the Design of a Representative Body report was also released last week.

It presented the findings from the community-led consultations on representation held across Victoria last year.

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Mums, bubs to benefit



THE Federal Government is putting millions of dollars into improving the health of Indigenous babies and their mothers following the latest Closing the Gap report.

Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt has announced the \$27 million boost for child and maternal health programs, to be spent over the next 18 months. It will go toward services like antenatal and postnatal care, breastfeeding assistance, health and development checks and ensuring children are properly immunised.

The services will be delivered by providers across NSW, Queensland, Tasmania and Western Australia.

"These targeted grants will help improve the

health and life expectancy, as well as early childhood health and development, of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through better access to effective and high-quality health services," Mr Wyatt said.

Services would be delivered in culturally appropriate ways, he said.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull tabled the ninth annual Closing the Gap report into Indigenous health, education and employment outcomes in Parliament last month, describing the findings as sad and disappointing.

The target to improve life expectancy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by 2031 was not on track to be met, nor was a target to halve the gap in child mortality by 2018.

Just one of the seven Closing the Gap

targets, halving the gap in Year 12 attainment by 2020, was on track.

Aboriginal-controlled community health organisations to receive the new funding include: Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation, Armajun Health Service Aboriginal Corporation and Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Ltd (NSW); Mt Isa Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services Ltd, Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Health Service and Mulungu Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre (Queensland); South East Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation and Tasmania Aboriginal Centre (Tasmania); and Moorditj Koort Aboriginal Corporation and GP Down South Ltd (Western Australia).



Minister Ken Wyatt.

Qld seat renamed for Oodgeroo



QUEENSLAND'S Cleveland electorate has been renamed Oodgeroo in honour of great Quandamooka Elder the late Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker). The renaming of the south-east Brisbane electorate,

taking in Quandamooka country, has been warmly welcomed by the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) and Oodgeroo's family.

Corporation chief executive Cameron Costello said: "Not only was Aunty Oodgeroo a great poet, educator and leading light of Australian and Indigenous literature and education, she was also a great activist for Aboriginal rights, including land rights.

"That this electorate, which covers her own precious Quandamooka country where her 'children's children' still live, has been named after her is a fitting acknowledgement of her wonderful contribution to our national life."

Alice Springs will light up again



THE second Parrtjima – A Festival in Light event will be held in Alice Springs from September 22 to October 1. The Northern Territory Government is supporting the free event, showcasing Aboriginal culture through light being projected on to the Macdonnell Ranges.

Northern Territory Major Events Company general manager Andrew Hopper welcomed the second festival. "This is an exciting announcement for central Australia; the festival is a wonderful boost for the tourism industry, the local economy, and it creates jobs," he said.

Parrtjima means 'lighting up' and conveys two meanings: physically illuminating an object with light and 'lighting up' as in shedding light and understanding on a subject.

The 10-day event follows the success of the inaugural festival last year, which was attended by almost 16,000 people.

Leading thinkers set for conference



MORE than 150 leading thinkers, covering the spectrum of Indigenous research and policy development, will come together for the AIATSIS National Indigenous Research Conference

(ANIRC) in Canberra. Being held from March 21-23, this year's conference theme, 'Impact, Engagement and Transformation', has an emphasis on how practical and meaningful impact can be achieved for Indigenous communities.

Co-convened with the University of Canberra, the program brings together researchers, policymakers, cultural and collecting institutions, the corporate sector, and a wide variety of Indigenous organisations and communities. Details at www.aiatsis.gov.au

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Fishing trips getting men to open up about issues



FISHING trips to the coast are just one of the ways the Woorabinda Murri Men's Consortium, or men's group, is trying to attract members and get them talking about what's going on in their lives.

The trips allow participants to open up about issues affecting them.

Group Co-coordinator Jeff Smith said men will talk about anything.

"They might want to talk about domestic violence, some want to talk about football, which can be an opener for other serious business," he said.

"We've got a couple of psychologists come along and we've got a couple of lads who do community hours."

Mr Smith, who works in his position with Phillip 'Pino' Alberts, said while domestic violence might paint a "gloomy" picture of their central Queensland community, they were vigilant and keen to

work with perpetrators.

"Programs such as the Men's Circle, held weekly, and the Men's Advisory Committee, held each month, are being formed to allow the men of Woorabinda to take ownership to deal with this curse within their ranks," he said.

"We've got an arts studio where we talk, and Queensland Health has just bought \$1000 worth of gear for us, paint and canvasses.

"The Men's Group is in its infancy but we are moving towards a holistic approach from everyone in the community to form partnerships with government and other agencies to deal with domestic violence."

Mr Smith said the Woorabinda Shire Council had also been supportive.

"The Men's Group is positive about encouraging men to come along for a cuppa and a yarn, watching DVDs about domestic violence matters to help men understand how to reach solutions and better ways forward," he said.



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SA couple sentenced



A MARRIED Adelaide couple who faked death threats to score paid time off work have been handed custodial sentences, but the woman has been

allowed to serve her time from home for the good of their three children.

Simon Peisley and Tabitha Lean worked at South Australia's Aboriginal health service when they sent dozens of threats to their office, home and their children's school.

They faked about 80 threats that included letters, parcels, phone calls and vandalising their own home with tomato sauce. Some of the parcels contained pieces of their children's clothes stained with fake blood and were sent to their school.

The couple netted time off work and a family holiday to the Gold Coast because most of the threats related to their work, and they attempted to secure a compensation claim.

Peisley, 41, and Lean, 39, were found guilty in the District Court in November of more than 45 counts of deception over the two-year scam.

The judge said he didn't understand what drove the couple to undertake their campaign of

deception given they were both in respected and well-paying jobs, particularly Lean who was a director of her department.

As well as receiving time off and paid accommodation and medical bills, the couple also made a worker's compensation claim.

The SA Government had agreed to pay a \$580,000 settlement before Lean and Peisley were caught when police became suspicious and devised a plot of their own.

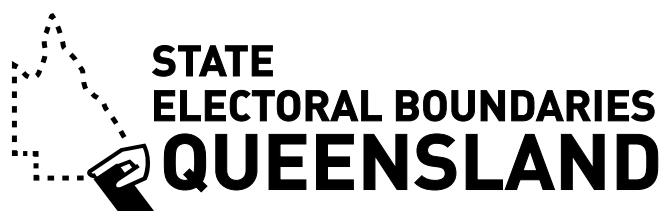
They were arrested after police covertly broke into their flat and marked envelopes and paper with "invisible ink".

The next threat the couple handed over to police was tested with a UV light to reveal the markings the officers had made.

During sentencing submissions, Peisley offered to take the fall and serve jail time in the hope this would keep his wife out of prison.

The father was sentenced to six years and six months in prison with a non-parole period of three years.

Lean was sentenced to six years and eight months of home detention with a non-parole period of three years, along with strict conditions including that she wear an electronic monitoring device. — AAP



QUEENSLAND REDISTRIBUTION COMMISSION

Notice under section 48(1) of the *Electoral Act 1992*

Proposed Redistribution of Queensland's State Electoral Districts and an Invitation for Objections to this Proposal:

The Queensland Redistribution Commission (the Commission) has prepared its Proposed Redistribution for Queensland's 93 State Electoral Districts as required by the *Electoral Act 1992*.

The proposal, including the names, maps, boundary descriptions and justifications for all of the 93 electoral districts are available to view online, at the Commission's office, or you may call or email to organise an alternative arrangement.

– **Website:** <http://boundaries.ecq.qld.gov.au/>

– **Office:** Level 6, Forestry House, 160 Mary Street, Brisbane Qld 4000

– **Email:** boundaries@ecq.qld.gov.au

– **Phone:** 1300 881 665

Interested persons or organisations are invited to make objections regarding the proposed boundaries and names of Queensland's 93 electorates.

Objections will be accepted for 30 days after the proposed boundaries are published in the Government Gazette, and must be lodged with the Commission on or before 5pm Monday, 27 March 2017.

All objections will be available for perusal as soon as practicable after the closing date for submissions.

Objections can be lodged through:

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The Commission prefers electronic submissions that are accompanied by maps.

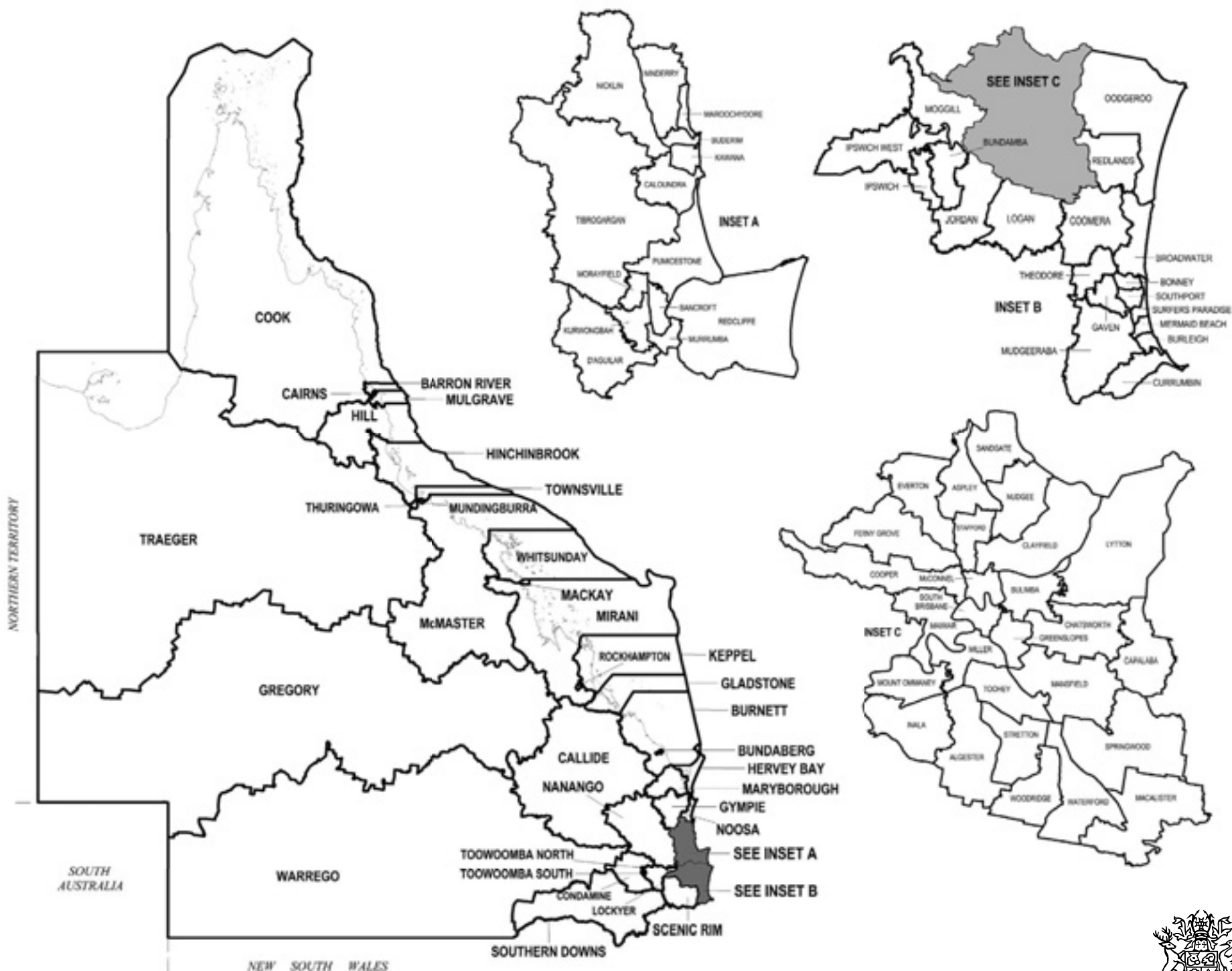
Please note that all submissions will be published in their entirety, including name and address details.

For further information, please contact the Commission using the details listed previously.

H. W. H. Botting

Chairperson

Queensland Redistribution Commission





Rangers fired up for season



THE Kimberley Ranger Network begins its annual fire management program across the region this month. Facilitated by the Kimberley Land Council and undertaken by 13 ranger groups, the program is based on traditional fire methods.

Kimberley Land Council chief executive Nolan Hunter said high rainfall over the wet season has led to an increase in fuel loads, creating ideal conditions for wildfires later in the dry season.

"From March to July Indigenous rangers will be conducting strategic fire operations in key areas throughout the Kimberley to reduce high fuel loads," he said.

"The program involves the use of traditional fire methods and knowledge, combined with modern science and technology, to create cool burns, which leave patches of burnt and unburnt country.

"The burnt patches of land create fire breaks, which prevent the spread of uncontrolled fires and can be used to slow down or stop fires that occur late in the dry season.

"We liaise closely with shires, pastoralists and other property owners to advise of any planned burning activities, and ensure that people, stock and property are protected."

Wunggurr ranger Robin Dann said fire management is one of the most important tasks rangers undertake to look after country.

● **Pictured: A prescribed burning in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.**



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POLICE CUSTODY OFFICER ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DESIGNATED POSITION

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Trust Board Members Application for Appointment

Bidjigal (D1010489) Reserve Trust

Applications are sought for appointment as Trust Board members of the above mentioned Reserve Trust which is the trustee of Reserve No. 1010489 at Baulkham Hills notified on 22 October 2004 for Preservation Of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Preservation Of Flora And Fauna and Public Recreation. The term of appointment will expire on **27 February 2019**.

Successful applicants will be responsible for the care, control and management of the reserve in a voluntary capacity.

Application forms may be obtained from: www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/trusts/join_a_trust and lodged by **Tuesday, 4 April 2017**, at cl.reserves@crownland.nsw.gov.au or Department of Industry - Lands PO Box 2215, DANGAR NSW 2309.

File Reference: 09/10382-01
Department of Industry - Lands Business Centre

For more information: Contact Stan Rees on (02) 9842 8327.

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Funding to help reduce violence



THE Victorian Government has funded 40 new programs aimed at reducing family violence in Aboriginal communities. The projects, focusing on cultural strengthening and building 'resilient communities', will raise awareness of family violence.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins said the projects are designed to work with Aboriginal communities.

"We want to put Aboriginal Victorians at the forefront of tackling these issues in

their own communities and that is why having culturally relevant policies is so important," she said.

"This is about preventing and responding to family violence so real change can occur."

Strategy

The \$650,000 allocation is part of the 2016-17 Indigenous Family Violence Strategy Community Initiatives Fund.

The State Government says it is implementing all 227 recommendations resulting from the recent Royal

Commission into Family Violence.

State Families and Children Minister Jenny Mikakos said the findings showed family violence has a devastating impact on Aboriginal communities.

"An Aboriginal person is eight times more likely to be involved in a reported family violence incident than a non-Indigenous person," she said.

"It's critical that culturally relevant, local responses are developed to prevent, reduce and respond to family violence in Aboriginal communities."

NACCHO welcomes health moves



THE National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) has welcomed moves by Indigenous Health

Minister Ken Wyatt to better integrate the skills of Aboriginal-controlled organisations into Primary Health Networks (PHN).

NACCHO chair Matthew Cooke said this was something Aboriginal people had been calling for since the introduction of PHNs.

"The evidence tells us that Aboriginal

people respond best to health care provided by Aboriginal people or controlled by the Aboriginal community," he said. "Armed with this evidence, PHNs should be doing all they can to make sure Aboriginal people are involved in structures and programs.

"They need to better recognise and acknowledge the experience, history and expertise within the Aboriginal community controlled sector.

"They should ensure all Aboriginal community controlled health organisations, their regional bodies and state peaks are the preferred providers

for any targeted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs.

"They should also have representation from Aboriginal community controlled health organisations on their board of directors, clinical councils and community advisory committees.

"These simple but critical steps will ensure PHNs facilitate the best available service, in the most culturally appropriate way, to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in their region and ultimately have the best chance of improving outcomes."

Journalist to speak at United Nations



Koori Mail journalist Keira Jenkins is heading to New York to speak at the United Nations about Indigenous women's economic empowerment.

By RUDI MAXWELL



KOORI Mail journalist Keira Jenkins' passion for social justice is taking her to speak at the United Nations in New York this week as a representative of the NSW Council of Social Services (NCOSS).

Last year when NCOSS asked *Koori Mail* manager Naomi Moran to recommend a young woman to speak about Indigenous women's economic empowerment she nominated Ms Jenkins, a Gamilaroi woman.

That conversation between young Indigenous and other women was so productive that NCOSS decided to keep them together as an advisory committee and selected Ms Jenkins as their spokesperson.

"I think my roots in the media and background in public speaking helped me in that. I've spoken at a few different events and the next

phase is the UN," she said.

"My sister and I were babysitting our cousin when I looked at my phone and saw this email from NCOSS inviting me to go to New York.

"I had to read it again because I thought it was a mistake – then I started squealing excitedly and my sister asked me what was happening and we just started jumping around.

"Mum and Dad are really proud – Mum's jaw dropped, she was so happy."

Ms Jenkins will be a member of an interactive panel on Indigenous women's economic empowerment, along with the Canadian Minister for Tourism and Culture, New Zealand's policy director for the Ministry of Women, and Bidjara and Kara Kara woman Leann Wilson, an Indigenous fellow at Bond University. She will also give a talk at a second event.

"We're going to be doing a Q&A session about the economic difficulties we face in our home countries and the economic empowerment we need," she

said. "Social justice is important to me because I've seen so much injustice. From growing up female, being Aboriginal, and my mother is from a migrant family as well.

"I've faced racism and I've listened to the stories from my parents and grandparents about the racism and injustice they have faced. They all really inspired me to go searching for and fighting for equality.

"My mother definitely inspired the feminist in me. She has worked in domestic violence support for a long time, so hearing her stories and seeing her stoicism fighting for the women's movement was a real inspiration growing up as well."

One of the aspects Ms Jenkins is looking forward to in her visit to the UN is the opportunity to learn from other Indigenous cultures.

"I think there's so much value in comparing and seeing what the similarities and differences are," she said.

Julalikari council oversight ordered



ONE of Australia's largest Indigenous corporations has been placed under special administration.

Tennant Creek-based Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation is now in the hands of administrators appointed by Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven.

The move follows ongoing concern about Julalikari, established in 1989 to alleviate poverty and improve the wellbeing of the Aboriginal people in the Barkly region of the Northern Territory.

Funded by the Commonwealth and NT governments, the corporation provides a range of housing, community and social services for people in Tennant Creek and surrounding homelands and communities. It also has investments in commercial businesses in Tennant Creek.

There has been increasing concern in recent years over the way Julalikari – which employs more than 90 staff – has been managed and run programs.

An independent ORIC examination in October last year revealed the corporation had

experienced a significant breakdown in its relationships with members, key stakeholders and commercial partners. The loss of support has affected the corporation's ability to respond to important governance and operational matters.

Mr Beven saying Julalikari had "been through a difficult period".

"There is frustration on all sides," Mr Beven said.

"The special administrators will provide an opportunity for all parties

to restart conversations in good faith, restructure the corporation's governance, and refocus its energy on delivering high-quality services."

Mr Beven said Julalikari is solvent and in a strong financial position.

Special administrators Gerry Mier and Tony Jonsson, from Cairns-based firm Grant Thornton (Australia), will be special

administrators until August 23.

"The special administrators will focus on restoring confidence in the corporation's governance processes, improving communication with key stakeholders, and ensuring services to the community are not compromised," Mr Beven said.

"The special administrators will provide an opportunity for all parties to restart conversations in good faith, restructure the corporation's governance, and refocus its energy on delivering high-quality services."



Education

Regional Manager

- Clerk Grade 11/12
- Ongoing full-time appointment
- Position number and location: 178658 - Sydney

Aboriginal Affairs works with Aboriginal communities to promote social, economic and cultural well-being through opportunity, choice, healing, responsibility and empowerment. We implement OCHRE (Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility and Empower), the NSW Government's community focused plan for Aboriginal affairs, establish partnerships for economic development, support effective Aboriginal governance and strengthen cultural identity and language.

Aboriginal Affairs is seeking a Regional Manager to manage small teams in Sydney and Newcastle region which is home to the largest number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia.

About the role:

The Regional Manager leads 2 teams (located in Sydney and Newcastle) which work with the region's Aboriginal communities, government agencies, and the non-government organisation (NGO) sector, in supporting the development and implementation of OCHRE and related projects to support Aboriginal community strengthening. The role includes staff management; leads and oversees OCHRE activity project management; coordination and liaison; and general program management, monitoring and reporting of outcomes.

The role requires extensive travel in the region. This is an identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only.

To be successful in this role you will have extensive experience in staff management, Aboriginal community engagement and working with NGO and/or government sector agencies.

An Information Session regarding this role is to be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 21 March at 35 Bridge Street, Sydney. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend the session. Enter from the Department of Education entrance on Farrer Place (Young Street) Sydney. Attendees are asked to email their intended attendance to leanne.mulligan2@det.nsw.edu.au

Applicants who are unable to attend and require further information, can contact Steven Gal, Director Regional Coordination, by ringing (02) 9561 8592 and leaving their contact details. Your call will be returned.

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.

For the application process, you must also answer the pre-screening questions and any essential requirements as listed below. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the **focus capabilities** as outlined in the **role description** in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

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.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Please describe when you have worked with a complex Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community. What approach did you take, what outcomes were achieved and what lessons did you learn? **300 word max**
2. Please describe your experience building a team and managing their performance across multiple locations. **300 word max**

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Current NSW Driver's License and willingness to travel.
- Demonstrated appropriate cultural capability regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the approach and outcomes of daily activities.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

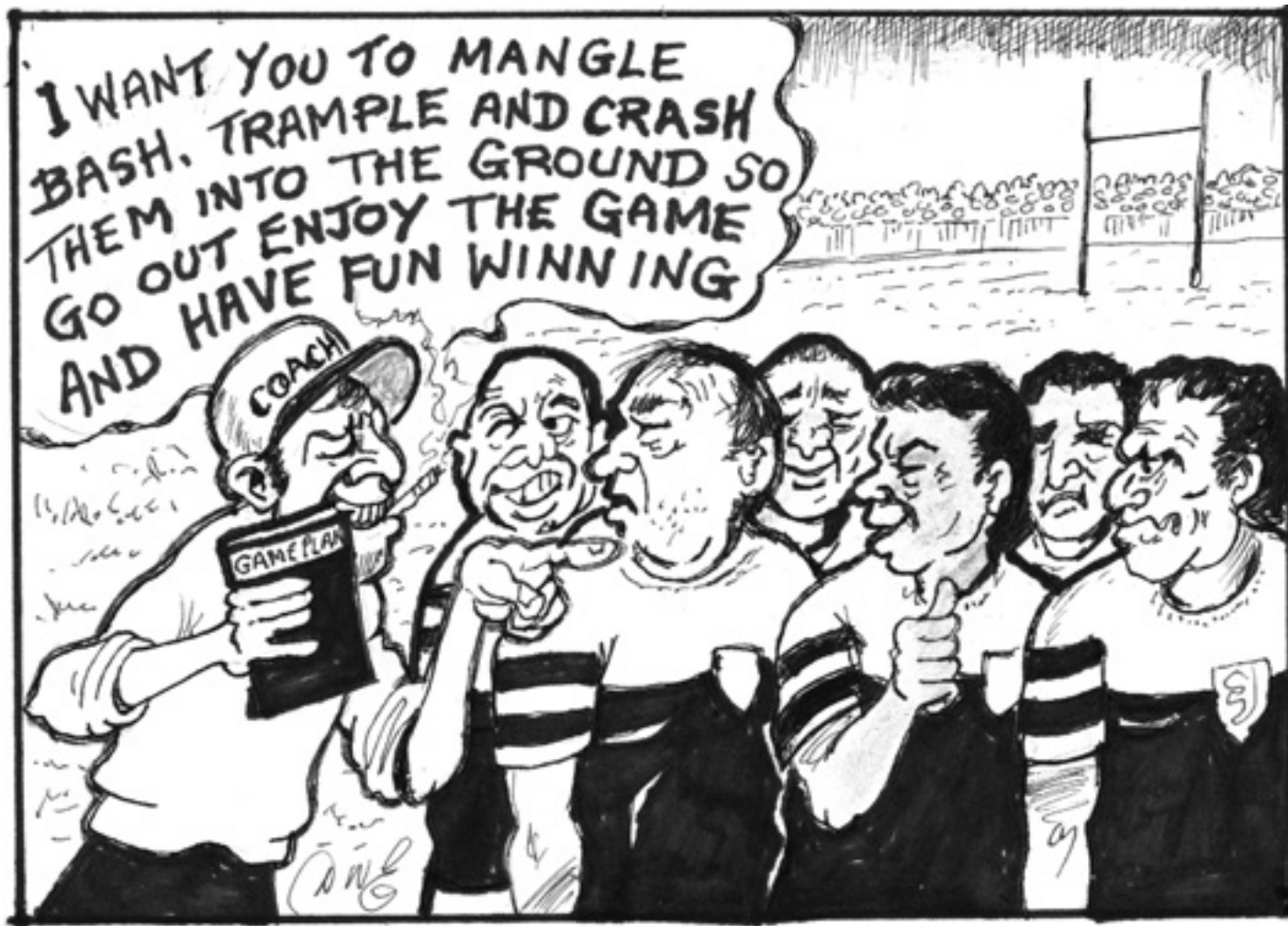
Applications Close: 26 March 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Steven Gal on (02) 9561 8592 and leave your contact details, your call will be returned.

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Tell our stories. That's why our young people are so lost, because they don't know our history. They need to know those stories to know their identity.

Quote



"Culture is always there and it is there first. The resilience and persistence of culture makes it impossible to lose."

— AIATSIS chief executive Craig Ritchie

● See page 29

Unquote

There must be no further appeal

INDIGENOUS Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion says a further appeal in the Machado Joseph Disease Foundation (MJDF) case is "unlikely".

Make it a certainty, Minister.

As we report on page 1, the Full Bench of the Federal Court has dismissed the appeal by Senator Scullion – a member of the CLP – against an earlier decision to allow the foundation to keep a \$10 million grant from the Aboriginal Benefits Account (ABA) that had been pledged by the previous minister, Labor's Jenny Macklin.

It was never a good look.

The MJDF was established in 2008 to help people in Arnhem Land with Machado Joseph Disease, a hereditary neurological disorder. That section of the Top End is a hot-spot for the rare illness.

MJD is about as bad as diseases get.

In sufferers – and there's many in Arnhem Land, with hundreds more at risk – it results in a lack of muscle control and coordination of the upper and lower extremities. Symptoms include memory loss, difficulty with speech and swallowing, weakness in arms and legs, clumsiness, frequent urination and involuntary eye movements.

Those stricken are eventually paralysed and carriers are expected to live only to their mid-30s.

The ABA is funded by payments from the Federal Government equivalent to the value of royalties paid by mining interests on Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory. The account was set



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up to fund "initiatives of benefit to Aboriginal people living in the NT".

Senator Scullion argues that health services should be provided by health authorities and not by account.

Be that as it may, we can't see how this \$10 million doesn't help but benefit Aboriginal people living in the NT.

The MJDF deserves – and needs – the funding.

Rule out another appeal, Minister.

Congratulations to South Australia's Treaty Commissioner Dr Roger Thomas. The respected and experienced Kokatha and Mirning academic and leader appears the ideal choice for such an important position.

He's taking exactly the right approach to the job as well, telling the *Koori Mail* "engagement with all Aboriginal communities in South Australia to ensure their voices are heard is by far my highest priority".

Listening to what our people have to say is the right start.

Let's hope the Government hears and acts accordingly.

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



Kirsten Thorpe at the State Library of NSW.

By KEIRA JENKINS

WITH a passion for helping Indigenous people to connect with documents about their culture and heritage, Kirsten Thorpe relishes her role at the State Library of New South Wales.

The Worimi woman from the Port Stephens area of NSW manages the Indigenous Services Team at the library, helping Indigenous people access historical records held in the archives.

She says she and her team try to make the library as open and welcoming as possible so Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people feel safe to use its resources.

"It's a priority of the library to share the resources we have with Indigenous people," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's also a priority to collect contemporary Indigenous material.

"We might ask: What would 2016 look like in an archive?"

"We want to give contemporary Indigenous people a voice.

"We commissioned a document about Brewarrina (north-western NSW) that can be found at the library.

"We've worked closely with the Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation so that (Stolen Generations) survivors have a space to tell their stories.

"We also make sure we document events like Yabun and the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout."

Although Ms Thorpe has been helping Indigenous people access these resources for more than 20 years, she said that when younger it wasn't

Archivist plays a vital role

something she'd ever thought about doing.

"I got a cadetship at the NSW State Archives because there was a recognition that we needed more Aboriginal people working in the area," she said.

"I'd always had a passion for history. I guess Aboriginal people will trust another

Aboriginal person to find their story.

"People come to find part of their family history and sometimes leave with a whole new sense of identity."

Ms Thorpe says her role archiving contemporary material is just as important as her role to help people connect with the past.

"It's incredibly important," she said. "We collect social media statuses from big events so we know what people were saying about them.

"We can't just rely on looking at the past; if we don't collect today's material we'll have missing parts of our history in the future.

"It's really important to have a modern-day Aboriginal voice and a new perspective on our history."

But Ms Thorpe said the archives are not enough if the community doesn't know about them.

"I think it is so important to go out and proactively let communities know what collections exist relating to their history and heritage, and to invite people back in to view and engage with that content," she said.

"I am professionally really interested in how the digital domain can be utilised as a place for communities to enhance, respond and critique collections."

But while Ms Thorpe says while having these collections is a great resource for Indigenous people, it can also cause uneasiness in the community if the information is not respected.

"I think the space where oral culture meets material culture is a place of both an incredible opportunity but also a place of great tension," Ms Thorpe said.

"As Indigenous archivists and librarians, we can help facilitate understanding and share information about this, and encourage researchers to think deeply about the context of collections."

● Librarians meet, page 29.

Light Horse descendants sought



A PROJECT aiming to honour Indigenous soldiers who fought in World

War I with the Australian Light Horse will be launched this year.

A significant number of Indigenous men served in the Light Horse, and the Rona Tranby Trust is launching an oral history project to record the stories of these men.

The trust is seeking descendants of the Indigenous soldiers to help them do this.

Tranby National Indigenous Adult Education and Training chief executive

Belinda Russon said the project will culminate in a group of descendants attending the centenary service of the Light Horse charge on Beersheba (Palestine) in October.

In 1917, outnumbered members of the Light Horse charged Turkish guns and trenches around the town of Beersheba.

"This exciting and relevant oral history project will enable both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community an opportunity to hear about the experiences of Indigenous soldiers through the stories told by their descendants," Ms Russon said.

Pastor Ray Minniecon, whose grandfather was a member of the Light Horse, said the project aims to locate descendants who want to record the history of the 'Diggers' who served in the regiment.

"It is my hope that a number of descendants will come forward to share their stories and memories," he said.

For more information or to participate, contact Meltem Akyol on (02) 9231 4293 or info@ronatranby.org.au

● Pictured right: Pastor Ray Minniecon's grandfather Private James Lingwoodock stands with members of his family.



Long-time Cherbourg CEO marks milestone



WARREN Collins reckons that after 33 years with Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council he's the longest serving chief executive in Queensland local government.

He marked the milestone last month, telling the *Koori Mail* a little about his long career at the south-east Queensland community.

His first position, back in 1984, was in a shared office split between two places.

"The job wasn't known as 'CEO' in those days," he said. "I think it was known as a project officer."

"Everything happened in 1986 when the Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) for Cherbourg came to fruition. That gave some form of ownership to the people in the community, but there was – and still is – a lot to be done."

"At least it was started. If that hadn't happened then goodness knows where we would be today."

"We were treading into the unknown at that stage, because basically most councils back then didn't even have an office."

"Meddled"

Mr Collins said that, when he started, the State Government was still running the show. "They meddled in a lot of the affairs," he said.

"Council had been running here since 1966, but basically they were just an advisory board to the Government."

"It was 1984 when they had some vision. They employed two of us and then we grew from there."

"We've got 57 staff now, but we had something like 120 full-time staff at one stage and 365 CDEP participants, so it was a huge organisation."

Mr Collins said other long-serving staff at Cherbourg included Allan Douglas Snr, Bert Button, Roy Boney and Ken Bone.

"Allan was the chair for a while, and he was actually the first chair of the Aboriginal Coordinating Council (ACC)," he said.

Mr Collins said his role as chief executive has changed dramatically over the years.

"It did get more complicated in early



Long-serving Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (Queensland) chief executive Warren Collins: "These days, too, our focus is very much on enterprise. It's difficult, but we're trying."

2000s with the changeover to the *Local Government Act*," he said.

"These days you've got to have a plan for every single thing, and then you've got to report and report."

"Then again, we used to be the funeral director, we used to run the aged care and a lot of other programs. Over the years we've given these functions out to community organisations to run."

"These days, too, our focus is very much on enterprise. It's difficult, but we're trying."

Mr Collins also said there were "full circles".

"At one stage we were given funding for houses, so if someone was allocated a house, they were involved in the design, the colour scheme, what it was to be built out of," he said.

"And I think that worked really well, but then government became very paternalistic again, particularly in the past few years, where they would allocate money but we didn't actually see it."

"Even in our housing program now, they hold the money until we put in the claims. They don't give us the money up front and say: 'This is our expectations of it, of how many houses'."

Family heritage education

I WOULD like to ask why it is so hard for our younger generation – and older as well – to get acceptance from their own ancestral community?

Many who have moved to a new community may need a written form of acceptance from their community of ancestral heritage.

But many Aboriginal people do not know which community they have links to as there may not have been contact with that community for some years.

I have a family website on Facebook for many of my people from the Wiradjuri clan of the Sloan, Grant, Hughes, Williams, Glass, Gage, Drage, Gannon, Barlow and Berwick families. With more than 420 family members, some have trouble certifying their 'Aboriginality'.

It seems as if we must prove ourselves to someone even though we have a history of our ancestry and ancestors (I am a genealogist and have much more information at my fingertips than many so-called experts).

Even though our family lineage has been documented by many universities, proof still must found.

Many Aboriginal people who have moved away from their original communities go on to become successful in their fields and they and their descendants are often not recognised for their achievements or asked to represent their original communities.

It seems to me that only those who have done well in sports are invited to be speakers at community meetings. Some of these



Cowra Aboriginal Station on the day of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation, May 12, 1937. Letter-writer Margaret Corrie believes it is often difficult for Aboriginal people who have moved to another area in NSW to get their official certification of Aboriginality and asks why NSW Aboriginal land councils don't use available historical evidence.

descendants are doing well in various areas, including medicine and Aboriginal health, education and facilitation and music. Some are recognised lecturers so would be an asset to public speaking at community gatherings and local education institutions.

Many are in Western Australia, South

Australia, Queensland and Tasmania.

Many NSW Aboriginal land councils have no history of family heritage. These councils need education on family heritage.

**Margaret Ann Corrie
NSW**

Designated seats

THE move by the Australian Labor Party Caucus to find better ways to increase Aboriginal parliamentary representation is a welcome initiative, but designated seats in parliament would be far better.

The make-up of parliaments should reflect the society they govern. There could be at least eight Aboriginals in the national parliament as a minimum (one for each State and Territory, and one for the Torres Straits) or as many as 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives in the national Parliament.

In my view, there should be designated seats in the Senate. Two electorates primarily made up of Aboriginals in Queensland (population 188,954), Western Australia (88,270) and the Northern Territory (68,850) and one each in Victoria (47,333), South Australia (37,408) and Tasmania

(24,165), and one from the Torres Strait would install 12 elected Indigenous representatives in the Federal Parliament.

Opposition Leader Bill Shorten said, "The rules should be that the First Australians get asked first about anything affecting them and what Labor is doing is we're actually practising what we preach and we are saying to Aboriginal Australians that the politics and the process can work for you and we want you to become involved."

We agree, but instead of making Aboriginals join the cut and thrust associated with being elected through a political party, they should be directly elected by Aboriginals in the same way as Maori are in New Zealand and ATSIC was from 1989 to 2004.

The quality of Aboriginal members of parliament has been outstanding, but in every case they were not put there by their people

but by the general electors of the mainstream political party which endorsed them.

That process has restricted the ability of existing and past Aboriginal politicians to be entirely free to represent the interests of their people, though all have made genuine efforts to do so.

No referendum is needed. An amendment to the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* could provide for designated Aboriginal seats. Such seats are constitutionally valid.

Then Aboriginals would be elected on merit, but by the people they are meant to represent and whose voice has been stymied and ignored for too long.

**Michael Mansell
Secretary
Aboriginal Provisional Government
Launceston, Tasmania**

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POETRY

Our Shared History – Appin Happens

More than 200 years have passed
The guns and terror now quiet
But the legacy of that brutal day
Still lingers around us here.

We came together to remember
that day
To pay tribute to those who died
Almost 2000 came – in a convoy of cars
What a moving and wonderful sight.

The pain of that day so long ago
Needs us to feel their loss
To stand with them like we did today
Not black or white but one mob.

The traditional dancing and
plaintive song
With the haunt of the didgeridoo
Took us into an ancient world
Where their spirits still roam free.

Just one thing now remains to be done
To hear the governor apologise
from the heart
To acknowledge the wrong that
was done
To set things right – it's not too late.

To have a shared history
The true story must be told
So write it on your heart my friend
And never ever forget the
Dharawal of this land.

**Sister Kerry Macdermott
Sydney, NSW**

Dream Time

I Have A Dream For Our People
In Leadership One Day To Be Seen
When The White Man In The Future
To Listen Will Honestly Be Keen.

I've Had Instruction In A Vision
When I Was Almost Asleep
My Spiritual Eyes Were Opened
As The Almighty Gave Me A Peep.

I Saw Our People Laying Down
Without Breath Or Life At All
Then They Suddenly Awoke And
Looked Brand New
So I Knew It Was A Heavenly Call.

Our People Arose And Marched As One
To Fight A Battle Without Spears
Or Guns
They Spoke Some Words So
Smooth And Calm
Then All The Enemy Began To Run.

All Our Mob That Came Back To Us
Were Just Like Angels Full Of Might
As God Took Up For Us Our Battle
And Then Mightily Fought Our Fight.

**Abi DRabi
Sydney, NSW**

Time to forge new path

IN recent weeks I've attended two gatherings on Indigenous issues that painted a sharp contrast. One was steeped in the mindset of the past. The old way. The other shone a bright light on a better path. What should be the way of the future.

One event was the Redfern Statement Breakfast, a massive event in Canberra with senior politicians, including the Prime Minister and Opposition Leader, Indigenous leaders and others gathered to hear speeches about the Redfern Statement. Described as an "urgent call for a more just approach" to Indigenous affairs, the Redfern Statement is the latest solution to fix the Indigenous disadvantage plaguing this country. It was released by a group of Indigenous health, legal and other community organisations last year.

Two things struck about the Redfern Statement.

First, there's nothing new. It proposes more funding, more Indigenous representative bodies, more bureaucracy and more changes to programs, initiatives, frameworks, partnerships and service delivery structures.

Very few proposals are implementable as is. They need more planning and discussion to identify the actual steps to implement them and the specific outcomes to be achieved. Already a series of workshops are planned to identify the practical solutions and beginnings of an implementation plan.

Secondly, it's almost entirely

focused on community service delivery. The proposals are grouped into: Health, Justice, Preventing Violence, Early Childhood, Disability and Meaningful Engagement. It's almost silent on Indigenous participation in the real economy.

Employment is a short subset of 'Meaningful Engagement', where it proposes a new Indigenous representative body to drive employment and economic solutions. The body's objectives are framed more around community development than economics.

There's no mention of Indigenous-owned businesses or entrepreneurship, trades and apprenticeships or tertiary education. Or of creating commerce in Indigenous communities or home ownership.

And it's littered with the language of victimhood and barriers. Like whether jobs are "suitable and meaningful for our people", references to racism and discrimination and whether workplaces are Indigenous-friendly.

The Redfern Statement Breakfast brought the usual suspects together at yet another gathering to discuss the same old business talked about for decades.

The same week the ninth Closing the Gap Report was released. It showed the gap is not closing and Indigenous Australians are actually going backwards.

The gap will persist until all Indigenous people participate in the real economy. That means a real job, not work for the dole, CDP or



Nyunggai Warren Mundine

other busy-work.

It means small business, private enterprise and home ownership, not community programs, not-for-profit entities and social housing.

Economic development is what lifts people out of poverty.

The UN's Millennium Goals included halving extreme poverty between 1990 and 2015. The target was met five years early with 1 billion people lifted out of extreme poverty, largely because of

economic growth in China. China's economic reforms in that period reduced its extreme poverty from 84% to 10%.

Government attempts at economic development for Indigenous people are bogged down in a government-dependency mindset. A lot of time and energy is directed to things that don't drive economic participation – like welfare and grants.

The Redfern Statement won't change the situation of Indigenous people. It's underpinned by the same mindset.

The other event I attended was the CareerTrackers Annual Dinner. CareerTrackers helps Indigenous university students get paid internships with private sector employers during their studies with the aim of them transitioning to fulltime jobs on graduation.

The students come from across Australia, studying a range of fields including economics, the sciences and engineering.

This year 2000 people, including dozens of chief executives from some of Australia's largest companies, gathered to celebrate the interns' achievements.

Every year, some students tell their stories. Each is inspiring. Many recount numerous difficulties and setbacks in their education path and home lives.

But their overwhelming message is always of opportunity. This year, CareerTrackers chief executive Michael Combs spoke of a message he imparted to students of

"Indigenous advantage". Later, academic excellence awards were presented. CareerTrackers celebrates excellence and success, not victimhood and barriers.

The Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (which I chair) and the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience also unashamedly embrace achievement. CareerTrackers, AIEF and AIME students will join the real economy through education, jobs and the message they have the world at their feet.

The Redfern Statement opens with a decades-old quote from Mick Dodson when he was Social Justice Commissioner: "Social justice is what faces you in the morning. It is awakening in a house with adequate water supply, cooking facilities and sanitation. It is the ability to nourish your children and send them to school where their education not only equips them for employment but reinforces their knowledge and understanding of their cultural inheritance. It is the prospect of genuine employment and good health: a life of choices and opportunity, free from discrimination."

Replace 'Social justice' with 'Economic participation' and that's my vision for Indigenous people.

It's time to forge a new path, one based on economic participation.

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

It's all up to you, kids

LAST issue we reported on Australia's attempts to Close the Gap between health, employment, education and other quality-of-life issues for our mob. Six of the seven targets are not on track, results which Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull described as mixed. No, Mr Turnbull, not mixed – disgraceful.

It's no surprise that after slashing more than half a billion dollars over the past three years to our services and downsizing more than 150 government programs into just five that Aboriginal disadvantage didn't improve.

What money is left is then taken from our community-run organisations, with 75% of Indigenous Advancement funding going to mainstream services. The people hit the hardest through such policies are those right at the bottom – the unemployed young people, those on remote communities, the sick, the poor, the aged and disabled.

No wonder we have seen Aboriginal employment fall from 53.8% in 2008 to 48.4% in 2014-15. We are told Aboriginal disadvantage will not improve until we embrace being part of a free-market economy focused on privatisation and income generation.

The very basis of independence in such an economy is employment, so just how many of our people lost their jobs due to funding cuts in servicing our communities? As the majority of these jobs were placed in areas of health, counselling

services, housing, education, employment and rehabilitation, not only have the jobs gone but the framework that was holding us together by the most frayed of threads has also been cut.

During the same period we had our support mechanisms slashed there appeared some justification, as higher income earners did cop a small tax increase. How small, you ask? The increase in real terms meant that someone in the top 4% of taxpayers, on \$200,000 a year, is now paying an extra \$7.70 a week in tax. So much for a free market economy.

The truth is that we come from a shared collective community that tries to look after those most vulnerable. We have had our resources taken from us, our tribal structures that once maintained order and law have been decimated, and the ongoing trans-generational trauma continues as the rich get richer and the poor are left forgotten.

We are told by the same voices who tell us to embrace a free market economy to forget the past, but there is not one Western developed country where the colonised Indigenous people share the same quality of life, home ownership, education, wealth, employment and health outcomes as those who colonised them. Not one! So yes, colonisation built wealth for one group at the expense and suffering of the other.

Until that is acknowledged, rectified and healed, we will



Woolombi Waters

continue to suffer.

So where to now for our mob?

There is one target being met, and this is where our future potential lays. There is an increase in the number of our young people finishing Year 12. That's right, despite all that is against them, our young people are leading the way.

Consider that there is almost five times more of our mob graduating from university than currently in prison. You don't hear that every day do you, but this was the message (journalist) Stan Grant left our Indigenous rugby league All

Stars before they took the field a couple of weeks ago. It's true.

So I want to write the rest of this article towards our young people, our children giving us hope.

There is a future and you are an important person in this future.

My life changed through education and yours can to – and in gaining an education you not only help yourself but others in your family and your community.

Universities are much bigger than schools; the ideas are bigger, the classes are bigger – everything including the buildings are bigger. It's where people who want to know about the world and how it works go, from maths to science to social studies and history – even learning about culture, film and television.

This is where people go to learn. Even though he is a rugby league superstar, Greg Inglis goes to university.

The biggest difference between high school and university is that you have far more responsibility at university. You really have to look after yourself. You don't have just one teacher. You have heaps of teachers, and all in different classes, so you really need to know what you wanna do when you grow up.

Don't worry, you're not completely on your own. There are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander units to help you.

If you are still at school you should start thinking about going there now.

And if you are older you can also

go to university as a mature-age student after experiencing a bit of life first. That's what I did.

University is important because education is very important. Even when you get old like me you should still be learning new things. You have to keep growing as a person.

University means a better job that earns more money. It's not all about the money, but it does help.

University has changed my life so much I can't even say. I am like a whole new different person because I went to university.

Don't be scared if no one from your family has gone to university. I was lucky my mum went to university so it wasn't so scary. But you know what, most of the blackfellas I meet at university are the first in their family to go to university.

You can be whatever you want to be. Don't let anyone tell you any different, and work hard. And you know what, nothing will come to you if you don't first believe you can do it.

The more of us who go to university, the more people will have to accept our culture.

Then when our culture is embraced, our children will engage even better at school.

I honestly believe this and I have seen and heard nothing to make me think any differently.

It's up to you...

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



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This year's Sydney Gay

The NAISDA dancers performed in the parade.



Sai Nabete, Sam Doku, John Leha, Jace Stanton and Tobias Reef are ready for the Sydney Mardi Gras parade.



Elizabeth Kennedy-Fuller, Lakin Searle, Ismail Hayek-Donovan and Tristan Davison.



Uncle Max Harrison performs a smoking ceremony.



Matika Little and Claire Smith.



Merwez Whaleboat and Luke Captain attend their first Mardi Gras in memory of their brother.



Allen Stanley and Yarraga Weatherall.

and Lesbian Mardi Gras



The Tiwi sistagirls march in Oxford Street, Sydney.

Sistagirls take to the streets



DESPITE the threat of rain, thousands of people turned out on the streets of Sydney for this year's Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras held last Saturday night.

Among the more than 180 floats were the sistagirls from the Tiwi

Islands who crowdfunded to get from their home, off the coast of the Northern Territory, to Sydney for the annual parade.

Leading the parade again this year was the First Nations float, featuring Aboriginal drag icons Destiny Haz Arrived and the Dreamtime Divas.

The float also boasted glittery Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, dancers from NAISDA, and an open-air bus carrying Elders.

Uncle Max Harrison gave the parade goers his blessing and performed a smoking ceremony before the festivities began.



Diana and Lester Pasley.



Laura Sabatino and Rustie Nannup.



Politicians from the Northern Territory: Senator Malarndirri McCarthy and Chansey Paech.



Mardi Gras marchers show their colours during the annual parade down Oxford Street, Sydney.

Nominations open for Qld awards



NOMINATIONS for the 2017 Queensland Reconciliation Awards are now open. The awards, supported by the *Koori Mail*, recognise community organisations, educational institutions, businesses and partnerships taking positive steps towards reconciliation across Queensland.

The awards program offers a total prize pool of \$25,000 across five categories: business, community, education, partnership and an overall Premier's Reconciliation Award.

Nominations close on March 20.

More details at www.qld.gov.au/reconciliation

Funding available for arts, language



THE 2017-18 funding round for the Federal Government's Indigenous Languages and Arts (ILA) program is now open.

The ILA aims to help Indigenous communities revive and maintain languages, and to develop and present art.

Under the 2017-18 open grant round, up to \$100,000 a year for up to a maximum of two years is available for projects that:

- contribute to the revival and maintenance of Australia's Aboriginal languages or Torres Strait Islander languages; and/or

- develop, produce, present, exhibit or perform Indigenous arts projects.

The round is open until April 6. More details at www.arts.gov.au/funding-and-support/

Territory police seize cannabis



NORTHERN Territory police have seized cannabis they estimate to be worth more than \$900,000 following a 14-month operation preventing drugs entering remote communities.

The Cross Border Team launched Operation Paloma in November 2015, targeting the sale and supply of cannabis in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and surrounding communities. More than 62kg of marijuana was seized and an elaborate drug syndicate dismantled with 10 arrests made, police say.

"The estimated street value of the seized cannabis, if sold in Indigenous communities, is more than \$900,000," Detective Superintendent Michael White said.

Mothers, babies can sleep easier



MORE funding has been provided for a Queensland program allowing Indigenous newborns to sleep safely with their mothers.

The State Government has allocated \$100,000 to continue the roll-out of the Safe Sleeping program in Indigenous communities, including 600 Pepi-Pods allowing for safe co-sleeping.

The Pepi-Pod is a portable sleeping space for children up to five months old, including bedding.

The program also includes education assistance for Indigenous mothers aged 15-25.

Bible Society's Indigenous book



THE Bible Society has launched a special Indigenous book. *Our Mob, God's Story* celebrates the impact of the Bible on Indigenous people, along with the Bible Society's 200 years in Australia.

The book has more than 115 paintings by 67 Indigenous artists from across the country.

World Vision's Reverend Tim Costello said the book was a "valuable history lesson".

More details at www.biblesociety.org.au/



A collaboration of minds, cultures and artistic practice: Grace Williams, Nico Molé and Jamin begin their 'immersion', which will result in *Islands – A Speculation*.

Making art of islands

By JILLIAN MUNDY



EMERGING Palawa artist Grace Williams has teamed up with Nicolas Molé and Jamin to collaborate on *Islands – A Speculation*, an installation that will examine the nature of islands, what it means to be Indigenous and what it means to be mixed blood, for the Ten Days on the Island Festival.

"(We will be) thinking about things like nature and the city, the built environment versus the natural environment, tradition

versus the contemporary, and on a political level what these things mean," said Jamin, a Hobart-based street and contemporary artist and curator who has been mentoring Williams over the past year.

"It's a speculative project. It's a response to place, where we are from and how we got there.

"It is yet to be made."

For Williams, from Hobart, who has painted five murals in the past year and has been kept busy with private commissions, this will be her first stab at large-scale installation art.

The 18-year-old told the *Koori Mail* she is nervous and excited, but sees it as a door to bigger things and she is ready for it.

She said she wants to look forward in her culture and create new traditions. She hopes the installation will show how people have different perceptions on culture and give them a sense of belonging.

Islands – A Speculation will be at the Queen Victoria Museum (Inveresk), Launceston, from March 17 to April 23. The artists will be talking to the public about their work March 16.

Alcohol exposure in the womb a problem for youth



ABOUT one-third of young people in youth detention in Western Australia have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), preliminary data from the Telethon Kids Institute has shown.

The Banksia Hill Project is the first study in Australia to assess and diagnose young people in a youth custodial facility for FASD.

Researchers have spent the past two years assessing more than 100 young people (95% of whom were male) at Banksia Hill Detention Centre, Western Australia's only detention centre for offenders aged 10 to 17.

While researchers are only in the preliminary stages of data analysis, early results show between 30 and 40% of young people assessed have FASD, a neurodevelopmental disorder caused when an

unborn child is exposed to alcohol in the womb.

Head of the study Professor Carol Bower said the results were valuable and would help researchers, government, health professionals and justice workers develop a framework to help these young people.

"These young people have debilitating and life-long neurodevelopmental impairments, which affect their ability to function in society, through no fault of their own," Prof Bower said.

"Now that we know how big the problem is in young people in detention, we can work towards developing strategies to help them while they are in detention, when they leave, and ideally before they reach detention in the first place."

Prof Bower said the research, which was funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), would not have

been possible without the support of the WA Department of Corrective Services and Department for Child Protection and Family Support.

"Both departments have been incredibly proactive on this issue," Prof Bower said.

"They have not only enabled the research to take place by giving us access to the detention centre, but they have shown great interest in the outcomes and a willingness to be a part of the solution."

Deputy commissioner, youth justice services Rachael Green from Department of Corrective Services welcomed the release of preliminary data from the study.

"We recognise many young people in our care at Banksia Hill Detention Centre have complex lives, and for the first time we now have information about the proportion who suffer from FASD and other

neurodevelopmental impairments," she said.

"An impairment like FASD affects a young person's ability to process instructions or understand the consequences of their actions, which impacts their behaviour and the effectiveness of our youth justice programs.

"This study by the Telethon Kids Institute is invaluable to our work, as it includes the development of training materials to help our youth justice team adopt more effective strategies and techniques for working with young people with FASD and other neurological impairments."

"By understanding young people's individual strengths and challenges, and knowing the most effective way of working with them, we have a much better chance of reducing their reoffending and supporting them to go on and live productive lives in the community," Ms Green said.

International Indigenous Librarians' Forum



AIATSIS chief executive Craig Ritchie speaks at the forum.



Jaqueline Snee, Faith Baisden and Kelly Te Kane.

Delegates tell of aspirations

By KEIRA JENKINS



DELEGATES from around the world gathered at the NSW State Library in

Sydney for the recent 10th International Indigenous Librarians' Forum.

With the theme 'Knowledge connections, survival and activism', the forum included speakers from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. It was an opportunity for Indigenous librarians and information workers to discuss the information needs and aspirations of their people.

Special guest AIATSIS chief executive Craig Ritchie spoke about the idea of "bringing culture back".

"Where did culture go that we have to bring it back?" he asked.

"Culture is always there and it is there first. The resilience and persistence of culture makes it impossible to lose.

"We might lose an aspect of it or traditions or it might change over time, but we can never lose it entirely.

"And why is it that Aboriginal people have culture, but white people are just 'normal'? The truth is all humans are rooted in culture."

Over the three-day conference speakers presented and shared stories on topics such as language revitalisation and Indigenous management



Delegates John Morseu, Yanti Ropeyarn, Ryan Stoker and Shannon Sutton in Sydney.



Delegates Judy McFall-McCaffery and Riki-Lee Saua.

of library collections. Torres Strait Islander man John Morseu spoke about

his work at the National Library of Australia with its oral history collection.

As part of his work, Mr Morseu created an online resource on the National Library's online archives about 'Old TI'.

"I grew up with that tradition of old people speaking to you because I was raised by my great grandparents," he said.

"They would tell me the stories about the Thursday Island they knew, Old TI. I saw this project as an extension of those stories.

"I reached out to the Torres Strait through Facebook because I know blackfellas love to get on there and connect with each other.

"I feel that I am a gatekeeper of knowledge in my role, and I have a duty to my community to share that knowledge with them."



Canadian man Tim Stevenson spoke about his work on the cultural importance of food.



Forum organiser Stewart Sutherland welcomes delegates.

Current approach to ice not working – experts



THE Australian Government's current approach to the ice epidemic is only "digging a deeper hole" and progressive policy is needed, two drug addiction experts say.

A "harsh" approach is not just ineffective but counter-productive, Dr Matthew Frei and Dr Alex Wodak write in the *Medical Journal of Australia*.

They say despite the recommendations of last year's Ice Taskforce, the Government continues to define addiction to ice as a criminal justice problem.

The drug addiction doctors suggest contempt and an unwillingness to help those with a serious drug problem has aided the expansion of the illicit drug market in Australia.

"Governments continue to define the issue as primarily a criminal justice problem, using pejorative terms when referring to people who use drugs, and generously support law-enforcement measures while parsimoniously funding health and social interventions," they write.

"Commonwealth, state and territory governments allocated about two-thirds of drug spending to law enforcement and only 9% for prevention, 21% for drug treatment and 2% to harm reduction over the 2009-10 financial year.

"Expanding"

"After decades of this approach, Australia's illicit drug market is expanding. Not only are illicit drugs easy to obtain but prices have fallen and many newly identified psychoactive drugs have appeared, often more dangerous than older drugs."

Drug use surveillance found that between 2009 and 2014 the proportion of drug users finding it 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain ice, or crystalline methylamphetamine, increased from 65% to 91%.

Ice use increased from 37% to 61% in this time.

While this demand remains strong, there will "always" be a supply, wrote Dr Frei, the clinical director of drug treatment centre Turning Point, and Dr Wodak from St Vincent's Hospital Alcohol and Drug service.

Progressive government policy, they say, is what is needed to redefine drug use as a health and social issue.

"British politician Denis Healey was fond of saying, 'If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.' It's time Australia took this advice when responding to illicit drugs," they wrote.

Dr Frei and Dr Wodak said consideration must be given to drug consumption rooms, to be placed in drug "hot spots", as a way to offer information about harm reduction and treatment.

They also support the provision of ice-using equipment.

Mt Druitt anti-drug



Loretta Dixon and Cheryl Stokes with little ones Aaron Reid, Darren Dixon, Stanley Dixon and Lucas Stokes attend the event.



Members of the Mt Druitt Children's Choir sing songs in language as well as English at the Baabayn community day.



Nathan Trewlynn, Ali Beale and Darryl Hamilton support the event in Mt Druitt.



Mary G came all the way from Broome in Western Australia's Kimberley to give support.

event building solidarity



Anne Johnson and Keifer Johnson came from Wilcannia, western NSW, to talk about the effects of ice.



Anne Button and Evie Pikler.



Shanae Morrison, Hudson Morrison and Haley Pittman.

Help offered by Baabayn



BAABAYN Aboriginal Corporation has held a community event in Mt Druitt aiming to build

solidarity among Aboriginal people in western Sydney against the use of methamphetamine (ice) and other drugs.

The event featured entertainment from Archie Roach, Sean Choolburra, Rap for Change, the Deadly Dreaming Dancers, Mt Druitt Children's Choir and Mary G.

Local services set up stalls to promote health and wellbeing, and a sausage sizzle was held.

Baabayn director Jenny Ebsworth said the event provided a sense of solidarity and community support to people struggling with issues related to drug addiction.

"Sadly poverty, trauma, domestic violence, drug and alcohol addiction and imprisonment continue to dominate the lives of many Aboriginal people living in Mt Druitt," she said.

"That's why events like this are so important.

"Our organisation wants the community to know we are all in this together and we will fight to improve our lives as a community."

Baabayn project worker Mary Kerr said local Elders are deeply worried about the impact of ice and other drugs on many people in the area.



Baabayn's Jenny Ebsworth with Levi Pont and Patricia Zumbo.



Archie Roach and Nancy Bates perform at the Mt Druitt event.

"The idea came from the community wanting to build solidarity among families and

individuals who feel they are facing the devastation of harmful drug use on their own," she said.



Cruz Willetts and Christopher Jones.



Maliyaan and Darren Compton at Mt Druitt.

Blak Markets on at Barangaroo



THE Blak Markets will return to Sydney's Barangaroo Reserve on Saturday (March 11) for a celebration of Aboriginal culture and an afternoon of market stalls, food, and entertainment. The markets, starting from 2pm on the Stargazer Lawns, will feature bush tucker stalls, weaving workshops, performances from Indigenous band the Stiff Gins, and storytelling by Tuckey Cooley as well as Aboriginal dance performances. More than 20 stallholders from around NSW will sell bush foods, arts, crafts, skin care products and accessories. The *Tribal Warrior* will also run two 90-minute Aboriginal cultural tours of Me-Mel (Goat Island).

Extra space for remote housing



TWENTY-FOUR remote Indigenous communities will be the first to have additional living spaces built on to existing homes as part of the Northern Territory Government's Room to Breathe program.

Chief Minister Michael Gunner said Room to Breathe, the first part of the NT Government's 10-year, \$1.1 billion remote housing election commitment, will create jobs, improve housing and restore local decision making.

He said the 24 communities across the NT have been identified as having high levels of overcrowding and the local building capacity to deliver what people say they need.

"We believe Territorians are entitled to control over their lives and access to high quality services. When our remote communities and regions are strong, the Territory is strong," Mr Gunner said.

Yulluna People welcome ruling



THE Yulluna People of north-west Queensland have had their land covered by native title extended to almost 10,000 square kilometres.

Yulluna Elder and claim applicant member Brian Sullivan said the native title consent determination approved in the Federal Court was a positive outcome for the Yulluna People. "The court ruling is very precious because the determination area near the town of Duchess forms part of an important Dreaming story for us," he said.

Natural Resources Minister Anthony Lynham said the determination recognised the Yulluna People's non-exclusive rights to camp, hunt, fish, gather, protect, teach, conduct ceremonies and be buried on-country for generations to come.

Lawyer to assist land councils



THE NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) and Justice Connect have joined forces to fund a lawyer who will provide legal support and training for the state's network of 120 local Aboriginal land councils.

NSWALC has committed \$120,000 a year for the two-year project, partnering with Justice Connect to provide legal assistance to LALCs.

Some areas of law where councils will be receiving assistance from the lawyer include property, employment, work health and safety, and environment.

NSWALC chair Roy Ah-See said the partnership would provide increased knowledge and confidence about compliance and enhancing skills to manage legal and governance requirements.

"As a result, LALCs can make better use of their time and resources to effectively assist community members and further build their economic self-reliance," he said.

"In every community in NSW, there's a local Aboriginal land council, which places the Land Rights network in a strong position to partner with organisations like Justice Connect to deliver essential services."

GPS helps country



Aboriginal Rangers Mathew Barnes and Jacob Goudge learn to use the GPS device.



THE Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative rangers are now using GPS technology to help with property management at Wurdi Youang in Victoria.

The Corangamite Catchment Management Authority Indigenous Participation Program has supported

the Wathaurong Rangers with two new GPS devices and the software and training to use them.

Rangers will use the devices to help conserve the 369 hectare Wurdi Youang property and to protect sites of cultural significance to the local Wathaurong/Wadawurrung people as well as endangered plains grasslands.

CMA Indigenous facilitator Ange

Jeffery said the devices will help the rangers record sites and keep track of their work.

"The GPS initiative is about giving the Aboriginal rangers control over their own information, its capture and storage, and it empowers them with the tools they need to visually share this information with partners and stakeholders," she said.

Getting more P drivers mobile



A NEW report from the University of Wollongong and The George

Institute for Global Health has outlined a number of recommendations to break down the barriers preventing Indigenous people from gaining their driver licence.

The recommendations call for a suite of programs and approaches including sustained government funding in community-based driving programs, targeted use of work and development orders and working with local job service providers, the justice system and education to help Aboriginal people to obtain their driving licence.

The recommendations have come after input from people and authorities in South Australia and New South Wales.

The report says Aboriginal people are 25% less likely to have their driver's licence than other Australians, which reduces options for employment and access to education and health services.

According to the report, this disparity also contributes to the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in jail for transport offences.

Lead author Professor Kathleen Clapham, from the Australian Health Services Research Institute at the University of Wollongong, said one way to close this disparity is through long-term government investment in community-based licensing programs.

"Aboriginal people are 25% less likely to have their driver's licence than other Australians."

"Getting your P-plates is a rite of passage for most Australians, but for Aboriginal people there are host of reasons why getting their licence is not so easy," she said. "A lack of supervisory drivers, the cost of lessons, the remoteness of where they live as well as poor literacy, are all factors."

"Factors, which can all be overcome by having the right support in place, such as providing community based

programs. "We need to create a new generation of drivers who can then go on to teach and supervise the next wave of young drivers."

Community-based programs such as the Driving Change Program provide support for young drivers and include mentoring, supervised driving practice, assistance with obtaining identification documents, booking tests, help with filling out forms as well as providing

professional driving lessons.

This type of program also assists clients to manage fines through the State Debt Recovery Office and helps people regain their licence.

The George Institute for Global Health's Professor Rebecca Ivers, who has led development and evaluation of the Driving Change program said programs like Driving Change have resulted in thousands of lives being transformed as a result of being able to hold down a job

and access proper health care.

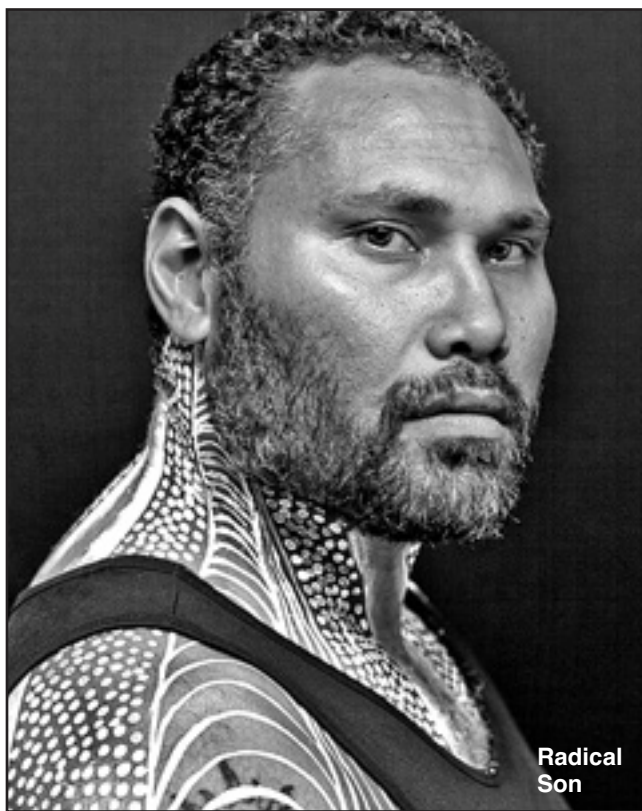
"All too often their funding is cut or discontinued altogether leaving entire communities without any support, and they are back to square one," she said.

"Investing in these programs would bring significant benefits to both the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people, and the Australian taxpayer."

Other suggestions to overcome the barriers include the provision of driver training in high schools, as well as job service networks playing a more active role in helping unemployed clients gain a licence.

The report, published in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health, also highlights a need for increased diversionary programs that magistrates can refer driving offenders to rather than opting for jail or fines. The report was prepared with input from 31 stakeholders and Aboriginal participants in NSW and South Australia at Redfern, Griffith, Port Lincoln and Ceduna.

Enter the recording studio at Brunswick Music Festival



Radical Son



AS part of this year's Brunswick Music Festival in Melbourne, Indigenous musicians will take centre stage for the Wantok Live at the Wick on March 9. The shows will take place at the Wick recording studios in Brunswick so concert-goers will get the chance to experience the inner workings of a recording studio.

The night will include performances from Pitjantjatjara singer/songwriter Frank Yamma, Kamilaroi hip hop artist Radical Son and Anindilyakwa instrumentalist and vocalist Emily Wurramara.

Yamma sings in Pitjantjatjara language and English. His new album *Uncle* showcases his guitar playing and voice. Although he's lived in Adelaide for many years, Yamma said his spirit still belongs in central Australia.

Radical Son is a musician, artist and individualist. From his hip hop roots, Radical Son steeps his music in social statements. He focuses on the issues of where he's from, what could be, troubled pasts and songs of healing.

Emily Wurramara grew up on Groote Eyelandt surrounded by water, music and wildlife, which have become the inspiration for her songs later in life. Ms Wurramara has performed in Sweden and France and has performed at festivals such as Island Vibes, Woodford Folk Festival, Stylin' Up and and NAIDOC events. She has performed alongside the likes of Shellie Morris, Troy Cassar-Daley and Impossible Odds.



Emily Wurramara

Big stars come to Adelaide



IN 1992, Aboriginal star Archie Roach was on the program for the first WOMADelaide festival.

Twenty-five years on, Roach is again playing with a host of other Indigenous stars at this year's event in the South Australian capital. It will be the Gunditjmara Bundjalung performer's sixth appearance at WOMADelaide – a record for most appearances at the festival.

Roach is one of many Indigenous artists on this year's program, running from March 10-13.

Also appearing are hip hop mob A.B. Original, actor Jack Charles, performer Garuwa, artist Tony Sheather and ABC presenter Miriam Corowa.

WOMADelaide has a strong history of Indigenous involvement. In 2007, the WOMADelaide Foundation presented Nganampa Music, where APY Lands undertook singer-songwriter workshops with Aboriginal performer Kev Carmody and local Adelaide musician Dylan Woodcock.

In 2009, 2010 and 2011 the WOMADelaide Foundation commissioned Indigenous Art organisation Better World Flags to create 60 hand-painted artworks in the form of flags. These flags have been displayed in Adelaide, New Zealand and Britain.

Indigenous artists who have played WOMADelaide over the years include the late Jimmy Little, Christine Anu, Dan Sultan, Gurrumul and Black Arm Band.

More details at womadelaide.com.au

Sharing stories with art and film



A NEW multimedia artwork celebrating the strength and continuity of local Aboriginal people and their culture will be

launched at Barangaroo, Sydney, this week.

Barangaroo Ngangamay, created by Aboriginal artists and curators Genevieve Grieves and Amanda Jane Reynolds, will be in the Barangaroo Reserve and can be accessed on mobile devices via a downloadable app.

The work is the culmination of a year-long collaboration between the artists and Aboriginal community through workshops with Elders.

Reynolds said *Barangaroo* honours and brings to life the teachings of the "Old Lady Barangaroo".

"She is a beacon of strength and culture for all Aboriginal people, and our aim with this work is to show visitors the deep and ongoing connections Aboriginal women of Sydney have to this place," she said.

The artwork features five rock engravings, known as petroglyphs, which have been carved into five sandstone rocks around Barangaroo Reserve by Elders Vic Simms, Steven Russell and Laurie Bimson.

The engravings act as a 'key' to unlock a series of short films, depicting the life cycles of the sun, moon and women. Each film is accessible at Barangaroo Reserve using a smartphone or tablet with a geo-location app, which will play the films when



Sharon Mason throws a fishing line (made from bark fibre) during the creation of *Barangaroo Ngangamay*. Picture: Bonnie Elliott

approaching the engravings.

Grieves said she feels honoured to have the opportunity to share the stories of local Aboriginal people through the multimedia work.

"Aboriginal culture is strong and vibrant – and this work gives everyone who visits Barangaroo a chance to know something of its importance to Aboriginal people," she said.

Barangaroo Delivery Authority executive director of activation and precinct management Sandra Bender said she was proud to be able to provide the space to share the project.

"*Barangaroo Ngangamay* is a unique

and authentic Aboriginal cultural experience, using modern-day technology to tell ancient stories of the world's oldest living culture," she said.

Barangaroo Ngangamay will run throughout 2017 and the petroglyphs will be on permanent display at Barangaroo Reserve.

The project will be launched on March 11 to coincide with the Blak Markets at Barangaroo Reserve from 2pm until 8pm on the stargazer lawn. The market will feature more than 20 stalls selling ATSI arts, crafts and bushfoods.

For more information visit www.barangaroo.sydney

Budding writer takes her next fictional step



Scholarship winner
Yvonne Weldon.



WIRADJURI woman Yvonne Weldon has received a scholarship to attend the 2017 Writing a Novel: Stage 1 workshop at the Faber Writing Academy in Sydney.

Ms Weldon, from Rosebery in Sydney, has been awarded a complimentary place in the course, starting this month.

She said she wrote her first 60,000-word manuscript in eight weeks but wasn't sure what to do next. Then she came across the scholarship applications.

"I was wondering what to do and I'd been asking around to find out what my next step should be," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I'm keen to get the experience I need and to help other Aboriginal writers because I don't think there's enough Aboriginal books published.

"I was very surprised when I won the scholarship."

Ms Weldon's first manuscript was

shortlisted for the 2016 David Unaipon Unpublished Manuscript Award, which she said helped get her writing under way. She is hopeful the course will allow her to take the next step in getting her novel published.

Ms Weldon said she is already very keen to start the three-month intensive course.

"I didn't realise how structured fiction writing actually is so I'm keen to understand that more for my future writing," she said. "I hope the course helps me to understand the writing process a bit better."

Ms Weldon said her inspiration for writing comes from her family, her past and her culture.

"My stories are fictional but they draw their strength from my past," she said. "I write about my struggles and the struggle of the people who came before me and give them honour."

"I want to make sure the lives of those people are remembered. "They're fictional stories but they're a way of making sure my loved ones

are remembered."

Ms Weldon uses her writing as a kind of 'therapy' within her busy life; raising three children, working in health and volunteering as the chairperson of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council.

"I always wanted to write and I've always been a reader," she said.

"Although I did just stumble into putting pen to paper. Aboriginal people have their tradition of oral storytelling and we've been forced to shift away from that because the written word is more valued in our colonised society."

"I think there's a real need to believe in people and their abilities. We all have our journeys. I don't

believe anyone is inherently better than another and we should encourage all people to tell their stories and recognise their stories any way they can.

"There'd be more Aboriginal people writing if we did that. I think it's extremely important that our stories are told otherwise they will be lost."

New book to spark water rights debate



A NEW Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)

publication, *Overturning Aqua Nullius* has been launched.

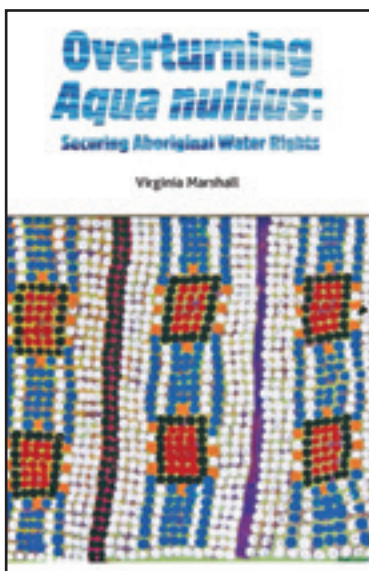
The award-winning work aims to create a new understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander water rights and interests in the context of Indigenous water concepts and water policy development in Australia.

In *Overturning Aqua Nullius* Wiradjuri Nyemba woman Virginia Marshall argues Aboriginal water rights require legal recognition as property rights.

"Water access and infrastructure are integral to the successful enterprise in Aboriginal communities," she said.

"Aboriginal peoples' social, cultural and economic certainty rests on their right to control and manage customary water.

"Establishing a Reserved Indigenous Water Rights regime is a crucial step towards improving Aboriginal health outcomes and advancing



Virginia Marshall's new book *Overturning Aqua Nullius*.

economic prosperity and cultural vitality."

Dr Marshall is the chief executive of the Aboriginal Water Trust, and was a member of the inaugural Indigenous Water Summit.

Her focus is on intellectual property and traditional knowledge as well as commercial law and contracts.

Dr Marshall was the first

Aboriginal woman to graduate from Macquarie University with a PhD in Law.

Drawing on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Dr Marshall argues the reservation of Aboriginal water rights needs to be prioritised above the water rights and interests of other groups.

She says it is only then that the "injustice of aqua nullius can be swept away and First Australians can be provided with full recognition and status of their water rights and interests".

AIATSIS chairperson Mick Dodson said the book was extremely timely and is both challenging and thought-provoking.

"This book has the potential to become a starting point for a long overdue debate on water rights and access to water fundamental to Aboriginal Australian livelihoods," he said.

"For too long Aboriginal water rights have been ignored by state and federal governments.

"As a consequence, the Traditional Owners of the land remain the poorest people living on it."



Koorie Heritage Trust chief executive Tom Mosby with Wayne Quilliam's *Cultural Apocalypse*, 2016.

Wayne was the choice



PALAWA photographer Wayne Quilliam has taken out the Moogji Club

People's Choice Award at the 2016 Koorie Art Show.

His photographic print on canvas *Cultural Apocalypse*, 2016 received most of the more than 400 votes cast by visitors to the show, which was hosted in Melbourne by the Koorie Heritage Trust. The People's Choice Award was the last presented in the show, which featured 70 artists and more than 110 works.

Yorta Yorta artist Greg Muir won the Creative Victoria Award for

Excellence in any media for his acrylic work *Travelling on Our Ancestor's Land* 2016, while

Pierra Van Sparks (Pibbulman), won the RMIT University Award for her *Blackfulla Bingo*, 2016, digital print on canvas.

The Koorie Art Show showcases works by Victoria-based Indigenous artists.

Koorie Heritage Trust chief executive Tom Mosby said the awards recognise the "immense and diverse talents of our Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists".

He confirmed that planning was already in hand for this year's Koorie Art Show.

Weight loss comp is on



2016 Knockout Challenge winning team members Debbie Ballangarry, Kylie Paulson and Toni Baxter.



THE deadline for this year's NSW Aboriginal Knockout Challenge weight-loss competition is just two days away. NSW Rugby League and NSW Health are urging people from Aboriginal communities across the state to team up for the event, with registrations closing on March 10.

The Challenge is a joint initiative of NSW Health and NSW Rugby League, which aims to address obesity and help close the health and life-expectancy gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people across the state. It includes two 10-week challenges which are named after the Knockout's Rugby League Ambassadors: The George Rose Challenge and Julie Young Challenge.

Blues rugby league coach and Knockout Challenge ambassador Laurie Daley said the annual weight-loss challenge had helped thousands of people change their attitudes towards exercise and diet and lead healthier lifestyles.

"This is Knockout's sixth year and we're keen to bring new participants on board to experience this rewarding challenge that can change your life forever, for the better," he said. "We saw fantastic results in 2016, with around 1200 people from

35 teams participating and losing an average of 2.3kg through exercise and diet routines.

"Teams of up to 30 members face the challenges together, supporting each other to stay on track and push through the hard yards to meet their goals."

NSW Health's Dr Jo Mitchell said it was important to maintain a healthy weight, as the risk of developing chronic disease increased as people put on the kilos.

"People living with obesity are at increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes and associated diseases such as cardiovascular disease, osteoarthritis and reproductive problems," she said.

"Poor diet and physical inactivity also contribute to coronary heart disease.

"The Knockout Challenge provides a fun opportunity to lose weight and improve your lifestyle and general wellbeing, to help combat obesity and other chronic diseases.

"Teams in previous challenges have achieved amazing results they can be proud of and we hope even more participants will join the 2017 Knockout Challenge and achieve even better health outcomes."

For team registration visit nswknockouthealthchallenge.com.au

Health expo to change bad habits in men



Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service chief executive Darren Ah See.



THE Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service hosted the QuitBFit Aboriginal Men's Health Expo in Dubbo.

About 120 men participated from across the region which includes Orange, Coonabarabran, Walgett, Wellington, Dubbo, Parks and Goodooga.

A major focus was tackling Indigenous smoking and mental health and wellbeing.

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service chief executive Darren Ah See said a lot of the focus in the Indigenous health sector is on "mums and bubs".

"It's good to have an event like this for men because they are the reluctant ones about getting their health checks," he said.

"We want to try to change that norm and get men to take responsibility not only around their health and wellbeing but to be the leaders of their communities and families.

"It's all about social and health wellbeing but it's also about mentorship and trying to encourage families and individuals to head in the right direction."

The expo culminated with a corroboree, with more than 300 people attending.

Western NSW Local Health District Aboriginal health and wellbeing director Brendon Cutmore said it was extremely important to focus on preventative health at the expo.

"It's really our opportunity as Aboriginal men to take control of our lives, whether that be through eliminating some of the negative habits people have, things such as smoking, drugs and alcohol," he said.

"Coming to these types of events and having discussions around how to make your life healthier, how to be a leader in the community and how to be a leader in your family and how your actions reflect on the people around you – that's a big take home message."

On target to eliminate hepatitis C by 2026



AUSTRALIA is on target to eliminate hepatitis C within 10 years due to the rapid uptake of a curative antiviral treatment program since its listing on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) a year ago.

A Kirby Institute report supports predictions made by doctors last year that the infectious disease, which affects many Indigenous people, would be eliminated as a major public health threat by 2026.

The report shows more than 30,000 patients out of the 230,000 Australians with chronic hep C were treated with the direct-acting antiviral (DAA) drugs in 2016.

Professor Greg Dore, head of the Kirby Institute's Viral Hepatitis Clinical Research Program, says it's been a "great start" which has given Australia a unique opportunity to become the first country to eliminate a major infectious disease through treatment intervention.

"Providing Australians living

with hep C ongoing access to effective, well-tolerated medications will help curb transmission of the virus, reduce rates of liver disease, and eliminate hep C as a major public health issue within a decade," Prof Dore said.

The report also highlights an "encouraging" increase in the proportion of patients being treated by general practitioners.

"As we move forward, treatment really needs to be provided where the people are, in

rural areas and in community settings, because the liver clinics already have their hands very full," Hepatitis NSW chief executive Stuart Loveday said.

The new treatment is administered as a course of pills that is consumed for three months and has a 90% cure rate.

If left untreated, hep C can damage the liver, causing liver scarring that can lead to liver failure or cancer. Currently 20% of Australians with the disease remain undiagnosed.

Mr Loveday says the report is pleasing but more work needs to be done to eliminate hep C. This includes increasing treatment for marginalised people, including those who are incarcerated, Indigenous Australians, and people who inject drugs.

The report's release coincided with the availability of the latest hep C treatment Zepatier on the PBS. For more information on the hep C PBS listed drugs people can ring the Hep C Info Line on 1800 437 222.

Caring for ears



A TRAINING program to improve ear health care in Western Australian communities is being delivered by the Aboriginal Health Council of WA.

The two-week ear program was held in four centres last year, and 23 Aboriginal health workers have completed the course. This year, it will run in at least four more locations including Perth, Broome and Kalgoorlie.

The course teaches health workers how to manage ear infections, carry out screening, identify risk factors and plan ear health promotion and strategies.

AHCWA chairperson Michelle Nelson-Cox said poor ear health was a significant problem among Aboriginal people, particularly children.

"The prevalence of ear disease and hearing loss in Aboriginal kids has a major effect on their speech and educational development, social interactions, employment and future wellbeing," she said.

"While many children are vulnerable to chronic ear disease, in WA it represents a significant burden for Aboriginal children who can experience their first onset within weeks following birth.

"Aboriginal children can also have more frequent and longer lasting episodes compared to non-Aboriginal children."

Ms Nelson-Cox said people in regional areas were more susceptible to ongoing ear problems.

"Children in remote communities have some of the highest rates of chronic ear disease in the world," she said "We want to spread the message in regional communities that early detection and treatment of ear diseases in children is vital to ensure optimum development of speech, language, and to minimise the long-term effects on educational performance."

AHCWA has also launched a giant inflatable ear to be used as an interactive teaching tool in Aboriginal communities. Called Koobarniny, which means 'big' in the Noongar language, it is believed to be the first of its type in Australia.

Koobarniny is now being used around Perth, with plans to take it to regional areas.



Rocktape designer Trent Squires with his son Marcellus. Inset: The new Indigenous design for Rocktape.

Goanna design rocks



A BRAND of medical tape is set to feature an Indigenous design.

Rocktape will have a goanna design thanks to the work of exercise physiologist Bree Sauer and Aboriginal artist Tent Squire, a Noongar man who lives in Gattton, Queensland.

Ms Sauer had been working with Mr Squire's son Marcellus, who has osteogenesis imperfecta, which causes him to have weak and brittle bones. The pair took several designs to Rocktape, which chose the goanna design to use on their product.

Mr Squire said the goanna design is the story of his family.

"I live for my family, my fiancé Sueallen and our son Marcellus, who is my hero," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"Marcellus teaches us how to live and love life like we never knew we could. He is my inspiration. He is our world.

"This painting represents my family and the struggles we face each and every day but never give up. The painting shows goannas travelling across drought stricken land looking for food and water – the simplest things in life we take for granted.

"The goannas have only one direction to travel in. They choose to sit where they are or move forward and fight to live."

Ms Sauer has been using the medical tape to treat two-

year-old Marcellus, and says that along with his other treatments – such as hydrotherapy – it's making a lot of difference.

She said Marcellus is now walking, which is a huge achievement for a child of Marcellus' age with the severe type of osteogenesis imperfecta he has.

"From the moment we put it on you could see how much it was helping him," she said.

"His legs were very badly bowed but they are now so much straighter. He walks a lot easier now. It's amazing to see the difference."

Ms Sauer said she had used the tape on the football players she treats and had the idea of an Indigenous design

once she met Mr Squire and his family.

"I brought the idea up with Trent and he was really keen," she said. "Then when we took his ideas to Rocktape they were really keen too. We were so surprised but so glad."

Mr Squire said it is a proud moment for him, knowing his artwork will be on the tape, and raising awareness for his son's condition.

"It's so amazing," he said.

"I'm so happy to have my artwork on Rocktape and so happy so many people will see it and use it.

"I hope that it can get some awareness for osteogenesis imperfecta because a lot of people don't even know what it is."

'Alarming' suicide rates create need for support



POSTVENTION Australia, the national association for the bereaved by suicide, is calling for more support for Indigenous people.

A not-for-profit organisation, Postvention will hold a conference in Sydney this month to look at better ways of supporting those affected by suicide.

Postvention's Alan Staines said the suicide rate among Indigenous people is a national crisis and it's time there was

much more focus on this issue. Mr Staines, who has worked with the Salvation Army and the International Association for Suicide Prevention, says about 200,000 people are now affected by suicide.

He said it is alarming that the rate of suicide in Indigenous communities is twice that of the wider-community.

"Phone support systems are now being flooded," he said.

"Part of what our conference is about is working out how to better serve and help people

impacted by suicide."

"They are left with so many questions and often so few answers. To lose someone by suicide commonly results in intense emotional trauma, shock, grief, guilt, physical and mental ill health, as well as adverse social consequences.

"By supporting the people bereaved by suicide, we are helping to prevent further suicide."

The Postvention conference will be held at the University of NSW from March 23 to 25. Indigenous speakers will be Adele

Cox and Judy Atkinson.

Ms Cox, a Bunuba and Gija woman from the Kimberley region of WA, is an advocate for Indigenous health, specifically mental health and suicide prevention.

Jimana/Bundjalung woman Judy Atkinson is a retired professor whose work has focused on violence and relational trauma, and healing for Indigenous people.

More details on the conference are available at www.postventionaustralia.org/

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

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

Ten of the Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management graduates with their certificates.



Young graduates skilled and ready to work on country



TWELVE young Quandamooka people from south east Queensland have graduated with the Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management. Throughout their course the young people, who will go on to be

rangers, have been taught the skills needed to work on country and conserve the culture and heritage that has been passed down by local Elders. All 12 students completed the course after six months of working

in the field and studying. Some of the graduates had not completed their high schooling and had struggled with literacy throughout their lives. Booroongen Djugun College assisted all in completing their

certificates as well as building their confidence and helping with literacy skills. The training was funded by the Queensland Government, through its Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative.

Top student awarded



BUNDJALUNG man Kyle Ryan has been recognised as one of Queensland's top Year 12 graduates of 2016 at the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Achievement Awards.

In a ceremony at the State Library in South Bank, Brisbane, Mr Ryan, who went to Glenala State High School, was one of 34 students from across Queensland to receive an award.

He received the Highest Achievement by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Student award.

"I didn't realise at first how prestigious the awards were," Mr Ryan told the *Koori Mail*.

"I didn't know the awards were statewide until I was actually at the ceremony. So it felt pretty good to know I got the award, and even better when I found that out."

Mr Ryan said his passion is for maths and science subjects, and he hopes to become a doctor once he's finished university.

"I started university this week," he said. "I'm doing a Bachelor of Advanced Science and then when I'm done that I'll do biomedicine



Kyle Ryan holds his Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Achievement Award.

so I can be a medical doctor." Mr Ryan said it was his Year 12 Biology teacher who inspired him into the biomedical field.

"Initially I didn't want to be a doctor," he said. "I picked biology and at first I hated it. But I had a really

great teacher and she made me love the subject. So now I'm more interested in medical science whereas before I just wanted to

do the logical science and maths subjects."

Mr Ryan has excelled in these subjects; already participating in a QUT research internship program and University of Queensland's SPARQ-ed program.

He has also received a Young Achiever's scholarship at the University of Queensland because of the high marks he achieved during his schooling.

"I come from a low-socioeconomic area – Inala," Mr Ryan said. "I topped all my cohorts. I got very high marks in science and maths. That's important to me."

Education Minister Kate Jones said the awards are an important chance to recognise outstanding students.

"It's a chance for us to stop and honour the hard work and dedication of our highest-achieving graduates and to thank their family members, teachers and friends who supported them during their studies," she said.

"It's great to know our best and brightest students are choosing to continue building their skills and knowledge in disciplines that drive innovation."

Hannah follows Mabo's path



Hannah Duncan is a granddaughter of native title champion the late Eddie Mabo and a recent graduate of Bond University.



HANNAH Duncan has set her sights on a career advocating for the rights of others.

The 21-year-old granddaughter of native title champion the late Eddie Mabo is already well on her way to achieving her ambition after graduating from Bond University.

Ms Duncan, who studied through an Indigenous scholarship, is a member of one of the largest groups of Indigenous students to graduate

in a single semester at Bond, with a total of 68 students currently completing their studies at the private Gold Coast university.

With a 96% Indigenous student retention rate, Bond performs well above Australia's average national Indigenous retention rate of 71% and national non-Indigenous retention rate of 80.8%.

Ms Duncan, who was an executive member and president of Bond's Student Society for Indigenous Awareness, has just completed

a Bachelor of Laws and is now starting a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, also at Bond, which is the next step in becoming a practising lawyer.

She said she aspires to follow in her grandfather's footsteps and is already well on her way, beginning a placement at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in Brisbane.

"I like the area of public law and the formation of the tribunal, with its ability to help people," she said.

"I feel that if I work in this area, I will be able to build my

skills in dispute resolution methods, such as negotiation and mediation, to be able to give back to the community.

"In order to get where I would like to be, the first step is completing my practical legal training and my placement at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

"I'm excited and nervous to see what is ahead but I am confident that if I work hard I will get where I need to be, and achieve my ultimate goal of making a difference."

Ms Duncan said the

atmosphere and people at Bond had helped her transition to university life with ease.

"I have absolutely loved my time at Bond and have really felt a part of a community, with the opportunity to be involved in so many clubs," she said. "I am part of the women's AFL team and have participated in multiple legal skills competitions.

"Bond has provided me with experiences that have enabled me to develop my ability and my character. I am very grateful for the opportunity I was given and look forward to the future."

More regional students move to the big smoke



REGIONAL students throughout Australia – many of them Indigenous – are moving at unprecedented

levels to the big smoke to study.

A study funded by the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education at Curtin University shows the number of students shifting from regional towns to city universities

has increased by more than 75% between 2008 and 2014.

That's a rise from roughly 29,000 students to more than 50,000.

La Trobe University's Associate Professor Buly Cardak, who co-authored the report, said financial restraints were no longer an inhibitor for students moving to the city.

He added the Government should reassess education funding

models in light of the trend.

"How might the Government prioritise funding allocations now that we know an increasing number of regional students is instead choosing metropolitan campuses," he said.

"Support"

"Do they invest more in the city, providing infrastructure and support for migrating students? Or do they

increase incentives for students to stay in, or return to, regional locations?"

The report on regional students looked at students' home addresses when they first started their university education.

It found a growing proportion of mature-age students and students with disabilities, as well as Indigenous students, were making a city move.

We welcome items for our Calendar of Events. Send them to any of the addresses in the panel on page 23.

National

Ongoing: Lifeline – saving lives, crisis support, suicide prevention. For assistance telephone 13 11 14.

Ongoing: Carer Line is a free national telephone information and support service for and about carers that provides access to information, emotional support and referrals to a range of services for carers. Call 1800 242 636, Monday to Friday.

Ongoing: WGAR – Working Group for Aboriginal Rights (Australia). Prioritising grassroots Aboriginal voices and voices in solidarity with Aboriginal people's rights with information and opinions from a 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 (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 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. 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 at www.bangarra.com.au/youth-outreach/rekindling. Details: (02) 9251 5333.

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan Street, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903 or text 0429 423 116.

Ongoing: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous people across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

Ongoing: Lismore women's and men's healing groups, held



Ruby Mya Ketchell from Cairns sings as part of the Gondwana Indigenous Children's Choir.

Youth choir singing their way to Vienna



GONDWANA Choirs is hosting a dinner to raise money to take 23 young singers from Cairns to Austria to perform with the Vienna

Boys Choir in May.

The Cairns Philanthropy Dinner will be held at the Cairns Pullman International Hotel on March 14 from 6.30pm. All proceeds will go towards the Vienna-Cairns-Sydney Project.

Under the project, the Gondwana Indigenous Children's Choir will work with the Vienna

Boys Choir in 2017, creating musical compositions based on Indigenous stories from the Cairns region, which will be performed by the two choirs in Cairns and Sydney in October.

Gondwana Choir founder and artistic director Lyn Williams said the project will bring the two ensembles together for a cross-cultural exchange that will bridge the cultural heritage through a shared love of singing and performance.

"We are enormously excited to announce this project which is sure to be a life-changing

experience for our talented choristers aged 10 to 17, many of whom have never before travelled overseas," she said.

The choir will also travel to Frankfurt, Germany and Maribor, Slovenia for rehearsals and performances. In October, the Vienna Boys Choir will travel to Sydney to perform with the Gondwana Indigenous Children's Choir at Sydney Opera House.

Tickets for the fundraising dinner cost \$100 (adult) and \$40 (children). For information visit <http://gondwana.org.au/special-projects/vienna-cairns-sydney>

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

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

During School Term: Aboriginal Women's Wellbeing Group. Reflect and connect with others, learn tools for self care. Held at YWCA, 101a Rous Road, Goonellabah every Tuesday on school term from 9.30am-1.00pm. Details: Briony on (02) 66255 810 or email brionyl@ywcansw.com.au

Until 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.

Until March 12: Lismore Women's Festival. Connecting and empowering local women, 40+ activities including women's expo, wellbeing workshops, art, photography. Details: www.lismorewomensfestival.org

March 7: Aboriginal Women's Pampering Day. Part of the Lismore Women's Festival, includes manicures, massage and belly casting. Held at the YWCA, 101 Rous Road, Lismore from 10am. Details: Briony Leonard on (02) 66 255 810.

March 8-25: Women of Yulgilbar Exhibition. this exhibition celebrates the lives and contributions of six Yulgilbar women. Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy Street, Grafton from Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm. Cost: Entry gold coin donation. details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

March 11: Blak Markets at Barangaroo Reserve. Includes over 20 stallholders, workshops and live entertainment. Held at Stargazer Lawn, Barangaroo Reserve, Barangaroo, Sydney from 2.00pm to 8.00pm. Details: www.barangaroo.sydney

March 14: Ur Mobile: A tool 4 Wellbeing. Find out about e-wellbeing and mental health resources like YouTube and online programs. Held at University

Centre for Rural Health, Uralba Street. Details: Sasha Harrington on (02) 6620 7343 or email sasha.harrington@ucr.edu.au

March 16: Hunter New England LHD Close the Gap Day. Includes key note address from Associate Professor Kelvin Kong, guest speakers and panel discussion. Held at John Hunter Hospital, Lecture Theatre, Royal Newcastle Centre from 9.00am-1.00pm. Details: Lucy Reed on (02) 4924 6607 or email Lucy.Reed@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

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.

March 16-18: Shelley Morris Performance. Internationally renowned singer/songwriter is visiting Bellingen for two intimate nights of music and stories. Held at 5 Church Street, Bellingen from 7pm. Tickets available on (02) 6655 0155. Details: Emily Murphy on 0438 866 020

March 29-30: 2017 National Aboriginal Wellbeing Conference. visit www.aboriginalwellbeingconference.com

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

March 10: The Songs Back Home: Mission Songs Project CD Launch. Featuring 10 songs selected from a collection of Australian Indigenous songs from 1900 to 1999. Held at Brunswick Music Festival, The Mechanics Institute, 270 Sydney Road, Brunswick from 8.30pm. Details: Diana Wolfe on 0419 547 270 or email diana@wolfewords.com.au

March 11-May 14: Weaving the Waterways: Women and Fishing exhibition. Weaving a connection of river-life, from the Murray to the Birrarung. Held at Koori Heritage Trust, Level 1 & 3, The Yarra Building, Federation Square, Melbourne, open daily from 10.00am-5.00pm. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.kooriheritagetrust.org

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

March 23-25: Women of the World (WOW) Festival. Three-day festival at Footscray Community Arts Centre. Cost: Full 3-day pass \$320 / \$220. Details: (03) 9362 8888 or visit www.footscrayarts.com

Queensland

Until April 16: Barambah/Cherbourg Art & Craft Showcase. Explores the history and culture of the Aboriginal community of Barambah/Cherbourg in the 1970s and 80s, with more than 100 individual pieces of pottery. Held at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library of Queensland, South Bank, Brisbane, open daily. Cost: Free. Details: (07) 3842 9824

March 18: Know Your Rights. Learn about copyright and Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP). Held at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library of Queensland, South Bank, Brisbane from 10am-12 noon. Cost: \$10 per person. Details: (07) 3842 9824

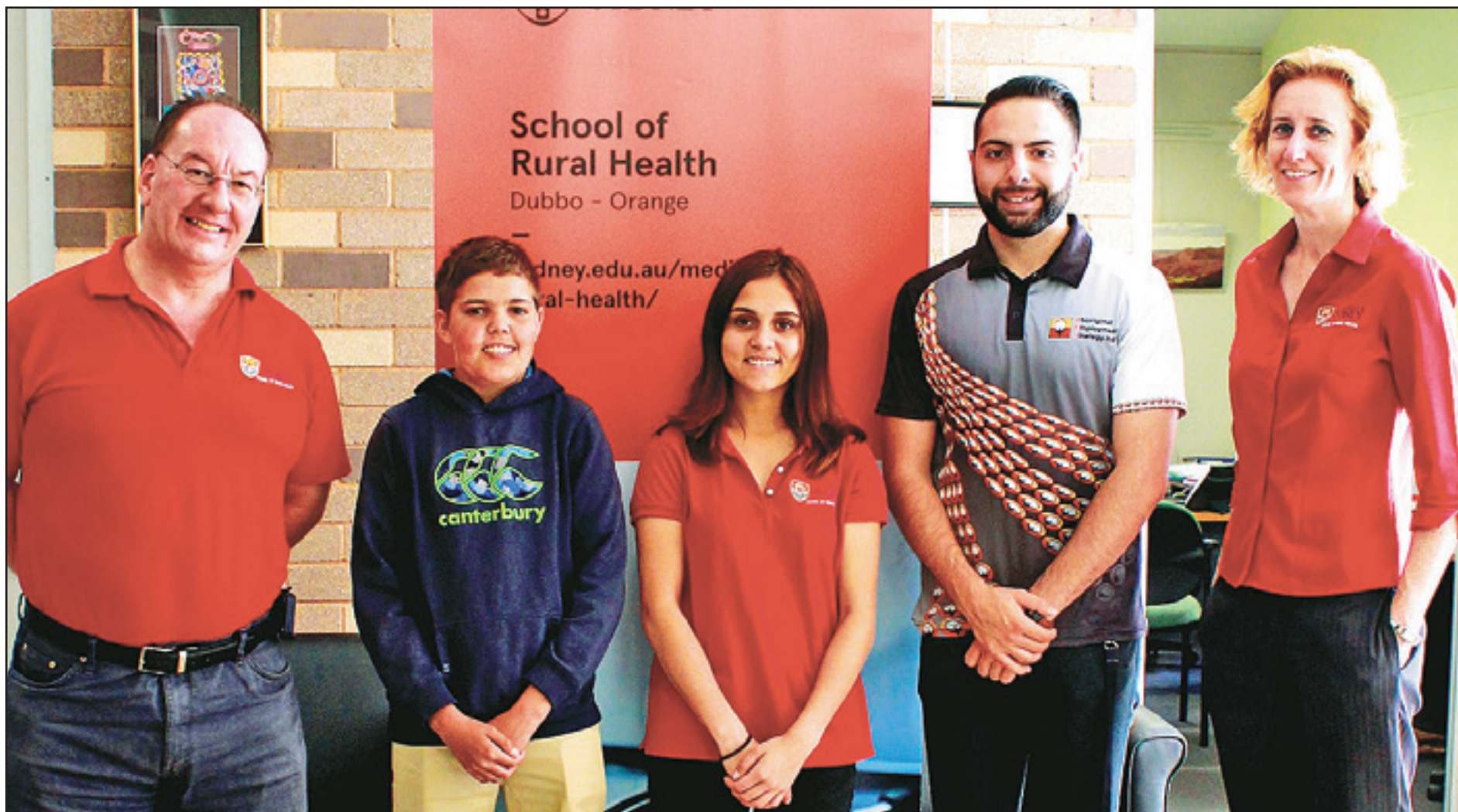
March 18: Bunya Festival. Includes live music, ceremony and displays. Held at 49 Mailmans Road, North Branch (Maryvale), Warwick, 12-8pm. Cost: Adults \$10, High School \$5, under 12 free. Details: (07) 4666 1187 or 0459 655 648 or email brendadavid@skymesh.com.au

South Australia

Until May 29: Whyalla Art Prize 2017: Entries Now Open. A biennial award, national showcase of contemporary Australian art. Details: Joy Lothian 0423 828 035 or visit www.countryarts.org.au

Employment

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University of Sydney's School of Rural Health (SRH) school-based trainees Ethan Colliss and Sarai Dodd with SRH staff member Sean Hagan, AES account consultant Shane Riley and SRH projects officer Alex Meyer.

Workplace mentoring in Dubbo inspires trainees



THE University of Sydney's School of Rural Health (SRH), partnering with the Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES), has welcomed two new school-based trainees.

Sarai Dodd and Ethan Colliss have started the two-year traineeship at Dubbo, NSW, and are now working with workplace mentors and supervisors.

Sarai works with SRH projects administrator Alex Meyer, while

Ethan is working with IT officer Sean Hagan.

"I was interested in going for this traineeship through AES because I thought it would help me find a career path and it just seemed like a great opportunity for me to take up," Sarai said.

"What I like most about SRH is the staff and the friendly environment of the workplace.

"I also really like that they always give me jobs to do and not treat me like I'm

just a school student, but as a legitimate co-worker.

"Studying hard and doing my best in school is my main goal right now, but also getting as much fun as I can get out of the whole process."

Positive change

The SRH aims to continue working with the AES in creating a positive change and opportunity for Dubbo youth.

SRH school manager Kim O'Connor

welcomed the school-based traineeships at the Dubbo campus.

"The SRH and the AES are working closely to ensure the new trainees are well supported during their two year traineeships," she said.

"Ethan and Sarai will learn a variety of skills in their chosen fields while they are working with us and this will provide a solid foundation for their future careers.

"Both students have already proven they are keen to learn."

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The Community Restorative Centre (CRC)
is a community based agency providing
assistance to people affected by the
criminal justice system

Regional Manager
Transition Programs – Far West

**We are currently seeking a Regional Manager,
Transition Programs:**

- 38 hours per week
- Contract to 30th June 2018
- Terms and Conditions of employment as per Level 7 Pay Point 3 of the SCHADS Award 2010
- Salary of \$88,500 gross per annum plus Super and generous Salary Packaging
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CRC is seeking a skilled, knowledgeable, dynamic and ethical Regional Manager with a demonstrated understanding of the causes and impact of crime and imprisonment in Indigenous Communities. We are looking for someone with the capacity to utilise a social justice framework in the development and the delivery of transition case-work services. The successful applicant will have sensitivity to the political and policy challenges of advocacy work in this environment and high level skills in navigating complex service systems. Working as part of the management team, you will be responsible for overseeing and co-ordinating all aspects of CRC's Transition Programs in the Far West, including the supervision of all Transition Program staff across the region. You will possess strong personal values including high level personal integrity and commitment to ethical behaviour. The position will be based at our Broken Hill office, an office that engages predominantly with Indigenous people, Indigenous services and communities. This is an excellent opportunity to take your program management career to the next level.

We are committed to achieving a diverse and culturally safe workforce, and strongly encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from CALD backgrounds.

Applicants must address the Selection Criteria on a CRC Selection Criteria Form to be considered for this position.

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Phone: 02 9288 8700 or Email recruitment@crcnsw.org.au
Mark applications to the attention of the HR Manager and either:
Email to: recruitment@crcnsw.org.au; Fax to: 02 9211 6518 or
Post to: Community Restorative Centre, PO Box 541, Broadway NSW 2007



Government of South Australia
Department of Planning,
Transport and Infrastructure

PASSENGER SERVICE ASSISTANT (ABORIGINAL)

Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure is seeking to establish a pool of Passenger Service Assistants, for a period of 12 months. Successful candidates will be placed in the pool and may be appointed as vacancies arise.

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Special Conditions:

To be eligible for this role, candidates must:

- be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia
- be willing to work shift work in accordance with a 7 day rotating roster, including early mornings, nights, weekends and public holidays
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Enquiries:

Ms Chantel Buckskin
Aboriginal Cultural Consultant
Telephone (08) 8124 3399.

Applications:

Recruitment and Employment
Telephone (08) 8343 2600
Email dpti.apply@sa.gov.au

For more information on this exciting opportunity visit www.dpti.sa.gov.au/careers

Note: Applicants are required to submit a completed pre-screening application/questionnaire and curriculum vitae demonstrating their suitability for the role. In addition applicants are required to complete a cover sheet quoting the vacancy number of the role being applied for and confirmation of Aboriginality. The vacancy number for this role is available at www.dpti.sa.gov.au/careers. All applicants need to complete and return an Employment Declaration with their application for employment. The SA Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer and safety is a core value. The SA Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer and safety is a core value.

An information session will be held Friday 10 March 2017. To register your interest for this session please contact Ms Buckskin.

Closing Date: 5:00pm Friday 17 March 2017

DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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The NCIE exists to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people participate in life-changing programs, community forums and local events through our centre in Redfern. Since opening in 2010 the NCIE has supported the aspirations of thousands of Indigenous Australians. We do this by developing and delivering programs and breakthrough learning experiences via the pathways of Health & Wellness, Learning & Innovation, Sport & Recreation and Arts & Culture.

The Deputy CEO will be expected to operate with a high degree of independence in:

- Managing the day-to-day administration of the NCIE including Enterprise, Program and Partnerships and Corporate Services;
- Providing leadership, operational management and

To download the Position Description from the NCIE's website go to:
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direction towards achievement of the NCIE's purpose, vision, priorities and strategic direction;

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- Bringing a focus on delivering tangible outcomes across the breadth of NCIE's activities.

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The Position

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The Person

The ideal candidate will have:

- Tertiary qualifications or work experience in public health, policy, project management, research or other relevant discipline.
- Demonstrated understanding of the Australian and New Zealand health care system systems, particularly as it pertains to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Strong planning, written and verbal communication skills, along with the ability to identify and liaise with relevant internal and external stakeholders.
- Strong initiative and self-motivation, flexibility and the ability to work effectively in a team, as well as autonomously.

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To Apply

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Pathways Worker - Koolin Balit Early Years Project Temporary Full Time

- Are you looking for an opportunity to challenge yourself?
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Djerriwarrh Health Services is looking for a passionate and committed individual with strong community engagement skills and a knowledge of and respect for the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture to fulfil the role of Korri Pathways Worker. You will also need to have a current Australian drivers licence. This is a full time position available until June 2018.

The Project

The Koolin Balit Babanek Boobop Project aims to promote the health and developmental outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families in the City of Melton and the Moorabool Shire.

The Role

- Support Aboriginal client linkages to local health and support services;
- Provide culturally appropriate support to clients to improve access to health and early year's services.
- Promote client participation in healthy lifestyle programs, family support services, breastfeeding support services, Maternal and Child Health programs, play groups and kindergarten

Djerriwarrh Health Services is a dynamic and rapidly expanding public health service providing Acute, Community and Aged Care to the City of Melton and Shire of Moorabool in Melbourne's Western suburbs.

To obtain more information and the Key Selection Criteria please refer to the position description. For additional information please contact Melissa Sapuppo on 03 8746 1104

The successful applicant will be required to provide a current Police Check and Working with Children Check prior to the commencement of employment.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.
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Applications Close: 24th March 2017 at 6.00pm

Applications must be submitted online through our recruitment portal at www.djhs.com.au.



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Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education

Academic Literacy & Learning Advisor

Ref No. 065/17

Campbelltown Campus, Full-Time, Ongoing Position

This is an identified position and applicants must be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Person. Being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Person is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised under Section 14(D) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW.

Applicants must provide documentary evidence of their Identity as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person in their online application, as per requirement of Clause 107 of Western Sydney University' Recruitment and Selection Policy. Please access the policy at: <http://policies.uws.edu.au/view.current.php?id=00195>. Applicant must also provide a current Working with Children Check clearance with their application.

Western Sydney University Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education is committed to improving the educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Badanami works closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, students and key stakeholders to activity promote and share the cultures, languages, history and contemporary experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

An opportunity exists for an experienced and dedicated Academic Literacy and Learning Advisor to join the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education, to be based at Campbelltown campus. As the Academic Literacy and Learning Advisor, you will provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students: identifying academic literacy and tuition needs, including within the ITAS program; designing workshops and embedded curriculum support; and ensuring standards and quality of tutoring. You will be working with the Badanami Centre Coordinator, as well as senior management of Western Sydney University, to identify strategies for academic literacy support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

To be successful in this role, you have the ability to design, organise, and deliver academic literacy programs and resources online and face-to-face. You also have strong administration skills, the ability to work under tight deadlines, experience in multi-tasking and are comfortable with working independently and within an academic team environment. You should also have experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Communities. You will need to provide documentary evidence confirming your Identity as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person in your online application, as per requirement of Clause 107 of Western Sydney University' Recruitment and Selection Policy. Please access the policy at: <http://policies.uws.edu.au/view.current.php?id=00195>. Please review the Position Description and address the selection criteria to be considered for this role.

Remuneration Package: Higher Education Worker Level 7 \$99,866 to \$107,757 per annum (comprising Salary \$84,388 to \$91,056 p.a., 17% Superannuation and Leave Loading).

Position Enquiries: Nathan Tyson, Coordinator, Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education on 0447 634 749, or email: n.tyson@westernsydney.edu.au

Closing Date: 24 March 2016

To view the Position Description and to apply for this position, please go to the University's current vacancies website at http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/employment/home/current_vacancies

Full details on how to apply for these positions can be found at our website. Western Sydney University values workplace diversity.



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Aboriginal Health Team Leader

- Full-time, fixed term until 30 June 2018
- Flexible location
- Tax-free salary packaging benefits

Grand Pacific Health (GPH) is a significant provider of primary health services across the South Eastern NSW region. Our health professionals deliver frontline services aimed at addressing unmet local needs in the areas of mental health, Aboriginal health, chronic disease and preventative health programs.

About the Role:

The position of Aboriginal Health Team Leader will provide supervision and support for an experienced team of health care workers in delivering a variety of funded health promotion and chronic disease management programs. A key component of the position will be to help teams deliver on targets and key performance indicators to a variety of fund holders and report the progress of these programs.

The position will involve a high level of engagement and collaboration with key stakeholders in community, especially Aboriginal Communities, families and carers, GPH employees, ACCHO's, Local Health District, partners, General Practitioners and other government and non-government organisations.

To apply: Go to www.gph.org.au/employment to download the position description containing the selection criteria. Applications should include a cover letter addressing the selection criteria and a current resume and be sent to jobs@gph.org.au

For more information contact the Aboriginal Health & Chronic Disease Manager, Simon Sadler on (02) 4448 2222.

**This position is Aboriginal Identified under Section 50 (d) of the Equal Opportunity Act.
Closing date 12th March 2017**



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**Sector Development Officer
Perth (3 year contract)**

Salary: \$83,831 to \$92,944
plus superannuation of 15.4% p.a.

Are you:

- + experienced in understanding Indigenous economic development and business operations and passionate about achieving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- + knowledgeable in the areas of Australian Government Procurement policies and practices and stakeholder management
- + a strong achiever with great customer relationship management and significant personal drive?

IBA's Business Development and Assistance Program offers a suite of workshops, pre-business guidance, business support and business finance to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to start, acquire and grow commercially viable businesses.

The successful applicant for this role will play a key part in:

- + providing advice, guidance, coaching, skills and capabilities development whilst raising awareness on what opportunities are available to Indigenous businesses
- + implementing a strategic approach to support the Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP)
- + identifying growing industries in each area and designing user friendly tools to help businesses.

For further information including the job description, selection documentation and mandatory requirements for applications go to www.iba.gov.au. If you have any questions after reading this material please contact Stella de Cos on 02 6110 2614 or email her on stella.decos@iba.gov.au.

Applications close on 17 March 2017.

IBA is a progressive, commercially focused organisation that promotes and encourages self-management, self-sufficiency and economic independence for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



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**Family &
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Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker

NSW Family and Community Services aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children by recruiting and developing outstanding individuals to be leaders in child protection practice.

As an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker you will be working with vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect, their families and communities and interagency partners to be agents of change in the lives of children.

***Being an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker is tough.
It takes a special kind of person. But the rewards are huge.***

We are looking for people with a strong commitment to children, families and community capacity building, people who possess a high level of resilience to become part of a team of skilled and dedicated professionals.

***Do you identify as Aboriginal and have two years experience working with
Aboriginal children, young people and families or communities?***

If so apply now! Please visit www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and enter job reference no: 000041OM to join a team of dedicated and professional FACS caseworkers in your area and benefit from:

- Professional support and training
- Flexible working conditions
- Great career opportunities

Aboriginal Caseworkers must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

More information available www.facs.nsw.gov.au/careers/caseworker

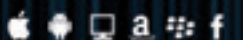
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If you would like to discuss this opportunity further
Please call Recruitment on 1800 203 966 or email
caseworker.screenings@facs.nsw.gov.au



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POLICY OFFICER

Full time position. 12 month contract, possible ongoing.

Location: Canberra, ACT

Salary range: \$79,000 – \$86,000 p.a. plus superannuation and salary sacrifice options

Closing date: midnight 15 March 2017

We are looking for an experienced policy officer with high-level research, analytic and writing skills to join our small and supportive team. We work to inform a culturally safe health care system as we strive to increase the number of Indigenous doctors in the medical profession. If you have what it takes to contribute to our important work please apply for this role.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Duty statement and selection criteria online: www.aida.org.au/our-work/vacancies

Enquiries: jobs@aida.org.au



Health
South Eastern Sydney
Local Health District

Senior Aboriginal Health Project Worker

Ambulatory and Primary Health Care,
Kings Cross and Sutherland

Permanent Part-Time

Enquiries: Christine Kerr

(02) 9360 2766

**Closing Date:
6 March 2017**

**Applications must be
lodged electronically. Please go
to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and
search Job Reference Number 376873**

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Education

Regional Manager

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Justice
and Regulation

Senior Clinical Programs Officer

Exciting allied health opportunity available in Gippsland!

- **New ongoing role, \$90,890 - \$109,969 plus superannuation**
- **Be responsible for delivering clinical services to the Koori community**

Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place is a statewide residential diversionary program for Aboriginal men located near the town of Yarram.

The Senior Clinical Programs Officer is responsible for delivering group based offending behaviour programs to residents, and is part of the implementation of Which Way Together – a holistic model supporting residents 'coming in', 'working it out' and 'going out'.

As our ideal candidate you will possess:

- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Koori Community.
- Clinical experience working with people who display challenging behaviours to influence positive and permanent change.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

If you wish to find out more about this exciting opportunity please contact Shaun Braybrook on (03) 5188 0000. To submit your application please visit careers.vic.gov.au.

Applications close midnight Sunday 26 March 2017.

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Environment,
Land, Water
and Planning

Appointments to the Boards of Victoria's Water Corporations

Have you considered being on a Victorian water corporation board?

The Victorian Government is committed to community engagement and increasing diversity in water sector leadership. This will encourage new ideas and ensure we best reflect our diverse communities.

With the terms of 89 existing water corporation directors, including seven chairpersons, expiring on 30 September 2017, the Minister for Water, the Hon Lisa Neville MP, is inviting expressions of interest in these positions.

If you have experience in one or more of the following disciplines, you should consider contributing your skills on a water corporation board:

- financial and commercial management
- community engagement
- land and water management
- climate change
- strategy and business management
- infrastructure and project management
- corporate governance

Applicants are required to apply online via the Get on Board website – getonboard.vic.gov.au (search under vacancies). Here you will find further information regarding the recruitment process, the roles and information on the Victorian water sector.

Applicants with further enquiries or those with difficulties in accessing the documents should contact the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

Applications open on Monday, 6 March 2017 and close Monday, 3 April 2017.

www.delwp.vic.gov.au

Customer Service Centre 136 186

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Local Aboriginal Land Council
DARKINJUNG

Culture and Heritage Officer - (re advertised)

The Cultural and Heritage Officer is responsible for assisting in the identification, protection, conservation and efficient management of sites that are of significance to the Aboriginal community within the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council boundaries•

Selection Criteria:

- Identify as an Aboriginal person
- Demonstrated experience in identifying, protecting and conserving Aboriginal heritage sites
- Demonstrated ability to deliver of Cultural Awareness Programs
- Knowledge of Aboriginal Land Claims
- Proven written and verbal communication skills and report writing
- Proven ability to meet timelines and work within in budgets
- Demonstrated experience working with or in an Aboriginal Community
- Demonstrated computer literacy skills in Google Earth, other Mapping systems and MS Office

About us:

Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council is located on the Central Coast of NSW• Our boundaries stretch from Catherine Hill Bay to the North, Hawkesbury River to the South, Pacific Ocean to the East and Watagan Mountains to the West•

Since its creation, Darkinjung has constantly focused on improving the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal community• We achieve this objective by implementing policies and procedures through the operational functions of an Aboriginal Land Council, and in accordance with the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act•

Our vision is to engage and provide a strong economic and social environment for our community that builds and strengthens our cultural values and our identity•

Other work related requirements:

- Hold a current manual drivers licence
- Be able to drive a 4WD vehicle
- Hold a current first aid certificate
- Have a reasonable amount of fitness as bushwalking is required
- A NSW Police check will be required for the successful applicant
- A Working with Children Check will be required for the successful applicant

Our modern office is located at Watanobbi and is close to public transport• This is a full-time position working 38 hours per week•

To Apply:

All applications must include a covering letter, CV/Resume setting out your education, work history and a statement addressing the selection criteria and other work related requirements•

Previous applicants need not re-apply•

Applications for this position are to be addressed to recruitment@dlalc.org.au prior to 22nd March 2017• Only successful candidates will be contacted• No agencies•

This role in an Aboriginal Australian identified position• Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council considers that being an Aboriginal Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)•

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Education

Aboriginal Education and Engagement Officer

- Senior Education Officer (ETS)
- Temporary Full-time appointment for a period up to: 3 years
- Position number and location: 174152 – Goonellabah

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 number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Under new provisions for permanent teachers taking up non-school based temporary appointments, the right of return to their substantive position has been extended to up to 3 years.

The maximum continuous period of time in **temporary Non-School Based Teaching Service appointments at-level is for 3 years (cumulatively)**. Successful applicants currently employed in an SEO1 (ETS), SEO2 (ETS) or PEO (ETS), who still meet the definition of recent school based experience (where it is required in the advertisement) and apply for a position at the same level, will be offered the new at-level position for the remaining balance of their existing period(s) of appointment (being a cumulative period in any at-level positions, inclusive of higher duties and/or temporary appointments to a maximum of 3 years).

Note: Recent school based experience is either direct classroom teaching within the past three years or school executive experience within the past three years. Direct classroom teaching or school executive experience is full-time service in a school based position in a departmental preschool, infants, primary, central/community, secondary, environmental education centre or special school for a continuous period of one (1) year. For more information please review **Rules Oct 2015**.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality.
- Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience within the K-12 range.
- Demonstrated commitment to participating in accreditation processes.
- Demonstrated ability to develop and deliver professional development programs for teachers that supports Aboriginal education and engagement.
- Capacity to innovate, problem solve and develop creative solutions to emerging issues with a focus on improving Aboriginal student outcomes.
- High level written and oral communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to maintain accurate and comprehensive written records.
- Demonstrated capacity to work collaboratively and liaise and negotiate with key stakeholders including Aboriginal communities and the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.
- Proven successful experience in the planning, design, development, budgeting and evaluation of quality Aboriginal education programs.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies and the key deliverables and collaborative actions of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education strategy.

Applications Close: 22 March 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Raelene Mordecai on (02) 6656 6605.

**Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 174152**

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BARYULGIL LALC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Baryulgil Local Aboriginal Land Council (BLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a career undertaking a role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the BLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Craig Craigie, by email: craig.craigie@alc.org.au or on 0418 417 323

Option 1
Applications can be forwarded to craig.craigie@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

*Craig Craigie
New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1912
Coffs Harbour, NSW, 2450*

Option 2
Applications can be forwarded to baryulgillalc@activ8.net.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

*Baryulgil Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1383
Grafton, NSW, 2460*

Applications close 31st March 2017
Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



Aboriginal Cultural Wellbeing Worker Part Time (30hrs/week) Gunnedah and Moree

Centacare NENW currently has two positions available for an Aboriginal Cultural Wellbeing Worker. Positions available are in Gunnedah and Moree.

This is an Indigenous identified position, applicants must identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

About The Job?

Working as part of our team you will be providing peer mentoring support, delivering group mental health education and awareness to clients, schools and the community and provide support to the Aboriginal Wellbeing Care Coordinator.

Key Requirements

The successful applicant will have:

- Certificate level or higher in Mental Health, Aboriginal Health, Aboriginal Healing qualifications
- Demonstrated knowledge of mental health/wellbeing issues facing Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander peoples, families, communities and/or lived experience where you have walked a path to recovery and healing.
- Demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander cultural practices
- Demonstrated experience in establishing and building and maintaining interpersonal working relationships servicing links between Mental Health, commercial and community services.
- Demonstrated experience where you have supported another person through their recovery and healing.
- Demonstrated experience of running groups or yarning sessions within varied environments and with varied participants

How to apply

For further details of the above positions or to obtain an application package with the selection criteria please contact Nichole Corby on (02) 6762 9200 or email n.corby@centacarenenw.com.au

Closing date for all applications: 4pm Friday 10th March 2017



Health
Southern NSW
Local Health District

Workforce Development Administration Officer (Identified)

Queanbeyan

Salary: \$27.90 to \$28.8237 per hour

Enquiries: Brendan Church (02) 6124 9869

**Closing Date:
18 March 2017**

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Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 378417

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Assessor - Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Health (Identified Position)

This is an exciting opportunity that will allow the successful candidate to involve themselves in a range of activities which support learning and enhance the educative process.

JobsNSW Ref No: **000051EJ**

Salary: Hourly rate \$40.03

Status: Casual until 30 June 2017

Location: Port Macquarie

Closing Date: Sunday 19 March 2017

Interested? visit www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au

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Family &
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Services

Customer Services Officer – Aboriginal

- Clerk Grade 1/2
- Department of Family & Community Services
- Requisition No. 00005140
- Location: Bega
- Salary range: \$60,154 pa - \$65,396 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

About Us

Community Services' (CS) main focus is on supporting vulnerable families and keeping children and young people safe from abuse and neglect. We work closely with other government departments, non-government organisations (NGOs) and the community to achieve it.

The Role

Provide front line services to the community from the local Bega Community Service Centre or "CSC", including a range of client and administrative services that contribute to the effective delivery of quality services in a CSC.

If you would like to work at Department of Family and Community Services and interested in studying towards a Certificate III in Business Services, apply now!

We'll offer training and support, flexible working conditions and a competitive salary and the chance to work in an area that makes a real and positive contribution to children's lives.

Job Notes

This is an ongoing part time role 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.

Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position.

The position has been identified as an Aboriginal position in accordance with the provisions of Section 14a of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

This position is available to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders only.

Information sessions outlining the roles requirements will be held at Bega Community Service Centre (61 Church Street, Bega) on the 8 March 2017. Please contact Andrew Pond for further details.

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.

If you want to request an adjustment in the recruitment process, please call or email the contact person listed below. We also invite people with disability to advise your preferred method of communication.

If you're looking for general information about our reasonable adjustment process before submitting a request, you can email WorkforceAcquisition@facs.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 8879 9115.

**Applications Close:
Friday 31 March 2017 at 11:59 pm**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Andrew Pond on (02) 4478 3114 or Andrew.Pond@facs.nsw.gov.au

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00005140

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Local Land
Services

Land Services Officer (Aboriginal Communities)

- Aboriginal identified role
- Temporary full-time role (up to 30 June 2018), located in Walgett or Moree
- Minimum starting salary from \$79,384, plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Local Land Services (LLS) works with land managers and the community to improve primary production within healthy landscapes and connects people with information and support to better manage our natural resources.

The Land Services Officer (Aboriginal Communities) is responsible for managing projects and initiatives that provide access to country, traditional ecological knowledge events and on ground works to protect sites and landscapes. The role also develops key partnerships to maximise Aboriginal involvement in natural resource management projects.

**Applications Close:
Sunday 19 March 2017**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 492891

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Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service
ICN 27

is seeking

Registered Nurse - Child & Family
Kempsey & Nambucca
Salary above award

Application closing date: **17.03.2017 at 5.00 pm**

To apply visit www.durri.org.au to obtain an Application Pack
or phone Mary on 65602360



TEAM LEADER - INTAKE & ASSESSMENT Full Time, Ongoing Position

The Assessment and Development team is responsible for carer recruitment, assessment and training as outlined by Home Based Care guidelines and state wide processes. The Team Leader position will be responsible for day to day supervision of the team, training for carers, monitoring compliance and ensuring continued quality assessments are produced and presented for accreditation.

To view PD & application details, please visit careers on our website www.anglicarevic.org.au

Enquiries: Lisa Henderson 03 5440 1100

Applications close: 13th March 2017



Incorporating The Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Centre P/T Aboriginal Health Practitioner (Identified Position)

Enrolled Nurse (Targeted Position)

Overview of Position/s

Yerin is looking for a suitably qualified Aboriginal Health Practitioner (Identified Position) or an Enrolled Nurse (Targeted Position) to be a part of our multidisciplinary team. The position holder will sit within the Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Centre to provide primary health care, including clinical care, to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients, provide support GP's, program workers and other clinic staff.

A Competitive Salary Package is available including salary sacrifice.

For Further Information, contact Robyn Moore Practice Manager T: 02 43511070 and to obtain an application pack – contact Alydia Strike E: recruitment@yerin.org.au or visit our website www.yerin.org.au

Identified Position is under Section 9A of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

**Job Applications closes midnight
Friday the 10th of March 2017**



I can influence positive changes towards the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in South Australia. My cultural knowledge and life experience will help to break down barriers and improve an understanding of the challenges facing Aboriginal people. At SA Health, my career is varied and diverse, enabling me to do truly meaningful and interesting work.

CAMHS APY Lands Clinician FIFO

Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service
APY Lands
Job Ref: 614097

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers
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Social Health Team Manager - Link Up SA Adelaide, SA

***Be part of a unique and significant
Social Health program!**

***Enjoy fantastic work/life balance
with generous leave entitlements!**



Nunkuwarrin Yunti is seeking a **Social Health Team Manager** to lead their Link Up SA program on a full-time basis.

You will be responsible for delivering key services in alignment with the national Link Up Service Provider Manual and agreed funding contract KPIs. Core service delivery will comprise maximising the research and recovery of client records, making connections to client family, country and culture, completing reunions, targeted counselling services and promotion of services to the South Australian community.

The successful candidate will be rewarded with an **attractive salary circa \$71,296**, dependent on skills and qualifications, **plus super**. This package provides you with excellent **flexible salary sacrificing options** which will allow you to **significantly increase your take home pay**.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.



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Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Hospital Assistant (Grade 2)

Liverpool Hospital
Permanent Full-Time
Reference Number: 377772
Enquiries: Aolele Fuimaono (02) 8738 6444

Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer (Aboriginal Health Worker)

Fairfield Hospital
Permanent Part-Time 24hpw
Reference Number: 377431
Enquiries: Jolanta Swierczynski (02) 9616 8287

In these roles Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1997*.

Female Aboriginal Immunisation Liaison Officer

Liverpool Hospital,
Temporary Full-Time or Part-Time
Reference Number: 377849
Enquiries: Janice Kitson (02) 8778 0855

In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1997*.

Applicants must also be Female for cultural reasons, under section 31(2H) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act*.

Job Share will be considered.

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles in NSW Health organisations.

For more information, please visit:
www.steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

**Closing Date:
22 March 2017**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Numbers above.

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ABORIGINAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (Inner West)

Position: Aboriginal Sector Development Officer

Hours: Full time (dependent on funding) -38 hours per week

Salary: Grade 5, Year 2 (SCHADS SACS Award). Access to Salary Packaging

Location: The position covers Inner West community and is based at Rhodes and in the local community

The Aged & Community Services Australia (ACSA) invites applications from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people to fill a vacant position of Aboriginal Sector Development Officer (IW) for the Inner West Sydney area. Please note the position will be based at the ACSA Rhodes office.

ACSA is a peak aged care organisation providing leadership to the aged and community service sector. ACSA has been funded by the Australian Government through Department of Health and the NSW Government through Department of Family & Community Services, Ageing, Disability & Home Care (ADHC), to auspice three positions. The aged care reforms will determine the future of the funding and this position, however, ACSA is able to support the position until 30 June 2018.

The Aboriginal Sector Development Officer position provides a great opportunity to work with Aboriginal communities and organisations, including mainstream agencies to help build relationships that will be strong, ongoing and resilient to enable the delivery of culturally appropriate, flexible and responsive Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) / Community Care Support Programme (CCSP) services to Aboriginal people and communities in the Inner West Sydney region.

Competencies

- This is an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander identified position
- Relevant social welfare or related qualifications.
- Experience in an Aboriginal Community liaison or similar role is essential
- Certificate IV in Workplace Training & Assessment (or willing to undertake)

Information Package

For an information package and further information, please contact Gai Marheine, Aboriginal Sector Development Officer on 8754 0400 / 0408426475 or email GaiM@acs.asn.au

Written applications addressing both the Essential and Desirable selection criteria, and the contact details of 2 referees, must be emailed to:

Attention: Gai Marheine, Aboriginal Sector Development Officer - GaiM@acs.asn.au

Applications Close: Friday 24 March, 2017



Health
and Human
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Senior Policy Officer Policy & Strategy Unit

The Senior Project Officer sits within the Policy and Strategy Unit, Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Branch. The position will contribute to the work of developing policy reform in relation to the health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal people in Victoria.

Do you have:

- A commitment to work that supports improved outcomes in Aboriginal health and wellbeing in Victoria?
- Policy analysis skills and experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health?
- Well-developed written and oral communication skills?
- The ability to work with a team to deliver on important policy work, sometimes under tight timeframes?
- Ability to work both autonomously and collaboratively both within in a team and across teams?

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit:

www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact:

Kylie Belling (03) 9096 0128

Job Reference No: **DHHS/CPSRHW/387551**

Applications Close: **Midnight 14 March 2017**

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health and Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

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Family & Community Services

Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker

- Intensive Family Based Services (IFBS)
- Campbelltown

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.

Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker IFBS provides an intensive support service to vulnerable Aboriginal children, young people and their families. Services provided within Intensive Family Based Services are carried out using the Intensive Family Based Service model, and are aligned to Community Services' policies and guidelines and provide best outcomes for Aboriginal children, young people and families.

***Being an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker is tough.
It takes a special kind of person. But the rewards are huge.***

We are looking for people with a strong commitment to children, families and community capacity building, people who possess a high level of resilience to become part of a team of skilled and dedicated professionals.

***Do you identify as Aboriginal and have two years experience working with
Aboriginal children, young people and families or communities?***

Applications Close: 23 March 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further
Please call Recruitment on 1800 203 966 or email
caseworker.screenings@facs.nsw.gov.au

**Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 0000564Y**

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Premier
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Executive Assistant

The Aboriginal Affairs Policy branch is seeking a high-performing Executive Assistant to provide confidential secretarial and administrative support to three Aboriginal Affairs Policy executives and administrative support to the branch.

Key duties will include diary, email, correspondence and travel management, stakeholder liaison, processing and tracking work, and managing administrative processes across the branch. You may also provide professional support and guidance to a Trainee Administration Assistant.

To be successful in this fast-paced role you will need to be highly organised, have excellent interpersonal skills and attention to detail, and enjoy a dynamic work environment.

You will be part of a branch that provides authoritative and expert advice to the Premier of Victoria and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on issues including social services, economic development, Aboriginal self-determination and establishing the first contemporary treaty process in Australia.

The Aboriginal Affairs Policy Branch is responsible for:

- Leading and facilitating a whole-of-government, coordinated and focussed approach on Aboriginal affairs.
- Supporting the Minister and Premier to deliver on cross-government responsibilities and engagement with Aboriginal leadership.
- Driving the delivery of priorities in the Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Framework 2013-2018, other Victorian Government commitments, and COAG priorities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people.
- Identifying and advising Government and senior leadership groups across government on specific strategic reforms and priorities for policy and program action.
- Building and maintaining effective engagement arrangements with Aboriginal leaders and supporting the Government in developing effective partnerships

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

The closing date for this position is **Friday, 17 March 2017.**

This position is only open to applicants with relevant rights to work in Australia.

How to apply:

All applications should include only a resume and a cover letter addressing the key selection criteria, unless stated otherwise.

Please refer to the contact on the Position Description if you have any questions regarding the job vacancy.

Other relevant information:

Employment of successful candidates will be subject to a National Police Check.

DPC is an equal opportunity employer and our recruitment process focuses on essential skills and abilities. We welcome applicants from a diverse range of backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds and people with disabilities.

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First Peoples Health Engagement Coordinator (Griffith Health)

School of Medicine

Salary range: \$72,288 – \$77,282 per annum.

Fixed term (12 months), full time position based at the Gold Coast campus.

Closes: 27 March 2017

Reference: 104453



When applying:

Go to griffith.edu.au/jobs for further information on the position and selection criteria, or phone (07) 3735 4011 if you do not have internet access.

BL02911739 CRICOS No. 00238E



Tackling Indigenous Smoking (TIS) Officer

- Full/part-time until 30 June 2017
- Queanbeyan or Goulburn location
- Tax-free salary packaging benefits

Grand Pacific Health (GPH) is a significant provider of primary health services across the South Eastern NSW region. Our health professionals deliver frontline services aimed at addressing unmet local needs in the areas of mental health, Aboriginal health, chronic disease and preventative health programs.

About the Role:

The Tackling Indigenous Smoking (TIS) activity's primary focus is on tobacco use outcomes. The activity will deliver a population and preventative health approach directed to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the region. Activity is undertaken in collaboration with, and to complement, NSW state tobacco control activities.

The TIS Officer will work within the Aboriginal Health team and contribute to promoting, undertaking and supporting a range of programs, activities and workshops aiming to address quitting smoking.

To apply: Go to www.gph.org.au/employment to download the position description containing the selection criteria. Applications should include a cover letter addressing the selection criteria and a current resume and be sent to jobs@gph.org.au

For more information contact the Aboriginal Health & Chronic Disease Manager, Simon Sadler on (02) 4448 2222

***This position is Aboriginal Identified under Section 50 (d) of the
Equal Opportunity Act.***

Closing date 12th March 2017



Manager Aboriginal Affairs

Job No: 495894

Work Type: Ongoing – Full Time

Location: Adelaide

Leading a newly formed small team, the Manager Aboriginal Affairs will drive efforts to ensure SA Water meets its commitments to reconciliation, and develop plans to ensure Aboriginal affairs are managed in a positive, integrated and proactive way.

You will have demonstrated experience in leading policy development, in particular around engaging with Aboriginal communities, and building relationships that foster great outcomes for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.

Working with SA Water's Reconciliation Action Plan Committee, Aboriginal Collective and other teams, you will to lead the coordination of policies, programs and plans to ensure SA Water fulfils its commitments to reconciliation. This will mean you possess a deep understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal employees and communities.

Stand out candidates will have well-developed leadership skills, including motivating staff to be high achievers, and demonstrated success in managing strategic relationships to influence mutually beneficial outcomes.

For any enquiries please contact Trudi on trudi.sheidow@sawater.com.au

**For a position description and to apply go to
<http://careers.sawater.com.au> and upload a copy
of your application by no later than 19 March 2017.**

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EM4344

TIDDAS Program Coordinator

Employer: Whitelion

Work Type/s: Full Time

Classification/s: Education & Training, Social Work, Youth

Sector/s: Not For Profit (NFP)

Location: Fitzroy, Kingsbury and Thornbury

Working Conditions: This is a full-time position

Job posted on: 01st March 2017

Applications close: 19th March 2017

Do you connect well with young people? Are you passionate about engaging with and breaking down barriers for youth at risk, and ensuring access to opportunity? If this sounds like you, read on!

About our Company:

Whitelion provides young people with opportunities to achieve their goals, build long-term positive relationships and re-connect with the wider community. In this role, you will be directly responsible for co-ordinating and delivering a program for high risk young people experiencing suspension, expulsion and disengagement from high school.

About the Role:

This is a full time (1.0 EFT) position until 30th June 2018, with the possibility of extended funding. Some evening and weekend work may be required. Flexible work arrangements can be facilitated where it can be demonstrated all work requirements can be fulfilled.

Salary is range \$57,620 to \$62,342 based on experience and qualifications plus superannuation. Salary packaging applies to this position.

Key Tasks:

- Ensure that services delivered are effective, efficient, and client focused, and consistent with the organisations strategic objectives
- To engage at-risk and disconnected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth and link them into local services
- To promote healthy lifestyles and positive life choices
- To encourage community engagement and participation
- To work towards the reduction of the extent and incidence of antisocial and criminal behaviours
- To encourage and support young people to link into employment and education
- To undertake a variety of administrative tasks including case notes, client monitoring forms, SYARD data base records and other tasks as directed by the Aboriginal Services Manager
- To assist with the maintenance of your office space

To be successful in this role you will need to be a motivated self-starter, innovative, able to relate to and engage at risk young people. Experience in a similar role or any in coordinating and developing programs would be highly regarded. You will also be required to undergo a criminal record check and hold a current Working with Children's Check.

How to apply for this job.

To be considered for an interview, please email your resume and cover letter addressing the key selection criteria in the position description to David Shannon at david.shannon@whitelion.asn.au

For a copy of the position description please go to www.whitelion.org.au or contact David Shannon at david.shannon@whitelion.asn.au.



supporting youth at risk

HOSPITALITY MANAGER YARRAWARRA ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE

The Yarrawarra 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 Yarrawarra 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



Education

Aboriginal Education and Engagement Officer

- Illawara & South Coast
- Senior Education Officer 2 (ETS)
- Temporary full-time role up for a period up to three (3) years from entry on duty date
- Position number and location: 174266, Warilla

Total remuneration package valued to: \$146,478 pa. (salary \$132,141 pa.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing strategic support and advice to schools, educational services teams, school communities and key stakeholders on all aspects of Aboriginal education and engagement.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience within the K-12 range.
- Demonstrated commitment to participating in and managing accreditation processes.
- Experience in leading curriculum implementation and demonstrated understanding of current trends, resources, quality teaching & assessment practice, relevant legislation and policies.
- Demonstrated ability to build the capacity of staff through the development and delivery of innovative programs and services that support Aboriginal education and engagement.
- Demonstrated ability to lead, develop, plan and implement strategic initiatives and innovative practices that support education change for improved student learning outcomes for Aboriginal students.
- Proven ability to liaise and negotiate with a range of stakeholders and work collaboratively within and across teams, with internal and external stakeholders, particularly with the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.
- High level written and oral communication and interpersonal skills and experience in the preparation of documents including briefings, reports and correspondence.
- Demonstrated capacity to ensure that projects are delivered on time, within budget and in accordance with agreed quality standards.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies and the key deliverables and collaborative actions of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education strategy.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education and Communities, you will be required to obtain a *Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number* as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kids.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/New-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. Current Non School Based Teaching Service officers are advised that the 3 year right of return period is accumulative and is inclusive of both **higher duties** and/or **temporary periods of appointment** in existing Non School Based positions.

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.

Special Notes: It is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via **Jobs.NSW**. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted. Applicants must address their suitability to the selection criteria/pre-screening questions.

Applications Close: 22 March 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Ben Ballard on (02) 6200 5011.

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 174266

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Chief Executive Officer

Apunipima Cape York Health Council is committed to the delivery of comprehensive primary health care services to ensure positive health outcomes for the people of Cape York. By tailoring its focus to each individual community, this organisation provides holistic health services, supporting individuals and families across the region. As part of their commitment to the region, the Board of Directors is seeking to appoint a new CEO to lead the organisation with a focus on continued and sustainable growth.

Based in Cairns and managing a diverse team of over 160 staff delivering services to 11 remote Cape York Communities, this role will focus on harnessing the organisation's 23 years of experience in advocacy and service delivery as well as seeking new opportunities to support the existing client base. The CEO will be particularly focused on developing the organisation's capability and driving outcomes to achieve a more innovative primary health care health service. Key to the role are strong people leadership, commercial decision making in a not for profit environment, and the ability to build and maintain high level relationships to maximise the benefit to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community as well as the individuals utilising its services.

Apunipima Cape York Health Council is looking for an Executive with a proven commercial success, strong stakeholder engagement and outstanding leadership skills. The successful applicant will be required to demonstrate a commitment to ensuring improved outcomes for the people of Cape York as well as experience in the management of health services or related industries.

Confidential enquiries can be directed to Ryan Webster on 07 3003 7731.

To apply or request an information pack please email executiveqld@chandlermacleod.com

Applications close on Friday 31st March 2017.



Education

Aboriginal Education and Engagement Officer

- Illawara & South Coast
- Senior Education Officer 2 (ETS)
- Temporary full-time role up for a period up to three (3) years from entry on duty date
- Position number and location: 174265, Wagga Wagga

Total remuneration package valued to: \$146,478 pa. (salary \$132,141 pa.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing strategic support and advice to schools, educational services teams, school communities and key stakeholders on all aspects of Aboriginal education and engagement.

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Applications Close: 22 March 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Lianne Singleton on 0429 360 302.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 174266

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WATERNSW

YASS CATCHMENT GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **RICHARD DEANE TERRELL AND JENNIFER ANNE KATHLEEN TERRELL** for 1 x bore, at Lot 21/1135981, Parish of Jier, County of Murray, for Irrigation purposes. 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. (A9567)

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2607, Phillip Killen Water Regulation Officer.

A05518

WATERNSW

HUNTER REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE ZONE 3A

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been submitted by **ERROL DAVID UPWARD** for a 50 mm mono pump on Lot 3 DP 810452 for the stock purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 2213, Dangar NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the Objection. (A9570)

Any queries please call (02) 4904 2511 Heather Dewson, Water Regulation Officer.

A05521

WATERNSW

BACKWATER BOGGY COWAL WATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **NICHOLAS SIMON REDDEN, JOHN CHARLES REDDEN and JEANETTE MARY REDDEN** for two new pumps (1 x 400 mm pump and 1 x 300 mm pump) on Lot 32 DP 883546, Parish of Myall Camp, County of Narromine. (A009559)

Objections to the granting of the approval must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 or Richard.Wheatley@waterNSW.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A05527

WATERNSW

PEEL FRACTURED ROCK GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received **JOHN MARY GATT, DORIS GATT & JAMES MICALLEF** for an additional bore within the Peel Fractured Rock Groundwater Source on Lot 181 DP 553540, Parish of Tangaratta, County of Pary for Industrial and Irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO 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. (A9537).

Any queries please call (02) 6763 1472 Lachlan Browne, Water Regulation Officer.

A05530

WATERNSW

TWEED-BRUNSWICK COASTAL SANDS GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **GALES-KINGSLIFF PTY LTD** for a battery of spears on Lot 2 DP216705 (amending existing approval 30CA321269 – additional works only) (A009586).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6676 7881, Melissa Hundy, Water Regulation Officer.

A05568

WATERNSW

MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **JG & SM INVESTMENTS P/L, ENURA P/L, CATHERINE LOUISE GRAHAM AND JOCK FRANCIS GRAHAM** for a 75 mm pump on the Murrumbidgee River, 1/1096529, Parish of Darbalara, County of Buccleuch. (A9220)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2607 Phillip Killen, Water Regulation Officer.

A05506

WATERNSW

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 NEW WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND/OR WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **JANET MOXEY** for a 250mm centrifugal pump, capacity 17ML/day on Lot 13 DP752950, Parish Trajere, County Ashburnham, for Irrigation purposes on Lots 13-14 DP752950 AND Lot 41 DP1211243.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.(A009562)

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808, Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A05510

WATERSNSW

UPPER MACQUARIE ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a NEW COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **SCOTT ANTHONY O'LEARY AND HARRIET KATE BROUGHAM** for one groundwater bore to be located on Lot 38 or Lot 39 of DP 754331, Parish of Warrie, County of Lincoln, for the purpose of irrigation on both said land portions. (Ref: A009502).

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A05427

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES - WATER

SOUTHERN RECHARGE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL** for three new and one existing industrial bores located on Lot 1125 DP 880898, Parish of Burrabadine, County of Narromine (Ref: A009415).

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call (02) 6841 7469, Alice Buckley, Water Regulation Officer.

A05323

WATERSNSW

MID MURRUMBIDGEE ZONE 3 ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL under section 92 of the *Water Management Act 2000* has been received from **DOCYARRUM INVESTMENTS PTY LIMITED** for 1 bore, on Lot 120 DP 750863 Parish Tooyal, County Bourke for irrigation on Lot 120 DP 750863 Parish Tooyal, County Bourke. (A009500)

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) 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. Any inquiries should be directed to (02) 6951 2607, Water Regulation Officer, Phillip Killen.

A05428

WATER NSW

NSW MURRAY DARLING BASIN FRACTURED ROCK GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval has been received from **L & D TAYLOR PTY LTD** for a bore within the New England Fold Belt Groundwater Source on Lot 1 DP 750112, Parish North Nullamanna, County Ararawatta for Industrial and Commercial purposes. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 486, Moree NSW 2400, within 28 days of this notification.

The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A9488)

Any queries please call (02) 6757 2502 Anthony Colvin, Water Regulation Officer.

A05426

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER

PEEL FRACTURED ROCK WATER SOURCE

An application to amend Combined Approval 90CA818834 to add additional works (4). Well on Lot 70 DP 1140851, bore on Lot 4 DP 211713 and 2 bores on Lot 158 DP 237268 has been received from **TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL**.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to PO 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 (A9471).

Any queries please call Chris Binks on (02) 6763 1465.

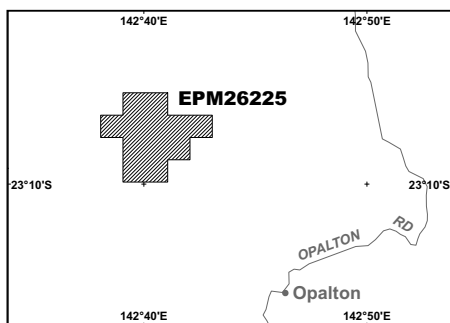
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS, RENEWAL OF MINING CLAIMS AND GRANT AND RENEWAL OF MINING LEASES

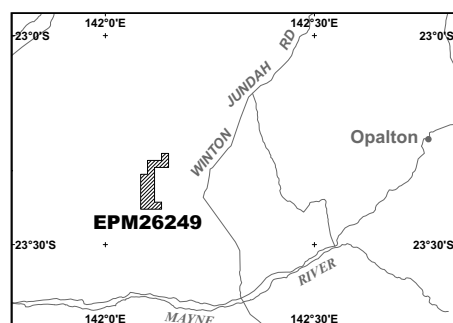
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of EPM26225, EPM26249, EPM26256, EPM26259, EPM26273 and EPM26337, the renewal of MC95228 and MC95318, the grant of ML70513 and renewal of ML95527 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

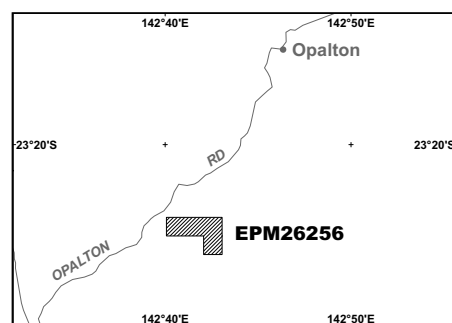
Exploration Permit 26225 sought by Margaret Anne Geran, over an area of 12 sub-blocks (37 km²), centred approximately 16 km North West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



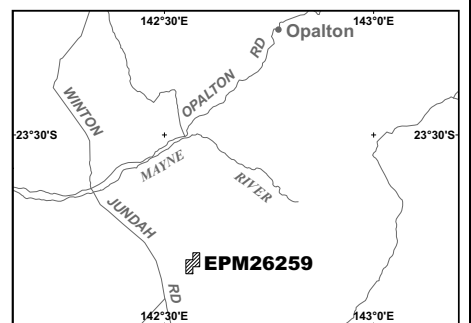
Exploration Permit 26249 sought by B & R Mining Pty Ltd, ACN 099 601 457, over an area of 16 sub-blocks (50 km²), centred approximately 67 km West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



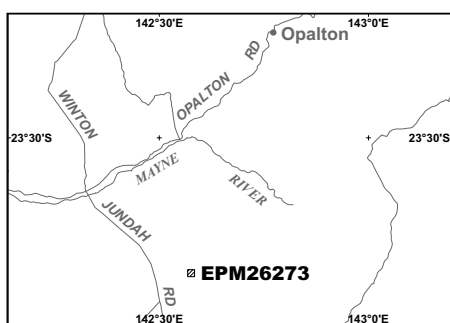
Exploration Permit 26256 sought by Opal Essence Australia Pty Ltd, ACN 010 220 390, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 18 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



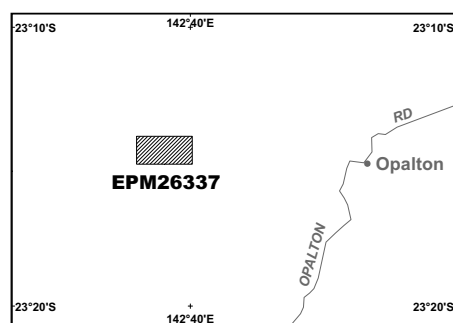
Exploration Permit 26259 sought by John David Wilton, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 65 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council.



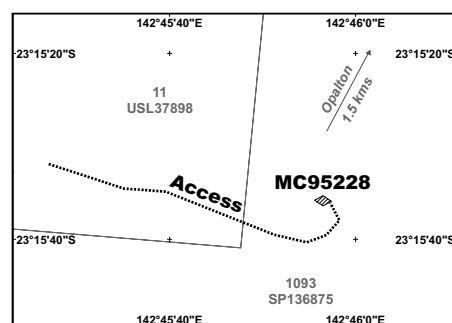
Exploration Permit 26273 sought by John Joseph Andrew Sullivan, over an area of 1 sub-block (3 km²), centred approximately 65 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council.



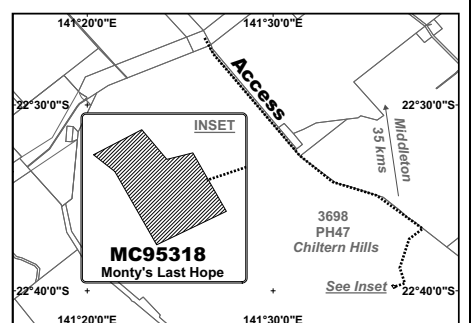
Exploration Permit 26337 sought by Eric Douglas Hume, over an area of 2 sub-blocks (6 km²), centred approximately 12 km West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



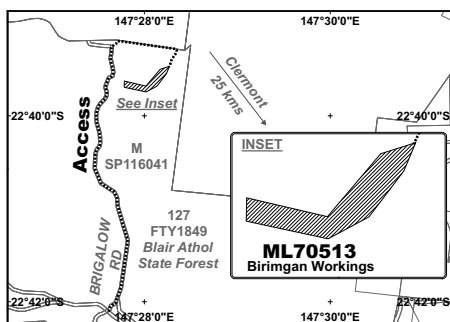
Mining Claim 95228 renewal sought by Kisha Louise Neville, over an area of 866 m² centred approximately 1.5 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



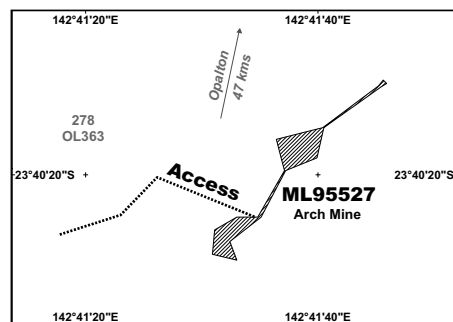
Mining Claim 95318 renewal sought by Reinhold Lingnau, over an area of 7.5774 ha centred approximately 35 km South South East of Middleton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



Mining Lease 70513 sought by Fertile Development Corp Pty Ltd, ACN 166 313 042, over an area of 12.6990 ha, centred approximately 25 km North West of Clermont, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



Mining Lease 95527 renewal sought by John Griffith Vinnicombe (50%) and Jennifer Elizabeth Vinnicombe (50%), over an area of 1.5613 ha centred approximately 47 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of Exploration Permits under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years. The renewal of Mining Claim 95318 under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years. The grant of Mining Lease 70513 and the renewal of Mining Lease 95227 and Mining Claim 95228 under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Exploration Permits be granted, the Mining Claims and Mining Leases be granted and renewed subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal or grant of Exploration Permits, Mining Claims and Mining Leases, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permits, Mining Claims and Mining Lease Applications or Renewals may be

obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Small Scale Mining Hub, Court House, Vindex Street, Winton, Queensland, 4735, Telephone: (07) 4657 1727.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal or grant of Exploration Permits, Mining Claims and Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 26 April 2017

UPPER MACQUARIE ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE

Objections to the granting of the approval must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 or Richard.Wheatley@watnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED WATER SOURCE

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A9522)

Any queries please call (03) 5898 3939 Jane Taylor, Water Regulation Officer.



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	04/2457	WOMBAT RESOURCES PTY LIMITED	37BL	118km N'ly of Derby	Lat: 16° 14' S Long: 123° 35' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2889-I	BARACUS PTY LTD	115BL	71km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 1' S Long: 117° 0' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2180	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED MILFORD RESOURCES PTY LTD	54BL	102km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 5' S Long: 115° 42' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1568	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	2BL	18km SE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 18' S Long: 121° 49' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/911-5	CALYPSO MINERALS PTY LTD	241BL	28km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 11' S Long: 117° 47' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	24/203	ATRIPLEX PTY LIMITED	4BL	52km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 9' S Long: 120° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/560	OVERLAND RESOURCES LIMITED	9BL	54km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 122° 2' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	25/561	OVERLAND RESOURCES LIMITED	3BL	50km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 122° 3' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/545	BLACK EAGLE (WA) PTY LTD	13BL	37km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 121° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2650-I	SERENDIPITY RESOURCES PTY LTD	15BL	92km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 122° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	37/1303	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	9BL	51km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 29' S Long: 121° 36' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3206-7	GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED	382BL	116km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 28' S Long: 123° 54' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3216	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	1BL	8km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 122° 28' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2014	WILDVIPER PTY LTD	5BL	62km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 121° 48' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4776	BARACUS PTY LTD	32BL	63km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 45' S Long: 119° 31' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4854	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	6BL	55km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 20' S Long: 120° 14' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4856	KERAS (PILBARA) GOLD PTY LTD	8BL	27km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 25' S Long: 119° 44' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4857	KERAS (PILBARA) GOLD PTY LTD	46BL	43km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 30' S Long: 120° 2' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1157	888 RESOURCES PTY LTD	38BL	116km SW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 13' S Long: 121° 14' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3591	COCCINELLA PTY LTD	12BL	64km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 50' S Long: 117° 11' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1789	OXLEY RESOURCES LIMITED	5BL	17km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 28' S Long: 118° 35' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1792	ZEUS MINING PTY LTD	1BL	102km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 52' S Long: 119° 8' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1797	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	11BL	63km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 1' S Long: 118° 33' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1798	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	3BL	68km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 59' S Long: 118° 38' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3444	MARINDI METALS OPERATIONS PTY LTD	31BL	46km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 29' S Long: 119° 18' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3486	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	9BL	147km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 30' S Long: 119° 19' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3487	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	3BL	154km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 28' S Long: 119° 24' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3488	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	1BL	158km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 27' S Long: 119° 27' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3489	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	1BL	162km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 27' S Long: 119° 31' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3490	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	60BL	168km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 50' S Long: 116° 51' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3492	BARACUS PTY LTD	21BL	24km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 25' S Long: 117° 41' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1927	COAL FIRST PTY LTD	5BL	89km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 56' S Long: 121° 39' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1928	COAL FIRST PTY LTD	2BL	79km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 50' S Long: 121° 35' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1929	TORO ENERGY EXPLORATION PTY LTD	4BL	62km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 6' S Long: 121° 6' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2421	WEST AUSTRALIAN PROSPECTORS PTY LTD	4BL	95km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 2' S Long: 119° 7' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2423	KLAUS CONTRACTING PTY LTD	10BL	41km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 24' S Long: 119° 42' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4968	SAYONA MINING LIMITED	25BL	111km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 16' S Long: 127° 59' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5047	NEWMONT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	199BL	15km E'ly of Balgo Community	Lat: 20° 10' S Long: 128° 7' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5063	IRONRINGER (CORKWOOD) PTY LTD	6BL	127km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 14' S Long: 128° 15' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6008	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	126.90HA	11km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 11' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6067-S	MORGAN, Glyn Thomas	9.72HA	20km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 10' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6068-S	MORGAN, Glyn Thomas	9.66HA	21km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 7' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6075-7 & 15/6114-5	TORIAN RESOURCES LIMITED	713.07HA	22km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 120° 59' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6112	RETI, Joanne Maria	181.13HA	32km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 44' S Long: 121° 45' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6125	HIGGINS, Ryan	9.87HA	18km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
		CZAPLINSKI, Paul Edward				
Prospecting Licence	16/3011	BOULDER INVESTMENTS GROUP PTY LTD	74.88HA	34km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 120° 55' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3036	ROBINS, Peter John	197.68HA	42km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 120° 55' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3037-42	ABADAN RIJI PTY LTD	721.53HA	46km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 120° 55' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3043	ABADAN RIJI PTY LTD	18.30HA	50km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 120° 55' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2271	MONEY, Brian Mathew	9.14HA	32km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 11' S Long: 118° 3' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	21/751-2	DUNCAN, Colin John	19.39HA	5km S'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 28' S Long: 117° 53' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2422	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	200.15HA	17km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 38' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2424	WALLEY, Hugh Gordon	121.10HA	26km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 121° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2308-11	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	702.21HA	15km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 33' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	31/2110	MAHER, Gordon	195.81HA	122km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 122° 29' E	MENZIES SHIRE
		HOGAN, Steven				
Prospecting Licence	37/8868	CREW, Ross Frederick	72.83HA	34km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8881, 37/8885 & 37/8888	TORIAN RESOURCES LIMITED	567.45HA	34km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8884	TORIAN RESOURCES LIMITED	178.60HA	34km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 121° 4' E	LEONORA SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	37/8901-3	ROMAN KINGS PTY LTD	597.03HA	23km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 121° 33' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4364	YANG, Lijun	24.03HA	42km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 14' S Long: 122° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4377	STONE RESOURCES AUSTRALIA LIMITED	57.68HA	30km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 122° 39' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	40/1427	YIJUN, Zhu	9.60HA	39km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 121° 25' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1428, 40/1438, 40/1443-4 & 40/1446-7	YIJUN, Zhu	527.62HA	54km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 21' S Long: 121° 26' E	MENZIES SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	40/1436	YIJUN, Zhu	105.38HA	42km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 14' S Long: 121° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	40/1439	YIJUN, Zhu	2.87HA	24km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 121° 22' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1440	YIJUN, Zhu	160.60HA	33km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 10' S Long: 121° 22' E	MENZIES SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	40/1442	YIJUN, Zhu	102.40HA	51km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 22' S Long: 121° 24' E	MENZIES SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	45/3030-S	CREASY, Robert Wilmot	5.04HA	59km S'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 21° 1' S Long: 120° 18' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/3033	TAYLOR, David John	6.68HA	24km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 20' S Long: 119° 52' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2121	MANUEL, Bruce Wayne	16.72HA	50km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 116° 57' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
		YOUNG, Shane Clifford				
Prospecting Licence	59/2122	MANUEL, Bruce Wayne	60.09HA	51km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 116° 58' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
		YOUNG, Shane Clifford				
Prospecting Licence	70/1676	KEYSBROOK LEUCOXENE PTY LTD	167.56HA	8km NE'ly of Pinjarra	Lat: 32° 34' S Long: 115° 55' E	MURRAY SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4409-10	WILLIAMS, John	300.00HA	88km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 3' S Long: 119° 14' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4411	WILLIAMS, John	9.71HA	88km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 5' S Long: 119° 8' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Retention Licence	52/8	AUSTRALIAN MANGANESE PTY LTD	7456.55HA	79km E'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 25' S Long: 120° 30' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Retention Licence	52/8	AUSTRALIAN MANGANESE PTY LTD	7456.55HA	79km E'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 25' S Long: 120° 30' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA 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 retention licences which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 8 March 2017

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **8 June 2017**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia.

1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 8 July 2017**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

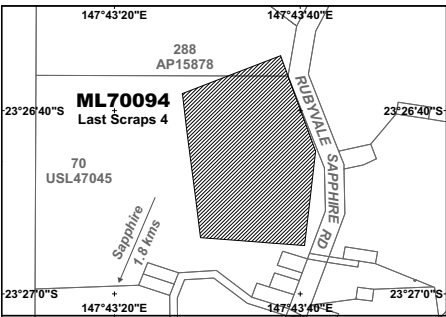
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL OF MINING LEASE AND GRANT AND RENEWAL OF MINING CLAIMS

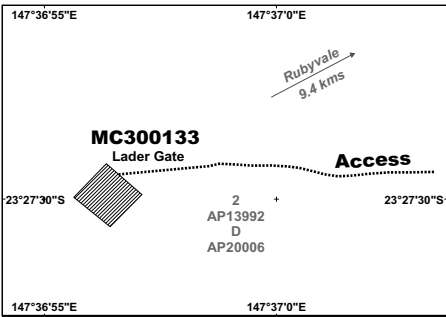
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of ML70094, grant of MC300133 and MC300134 and renewal of MC70072, MC71121, MC71506, MC71516, MC71531, MC71582, MC71587, MC71588, MC71603, MC71633, MC71644, MC71666, MC71695, MC71709, MC72156, MC72223 and MC72241, shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

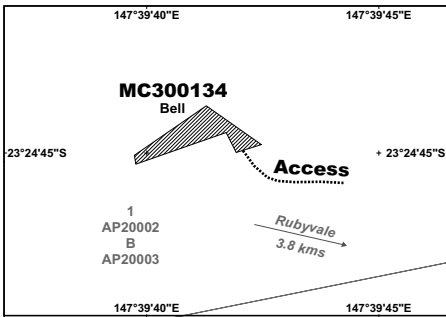
Mining Lease 70094 renewal sought by Torian Resources Limited, ACN 002 261 565, over an area of 19.9159 ha, centred approximately 1.8 km North North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



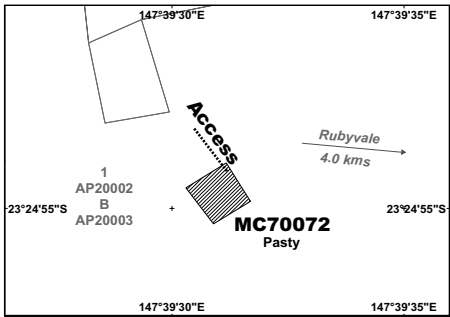
Mining Claim 300133 sought by Raymond Alfred Smith, over an area of 868 m², centred approximately 9.4 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



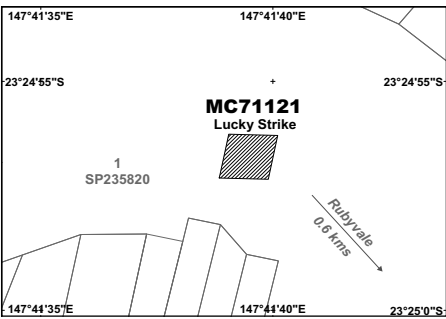
Mining Claim 300134 sought by Ashley Bell, over an area of 900 m², centred approximately 3.8 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



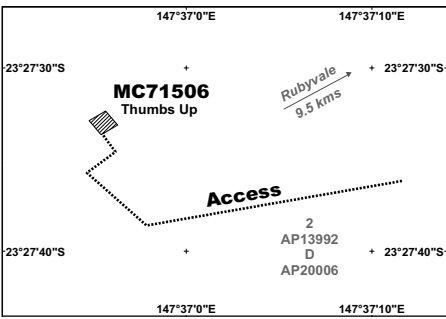
Mining Claim 70072 renewal sought by Aaron Bradley Rule (50%) and Richard James Rule (50%), over an area of 841 m² centred approximately 4.0 km West North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



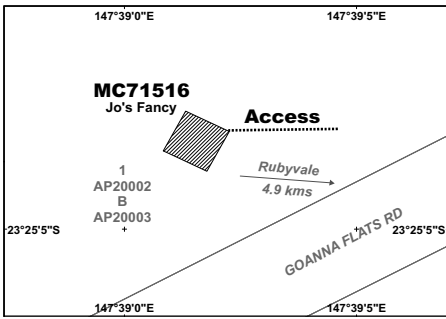
Mining Claim 71121 renewal sought by Sandra Jean Perry, over an area of 888 m² centred approximately 0.6 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



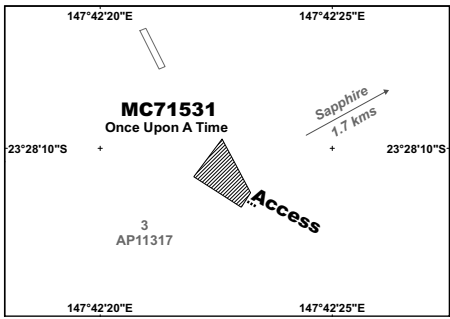
Mining Claim 71506 renewal sought by Wayne John Currey, over an area of 897 m² centred approximately 9.5 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



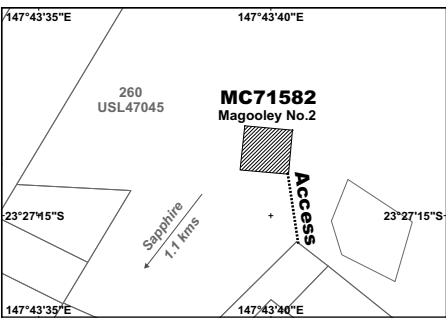
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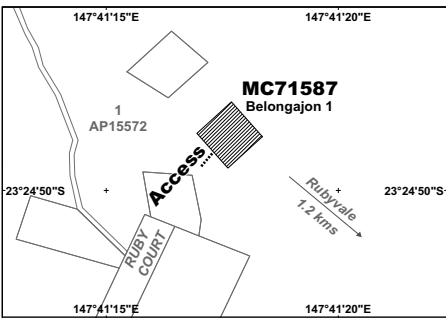
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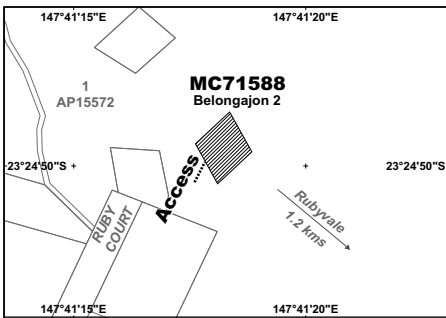
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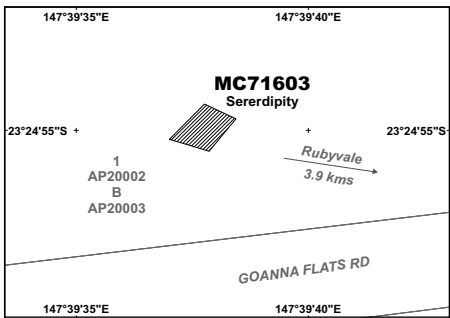
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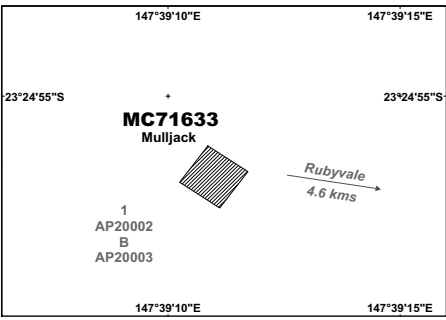
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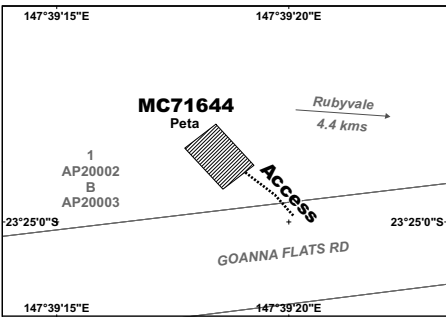
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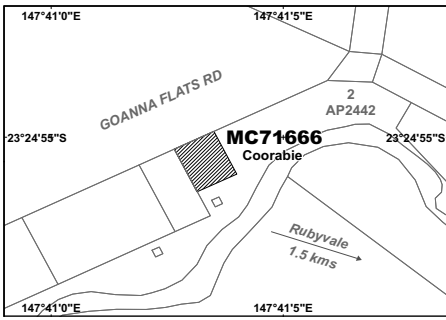
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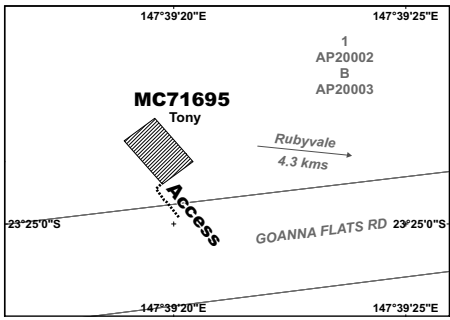
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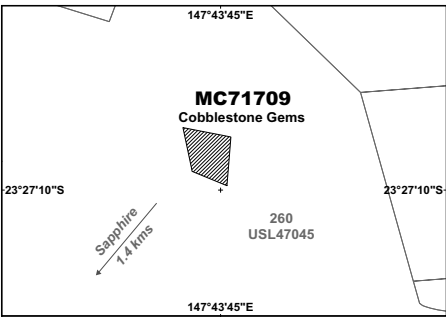
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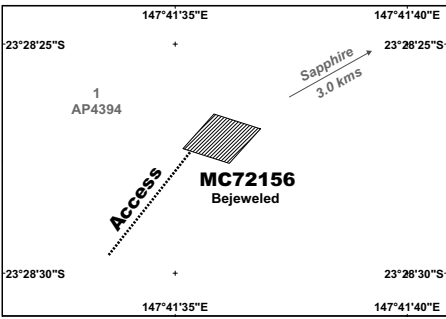
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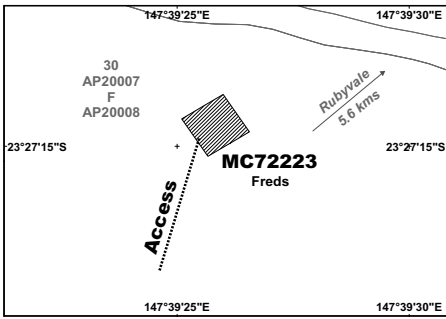
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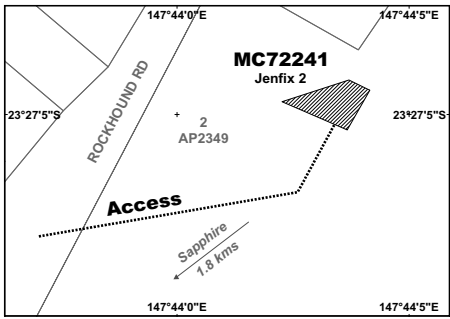
Mining Claim 72156 renewal sought by Karen Anne Hadgkiss, over an area of 846 m² centred approximately 3.0 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72223 renewal sought by Rhonda Joy Wittmann, over an area of 850 m² centred approximately 5.6 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72241 renewal sought by Norman Richard Jensen, over an area of 896 m², centred approximately 1.8 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The renewal of the Mining Lease and the grant and renewal of Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease and Mining Claims be granted and renewed subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal of the Mining Lease and grant and renewal of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease and Mining Claim grant and renewals may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

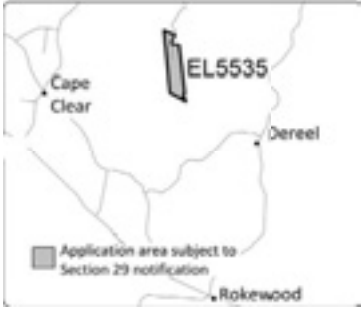
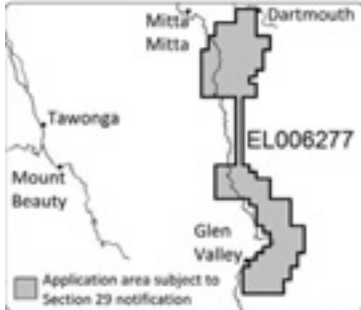
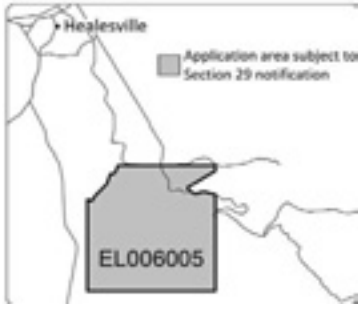
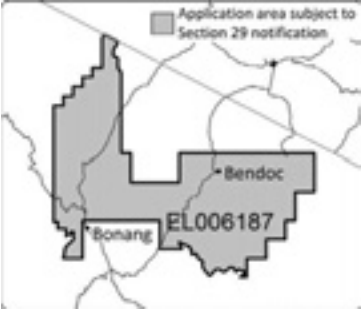
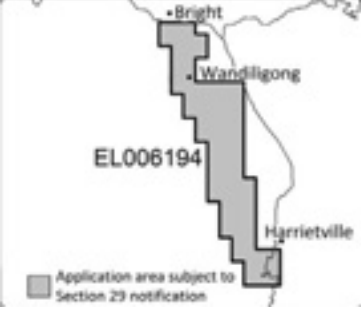
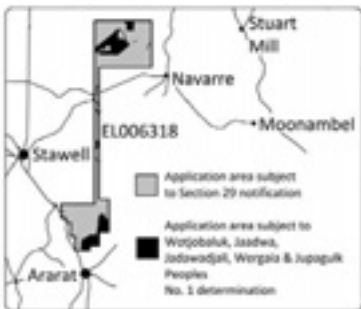
Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a “native title party” is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal of the Mining Lease and grant and renewal of Mining Claims. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 29 March 2017

Notice under Section 29(3) of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*

The State of Victoria, through the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following exploration licences under section 25 of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*:

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY	TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
EL5535	NAME: Balmaine Gold Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 7.3km east of Cape Clear LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 76: D6 TERM: 5 years AREA: 9km2 MUNICIPALITY: Golden Plains Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 737750E 5815600N Z54 Centre 100k map 7622	EL006277	NAME: Dart Mining NL LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 22.5km east of Mount Beauty LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 50: H2-6, J2-8 Map 51: A3, A6-8, B7 TERM: 5 years AREA: 220km2 MUNICIPALITY: Towong Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 541450E 5934900N Z55 Centre 100k map 8324
EL006005	NAME: Nugget and Stone Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 5km south of Healesville LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 80: A5 TERM: 5 years AREA: 40km2 MUNICIPALITY: Yarra Ranges Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 371500E 5826500N Z55 Centre 100k map 8022	EL006280	NAME: Mercator Gold Australia Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 4.1km west of Graytown LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 45: E7, F6-8, G6-7 TERM: 5 years AREA: 74km2 MUNICIPALITY: Shire of Strathbogie	 Centre MGA Co-ord 310300E 5922150N Z55 Centre 100k map 7824
EL006187	NAME: Goldcorp Pty Ltd, Peter Mitchell LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Bendoc as shown on the attached map. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 68: C3-4, D2-5, E2-5, F4-5, G4-5, H4-5 TERM: 5 years AREA: 284km2 MUNICIPALITY: East Gippsland Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 663600E 5884200N Z55 Centre 100k map 8623	EL006300	NAME: Dart Mining NL LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 7.2 km east of Gundowring LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 36: D7-9, E7-9, F8-9, G9 Map 50: D2-3, E2-3, F2, G2 TERM: 5 years AREA: 245km2 MUNICIPALITY: Towong Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 519900E 5964250N Z55 Centre 100k map 8325
EL006194	NAME: Thomas Miroslav Krt and Louise Victoria Lindskog LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Wandiligong as shown on the attached map LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 49: H5-7 Map 50: B6-8, C8 TERM: 5 years AREA: 76km2 MUNICIPALITY: Alpine Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 501400E 5923300N Z55 Centre 100k map 8324	EL006318	NAME: Owen Coote and Glenn Connor LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 5.1km north of Ararat LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 41: H6-9 Map 42: B6-8, C6-8 Map 56: F4, G4-5, H2-5 TERM: 5 years AREA: 225km2 MUNICIPALITY: Northern Grampians Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 673400E 5899100N Z54 Centre 100k map 7423

Nature of the act(s): The grant of an exploration licence, which authorises the holder to explore for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to five years.

The State of Victoria, through the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Resources or delegate is considering the renewal of the following mining licence under section 31 of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*:

The State of Victoria, through the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following retention licence under section 25 of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*:

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY	TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
MIN4644	NAME: Mandalay Resources Costerfield Operations Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Costerfield as shown on the attached map LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 45: E7-8, F7-8 TERM: 20 years AREA: 1,219.30 ha MUNICIPALITY: City of Greater Bendigo	 Centre MGA Co-ord 304550E 5914600N Z55 Centre 100k map 7824	RL006038	NAME: Basin Minerals Holding Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 7.3km east of Douglas LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 39: F8-9 Map 54: E2-3, F2-3 TERM: 10 years AREA: 2,919.80 hectares MUNICIPALITY: Rural City of Horsham	 Centre MGA Co-ord 573800E 5903450N Z54 Centre 100k map 7223

Nature of the act(s): The renewal of a mining licence, which authorises the holder to mine for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to 20 years (unless the Minister decides otherwise).

Nature of the act(s): The grant of a retention licence, which authorises the holder to intensively explore for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to 10 years (unless the Minister decides otherwise).

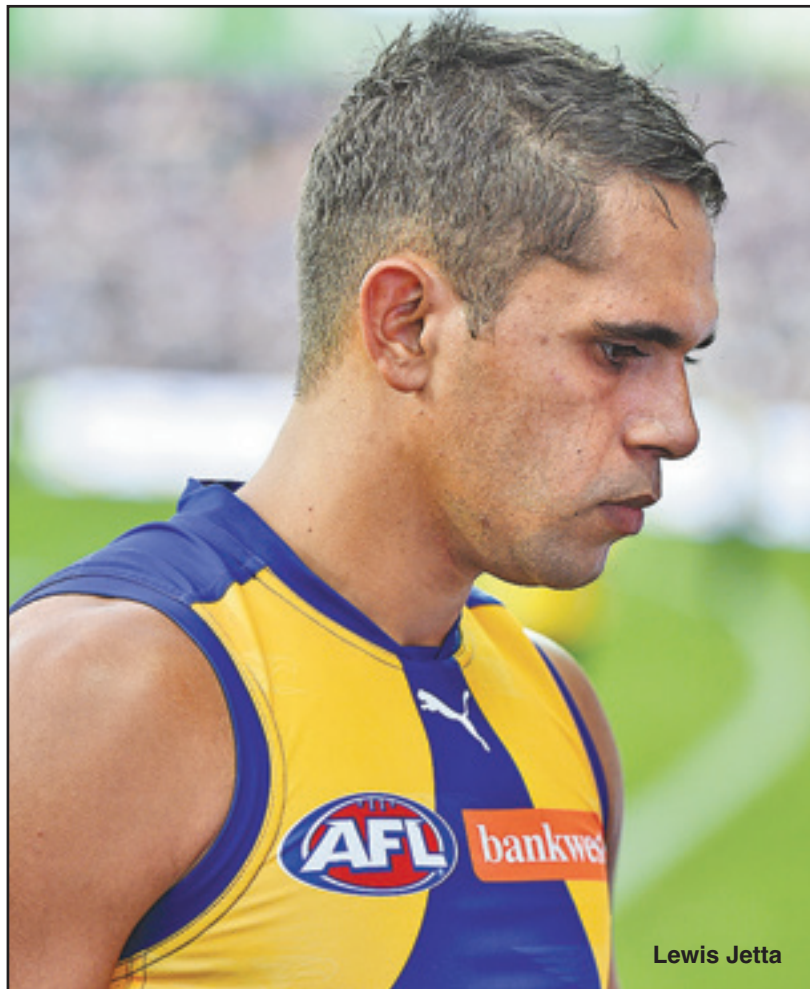
Notification Day: 8 March 2017

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* persons have until three months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the potential grant of the licences. The three month period closes on 8 June 2017. Enquiries about becoming a native title party may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Melbourne Registry, telephone 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further information about the potential grant of the licences, including identification maps, may be obtained from the Earth Resources Business Centre at Level 15, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000, telephone (03) 8392 7095.

For further information about native title and the right to negotiate process, contact James O'Callaghan, Native Title Coordinator, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, telephone (03) 5336 6645.

Jetta set to dazzle



Lewis Jetta



WEST Coast midfielder Lewis Jetta will be a far more damaging player this

Australian Football League (AFL) season after building a stronger chemistry with the Eagles' group during the summer, according to defender Sharrod Wellingham.

Jetta struggled in his first season at West Coast, with the premiership Swan dropped three times in a campaign where he played just 12 games.

The 27-year-old has enjoyed a much smoother pre-season this time around, and Wellingham is confident Jetta will be able to dazzle fans this year.

Jetta played a key role in the 55-point win over Fremantle last

month, tallying 21 disposals.

"I don't know if it's a change in attitude so much as that he's a lot more in tune with what's required of him from the club," Wellingham said.

"He's committed whole-heartedly over the summer to our program, and it's obviously bearing fruit so far in the first couple of weeks.

"We've also got to know Jetts and what we need to do for him, and you saw on the weekend when he gets those handball receives that's the way he plays – he takes the game on.

"You get the ball in his hands and he's going to be a damaging player. It's also up to us to make him a better player as well."

Wellingham knows all too well how hard it can be to adapt

to a new club and game plan.

The 28-year-old crossed from Collingwood to West Coast at the end of 2012.

But Wellingham struggled in his first two years at the club, with a series of ankle issues limiting his output.

Wellingham finally found his feet in 2015, playing a key role in defence in West Coast's surge to a grand final.

"My first year was a little bit of a down year due to injury," Wellingham said.

"But when I was out on the track I was able to perform to a reasonable standard.

"I can definitely empathise with coming into a new team and having to meet new teammates and the way they go about things.

"It does take a little bit of time." – AAP

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Notification day: 15 March 2017



National
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Tribunal



WI2017/003 Balanggarra #3 Indigenous Land Use Agreement
State of Western Australia

Description of the agreement area:

The agreement covers about 90,700 sqm, located in 3 portions along the Great Northern Highway approx. 0.5 km north west of Wyndham and 4.7 km and 5.8km south east of Wyndham.

Relevant LGA: Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley

The agreement contains the following statements:

3.2 The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Agreed Acts comprise the creation and grant by the State, of the following leases and estates in fee simple:

(a) Certificate of title 2561/586, comprising Lot 1776 on Deposited Plan 208835;

(b) Certificate of title 2561/587, comprising Lot 1777 on Deposited Plan 208835;

(c) Certificate of title 2561/588, comprising Lot 1778 on Deposited Plan 208835;

(d) Certificate of title 2561/589, comprising Lot 1779 on Deposited Plan 208835;

(e) Certificate of title 2600/54, comprising Lot 1365 on Deposited Plan 213443;

(f) General lease H815492, granted pursuant to section 79 of the LAA, being the whole of Lot 1365 on Deposited Plan 213443;

(g) Certificate of title 2726/303, comprising Lot 1297 on Deposited Plan 210697; and

(h) General lease H 852292, granted pursuant to section 79 of the LAA, being the whole of Wyndham Lot 1297 on Land Administration Plan 210697.

3.3 Each Party agrees to the validating of the Agreed Acts referred to in clause 3.2 to the extent that any or all of those acts was a Future Act that was done invalidly, with the intent that such statement of agreement to validity satisfies the requirement of section 24EBA(1)(a) of the NTA.

3.6 (a) The Parties agree to the surrender of any and all native title rights and interests which exist in the Agreement Area to the State. The surrender of the native title rights and interests in relation to the Agreement Area to the State is intended to extinguish those native title rights and interests.

(b) The Parties agree that in respect of the Agreed Acts, the Parties intend that the surrender and extinguishment will occur on the Registration Date.

3.7 (a) The Right to Negotiate Procedure does not apply to any of the Agreed Acts, with the intent that such statement satisfies the requirement of section 24EB(1)(c) of the NTA.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

State of Western Australia AND Minister for Lands
c/- State Solicitor's Office, David Malcolm Justice Centre, 28 Barrack Street, Perth, WA, 6000

Jean Leyland, Jeff Clark, Mary Teresa (Taylor), May Smith, Tom Birch and Vernon Gerrard for and on behalf of the Balanggarra # 3 claim group AND Balanggarra Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC

c/- Kimberley Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, PO Box 2145, Broome, WA, 6725

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PO Box 2145, Broome, WA, 6725

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Kimberley Land Council, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA, 6848** by **15 June 2017**. Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal. For assistance and further information about this application, call Stacey Scott on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS and WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from: **MURRAY DARLING WETLANDS WORKING GROUP LIMITED** to install 1 x 300 mm pump and 1 x Block Dam on an un-named watercourse (known locally as Boundary Creek) on Lot 1 DP 1098196, Parish of Wangumma, County of Tara and 1 x 450 mm diversion pipe and regulator on Frenchmans Creek on Lot 15 DP 191790 and Lot 1 DP 1098196, Parish of Wangumma, County of Tara and 1 x Block Dam on un-named watercourse on Lot 19 DP756188, Parish of Warpa, County of Tara and 1 x 300 mm pump and 1 x Block Dam on the Murray River on Lot 2 DP 756188, Parish of Warpa, County of Tara. The purpose of the proposed works is for environmental rehabilitation of wetlands within Wingillie Station. (A9119)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be lodged in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 363, Buronga, NSW, 2739 within 28 days of the date of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of the objection. Any enquiries please call (03) 5051 6210, David Kernebone, Water Regulation Officer.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF DJAKU:NDE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

This notice invites all members of the Djaku:nde people from the Burnett region in the eastern Queensland to attend a Native Title Authorisation meeting. This meeting is being convened for all members of the Djaku:nde people who assert native title rights and interests in the area of land and waters described in the map below for the purpose of authorising a native title land claim in Queensland pursuant to section 61 of the Native Title Act 1993.

The meeting is also being convened to authorise an "Applicant" for the filing of a Native Title application for Determination and to deal with all matters arising under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwth).

Proposed Claim Area

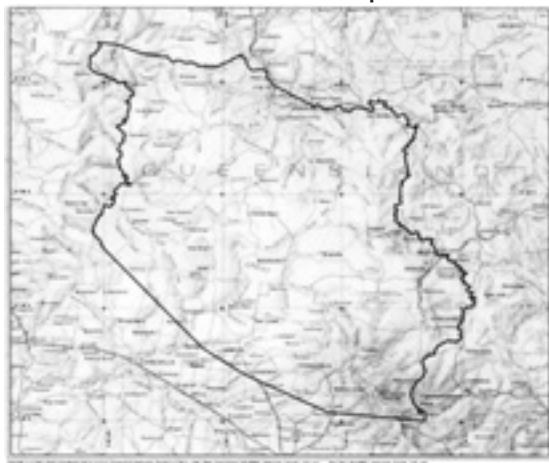
Details of the authorisation meeting:

Venue: 46 Johnstone Street, Bundaburg QLD 4670

Date: 08/04/2017

Time: 11.00am

All interested Djaku:nde people are requested to contact Barbara Blair on 0428109267



Hill’s cool reaction to ice

 PRIZED Australian Football League (AFL) Fremantle recruit Bradley Hill has revealed he had almost been forced to pull out of a pre-season practice match against West Coast after suffering an allergic reaction to an ice bath.

Hill, who has a history of reacting to the cold, swelled up and became red and itchy after forgetting to take an allergy tablet just before stepping into the bath.

The 23-year-old also suffered the reaction several times during his stint at Hawthorn, so he wasn’t overly worried when it happened again.

“I normally take a Telfast tablet, which is like an antihistamine, because I just have a bit of a reaction to cold temperatures,” Hill said.

“I jumped in an ice bath before the game and blew up a little bit. I get a bit swollen, red and itchy.

“Then I just got a bit fatigued and didn’t feel too great. But I’ve had it a fair few times so I’m not worried about it.”

Hill booted two goals from 10 disposals in the 55-point loss in sweltering heat.

The speedy wingman refused to blame the allergic reaction for his quiet display, saying he simply didn’t have his best day.

Hill played 95 games and won three premierships during his five-year stint at Hawthorn. – AAP

Peachey an Origin bolter, says Johns

 EIGHTH rugby league immortal Andrew Johns has backed Phil Gould’s calls for Tyrone Peachey to be selected as a Blues bolter for this year’s NSW side, calling him the new Craig Wing.

Just seven months after being dropped to reserve grade by Penrith coach Anthony Griffin, Peachey has emerged as a genuine proposition to make his State of Origin debut this year.

With Josh Mansour (knee) and Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (knee) missing the start of the National Rugby League (NRL) season, Wellington-born Peachey is set to start the season at centre.

While he enjoyed a breakout back-end to his campaign at centre last year, he has played all over the park since making his debut for Cronulla in 2013, including the back-row, hooker and five-eighth.

His utility value and speed out of dummy-half now shape as a potential X factor for NSW coach Laurie Daley.

Matt Moylan and Jack Bird are regarded as the leading contenders for the Blues utility position, but Johns said Peachey would add an attacking thrust the side hasn’t enjoyed since the retirement of super-sub Wing.

“I can see someone like Tyrone Peachey (playing the utility role),” Johns said.

“I don’t think the Blues have had that impact out of dummy-half since Craig Wing.”

In July last year, the 25-year-old was sent back to NSW Cup after showing up late to Panthers training following a night out in Cronulla.

Peachey described it as the kick up the backside he needed and has seemingly carried his outstanding form into 2017, judging by his sharp display for the Indigenous All Stars last month.

During the All Stars broadcast, Channel 9 commentator and Penrith supremo Gould advocated Peachey being blooded by NSW this year.

Former NSW skipper Johns said he would like to see Peachey being used alongside NSW No 9 Robbie Farah, predicting he was capable of cutting up Queensland’s tiring forwards late in both halves.

“Origin football is not about set plays, it’s about playing fast over the advantage line,” Johns said.

“I think someone like Tyrone Peachey coming on when the Queenslanders are tired, he’d terrorise them.” – AAP



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	12/66	PREMIER COAL LIMITED	8.53HA	16km E'ly of Collie	Lat: 33° 23' S Long: 116° 18' E	COLLIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	15/1821	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	535.02HA	18km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 15' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	15/1826	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	1786.61HA	17km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 121° 19' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	15/1831	EVOLUTION MINING (PHOENIX) PTY LTD	843.35HA	22km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 7' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	24/959	METALIKO RESOURCES LTD	193.07HA	62km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 121° 13' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 8 March 2017

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **8 June 2017**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 8 July 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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Cowal Gold Operations Processing Rate Modification Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited (Evolution) is the owner and operator of the Cowal Gold Operations (CGO), located approximately 38 kilometres north-east of West Wyalong in New South Wales (NSW).

Evolution is seeking environmental approvals under the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* and Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999* for a proposed Modification to the CGO (the Modification).

The Modification would include construction and operation of new or expanded tailings storage facilities, increasing the ore processing rate from 7.5 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) to 9.5 Mtpa and duplication of the existing water supply pipeline.

As part of the modification request, Evolution will be preparing an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment to identify ways to avoid or minimise potential harm to Aboriginal objects. Following both this Assessment and the community consultation process referred to below, Evolution may seek a new Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under section 90 of the NSW *National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974* to move and/or destroy Aboriginal objects (or a variation to the existing permits [including 1468 and 1681] and consents [1467 and 1680]). The subject area of the Modification and any such application is depicted as the “Area of Interest” as shown on the enclosed plan.

Community consultation is an important part of this process. In accordance with the requirements as set out in the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010* (NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, 2010) (Consultation Guidelines) issued by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, Evolution is required to conduct a community consultation process with relevant Aboriginal people to assist in the preparation of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment.

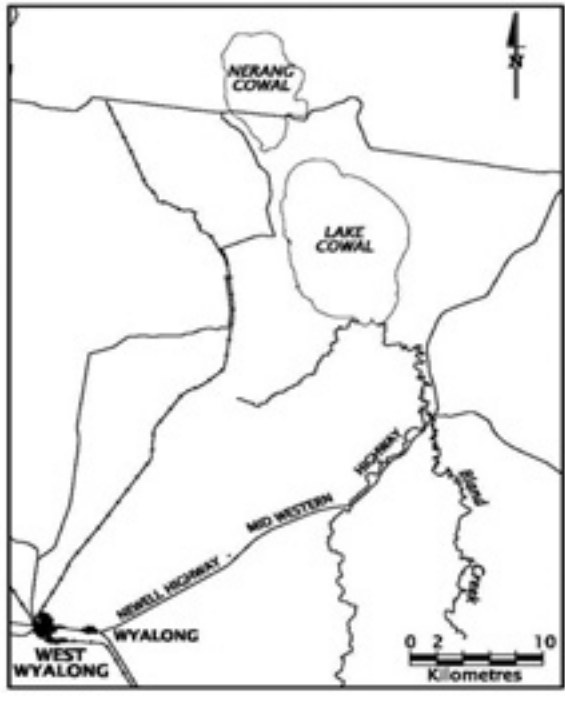
Also in accordance with the requirements of the Consultation Guidelines, Aboriginal persons or groups who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to, or who have a right or interest in, determining the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the “Area of Interest” are invited to register an interest in a process of community consultation with Evolution regarding the Modification by **5.00pm on Wednesday 22 March 2017**.

Evolution advises that the details of any Aboriginal person or group who registers an interest in the Modification will be forwarded to the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, the Condobolin Local Aboriginal Land Council and the West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council in accordance with Section 4.1.5 of the Consultation Guidelines, unless they specify that they do not want their details released.

Please note that any opportunities for engagement during the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment process would be separate to the consultation process.

Contact details for registration are as follows:

Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited
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Tyrone Peachey dances around the defence in the 2015 All Stars match on the Gold Coast. *Picture: nrlphotos.com*

Franklin shows early promise

 SUPERSTAR forward Lance Franklin showed encouraging signs in his first game back from shoulder surgery, as his Sydney side defeated local rivals Greater Western Sydney by 12 points in an Australian Football League (AFL) pre-season game on Friday.

Franklin kicked the first two goals of the game, including a set shot from close to 50 metres in a 8.6 (54) to 1.4.9 (42) victory for the Swans in a rain-lashed affair at Blacktown.

Not confined to the Swans forward 50, Franklin moved well and also had an influence up the ground, finishing with 16 touches and three marks.

He laid a big shoulder bump on Tim Taranto, who immediately went to the bench.

However, the fact Franklin appeared to be pushed into Taranto by Giants ruckman Shane Mumford should ensure the Swans star won’t have any post-match worries. – AAP

Origin fire still burns for Inglis



BAD news NSW rugby league fans: Greg Inglis has no plans on giving up representative football just yet.

As Johnathan Thurston prepares for his swan song State of Origin series and Billy Slater battles a shoulder injury to return to the Maroon jersey, Inglis is aiming to continue his Queensland career.

And after the 30-year-old knocked back interest from NRL rivals during the off-season to stick with South Sydney until the end of 2020, it means Origin's most prolific try-scorer could have at least another four series in the tank – injury allowing.

"I'd like to think I've got a while," Inglis said.

"As long as I'm playing really good footy for South Sydney I'm always going to put my hand

up to play more rep footy.

"Being 30 is just a number. It's about how your body feels and how you go about your training and how professional you really are."

He revealed he never seriously entertained the option of heading to Brisbane at the end of his original 2017 deal.

His future was the centre of attention last year, as it originally appeared the Rabbitohs would have a battle on their hands to retain their star fullback.

But Inglis said the discussion was merely media talk and he never considered leaving Redfern.

"I knew exactly what I was doing from the start," he said.

"It was something that we worked on behind closed doors and I said I wanted to sort it out before this season kicked off."

Inglis admitted last October he considered shifting to rugby union to

try his hand in the 15-man game.

However, he now says he was never close to heading to European rugby, in the same

vein as Ben Barba and Sonny Bill Williams in the past.

"I'm always going to have a love of league," he said.

"If I thought about going over, then it probably wouldn't have been the best move I made for my family." – AAP

Injury blow for captain



SOUTH Sydney captain Greg Inglis is expected to miss up to six months of rugby league after injuring his knee in the Rabbitohs' NRL season opener on Friday.

Inglis suffered the injury in the opening minutes of the 34-18 loss against Wests Tigers, and scans last Saturday have revealed the fullback has damaged the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Despite the early incident, Inglis remained on the field at ANZ Stadium on Friday, receiving regular attention from trainers.

But he struggled for any fluidity with his movement and shifted over to play on the wing.

The Rabbitohs on Friday defended the decision to allow the Australian and Queensland star to continue playing, and said on Saturday that the injury didn't occur as a result of Inglis persisting.

"The injury occurred in the first instance in the match, not as a consequence of Greg playing on further," said Rabbitohs general manager of football Shane Richardson.

"Our medical staff further examined the injury at the half-time break and they felt the knee was stable, and they, along with the head coach and Greg himself, agreed that he would go on and play in the second half.

"I, along with the rest of our club, have the greatest of confidence in our medical and coaching staff to make the best possible decisions about our players' wellbeing.

"We have the quality of squad to continue our quest throughout the season and Greg, as our captain and senior leader, will continue to play a significant role throughout the year."



An injured Greg Inglis leaves the field before fulltime in the NRL game against Wests Tigers at Sydney Olympic Park on Friday night. *Picture: AAP*



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
15/808	AVOCA RESOURCES PTY LTD	500596	14.06HA	3km N'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 29' S Long: 121° 36' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/808	AVOCA RESOURCES PTY LTD	500597	32.63HA	3km N'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 30' S Long: 121° 36' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/809	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	501134	8.99HA	12km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 38' S Long: 121° 39' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/1442	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	500261	199.22HA	14km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 35' S Long: 121° 29' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/1442	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	500262	96.32HA	14km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 36' S Long: 121° 29' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
20/836	CUE MINERALS PTY LTD	501323	21.47HA	31km E'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 19' S Long: 118° 10' E	CUE SHIRE
25/434	RUBICON RESOURCES LIMITED SILVER LAKE (INTEGRA) PTY LIMITED	500749	276.83HA	38km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 122° 2' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
27/572	FORTI, Luke Alexander	500463	227.32HA	34km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 121° 37' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
27/580	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	500562	12.86HA	26km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
77/2188	MH GOLD PTY LTD	501188	166.49HA	86km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 11' S Long: 119° 43' E	KONDININ SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
77/2188	MH GOLD PTY LTD	501189	72.42HA	86km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 12' S Long: 119° 43' E	KONDININ SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
77/2295-I	WEST AUSTRALIAN PROSPECTORS PTY LTD	501155	23.74HA	105km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 0' S Long: 119° 6' E	MENZIES SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 8 March 2017

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **8 June 2017**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 8 July 2017**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the state of New South Wales



National
Native Title
Tribunal

Notification day: 22 March 2017

This application is a 'non-claimant' application, an application made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 21 June 2017. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before **21 June 2017**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17 Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 on or before 21 June 2017**. After **21 June 2017**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Mark Joseph Massey and Anne Kathleen Massey

Federal Court File No: NSD99/2017

Non-native title interest: Licence No. RI563694 for the purpose of investigation

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area is Proposed Lot 2 (1,049 sq m) being a closed road adjoining the western boundary of Lot 2 DP1021836 in the vicinity of Putty Road, East Kurrajong.

Relevant LGA: Hawkesbury City Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Sylvia Jagtman on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Jemma debuts for Firebirds in national league



JEMMA Mi Mi has made her debut in the new-look

National Netball League (NNL) competition.

She turned out for the Brisbane Firebirds in their 56-all draw with Sunshine Coast Lightning in the opening round at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre on February 18.

She had seven goal assists, 14 feeds and received 24 centre passes.

The mid-court player is locked in with the Firebirds for seasons 2017 and 2018.

She has had an amazing season that started as a shadow player for Queensland 21 and under, continued with escalation into the full squad and a string of stellar performances at the national championship, and culminated with selection in the Australian Youth World Cup squad.

Mi Mi said her rise had come quicker than expected, but she was ready to make her mark on elite netball.

Firebirds coach Roselee Jencke said Mi Mi was a player with tremendous upside who would offer a point of difference and dynamism for her side.

"This will be a step up for Jemma, but a really exciting one, and one where she can really hone her skills. We will really challenge her and push her along to improve and learn off the experienced players like Caitlyn Nevins and Gabi Simpson.

"She's got speed to burn and it'll be great to be able to use that throughout the season when we need to change up our game and give the opposition something else to think about."

Mi Mi, 20, is 176cm tall. She was born in Newcastle and is now studying clinical exercise physiology.



Jemma Mi Mi fires up on debut for the Brisbane Firebirds in their opening National Netball League match against the Sunshine Coast Lightning at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre on February 18. The game ended in a 56-all draw. Picture: Getty

SANFL officials visit APY Lands



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AUSTRALIAN football and women's softball is set to continue in the South Australian APY Lands following a visit to the region by officials from the South Australian National Football League (SANFL).

A SANFL delegation visited Umuwa, in the APY Lands, to discuss the 2017 Far North West Sports League season's 10th year.

The competition is funded by the Federal Government and was established to eliminate teams travelling to carnivals

where children would not return in time for school and men and women could not return to work.

The competition now provides APY Lands communities with the same opportunity as most regional towns and allows them to participate in a structured sports competition.

Almost 600km of corrugated dirt road separates the first community to the last in the nine-team competition.

SANFL manages the competition in the APY Lands and the meeting last Tuesday allowed all parties to address any concerns and highlight the positives

on the eve of the 10th season.

Game day managers were identified for East and West regions.

Nine teams will contest the football and softball competitions.

It was also decided that a tribunal system and mandatory sentencing for on-field offences be introduced

A bonus point system will be introduced to the premiership table to reward off-field behaviour at all games.

SANFL CEO Jake Parkinson and general manager (football) Adam Kelly were part of the three-day SANFL delegation to the Umuwa talks.

Don't bank too much on Ryder, says Hinkley



PORT Adelaide coach Ken Hinkley says it would be foolish to think ruckman Paddy Ryder is the Australian Football League (AFL) club's saviour.

Ryder is returning to AFL ranks after being one of former and current Essendon players banned last season for the Bombers' 2012 supplements scandal.

Hinkley admits Ryder was sorely missed by the Power last season when they failed to make the finals for consecutive years.

But he says one player alone won't make the difference in the looming season.

"You're not one player away from being a good team," Hinkley told AAP on Thursday.

"There's 22 parts to the team and you need all 22 playing their part.

"For us last year we missed a significant and important part. But it's not going to make the be-all and end-all for us.

"... Paddy won't make the absolute difference, but hopefully he will give us an opportunity to be a bit more proactive."

Ryder was to play more minutes in last Sunday's pre-season game against Richmond than he did in his comeback match the previous weekend. - AAP



● LEFT: SANFL officials visited Umuwa, in the APY Lands, for talks on the upcoming Far North West Sports League football and softball competitions. From left: football operations manager Tom Hurley, general manager (football) Adam Kelly, Indigenous programs manager Shawn Ford, SANFL CEO Jake Parkinson and high-performance manager Brenton Phillips.



Paddy Ryder Picture: Peter Argent

Another Mundine is on the way



ANOTHER Mundine is set to put his stamp on elite sport with the selection of

Kieren Mundine in the extended Australian Youth Sevens side ahead of the World School Sevens Championship in New Zealand in December.

Australia are the defending champions after overcoming New Zealand Maori, Samoan Barbarians and New Zealand Fijians to claim the 2016 championship.

The Australian Youth Sevens squad has established itself as a key step in the development pathway of rugby sevens.

Isaac Lucas, brother of Ben, Matt and Tom, will follow in the footsteps of his older brothers by joining the sevens fold after being named in the Youth Sevens squad. All three of Isaac's older brothers have played sevens for Australia while Isaac impressed in the 2016 Youth Sevens side.

It also runs in the family for St Augustine's College (NSW) student Kieren Mundine, with cousin Anthony having represented NSW in rugby league before starting a successful boxing career.

Australian coach Andy Friend said: "This squad highlights some of the best upcoming talent coming through the Australian rugby pathway and it is great that these players are using sevens as their pathway to elite rugby."

"Qualifying for the Youth Olympic Games will be the eventual goal of this squad."

The squad will have three camps in 2017 before the team departs for New Zealand in December.

Wallaroos to play in NZ



THE Australian rugby union Wallaroos will play three Test matches in New Zealand in June in a four-nation

series that includes the reigning Women's Rugby World Cup champions, England, arch rivals New Zealand and women's rugby powerhouse Canada.

Australia will play matches in Wellington, Christchurch, and Rotorua, with the second Test against the Black Ferns to be the first time the Trans-Tasman rivals have played in New Zealand's South Island since 1997.

The three Test matches will provide extra quality preparation heading into the Women's Rugby World Cup in August where Australia has been placed in Pool C with hosts Ireland, France and Japan.

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

THE opening game of the National Rugby League (NRL) season means a lot of different things to a lot of players.

For some, it is the start of the new and exciting adventure.

For others, it is an opportunity at a new club to continue the rollercoaster journey of pursuing a career as professional athlete.

Last week, two players who share the same Kelly surname – Brian and Luke – captured the essence of both experiences.

I know both players well and am equally excited for them and what they have achieved in being selected for the first round at their respective clubs.

Brian Kelly started his NRL dream when he travelled up the road to the Titans from his home town of Ballina.

Even though close to home, the transition wasn't always easy, but Brian persevered and he gained recognition through selection in the NSW 20s which drew the attention of the recruitment managers across the NRL.

There is no doubt former Titans coach John Cartwright

kept an eye on Brian and I am sure 'Carty' played a key role in securing Kelly, who scored 11 tries in 15 matches in the NYC last season.

"Brian is a really powerful, fast kid, who can play fullback, wing, and centre. He has a similar build to Dylan Walker (NSW Origin utility)," he said.

"Everyone up north has a huge opinion of Brian."

"It was never a case of thinking not if, but when, he will play NRL."

But Brian didn't get ahead of himself when he came down to the Sea Eagles.

He did have enough confidence however to express his ambition to replicate his feats of Steve Matai in the left centre position.

A speedy option on the left-edge, Brian impressed a number of his teammates at the Sea Eagles over the off-season, putting his pace on show when he scored three tries at the Auckland Nines and another in their trial win over South Sydney a fortnight ago.

'Unbelievable'

"He's been unbelievable," Sea Eagles vice-captain Jake Trbojevic said of Kelly.

"Some of the things he's done for a young bloke are really good ... He's a lot fitter, a lot stronger and a lot more confident."

"I reckon he'll go really well."

Kelly grew up idolising Matai's work on Manly's left edge as the Kiwi veteran played a key role in taking the Sea Eagles to 10 straight finals series and two premierships.

And while he remains quietly spoken and unsure if he is ready to fill his boots just yet, he dreams of emulating Matai's achievements.

"I'd like to have a crack at it," he said.

"For a centre, he could tackle like anything."

"Growing up watching him and Lyon in the centres, they held their spot and maintained a good career."

"We were lucky to get him out of the Titans a year early," Manly coach Trent Barrett said over the pre-season.

"We have a spot there in the centres and Kel has certainly put his hand up to take one of those positions."

Meanwhile, Brian is enjoying life at what the locals call 'God's country'.

"The northern beaches and Gold Coast beaches are pretty similar so it was good." Brian said.

"I was down here for the first part of pre-season by myself and it was a bit tough, but I was talking to 'Baz' (Barrett) and he said to give him a yell if I need a hand with anything."

"Once my girlfriend moved down after Christmas, I was all good."

"It only took two or three weeks to get used to it down here and I'm pretty comfortable now."

Meanwhile, the 'other Kelly' – Luke – remerged on the NRL scene with his selection for the Rabbitohs in their first round grudge match against Wests Tigers.

Luke was almost a forgotten man coming off contract at Parramatta where his season was spent on the sideline through a knee injury.

But Rabbitohs coach Michael Maguire knew Luke well and he obviously has a high opinion of his ability.

Kelly and Maguire spent a season together in 2009 when Kelly was playing for Melbourne and Maguire an assistant to coach Craig Bellamy.

With Adam Reynolds sidelined with appendicitis, Kelly and Walker will spark a pairing that saw them light up the Queensland Cup with Easts in 2012.

The duo spent the first half of the season playing alongside each other, with Kelly contracted to Melbourne and Walker returning to Queensland after a stint with Penrith's lower grades.

Their combination was so impressive that it put Walker on the map and secured him an invitation to join the Storm for pre-season training.

Unfortunately, the partnership was short-lived with Kelly moving to Parramatta mid-season in search of a regular NRL start.

While the script has been flipped this time around with Walker the star and Kelly playing back-up, they know each other's game.

Kelly also has many of the same traits Reynolds possesses, which is why the decision to play Kelly at seven is a blessing for Walker.

While Maguire had several options before him, like moving Greg Inglis or John Sutton to six and forcing Walker to be the dominant half, Walker will be able to go about his business and play what he sees.

The thing about Luke Kelly is that he will relish every moment on the field.

Katherine product

As someone born and bred in an isolated region (Katherine in the Northern Territory) Luke can speak from experience when talking to kids about pursuing their dreams.

He spoke to a group of kids in Katherine last year on a promotional visit with the Eels.

"I was born in Katherine, and I lived in Katherine up until I was 16 and then I went to boarding school, but yeah all my family still live in Katherine so it's very much home," Kelly said.

"I'm proof that anything is possible."

"I've had a bit of luck along the way, but I like to think I've worked hard to get where I am and whether it be football or whatever ... just because you grow up here in the Territory, it does seem a bit isolated at times, but it's definitely all possible."

He's proved it again. As has his namesake, Brian. Here's to the Kelly gang.



The Rabbitohs' Luke Kelly, left, and Manly's Brian Kelly, above. They're not related, but Preston Campbell reckons it could be a year to watch out for the 'Kelly gang'.

Cricket match ticked boxes

Story and pictures by
JILLIAN MUNDY



SOUTHERN exacted revenge when they beat Northern in the annual Tasmanian Indigenous T20 cricket match at Cornelian Bay, Hobart.

Northern won last year's match, but this time Southern balanced the equation, scoring 6-107 in reply to Northern's 9-105.

The game was in equal parts friendly, competitive and comic.

The curtain-raiser women's match

was an ultra friendly event with a few 'honorary women' to make up two sides, with this correspondent even handing the umpire her camera while she bowled an over. One of the few balls that stayed on the pitch actually hit the stumps.

Mark West, who umpired and provided an impromptu comic commentary for the women's match, and was recruited to the Northern team to boost numbers, said it was one of the best community days he had seen.

He described it as "a day of laughs and smiles, oohs and ahs but a day

enjoyed by all".

Organiser Sara Maynard, from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, said the day was a revival of matches from yesteryear, and lots of Aboriginal people who do not attend other events turned out.

"There was a mix of former champions, club cricketers and people who never play," she said.

"People came together and had a go. This is just one activity that the TAC facilitates that promotes the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal community and encourages families to come together."



Harney Burgess, from Hobart, catches Dave Barker for a golden duck.



Tasha Matthews bowls while Sara Maynard awaits the outcome.



Paige Maynard hits out with 'honorary woman' Roy Maynard as wicketkeeper, both from Launceston.



The ball heads straight for the hands of Dougie Maynard, from Hobart.



Harney Burgess Jr puts in a big effort at the crease.



Mark West, who was umpire, comic commentator and cricket player for the Northern team, had no hesitation in raising his finger in the women's game.



The Beaudesert Boxing Club Indigenous trio of, from left, Kalob Gray, Ryan Porter and Toni Paulson.

Boxing trio set goals for themselves



THREE young Indigenous boxers are showing promise in amateur ranks in the Beaudesert region of south-eastern Queensland.

They are Kalob Gray, 14, from Kooralbyn, Toni Paulson, 14, from Beaudesert, and Ryan Porter, 12, from Jimboomba.

Kalob fights in the 46kg division. He has been fighting for two years.

Toni, who has been fighting for just one year, is in the 60kg division.

Ryan is in the 40kg division.

Kalob attends the Kooralbyn International School, while Toni is at Beaudesert State School and Ryan is at Flagstone State Community College, 5km from Jimboomba.

The youngsters fight with the Beaudesert Boxing Club under trainer Justin O'Leary.

The three recently went to a tournament in Tasmania, where Kalob beat the Victorian champion with a third-round TKO, while Ryan won his fight and Toni lost.

Since then, Kalob took on the national champion in Brisbane and beat him, while Toni won her fight on the same card.

Last weekend, they were to fight in the Queensland state trials and if they won, they will be off to the Australian titles in Adelaide.

Kalob is the 2015-16 South-East Queensland Australian Golden Gloves champion and a 2016 Queensland state champion.

Kalob has his eyes fixed on representing Australia at the 2020 Olympic Games and wants a professional career and also wants to be a teacher or police officer.

Toni wants to represent Australia at the Olympic Games and said a professional boxing career was not out of the question.

Ryan is keen to take his boxing to the professional level.

North signs on for another season



VETERAN soccer defender Jade North (pictured) will spend at least another A-League season with Brisbane after signing a one-year contract extension.

The 35-year-old Roar vice-captain and former Socceroo has been rewarded for an excellent season in which he's played all but one game.

"Jade is in great shape and is playing consistent football," Roar football director Craig Moore said. "He's a great example to our younger players and an educator of our culture." — AAP



How many more are out there?

By ALF WILSON



THE emergence of virtual unknown Bernard Lewis as a class player at the Auckland Nines begs the question: How many more talented Indigenous rugby league players are out there?

Lewis, of Badu descent, scored the winning try for the Roosters in their 10-8 final victory over the Panthers and looks a genuine NRL star.

The speedy Lewis then backed up to score a try for the Roosters in their 11-10 trial loss to the North Queensland Cowboys at Mackay on February 11.

Lewis hails from Cairns, where he played with Kangaroos in the strong 11-club competition.

The youngster is proud of his Torres Strait heritage and also played at North Queensland All Blacks carnivals.

Cairns-based Elia Ware has for many years been the organiser of All Blacks teams such as Descendants and Erub United and was glowing in his praise of Lewis.

"I had the pleasure of meeting Bernard when he played for Erub United in 2016 at the Gindaja Cup in Cairns, a team that I put together from my dad's (Baj Saylor) native Island. Bernard is a humble, respectful and friendly young man even though he is linked in with the NRL, he didn't think he was better than anyone else," Ware said.

He is a cousin of excitement machine Gideon Gela-Mosby, who shone for the Cowboys at the Auckland Nines.

Flying winger Gela-Mosby was named in the team of the series that was contested by the 16 NRL clubs on February 4-5.

Of Darnley Island descent, Gela-Mosby, who is nicknamed Twinkle Toes because of his speed, scored six tries for the Cowboys, who won their three



Bernard Lewis, right, and his brother Patrick, who plays for the Cairns-based Northern Pride in the Queensland Super Cup competition.

qualifying matches before losing to the Melbourne Storm 25-12 in a quarterfinal.

Another Torres Strait Islander – Gehamat Shibasaki – played for the Brisbane Broncos at the Auckland Nines.

In 2016, Gela-Mosby, Lewis and Shibasaki played for the Queensland under 20 side against NSW.

Lewis said he was in the Cowboys' Academy squad when he was young, "but they didn't want me".

"The Cowboys or Broncos didn't offer me anything. Then the Roosters picked me up when I was 15," he said.

"I supported the Cowboys growing up. Matty Bowen was my idol. He was my favourite player and still is. He's a great bloke."



Gideon Gela-Mosby



Gehamat Shibasaki

Late switch to Sharks for Edrick



CRONULLA signed their first player since releasing Ben Barba, stealing Canberra winger Edrick Lee a week before their National Rugby League (NRL) season-opener.

The reigning premiers announced last month that Lee had secured a release from the final year of his contract with the Raiders to sign a two-year deal with the Sharks.

"I'm really excited to be joining the club. I can't wait for this year and I'm grateful for the opportunity," Lee said.

"I'm looking forward to meeting all the players and staff," he said ahead of the opening round last weekend.

Lee's arrivals comes less than a month after Barba's inglorious divorce from the Sharks, forcing Valentine Holmes to fullback and leaving a gaping hole on the wing.

Sharks coach Shane Flanagan described Lee as a major threat in attack.

"He's a proven finisher who gives us height and a kick target and a point of difference out on the wing," Flanagan said.

"With the loss of Benny and with some potential changes in position for Val and others, he has a great opportunity to be a part of our NRL side this season."

Raiders boss Don Furner said that with a restricting salary cap and a large amount of players coming off contract, the Raiders had been forced to make a tough and sad decision to release Lee in order to be able to re-sign a large group of our NRL squad for the future.

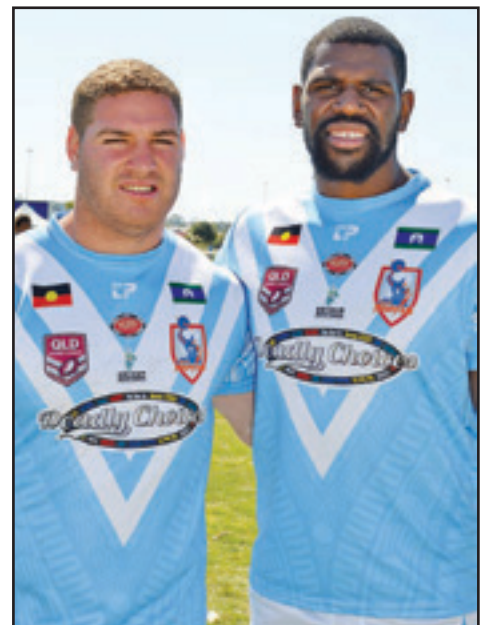
"Edrick is a special player who began his career as a junior of the club and he'll always be welcome back at the Raiders," Furner said.

Proud Torres Strait Islander Lee is 196cm tall and scored 34 tries for the Raiders in 70 first-grade games.

Lee and his cousin Brenko Lee lined up for Badu Island side Kulpiyam at the 2015 Murri Knockout carnival at Redcliffe.

Edrick, of Moa and Badu descent, and Brenko starred for Kulpiyam, who reached the semifinal in the men's division before being narrowly defeated.

Brenko Lee, who left the Raiders and will line up for the Canterbury Bulldogs this season, also played for the Kulpiyam side that won the 2014 Zenadth Kes carnival on Thursday Island. – AAP and Alf Wilson



Brenko Lee, left, and his cousin Edrick Lee. Edrick has switched from the Raiders to the Sharks, while Brenko is turning out for the Bulldogs.

Picture: Alf Wilson

Island of Origin rugby league is returning to Badu Island

By ALF WILSON



Sam Backo with youngsters on Badu at a previous Origin.



THE 2017 Island of Origin rugby league carnival will move back to Badu Island after the previous two have been held on Thursday Island.

It will on be from June 23-25 at Badu Island's Joe Mairu Memorial Oval and hosted by Kulpiyam Youth and Sports.

As many as 10 men's teams are expected to compete and a women's division is also planned provided at least four sides nominate.

Past Origin carnivals on Badu have had special guests, including the late and great Arthur Beetson and Sam Backo.

Thursday Island's Zenadth Kes carnival – held each October – and the Island of Origin are the most popular rugby league carnivals in the Torres Strait and attract players and visitors from throughout the

region and from the mainland's Northern Peninsula Area (NPA).

Origin spokesman Jermaine Reuben said that one of the reasons for the venue switch was that the Badu playing field had been improved and was ready for such an event.

Reuben said the Badu community felt it was time for the move.

"It will be less expense for teams from the outer islands for accommodation," he said.

"It is expensive on Thursday Island, and there was limited support from local businesses there due to a Badu group running the carnival.

Reuben said that much of the equipment and vehicles used in the Thursday Island carnival had been shipped from Badu.

"Accommodation for volunteers can be very expensive on Thursday Island. Also there will be a local economy boost for Badu and, more importantly, community ownership over the carnival," he said.

Jordie continues on winning way



JORDIE Campbell continued his domination of the Woorangalook Victorian Koori surf titles, winning the open men's division for the ninth consecutive time.

The contest was held in mid-February at Urquhart Bluff, on the Great Ocean Road.

Seventy-five Indigenous surfers from across the state gathered to celebrate the 19th annual event, which brought together Indigenous communities, including East Gippsland, Portland and the South West, Koroit, Bendigo, Ballarat, Shepparton, Metropolitan Melbourne, Bass Coast, Mornington Peninsula and a strong contingent from the local Geelong and Surf Coast.

The event was opened on the Saturday by the Deadly Dancers from the local Wathaurong community and cleansed with a traditional smoking ceremony.

This was followed by learn-to-surf sessions where all of the participants were given a skills and a water safety lesson. Conditions were tricky with large onshore surf and rain squalls throughout the day.

In the afternoon the junior competitive divisions were finalised, including the open women and masters women.

Sunday saw the open and masters men's competing in a clean, increasing swell.

Jordie Campbell's victory gained him a wildcard entry into the Rip Curl Pro Trials at Bells Beach.

Under 16 girls champion Amelia Bell, from Koroit, won the Encouragement Award. She was awarded a surfboard, donated by three-times world champion Mick Fanning with custom Indigenous artwork by Nathan Patterson.

The Good Sports Award provided by the Department of Justice was



Amber Harrison and Jordie Campbell display their trophies

awarded to Taj Simpson, a keen local Torquay surfer.

Winners:

- Under 6 mixed, David Tournier (Geelong)
- Under 10 girls, Grace Tournier (Geelong)
- Under 10 boys, Freddy Collins (Mornington Peninsula)
- Under 13 girls, Gretta Bell (Koroit)
- Under 13 boys, Seth Ohern (Templestowe)
- Under 16 girls, Amelia Bell (Koroit)
- Under 16 boys, Zade Kennedy (Geelong)
- Under 18 girls, Taleena Black (Geelong)
- Under 18 Boys, Jordan Plunkett (Coleraine)
- Open women, Amber Harrison (Lakes Entrance)
- Open men, Jordie Campbell (Sandy Point)
- Masters women, Corrina O'Toole (Geelong)
- Masters men, Rhys Collins (Mornington Peninsula)



Destiny Murphy is obviously enjoying herself.



Jordie Campbell surfs his way to victory.

Brothers make professional boxing debuts



BROTHERS Leeroy and Curtis Cobbo-Riley are to make their professional boxing debuts in Brisbane on March 26.

They will fight at the Brighton Roosters Rugby League Club.

At 26, Leeroy is the oldest and least experienced of the three Cobbo-Riley brothers.

Leeroy has had just one amateur fight, which he won.

He has been training off and on with Rob Leguier for the past three years.

Leguier said Leeroy lacked experience, but was a strong, crafty boxer, had sparred many quality boxers and was ready for a high-level fight.

He is expected to weigh in around the 66-69kg mark in his debut pro fight.

Curtis, 21, is the 'baby' of the family.

He is the heavier and will fight at 75kg, but will endeavour to fight in the middleweight division.

Leguier said Curtis was tall, strong and had fast hands and would bring controlled aggression into the ring.

Curtis had about 20 amateur bouts since from the age of 15.

Leguier heads a new United boxing team in Brisbane.

He said the Cobbo-Riley brothers believed they were good enough to become world champions and were prepared to put in the hard work to reach their goals.

He said he would not rush their development and allow them time to nurture in the professional ranks.

The third member of the Cobbo-Riley clan is Campbell. He is the middle brother and has had about 100 amateur bouts and is a five-times Queensland champion.

He is yet to turn professional.



Curtis Cobbo-Riley, left, and older brother Leeroy are preparing to make their professional boxing debuts

Matildas lose opening game against Sweden



THE Australian Matildas women's soccer team kicked off their Algarve Cup campaign in Portugal with a 1-0 loss to Sweden in their group C opener on March 1 at Albufeira.

Captained by inspirational Indigenous 'keeper Lydia Williams, the Australians went to the break 0-0 despite a few good chances to open the scoring.

Kyah Simon had Australia's best first-half opportunity when Perth Glory's Sam Kerr coasted past two defenders to find the Sydney FC attacker, who blazed her shot over the bar after 30 minutes.

Australia's defence will be a focal point for improvement in future matches at the invitational tournament, with the Swedes catching Australia napping after the break.

In the other group game, Holland edged China 1-0.

Australia's second game at Algarve Cup was to be against Holland on Saturday morning.



King of the surf

Shelly Beach surfer Russell Molony is happy after winning Australia's richest Indigenous surfing competition – Surfest – for the 11th time and is the first to win the inaugural Wandiyali ATSI perpetual trophy named in his honour.
Pictures: Throwing Buckets.



CENTRAL Coast surfer Russell Molony has pocketed \$6000 after winning Australia's richest surfing contest for Indigenous surfers – for

the 11th time.

In doing so, he became the first surfer to win the Russell Molony perpetual trophy.

In 2017, Wandiyali CEO Steve Kilroy sought to honour Molony's record run at the Indigenous event by naming the men's open division trophy in his honour.

"Steve called me up a couple of weeks ago and said he was making up a trophy and wanted to put it in my name," Molony said.

"What do you say to that? It's a great honour to have a trophy and to have won this event 11 times. I don't feel that old."

The 40-year-old Molony didn't surf like he was a day over 18 – the same age he was when he started at Surfest.

Molony now has 11 Indigenous Surfest titles under his belt after claiming the 2017 top spot in the latest competition held in small conditions at Merewether beach, Newcastle.

Molony was quick to straighten out the facts when asked if this was his 11th straight victory.

"It's not 11 straight titles. Joey Haddon has won a couple and Otis Carey as well. I started here when I was around 18 and surfed in the Koories verses cops and fire's round at Newcastle beach," he said.

That recollection sees Molony's involvement spanning 22 years. He says he has an affinity with Newcastle.

"It's like my second home up here at Newcastle. Just coming up from the Central Coast is easy for me," he said.

Molony scored two high-scoring waves towards the end of the final and squeezed past Forster's Joe Haddon.

"I love this event and love pushing my surfing. The event is put on by a great



From left: junior winner Finn Hill, tournament organiser Stan Moylan, open men's winner Russell Molony, Wandiyali CEO Steve Kilroy and women's open winner Summer Simon.

bunch of people and Wandiyali puts in so much effort in getting the whole thing happening.

"It's awesome for Indigenous surfing. This is the biggest turnout we have had so far with around 40 in the open division and it's just so good to get the saltwater mob together and to catch up and share some yarns.

"The money comes in really handy for me. It's not about the money – it's about hanging out with the mob."

Wandiyali CEO Steve Kilroy said the opportunity to sponsor Australia's richest Indigenous surfing competition was one he was proud of.

"Wandiyali runs a whole range of social projects. Out-of-home care is our largest projects along with foster children and homeless, pre-schools and housing – it's a big range of programs," Kilroy said.

"Wandiyali employs about 60 people to look after hundreds of people. We have 112 foster kids in our care throughout the lower Hunter."

But the surfers come from around the

nation to compete.

"We had a young bloke from Cape York this year. He's travelled 13,000km or whatever to surf here," Kilroy said.

"We'll be back next year and are hoping to take the event to a Saturday, Sunday format and that will allow even more surfers to get involved."

In the women's event, Port Kembla's Summer Simon held the trophy aloft on the dais but remained surprised she received the judge's nod.

"It feels kind of weird. I fell on a couple of waves in the final and thought that's no good," the Illawarra Sports High Year 10 student said.

Fifteen-year-old Summer had a busy week in Newcastle, surfing in the Dalton Lawyers Cadet Cup presented by Arcbuild and the Maitland and Port Stephens Toyota High School Team Challenge.

And her latest experience paid a \$1500 dividend that's going into her bank account where she is saving for a car that will allow her to surf far and wide.

In the longboard division, former pro surfer Robbie Page had his name etched into the history books. The 50-year-old from Verges Creek, near Kempsey – who has two NSW state longboard titles – said it felt terrific to get the win.

"There's some great watermen here. At my age you've got nothing new to offer on shortboards but longboards keep you in the water and you can work on style," he said.

"This event gives us a feeling of belonging. There's football and boxing but for saltwater people, there's surfing too.

"We feel really honoured for what Surfest does for us here. I'd like to take my hat off to Surfest and all the Indigenous people here for putting something back."

In the junior division, Avoca's Finn Hill took \$1000 prizemoney.

The 14-year-old, who progressed through two heats in the previous weekend's Maitland and Port Stephens Pro Junior, turned the table on last year's second placing at this event, Noah Munro, from Noraville.

And the \$1000 prizemoney?

"I'm going to Indo this year and the money will go to that," Finn said with a massive smile.



Former pro-surfer Robbie Page from Verges Creek, near Kempsey, won the longboard division.

All-Indigenous team in girls' competition



AN all-Indigenous side is one of nine teams competing in the inaugural Tarsha Gale Cup 9s rugby league competition for under 18 females in Sydney and Canberra. The competition kicked off last month (Feb) with the Sydney Indigenous Academy taking on

Canberra in the opening round. National Rugby League (NRL) Indigenous pathways manager Dean Widders told the *Koori Mail* the competition would create a pathway for girls wanting to play for the Indigenous All Stars and ultimately the Australian Jillaroos. Other teams competing in the Tarsha Gale Cup are West Tigers,

Penrith, Canterbury, Parramatta, Illawarra, South Sydney and Cronulla. The competition will run over nine rounds throughout Sydney and in Canberra, followed by semifinals and finals. The Sydney Indigenous Academy squad is: Tanaya Edwards, Jamarlia Orcher, Kyla Gordon, Joanne Costigan, Tyra McEwen, Montana

Roberts, Yazmyn Smith, Kate Kennedy, Kenni Kennedy, Robyn Draper, Tykea Tangai, Suvanaha Connors, Chloe Smith, Dwarna Clarke, Sarah, Johnson, Brittany Simpson, Penelope McGrath, Kayla Wells, Brianna Hunter, Montana Johnstone, Caitlan Johnston, Janiyah Brown, Sarah Field. Coach: Dean Widders.

Three girls in rugby union Youth squad



THREE Indigenous players are in Australia's rugby union sevens expanded squad preparing for the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games in the Bahamas from July 19-23.

They are Rhianna Revell-Blair, Northern Territory La-Toniya Norris and Torres Strait Islander Kobe Nona.

The Australian side will be looking to defend their predecessors' gold medal from the tournament in Samoa in 2015 that proved to be a springboard into the senior program for Dominique Du Toit, Hannah Southwell, Demi Hayes and Shanice Parker.

The squad includes 12 New South Wales players, nine Queenslanders, four from Western Australia, three from the ACT and a representative from the Northern Territory, South Australia and Revell-Blair, from the National Indigenous team.

Australian women's sevens coach Tim Walsh said: "Previous Youth Games tournament graduates include gold medallists Charlotte Caslick and Evania Pelite, and half of the current squad progressed through this pathway."

"This is a great opportunity for aspiring young women to develop and enhance their abilities as rugby sevens players and push for selection in the Commonwealth Youth Games."

"We will be observing and challenging all the squad members in their upcoming training camps

and want them to enjoy the experience."

The young Women's side was selected following the National Youth Sevens Championship in December 2016 which was won by the Queensland Reds Girls.

The wider squad will have three training camps, before a final squad of 12 is selected to head to the Caribbean to represent Australia in July.

Revell-Blair, 15, from Maryborough, Queensland, also plays rugby league.

La-Toniya Norris, 15, from Palmerston, was born in Cairns.

She has had limited rugby experience and started playing for the Palmerston Crocs in the Youth Girls competition in Darwin in 2016. However, she has a history of rugby league and touch football, so she knows how to tackle, pass and run.

Proud South Darwin Rugby Union Club president James de Dassel said it was sheer speed that saw Norris selected into the wider training squad for the Youth Commonwealth Games.

Norris is excited at the prospect of representing her country but knows there is a lot of hard work ahead.

She connects with Mapoon and Yarrabah as well as families living on Thursday Island. Her dad is a Torres Strait Islander living in Cairns and her mum Evelyn is from PNG.

Badu Islander Kobe Nona, 17, is a topline touch footy player, having represented the Indigenous All Stars, the Queensland Outlaws and the 2015 NYC team and is a Brisbane Broncos rugby league fan.



La-Toniya Norris with one of her Northern Territory coaches Setefano Cakau, a former Fijian rugby 7s international.



Brad Fittler lays turf at Ricky Walford Oval, Walgett.

Hogs chip in to lay Walgett turf



BRAD Fittler's Hogs For The Homeless has refurbished the entire rugby league pitch in Walgett, involving 40 local volunteers, four semi-trailers and a number of council tipper trucks.

The town's Ricky Walford Oval was resurfaced in a job believed to be worth about \$150,000 in materials and labour.

The field was renewed with goal posts, grass and sprinklers at no cost to the local rugby league club thanks to PILA Group, Dad and Dave's Turf and Evergreen Turf.

The Hogs For The Homeless crew, also consisting of NSW Origin

representatives Steve Menzies, Danny Buderus, Josh Perry, Steve Roach, Paul Sironen, Tim Brasher, Kerry Hemsley and Ian Schubert, were part of the working bee after paying a visit to the all-girls Oak Plus Cup nines tournament in Dubbo.

The riders were on a 4000km 11-day trip on their Harley-Davidson motorcycles, making stops in 14 country towns, delivering rugby league balls to children along the way.

Since its inception in 2013, Hogs For The Homeless has raised more than \$450,000 for Youth off the Streets, with this year's tour again raising much-needed funds for rugby league clubs also.

Mahalia in Las Vegas series



MAHALIA Murphy was in the Australian women's team for Las Vegas Rugby Sevens World Series on March 3-4.

The Australians were looking to bounce back after the Sydney 7s, with the side aiming to defend their HSBC Women's Sevens World Series title.

The Las Vegas tournament was the third leg out of six on the Women's World Series with Australia sitting in second position (32 points) before Las Vegas, just behind New Zealand (36 points) while Canada (30 points) rounds out the top three.

Coach Tim Walsh said: "Las Vegas is a new venue for the Women's Series and another step towards a joint men's and women's series."

The Australians were to play England, Brazil and New Zealand in their pool C matches.



Mahalia Murphy

Wallace shines in SANFL debut

By PETER ARGENT



RUTH Wallace's debut in the inaugural South Australian National Football League (SANFL) Super Women's League

could not have been better scripted, with Norwood thumping North Adelaide 9.6 (59) to 2.7 (19).

For Indigenous opponent Kyesha Christensen, the result wasn't one she was hoping for.

Wallace kicked two goals and had a match-high 22 possessions for Norwood at Coopers Stadium.

She was arguably best on ground, with 18 kicks, four handballs, five marks and five tackles to add to her score involvements.

Wallace, 24, comes from a soccer background and is noted for her skillset and team oriented football.

"I started playing soccer as a nine-year-old, and spent about four years with Adelaide City at State League level," Wallace said.

"I started playing (Australian) football at the Adelaide University Blacks as an 18-year-old.

"Kicking the footy around has always been a part of the family heritage.

"My dad Warwick played top grade amateur football with the Broadview Tigers, while my brother Kahl, now a muso, played under-age football with South Adelaide before we moved to Cairns.

"I'd like to think I have a team-first attitude and we have a close-knit group at Norwood.

"It was great to be a part of the first game and more importantly, secure that initial victory."

Wallace was a member of Rob de Castella's Indigenous Marathon Program (IMP) in 2014, suggesting that experience played a key role in her attitude towards football.

"I ran the New York Marathon in 2014," Wallace said.

"That gave me an understanding of the commitment required and desire to make the most of my opportunities.

"I ran the marathon in 4:53 – not quick but I finished it."

Away from sport, Wallace is heavily involved in her community.



Ruth Wallace celebrates one of her two goals for Norwood.

She works for Nunkuwarrin Yunti in the Tackling Tobacco team.

Christensen, from the Barossa Valley town of Lyndoch and previously a South Australian under 18s player, was a little quieter in her first SANFL outing, finishing with seven possessions, two marks and four tackles.

"For someone still in her teenage years, Kyesha has adapted well to the increased pressure of SANFL women's footy," North Adelaide football services manager Daryl Wintle said.

Another indigenous talent, Lilla Berry, played for West Adelaide in the second SANFL Women's game against Glenelg later that evening.

Glenelg won 10.8 (68) to 2.3 (15).

Another North Adelaide Rooster, Margaret Varcoe, the sibling of Geelong dual premiership player and now Collingwood AFL footballer Travis, is a member of the North Adelaide squad, but a shoulder injury robbed her of the opportunity of being involved in the initial game.



The SANFL Super Women's League trio of, from left, Kyesha Christensen (North Adelaide), Ruth Wallace (Norwood) and Margaret Varcoe (North Adelaide). Picture: Peter Argent

Dom set to dominate

By PETER ARGENT



AFTER playing with the Fregon Bulldogs in the APY (Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara) Lands in far

western South Australia last year, Dom Barry has been burning up the track with Glenelg in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) competition.

Glenelg senior coach, former Collingwood footballer Matthew Lokan, has been impressed with his new recruit.

"Dom has been fantastic since day one," Lokan told the *Koori Mail*.

"His training has been first-class.

"Dom has done everything right.

"His GPS numbers have been huge; he's an excellent kick and has shown a strong understanding of the game.

"He has transitioned well into the demands of SANFL football and has fitted well into this group.

"Dom is expected to play roles across half forward or on a wing."

Lokan said Barry had some connection with the club, knowing fellow Indigenous talent Terry Milera and playing alongside James Sellar at the Melbourne Demons.

Studying at university

"I am studying to become a teacher at the University of SA," Barry, a 180cm, 76 kg athlete, said.

"It was a part of the process of coming down from the APY lands, finding a club to play with.

"My plans are to hopefully play consistent league football this year.

"It is good to have fellow Indigenous players Tim (Sumner) and Terry (Milera) in the group, as we certainly feed off each other."

Barry was initially selected by the Greater Western Sydney Giants as part of their zone recruiting. He was on-traded to Melbourne, in a part of a deal



Dom Barry Picture: Peter Argent

that saw the Demons secure Jesse Hogan in exchange for picks 3 and 13 during the 2012 trade period.

At the end of the 2013 season, Barry represented Australia in the 2013 International Rules Series against Ireland, despite having not yet played an AFL game.

Barry made his AFL debut in round 15, 2014 against the Western Bulldogs and played five games in that winter.

Barry originally moved from Alice Springs in 2008 at the age of 14 to pursue a tennis scholarship and further his education at St Patrick's College in Ballarat. He grew up in Fregon, in the APY lands.

Last year he played with the Fregon Bulldogs in the APL Lands representative side,

alongside Zeldon Fielding who is training with SANFL reigning premiers Sturt.

Sturt premiership coach last year and former Swan Martin Mattner said that while Fielding was learning the Double Blues style of football, he had explosive speed and had a strong understanding of the game.

"He's a left-footer who is super quick," Mattner said.

"We see him playing predominately as a small forward with the pressure he can deliver defensively, and his goal kicking ability."

Former Hawthorn listed player Amos Frank was the first player from the area to crack the AFL. He began his Far North West Sports League career with the Mimili Blues and was recruited from Fregon.

Thaiday recalls sideline abuse

RUGGED Test rugby league forward Sam Thaiday has recalled the daunting feeling as a youngster when parents would scream at their kids to 'get him'.

Thaiday is one of several Australian sports stars to share their experiences for a new campaign to stop poor sideline behaviour in junior sport.

The Let Kids Be Kids campaign, launched last Tuesday, is aimed at educating parents and spectators who attend children's sports.

Play By The Rules national manager Peter

Downs said the message was simple: Let kids be kids, let them enjoy their sport and have fun with their mates.

"We know that aggression from the sideline is associated with burn-out and sport discontinuation in junior sports," Downs said.

In a video for the campaign, Thaiday said it felt like everyone was against him at times.

"Being a talented young rugby league player, parents would scream at the opposition to tackle me, to get me, to do whatever it took to control me out there on the field," he said. – AAP

Horror run continues

Tiah Haynes
Picture: AFL Media



By CHRIS PIKE



FREMANTLE'S Australian Football League (AFL) Women's season hasn't quite gone to plan with the Dockers unable to make the finals and Tiah Haynes' horror injury run continued, but it's not all bad news for Indigenous players at the club.

Haynes achieved her dream by playing in the inaugural AFL Women's season at Fremantle, coming off two knee reconstructions, but her terrible run with injuries continued.

The 23-year-old was playing for the Dockers against the Greater Western Sydney Giants at Blacktown International Sportspark when she dislocated a shoulder.

Haynes was left in excruciating pain and then scans afterwards revealed the extent of the damage. She required a full shoulder reconstruction.

From the tackle that caused the injury, Giants player Jacinda Barclay received a one-game suspension.

It would be easy for Haynes to be disheartened with the shoulder injury on the back of her last two years being ruined by the knee reconstructions, but she is staying positive.

"Massive thanks for the well wishes of support," Haynes posted on Twitter.

"Another hiccup in the road but I'm not letting it stop me!"

Upgraded

Meanwhile, there is better news for Alicia Janz, who has been upgraded to Fremantle's senior list late in the AFLW season in order to make her debut.

Janz is the younger sister of netball star Josie Janz-Dawson, and she also played in the ANZ Championship with the West Coast Fever before moving to Victoria to work with the Wirrpanda Foundation.

While there, she began playing Australian football with Melbourne University in the Victorian Women's Football League before returning to Perth to be with Fremantle for the first AFLW season.

She did so alongside current Fremantle teammate Kirby Bentley, who has been one of the Dockers' standout performers in 2017 in the AFLW competition.

That has now paid off for Janz with her upgraded to the senior list and to play her first game against Collingwood in Mandurah.

Fremantle's AFLW coach Michell Cowan couldn't be more impressed with everything Janz has done to earn her selection.

"Alicia's been a train-on player with us as a tall that we wanted to be a part of the program. She's certainly earned her spot and is a fantastic character. She's really competitive and gives great effort all the time," Cowan said.

"I love her intent around the footy and competitiveness. She's really proactive with the girls and very encouraging. She's a team player I think she'll be electric for us out there."

Wotjobaluk woman accepts advisory job



BELINDA Duarte is the new Indigenous co-chair of Cricket Victoria's Aboriginal Cricket Advisory Committee.

Ms Duarte (née Jakiel) was born and raised in Ballarat and is a descendant of the Wotjobaluk people with Celtic and

Polish origins.

Most recently she was the Inaugural director of the Korin Gamadji Institute at Richmond Football Club, where she led the establishment of the institute's programs across its industry partners to create pathways that enabled young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians to excel.

In 2012 she was acknowledged for her work in the AFL industry and awarded Football Woman of the Year.

Ms Duarte has experience in senior roles and governance from voluntary, Aboriginal controlled, not-for-profit through to statutory bodies.

Range of positions

She holds a range of positions including co-chair of Reconciliation Victoria, advisory board member of the Koori Youth Council, panel member of the Premier's Jobs and Investment Panel, director of Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation, director of WasteAid, and a member of the Victorian Regional Churchill Fellowship Committee.

As a qualified teacher, she has also worked in education, training and community development.

Sue Crow is the other Aboriginal Cricket Advisory Committee co-chair.

The committee is looking at new strategies to increase participation and develop strong pathways for Aboriginal cricketers to high performance.

In the first ACAC meeting, a motion was passed to adopt the national Reconciliation Action Plan for the 2017-18 season. The RAP will be the committee's guiding document for future aspirations.



Belinda Duarte and Cricket Victoria CEO Tony Dodemaide.

Broome's good light

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



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It is always good when you have the time to visit home and catch up with your family and your mob.

For the Ah Chee brothers, their most recent visit to Broome was particularly special as they took along another 53 AFL brothers for the Indigenous camp run by the AFL and AFL Players Association.

The 55 players from 15 clubs were welcomed to Broome by Yawuru people, the traditional owners of the lands and waters in and around Broome.

Callum, who plays for the Gold Coast Suns, said he was happy to be back in the Kimberley along with his older brother Brendan who plays for Port Adelaide.

"Obviously, we are Yawuru people, so we are from up this way and to be around our own people and to show other boys what our culture is like is amazing," Callum said.

He saw the camp as an opportunity to develop some new bonds and to mentor young men in remote communities and town camps.

"We are doing a bit of footy training together, some cultural awareness stuff, some cultural immersion stuff, and some clinics for the kids," he said.

"To catch up with family and friends is a great feeling and to go through it with my brother is even better," he said.

"I love being here and I don't know if I'll want to leave."

Callum Ah Chee has long-term plans to move into the midfield after securing his future with the Suns.

He signed a contract extension that will keep him at the Suns until the end of 2019 and is now focused on building his body and his game so that he can eventually follow a long line of forwards, including the Suns' own Gary Ablett, to move into the midfield.

"I'd definitely like to play more football in the midfield," Callum said. "I'm working on my body strength in the gym and I'd like to develop a bigger body so I can compete with the guys in the midfield."

"I'm also happy to play forward and a variety of different roles."

The 19-year-old has discussed the idea with Gold Coast coach Rodney Eade.

"I've spoken him about it," Ah Chee said. "He thinks it would be good to play me



Callum Ah Chee

through the midfield too.

"We will see how training and things go and how my footy is going as well. If the opportunity arises, then I'll take it with both hands."

Ah Chee said he could play as an inside ball winner or outside runner.

"I have had exposure in the midfield and I can win my own ball so I wouldn't see it as a problem," he said.

Callum has always been good at making the most of his opportunities and his family has supported him along the journey.

From the age of three, he lived in Armadale, in south-east Perth, after his parents Brendon Snr and Valerie made the decision to leave Derby, a town in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

"There was no organised sport up there, and you've got to realise that in small country towns, if your kids aren't busy,

they get into trouble," Valerie said.

"We decided there were more opportunities in Perth for the boys and made the big decision to move."

Callum's great, great grandfather, Owen Ah Chee, migrated to Australia from China in the early 1800s.

He travelled through the Northern Territory and the Kimberleys and stopped at Derby.

He married Nellie, an Aboriginal woman from the Nyikina people, and they had 10 children, who all grew up in the region.

Owen opened a bakery, where generations of Ah Chees worked.

"We were the pioneering family for that town," Brendon Snr says.

Brendon Snr spent his first 15 years living in Derby before moving to Geraldton for boarding school.

US exchange student

That was his way of broadening his view of the world. From there, he went to the United States as an exchange student.

When he returned to Derby, he met Valerie.

Valerie's mum was a Nyoongar woman and her dad was Dutch.

Her grandfather was part of the Stolen Generation, taken from his mother in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

He ended up at Moore River Native Settlement where he met his wife. Valerie's dad was in the merchant navy sailing the world, but jumped ship in Fremantle, where he met his wife.

When Valerie was seven, she moved to Holland with her family and lived there for two years.

"It was awesome, but Mum was really missing Australia and her family, so we moved back," she said.

In 1987, Valerie's family moved to Derby, where she met Brendon Snr.

They started a family when she was 20. Callum was the last of their sons born there, with the Ah Chees shifting to Perth in 2000.

Callum Ah Chee has heard the stories of his family history, and read them, too.

His grandmother is an author, and has written a book detailing her Aboriginal background and how she came to start a family with a travelling Dutchman.

"I'm an Aboriginal, and I'm proud of that side of my heritage. But I'm also proud of my Chinese and Dutch background, and how it's all come together," he said.

"It's cool to know your name represents so much history."

You can see so much of his family's history in the way Callum deals with his life and his footy.

His commitment, his humility and his resilience in dealing with all the challenges that have come his way shines through.

There is a song about Broome that describes the 'good light'.

Young Callum is a shining light among our growing list of Indigenous players coming through the ranks.

I look forward to watching him rise to the challenge this year.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Kimberley hosts AFL players' camp



BROOME has hosted the bi-annual Indigenous All Stars Australian football camp.

It was organised by the Australian Football

League (AFL) and AFL Players' Association (AFLPA) and began last Wednesday.

Fifty-five Indigenous players from across the league took part in the four-day camp that focused on personal and cultural development as well as industry education.

The camp provided an opportunity for Indigenous footballers to bond through player-led cultural development sessions, football training and traditional activities with local communities, such as fishing and dancing.

The cultural development sessions identified and discussed the particular dynamics of AFL and club culture and the intersection with Indigenous people's lives.

Other player-led sessions looked at the expectation of clubs, the industry and the community and how the AFL and the AFLPA can work together to best cater for Indigenous players.

In attendance were club player development managers and football operations staff to absorb some of the

cultural discussions of the camp.

AFL general manager inclusion and social policy Tanya Hosch said the camp aimed to support the personal and professional development of Indigenous players and enable their engagement with the Aboriginal people of the Kimberley region.

"Our game is the number one choice sport for many Indigenous Australians and to see 15% of all players drafted last year identify as Indigenous men shows the strong links between football and Indigenous people," she said.

"We hope all of these footballers continue to enhance their leadership capacity and continue the legacy of great Indigenous footballers who have laid the foundations for their success."

AFLPA CEO Paul Marsh said the AFL/AFLPA Indigenous All Stars camp was a great opportunity to get players from across the country, and covering varying demographics, together to explore ways to better maximise their time in the game.

"It's a priority for the AFLPA Indigenous Advisory Board that the AFL industry is working together as a whole to support Indigenous players and their families, from the minute they are drafted and well into retirement," he said.



Fremantle players: from left, Michael Walters, Bradley Hill, Danyale Pearce, Stephen Hill with local children at the Broome camp.

Knee blow to AFL star



ADELAIDE midfielder Cam Ellis-Yolmen will miss the looming

Australian Football League (AFL) season because of a knee injury in another blow to the Crows' onball stocks.

The 24-year-old, who had been earmarked for a berth as the Crows seek to rejuvenate their midfield, requires a right knee reconstruction after rupturing the anterior cruciate ligament in a pre-season game against Richmond last month.

The Crows are already without three key midfielders this pre-season with vice-captain Rory Sloane (fractured eye socket), Brad Crouch (hamstring) and veteran Scott Thompson (shoulder) on the injured list.

While the trio are expected to push for selection for the premiership season opener on March 26, Ellis-Yolmen's injury is a blow to coach Don Pyke's stated plans of finding more midfield versatility in the coming season.

Ellis-Yolmen, who played only two of his 14 AFL games last season when frequently on the cusp of selection, was hurt in Adelaide's loss to the Tigers.

"The injury is really disappointing for both Cam and the club," the Crows' head of football Brett Burton said.

"We were excited about him pushing his claims for round one selection.

"We will consult a specialist with the view to Cam having surgery which will unfortunately rule him out for the season." – AAP



Cam Ellis-Yolman
Picture: Peter Argent

Nate Jawai looks ahead to 2017-18

By CHRIS PIKE



NATE Jawai's return season to the Cairns Taipans

didn't quite end as successfully as last year with the Perth Wildcats, but he remained one of the most imposing forces in the National Basketball League (NBL)

Jawai returned to the NBL last season playing with the Wildcats for the first time as the former NBA centre was a key member of the team that won the championship.

That was the first NBL title in Jawai's career before he returned to where it all started for him.

Jawai began his NBL career in Cairns in the 2007-08 season where he was the league's Rookie of the Year. Cairns is not too far from Bamaga, a 2000-people settlement on the Cape York tip where he hailed from.

Cairns was a homecoming for the 30-year-old powerhouse and it was seen as a big signing for the Taipans as they continued to chase an elusive first NBL championship.

Jawai missed the opening game through injury, but he quickly made his mark on return to the Taipans.

He would average 10.6 points and 4.3 rebounds for the season, but his patches of dominance where he was unstoppable showed the force he still can be.

That was highlighted by 22 points and nine rebounds late in the season at home against Perth with the Taipans winning their last three matches, six of their last seven and eight of their last 11 to make the finals.

That set up a meeting with Jawai's team from last season with whom he won the championship, Perth, but unfortunately for Jawai, it was again the Wildcats prevailing.

Perth won the first two games of the semifinal series to advance to the grand final and Jawai was hurt by foul trouble in game one with his impact diminished.

He was then unwell for game two in Perth and wasn't able to start, and didn't quite have the impact he would have hoped.

Despite that, it was a successful return to Cairns for Jawai, who not only

showed he is still a powerful figure on the court in the NBL, but also a popular and respected man off it.

Jawai worked with former Taipans star Kerry Williams in the club's Indigenous program in helping the youth throughout Cairns and far north Queensland.

Jawai is committed to return to Cairns next season in the NBL as he looks to have an even greater impact to help the Taipans go at least one step better than this year.

Cairns coach Aaron Fearn has been a huge part of Jawai's career, having been at the Taipans when it all began for him, and then moving with him to the United States after that as he worked out ahead of his US National Basketball Association (NBA) career.

Fearn was delighted to welcome back Jawai for the 2016-17 season and he built his team around Jawai. That worked well until the playoffs didn't quite go to plan.

"We didn't have a lot of impact from Nate," Fearn said.

Woke up sick

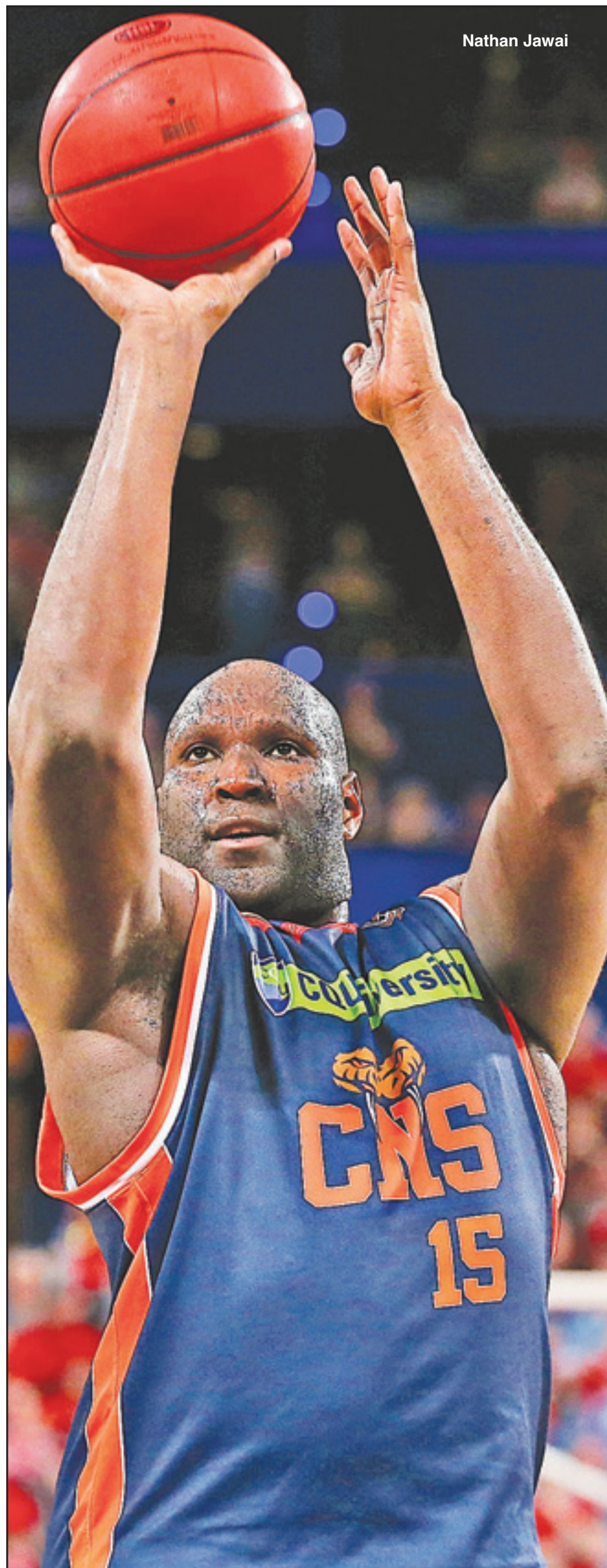
"He woke up sick that day of game two and didn't go to Shootaround and ultimately we needed him to be an impactful player for us in the playoffs, and that didn't happen."

Jawai is one of a handful of players who Fearn has locked away to play with Cairns for the 2017-18 NBL season and he again is a big part of his plans to try and breakthrough for the club's first championship since entering the league in 1999.

"Obviously, bringing Nate back in, when you can attract a quality Australian to your program, that's always been a major problem and struggle for our club since I've been here, and I've been here since day one," Fearn said.

"It's a bit to do with where we live and what we can afford to pay, but bringing Nate back was obviously huge and bringing in Mitch McCarron back from overseas and Jarrad Weeks too we felt we had added some really good pieces.

"Now looking ahead, Jarrad (Weeks), (Cameron) Gliddon, (Mitch) McCarron and Nate are locked in, and Alex (Loughton) and Stevie (Weigh) have options so we pretty much have six guys under contract."



Nathan Jawai

Coffs Harbour hosts Ella 7s rugby tournament



THE 10th annual Ella Sevens Championship was held at Coffs Harbour last Friday and Saturday, bringing together some of the best Indigenous rugby union players from around Australia. The marquee tournament for

Indigenous sevens rugby – named after the famed Ella brothers Gary, Glen and Mark who played for the Wallabies during the 1980s – showcased 20 men's teams and eight women's teams.

Rich prizes

A \$10,000 prize was up for grabs for the men's winner, and \$5000 for the

winning women's team.

Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team executive officer Tom Evans said the Ella Sevens was one of the great traditions in Australian rugby and had continued to be a source for Indigenous athletes from across the country to test themselves on a big stage.

"Not only does the competition provide an opportunity for teams to come together to compete, but it also provides individuals with an Indigenous rugby pathway that could lead to unearthing the next Ella or Kurtley Beale," he said.

Matches were at the Coffs Harbour International Stadium.

Ash's quiet debut



ASHLEIGH Gardner's debut as an international cricketer did not go to plan, with the rising allrounder failing to get amongst the runs and wickets in her opening three T20 matches against New Zealand last month.

The Australian Indigenous women's captain was out without scoring in her debut game at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on February 17.

She did not get to bowl in the match that was won by Australia.

Scores: Australia 4-151, New Zealand 8-111.

Two days later, at Geelong, New Zealand levelled the series, with Gardner scoring five runs and taking 1-3. For the second time in her short career, she was run out.

Scores: New Zealand 9-101, Australia 9-61. New Zealand won by eight runs under the Duckworth-Lewis scoring system in a rain-interrupted match where Australia was set 70 runs from 13 overs.

In the series-clinching match at the Adelaide Oval on February 22, Gardner was out without scoring after facing 11 balls and took 0-13 off two overs.

New Zealand won that game after scoring 8-113. Australia was all out for 66.

Gardner was not part of the Australian Southern Stars team for the opening one-day game of the three-match series in New Zealand that followed the T20 games in Australia.

New Zealand won the first of those games by five wickets in Auckland.

One-day debut

But Gardner did play in the second match last Thursday at Mount Maunganui, where she was presented with her cap number 135 for female one-day Australian cricketers. The presentation was made before the start of play by Australian batter Rachael Haynes, who spoke of Gardner's great determination and batting aggression.

Gardner then went on to hit the winning four, pulling the ball to the square leg boundary with nearly three overs to spare.

She came to the wicket with Australia at 6-237, chasing New Zealand's total of 8-253.

Gardner hit three fours in her knock of 12 not out off 11 deliveries as Australia won by four wickets.

Earlier, Gardner completed her 10 overs and finished with 0-49 at an economy rate of 4.9.

The match will be remembered as the one where Amy Satterthwaite fell just short of a fifth consecutive ODI ton.

The prolific 29-year-old New Zealander, attempting to go where no ODI player has ever gone by notching five straight centuries, fell for 85 in the 47th over.

The deciding match was to be played at Mount Maunganui last Sunday.



Ashleigh Gardner bats at the Adelaide Oval for Australia in the third T20 match against New Zealand on February 22. She was out without scoring. Picture: Peter Argent



Ash Gardner bowls to New Zealand during the Adelaide T20 match. Picture: Peter Argent



Ashleigh Gardner is in Adelaide with Australia's first Indigenous Test cricketer Faith Thomas, who is wearing her baggy green cap.



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James Roberts, right, is congratulated by Brisbane Broncos teammate Anthony Milford after scoring a try during the round one National Rugby League (NRL) match against the Cronulla Sutherland Sharks at Shark Park, Sydney, last Thursday night. Picture: AAP

It's footy time

By GRAHAM HUNT



THE long-awaited footy season has started and in the thick of it will be a big proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

The 2017 National Rugby League (NRL) competition kicked off last Thursday night and the 18-club Australian Football League (AFL) competition begins on March 23 when old rivals Richmond and Carlton meet.

Cronulla's NRL premiership defence made a losing start, with the Sharks downed by a slick Brisbane 26-18 in last

Thursday night's opening game at Shark Park.

Indigenous rugby league and Australian football players have always punched well above their weight at elite levels.

The statistics are indisputable.

This year, there are 80 Indigenous NRL players spread throughout the 16 clubs.

That's a record 14% of the player list – not bad for people who represent 3% of Australia's population.

These figures are based on the 16 NRL clubs having a 35-player base, making a total of 560.

There are 815 players on AFL lists this year, with 84 of them being Indigenous.

That's 10.3% of all AFL players.

Last year there were 824 players, of which 75 were Indigenous (9.1%).

Rugby league's South Sydney Rabbitohs have always enjoyed strong Indigenous support and if this season is anything to go by, it's no coincidence.

There are 10 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders on the Rabbitohs' list – easily the highest of any NRL club.

Behind them come the Roosters, Cowboys, Titans, Bulldogs and Sharks (six each), followed by the Dragons, Eels, and Raiders (five each).

In the AFL, the Fremantle Dockers have the largest Indigenous contingent with 11 players on their books, followed

by Port Adelaide (9), Gold Coast (6), Adelaide (6), Richmond (6), West Coast (6), North Melbourne (4), Essendon (4), Melbourne (4), Geelong (4), Collingwood (4), Hawthorn (3), Greater Western Sydney (3), St Kilda (3), Brisbane (2), Sydney (2) Western Bulldogs (2) and Geelong (1).

Following is the number of AFL players since 2006, with the number of Indigenous players in brackets:

2006: 702 (57)
2007: 708 (73)
2008: 713 (72)
2009: 738 (82)
2010: 742 (83)
2011: 797 (79)

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