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Fun for some, not for others



THE water may have been just fine for these two Tiwi Islands boys playing in the rain during the huge local football grand final on Bathurst Island, north of Darwin. But sadly there was just too much rain and water for much of a huge area of Australia's east coast last week in the wake of Cyclone Debbie. The massive storm and resulting rain depression played havoc with Indigenous communities between north Queensland and northern NSW, resulting in millions of dollars of damage and plenty of heartache. Among those affected was the *Koori Mail*, with our main office in Lismore, NSW, (white building in inset) cut-off by flood water as we were to go to press. See our coverage on pages 6-7.

Our kids suffer



INDIGENOUS children in detention in Victoria are at particular risk of unacceptable treatment. That's the finding of a report by the Commission for Children and Young People 'The same four walls', tabled in Victoria's Parliament. It found that children in detention are

routinely "locked down" due to staffing issues.

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Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, and after 25 years the system does not appear to have learnt anything," he said.

The report comes as a Northern Territory court ordered compensation for four inmates at Darwin's notorious Don Dale youth detention centre. (See page 14.)

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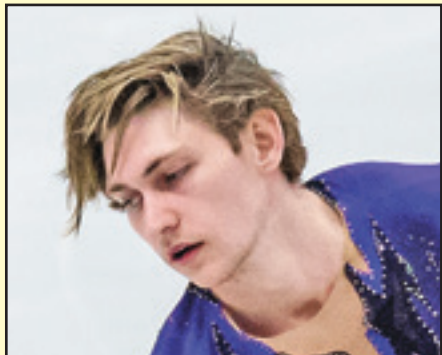
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My FAMILY Algon Walsh – Palm Island, Qld



Algon Walsh, left, with Neville Haines on Palm Island.

THERE is a big mob of the Walsh family on Palm Island and we are descendants of 19 of the 40 tribal groups here.

There are also four generations of the Walsh family living here and I wouldn't want to be any other place on Earth.

I was really happy to be part of the latest NAIDOC celebrations here on Palm and one of the highlights was a big gala party the council organised on what we call Freedom Park near the beach. It had been raining and one of the coldest days of the year at 11 degrees so they had it under a big tent with some heaters and it was so comfortable.

There were about 200 people there and we yarned, had a big feast, and enjoyed dancers and singers. Here on Palm, like many other Indigenous communities, we have an Alcohol Management Plan which only allows mid strength and light alcohol.

However on the night of the party there was a special liquor licence and some wine, which we can't normally have, and it was

good to be able to enjoy that like people on the mainland.

I also believe sport is important to character building in our young people and I am the president of the Palm Island Community Rugby League.

My father, the late Algon Walsh Snr, was a well-known referee on the island and I played hooker for many years for the Barracudas team that competed at many Allblacks carnivals on the mainland.

Now as an administrator I am putting something back into the game and while we don't have a domestic competition on Palm, many of our players line up for clubs in the Townsville and District Rugby League.

We have some of the best footballers around right here on Palm Island as we have for the past 98 years.

The waters around Palm are also great for fishing and crabbing. Sometimes I go fishing with family members.

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OUR CHILDREN



Byron Bay High School's Mia Thom, left, (pictured with Jessica Buhagir) was a winner at the recent Nanga Mai Awards for outstanding NSW Indigenous student leadership, held in Sydney. See our coverage on pages 26-27.

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Didj maestro will open exhibition



THE South Australian Museum has invited didj master William Barton (pictured) to open its exhibition *Yidaki: Didjeridu and the Sound of Australia*.

The Sound of Australia, presented with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra (ASO) will bring the sounds of the museum's *Yidaki* exhibition to life at the Adelaide Town Hall this Thursday, April 6.

SA Museum director Brian Oldman said the performance would be a powerful experience celebrating the rich history of Australia's most recognisable instrument.

"We worked with the Yolngu people of north-east Arnhem Land and William Barton to understand the important history of the didjeridu and create this exhibition," he said.

"It signals a huge shift in the way the SA Museum uses its collections, tells stories and celebrates living Aboriginal knowledge and people. Having a musical extension of this exhibition led by such a legendary performer, makes it a

remarkably immersive and engaging experience."

Barton is world renowned for his unique fusion of traditional yidaki performance with classical forms. Barton and the ASO performed together at New York's Carnegie Hall as part of the G'Day USA tour in 2009.

The performance will feature music evoking the Australian landscape and highlights the rich musical culture of Aboriginal Australia.

Audience members will also enjoy a display in the Town Hall's Mankurri-api Kuu (reconciliation room) and a series of specially commissioned digital projections by animator Luku Trembath.

The Sound of Australia: William Barton with the ASO will be held at the Adelaide Town Hall on Thursday, April 6, at 7pm. For more information and to buy tickets, visit aso.com.au

The Yidaki: Didjeridu and the Sound of Australia exhibition is on display at the South Australian Museum until July 16. For more information, visit samyidaki.com.au



NT system 'is broken'



THE Northern Territory's juvenile justice system is broken at every level and continues to fail young people, the royal commission says.

The inquiry released its interim report last Friday. It contains no findings or recommendations but slams the youth detention system for favouring punitive measures over rehabilitation.

The report welcomed initial steps taken by the new NT Labor Government in its \$18 million overhaul to boost diversion workers and training for prison guards.

The damning report found the juvenile justice system was "likely to leave many children and young people more damaged than when they entered".

"It fails those who work in those systems and it fails the people of the Northern Territory, who are entitled to live in safer communities," co-commissioner Margaret White said.

The report found the NT's "harsh, bleak" detention facilities are unfit for children to live in or guards to work in.

But the commission advised the NT Government to hold off on building a new facility to replace the notorious Don Dale Detention Centre until after the inquiry's final report on August 1.

Chief Minister Michael Gunner admitted he'd hoped for earlier direction but said he's already invested into Don Dale infrastructure to make it safer and secure in the short term.

The report advocated crime prevention, early intervention and community engagement to break the cycle of crime.

"Opportunity"

"For a system to work, children and young people in detention must be given every opportunity to get their lives on track and to re-enter the community less likely to reoffend," Ms White said.

The report revealed the NT has the nation's highest rate of young people in detention and child protection services, by a considerable margin. About 94% of those kids locked up and 89% in care are Aboriginal.

And the number of youngsters entering detention has more than doubled in the past decade.

Aboriginal kids are 25 times

more likely to be locked up than their non-Indigenous peers, according to Australian Institute of Health and Welfare figures also released last week.

"Children and young people in out-of-home care are more likely to enter the youth detention system. Those systems are inextricably linked," co-commissioner Mick Gooda said.

Ms White said there was no quick fix in effecting long-term change, so the commission wouldn't rush any recommendations.

The inquiry has already been under way for eight months and in December it was granted a four-month extension.

It was sparked when footage of boys being tear gassed, shackled and spit-hooded was aired on national TV last year, following reports by the *Koori Mail* and other media.

The commission still needs to hear from politicians in charge in 2014 before shifting its focus to the care and protection system. — AAP

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Stolen Gens plaque for Kerang



A MEMORIAL to the Stolen Generations has been unveiled in Kerang, northern

Victoria. Recognising all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children removed forcibly from their families, a plaque has been placed on a large stone as a centrepiece to the sensory garden at the Gannawarra Children's Centre in Kerang.

Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) Aboriginal health worker Melanie Lane said local Elder Shirley McGee started the project in 2016, when she wrote to former mayor Lorraine Learmonth asking for a plaque to be erected to remember the Stolen Generations.

"Thanks to Aunty Shirley McGee, and everyone who has supported this project, our community now has a permanent way of remembering and paying tribute to the Stolen Generation," she said.

"While this plaque recognises all children removed from their families, it pays special recognition to the 'Coota Girls', who lived at the Cootamundra Girls' Home, and the Kinchela Boys, who lived at the Kinchela Aboriginal Boys' Training Home.

"It's through strong partnerships such as these that we, as a community, can really support the members of the Stolen Generation and this



Members of the 'Coota Girls' (Cootamundra Girls' Home) group at the plaque unveiling in Kerang: from left, Doreen Webster, Rachael Johnson, Janet Smith, Shirley McGee, Isabel Reid and Rosie Atkinson.

important part of our shared history is never forgotten."

For Aunty Shirley McGee, who has lived in Kerang for many years, it was important to find a place that was "just right" for the memorial. "We discussed having

the memorial at the children's centre, as children play there every day, and that seemed a perfect spot for it," she said.

Discussions continued and, together with the support of the Kerang Elders Group, plans

were finalised for the plaque.

Local company Mawson's donated a large rock on which to mount the plaque.

The Kerang Elders partnered with Gannawarra Shire Council, Mallee District Aboriginal

Services, Northern District Community Health, Cohuna District Hospital, Kerang District Health and Victoria Police for the official unveiling of the plaque at the Gannawarra Children's Centre last month.

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Doubts over native title



THE Federal Government's movements on the *Native Title Act* and Indigenous Land

Use Agreements (ILUAs) are uncertain after they withdrew the bill from debate in the Senate.

In February the Federal Court struck out an ILUA with Noongar (WA) people, ruling that because not all claimants had signed off on the agreement it was invalid, in a decision that could affect ILUAs across the country.

A Senate committee held a brief inquiry into the proposed changes to the *Native Title Act* after they passed the lower house, but was criticised by some Indigenous organisations for being too rushed and not consulting widely enough.

While initially Labor said it would conditionally support a Government bill that aims to reverse the ruling, known as McGlade, last week Senator Pat Dodson and Shadow Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus said the Opposition objected to amendments put by Attorney-General George Brandis.

"The original legislation introduced by the Government went much further than was required to reverse the decision

in McGlade," Senator Dodson and Mr Dreyfus said in a statement. "The Government's proposal would potentially have undermined the *Native Title Act* and created even more uncertainty for native title holders.

"In amendments circulated at the 11th hour, George Brandis then tried to impose new changes on the bill – without any consultation whatsoever. This is just unacceptable."

The Greens also said there hadn't been anywhere near enough consultation with Indigenous people on the proposed changes.

"The Greens hold concerns that any changes to native title must be taken very seriously and could have far reaching implications in the future," Greens senator Rachel Siewert said. "The committee process was rushed and not enough time was given to consideration of the changes proposed."

"The Greens agree that the Government should consider any implications for right-to-negotiate agreements as well as land use agreements.

"It is clear that amendments to native title need to be made in light of the McGlade decision, but more time is needed for any

amendments to be considered and to enable other options to be looked at. We hold concerns that there are aspects of the bill that water down the traditional decision-making processes. This needs further interrogation and consultation.

"The Greens attempted to change the reporting date on this bill to May 8, 2017 but this was not supported by the Senate, which was disappointing considering the potential ramifications of rushed legislation in this space."

Senator Dodson and Mr Dreyfus said the native title system wasn't something that "should be changed on a whim".

"This entire mess is a direct result of the Government and Senator Brandis trying to rush these changes through the Senate without bothering to properly consult Indigenous people," they said.

"Labor stands ready to find a quick solution, which reflects faithfully the position reached by the Senate inquiry and has wide support from all sides.

"But we will not vote for ad hoc changes that go further than restoring the legal validity of agreements to the position they were in prior to the McGlade decision."

Detained kids 'at risk' in Victoria

By RUDI MAXWELL



CHILDREN in detention in Victoria have been subjected to unacceptable levels of isolation and separation as punishment, with Indigenous kids particularly at risk.

A report by the Commission for Children and Young People 'The same four walls', tabled in Victoria's Parliament last week, also found that children in detention are routinely 'locked down' due to staffing issues.

"No matter what the situation, our review revealed that the result was usually the same: children and young people enclosed alone between four walls with limited access to fresh air, human interaction, stimulation, psychological support and, in some circumstances, basic sanitation," the report said.

The report looked at children and young people in detention at Parkville and Malmesbury Youth Justice precincts.

Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People Andrew Jackomos said of particular concern was the overrepresentation of Koori children subjected to isolation, which is supposed to be a measure of last resort to stop a child hurting themselves or others.

At Malmesbury, 30% of children and young people in isolation were Koori, despite Koori clients making up only 16% of the youth justice population.

"I am appalled by the high rates of Koori kids being subjected to isolation," Mr Jackomos said. "More than two-thirds of isolations imposed on Koori kids were not appropriately authorised and cultural support workers are not being engaged as policy requires."

"Isolation as is being practised currently is contrary to the findings and principles of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody and after 25 years the system does not appear to have learnt anything."

Punishment

Mr Jackomos said that rather than focus on punishment when children come into contact with the justice system, more work needed to be done on early intervention and understanding the circumstances that each child was affected by.

"We need to look at each child's history," he said. "We know that two-thirds of all children, not just Aboriginal children, going in to the Victorian justice system have had a history of child protection, and that nine out of 10 Aboriginal children in the system have come from family violence."

"These children are coming in with unaddressed trauma."

"We know that the majority of

Aboriginal children coming with some form of youth protection order haven't had the correct counselling, haven't had the love and care they should have – then if you put them in an institution that doesn't treat them with respect the child will respond accordingly.

"When you take away a child's right to have a shower, clean themselves, when they have to ask permission – that isn't always given – to go to the toilet, take away their photos, music and books to punish them, even though they've been punished enough – they aren't going to leave a youth justice centre a proud member of society."

Respected

Mr Jackomos said children needed to be looked after in detention and their human rights respected.

"They need to be treated with love and respect," he said. "A common message that children gave me was that they used to have respectful relationships with many of the workers but now they find that difficult."

Staffing issues including reliance on agency staff instead of permanent trained employees and a lack of cultural understanding were adding to the problems, the report found.

The commission made 21 recommendations for improvements, including ensuring compliance with legislation and policy, appropriate responses to mental health needs, introducing basic sanitation into isolation rooms and staffing.

Mr Jackomos said there needed to be more resources put into keeping children out of detention in the first place.

"We have to stop seeing youth justice centres as the end answer for kids who go off the rails," he said.

"What Victoria and many other jurisdictions have failed to do is invest in community-based diversionary programs for young people. If you take a Koori kid from Mildura and put them in a brick and cement cell it isn't the best way of reaching that child."

"The majority of children in detention are on remand and many of those children should be eligible for community based diversionary programs."

"We're missing an opportunity to properly rehabilitate our kids. Once a child goes into detention they become tarnished by the system, so we see innocent people going in and damaged people coming out."

"We need to have a serious look in this country at laws that specifically target Aboriginal children and their disadvantage, we need a serious look at increasing the criminal age from 10 to 14 to stop this merrygoround."

"These kids should be in school, not detention."

Rondell Williams wears a hand-painted backpack collaboration by Dolly and Ethel from Mornington Island for MIArt Designs.

Picture courtesy of Grace Lillian Lee



Wearable art is a success story



CREATING wearable art that represents her community and island lifestyle has turned into a success story for Mornington Island designer Grace Lillian Lee. Ms Lee is an artist, curator and fashion designer whose bag designs are now on sale in the National Gallery Victoria (NVG) Design Store in Melbourne. Her journey to success came as a result of working with and mentoring her local community in the creation of unique fashion items.

Ms Lee's dream has always been to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tradition and culture through contemporary fashion. So, when she was approached by MIArt manager Grace Barnes to turn the felted art wall hangings of other Mornington Island artists into wearable fashion statements, she

jumped at the chance.

Ms Lee mentored the other artists in her community as they experimented with their felt creations, culminating in the colourful fashion collection 'Melaa Thaldin' (Standing by the Sea), which travelled the fashion catwalks of Australia, including the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair 2015 and 2016, Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair (2016), and last year's Adelaide Fashion Festival.

"Way of being"

"Ms Lee inspired artists to keep expressing themselves in the realm of wearable art, whilst celebrating their way of being," Ms Barnes said.

As Ms Lee continued to work with the artists, they adapted the designs into an exclusive bag collection.

"The idea of expanding the community's consciousness into new possibilities grew organically," Ms Lee said.

"Marrying my fashion knowledge, their natural artistic talent and above all, the passion to keep painting ... the idea was to develop their creative expression away from a canvas."

With many of the women on Mornington Island related to the late Mirdidingkingathi Juwarnda Sally Gabori, a leading contemporary Australian artist, Ms Barnes said it was no wonder the National Gallery Victoria Design Store jumped at the opportunity to sell the bags.

"It was the uniqueness of the bags presented with individual artworks expressing both traditional and personal stories and the nuances of island living that captured their attention," she said.

Ms Lee also has her woven *Body Sculpture* works displayed at the *Who's Afraid of Colour?* exhibition in the Potter Centre, NGV Australia.

Cyclone Debbie a blow to many



Bowen is battered by the full force of Cyclone Debbie.

Rangers to rescue

By ALF WILSON



RANGERS from the Gudjuda and Girringun Aboriginal Corporations played major roles in Bowen after Cyclone Debbie

struck the north Queensland town with winds of up to 200km/h.

Debbie left a path of destruction at Bowen, 200km south of Townsville, Airlie Beach, a further 60km south, Shute Harbour, Hamilton Island and Mackay.

The category-three system made landfall soon after 1pm on March 27 near Bowen, where it was described by Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk as "equivalent to a one-in-100-year event".

Most homes in Bowen were left without power and many roofs were ripped off buildings.

Five rangers from Gudjuda and five others from the Cardwell-based Girringun worked together to clean up Girudala Housing Co-operative homes and ensure residents were safe and well.

Bowen-based Jim Gaston is a

local Elder and is also a senior Gudjuda ranger. He told the *Koori Mail* that the winds from Debbie were "frightening".

"I walked outside to close my gate and the winds were around 200km/h," he said.

"It was best to stay inside. The rangers have cleaned up lots of fallen trees from 14 houses here in Bowen."

Praise

Gudjuda chairman Eddie Smallwood was coordinator in Bowen and glowing in his praise of all the rangers.

"The Girringun rangers came

all the way from Cardwell to help and that town suffered severe damage when Cyclone Yasi struck some years ago. It was a great effort," he said.

SES workers from across Queensland, including a group from Palm Island, travelled to centres affected by Debbie.

An emergency alert had been issued by Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council on March 27 after forecasts that Debbie would strike. Residents were advised to stay inside their homes from sunset/6pm until emergency services advised the weather was clear.

Council advised the cyclone could bring strong winds and a storm tide that may damage property.

But the cyclone missed Palm and tracked further south.

Townsville residents were also concerned the full fury of Debbie would strike, but the warnings never came to fruition.

The Burdekin sister towns of Ayr and Home Hill, 90km south of Townsville, did receive strong winds which caused damage to trees. Some Indigenous residents there spent time in a cyclone shelter until the danger passed.



Leighaya and Kristy Roberts, Justine, Dayle and Ellouise Bolt, are relieved that the flooding missed their home on Cabbage Tree Island, northern NSW.



Noted Bundjalung artist Digby Moran wipes down his flood-damaged paintings in Lismore, northern NSW.

in Qld and NSW communities



NSW Local Aboriginal Land Council's Tina Williams has her feet wet in Lismore.



Bundjalung Tribal Society manager Georgina Cohen and chair Tracey King "didn't know where to start" with the cleanup

'We've lost everything'

By KEIRA JENKINS



"WE have lost everything". Those were the words echoing throughout northern NSW in the wake of Cyclone Debbie. In Lismore, on the NSW far north coast, businesses and homes were destroyed by flooding. Bundjalung Elder and artist Digby Moran (see picture on facing page) had water in his studio,

destroying some of his paintings. But he stayed positive about the ordeal, concentrating on saving what he could.

"I'm fine, I can just go over some of the bits that have been washed away," he said.

"I'm just wiping off all the mud. They'll be all right."

At NSW Aboriginal Land Council's North Coast office, Councillor Tina Williams detailed the destruction caused by flood waters.

"We put everything up high, but the water got higher than we thought," she said. "We had pictures, and desks and even the fridge from our kitchen was floating around."

"They said to evacuate the CBD but we didn't think it would get this far out. They should have an evacuation plan for each street, even the ones surrounding the CBD so this doesn't happen again."



We at the *Koori Mail* know first-hand how bad the flooding was. Pictured is our head office in Lismore, with flood waters pouring over the adjoining levee wall. Staff worked long hours in difficult circumstances to put out this edition.

At Bundjalung Tribal Society, one of the organisations that own the *Koori Mail*, chair Tracey King said they had prepared by putting important documents and furniture as high as possible, but as the water rose they realised it was not going to be enough.

"We're going to have to get rid of everything except a few plastic chairs," she said.

"We've lost everything. I feel like crying. We got all the hard drives out but

everything else is just gone.

"We're just a small organisation. We need help to deal with all this mess."

"My brain just isn't working. I just can't comprehend. We don't even know where to start. We've just been looking at it like 'What do we do?'"

At Cabbage Tree Island, locals were told to evacuate, but the flood waters didn't reach their homes.

Tina Roberts said her family was told

to leave on Saturday afternoon, but they stayed at home, and braved the oncoming flood.

"We were worried that the water would be a bit higher but it just came over the river bank," she said.

"I wanted to keep the girls home from school because I heard Ballina, where they go to school, was going to flood."

"We've seen floods before here, and it got much higher in 1974."

In Logan, south of Brisbane, the cleanup has also begun, after the Logan River peaked at 10.4 metres.

Thousands of people fled low-lying parts of Logan, Beaudesert and the northern Gold Coast after ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie caused serious flooding.

Logan Mayor Luke Smith said it was the biggest flood in the area in more than 40 years. "That's higher than we saw in 2013 and 2011 and it's getting very, very close to that 1974 mark," he said.

Mayor Smith said sightseers should stay away from flooded rivers.

"We had so many kids and very small children who were literally just centimetres from falling in fast-flowing waters, so we had to get our park rangers and our police to work together to move a lot of people out of those dangerous areas," he said.

As the *Koori Mail* was going to print residents in Rockhampton were preparing for flooding, predicted to be up to 9m.

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Byron fest back



BOOMERANG Festival will be held as part of Bluesfest Byron Bay again this year, over the Easter long weekend. And Boomerang director Rhoda Roberts was encouraging as many people as possible to visit the First Nations event, as they try to raise funds for a standalone festival next year.

The Boomerang precinct will feature an array of music, dance, cultural knowledge exchanges and conversations.

The lineup features Indigenous Australian, Canadian, New Zealand, and Tibetan talent, including dance and electronic band OKA, Yirmal from north-east Arnhem Land, percussionists and activists Airleke and the Rize of the Morning Star, singer and songwriter Emily Wurramurra, Tenzin Choegyal from Tibet, Leonard Sumner from Canada, Te Kopere Maori Healing from New Zealand, contemporary Indigenous dancers eXelsior, Jannawi Dance Clan from Sydney, and Bundjalung Weaving Workshops.

Ms Roberts said Boomerang is redefining the experience of festivals.

"Let's begin the healing together and dance to the music, listen to the language and witness the ancient and the accessible," she said.

"Come and dip your toe in."

More details at boomerangfestival.com.au



OKA will perform at the Boomerang Festival.



Funny man Kevin Kropinyeri.

Class clown is now a class comedy act

By LIINA FLYNN



FUNNY man Kevin Kropinyeri has always been the class clown.

"I was a ratbag at school," Mr Kropinyeri told the *Koori Mail*. "I was

always in and out of trouble. I put thumb tacks on the teacher's seat and hid her bag and she didn't even bat an eyelid. Just sent me off to the office."

Years later, Mr Kropinyeri is now one of a handful of Aboriginal comedians who are making a living out of comedy. And now he's getting ready to perform again at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival as one of the co-hosts of the Deadly Funny national comedy competition final on April 8, along with Andy Saunders and Sean Choolburra.

"Deadly Funny is a showcase of Indigenous comedy performers who've won their competition heats around the country," he said. "The winner takes a \$2000 prize and there are also mentorships to be won."

Mr Kropinyeri's career kicked off when he won Deadly Funny in 2008.

"It changed my life," he said. "Family and friends pushed me to go in it. My ex-wife literally signed me up and said, 'You're going in it whether you like it or not.' I decided to do it so I could tick it off my bucket list."

Mr Kropinyeri now sees Deadly Funny as creating a new future for comedy by giving more Aboriginal people the opportunity to put themselves out there.

"A few years ago there was only Sean Choolburra and me. Now there are more and more Aboriginal comedians on the scene," he said.

"If you are thinking about getting up on the stage, don't let fear and shame stop you reaching your full potential. We are black, deadly and proud people – step into the space."

Mr Kropinyeri will be working on the *Margbrook Footy Show* this year and also runs comedy workshops teaching budding comedians how to find their first funny five-minute performance. He

describes his own comedy style as cool, observational humour with facial expressions, and he draws on life experiences.

"When you first start in comedy, five minutes feels like a lifetime, but I have nine years under my sleeve now," he said.

"I teach people how to handle nerves, structure their comedy and practical tips for when they are on stage."

Mr Kropinyeri's tip for new comedians is to "know your material".

"Don't get out there and have a mental blank," he said. "You need to practise your stuff over and over."

Mr Kropinyeri will also be performing with Andy Saunders and Sean Choolburra in the *Aboriginal Comedy Allstars* show during the Melbourne International Comedy Festival from April 6-8, and encourages everyone to "come along and have a unique experience and see our bit of comedy at its best".

For information or tickets to the show, visit www.comedyallstars.com.au/



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Invitation to Register an Interest The Bays Market District, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

On behalf of Urban Growth, Artefact Heritage is undertaking an Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment of The Bays Market District (Pyrmont and Glebe), in advance of a proposed redevelopment. The proponent's contact details are: Greg Lin, UrbanGrowth NSW, Level 12, MLC Centre/19 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000.

We are inviting registrations of interest in the project from Aboriginal groups and individuals who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the locality. The purpose of the community consultation is to assist the proponent in the preparation of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report, as it may be necessary to prepare an AHIP application for the proposed rezoning of the property. In such case this ACHAR will assist OEH in determination of the application.

**Please register your interest in the project by
1 May 2017 by contacting:**

Ryan Taddeucci, Artefact Heritage
Level 4, Building B, 35 Saunders Street, Pyrmont NSW 2009
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ryan.taddeucci@artefact.net.au

Warlpiri app aims to be a 'shield' against suicide

By KEIRA JENKINS



THE Warlpiri community of Lajamanu is leading the way in developing a new suicide prevention app, called Kurdiji 1.0.

The community-led project, directed with the help of the Australian Catholic University's Judith Crispin, Drew Baker and Black Dog Institute's Fiona Shand, was inspired by the high number of suicides in Indigenous communities.

The app will use the traditional Warlpiri approach to resilience called 'Kurdiji', which focuses on strengthening language, law, skin name and ceremony.

Warlpiri Elder Steve Patrick said these elements are all equally important in finding the 'one home'.

"It's called Kurdiji, and Kurdiji means 'shield' for us Warlpiri. It's initiation ceremony as well," he said.

"It's meant to teach people to look at life and really protect life – shield them off from all the elements of negative things of the world.

"This app will give hope through the way Kurdiji brings out the best in challenging life and challenging ourselves too."

"This app would try to challenge something like suicide within young people in Indigenous communities. It will lead to really good things and bring hope to the communities."

Mr Patrick plans to disseminate the app, used via mobile phone and tablet, through schools and learning centres in remote areas.



The Kurdiji 1.0 app logo.

He and other Warlpiri Elders believe the answer to reducing youth suicide is in the reinforcement of high self-worth in Indigenous communities, rather than symptom relief for depression.

Young Indigenous people are also being engaged in developing the app, allowing them to generate their own suicide prevention methods.

The app was inspired by Mr Patrick's Milpirri Indigenous dance festival, which arose from concern about increasing youth suicide rates in the region.

The festival reinforces connection with language, law, skin name and ceremony.

The app focuses on the same four pillars and uses technology like 3D motion capture and virtual heritage reconstruction to relay this information.

The Kurdiji project team has just launched a crowdfunding project in the

hopes of getting the app off the ground.

Dr Judith Crispin said the importance of the Kurdiji project is that it tackles a huge issue in an entirely community-led way.

"We're really just tech support for the community. It's their ideas and their philosophies that are informing the app," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"If we find out that it is as effective as we think it will be in preventing suicide in Indigenous communities, that will be hugely empowering to Indigenous people who want to – and can – handle the issues affecting their communities.

"If you want to look at causes, consider that since the rollout of the Intervention laws in the Northern Territory suicide has skyrocketed in Indigenous communities, and Indigenous people are now more than four times more likely to suicide.

"Those laws sent a message that 'you can't handle your own affairs; you need white people to come in and handle it for you', which we know is untrue.

"We know you actually get better results from community-led projects, and if you take traditional knowledge into account."

● 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.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au

Campaign to create pride



WITH Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 to 24 five times more likely to commit suicide than other young Australians, the launch of

new campaign 'What's missing?' aims to create pride in culture and country and allow young people not only to survive, but to thrive.

Self-harm and suicide among Indigenous young people has risen dramatically in the past 50 years, and is now one of the highest rates in the world.

Two landmark reports, one introduced by previous Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda and Professor Pat Dudgeon, collected evidence on effective factors in Indigenous suicide prevention.

They found that affirming connections to culture and country, and efforts to ensure equitable social determinants of health such as housing, employment and emotional wellbeing, play a crucial role in keeping young people safe from suicide and self-harm.

Chief executive of Culture is Life Belinda Duarte, a Wotjobaluk descendant of the Wimmera region (Victoria), said Aboriginal community-led activity is critically important and complex.

"Access to society's opportunities and connections to culture underpin what's needed to assist in the prevention of suicide among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people," she said.



Belinda Duarte: "It makes such a difference for our young people to see that their own pride in who they are is shared and valued by Australians from all walks of life."

"So we ask all Australians to deepen their own connections and national identity – and help create those safer conditions to prevent suicide – by showing our young people that you share their pride in the inspiring story of our country's First Peoples, and commit to valuing it as a crucial part of this nation's identity.

"Think of the pride it gives young Maori

kids to see New Zealanders of all races sharing their pride in Maori culture through the Haka or Maori songs and language. That's the kind of uplifting and unifying tradition that I think Australia and Australians yearn to connect with. It's our land's ancestral lineage.

"It makes such a difference for our young people to see that their own pride in who they are is shared and valued by Australians from all walks of life. That shared pride can help to draw us all closer to one another."

The #whatsmissing campaign features a digital exhibition of images and quotes from diverse Australians that highlights the role of culture and tackling racism to prevent suicide, strengthen mutual understanding and value the complete identity of Australia.

To join the campaign online, visit www.cultureislife.org and use hashtags #cultureislife #whatsmissing to tag at @cultureislife.

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Yarning sessions Aboriginal cultural heritage along the Golden Highway

Roads and Maritime Services is delivering a four year package of road upgrades on the Golden Highway, between the Upper Hunter and Dubbo, to improve safety, traffic efficiency, network reliability and freight access.

We invite local Aboriginal people and groups to come along to a gathering to hear about the road upgrades and share their cultural knowledge about the local area and its importance to Aboriginal culture.

The information provided will enable understanding of the cultural significance of the area, and assist Roads and Maritime Services in managing Aboriginal cultural heritage on the Golden Highway.

We encourage you to come along to one of the yarning sessions at:

Singleton Civic Centre
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Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for the Mungle Back Creek and Boggabilla Newell Highway upgrade project to register for consultation.

The proposal includes planning for up to 28 kilometres of new road surface, 3.5 metres wide lanes, intersection improvements and the provision of two new overtaking lanes. This would make the highway safer and more consistent with the adjoining sections of the Newell Highway.

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by **Monday 17 April 2017**.

The proposal may result in Roads and Maritime:

- Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and/or
- Undertaking investigations in accordance with the Code of practice for archaeological investigations in NSW 2010, and/or
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For further information or to register your interest, please contact Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer, Western Region, Jeffery Charlton on (02) 6861 1658, 0428 463 258 or jeffery.charlton@rms.nsw.gov.au



Goolarabooloo law boss
Richard Hunter and a
sauropod track.
Picture: Damian Kelly

Dinosaur tracks found in west



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FOLLOWING an invitation from the Goolarabooloo people of north-western Australia, scientists have identified 21 different types of dinosaur tracks on a 25km stretch of the Dampier

Peninsula coastline. A team of palaeontologists from the University of Queensland and James Cook University has unveiled the most diverse assemblage of dinosaur tracks in the world in 127-140 million-year-old rocks in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

In 2008, the WA Government selected Walmadany (James Price Point) as the preferred site for a \$40 billion liquid natural gas processing precinct.

The area's traditional custodians, the Goolarabooloo people, contacted Dr Steve Salisbury and his team, who dedicated more than 400 hours to investigating and documenting the dinosaur tracks.

Goolarabooloo law boss Phillip Roe said the dinosaur tracks form part of a song cycle that extends along the coast and then inland for 450 km, tracing the journey of a Dreamtime creator being Marala, the Emu Man.

"We needed the world to see what was at stake," he said. "Marala was the Lawgiver. He gave country the rules we need to follow. How to behave, to keep things in balance."

"It's great to work with the UQ researchers. We learnt a lot from them and they learnt a lot from us."

Dr Salisbury, the lead author of the project, said the diversity of the tracks around Walmadany was unparalleled globally.

"It is extremely significant, forming the



Goolarabooloo law boss Phillip Roe and Dr Steve Salisbury. Picture: Damian Kelly

primary record of non-avian dinosaurs in the western half of the continent and providing the only glimpse of Australia's dinosaur fauna during the first half of the Early Cretaceous period," he said.

"It's such a magical place – Australia's own Jurassic Park, in a spectacular wilderness setting."

Listing

Dr Salisbury said the surrounding political issues made the project "particularly intense", and he was relieved when National Heritage listing was granted to the area in 2011 and the gas project collapsed in 2013.

"There are thousands of tracks around Walmadany. Of these, 150 can confidently be assigned to 21 specific track types, representing four main groups of dinosaurs," he said.

"There were five different types of predatory dinosaur tracks, at least six types of tracks from long-necked herbivorous sauropods, four types of tracks from two-legged herbivorous ornithomorphs, and six types of tracks from armoured dinosaurs."

"Among the tracks is the only confirmed evidence for stegosaurs in Australia. There are also some of the largest dinosaur tracks ever recorded. Some of the sauropod tracks are around 1.7m long."

"Most of Australia's dinosaur fossils come from the eastern side of the continent, and are between 115 and 90 million years old. The tracks in Broome are considerably older."

The research has been published as the 2016 *Memoir of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology*.

Songs right at home

By JILLIAN MUNDY



SONGS *Back Home*, a collection of 10 songs unearthed by Jessie Lloyd's Missions Songs Project, was launched this month in Melbourne.

Initially inspired by the songs of her people, the Karareg and Gugu Yimithirr from north Queensland, Lloyd set out a couple of years ago researching and documenting Australian Indigenous folk songs performed from 1900-1999 on Christian missions, settlements and native camps, and collaborating with other Indigenous artists to perform and record them.

Songs Back Home is a collation of moving, melodic, toe-tapping and singable songs, from the Bass Strait to the Torres Strait and across to the Arafura Sea.

"These songs record history and significant events," says Ms Lloyd of the lyrics and tunes, largely hidden from the outside world, which tell of the history and experiences of Indigenous people, families and communities, day-to-day life in the mission days, cultural identity, connection to country, dispossession and love and loss.

"I think we're unearthing a whole new genre of Australian music."

Ms Lloyd said the Mission Songs Project was a continuation of songs from traditional to contemporary.

"The only difference is we sing in English and use Western instruments, but the song traditions remain the same," she says.

"Examples of this are songs passed from generation to generation, songs about connection to country, landscape and songs that inform about social and environmental shift relevant for survival, like the *Outcaste Halfcaste Song* about surviving assimilation policy, and people still learn from it today."

Ms Lloyd said the project highlighted adaption rather than loss of culture.

"It is disempowering if we keep reciting the mantra that we've lost culture," she said.

"We've just adapted. If anything, the



Jessie Lloyd, right, and Deline Briscoe, Jessica Hitchcock and Emma Donovan, perform at St Margaret's Church in Eltham, Victoria, touring the Mission Songs CD *Songs Back Home*.

Mission Songs Project is evidence that we are still practising the song traditions of the old days."

The Irex, a lament of the forced removal of Aboriginal people from their homelands to the Palm Island Aboriginal community, is one Ms Lloyd would like to see as part of the Australian songbook alongside *Waltzing Matilda*.

"Old people"

"The least we can do for our old people is keep singing these songs," she says.

There have been dozens of Mission Songs Project live shows across the country, drawing in artists including Archie Roach, Emma Donovan and Leah Flanagan. Along

with the research and recording, they look set to continue.

Archie Roach, who has championed the project from its onset, said Ms Lloyd has "just broken the surface and there are a heap more songs to be found".

"I think it will just get bigger through the years," he said.

"These are old songs that the old people sang about their place, their country, culture.

"It lives through these songs, over 40, 50, 60 thousand years of culture.

"They picked up guitars and fiddles and started writing these songs about country and about place and about people, and it's the same thing what we've been doing for generations; continuing the songline.

"When I watch the show and listen to the songs there's an overwhelming sense of the old people being there with you."

Ms Lloyd says the project and concerts "seem to be going well", clearly an understatement with, standing ovations at most shows and three print runs of CDs in as many weeks.

You can see Mission Songs live at the National Folk Festival in Canberra from April 14-16, then on May 7 at the Melbourne Town Hall accompanied by Ms Lloyd's father Joe Geia and a choir as part of the Yirramboi Festival.

The *Songs Back Home* CD and more information is available from missionsongsproject.com



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Top university post for Megan Davis



LAW professor and Cobble woman Megan Davis has been

appointed as the University of NSW's (UNSW) first pro vice-chancellor Indigenous.

Professor Davis, from the Barrungam nation in south-west Queensland, is a fellow of the Australian Academy of Law whose research work is targeted at law reform in the areas of constitutional law and violence against Aboriginal women.

She also leads the Referendum Council Aboriginal Constitutional Dialogues and will take up her new academic role on June 1, in which she will be responsible for ensuring that UNSW delivers on its agenda for Indigenous students.

Prof Davis, who has been working at UNSW since 2001, said she was honoured to take on the new role.

"In particular I'm excited about showcasing and developing UNSW research excellence across many important areas of Indigenous policy that impact communities on the ground and, in particular, nurturing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholars," she said.

Prof Davis has spent the past decade leading the Indigenous Law Centre and its research agenda through her work on several Australian



Professor Megan Davis in New York. Picture: Andrzej Liguz

Research Council grants and publishing the *Indigenous Law Bulletin* as well as the *Australian Indigenous Law Review*.

She also served as an expert member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples for six years and is an acting commissioner of the NSW Land and Environment Court, and a member of the NSW Sentencing Council.

She has served as a member of the Prime

Minister's Expert Panel on the Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the Constitution and is a member of the Prime Minister's Referendum Council.

Last year, Prof Davis was appointed by the NSW Government to chair a review into the high numbers of Indigenous children and young people in out-of-home care in NSW. She will continue to lead this review over the next 18 months.

Fears over mine site



THE Dambimangari people, the traditional owners of Cockatoo Island, off the Kimberley coast

of Western Australia, are worried that flooding of a disused iron ore mine on the island will cause contamination along a humpback whale migration route.

Water is being pumped out of the disused mine after pit walls slumped, sparking fears it could collapse and contaminate the ocean on the other side.

BHP began mining at Cockatoo Island off the Kimberley coast in 1950 and the project was closed decades later when the ore body had been mined to sea level.

HWE Mining and Portman Mining later reopened the mine and built a sea wall to prevent tidal water from flowing into the

pit, allowing mining to continue below sea level.

The mine was closed again after the most recent owners, Pluton Resources, became insolvent.

The Dambimangari people say they are worried that flooding at the mine will result in the sea wall collapsing, covering surrounding coral reefs with sediment and contaminating a humpback whale migration route.

Action

Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Peter McCumstie said the community was keen to see action to make the area safe, including possibly using the WA Mining Rehabilitation Fund.

The WA Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) says Pluton's receivers, Pitcher Partners, are maintaining the mine site.

"DMP has been advised that further funding has been made available to reinstate Cockatoo Island mine site's care and maintenance works," the department said.

"Personnel and equipment have been remobilised, and dewatering works have recommenced."

"DMP understands that, while some slumping of internal pit walls has occurred, the seawall itself remains intact and unchanged, and is being monitored."

The department says mining may resume if a new owner is found, and companies have shown interest given iron ore on Cockatoo Island is very high grade and low in impurities.

If the mine doesn't sell and is formally declared an abandoned site, it could be considered for remediation through the Mining Rehabilitation Fund, the department said. — AAP

Arts fest plan for Tas

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL artists and the Tasmanian arts industry are gearing up to stage a major international

Indigenous arts festival on home soil in 2022.

We're Here!, the working title for program and festival, is the dream of Tasmanian Aboriginal activist and artist Jim Everett.

"I figured if I'm going to live to 80 that I want to see this achieved," said Everett, who turns 80 in 2022.

His idea is not just about a festival, but about unlocking what he describes as a "closed cultural box" and developing an Aboriginal community-based arts centre in Tasmania.

The project was launched to Aboriginal artists, arts administrators and arts industry representatives at an information presentation in Hobart last month to rally for support and funding.

Mr Everett said after years of exclusion from the mainstream community, exclusion from having an identity and the ensuing political struggle, the Tasmanian Aboriginal community had retreated into a closed cultural box.

"We were in no mood to be inclusive, because we'd lived so long with this exclusive nature pushed at us, that we became exclusive as well," he said.

"That box has come to a period where we are now, I see, that we



Arts Industry leaders and Aboriginal artists at the launch of the planned *We're Here!* festival: from left, Denise Robertson (Arts Tasmania), Michael Edwards (Contemporary Arts Tasmania), festival director Ruth Langford, Aboriginal artist/cultural advisor Lola Greeno, activist/artist Jim Everett and Lydia Miller (Australia Council).

need to unlock it, not only for ourselves but for the rest of Tasmania.

"And that box is slowly starting to open of its own accord.

"If you're going to be in an exclusive box it holds you back."

Denise Robinson, from the Tasmanian Government's Aboriginal Arts program, said it was an exciting time for Aboriginal arts in Tasmania, with increasing interest from the broader public coupled with less "shying away" from the real history of Tasmania.

"The days of the tokenistic

gesture for Aboriginal inclusion are long behind us," she said.

Australia Council Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts executive director Lydia Miller said arts can be a leader in resolving Australia's troubled identity.

"People know that history is an incredibly troubled aspect of the Australian identity, and people want the ability to work through this and locate themselves in the present as a community of people – what a wonderful invitation that is for the arts. That is an extraordinary invitation," she said.

"The arts can be a leader in this. If it can't be resolved at a national political level it can certainly be resolved by the national artistic and cultural community."

Contemporary Art Tasmania (CAT) has been engaged to develop and deliver *We're Here!* with Aboriginal artists and practitioners.

Tasmania does not currently have a dedicated Aboriginal community-based arts centre, so another vision for *We're Here!* is to create one.

CAT director Michael Edwards

said the project aimed to raise skills, knowledge, professionalism and the profile of Tasmania's Aboriginal artists, and will include several mentoring and fellowship opportunities.

Since the launch, Alcorso Foundation has confirmed an investment of \$60,000 in the project. Some state and federal funding has been confirmed, but details are yet to be publicly announced. Further funding and partnerships are being sought.

"We're open for business," Mr Everett said.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE STATE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, the Hon Kyam Maher MLC, is calling for nominations to the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee (SAHC).

About the role

The functions of the SAHC are set out in Section 8 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* and are to advise the Minister with respect to:

- The making or removal of entries in and from the central archive
- The protection or preservation of Aboriginal sites, objects or remains
- The appointment of inspectors for the purpose of the Act
- Aboriginal heritage agreements
- Any other matter related to the administration or operation of the Act or to the protection or preservation of the Aboriginal heritage
- Any other function assigned to the Committee by the Act or by the Minister

*Amendments to the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 will give additional powers including those to approve the appointments of Recognised Aboriginal Representative Bodies. These additional powers will come into effect upon proclamation of the amendments.

Selection Criteria

The Minister will consider nominations from South Australian Aboriginal people over the age of 18 years who live in South Australia and meet the following criteria:

- Knowledge and experience of Aboriginal cultural heritage in South Australia
- Experience in advocating for the protection and preservation of Aboriginal heritage
- Knowledge and understanding of the complexity and diversity of issues for Aboriginal communities in relation to cultural heritage
- Knowledge and experience of good governance and decision making processes
- Awareness of the SA Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988
- Commitment to regularly attend meetings - approximately every six weeks

To Apply

Eligible individuals may either self-nominate or be nominated by their local community. There are 11 positions to fill.

For nomination forms, please go to www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/sahc; alternatively you may submit a cover letter addressing the selection criteria (Maximum of 2 pages) and a resume.

All nominations should be submitted via post or email to:

Elisha Douglas
Executive Officer - SAHC
Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation
GPO Box 320
Adelaide SA 5001
Email: elisha.douglas@sa.gov.au

Applications close: Midnight, Sunday 30 April 2017.

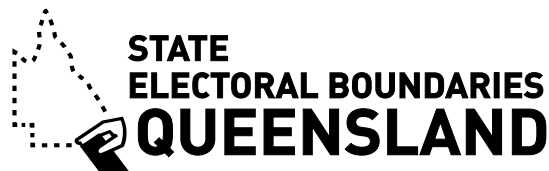
Please Note: Late applications will not be accepted.

For further information please contact Elisha Douglas on (08) 8226 8900 or elisha.douglas@sa.gov.au



Government of South Australia
Department of State Development

QUEENSLAND REDISTRIBUTION COMMISSION



NOTICE UNDER SECTION 49 OF THE ELECTORAL ACT 1992

INVITATION FOR COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED STATE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

The Queensland Redistribution Commission (the Commission) has made objections to the proposed 93 State electoral districts available for public inspection. Interested persons and bodies will soon be invited to make comment on these objections for a period of 10 days.

On Friday, 24 February 2017, a notice was published in the Queensland Government Gazette advising of the release of the Commission's proposal and inviting objections for 30 days until 5pm Monday, 27 March 2017. Advertisements were also placed in newspapers circulating throughout the State from Saturday, 25 February 2017.

The proposal and the public objections to this report 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

The Commission will accept comments on the objections from **Saturday, 8 April 2017. Comments must be lodged with the Commission on or before 5pm Tuesday, 18 April 2017.**

Comments can be lodged through:

- **Online Form**
<http://boundaries.ecq.qld.gov.au/>
- **Personal Delivery**
Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm
- **Post**
The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
GPO Box 1393
BRISBANE QLD 4001
- **The Secretary**
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Level 6, Forestry House
160 Mary Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

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

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.

H.W.H. Botting
Chairperson, Queensland Redistribution Commission



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Payouts for Don Dale four



FOUR teenagers from Darwin's Don Dale youth detention centre will receive \$53,000 in compensation from the Northern Territory Government after they were spit-hooded and shackled, but a judge has ruled tear-gassing them was "reasonable and necessary".

The boys, who cannot be named, sued the NT Government over their August 2014 treatment, arguing it amounted to assault and battery.

In the NT Supreme Court, Justice Judith Kelly ordered the Government to pay three of the boys \$12,000 each in damages, while the fourth would receive \$17,000.

They were among six teens who were gassed after one inmate, Jake Roper, escaped his solitary confinement cell and began venting his frustration in an exercise yard.

"It was both reasonable and necessary in the circumstances to use the gas to temporarily incapacitate Jake Roper and so bring the crisis to a close before it escalated even further," Justice Kelly said.

Five of the six boys had been held in isolation for up to 17 days straight after earlier escaping from the centre.

In handycam footage captured moments before the gas was sprayed, one guard can be heard saying "I'll pulverise the little f*****".

Footage of the incident was aired on national TV last year, following multiple reports about the abuse by the *Koori Mail* and other media, prompting Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull to call a royal commission into the juvenile justice system.

The detainees were later

transferred to Berrimah adult prison and subjected to "acts of battery", Justice Kelly said.

"In addition to handcuffing the plaintiffs behind rather than in front, the defendant wrongfully applied shackles and a spit hood to each plaintiff," she said.

"I have no doubt that this would have caused the plaintiffs considerable distress and humiliation, especially as youths being marched past adult prisoners."

But Justice Kelly said the guards' conduct was not "knowingly malicious, violent, cruel ... an abuse of power or indeed knowingly wrongful at all".

She said the officers' use of restraints was an overreaction to the violence perpetrated by some of the detainees amid fears they might escape again. Justice Kelly said the teens needed to be compensated for mental suffering, which was higher because of their age and compounded by a sense of injustice that some of them hadn't taken part in the "riotous behaviour".

Lawyers for the teens and the NT Government will consider the decision.

The case was one of three separate civil actions brought by former Don Dale detainees.

Mr Roper and Dylan Voller – who was notoriously shackled to a restraint chair – are suing the NT Government over their alleged mistreatment.

A class action has also been launched by other former inmates in the Federal Court, and lawyer Ben Slade said he was encouraged by the ruling, especially that Justice Kelly ordered aggravated damages be paid. – AAP

Youth justice rate worsens



THE number of young people in youth justice supervision has steadily declined over the past five years, but the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youths has only worsened, a new report has found.

There were about 5500 young people under supervision on any given day in the past financial year, down from almost 7000 in 2011-12, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) report found. The drop equates to about 21 (down from 27) per 10,000 young people.

But Indigenous young people are 17 times more likely to be under youth justice supervision compared with other young people, up from 13 times as likely in 2011-12, AIHW spokesperson David Braddock said.

"Although less than 6% of young people aged 10-17 are Indigenous, Indigenous young people made up 48% – or about 2300 – of those under youth justice supervision on an average day," he said.

"And while there has been a drop in the rate of Indigenous young people under supervision in recent years, the decline for non-Indigenous young people was proportionally greater, effectively increasing Indigenous overrepresentation in the youth justice system."

The rate of young people under supervision was lowest in Victoria during the past financial year (14 per 10,000) and highest in the Northern Territory at 57 per 10,000.

Over the five years to 2015-16, the rate of young people under supervision fell in all states and territories except the NT and Queensland. – AAP



Helen Ganalmirriwuy, right, directs junior artists on conserving a Garrawurra artwork at Milingimbi, in the Northern Territory.

Way ahead seen at Milingimbi



A NEW art centre manager has been appointed at the Milingimbi Arts Centre who, working with the community and the art centre board, has identified a way ahead that is seen as community-driven and sustainable.

The plan includes appointing a studio coordinator to provide mentoring and training of Indigenous staff, developing programs with the Milingimbi school and Crocodile Island Rangers, upgrading the safety equipment on its boat, and expanding its art practice to deliver workshops in printmaking and other media.

To achieve this, Milingimbi is raising funds through an online art auction from April 10-21.

A small island off the Arnhem Land coast, Milingimbi was the site of the first mission in Arnhem Land, established in 1917, and a focal point for cross-cultural artistic contact and research.

In the 1950s, Milingimbi's



Milingimbi man Jack Roy harvests wood for making yidaki didgeridoos.

culture was considered of such significance that when the Voyager Space Probe left the solar system after a 35-year journey, it carried a recording of manikay (ceremonial songs) from senior Elders Djawa, Mudpo and Waliparu.

Over the intervening years, community life and

art-making have continued to be key to its identity, and artistic practice has a core place in Milingimbi society.

The Milingimbi Art and Culture Centre is a mud brick building about 80 years old and is considered, by the community, to be the linchpin of artistic development.

Church auction action

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE auction of a church in Glenlyon, Victoria, has been postponed amid criticism of native title processes and planned protest action. The church was built on Dja Dja Wurrung land, considered by the state to be Crown land, in the country town in 1873.

When Gunditjmara woman Sissy Austin noticed the auction sign last month she began investigating and rallied support to highlight the injustices of the land transfer and potential profit to be made by the church.

Ms Austin grew up on Dja Dja Wurrung country and said it was common knowledge in the community that the church was on Crown land.

“I thought it was appalling that the Government can actually give the Anglican Church of Australia land to sell for their own profit, while there’s Aboriginal people protesting for land rights, yet the church can just apply to the Governor and get a tick of approval and is totally fine on the church making half a million dollars on it,” she said.

In 2013 the Anglican Diocese of Bendigo applied to the Victorian Government to transfer ownership of the land, and in 2015 it was granted freehold title.

A spokesperson from the Victorian Department of Justice and Regulation described the transaction as “a fee simple estate title”. They would not confirm the cost, but Ms Austin said she believes it was a \$114 fee.

She found the church was built the same year as the *Aborigines Protection Act* was enacted and said she could only imagine what the mob was going through at that time.

“It makes you feel, as an Aboriginal person, worthless in the

Sissy Austin at the Glenlyon Anglican Church.



eyes of government and the churches,” she said.

Ms Austin suggested the diocese should have a read of its own Reconciliation Action Plan.

“It’s the perfect time for them to put their plan into action and look deadly,” she said.

Gary Murray, a Yung Balug clansman of the Dja Dja Wurrung and a founding member Victorian Traditional Owner Land Justice Group, said the church should be embarrassed.

“They are aware of what they had to do under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act*; now they’ve

got egg on their face, along with the Government,” the law student said.

“The church is one of the primary architects of our dispossession, dispersal, and deculturalisation. They should be held to account. That’s the moral dilemma they are drowning in.”

Mr Murray predicts that every church across Australia that tries to sell land by converting Crown land to freehold could be up for large amounts of compensation, and has not ruled out taking the cause to the Federal Court.

The Dja Dja Wurrung Clans

Aboriginal Corporation entered into a land use activity agreement (under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act*) with the Victorian Government in 2013, giving them the right to veto the sale of Crown land or monetary compensation from its sale. The settlement predates the transfer of title.

The corporation’s chief executive, Rodney Carter, confirmed due process, as stipulated in the agreement, was not adhered to.

He added that while the system may have some faults, it respects his people’s rights to hunt and

gather, and there were also financial benefits for future generations.

He said he respects the protest group and what they are doing in principle and obviously agrees that the church has benefited from the dispossession of his people.

“The issue now is for the Dja Dja Wurrung’s rights to be recognised,” Mr Carter said.

The corporation is currently in discussions with the Government to resolve the matter.

As the *Koori Mail* went to press it was unknown when or if an auction will take place.



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Applications close on 11 April 2017.

For more information check out the Indigenous Apprenticeships Programme at humanservices.gov.au/indigenousapprenticeships

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Aboriginal woman Leann Wilson tells her story.



Canadian Minister Jeanie Dendys speaks the harsh reality.



Wiradjuri woman Sarah Burr at the United Nations.

Women share ideas

By KEIRA JENKINS

INDIGENOUS women have been at the forefront of discussions at the 61st Commission on the Status of Women (CSW61) at the United Nations in New York.

Indigenous women from Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, Canada, the United States, Africa, Norway, Finland and Sweden shared their ideas on a range of issues affecting their people.

The Australian, Canadian and New Zealand governments hosted an event on the economic empowerment of Indigenous women.

Kara Kara and Bidjara woman Leann Wilson, from western Queensland, spoke about her family and the stories her grandmother told her as a child.

"My family was never rich in money, but we were rich in so many other things," she said.

"We don't have to start over to include Indigenous people, we can add our voices into everything. Every Indigenous person is an expert in our culture."

Maori Women's Welfare League national president Prue Kapua spoke about the difficulties Indigenous women face in becoming economically empowered.

Battle for empowerment

INDIGENOUS people all over the world say they are still fighting through the trauma of colonisation and discrimination to become empowered.

At CSW61 the priority themes this year were economic empowerment and the voices of indigenous women.

Wiradjuri woman Sarah Burr spoke about the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dreamings as a guide for Indigenous people in Australia.

"We still remember the policies of the past. We are still disconnected from our lands and waters because of those policies," she said. "We have had experiences that have broken our old people and have been passed through each generation.

"We're still working through the trauma, and our people are still trying to find their families. Australia is called the lucky country but it is only lucky for some.

"But Indigenous people, despite that, are starting to reawaken some of our languages. We are working – slowly – towards 'closing the gap'."

Ms Burr stressed the importance of women in Aboriginal communities who, she says, are leaders and carers and ensure the safety of each person.

"They care for their children and their grandchildren sometimes when their parents can't be around – they could be in lockup," she said.

"These women do these things simply for the love of their communities. These women are community-focused. They don't do what they do because it will make them rich.

"Their focus is on their community. I think that comes from our traditional community practices. But because they've taken on a caring role their whole life, these women have no access to superannuation.

"How can we support these women to support their communities? They are inspirational."

Canadian Indigenous woman Cherry Smiley, from Indigenous Women Against the Sex Industry, said her people were also still fighting against a system that was imposed on them.

"Since invasion there has been a history of horrific violence committed on indigenous women," she said.

"The values forced on us were not our values. There was not this level of patriarchy in Canadian indigenous societies before colonisation.

"We were connected to each other. Now we face a lifetime of violence in Canada. No matter how stable your job is, or if you own your home, you can still fall victim to violence."

● Koori Mail journalist Keira Jenkins travelled to New York as a representative of the NSW Council of Social Services.

they have always been there.

"Sometimes governments just choose to speak to one group of Indigenous people and they don't include the diverse voices of our people. That is systematic discrimination."

Canada's Tourism and Culture Minister, Jeanie Dendys, told the audience about the daily reality for indigenous women in her country.

"Indigenous women are more likely to work part-time, work more than one job, and they earn just 77% of what non-Indigenous women earn," she said.

"How do you become economically empowered when you are in crisis? So many Indigenous women are murdered or go missing in Canada. How can they worry about economic empowerment when they are not safe in their own homes?"

"The reality is that for Indigenous women in Canada, a lot of them are just surviving. It's hard to become economically empowered when the effects of colonisation still loom over us.

"Colonisation broke our people. It broke our family connections when they took our children away to residential schools.

"If we continue the same way we're going now, we will still be having this same talk in 20 years."

"Colonisation has made it very difficult to deal with the issues facing our people," she said.

"Indigenous women – in fact all Indigenous people – have been forced to adapt to a colonised way

of life. And that's meant that, in the past, our voices have not always been easily accepted, but

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Partners target violence



FVPLS Victoria general manager Nick Toonen, Lander and Rogers' Joanna Renkin, FVPLS chief executive Antoinette Braybrook, and Lander and Rogers chief executive partner Andrew Willder.



FAMILY Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria (FVPLS Victoria) has celebrated a new partnership with law firm Lander and Rogers.

FVPLS chief executive Antoinette Braybrook said her service provides vital support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who experience violence, and partnering with Lander and Rogers will help strengthen that role.

"Our organisation provides culturally safe and holistic legal services, as well as early

intervention and prevention programs that build resilience and cultural strength to reduce vulnerability to violence," she said.

"The views we have and the positions we hold come from over 15 years of on-the-ground experience working with Aboriginal victims and survivors, mainly women. Our programs are designed by Aboriginal women for Aboriginal women."

Ms Braybrook said FVPLS Victoria is one of the only community-controlled organisations in the state that specialises in assisting victims and survivors of family violence.

"We have worked hard to gain the trust and meet the needs of our clients," she said.

Lander and Rogers pro bono and community support partner Joanna Renkin said the partnership will recognise more than seven years of collaboration between the two organisations.

"Our partnership recognises our firm's desire to contribute to building sustainable responses to unmet legal need in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, and particularly to enhance access to justice for women experiencing family violence," she said.

Remembering the Appin massacre



WINGA Myamly Reconciliation Group will once again host the Appin Massacre Memorial ceremony on April 23 at Cataract Dam, near Campbelltown, western Sydney. The event marks the massacre of Dharawal people almost 201 years ago.

This year's event will start with a sausage sizzle lunch from 11.30am. The official ceremony will begin at 1pm. The memorial ceremony includes a short walk to the site.

For more information contact Sr Kerry Macdermott at Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group on (02) 9605 1838.

Reburial for SA Aboriginal Digger



AN Aboriginal World War I soldier whose remains have lain in an unmarked grave in Adelaide for nearly a century has been reburied near his home with full military honours. Miller Mack was 25 when he died in 1919 from an illness

contracted during service and was buried in an unmarked grave at the West Terrace Cemetery.

The SA Government says it granted \$2500 to the Aboriginal Veterans of SA to have the soldier's remains reinterred at his home in the Raukkan community, near the Murray River mouth, where a service was held to honour him.

Tasmania acts to protect heritage



THE Tasmanian Government has moved to crack down on criminals who deface, damage or destroy Aboriginal relics, with new legislation tabled in Parliament.

A draft bill scraps the previous cut-off of 1876 as the categorisation of a relic, removes a six-month time limit for prosecuting offences, and increases penalties for perpetrators. "The effect of the new offences and penalties is an acknowledgement of an obligation to exercise due diligence, and take reasonable precautions, to avoid harm to Aboriginal heritage," Heritage Minister Matthew Groom said.

Applications open for youth program



APPLICATIONS are open for the Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program 2017. The program, for those aged 18-25, will be held from June 24-30 at Parliament House, Brisbane, where 40 participants will debate a mock

bill, meet Members of Parliament and take part in workshops and other activities.

Applications close April 14, 2017. To apply, visit www.qld.gov.au/atsi/

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Danielle Idai-Jawai, Brooke Edwards, Teanna Rose Walker and Felicity Thorne work on their robots at the NCIE.



Danielle Idai-Jawai, from Bamaga, and Brooke Edwards, from Rockhampton.

Hi-tech at the NCIE



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander community representatives from across Australia have converged on the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Sydney for technology and robotics workshops.

Participants from Bamaga (Queensland), Alice Springs (Northern Territory), Bourke (NSW), Robinvale (Victoria), Rockhampton (Queensland), Tennant Creek (Northern Territory) and Dubbo (NSW) took part in the Indigenous Digital Excellence (IDX) Flint Program facilitator training.

The three-day training workshops covered 3D printing, robotics, coding, drones, social entrepreneurship and career development, offering instruction and discussion around the use of technology for cultural maintenance education and community development.



Dylan Goolagong, from Dubbo, said he has learnt a lot about technology and how he can apply it when he goes back to his

community. "We've learnt how to pitch business ideas," he said. "We're learning how to not just use the

technology ourselves but how to pass that knowledge on and teach other people."

Teacher's aide Danielle Idai-Jawai, from Bamaga, said she's learnt some new ways of keeping her students engaged in their learning.

"I'm passionate about education so that's a big highlight for me, learning those skills," she said.

"I've learnt new ways of encouraging the kids to be proud of who they are and their communities, so that will have a big impact on their learning."

The first IDX Awards will be held this year, with nominations closing on April 29. The awards will recognise and reward Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people demonstrating Indigenous digital excellence.

They will also be an opportunity to showcase the digital excellence in remote, rural and urban communities across the country.

Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party

Name of applicant: Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation

Date received: 24 February 2017

Public comments due: 17 April 2017

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the hatched area shown on the accompanying map. If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*.

In determining whether to grant this application, the VAHC must consider:

- whether the applicant is a native title party;
- whether the applicant is a body representing traditional owners of the area;
- whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the managing and protecting of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area;
- the existence of any grant of land by government in fee simple to an Aboriginal body in the area;
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area;
- any other relevant matter.

The VAHC invites written comments on this application, which can be sent to:

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat
1 Treasury Place, East Melbourne VIC 3002
Email: vahec@dpc.vic.gov.au
Phone: 8392 5368
Fax: 8392 5399

The applicant will be advised of comments received.

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Department of Industry

Resources & Energy

Assessment Lease Application No 59 (Act 1992)

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

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of an Assessment Lease

An area of about 22 hectares situated approximately 6 kilometres east of the town of Warkworth, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

Description of the nature of the act

Grant of an Assessment Lease under the *Mining Act 1992* (NSW). Coal & Allied Operations Pty Ltd (ACN 000 023 656) and HVO Resources Pty Ltd (ACN 608 108 952) are the applicants for Assessment Lease Application No 59, which, if granted, will authorise the prospecting for coal for a term of 6 years.

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

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

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **20 April 2017**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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

Water benefits flow



THE Victorian Government says an environmental flow release into the Glenelg River has helped the environment and supported Aboriginal cultural values.

The flow release was part of Victoria's new Water for Victoria plan.

The Government said Water For Victoria will improve water security for communities, protect Victorian jobs and agriculture, recognise Aboriginal water values and improve environmental health.

The plan establishes an Aboriginal Water Program to help identify Aboriginal values and uses of water and help ensure the involvement of traditional owners.

The Government said water released from Rocklands Reservoir improved river

"Although there is more work to be done, it has been a starting point for giving traditional owners a voice in water management on Gunditjmara country."

health and reduced salinity, at the same time as helping to sustain the health of country for traditional owners who have a continuing connection to the river system.

Aboriginal water values for the Glenelg River are being identified as part of a two-year partnership project involving Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, Barengi Gadjin Land Council and Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority.

Gunditjmara man Denis Rose said the

project has been "great so far".

"Although there is more work to be done, it has been a starting point for giving traditional owners a voice in water management on Gunditjmara country," he said.

Environmental benefits of the release will be monitored by the Arthur Rylah Institute, who have fitted estuary perch and tumpung (fish) with electronic tags to track their migration up the Glenelg River.

In a first for the region, time-lapse

cameras are recording the extent of flow and environmental response.

The release will freshen water quality for native plants and animals and improve useability and amenity for river users.

Water Minister Lisa Neville said that by improving the health of rivers, environmental watering provides benefits by increasing opportunities for activities such as fishing, boating and birdwatching.

"Aboriginal values at Harrow supported by environmental water releases include cultural heritage sites, particularly scarred trees and native plants, which are sources of traditional foods and medicines," she said.

"Respect for the role of water in Aboriginal cultural heritage is a great example of Water for Victoria and our self-determination agenda in action."

Smiles all round for Alma's celebration

By CHRISTINE HOWES



CELEBRATING her 88th birthday with family and friends brought a smile to Alma Assan's (nee Braikenridge) face as five generations sat together for family

pictures. Ms Assan is the eldest of five surviving children of 10 born to her father, Arthur Braikenridge, from Mossman (originally Laura area – Eastern Sunrise/Kuku Yelanji) and her mother, Florence Gordon, from near Innot Hot Springs (Jiddabul).

She suffers from dementia, but by all reports enjoyed her party.

Ms Assan's parents met and married on Palm Island, where eight of their 10 children were born.

Ms Assan had two children, Lyn and Lex. Lyn has six children, 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, while Lex has five children, 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

"She (Ms Assan) is bedridden now, so we don't know whether she'll reach 90," Lyn said. "Eighty-eight is a significant figure for her to celebrate with her family and while she still knows family."

"It may have been a bit overwhelming at the start of the party – so many people – but she does recognise her siblings and immediate family."

Ms Assan's life has been as varied as it has been innovative, with a strong emphasis on family, which she passed on.

"Grandad and Grandma received their 'exemption' papers in the late 1940s," her niece Coralie Cassidy said.

"When they left Palm they lived in Halifax for a while before they shifted to Ingham."

"In the late 1940s Aunty Alma and my mum were the only black players in a women's basketball team in Ingham named Rovers."

"Grandma worked as a cook in the old Victoria Hotel in Ingham for many years and was the first black woman to own her house and land, which was situated behind the Church of England."

"Aunty Alma's younger brother, Palm Island-born boxer George Bracken, was featured on the front



Five generations in one family: Alma Assan with Ashleigh Boileau (great-granddaughter), Lyn Miller (daughter), Krishna Miller (granddaughter) and Kiara Quon (great-great-granddaughter), 3.

cover of the *Black Diamonds* Aboriginal and Islander Sports Hall of Fame book, which was written by Colin and Paul Tatz and published in 1996.

"Her younger sister Cecelia made her singing debut under the name of Cheryl Bracken on the TV music

show *Bandstand* in the early 1960s.

"One of Aunty Alma's grandsons is a doctor at the Cairns Base Hospital and has been there for over 10 years."

"Her granddaughter has been in the police service in Cairns for over 20 years."

Heritage Act 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council of NSW is considering whether to recommend the listing of the following place on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

Cliefden Caves Area - Natural and Cultural Landscape

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 18 April 2017. Enquiries to Christina Kanellaki Lowe on (02) 9873 8558 or christina.kanellaki@environment.nsw.gov.au

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

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Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade Aboriginal participation program career roadshow

The Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade team are visiting local communities to discuss opportunities for Aboriginal participation and employment as part of the project.

We will have contractors, training organisations, job agencies and project staff available to speak directly with community members about work on the project. Come and meet the teams.

Information Sessions

Thursday 6 April 10am to Noon
Grafton Community and Function Centre,
59 Duke Street, Grafton

Thursday 6 April 2pm to 4pm
Maclean Civic Centre, 50 River Street, Maclean

Monday 10 April 10am to Noon
Ballina Surf Club, Lighthouse Parade, East Ballina

Monday 10 April 2pm to 4pm
Woodburn Memorial Hall, River Street, Woodburn

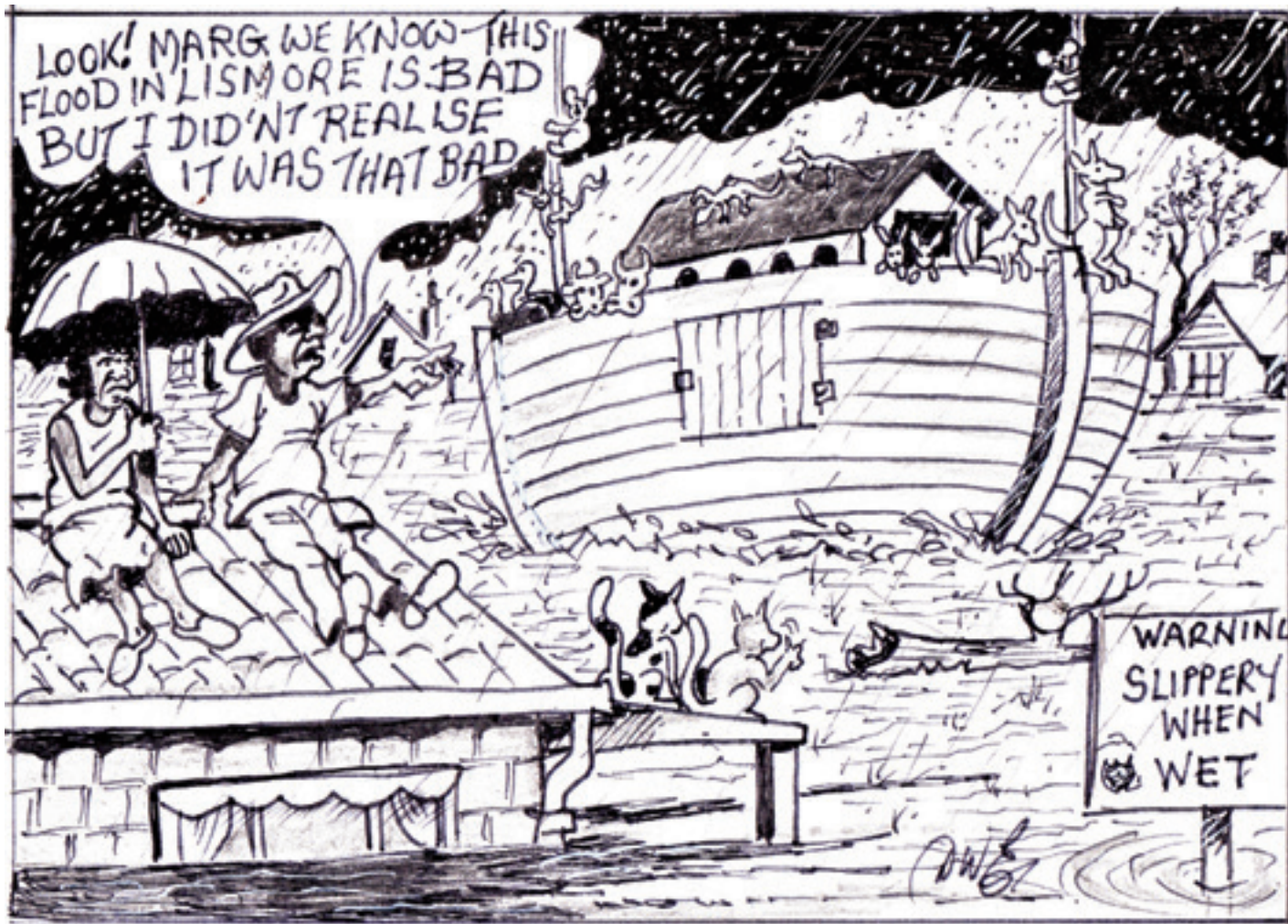
Sunday 30 April 11am to 1pm
Yarrowarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre,
170 Red Rock Road, Corindi Beach

Wednesday 3 May 10am to Noon
Casino Community and Cultural Centre,
35 Walker Street, Casino

Wednesday 3 May 2pm to 4pm
Lismore City Hall, 1 Bounty Street, Lismore

For further information visit Roads and Maritime Services website www.rms.nsw.gov.au/W2B or phone 1800 778 900

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



TONY THORNE

**Tebrikunna man, animator, illustrator and director.
Hobart, Tasmania**

What inspired you to create *Little J & Big Cuz* (the new Aboriginal animated series on NITV)?

The passion that I sensed from other Aboriginal people from around Australia who were involved with *Little J & Big Cuz*, especially the writers. We shared a view that a show like *Little J & Big Cuz* should exist. Being the key creative was a big leap for me but from the point I stepped into the role of designer and director I had nothing but support for my vision of what the show should look like and how it should speak to kids. Even though there is a message that school is good, this was never at the expense of an entertaining story. Another unique thing about the show was aiming for real-world scenarios and dilemmas that play out while never forgetting broader Indigenous cultural sensitivities. What has been encouraging and humbling since the project started is the identification with the characters that we've gotten from communities from Broome to Launceston (something that quite a few doubted would happen when we started). The number of communities that have voiced the show in their language is a beautiful expression of this.

What is your favourite bush tucker?
I'm Tasmanian so wallaby patties, abalone and, of course, mutton birds.

What three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?

(Actor) Ursula Yovich, (academic and leader) Mick Dodson and (former AFL star and Australian of the Year) Adam Goodes.

What would you change to better the situation for Indigenous people?

Empowerment is the key, and there can be many aspects to that. Education is crucial but not the only answer. There needs to be opportunity and hope beyond school. We need Aboriginal people in high-value positions. With a show like *Little J & Big Cuz* we'd like to see roles like story boarders and animators filled by Aboriginal creators in the future. Beyond all this, knowing your country, your culture and your history is about as empowering as it gets.

Quote



"It is disempowering if we keep reciting the mantra that we've lost culture."

– Jessie Lloyd of the Mission Songs Project

● See page 11

Unquote

PM, our children deserve better

THIS edition of the *Koori Mail* is filled with stories about our kids being mistreated in institutions. It's not the first time we've reported on these issues – and sadly, it's unlikely to be the last.

The Victorian Children's Commission released a report into isolation, separation and lockdown in the state's youth detention centres. It found that Koori kids are bearing more than their share of practices that shouldn't even be used as punishment in the first place.

The Royal Commission into Youth Detention in the Northern Territory released its interim report recently and said the juvenile justice system was "likely to leave many children and young people more damaged than when they entered".

So when the Prime Minister paid a visit to Bundjalung country last week for photo ops during the floods, the *Koori Mail* decided to ask him about the overrepresentation of Aboriginal kids in detention and what his Government intends to do about it.

Before we could even finish our question, one of the PM's media minders had blocked us off and said Mr Turnbull "wasn't doing politics today".

Not good enough. We get that he was here to look at the damage the flood has wrought. All our staff members, relatives and friends and



many of our Aboriginal organisations have been affected in some way.

But it's a flood – and our people will recover.

What about our kids, who continue to be abused in the very system that is supposed to rehabilitate them and help them turn their lives around?

And the Prime Minister's response is to not even consider the question. Shows exactly how much his commitment to doing things with, rather than to, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is worth.

And speaking of the flood, wild weather and destruction, a big shout-out to everyone who's been affected.

Here in Bundjalung country many Aboriginal people and organisations have lost much.

But we've also seen community mucking in to help out, cleaning, cooking hot meals, giving people a bed or a lift.

Thanks to everyone who helped out. Deadly, you mob!

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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).

Lots of pluses in academic's work

By KEIRA JENKINS

QUANDAMOOKA man Chris Matthews has come a long way since being caught cheating on his two-times tables test in second grade.

He's now an award-winning academic with a PhD in mathematics, and has recently been recognised for his work in engaging Indigenous students in science and mathematics.

Dr Matthews struggled with maths in his earlier years, and is now using culture and storytelling to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids learn maths.

He uses dance and story to connect the principles of mathematics with the principles of Indigenous culture.

And he says students are connecting with the process – and understanding mathematics in ways they had struggled to before.

Although he hasn't seen his methods implemented in the long term, he said the feedback he's had from students of his one-off sessions has been positive.

"Most kids are loving getting out and getting hands-on with learning, and not just sitting looking at a whiteboard," Dr Matthews told the *Koori Mail*.

"The kids are really happy to be learning outside. One student said that after attending a STEM Camp (STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) where we used that method of mathematics, that it was the first time he could see himself as an Aboriginal person and using maths at the same time."

Method

Dr Matthews also used his method to help teachers in Arnhem Land, Northern Territory, who were struggling to teach their young students multiplication.

"We changed the way they looked at things and started to talk about maths as storytelling with some Grade 3 students," he said.

"We did a brainstorm session where the kids used their language to describe the mathematic symbols for subtraction, addition and multiplication.

"Multiplication was clan groups. They were circling the numbers in their problems and saying 'this is how many clans there are and this is how many people are in the clan' and drawing a picture to solve it.

"The teachers were struggling because they were trying to teach from an outsider perspective – they were doing their best with the tools they had been given – but seeing it in a different way changed it for the kids.

"Once they had the concept down I think they were surprised themselves how well they did it."

Dr Matthews said he came up with the method through a desire to connect culture with STEM subjects.

"Maths is often considered a 'whitefella thing'," he said.

"I wanted to connect culture and maths



Chris Matthews and Indigenous educator Dr Kaye Price at the Indigenous STEM Professional Award ceremony.

to show that maths is actually storytelling. I wanted to get kids to see it as symbols put together to tell a story.

"If you can bring it alive, you can find meaning in it. When we combined it with dance, the kids had to create a story with a sum.

"They got painted up so they could learn the meaning behind those symbols, and they had to think about the meaning behind mathematical symbols to create the dance."

Dr Matthews said he wasn't always a

natural at maths, and it wasn't until high school that everything clicked for him.

"I wasn't good at maths in primary school," he said.

"I wasn't terrible, but I wasn't extraordinary either. It wasn't until I was learning algebra that everything clicked.

"It just made sense. I started to learn and understand why two plus two was four and that kind of thing.

"I wasn't good at just remembering facts and relaying them quickly, which is what a lot of people think maths is about."

Dr Matthews has recently received the inaugural Indigenous STEM Professional Award, presented by CSIRO and BHP Billiton Foundation.

"It was an honour to be nominated for my work in Aboriginal education," he said. "It's even better that I was nominated by other Aboriginal people who recognised the work I was doing."

Dr Matthews plans to use the \$20,000 prizemoney to organise the first meeting of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mathematicians in Australia.

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Crowd turns out for Bunya Festival



Children from St Mary's School, Warwick, sing *Into the Forest*.



Githabul girl Jade serves ice-cream with traditional flavours.



Sharman Parsons and the Terreker Dancers perform on the ceremonial ground beside the creek.

Warm vibe enjoyed at 'cold place'

By DAVID PARSONS



WARINGH Waringh means 'cold place' in the Githabul language of the Warwick (southern Queensland) area, but in March the temperature is just right.

And so too was the weather for the recent Bunya Festival, which celebrated Aboriginal people.

In traditional times the Githabul people and the local clan known as Geynyan used to travel to the Bunya Mountains, about 150km north, to meet with people from other areas. They went by invitation when there was a good crop of bunya nuts from the giant bunya trees there –

enough to feed many people.

So on March 18 the Geynyan people and a couple of hundred friends and visitors held a day in the bush to celebrate their Aboriginal heritage and to share it with others. They ate food made with traditional ingredients including bunya nuts and enjoyed several traditional flavours made into ice-cream.

Entertainment

Entertainment was provided by local group Shade, as well as star country music performers Roger Knox and Linda Bishoff.

Some local school groups presented a song about the Bunya Forest written and recorded by Sharman Apununga Parsons, an Anmatyerr woman who runs

Cicada Woman Tours in the area. A dedicated small dance group, the Terreker Dancers performed a dance, also about the Bunya Forest and its importance to Aboriginal people.

Aboriginal people mixed with others in a peaceful atmosphere while children played in the creek, threw spears at an extinct kangaroo and climbed into the tree-house. Smaller kids heard traditional stories in the Bunya Cave.

Organising group Waringh Waringh chair Mandy Bahr, a Goomeroi woman, was delighted with the attendance and the program, where non-Aboriginal people were able to learn more about the experiences and heritage of Aboriginal people.



Del and Dianne, from local group *Shade*, do their thing on stage.



Githabul people Judy, Gareth, Matthew and Jacob listen to music at the festival.



Michael, Roger and Linda entertain the crowd.



Kayleen Malthouse and Terry O'Shane, left, say it's time for real and enduring change. Find out why on page 24.

Help with photo of Billy Major

I AM an Aboriginal woman almost 80 years old and still have quite a bit of unfinished business.

I have a professional photo of Billy Major – I suspect a close relative of my grandmother – taken very early in the 20th century. At some stage he lived at

Claverton Station near Cunnamulla, but he and his wife are buried at Goodooga. They are mentioned in Hazel McKellar's book *Matya-mundu, a history of the Aboriginal people of south west Queensland*.

I would like to give this photo

to one of his descendants, sooner rather than later. If left to my children, they would have no idea what to do with it. The Majors may also be able to give me some more information on my family.

I would like to hear from

anyone with interest or information.

Can you help?

Please email
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MARLENE WATSON
Boondall, Qld

POETRY

Touch Mother Earth

Yuin bulla, from another hue
fulla true brother
Let me ask you did you touch
Mother Earth today black fella
I am a princess from South
Coast, Mumbulla
I represent Yuin mob, my tribe,
royal blood tribal
I ask you again my bulla, did
you touch Mother Earth today?
Our Mumbulla mountain
connects us
She's our Queen of South
Coast, mother, protector,
healer, sister
So for the last time, let me ask
you once again black fulla, did
you touch Mother Earth today,
so we can all come together?
For I am Mumbulla and Yuin
and it's time for our mob Yuin to
come together as one
As I touch Mother Earth every
single day to connect to my
brothers and tiddas
So we feel each other and
stand tall, black and strong.

TILLY SCOTT
Nowra, NSW

Let's Face The Truth

Hey There Aussies, Let's Be
Real
As We Haven't Been The
Truest Deal
Let's Acknowledge All Our
Faults
Our Abuses And Our Assaults
The Way We've Treated
Aboriginal Australians
We've Killed And Tortured
And We Have Maimed Them
The Guilt Is Heavy And We've
Carried It For Years
Sometimes In Secret We've
Cried Some Tears
But How Do We Face What We
Have Done
Against Boomerangs And
Spears We Used Big Guns
They Had No Chance To Face
Our Onslaught
And With Beer And Drugs The
Rest We Bought
We Controlled Their Kids And
Called Them Ours
We Took Them Shopping, The
World To Browse
We Showed Them Things That
They Never Knew
Corrupted Their Minds With
Things Un-True
The Rapes And Genocide
Were Not A Lie
And Because We Deny It, We
All Still Cry.

Abi DRabi
Sydney, NSW

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 Unit is the lead.

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.



The *Koori Mail* report 'Light Horse descendants sought' from our March 8 edition.

Bravery recognition hope for grandfather

I AM writing in regard to the story headlined 'Light Horse Descendants sought' in your paper (*Koori Mail*, March 8).

The photo accompanying the article shows Private James Lingwoodock and his wife, and also my maternal grandfather Private John (Jack) Geary and his first wife, prior to marrying my grandmother Adelaide Drumley.

For years my family and I have been trying to get our grandfather recognised for his bravery when saving the life of a young wounded soldier, by carrying him 12 miles over his shoulder back to the base camp. Just a few metres from the camp, an

officer helped Grandfather by taking charge of the wounded soldier and carrying him the rest of the way. No prizes for guessing who received the bravery medal? It was certainly not our Grandfather. This occurred while he was serving in Egypt.

It is pretty heartbreaking to know that our Grandfather accomplished something that very few soldiers could have achieved in times of war due to the dangers all around, but was never recognised for it.

Grandfather Geary was wounded from a hit to the head by a piece of shrapnel from a bomb that had somehow infiltrated the bunker where he and one other comrade

lay, missing the other soldier and finding its mark on our Grandfather's head. As far as our mother knew, Grandfather was never compensated, even though he suffered long and hard after the war in more ways than one. Our hearts' desire would be to get him recognised for his bravery, which he rightly deserves.

This story was passed down by Grandfather to our Mother, and her siblings, and then to us.

My older sister still holds Grandfather Geary's war medals

TEENIE WILTON-LONG

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The abuse must end

READ the horror stories coming from the Royal Commission into Youth Detention in the Northern Territory in the last edition of the *Koori Mail*. Young males threatened with rape, compelled to shower with adult inmates, forced to sleep naked in wet cells. Teenage girls forced to strip naked in front of male guards all the time being labelled dumb black kids...

Why is this not headlines across the country? And where is the chorus of condemnation from our Aboriginal lawyers, politicians and academics who instead seem intent on using their position of power to blame the victims, the communities and the families these kids come from for their situation?

There are generations of research on transgenerational trauma demonstrating the effects of poverty and lack of opportunities that create the very circumstance these poor kids have found themselves trapped in. It is a discussion that connects deeply to me, having felt the effects of transgenerational trauma personally.

My Aboriginal mother did not raise me and instead I was exposed to violent abuse and trauma no child should ever face. This experience had a profound effect not only on my mother but also her grandchildren and me and remains the seed at the core of my despair.

Lenise May Schloss (nee Waters), my mother, is the eldest daughter of the legendary Kamilaroi fighter pilot Len Waters. As his

daughter she should have been given every position and status afforded the daughter of a war hero. Instead there are circumstances of her life that were brutal.

But despite the many obstacles she faced as a young Kamilaroi woman, she rose to overcome.

My mother gained a university education, was an accomplished historian, a brilliant teacher and served her community of Inala for years as one of the founders of the Inala education and research centre. We should never have been separated at birth and for those who maintain there was no Stolen Generation, either back when I was a child or today – shame on you.

No-one climbed in through my bedroom window and literally stole me from my mother's grasp. But make no mistake, a mother's love, her right to nurture her child and my right to learn my culture, my language and identity were taken, stolen, and I have spent a lifetime getting them back.

What we are witnessing coming out from the royal commission are identical to the stories shared and told over three generations, whether it be the horrors of the Kinchela Aboriginal Boys Home on my own traditional homelands of Kempsey or the abuse we suffered as Brisbane Aboriginal youth in John Oxley Youth Detention centre or Don Dale – all of which are toxic.

This is three generations of institutionalised abuse and torture,



Woolombi Waters

which is still happening today.

As an Aboriginal teenager growing up in Inala during the 1980s, John Oxley Youth Detention Centre cast a dark shadow over many of our families and had a devastating effect on our community.

I love my mum, as I love my children and their mother unconditionally, and yet I will never experience a happy gathering over Christmas, a birthday or just a family holiday with us all together because I have not been able to manage effectively the abuse I suffered.

Why should I also have to carry the extra shame and burden, labelled as part of the victim brigade? Why am I told to cast off my history and look towards my future? Why should I let the perpetrators of the violence against me off the hook and why should they go unnamed unpunished and not have to carry the same trauma my family has to carry?

At what point do you stop blaming the victims and accept that we are a people who are desperately hurting, in need of acute and long-term counselling and supported in creating happy and healthy families?

There is an alarming number of our children being placed in care today and, in light of Australia's shameful history concerning child removal, it is a sad indictment of a nation's inability to deal with its past that Government spends \$3.4 billion on child protection and removal while only spending \$68 million on supporting family structures in our communities.

Claims that our children deserve to live in happy, safe homes, even if the families are white, are as disturbing as the silence surrounding the abuse our children are suffering in care. The simple truth is that state care and child placement offers anything but safe and happy family homes.

For decades, Australia has been in the grip of a child protection crisis. Despite more than 40 inquiries since 1997, and the transfer of foster care

to the private sector, sexual abuse and neglect remain systematic and institutionalised. Only recently a *Four Corners* investigation into residential group homes has found some of the country's most damaged children are being placed in danger once removed from their families.

And again the truth was revealed regarding free enterprise and corporate ownership as a way out for our people – these are not state institutions in the spotlight, but private providers, beneficiaries of a multi-billion-dollar taxpayer-funded industry. That's right, the removal of our children has become profitable, cited in the *Four Corners* report as one of the faster growing industries in Australia.

These children and young adults who are now testifying at the royal commission are going to be parents one day – are we going to just repeat our denial and wait until the trauma of this generation seeps through to the next generation, and blame the parents, their children and families?

Or are we finally going to take responsibility as a civilised society and say no, we are going to help these kids, provide them counselling, long-term and acute care and support them on their journey of parenting in whatever form it takes to finally end the abuse?

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

Let's make real change

By KAYLEEN MALTHOUSE and TERRY O'SHANE

ON November 15, 1963, Queensland police forcibly removed Aboriginal residents of the Cape York community of Mapoon and relocated them to Bamaga, 200km north. They were taken away on a barge and their homes burnt down.

The people of Mapoon had said they didn't want to move. The Government didn't listen. They thought they knew what was best for our people and made decisions accordingly.

Force prevailed over what was fair. First People's voices were not heard.

Stories like this don't sit well with our sense of Australia as a land of the 'fair go' for all Australians. Constitutional recognition is our opportunity to make things fairer for the First Peoples of this country.

At the recent constitutional recognition regional dialogue in Cairns, our Elders reminded us of what happened at Mapoon. Our old people remember the burning beds, and being hustled off in the night from their homes. Similar memories are etched across Queensland and Australia.

It is this shared history that drives our people's resolve for real change, as

well as the common struggles of our present, which unite us with common purpose. We agreed that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people cannot continue on the same trajectory of despair, of incarceration, suicide, disease and early death.

We spoke about feeling tired of hearing so many sad stories. We don't want to leave a legacy of sadness and oppression for our grandchildren.

It's time for change. It's time for the depression to be lifted, not just for us – but for all Australians. It is time to change the way we do business in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs.

Constitutional recognition can begin a new chapter in the shared story of this country. It is an opportunity to put in place substantive constitutional reform, to help ensure that past wrongs don't happen again.

It is no longer 1963, and the voices of the First Peoples must not be ignored in this discussion. Like our Melbourne brothers and sisters, we too reject minimalism. The delegates wholeheartedly agreed with our colleagues down south and across the country: if the politicians have already decided on a minimalist model for constitutional recognition, we will oppose it.

While we understand the



Kayleen Malthouse and Terry O'Shane in Cairns.

politicians deny any pre-done deal, we will hold them to account in this regard. After our dialogues have concluded, we therefore expect a process of good faith dialogue with parliamentarians across political parties, to settle the reforms to be pursued through genuine agreement.

The dialogue with politicians must begin on the understanding that a minimalist model – a token acknowledgement in the Constitution, together with removal of references to 'race' – will be unacceptable to the First Peoples. Symbolism is important, but symbolism without substance is a waste of time. It will not deliver the change our people

seek and need.

While our people are ambitious for meaningful change, delegates in Cairns were also pragmatic and realistic. We agreed to work hard together for a referendum that is worthwhile, workable and, importantly, winnable.

Our people are politically astute. We understand the challenges of constitutional reform and the hazards of a double majority referendum. Our deliberations were calm and considered in this regard.

We intend to proceed carefully and to fully consider all the options. We know we must be measured, patient and rational in our approach – not hot-headed and hasty. We know we must proceed

with unity and purpose.

Constitutional decision making is a heavy, intergenerational responsibility. It is a responsibility we do not take lightly. That is why real reform is crucial.

What does real reform mean? Real constitutional reform means a substantive constitutional guarantee.

A guarantee was important to all the delegates, because we are tired of being treated like political footballs. We are tired of our wins being short-term and short-lived. We are tired of politicians who wear blinkers with respect to our rights, and tired of our gains being flicked away on government whim, or when governments or policies change.

Constitutional reform must guarantee us a fair go, by locking the reform we seek in to the Constitution. As one delegate explained, legislation is a band-aid. It offers little stability and can be too easily amended or struck down. The Constitution, however, is the foundation of the nation. The Constitution is where our people can be guaranteed a fair go in an enduring way.

As in other dialogues, a First People's voice to Parliament was a top priority for delegates. We want our people to have a guaranteed say in political decisions

made about us. A representative body with constitutional backing could give voice to grassroots, local First Peoples. It should empower us to take responsibility and leadership in our affairs. This was seen as a way to drive further necessary reforms like agreement-making in the future. This substantive reform could be accompanied by a symbolic statement of recognition.

As the weekend dialogue drew to a close, we North Queenslanders carried with us a renewed sense of hope, optimism and unity.

This is the beginning of a new chapter in Australia's shared story. We ask the nation's leaders, and the Australian people, to come on this journey with us.

We have an opportunity to make this land of the fair go truly fair for all Australians. We have the opportunity to change for the better the way we do business in Indigenous affairs.

Let's not waste this chance with wishy-washy words of no substance. Let's make real and enduring change together, so that all our grandchildren grow up in a better and fairer Australia.

● Kayleen Malthouse and Terry O'Shane were co-convenors of the Referendum Council's First Nations regional dialogue in Cairns

Telling the truth about racism

THE recent death of cartoonist at *The Australian* Bill Leak triggered a fresh debate about his cartoon of an Aboriginal policeman, an Aboriginal boy and his Aboriginal father that highlighted the lack of parental responsibility underpinning Indigenous youth incarceration rates and which some people complained was racist.

I knew Bill Leak. He was no racist. But too often people see racism where there's none.

Telling the truth can never be racist. So those who label the cartoon racist believe one of two things. Either they think the cartoon depicts a lie (in which case they're wrong; it depicts a real situation), or they think depicting an irresponsible Aboriginal man condemns all Aboriginal people. But the cartoon said the opposite. The policeman's a responsible figure helping a victim of poor parenting. If the characters were white, no one would say it condemned all white people.

I've even heard people say the cartoon is racist because some people will see it and think less of all Indigenous people, even those who aren't bad parents.

What about Indigenous protest groups burning the Australian flag? Some people see those protests and think less of all Indigenous

people, even the ones who aren't burning flags. Do journalists demonise us by reporting them?

Those who think the cartoon condemns all Indigenous people or demonises Indigenous men should examine their own biases and insecurities.

It was the boy's situation Bill wanted to draw attention to. In an email to Barry York (now published on his blog C21st Left) Bill said: "I hoped it would prompt people to take a good, hard look at the plight of aboriginal (sic) kids in remote communities but it seems that's something so confronting they prefer not to look at it at all. So much easier to accuse me of racism for having brought the subject up. It's pleasing to see, though, that finally the virtue signallers are running out of abuse to hurl at me and the conversation is starting to focus on the little boy in the middle of it and his indescribably sad, desperate life. The cartoon was supposed to be about him after all, for Christ's sake."

The cartoon's message was that youth like those in (Darwin's) Don Dale (detention centre) often grow up in dysfunctional environments. That's why they end up in detention. I've said the same thing. It's not racist to highlight real problems



Nyunggai Warren Mundine

destroying so many of our kids.

Racism has a definition: to show prejudice, discrimination or antagonism to someone because of their race, believing their race is inferior.

Like many Aboriginal people my age, I've experienced violent and

humiliating racism. Until I was 13 my family was controlled by the Aborigines Protection Board, inferior under the law and treated as inferior by many Australians. My mother said we must be cleaner, politer, better dressed and better workers just to be tolerated.

Australia today is different. Most racism I experience now is racial slurs from people unhappy with my opinions.

Western thought has evolved to reject racism. Now activists are redefining the word's meaning. Civil rights campaigns fought for people to be judged on character not skin colour. Yet many anti-racist activists now seriously believe, for black people at least, race should be our primary identity and we're 'race traitors' if it's not.

This is fuelled by extreme academic theories arguing racism is permanently ingrained in society and persists even if there aren't racist people. Under these theories, black equals subordinated; meritocracy equals white privilege; believing people can move past race is the language of oppression. These ideas are grounded in the notion black people are inferior. The fact they also propose permanent racial preferences, as a remedy is irrelevant. This thinking can be, and

has been, used to justify racist segregation and subordination.

Too often activists see Indigenous people as defined by our membership of a group rather than our individuality. We're supposed to share the same opinions; want the same things. Like the Borg in *Star Trek* we're part of a collective where no individual truly exists. Step out of it, you're an 'Uncle Tom' or 'coconut'.

Like crabs in a bucket; as one climbs out, others pull it back down.

In this world view, criticising one Indigenous person demonises the group; insulting one means insulting all. So: racist. This was the basis of the aborted 18C complaint against Bill Leak. A cartoon that wasn't racist was subject to racial vilification complaints simply because it criticised a real subset of Indigenous people and some others were offended by it.

If these activists want to find racism they should look at their own rhetoric, which treats Indigenous people as a group to be pitied, not individuals choosing our own path.

It's obvious to me who thinks Indigenous people are inferior. And it wasn't Bill Leak.

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

The case for a treaty

THE discussion surrounding Indigenous affairs is disjointed and often conflicted. Indigenous Australians are being provided the option of constitutional recognition by the Recognise campaign and some smaller conservative offshoots that have alternative constitutional recognition models.

The push at the grassroots level, however, is for the assertion of sovereignty followed by the negotiation of a treaty.

The Victorian Aboriginal Forum in 2016 put treaty talks at the top of the agenda, South Australia has appointed a commissioner for SA treaty talks and community consultations throughout Australia for constitutional recognition have been sidelined by treaty talk.

One thing is certain, treaty is well and truly on the agenda and momentum is gaining.

Despite having never ceded sovereignty, our rights as sovereign peoples were never recognised. The rights of Indigenous people are not protected under existing laws to the extent that any semblance of social justice and wellbeing can be achieved.

History – colonisation

The prevailing legal doctrine is that Australia was acquired through settlement, despite the presence of an Indigenous population. The English common law contained a definition of 'uninhabited lands' which considered lands uninhabited if they contained peoples 'uncivilised' by the 18th century English norms.

Ultimately, through the doctrine of terra nullius, Indigenous people were subverted as savages and this was integrated into the Australian Constitution, which was drafted on the premise of Indigenous people being so inferior as to not garner a mention and considered to be a fading race in any event.

Terra nullius was a deliberate social construction designed to enable settlement, parcel of land at a time, to enable expansion of colonial settlements and to do so without any compensation to the lawful owners.

The illegality of the actions of the Crown was clear as far back as 1832, when the Chief Protector of Aborigines at Port Phillip, George Robinson, wrote: "I am at a loss to conceive by what tenure we hold this country, for it does not appear to be that we either hold it by conquest or by right of purchase."



Natalie Cromb

This is not new to Indigenous people. We know that this country was not 'settled'. We know that sovereignty was not ceded. It is this disparity of understanding between what we know and what white Australia is told happened that we need to overcome.

This is a critical point to the success or failure of any cause – the truth and the wide acceptance of truth as fact.

Treaty – but why?

I have been an advocate for treaty since I was a child, so my bias is self-evident. I believe that treaty is the mechanism by which we can hold government to account for past and present atrocities. It is our means of asserting our sovereignty and ensuring the structures that will see our communities flourish are funded.

Under the current arrangement we are at the whim of government with respect to which policies are imposed on communities and the vast majority are done without any consultation but rather as an extension of ethnocentric condescension in a bid to push the assimilation agenda.

One of the foundational principles of a treaty would be self-determination. Without communities in the driver's seat of their future, the gap will continue to widen between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

We know treaty is the answer for our people and we need to come together now. Unity for our children and children's children,

but most of all for our ancestors that paid for this land with their blood. We need to think, speak and act collectively for our people.

Treaty will not cure all that ails our people, but it starts a new chapter, reinvigorates pride and gives us an opportunity to take the first steps toward a new foundational document rather than amending the existing one.

Non-Indigenous Australians would prefer not to think of the past due to guilt or shame or apathy, but this does not need to continue. The act of creating a treaty between Indigenous and other Australia would provide not only a basis for which future relations are established, but also a legacy for future generations to look upon with pride.

Whilst the history of this nation is turbulent, it does not have to be looked upon with shame forever. Rather than continuing the status quo of oppression, the current generation can be part of something that brings the country pride.

Australia can become a nation proud of its rich cultural history and all that it entails by enacting a treaty which effectively conciliates the issues of contention between Indigenous and other Australians. It can be the final declaration and acknowledgement of Indigenous sovereignty and a compact that dictates future relations and entrenches the requisite protections for Indigenous people.

A treaty is not a cure-all, but it is the chance to be on a level playing field in deciding the future of this country for both Indigenous and other Australians.

Let our legacy be of hope.

Treaty – what model?

The existing models used in New Zealand and North America are models we can draw upon and learn from, however they have little practical application in Australia. Australia has more than 200 Indigenous nations and for treaty to be successful all nations need to be properly consulted, engaged and represented.

The model that I support is one that builds into the existing structural framework; we have the executive, judiciary and legislature that is supposed to represent all members of society but, given that Indigenous people make up less than 3% of the population and since the abolition of ATSIC 12 years ago we have been without a national representative body that

has the ability to impact policy, the wellbeing of Indigenous people is in decline and policies are being made 'for' Indigenous people without any input from them.

The treaty model I support is one where, parallel to the existing Australian framework is an Indigenous organisational framework brought about by the signing of a treaty. In the same way mainstream Australia has local government councils, Indigenous nations can have their own nation councils, which deal with local issues.

The community nation councils can then elect representatives to a national caucus which, I propose, would be an additional arm of the existing Australian legislature that deals primarily with Indigenous policies. The national caucus would be the first time Indigenous nations have come together in an engaged manner, where all Indigenous nations are afforded a voice, for a combined purpose of shaping national Indigenous policy.

The national caucus can then elect a number of representatives into Indigenous seats in the Australian legislature where the impact on policies is direct. I propose the treaty would enshrine the principle that there should not be any policies implemented which would directly impact Indigenous people without endorsement of the caucus.

Essentially, the model I propose has the same structural bodies the Australian system does but with the specific purpose of addressing the rights and wellbeing of Indigenous peoples and communities. These structures would go a long way to addressing the historical (and contemporary) inequities of the Australian system.

I also propose that parallel to the judiciary, there needs to be an Indigenous Tribunal which hears matters such as disputes under the treaty, land rights matters and environmental matters.

It is clear that, despite the symbolic apology and campaign for constitutional recognition, structural change needs to occur to ensure that Indigenous interests are at the forefront of Indigenous governmental policies, and the best means to ensure that the above structures can occur is through treaty. I support treaty.

● *Gamilaraay woman Natalie Cromb is a writer, lawyer and activist.*

WATERSNSW

MID ORARA RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application to amend a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **SATPAL SINGH GILL, BALJIT KAUR GILL, HARJINDER SINGH, JASWINDER KAUR GILL AND REGHBIRO KAUR GILL** for an off-river storage (5 megalitres) on Lot 1352 DP819010, Parish of Corindi, County of Fitzroy.

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. (A009784)

Any queries, please call (02) 6763 1472 Lachlan Browne, Water Regulation Officer.

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WATERSNSW

UPPER NYMBOIDA RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **IAN GORDON LEVETT AND ANNE MARJORIE LEVETT** for a 50mm centrifugal pump on the Nymboida River, Lot 5 DP775141, Parish of Bostobrick, County of Fitzroy for water supply for irrigation purposes (20ha) on Lot 5 DP775141.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be lodged 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. (A009667)

Any queries please call (02) 6763 1472 Lachlan Browne, Water Regulation Officer.

A06056

WATERSNSW

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **DOMENIC MACRI, JOSEPH MACRI AND ANGELO MACRI (JUNIOR)** for a bore, for irrigation purposes on Lot 211 DP751732 Tenningerie/Cooper.

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 objection. (A009517)

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2576, Paul Morsanuto, Water Regulation Officer.

A05945

WATERSNSW

MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK/USE APPROVAL has been received from the **HAY PRIVATE IRRIGATION DISTRICT** for 8 additional pumps on the Murrumbidgee River, 1/857055, Parish of Hay, County of Waradgery. Additional pump installation only, no increase in total pumping capacity.

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. (A9716)

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2510, Phillip Killen, Water Regulation Officer.

A05924

WATERSNSW

NORTH COAST VOLCANICS GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **BYRON HIGHLANDER ESTATE PTY LTD** for an existing bore on Lot 12 DP1065804 for irrigation use on Lot 12 DP1065804 (replacing existing approval 30WA305599 – change in use).

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 (A009725)

Any queries please call 02 6676 7881, Melissa Hundy, Water Regulation Officer.

A05942

WATERSNSW

SWAN CREEK WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **BENJAMIN ROBERT WARWICK AND PAMELA JOAN WARWICK** for a 100mm centrifugal pump on Swan Creek, Lot 4 DP728239, Parish of Clarence, County of Clarence for water supply for irrigation purposes (100ha) on Lot 1 DP1124030 and Lot 4 DP728239.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be lodged 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. (A009659)

Any queries please call (02) 6763 1472, Lachlan Browne, Water Regulation Officer.

A05922

WATERSNSW

BELLINGER RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **GREGORY BRIAN GODKIN AND ELIZAETH JOY ROBSON** for a 50mm centrifugal pump on the Bellinger River, Lot 2 DP586680, Parish of Raleigh, County of Thora for water supply for irrigation purposes (1ha) on Lot 2 DP586680.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be lodged 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. (A009572)

Any queries please call (02) 6763 1472 Lachlan Browne, Water Regulation Officer.

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Future leaders



The Chifley Boys Didge Group, from Chifley Public School in southern Sydney, is part of the entertainment at the awards night held in Sydney.



Dubbo College Delroy Campus student Ngali Shaw with Geoff Pellizzer.



John Brady-Corowa, from the Rivers Secondary College Richmond River campus in Lismore, holds his outstanding student engagement award.



Alison Johnstone, from Wagga Wagga, is recognised for her commitment to teaching Aboriginal culture and history.



Ballina Public School teacher Eli Cook with Darren Bell, from the Department of Education.

at 2017 Nanga Mai Awards



All the Nanga Mai award winners with guests and officials.

Recognition for student leaders

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MOUNT Annan High School student Emily Backhouse has been recognised at this year's Nanga Mai Awards for outstanding student leadership in Sydney. Emily is Mount Annan High School vice-captain and the school's Aboriginal female representative on its SRC, a position she has held since starting at the school in 2012.

Outside school, Emily has worked as a youth consultant with the CREATE Foundation, presented at the 2016 Legal Aid conference, and has helped run NAIDOC celebrations and charity fundraisers, including the Westmead Children's Hospital fundraiser.

The staff member at Annan High School who nominated Emily for the award said her passion and enthusiasm is "infectious to all those around her".

"The leadership qualities she displays not only benefit the youth she mentors but also develop the leadership skills of other Aboriginal students," the nomination read.

Dubbo College Delroy Campus student Ngali Shaw was also recognised for his outstanding achievements in performing, creative and visual arts.

The young dancer was named the Central Western Electorate Indigenous Student of the Year last year, and has competed in Dubbo and Wellington Eisteddfods and performed at the Sydney Opera House.

Ngali has also been involved in the



Outstanding student leader Emily Backhouse with Robyne Bale.

Rekindling Program, and other programs with Bangarra, and participated in NAISDA Garabara Ngurra Dance Camp.

Staff at Dubbo College said, as well as his obvious talent, Ngali shows leadership skills, dedication and persistence to strive to be the best he can be.

"He is a fantastic role model for other students, always showing them that anything is possible if you work hard and give it a go," they said.

Emily and Ngali were among 17 students who were recognised as part of the awards.

Outstanding Student Engagement Awards went to John Brady-Corowa from the Rivers Secondary College, Richmond River High Campus, in Lismore.

Nambucca Heads Public School's Marli Bateman and Finley High School's Kayla Smith were awarded for their Outstanding Achievement in Sport.

Olivia Talbott from Oak Flats Public School received an Outstanding Achievement in Performing, Creative and Visual Arts Award.

Outstanding Achievement in Public Speaking Awards went to Banksmeadow Public School's Kiraban Ingev and Cambridge Gardens Public School's Ethan Towns.

Chatham High School's Benjamin Williams was awarded for student leadership.

The Academic Excellence Award went to Mia Thom from Byron Bay High School, and the Highest Achieving Aboriginal Student in the HSC was Jessica Buhagiar from Byron Bay High School.

Austral Public School's Michelle Bevis, Bonalbo Central School's Tabitha Galvin, Lithgow High School's Coen Everard Towers-Carter, and Walgett Community College High School's Teliyah Hickey won encouragement awards.

Staff Awards went to Ballina Public School's Eli Cook, Callaghan College's Darren Woodhouse, Bankstown Public School's Patricia Leverett, and Menindee Central School's Kayleen Kerwin.

Community Awards went to Currans Hill Public School, Alison Johnstone and Graham Kahabka.

The Nanga Mai Awards, supported by the Aboriginal Education Council, celebrate excellence and achievement in Aboriginal education in NSW public schools and communities.



Byron Bay High School's Mia Thom won an academic excellence award. She is pictured with Jessica Buhagiar.



Benjamin Williams, from Chatham High School, won a student leadership award. He is pictured with Darren Woodhouse.

Wide-ranging issues at WOW



Kaz Ross, Lydia Fairhall, Genevieve Grieves, Paola Balla, Yaraan Bundle, Priya Srinivasan and Vicki Couzens attend Birth Justice, a closed session for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women which explored decolonised pregnancy, birthing and postnatal experience.



Palawa woman Tammy Andersen speaks on a panel where gender equality was discussed as the primary cause of family and domestic violence, along with substance abuse, displacement and hopelessness, and the need for urgent



Kurtjar man Jack Sheppard spoke of porn culture, domestic violence and rape culture, and deconstructing colonial masculinity.



Nirabaluk woman Hannah Morphy-Walsh welcomes festival-goers with a smoking ceremony.



Arweet Carolyn Briggs, Paola Balla and Nayuka Gorrie were some of the Aboriginal keynote speakers at the festival.



Isobel Morphy-Walsh with her parents Vic Morphy and Uncle Larry Walsh after the Sign of the Times workshop.



Gunditjmara Yuin woman Yaraan Bundle leads the closing ceremony.



Footscray Community Arts Centre Elder in Residence Arweet Carolyn Briggs: "Culture is often politicised and confusing."



Margaret Harvey, an Ait Koedal/Samu multimedia artist and storyteller.



Vicki Couzens at the WOW festival.

(Women of the World) Festival

Focus on First Nations

By JILLIAN MUNDY



CHALLENGING, brave, moving, engaging, generous, diverse and articulate speeches and conversations on everything from intersectional feminism to climate change, racism to revolution, oppression to weaving, and gender equality to cultural identity were order of the day at the WOW Festival Melbourne.

WOW (Women of the World), was hosted by the Footscray Community Arts Centre (FCAC) over three days last month and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people played a prominent role.

Each day opened with a welcome smoking ceremony, followed by a keynote address from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander woman.

FCAC head of programming Worimi woman Lidia Fairhall said that from a First Nations perspective it was rare to have the opportunity to talk about patriarchy and what it means in an urban setting in 2017.

"It was awesome to have spaces created for conversations that we rarely have, especially for Indigenous women," she said.

Ms Fairhall says the FCAC's 2010 establishment of an Indigenous cultural program supported by an advisory group, and Indigenous representation throughout FCAC board, management, staff and mentees, provided an impact that continues to increase and deepen every year.

"We make sure at every layer there is a community perspective," she said.

"We say every day really needs to start with the voices of the First People."

The festival celebrated cultural and gender diversity, and Footscray, in Melbourne's west, is well known for its diversity.

Among the 80 speakers and artists, and 95 events, Margaret Harvey's keynote address, where she spoke of her Saibai Island (Torres Strait) heritage and identity, and the "multiplicity of identity", was one that resonated deeply with many Aboriginal women.

The writer, actress and documentary maker said there are many ways to be an Indigenous Australian.

"Our culture, it's an evolving thing. It was back then; it is now," she said.

"There are two paths on offer: the path on offer by the oppressor, or the path laid out by your forebears."

Former leader of the Black Panthers Elaine Brown, from the United States, was the international keynote speaker.

She spoke of her life transitioning from working at the Pink Pussy Cat to becoming the Black Panther Party's only ever female leader and the heady radical days of the movement in the 1960s and 70s, her continued dedication to alleviate poverty and oppression, and her experiences and views on a global culture and gender equality.

Ms Brown challenged where First Nations experiences of oppression fitted in relation to other kinds of oppression around the globe.

Now aged in her 70s, she is chief executive of Oakland and the World Enterprises, which launches and supports cooperative businesses for former prisoners and other people facing barriers to employment and economic survival.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women spoke of patriarchy, identity and cultures that have continued for

tens of thousands of year.

Ms Brown's experience is very different. While she spoke about her identity as an African American woman, she said she had no cultural identity to look back on.

"We came kicking and screaming to the United States," she said.

Ms Brown also questioned whether women were pitting themselves in competition with men when aiming to "break the glass ceiling", and if that would lead to the oppression of others.

Workshops, cinema, poetry, music, live performance and exhibitions ran throughout the festival, and there was a free outdoor concert of contemporary music on the closing night.

After three days of engagement and inspiration, WOW's final words came from artist/activist Candy Bowers: "decolonise and moisturise!"



Mother and daughter Kim and Savannah Kruger, Pauline Whyman, Karen Jackson, who chaired a panel on gender in the classroom, and Leuli Eshraghi, who spoke on a queer gender panel.



Donna Blackall gives Hannah Presley from the Victorian Aboriginal Weavers Collective some pointers at the WOW Weaving Workshop.



Kaz Ross with photographer Jody Haines in the #IAmWoman photographic salon.

Supervision move against prisoner



AN Aboriginal man at the centre of a landmark High Court appeal that found his disadvantaged background should have been

considered in sentencing will soon be freed from jail.

William David Bugmy's jail sentence for assaulting a prison officer ends this month and the State of NSW is seeking supervision conditions under the *High Risk Offenders Act*.

The Crown had initially appealed over Mr Bugmy's sentence, arguing it was manifestly inadequate, and in 2012 the non-parole period on one of his charges was extended from four to five years.

But Mr Bugmy challenged the decision in the High Court, saying it didn't consider his disadvantaged background as an Aboriginal Australian, and in 2013 the court found the effects of "profound deprivation" didn't diminish over time and should be given full weight.

The court also found that the Court of Criminal Appeal's decision had not addressed the question of whether the original sentence was manifestly inadequate, and the Crown's appeal was then sent back to the original court where it was dismissed.

Mr Bugmy appeared in the Supreme Court last week for a preliminary hearing regarding the State's application that he be subject to supervision orders when freed.

Proposed conditions include a monitoring regime, residential requirements, therapeutic treatment and restrictions on attending certain places, counsel for the State Sophie Callan said.

Justice Natalie Adams granted a preliminary supervision order before a final hearing on June 14. She ordered Mr Bugmy be examined by a psychiatrist and psychologist.

Mr Bugmy's lawyer did not oppose the preliminary order. — AAP

Business ready to Connect



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander businesses are gearing up for Supply Nation's flagship event Connect, which will be

held at the International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour in Sydney, from May 3-4.

Supply Nation is the organisation that certifies Indigenous businesses.

The Connect Conference and Indigenous Business Tradeshow allow Indigenous organisations to meet with procurement representatives from government and corporations.

Every Trade Group attended the Connect Conference and exhibited at the tradeshow for the first time last year.

Every Trade Group managing director Frank Tarabay said attending the event last year enabled their business to gain a better understanding of available opportunities.

"I would strongly encourage businesses to consider exhibiting at Connect 2017," he said.

"We learnt that, even though we are a small to medium-sized Indigenous company, some of the major players in the construction and civil industry are looking to help us build our network.

"Our business has grown enormously over the past 12 months including a large infrastructure

project to supply blue-collar labour. Our network now includes many of the 2016 attendees.

"We're looking forward to touching base with more experienced industry leaders so that we can build on our knowledge to further improve the lives of Indigenous people in the community."

The conference offers the opportunity to hear local and global insights from government, corporate and small businesses, join critical conversations and gather practical strategies to grow business opportunities for Indigenous-owned businesses.

Tradeshow

For Indigenous business owners, the tradeshow on day two offers an opportunity to showcase their products and services at the largest exhibition of Indigenous-owned businesses in Australia.

Last year, Connect attracted more than 1800 people and a record 130 businesses. This year, Supply Nation is expecting even greater numbers of motivated government and corporate buyers than ever before.

Connect 2017 will culminate with a gala awards dinner celebrating the achievements of individuals and organisations leading the way in supplier diversity.

For more information go to www.supplynationconnect.com.au



Every Trade Labour Hire's Giovanni Greco, Andrew Haines, Allan Rodrigues, Frank Tarabay and Chris Michael attended the Supply Nation tradeshow in Sydney last year.

Concern over coral bleaching



Coral bleaching in the Torres Strait from April, 2016. This year's bleaching is suspected to be even worse. Picture: Tristan Simpson.



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) is asking locals to report any new sightings of

coral bleaching or crown of thorns starfish to rangers.

TSRA chairperson Napau Pedro Stephen said coral bleaching occurs when corals get stressed from things like high water temperatures, expelling the small algae that live in their cells and give them their colour.

"Bleaching can lead to the occurrence of coral disease and, if it lasts long enough, can kill the coral," he said.

"High water temperatures can also lead to outbreaks of the coral-eating crown of thorns starfish."

Mr Stephen said 2015 and 2016 were some of the hottest years on record according to the Bureau of Meteorology, with higher than usual water temperatures recorded throughout the Torres Strait.

"A global coral bleaching event occurred early in 2016,

with most coral reefs severely bleached around the western, central and inner Torres Strait," he said.

"Severe coral bleaching has again been observed on the Great Barrier Reef between Cape Tribulation and Townsville in February 2017, so as a community we need to keep a close watch on any similar sightings in the Torres Strait region."

For more information, contact TSR project manager for sea Tristan Simpson on (07) 4069 0700.

The art of doll making



THE art of telling Noongar stories from southern WA

through the creation of handmade dolls will be shared with Aboriginal women on the other side of Australia in October as part of the Tamworth Textile Triennial exhibition.

Curators of the Textile Triennial – which showcases the best of contemporary Australian textile art – invited the Community Arts Network (CAN) to be part of the prestigious event after the success of its Noongar doll-making programs in the southern wheatbelt.

In the early 1990s renowned artist Nalda Searles and leading Aboriginal artist Pantjiti Mary McLean worked with Noongar women from the southern wheatbelt town of Narrogin to create the first series of dolls, reconnecting Noongar culture and community. The dolls were



MCA String Theory exhibition. Photo by Alex Davies. Courtesy Museum of Contemporary Arts.

such a success. They were exhibited around Australia and even travelled as far as China before being purchased for major collections, including the National Gallery of Australia.

Community Arts Network (CAN), Western Australia, revived the doll-making workshops in 2010, taking original artists Nalda Searles and Cecile Williams back to

the Wheatbelt to teach a new generation of Noongar women – some of them descendants of the rest – to the new art of doll making.

The workshops proved to be such a success they resulted in an inspiring and unique collection of dolls that encapsulate the stories and lives of the doll makers.

The passion for storytelling through Noongar

dolls remains strong, with other communities, including Pingelly, Moora, Quairading and Esperance continuing the tradition.

Noongar artist Sharyn Eagan and textile artist Marcelle Riley recently travelled to Tamworth to host doll-making workshops and some of the works will be selected for the Triennial exhibition.

The Noongar doll makers were invited by Aboriginal women from the Gomerioi nation who saw the Noongar dolls touring during the Museum of Contemporary Art's *String Theory* exhibition.

The doll makers have opened an avenue of ideas and dialogue to further extend the Gomerioi Yarning Doll workshops that involved staff of the Gomerioi gaaynggal Program and community members from not only the Tamworth and Walgett communities, but the wider connected communities within the New England and north-west.



Doll maker Marcelle Riley. Photo by Christophe Canato. Courtesy of CAN.



Artist Madeline Hodge with her signature art.

Generations tour Japan



THE art and culture of Goori Aboriginal women artists from south-east Queensland has toured to Japan in a new group exhibition *Generations*.

The exhibition at the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum is part of the Japan, Asian, African and Latin American Artists Association (JAALA) Biennial Art Exhibition and this is the third time Aboriginal artworks have been included, according to curator and artist, Jenny Fraser.

"This is a focus on Goori women artists across generations," Ms Fraser said. "We have Teila Watson representing youth, myself as a

mid-career artist and senior Aboriginal artist Madeline Ms Fraser said her artwork in the exhibition is titled *Culture War*.

"It features my own portraits alongside some of the Aboriginal women in my family over the generations," she said. "It's a public comment on our continuous line of strong women."

Jenny Fraser presents the *Generations* exhibition through cyberTribe, an unfunded artist-run initiative with a focus as an online gallery but makes use of opportunities in other gallery spaces and places for Indigenous artists locally and internationally.

Madeline Hodge, from the Bigambul clan in Brisbane has

contributed a series of acrylic paintings in her signature style to the exhibition and explained her art.

"Scattered across the outback are high-rises of the mound builders," Ms Hodge said. "The mound builders align themselves with the plants and seasons. In Australia neighbouring the Southern Cross is the Milky Way. Our Aboriginal people used the star patterns to determine their lifestyle for feeding, travel, law and spiritual existence. The most important were the emu star patterns. My First Nations people, the Bigambul clans have the emu as their totem. Do these structures, designed around the seasons and plants, have similarities with pyramids?"

Seeing God through art



Kirsty Naden's Noah's Flood



THE Bible Society is celebrating its bicentenary with the publication of an Indigenous hardcover art book *Our Mob, God's Story*. The book explores the impact of the Christian bible on Australia's First nations peoples along with the Bible Society's 200 years in Australia.

The book contains more than 115 colour paintings by 67 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from across Australia, as well as each artist's personal testimonies of Christian faith.

Artists in the book include Wirajuri woman Kirsty Naden from Coffs Harbour, NSW, with

Noah's Flood in which she translates an Aboriginal style of painting into an Old Testament biblical theme.

Artist Safina Stewart's *Heaven Came Down* depicts the Old Testament prophet Isaiah's eagle to describe those who gain strength through their hope in the Lord.

Funds raised from the sale of the book will go directly to Indigenous Scripture Publication work, which will see the Bible published in mother tongues of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups.

Our Mob, God's Story is available from www.bibleshop.org.au, Koorong Books or by calling 1300 139 179.

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Roach's music rocking the APRA awards



MUSICIAN Archie Roach was awarded for his outstanding services to Australian music at the 2017 APRA Awards in Sydney on April 3.

Uncle Archie received the Ted Albert Award, which has previously been given to artists including Paul Kelly, Slim Dusty, The Seekers and Cold Chisel.

Roach released his debut album *Charcoal Lane* in 1990

which launched his career, featuring the song *Took The Children Away* documenting the story of the Stolen Generations and his own story of being taken from his family.

The song was given a Human Rights Achievement Award.

Since then, he has released 10 albums and won five ARIA Awards, seven Deadlys, three National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMA) and was inducted into the NIMA Hall of Fame in 2013.

Harmonising art and sound



Artist Tony Albert and composer Alice Chance.



AN outdoor art exhibition and sound installation called *Aurora Eora* is now on display at the Cutaway in Barangaroo, Sydney.

Aurora Eora is a cultural experience that brings stories to life through song and art. The series began recently with a free concert of six songs composed for Barangaroo by Gondwana Choirs, working alongside the Barangaroo Delivery Authority's artistic associate's program.

Composer Alice Chance was asked by Gondwana Choirs artistic director Lyn Williams to create works for children's voices to represent moments in Barangaroo's history, including the continuity of Australia's First Peoples. The stories tell of Barangaroo and Bennelong's first encounter with European settlers, the colonial town, finding work on the Hungry Mile during the great depression, and the sounds of the urban city.

To showcase the performances by the Sydney Children's Choir and

the Gondwana Indigenous Children's Choir, a sound installation will also transform the space into an immersive harmonic experience.

To animate these stories and songs, the Authority has also partnered with Lendlease and Art Month Sydney to create an outdoor exhibition of four contemporary artworks that respond to the compositions. The works on hoardings are by acclaimed contemporary Australian artists Reko Rennie, Tony Albert, Karen Black and Joan Ross. A new work by artist Gemma Smith will be a digital-only experience.

The artworks have been installed at Nawi Cove, Barangaroo Reserve and around Barangaroo's restaurant and commercial hub. They will be on public display until May 28.

The free sound installation will be open from 10am–5pm and will run until April 17 alongside an animated version of all the artworks, which will be displayed on a digital screen.



Alec and Zach Doomadgee get close during the filming of the documentary *Zach's Ceremony*.

Ten years in the making



ZACH'S Ceremony, a documentary, has opened in cinemas around the country, with one-off screenings and Q and A sessions.

The documentary, filmed over 10 years, follows Waanyi, Garawa and Gangalidda man Zach Doomadgee, as he and his father Alec move towards his initiation ceremony.

The film has already been shown in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne with a number of regional screenings planned in the coming weeks. Alec said the first screenings have been packed, and the crowds seemed to love the documentary.

"We've been getting really good reviews," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"We're very aware that not many documentaries get the cinema release opportunity, especially Indigenous stories; they usually go straight to TV."

Alec said the film has been a lifelong dream of his, and the embodiment of his desire to show Aboriginal culture to the world.

"I get so emotional seeing it now," he said.

"I wanted to make a film that brings about positive change for our people. Even seeing the poster in the cinema I get this sense of satisfaction."

"The people watching the film don't see the struggles I've had

making it, but every time I watch it, I remember those struggles."

"I bawled during the closing credits at the first screening. It's so wonderful and so emotional seeing the story of Aboriginal culture told through my son's eyes."

Zach said he feels a similar sense of satisfaction when seeing the completed documentary, although he wasn't aware of the magnitude of the project as it was being filmed.

"I didn't know really what it was all about," he said.

"My dad turned on the camera and I just performed for it. But over the years I saw what he was trying to achieve and when I got older I kept going with it."



Nicole Livingston, Jared Jnr, Buba and Jared Oxenham at Geraldton Family Fun Day.

Kicking up their heels for fun



MORE than 1000 people enjoyed the Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (GRAMS) Family Fun Day at Nukara Farm.

GRAMS clinic manager Derise Jones said the day went exactly as GRAMS had dreamed – with a feeling of harmony, fun and tight-knit community.

“It was absolutely brilliant to see everyone come together in such harmony,” Ms Jones said.

“The day achieved exactly what we’d intended: a glorious coming together of community to not only have fun but also to learn the values of the healthy lifestyle.

“We had people from near and far, including a bus-full from Yalgoo. It was nice to watch everyone having such a

good time together.”

Participants enjoyed an array of fun free activities, workshops and games as well as a line-up of live music and performances.

They kicked up their heels to music ranging from local duo the Fleas and international youth band Generasi Harapan to three-piece band the Picture Gardens, Red Ochre and headline act Hotlikwid.

The GRAMS Tackling Indigenous Smoking (TIS) team was kept busy awarding prizes to those who completed a survey and tested the level of tar on their lungs on the ‘smokaliser’.

The camel rides were popular, as were the Junkadelic screen printing and percussion workshops. The PCYC climbing wall was busy for the entire day, and the petting animals were so popular they had to

have a little break.

Leading performer, musician and writer Dr Richard Walley OAM keep the crowds entertained as MC for the event.

Formalities included the GRAMS presentation of a sponsorship cheque to the Mullewa Football Club to support the coming season.

The day was made possible thanks to the support of the booth holders, service providers, Radio Mama, Nukara Farm, Water Corporation, Mullewa Football Club, Dr Richard Walley OAM and the GRAMS TEAM.

“We are still on a high from such an incredible day and planning is underway for 2018 already,” Ms Jones said.

“Thanks so much to all the people and organisations who worked so hard to make the day so enjoyable for everyone.”



LATEST national figures show obesity rates are

60% higher for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples compared to non-Indigenous Australians.

In 2013, around 30% of Indigenous children were classified as overweight or obese, and two thirds of Indigenous people over 15 years old were classified as overweight or obese.

Now, a major study into the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children has found programs and policies to promote healthy weight should target children as young as three.

Lead researcher Katie Thurber from The Australian National University (ANU) said the majority of Indigenous children in the national study had a healthy body Mass Index (BMI), but around 40% were classified as overweight or obese by the time they

reached nine years of age.

“People who are obese in childhood are at increased risk of being obese in adulthood, which can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease, some types of cancer, diabetes, and arthritis,” said Ms Thurber, PhD Scholar, from the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health at ANU.

Ms Thurber said the research found reducing consumption of sugary drinks and junk food from

increase the affordability, availability, and acceptability of healthy foods,” she said.

Ms Thurber said improving weight status would help in closing the gap in health between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

“Obesity is a leading contributor to the gap in health,” Ms Thurber said. “We want to work with families and communities, as well as policy makers and service providers, to think about

what will work best to promote healthy weight in those early childhood years.

“We want to start early, and identify the best

ways for families and communities to support healthy diets, so that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children can have a healthy start to life.”

The research used data from ‘Footprints in Time’, a national longitudinal study that has followed more than 1000 Indigenous children since 2008.

“In 2013, around 30% of Indigenous children were classified as overweight or obese.”

an early age could benefit the health of Indigenous children, but that this is just one part of the solution to improving weight status.

“We know that Indigenous families across Australia face barriers to accessing healthy foods. Therefore, efforts to reduce junk food consumption need to occur alongside efforts to

Talk about dying



NEW resources to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people talk about end-of-life care are now available online.

The resources include a culturally appropriate step-by-step guide to make those difficult discussions about death that bit easier and a set of cards that can be used as a tool to start the conversations. The Dying to Talk discussion starters were launched recently by Minister for Indigenous Health, Ken Wyatt. Mr Wyatt said starting a discussion about dying is never easy and can be hard when we want to talk to our families and friends about dying but they don’t want to listen.

“Sometimes, we put these discussions off because its confronting and we don’t want to face our own mortality,” Mr Wyatt said.

“When you are sick, what would happen to your family? What would happen to your belongings? What sort of health care do you want?

“How important is it to visit country? How

important is it to be on country when you die?

“These are all questions that need to be asked, and answered when we are still able to make our wishes known to the people we care about.”

Mr Wyatt said the Australian Government provided \$95,000 to Palliative Care Australia to develop the Dying to Talk resources which has been co-designed with the support of the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives, Indigenous Allied Health Australia and the Australian Indigenous Doctors’ Association.

“The resources will be distributed across Australia to Aboriginal Medical Services and Aboriginal Health Services which will in turn help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people start a discussion about dying in a way that is helpful, constructive and compassionate,” Mr Wyatt said.

“It will help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have the most difficult of discussions, with respect and dignity.”

The resources can be accessed at www.dyingtotalk.org.au

Iron tablets put back on scheme



FERRO-F and Ferro-Tabs have been added back to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

patients. The tablets were delisted from the PBS in January last year, which meant that patients no longer had access to these essential medications under subsidised supply and access schemes.

According to the Aboriginal Health Council of WA (AHCWA), these schemes have been successful in ensuring access to medications for financially disadvantaged Aboriginal people and those living in remote regions.

AHCWA public health medical officer Dr Marianne Wood said the delisting had potentially dangerous health implications for Aboriginal people across the country.

“Iron and folate deficiency are significant issues in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, particularly

during pregnancy,” Dr Wood said.

“Lack of iron can lead to debilitating anaemia, among other complications.”

Dr Wood said AHCWA lobbied to have the medications relisted on the PBS.

“Once these medications were delisted, they were no longer available through the PBS schemes, and could only be obtained over the counter, which posed particular problems for patients living in remote communities which don’t have community pharmacies,” she said.

“We’re very glad that the drugs’ manufacturer, AFT Pharmaceuticals, recognised the importance of this issue and worked with us to have them relisted.

“It’s essential for Aboriginal people to have access to affordable medications through the PBS, because there can be serious consequences otherwise.”

Both Ferro-F and Ferro-Tabs will be relisted on the PBS from April 5, 2017.



Breast cancer survivor Aunty Daisy Parker with Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation chair Aunty Margaret Farrell.

Billboards, trains and breast checks



THREE billboards in Mount Druitt and Blacktown train stations have been erected to remind commuters to make time for vital breast screening. They are part of a new BreastScreen campaign, recently launched to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to get their breasts checked.

The Westmead Breast Cancer Institute (BCI) and BreastScreen NSW – which set up the billboards – have been working hard to increase awareness of breast screening, especially among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, where screening rates are particularly low.

The organisations have arranged community sessions on the BreastScreen program, along with a morning tea, to be held at the Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation in Mount Druitt in May.

The corporation's chair Aunty

Margaret Farrell said she was delighted to see a focus on Aboriginal health.

"It is important for ladies to look after their health and have regular mammograms," she said.

"Early detection can save your life."

"We're really hopeful that a lot of women will come along to the morning tea – it's a chance for women to learn more about breast cancer awareness and the BreastScreen program before visiting the clinic at Mount Druitt Hospital for a screen."

Presently across NSW, only half of women aged 50 to 74 are having regular mammograms, despite the benefits of breast screening.

Westmead BCI director Associate Professor Nirmala Pathmanathan said it was critical for all women over the age of 50 to have a mammogram every two years.

"Breast cancer is the most common cancer in Australian

women – one in eight women will develop breast cancer by the time they turn 85," she said.

"Breast cancers are best treated in their earliest stages and mammograms are the best way of finding breast cancer early before symptoms develop."

The billboards will be on display until mid-May.

Breast screening clinics are located across western Sydney, including at Mount Druitt Hospital and in MYER at Westpoint, Blacktown.

To book an appointment, contact BreastScreen NSW on 13 20 50.

Westmead BCI is also keen to visit Aboriginal women's groups based in western Sydney, including yarning circles and community bodies, who want to learn more about breast cancer awareness and the BreastScreen program.

For more information or to register your interest, contact the marketing team on 9845 9482.

Knockout a challenge for healthy lifestyles



The Knockout Health Challenge team in Lismore meet with challenge ambassadors and staff.



TEAMS across NSW are preparing for the sixth annual

Knockout Health Challenge.

The community-led challenge encourages teams from all corners of the state to take up a healthy lifestyle, and work towards weight loss.

The 10 week challenge is run by NSW Health and NSW Rugby League, which provide support to the communities participating in the program.

More than 30 teams are participating in the challenge this year.

The Knockout Health Challenge staff have visited communities to speak to teams and provide some tips before the challenge starts.

Knockout Health Challenge's Kristian Heffernan said each team member should work out what it is that is inspiring

them to live a healthier lifestyle, and use that as motivation throughout the challenge.

"The thing that woke me up was when my father had a heart attack at 66 years old and died," he said.

"That was my kick to say you have to start dropping some kilos. The next 10 weeks are not just about the weight loss challenge, it's about setting and achieving goals."

"The aim is to live a healthier lifestyle, not just to lose weight."

Former NRL player and Knockout Health Challenge ambassador Nathan Blacklock said one of the biggest challenges people face in becoming healthy is being "time poor".

"This is something for you," he said. "We're always doing stuff for our kids or our families. This is your time just for you. You will get the results from this challenge."

Anti-smoking programs are still on the radar



ANTI-SMOKING programs are back on the agenda.

The Australian Government will provide \$35.2

million next financial year to continue anti-smoking programs targeted to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in regional and remote areas.

Minister for Indigenous Health Ken Wyatt said the Government

had approved the continuation of funding to 36 Aboriginal community-controlled health services and one private health service.

"These health services are all delivering frontline services to prevent young Indigenous people taking up smoking and to encourage existing smokers to quit," Mr Wyatt said.

"Smoking causes the greatest burden of disease, disability,

injury and early death among Indigenous people and accounts for 23% of the health gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Under the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) National Healthcare Agreement, all governments have committed to halving the 2008 adult daily smoking rate among Indigenous Australians, of 44.8 per cent, by 2018.

"The rate of smoking among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is still far higher than among other Australians and is damaging their health in many ways," Minister Wyatt said.

"It's unlikely now that we will meet the COAG target, but we are making progress."

"It's important that anti-smoking programs are meaningful for Indigenous people and changes made in recent

years have ensured that only programs which are evidence based and effective are receiving grants."

Continued funding for the 37 health services follows a preliminary evaluation of the Tackling Indigenous Smoking program which found that it was operating effectively and using proven approaches to changing smoking behaviour.



Members of the latest intake of Indigenous army recruits at the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education in the Northern Territory.

Military career awaits



THE latest intake of Indigenous army recruits has started training at the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education in the Northern Territory.

More than 30 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees will spend the next four months on campus, learning the requirements for entry into the army and building their literacy and numeracy skills.

The Army Indigenous Development Program (Northern

Territory) or AIDP-NT is an award-winning collaboration between Batchelor Institute and the Australian Army that is increasing the representation of Indigenous people in the defence force. Students are supported in developing key skills in a culturally appropriate learning environment.

In addition to standard training, recruits are often sent out to lend a hand in a range of community projects, including at the Barunga Festival and in environmental management programs. These activities are designed to instil a

sense of pride and allow individuals to act as role models in the community.

The new trainees were officially welcomed by Elder, executive advisor (academic and cultural leadership) Dr Sue Stanton and Batchelor Institute chief executive Robert Somerville.

General

Major General Fergus McLachlan also visited the campus to address the group, after recently taking on the role of Commander of Forces Command.

The AIDP-NT program was

recognised at the 2016 NT Training Awards and was presented with the Industry Collaboration of The Year award.

Lt-Colonel John Papalitsas, the Commanding Officer for NORFORCE, has a military team made up of eight officers/soldiers working with Batchelor Institute on the AIDP-NT program. He was among the joint team of Batchelor Institute and Army staff that accepted the award.

"It honestly is one of the things that I remain proudest of," he said.

"Our collaboration with

Batchelor and the work that is done to present opportunities to young Indigenous men and women is just phenomenal."

The AIDP-NT allows young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to learn and adjust to the demands of the army before being sent to Kapooka for recruit training. The program is open to Indigenous people across the country.

A similar program, AIDP-NSW, is now being conducted near the Army Recruit Training Centre in Kapooka (Wagga Wagga, NSW).

Academies opened at Dubbo



GIRLS Academies have been officially opened at Dubbo College South, Dubbo College Delroy and Dubbo College Senior.

More than 175 were on hand for the opening ceremony for the colleges, run by charitable organisation Role Models and Leaders Australia (RMLA), in conjunction with Dubbo College.

RMLA says NSW has been a major focus for expansion, with more than 800 now enrolled in NSW Girls Academies. Dubbo will be the largest centre for the Girls Academy in NSW, with about 225 girls enrolled over the three Dubbo College campuses.

The initiative has won praise.

"Dubbo College is very excited to be partnering with Girls Academy and looking forward to supporting our girls to be the leaders in their community," executive principal Stacey Exner said.

"Our aim is to improve attendance, advance personal achievement, support girls to complete their HSC and facilitate post-school options, so that our girls can be the best version of themselves."



Dubbo Girls Academy students with Aunty Pat Doolan (Wiradjuri Elder), Stacey Exner (executive principal of Dubbo College), Andrew Jones (principal of Dubbo College Senior Campus) and Ricky Grace (Girls Academy founder).

Will on way to becoming a doctor



William Freestone with Max Schroder.



Will Freestone, from Manilla in north-west NSW, is one of two Indigenous students now studying medicine at the University of New England (UNE). It was his dream to become a medical doctor, so when Will was in Year 12 and won the Una May Smith Aboriginal Scholarship for an outstanding senior secondary student, his journey really began.

The scholarship offered a path into Biomedical Science at UNE, but Will still needed financial backing which he found in the Max Schroder UNE Scholarship.

"The scholarship covers accommodation and study for four years," Will said. "It allows me to concentrate on my studies – which are pretty full-on – without having to worry about finances."

"I'm the first in my family to

study at university and they are proud of me and I plan to return to my family's region to practise once I graduate."

Will, together with other Max Schroder Scholarship recipients, had the opportunity to meet the philanthropist and UNE alumnus at a special event earlier this year when Mr Schroder was presented with the Business/Higher Education Round Table (B/HERT) award for outstanding philanthropy he won in November 2016, but was unable to collect in person.

Recognition

Mr Schroder was honoured by the recognition but at the same time matter-of-fact about his philanthropy.

"I support disadvantaged groups, such as Indigenous students, because I myself received support when I first entered higher education," Mr

Schroder said. "I'm in a position to offer others the same opportunities I enjoyed. Nobody else is going to do it and it comes naturally to me."

UNE vice-chancellor Professor Annabelle Duncan said UNE shared a special vision with Mr Schroder.

"We want to close the education gap evident between the general population and Indigenous Australia today," Prof Duncan said. "We firmly believe that education is the key to improving not only a person's own life but also the lives of those around them."

"I also cannot think of a more deserving candidate for the award than Max and we are very grateful for his ongoing commitment to our students. I hope our relationship with him continues to strengthen in years to come."

UniSA honour for trailblazer

Scholarship applications now open



EMERITUS Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik has received an honorary doctorate from the University of South Australia, marking her lifetime commitment to

Aboriginal education and advancement and her special place in the foundation of the University of SA as a leader in Aboriginal histories and cultures and teacher education.

A Djaru woman from Northern Australia, Prof Bin-Sallik was the first Aboriginal person to graduate as a nurse in Darwin, and she spent 17 years in the healthcare sector, working in Darwin and remote locations such as Lajamanu, before pursuing an academic career.

UniSA vice-chancellor Professor David Lloyd says Prof Bin-Sallik holds a special place in the history of the university and in the history of Aboriginal academic achievement in Australia.

"In an era when the choices for Aboriginal women were both limited and bleak, MaryAnn aspired for knowledge," Prof Lloyd says.

"She understood that education would offer her life choices and give her a kind of self-determination she would otherwise not have. What she did with that education has become legendary."

"She was the first Aboriginal graduate of nursing in Darwin and, later, a half a world away in the United States, the first Aboriginal Australian to graduate with a Doctorate in Education from Harvard."

"But not only did she get an education, she also guided and championed many hundreds of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to complete their education, both through her work at UniSA and other universities, her



UniSA professors Peter Buckskin and Irene Watson are with Prof MaryAnn Bin-Sallik as she is awarded an honorary doctorate.

research, and her advocacy on national councils and boards. She started her academic career at the lowest lecturing scale and reached the level of pro vice chancellor.

"We are very proud to present her with the honorary doctorate."

Prof Bin-Sallik says she wants to continue to promote education as a path to fulfilment and self-determination.

"Education opens up the world for people. It brings understanding, innovation and empowerment," Prof Bin-Sallik says.

"That is something we should want for all children and it is certainly something for which I will continue to strive for

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

"If my career proves anything, it is that the opportunity to pursue education is one of the greatest gifts."

Prof Bin-Sallik continues to advocate for Indigenous participation in higher education and has been involved in government, university, community advisory, and review groups that have influenced education and equity policies for Indigenous Australians.

Last year she was named NAIDOC Female Elder of the Year and this year she was Awarded an Order of Australia in recognition of her passion and commitment.



GASCOYNE Aboriginal Youth Leadership Scholarship applications are now open.

The scholarship is sponsored by WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA), and regional manager Jodie Green says it is aimed at

helping a young Indigenous person to learn from practical leadership experience, personal development or mentoring to benefit themselves and their community by sharing their experience.

"Through the Gascoyne Aboriginal Youth Leadership Scholarship the successful applicant will receive up to \$1000," she said.

"We believe that supporting young people in leadership development will provide them with the foundations to be future leaders in the Gascoyne region."

The scholarship program, in its sixth year, will be delivered by WA Country Health Service – Midwest.

Population health physician Dr Marisa Gilles said the successful applicant must be prepared to share their leadership experience within 12 months of completing the scholarship.

"Applicants must be under 18 years of age, live in the Gascoyne region and be currently undertaking secondary studies," she said.

Ms Green said previous recipients of the scholarship have demonstrated their leadership abilities in a variety of ways.

Last year's recipient, Danika Councillor-Warner, used the scholarship to contribute towards the cost of attending a Youth For Understanding Student Exchange program in Canada.

In 2013, Talisa Stratton represented Carnarvon at the Youth Advisory Council's YAction youth forum in Perth, while 2011 winner Hugh Sando attended a cultural leadership camp at Karijini and relayed his experience to students at Carnarvon Senior High School to inspire them to follow their dreams.

Interested young Aboriginal people are encouraged to contact Lynne Mitchell on (08) 9941 0504 to obtain an application package and discuss their submission. Mentoring in completing the application is available.

Applications close at 5pm on April 21.

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. 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: Registrations open for National Close the Gap Day 2017 events. To find or host an event visit www.oxfam.org.au/nctgd Details: 1800 088 110.

Now Open: Nominations for National Indigenous Human Rights Awards, which recognise and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have significantly contributed to the advancement of human rights and social justice in Australia. To nominate someone, go to: <https://shaoquett.wufoo.com/forms/z4qw7zc1i3yv6>

Until April 11: Bangarra's 2017 youth outreach Rekindling program registrations open. Held at Warrnambool (Vic), Grafton (NSW), Docker River (NT), Umuwa (SA) and 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 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

During school term: Aboriginal Women's Wellbeing Group. Reflect and connect with others, learn tools for self care. Held at YWCA, Goonellabah, every Tuesday on school term from 9.30am-1pm. Details: Briony on (02) 66255 810 or email brionyl@ywcansw.com.au

Until April 17: *Aurora Eora*. A new cultural experience at Barangaroo. Held at Barangaroo Reserve, Sydney. Details: www.barangaroo.sydnev

Until April 27: NSW funding for NAIDOC Week events now open. Details: www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au



Former Balnaves award winner Leah Purcell in *The Drover's Wife*. Picture: Brett Boardman

Balnaves award deadline nears



BELVOIR theatre is accepting entries for The Balnaves Foundation Indigenous Playwright's Award, open to all writers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent.

Now in its sixth year, the Balnaves award has become one of the most prestigious playwriting awards in Australia. Entries close this Friday, April 7.

"We have uncovered some extraordinary talent through this award," The Balnaves Foundation general manager Hamish Balnaves said.

Previous winners of the award include Nakkiah Lui (*Kill the Messenger*) and

Katie Beckett (*Which Way Home*).

Since 2011 The Balnaves Foundation has provided a total of \$662,500 to support the presentation of two Indigenous-led works a year as part of Belvoir's annual season.

In order to further the commitment to the telling of Indigenous stories through theatre, the foundation has committed \$25,000 a year for three years to the annual award for an Indigenous playwright.

The award is comprised of a \$15,000 commission to write a new play with the support of Belvoir, and \$10,000 cash.

Entries close this Friday, April 7, and will be presented during National Reconciliation Week.

Includes fun activities for kids and service provider information. Held at The Stadium, Jubullum Village, Tabulam from 9.30am. Details: Angie, Mary or Deb on (02) 6666 1473 or 6666 1401.

April 15: Ngarabal People meeting. Held at Deepwater School of Arts Building, New England Highway, Deepwater, from 10am. Bring a plate of food. Details: Ricky Pascoe on 0411 645 116.

April 22: 10th anniversary concert, Songs of the Black Arm Band. An expression of Aboriginal song, culture, language and spirit. Held at City Recital Hall, 2-12 Angel Place, Sydney. Bookings: www.cityhall.com.events/black-arm-band. Details: (02) 8256 2222

April 23: Appin Massacre memorial ceremony. Held at Cataract Dam Picnic Area, Appin, from 11am-3.30pm. Details: Uncle Ivan Wellington on 0447 581 306 or Ann Madsen on 0408 297 056.

May 23-25: First Peoples: Living Our Way conference for Aboriginal People with Disability. Held at The International Hotel, 2 Lake Albert Road, Wagga Wagga. Conference fees apply. Sponsorship available for Aboriginal people with disability to attend. Details: (02) 8399 0882 or email enquiries@fpdn.org.au or visit fpdn.org.au/

Victoria

Until April 9: Australian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) conference. Help available to support Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Maori medical practitioners, students and other health professionals to attend the ACEM Winter Symposium or the ACEM annual scientific meeting.

Applications: www.acem.org.au/ Details: (03) 9320 0444.

Until April 26: What's On at the Koorie Heritage Trust. Includes exhibitions, monthly workshops, professional development sessions, picture show, April school holiday program, kids' sports day and kids' creative afternoon. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne.

Details: (03) 8662 6300 or email info@korieheritagetrust.com or visit www.korieheritagetrust.com.au

Until May 14: *Weaving the Waterways: Women and Fishing* exhibition. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.korieheritagetrust.org

Until May 14: *Hollowing Earth* exhibition. Indigenous artist Yvonne Scarce's new installation, examines issues related to the mining of uranium on Aboriginal land. Held at Tarrawarra Museum of Art, 311 Healesville-Yarra Glen Road, Healesville from Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm. Entry fees apply. Details: (03) 5957 3100 or visit www.twma.com.au/exhibitor/

Queensland

Until April 14: Call for applications for the Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program 2017. Forty participants from around Queensland will be selected to join the program. Applicants can apply online at www.qld.gov.au/atsi/ or email iylp@communities.qld.gov.au

April 12: Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) Official Program launch. Held in the heritage-listed surrounds of the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal, corner Wharf and Lake Streets, Cairns city. Bookings, tickets and further information at www.ciaf.com.au

South Australia

Until May 14: *Unsettled* multimedia exhibition. Explores colonial memories, untold mission stories and insights into the Flinders Ranges and the ghost town of Beltane. Held at the State Library of SA, Adelaide. Details: (02) 6659 3006 or (02) 66203 508 or visit www.scu.edu.au/scunews

Until May 29: *Whyalla Art Prize 2017*. Entries open. A biennial award and national showcase of contemporary Australian art. Details: Joy Lothian on 0423 828 035 or visit www.countryarts.org.au

Western Australia

Until April 30: *The Gurawu Collection: Yamaji Artists* exhibition. Celebrating the wildflower stories and landscapes of the Yamaji region in mid-west Western Australia. Held at Mundaring Arts Centre, 7190 Great Eastern Highway. Details: (08) 9295 3991 or visit www.mundaringartscentre.com.au

April 7-May 13: *Legends and Lore Land and Sea* exhibition. Includes larrakitj (memorial) poles and barks from Yirrkalá in north-east Arnhemland. Held at Turner Galleries in the Engine Rooms, 470 William Street, Northbridge from Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm. Details: (08) 9336 7787 or visit www.artija.com.au

April 8-May 21: *Revealed* exhibition. Features works by more than 75 new and emerging WA Aboriginal artists from across the state. Held at Fremantle Arts Centre, 1 Finery Street, Fremantle, 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (08) 9432 9555.

Employment

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The new young Palm Island workers with Deputy Premier Jackie Trad.

Workers help Palm

By ALF WILSON



FIFTEEN young Palm Island men have started as junior construction workers with the North Queensland Aboriginal centre's shire council and will work on projects which will benefit the community of 4000.

They are Joseph Walton, Frederick Bulsey Jnr, Isaac Geia, Arona Miller Jnr, Allan Walsh Jnr, Derek Creed-Haines, Koipe Castors, Mislam Sam Jnr, Calvin Sam, Cassian Tanner, Mervyn Morgan, Stein Walsh, Alfred Lacey Jnr, Shanden Burns and Ishmael Foster.

"This is a great opportunity for us and we are all looking forward to working on projects which will benefit the community," Fred Bulsey Jnr told the *Koori Mail*.

The new employees have been getting encouragement from council employees Raoul Miller, Fred Bulsey Snr, Bobby Ryan and Clinton Pearson.

They will work on the \$1.7 million Coolgaree Bay Community Connectivity Project that will develop the Palm Island foreshore and construct a footpath from Jetty Road to Manbarra Road.



Council workers Bobby Ryan and Clinton Pearson with youth construction employees Fred Bulsey Jnr, Arona Miller Jnr, Alf Lacey Jnr and Shanden Burns.

The jobs were created and funded by the Queensland Government under the Works for Queensland Program.

Deputy Premier Jackie Trad visited Palm Island and said the work was made possible with a contribution as part of the

Advancing Our Cities and Regions strategy (AOCR).

"This work is a partnership between the council and the Queensland Government, and is a prime example of the great outcomes that can be achieved

in our regional communities with Works for Queensland," she said.

"It's great news that 15 young people, most of whom are between 16 and 22 years old, will be starting their new jobs because of this program.

"I look forward to working with the council as we continue to implement the Palm Island Liveability strategy which is improving water security, energy efficiency and resilience to natural disasters."

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey welcomed the Government's support.

"This partnership between the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council and the State Government has brought opportunities for residents to be involved," he said.

"The project has created safe and comfortable spaces for the whole community to enjoy, as well as providing local employment and training opportunities for local people."

Palm Island received \$2.6 million through the Works for Qld Program. The Government is also assisting the council to refurbish its netball court and clubhouse with a grant of \$440,000 under the 'Get Playing Plus' infrastructure program.

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Rewarding opportunities exist with an Aboriginal Community Controlled, Child, and Family Agency for experienced and qualified individuals who are Aboriginal and have the time, passion, energy and commitment to see children in Out of Home Care achieve their best within stable and supported placements. These positions are based in our Taree Out of Home Care Service

CASEWORKER - Foster Care Support

This person will have highly developed skills in being able to lead, mentor and support carers in caring for children and young people in our program. The successful applicant will have the skills and knowledge to inspire and motivate foster carers to try new ways of parenting children and young people through trauma informed practice. This person will be able to demonstrate innovation and lateral thinking in their problem solving and be able to communicate for success at different levels.

CASEWORKERS – Out Of Home Care

The successful applicants will be highly self-motivated and have excellent time management skills. Attention to record keeping is essential along with strong computer skills and experience in using databases for case-management. Demonstrated ability to develop, maintain positive and supportive relationships with children, young people, carers, families and team members is also required.

TRANSPORT/FAMILY CONTACT WORKER

Applicants need to be self-motivated, enthusiastic and have good time management skills. The ability to build rapport with children and their families is also essential to ensure the best outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people in care.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK.

All applicants must obtain a package and must address ALL criteria, failure to do so will result in applications being culled. Enquiries and job packages please contact Cheryl Holden Ph. 6552 4194 email cheryl@burrundalai.org.au.

Applications Close
Friday 14th April 2017 at 4.30pm

Drug & Alcohol Transition Worker (Identified)

Broadway, NSW

*** Rewarding opportunity providing outreach support & counselling services to ATSI people leaving NSW Correctional Centres**



Community Restorative Centre (CRC) now has a fantastic opportunity for a full-time **Drug and Alcohol Transition Worker** to join their Transitional Drug and Alcohol Project team in Broadway, NSW. This is a contract position until 30th June, 2018, with ongoing employment subject to funding. This role will provide outreach drug and alcohol support and counselling to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people leaving NSW Correctional Centres. The project will focus on provision of AOD counselling, health promotion, support and referral.

In return for your dedication you will enjoy an **attractive remuneration in line with the SCHADS Award 2010 of \$66,331 + super and generous salary packaging options.**

CRC considers being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification as specified under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).



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Case Manager, Senior Care Coordinator & Counsellor

Adelaide, SA

***Join a well-respected Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation!**



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Nunkuurrin Yunti is seeking professionals to join their Harm Minimisation team in Adelaide, SA on a full-time basis.

Case Manager

The Case Manager will build healthy Indigenous communities by minimising the harm that substance misuse has on individuals, families and communities and reducing the transmission of Blood Borne Viruses.

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Counsellor

This crucial role will be responsible for the reduction of AOD related harms to individuals and their families by conducting assessments and providing counselling interventions.

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Education

Aboriginal Student Liaison Officer, EO (ETS)

- Temporary full-time appointment for a period up to 28 January 2018
- Position number and location: 174295 - Warilla

About the role: Working with the community and schools to support the regular attendance of students, with a particular focus on Aboriginal students.

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 role. If you are the successful applicant 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: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality.
- Understanding of issues affecting the regular school attendance of Aboriginal students.
- Knowledge of the Home School Liaison program and demonstrated involvement in student welfare programs.
- Demonstrated ability to liaise with schools, students, parents and outside agencies.
- Effective written and oral communication and liaison skills and ability to work as part of a team.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Applications Close: Wednesday 19 April 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Anthony Kalsow on (02) 4267 6151.

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 174295

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ICN 27

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a vocationally registered General Practitioner to join the dedicated and passionate team at our clinic in Kempsey and locum duties at our Nambucca Valley outpost. We are RACGP accredited and a teaching practice with GP Synergy.

General Practitioner

Salary: **As Per Negotiation**

Applications close: **19.04.2017 at 5.00 pm**

To apply visit www.durri.org.au to obtain an Application Pack or email to: hr@durri.org.au




GENERAL PRACTITIONER

Ceduna Koonibba Aboriginal Health Service Aboriginal Corporation, Ceduna, SA

Ceduna is a thriving coastal town with a population of over 3,500. There are approximately 1,000 Indigenous people living in and around Ceduna.

There is a newly built hospital and a GP practice with three resident GPs. As the resident doctor at CKAHS, you will be providing clinical services to the Indigenous population and inpatient care when required.

CKAHS is staffed by a supportive team of Aboriginal Health Workers and nurses and there are more than 25 additional visiting clinical services.

You will have knowledge and understanding of the health issues that impact on Indigenous people and an ability to work with Indigenous values and traditions.

An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated.

Enquiries and applications to Angela Tridente, Director Recruitment, RDWA, angela.tridente@ruraldoc.com.au, or call (08) 8234 8277.

The RDWA is a not for profit organisation, working with the Ceduna Koonibba Aboriginal Health Service to recruit a full time GP.

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Senior Indigenous Outreach and Engagement Officer

Indigenous Outreach and Engagement Officer

College for Indigenous Studies, Education and Research

The University of Southern Queensland is a young, dynamic university dedicated to providing quality programs and degrees in a flexible and supportive environment.

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It is an equal opportunity measure that applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent as per section 105 of the *Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act (1991)*.

Ref No. 102918 Senior Indigenous Outreach and Engagement Officer (continuing position)

Ref No. 102919 Indigenous Outreach and Engagement Officer (12 month fixed term position)

Closes: Wednesday 19 April 2017

To obtain more information and apply, visit www.usq.edu.au/jobs

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Case Manager – Youth Justice

- Shepparton
- Fixed term, Full time until 30/06/2018
- Salary: \$60,235 - \$73,961 plus super

The Youth Justice Case Manager will be responsible for the day to day statutory supervision and case management of young people with complex needs who are subject to orders issued by the Children's Court of Victoria. This role will require the worker to be able to work independently in rural areas across the region.

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au

or contact **Helen Denney 0439 613 696**

Job Reference number: **DHHS/EED/380735**

Applications close: **Monday 17 April 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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Ngarliyarndu Bindirri Aboriginal Corporation (ICN 3593)

Ngarliyarndu Bindirri Aboriginal Corporation (NBAC), in Roebourne, Northwest WA, is one of the oldest Aboriginal organisations with over 47 years of service to local people. We are widely regarded for our commitment to Aboriginal people, high service standards and solid governance.

We are proudly 100 per cent Indigenous-owned and more than 70 per cent of our substantial workforce are local Aboriginal people.

Our not-for-profit activities provide a range of services including employment pathways, a driving school, and local Elders leadership. Our commercial arm, Brida Pty Ltd, started in 1974 and the business established in 1999. Brida has secured multi-year commercial contracts with local industry for maintenance services with a focus on grounds, cleaning, labour hire and miscellaneous works.

General Manager

NBAC is looking for a person to lead NBAC to new levels of achievement. Key priorities of the role include driving the performance of existing commercial ventures, sourcing new opportunities to expand NBAC's business, managing the workforce and supporting the CEO and Board. The general manager reports directly to the CEO, and assists with ensuring the corporation delivers high levels of governance, respecting both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal practises.

How to apply

Request a copy of the **applicant job package**, which includes selection criteria and an applicant guide, at: ora@oric.gov.au

For further information: Susan Shirliff (08) 9185 8888

Applications close: 17th April 2017

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The Multicultural Network Inc is a community organisation working to bring about positive social change and improve the lives of vulnerable people in our community. We are seeking a motivated skilled and experience candidate to fill the following vacant position:

The Gathering Project Officer

28hs/week (SCHADS 6: \$40.26 p/hour- \$1,127.28 p/week), NSW- Based at Bankstown

This position focuses on systemic change, influencing Aboriginal policy, advocating on Aboriginal issues and promoting collaboration within the community sector. Requirements: skills/qualifications in policy analysis, networking and systems advocacy.

To apply: please request a Job Package from eo@tmn.net.au or by ringing Roxana Rascon, EO, on 0404156465. Your application must address the selection criteria in the Job Package. **This position closes on 1/5/2017.**



Careers with Queensland Health

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advanced Health Worker

Rural Allied and Community Health, Gayndah Community Health, Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service.

Remuneration value up to \$5,904.25 p.m., comprising salary between \$2,170.50 - \$2,380.20 p.f., which may include employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (temporary full time position up to 30 June 2017 with the possibility of an extension) (Applications will remain current for the duration of the vacancy)

Duties / Abilities: To enhance the health and well being of Indigenous people living in rural communities (including Monto, Eidsvold, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Biggenden, Childers, Gin Gin and Mt Perry). This role provides high quality, culturally appropriate services focused on hospital care and education to support ongoing health through referrals and interaction with the multidisciplinary team and external agency care providers. This position particularly focuses on improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and meeting Key Performance indicators as required by the Wide Bay Hospital Health Service. Mandatory possession for the incumbent to hold a Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care.

Enquiries: Lisa Baker on (07) 4161 3571

Job Ad Reference: H1703WB236246

Application Kit: (07) 4150 2066 or www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 17 April 2017

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Deadly job available in an Aboriginal community controlled organisation. This position needs someone with people, asset and finance management experience who loves being organised and meeting deadlines. Managing a team of 11 administrative staff to support the over-arching goal of the organisation to reduce over-representation of Aboriginal people in the justice system. Please send cover letter and resume to jobs@vals.org.au.

Closing date: 7 April 2017.

This position is a special measures position under section 10 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010.

**MERCY HEALTH:
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Health Services

Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer

Werribee Mercy Hospital

- Aboriginal identified position
- Permanent part time 22.8 hours per week

We seek a skilled, dynamic and motivated individual to work within a multi-disciplinary team. This position provides support and advocacy to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and families utilising the Werribee Mercy Services.

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Applications close:
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**MERCY HEALTH:
CARING FOR A LIVING**

Health Services

Aboriginal Postnatal Engagement Officer

Mercy Hospital for Women

- Aboriginal identified position
- Permanent part time 30.4 hours per week

We seek a skilled, dynamic and motivated individual to work within a multi-disciplinary team. This position will provide outreach and support, and promote health and well-being for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander women and families.

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Job opportunities – Aboriginal Housing Office

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Our vision is to ensure that every Aboriginal person in NSW has equal access to and choice in affordable housing.

We are looking for passionate people who like to work in a positive team environment and want to end every day knowing they have made a difference in the lives of the clients they serve.

We are seeking candidates with a wide range of skills for roles such as:

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Grade 11/12 roles with a salary range of \$118,943 - \$137,557 + superannuation**

The Asset area works on a broad range of projects including property refurbishment, portfolio management, asset acquisition, development and revitalisation and stakeholder relationship management.

Roles available

Manager Property Maintenance (Ongoing, Targeted)	Ref: 000053SI	Parramatta
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**Strategic Support – PMO
Grade 11/12 role with a salary range of \$118,943 - \$137,557 plus superannuation**

The Project Management Office (PMO) works with all business areas to develop and maintain project management capability and rigour to ensure organisation program objectives are achieved.

Roles available

Manager Project Management Office (Ongoing)	Ref: 000053SK	Parramatta
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**Strategic Support – Strategic Planning
Grade 11/12 role with a salary range of \$118,943 - \$137,557 plus superannuation**

The Strategic Planning area delivers strategic and workforce planning processes across the business and plans capability development for all AHO staff.

Roles available

Manager Strategic Planning (Ongoing, Targeted)	Ref: 000053SN	Parramatta
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Staff with the skills, experience and passion for making a difference to Aboriginal people's housing choices and outcomes, are strongly encouraged to apply for these opportunities. Applications close 11.59pm Sunday 23rd April 2017.

For a further information and to apply please visit our website at www.ourmobneedsyou.com.au



**Family & Community Services
Aboriginal Housing Office**



Health
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Aboriginal Culture Development Officer

Who are we? At Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) we provide a range of public health services to the Riverina and Murray regions. We employ approximately 4,000 staff who work in the 31 Hospitals and Community Health Facilities.

What is the role? To develop and implement '*Respecting the Difference*' training throughout the organisation. The role includes delivery, evaluation and reporting of this vital training program to support and educate the workforce.

What are we looking for? This is an identified Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander position. We are seeking someone with a Certificate IV in Training & Assessment or a willingness to undertake this training. We are also looking for an individual with highly developed presentation and facilitation skills with plenty of enthusiasm and drive!

What can we offer you? A rewarding, permanent position where you can really make a significant contribution to creating a positive workplace culture! This position is full-time and offers a competitive salary package. Site is negotiable.

Artist – Alison J Simpson

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Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker

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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:

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- Great career opportunities

Aboriginal Caseworkers must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

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If you would like to discuss this opportunity further
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Screen Australia is a Federal Government agency charged with supporting Australian screen development, production and promotion. We aim to inspire, inform and engage audiences through compelling Australian storytelling.

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Development Associate, Indigenous Sydney

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During your time with Screen Australia, you will have the opportunity to build on your creative judgement and industry knowledge of script development and financing by participating in and supporting the assessment processes undertaken by both the Indigenous and Development teams. You will be provided with experience opportunities in the Documentary and Production Investment units, and also have exposure to other areas across the agency.

This position will commence on 3 July 2017 and conclude on 15 December 2017.

Please note that this is an Indigenous identified position. Applicants must be of Indigenous Australian descent, identify as an Indigenous Australian and be accepted as such by the community with which he/she is associated.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act.

Job Information: For further information on this position and to apply, visit the Screen Australia website: <http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/jobs>

For any enquiries, please call Screen Australia's HR team on (02) 8113 5800.

Closing Date: 5pm, Thursday 20 April 2017



Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service Inc.

Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service is a community controlled health service providing holistic health care to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of the ACT and surrounding areas. The Service manages approximately 30 programs through various funding agreements and employs more than 60 staff offering salary sacrifice pursuant to tax department regulations and organisational policy.

Drug and Alcohol Social Health Worker

We are seeking a fulltime experienced Drug and Alcohol Worker to work within our Social Health Team. The successful applicant will have experience in liaising with other drug and alcohol services and build productive working relationships with service providers. Assist clients to work towards self-empowerment through education and the provision of information and appropriate referrals and by developing daily living skills such as budgeting, drug and alcohol awareness and confidence building skills and able to work effectively and appropriately with families. The applicant would demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills, counselling experience and a demonstrated capacity to work effectively within a multi-disciplinary team.

A copy of the position description and selection criteria may be obtained by calling
Roseanne Longford on

02 62846259 or email to

Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au

Applications should be addressed and mailed to **Julie Tongs**, CEO, Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service 63 Boolimba Cres Narrabundah ACT 2604 or by email to

Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au

Applications close 21st April 2017

WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE CHECK (WWVPC)

All people employed at Winnunga are required to provide their WWVPC registration, or to carry out a WWVPC pursuant to the *Working With Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011 (ACT)*.

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for the Social Health Worker position and is authorized under section 42 of the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT) and S8 of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)

Inner Sydney Empowered Communities Ltd

Research and Communication Coordinator

Full Time position based in Redfern and La Perouse, Sydney.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are strongly urged to apply.

The Role

We are looking for an experienced Research and Communications Coordinator. Someone who enjoys researching and can draw out stories which can be shared through creative media platforms to multiple audiences.

The role involves working closely with local Aboriginal leaders and community organisations in both the Redfern and La Perouse communities. You will need excellent listening and interpersonal skills, and be proficient in researching, collating and analysing information.

There are three aspects to the role of Research & Communications Coordinator;

Communications:

As the number one story teller on the team, you will have broad creative skills that can help bring our stories to life. You will be successful at presenting our region's data story through multi-media platforms and data visualisation so that it is accessible and informative to a broad audience.

Research and analysis

You will also be a proficient researcher and evaluator. Researching and gathering data from a wide range of sources to help inform the regional picture on key priority areas. You will be very organised in your approach to gathering data, collating, and analysing emergent themes and trends.

Evaluation

Assist in building our data and evaluation framework for the Empowered Communities model.

Selection Criteria*

1. Provide evidence of your communications skills. (include strategies, software programs, detail of previous deliverables)
2. Identifying key stakeholder groups and relationship building.
3. Give an example of how you have analysed large data sets both qualitative and quantitative data.
4. Demonstrate experience of working with program evaluation and monitoring.
5. Please give an example of your project management skills and working as part of a team.

How To Apply:

All applications must include a Cover Letter, CV/Resume and descriptive answers to the selection criteria*. Full job description is available at the contact email address

Closing date 19 April 2017

Applications should be emailed to the contact email address:

Eula Rohan, Regional Director ISEC Ltd.
erohan@isec.org.au

ART WORKER PROGRAM – EDUCATOR

*Are you passionate about Indigenous education?
Are you looking to make a change in 2017?*



Desart Inc is the peak body for Aboriginal Art Centres in Central Australia; is expanding our Aboriginal Art Worker Program in 2017 and beyond. This is a fantastic opportunity for a skilled education professional to join our team, to work with art centres to develop the next generation of Aboriginal business managers.

To excel in this position you will have had previous experience in training or education programs, high level administrative skills, and excellent communication skills; to work alongside the Art Worker Program Manager to deliver the annual program of training, events and mentoring to more than 100 art workers. This position is based in Alice Springs, with frequent travel requirements to remote communities.

This position has been identified for Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander by our board, with male candidates strongly encouraged to apply, or contact if you feel you may not meet all the criteria. Please contact Desart on 08 8953 4736, to discuss your application eligibility.

Applications should fulfil to application process found at www.desart.com.au – and be received by 21st April 2017.

Note - This position is only open to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants. The filling of this position is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth); and s57 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1996 (NT).



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Koori Employment Project Officer Koori Programs and Initiatives

Reference Number DJ7056

The Koori Employment Project Officer will provide instrumental support to KPI across a range of projects. The role will assist the Manager in the provision of Koori Human Resource Advice, along with implementation of the Koori Employment Policy aimed to improve the employment of Koori Staff, to attract, retain and grow the Koori workforce by providing a culturally safe workplace along with overseeing a Koori Staff Network.

This role will be instrumental in providing support to the implementation of the Koori Human Resource Manual for Elders and Respected Persons of the Koori Courts and overseeing the Koori Cultural Awareness Program.

The successful candidate will be required to work across all Jurisdictions of the Courts in supporting the implementation of the Koori Employment Policy along with supporting Koori staff in each of the jurisdictions.

This is an Aboriginal designated position in accordance with Part 2, Section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Applications close 12 April 2017

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au

BARRING DJINANG ABORIGINAL PATHWAY TO THE VPS GRADS

A deadly opportunity for Aboriginal Graduates!

Commencing in January each year, the Victorian Public Service Graduate Recruitment and Development Scheme is a 12-month graduate program offering three work placements and a learning and development program. Successful graduates are offered ongoing employment with their home department at the end of the VPS GRADS.

The Aboriginal Pathway to the VPS GRADS provides culturally appropriate guidance and support to Aboriginal applicants. You'll be supported by experienced professionals, Aboriginal staff and the VPS Aboriginal Graduate Network during the recruitment process and your VPS Career.



Applications for the 2018 VPS GRADS are now open and close 17 April 2017

For more information or to apply, please contact the Victorian Public Sector Commission's Aboriginal Employment Unit:
(03) 9651 0837
aboriginal.employment@vpsec.vic.gov.au



BOURKE ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Bourke Aboriginal Health Service has an exciting opportunity for a Chief Executive Officer to lead its professional, multi-disciplinary team, based in Bourke, in Western NSW. This is an identified position under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

- Use your senior management experience to lead organisational change as CEO of a highly respected Health organisation
- Pivotal role for a Senior Manager passionate about closing the gap in Indigenous Health
- Excellent remuneration package + salary sacrificing + work vehicle
- Enjoy the relaxed, laid back country lifestyle

BAHS is a community controlled health organisation funded by different levels of Government and other agencies. It delivers a range of services including GP services, chronic disease care, child health services, oral health services, Social and Emotional Wellbeing, Alcohol and Other Drugs, Population Health and a range of other services.

Reporting directly to the BAHS Board of Directors, this varied and rewarding role will see you responsible for the strategic and operational management of the organisation, including staff, finances, assets and other resources. Our organisation has approximately 30 employees and several contractors.

To succeed in this management role you will need extensive senior management experience in a healthcare environment, you will consider yourself a natural leader, with coaching and relationship management experience as well as a demonstrated ability to effectively manage organisational change. A relevant tertiary qualification, in a field such as Management, Health or Business is essential, and candidates with experience leading a multi-model service organisation will be highly regarded.

If you are looking for a change of routine, a change of lifestyle or new adventure, this is the role for you. This is an influential 'hands-on' role, and offers you the opportunity to advance your career as the leader of a highly respected Health organisation. In addition you will receive ongoing professional training opportunities to ensure your career excels. The organisation is passionate about providing quality health care solutions to Indigenous Communities, and will give you the opportunity to significantly impact the lives of local residents.

Don't miss this opportunity to consolidate your career in senior management and directly affect the success of a vital community organisation — Apply Now!

An information package can be obtained by contacting Lillian Lucas, Chairperson of Bourke Aboriginal Health Service by emailing Lillian Lucas at lillianl@bahs.com.au or by phone on 02 68723088. It is recommended that interested applicants discuss the position requirements with Lillian on the number provided above.

**Applications close Tuesday, 18th April 2017 at 5pm.
Late applications will not be considered.**



Education

Coordinator, Secondary and Post Schooling

- Temporary full-time appointment up to three (3) years from entry on duty
- Position number and location: 192514 - Oxford Street, Darlinghurst

About the role:

Leading a team to plan, implement and evaluate policy and strategies to improve educational outcomes for secondary Aboriginal students, specifically focusing on retention and post schooling pathways.

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

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Teaching qualifications and successful school based experience within the K-12 range.
- Demonstrated understanding of the professional standards and accreditation processes and capacity to coordinate accreditation processes with staff.
- Demonstrated outstanding written and oral communication and interpersonal skills and the capacity to apply these to a wide range of reports, submissions and strategic planning.
- Excellent liaison, negotiation, conflict resolution and team building skills across a wide range of internal and external stakeholders.
- Expert knowledge and understanding of curriculum, professional practice, policies, relevant legislation, initiatives and current research in Aboriginal education.
- Demonstrated high level capacity to initiate, develop, evaluate and coordinate planning, monitoring and reporting practices to drive improvement in Aboriginal student performance 7-12.
- Proven ability to plan, implement, manage, monitor and evaluate educational programs, provisions and resources.
- Capacity to lead staff in implementing the Department's Aboriginal Education policies to ensure quality outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Applications Close: 19 April 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Mary Senj on (02) 9244 5417.

**Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 192514**

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GP Opportunity in the Whale Watching Capitol of QLD – Fraser Coast

Township:

The Fraser Coast offers multiple shopping outlets, it comes to life with festivals and events and has a local airport. Available public and private schools offer diversity and the University of Sunshine Coast campus is located in Hervey Bay. The Hervey Bay climate is very mild, with inviting calm waters for swimming and beach activities. This amazing opportunity exists with World Heritage Listed Fraser Island, Whale Watching and Whale Festival, Maryborough Heritage Streetscapes, Riverside Parks and Mary Poppins Festival as a back drop.

Position Description:

This is a rewarding opportunity for a Vocationally Registered General Practitioner. Ideal applicants will be compassionate, engaging, visionary and thorough with a dedication towards improving the provision of healthcare and the wellbeing of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. An ability to work within an interdisciplinary team exhibiting admirable communication skills is also required.

The successful applicant will enjoy fulfilling work within a diverse team and flexible work / life balance with the following conditions:

- Full time position/Part Time position - hours negotiable
- No on-call requirements
- Attractive remuneration rate
- Salary packaging
- Annual Leave
- Study Leave
- 9.5% Superannuation Entitlement
- Commitment to Professional Development

Requirements-

Must have:

- Current Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) Unrestricted Registration
- Eligibility for an unrestricted Medicare Care Provider Number

Would be nice:

- Fellowship of RACGP
- Accreditation as a GP Supervisor or eligible for same
- Chronic Disease Management
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

Practice Details:

Situated on the Fraser Coast in sunny Queensland, with two clinics (Hervey Bay and Maryborough). Originally established in 2007 we offer a comprehensive suite of Primary Health Care Services within the Fraser Coast region. The Hervey Bay clinic is situated at the beachside, while a newly built practice in the heart of Historical Maryborough offers exceptional facilities with 10 consulting rooms including a mums and bubs room, new equipment and large reception.

You will be joining the current team of two Doctors, and will be required to work at both clinics. Our Model of Care offers an experienced range of clinical and non-clinical staff. Registered Nurses, Midwife, Diabetic Educator, Dietician, Podiatry, Aboriginal Health Worker / Practitioners, Community Liaison officers, Transport Officers and Medical Receptionists have an experienced and varied skill set e.g. (RIPERN, Immunisation Providers, Pap Smear Providers, Suture and Wound Closure, Midwifery Practitioner and Chronic Disease team, Men's Health, Women's Health, Health Checks, Mums and Bubs and Cultural Mentorship).

Regular visiting specialists include Psychologist, Psychiatrist, ENT, Paediatrician and Allied Health including Audiologist, Eye Van, Exercise Physiologists, Speech Pathologist and Occupational Therapist.

The practice is Community Controlled and has a well-established clientele and reports indicate continued growth. Operating hours are Monday to Friday from 0830 to 1700. Health Outreach Clinics occur frequently and home visits are also occasionally required.



Aboriginal Coordinator, Aboriginal Day Program Mentor, Aboriginal Residential Support Workers Youth Transitional Accommodation Program – Metro Area

Hope Community Services provides quality services for young people in the youth justice system. We are looking for committed Aboriginal people to help young people grow culturally stronger, and lead productive, law-abiding lives while staying in our new accommodation service.

The fulltime Coordinator role ensures the efficient running of the service including the management of the staff and facility. The fulltime Day Program Mentor role develops individual, strengths based activity plans for each young person. The part time and casual Residential Support Worker roles provide mentoring and support to help the young people achieve their case management goals.

These 50(D) positions attract competitive remuneration packages.

For more information, contact Cheryl Mavor on 0427 242918 or Cheryl.mavor@hopecs.org.au
Apply on line at www.seek.com.au

Applications close: 4pm, Monday April 10, 2017



Position Title: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Blood Borne Virus and Sexually Transmitted Infection Peer Engagement Coordinator

Program: VAC Health Promotion

Location: VAC's South Yarra sites plus outposts to VAHS and other ACCHO's

About the Role

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Blood Borne Virus (BBV) and Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Peer Engagement Coordinator will contribute to the development and delivery of effective and innovative health promotion strategies working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at risk of HIV. This will include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men who have sex with men (MSM), people who inject drugs and other at risk population groups. The Program will focus on preventing the transmission of HIV, other STIs and Hepatitis C. The Program will work closely with Aboriginal Elders, community leaders and Aboriginal health workers.

For a full Position Description including key selection criteria visit: vac.org.au/about/positions-available

How to Apply

Written applications addressing the selection criteria and including a resume and the names and contact details of three professional referees should be sent to recruitment@vac.org.au

Members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community including members of the LGBTI community and people living with HIV are encouraged to apply.

We offer generous salary packaging and a commitment to quality improvement and professional development.

For further enquiries please contact:

Adam Hynes, Team Leader Health Promotion,
BH: 03 9865 6700

Applications close: Midnight, Wednesday 19 April 2017.

Important: it is essential that applicants specifically address the selection criteria. Where selection criteria have not been addressed, applications will not be considered.



Education

Senior Project Officer – Aboriginal Affairs

- Clerk Grade 9/10
- Full-time ongoing appointment
- Position number and location: 178666 – Newcastle

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 an experienced Senior Project Officer to manage a small team in the Newcastle region.

About the role: The role reports to the Regional Manager Sydney/Newcastle region, which is home to the largest number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia. The role works 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 overseas 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 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 11 April at level 5, 26 Honeysuckle Drive Newcastle. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend the session, and 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 0411 250 141 and leaving contact details. Your call will be returned.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply **online via iworkfor.nsw** 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.

No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

For the application process, you must answer any pre-screening questions and any essential requirements. 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.

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

Pre-screening questions:

1. Describe a project that you have managed, including its aims, resources, stakeholder expectations, challenges encountered, and how you managed each of those elements including any variations that arose during the project. 300 word maximum.
2. This position requires sound analytical skills and the ability to work collaboratively with both staff and a wide range of stakeholders. Please describe your experience in these areas, particularly working in partnership with Aboriginal community organisations, emphasising aspects of your past experience and your capabilities that equip you to meet the demands of this position. 300 word maximum

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated appropriate cultural capability regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the approach and outcomes of daily activities.
- Current Drivers Licence and willingness to undertake regional travel.

Applications Close: 19 April 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Steven Gal 0411 250 141.

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 178666

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Education
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Koorie Engagement Support Officer – ES 1.4

Department of Education and Training

Salary Range: \$75,501 to \$89,022

South-Western Victoria Region

Barwon Area

The Victorian Department of Education & Training is seeking a suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person to work in South Western Victoria Region as a Koorie Engagement Support Officer. The position will be based in the Barwon Area. The successful applicant will be part of the regional Koorie Education Workforce and will work as part of an Area team to support schools and early childhood services in their designated area.

During 2016 the Victorian Government launched Marrung a 10 year plan for Aboriginal Education in Victoria. Marrung underpins the delivery of the Education State to Koorie learners by ensuring opportunities exist to secure the full benefits of Education State reforms for Koorie Victorians. It requires all services to embed Koorie aspirations and outcomes as core business, including early childhood services, schools and training providers.

The role includes facilitating and supporting the delivery of programs for Koorie children and young people from early childhood to post school employment and training. Successful applicants should possess strong leadership skills to ensure the successful delivery of educational support services. They will be required to provide advice to schools, kindergartens, families and the Koorie community on strategies for improving educational outcomes for Koorie children and young people.

Applicants must have a high level of understanding of Koorie education and community needs, and knowledge of Koorie culture. Suitable qualifications are desirable.

This role is an identified position and is available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. **VCAT exemption # A195/2009**

Applicants are encouraged to apply on-line via the Recruitment Online website at **www.education.vic.gov.au/schooljobs**

Please refer to position number 1080330.

Applications close 17th April, 2017

Contact Sandra Brogden for further position information.
brogden.sandra.m@edumail.vic.gov.au Ph: 5225 1093 or 0417 855 334



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Medical Receptionist (Aboriginal Identified)

Ballina, NSW

- * Make a real difference in Indigenous health!
- * Enjoy working in this picturesque coastal town!

Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service now has an exciting opportunity for a full-time **Medical Receptionist (Aboriginal Identified)** to join their team in Ballina, NSW. You will undertake all reception functions in this AGPAL accredited Aboriginal Community Controlled Health General Practice clinical setting. Your commitment will be rewarded with an **attractive salary circa \$53,230 plus super**. You'll also enjoy **salary sacrificing options up to \$15,950 to increase the value of your take home pay!** In addition, you'll benefit from **great work/life balance** working structured hours.

Please Note: Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a general occupational qualification for this position under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

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Premier
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Senior Policy and Projects Officer

Department: Department of Premier & Cabinet
Work Type: Fixed term – full time
Job Duration: 24 Months
Job Function: Policy
Classification: VPSG5
Work Location: Melbourne – CBD
Reference: 1266517
Closing Date: 6 April 2017
Salary Range: \$90,890 – \$109,969

Are you passionate about Victoria and Aboriginal Affairs? Do you have experience in managing projects and programs? Are you interested in working in a fast paced environment and in the public sector? Are you highly driven with lots of energy to bring to your new role?

If this is you, an exciting, challenging and varied opportunity exists for a Senior Policy and Projects Officer to join the Aboriginal Affairs Policy Branch within the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) on a 2 year fixed term basis.

The Aboriginal Affairs Policy Branch, part of the Social Policy Group, is responsible for leading a whole-of-government, coordinated, and focussed approach on Aboriginal affairs by supporting the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Premier to deliver on cross-government responsibilities and engagement with Aboriginal leadership.

The Branch drives the delivery of priorities in the Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Framework 2013-2018 and the Victorian Aboriginal Economic Strategy 2013-2020, other Victorian Government commitments, and COAG priorities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Reporting to Manager, Intergovernmental and Economic, the Senior Policy and Projects Officer is a senior member of the Victorian Aboriginal Economic Board's Secretariat team.

You will be responsible for overseeing and providing Secretariat, policy and project support to the Board. Key to your success in this role will be your project management skills, coupled with your ability to develop relationships with a wide range of Aboriginal economic development stakeholders and to influence and provide policy advice in a deadline driven environment.

For more information on the role and key selection criteria for the role please refer to the position description.

The closing date for this position is Thursday, 6 April 2017.

This position is only open to applicants with relevant rights to work in Australia.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

How to apply: <https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1266517>

All applications should include a resumé, and a cover letter (not exceeding 2 pages), addressing the key selection criteria, unless stated otherwise.

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Education

Project Officer – Aboriginal Affairs

- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Temporary Full-time appointment for a period up to: 3 years from entry on duty date
- Position number and location: 196839 – Bridge Street, 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 an experienced Project Officer to work in the Sydney/Newcastle region, which is home to the largest number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia. The role is located in Sydney.

About the role: The role reports to the Regional Manager Sydney/Newcastle region. As part of a team, the Regional Project Officer facilitates partnerships between Aboriginal community governance bodies, government agencies, and the private and not for profit sectors, to achieve common goals that support the social, economic and cultural development of Aboriginal communities in the Sydney region.

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 experience in Aboriginal community engagement and working with NGO and/or government sector agencies.

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 answer any pre-screening questions and any essential requirements. 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.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

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

Pre-screening questions:

1. Describe a project that you have managed, including its aims, resources, stakeholder expectations, challenges encountered, and how you managed each of those elements including any variations that arose during the project. 300 word maximum.
2. This position requires sound analytical skills and the ability to work collaboratively with both staff and a wide range of stakeholders. Please describe your experience in these areas, particularly working in partnership with Aboriginal community organisations, emphasising aspects of your past experience and your capabilities that equip you to meet the demands of this position. 300 word maximum.

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Commitment to working with Aboriginal communities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people.
- Drivers Licence – requires extensive travel in the region

Applications Close: 19 April 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Steven Gal 0411 250 141.

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 196839

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Education
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Koorie Education Coordinator

Department of Education and Training

VPS5 – Ongoing Full Time

Salary range: \$90,890 – \$109,969 (+ Super)

An exciting position is available in the Department of Education and Training for a Koorie Education Coordinator in South Western Victorian Region. This successful applicant will work across Western Melbourne Area, Brimbank Melton Area and Barwon Area. This position plays a key role in the coordination and provision of support to the regional Koorie Education workforce and multi-disciplinary Area teams within the Region.

The occupant of the position will have a high level understanding of the current education and early childhood development reform agenda, particularly as it relates to Koorie children, young people and the broader Koorie community. The Koorie Education Coordinator will be an active member of the multidisciplinary Area Service Support Team and is required to develop strong relationships with the regional Koorie Education Manager, schools, early years service providers, central and local consultative groups, other community and government agencies and stakeholders.

This is an excellent opportunity to develop your career and to have an impact on the Victorian education system.

For further information please contact Dave Moar on 5225 1056.

Job share and part time applications are welcome.

Candidates must address the key selection criteria to be considered for this position.

For further information on the position description and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Refer to position number **DET/RS6/SWVR/23438**

Closing date for applications is **10 April 2017**

Department of Education and Training is committed to diversity. The Department places considerable effort and resources into responding to the needs of staff with a disability. People from disadvantaged groups are encouraged to apply for this position. Information about the Department of Education and Training's operations and employment conditions can be obtained from the following websites: www.education.vic.gov.au and www.education.vic.gov.au/hrweb/Pages/default.aspx.



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Manager, Aboriginal Programs

Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who is committed to leading positive change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Correctional System?

Base salary of up to \$120k, plus super

We are seeking a Manager with established networks and extensive knowledge of Victorian Aboriginal communities to:

- Recruit and manage a team of Aboriginal programs staff and contractors
- Lead the development and delivery of a world-leading service model for Aboriginal prisoners (pre and post-release from Ravenhall Correctional Centre)
- Effectively engage with internal and external stakeholders to ensure the delivery of a suite of programs that empower Aboriginal prisoners to have better social and emotional wellbeing and break the cycle of reoffending.

Ravenhall Correctional Centre will redefine the role of the modern prison through an unprecedented emphasis on offender rehabilitation and reintegration. We have a priority commitment to effectively servicing the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander offenders in a culturally appropriate manner.

For more information and to apply visit <http://geogroup.applnow.net.au/jobs/GEO708>. Should you wish to discuss this opportunity please contact Dr Fiona Murphy, Director Rehabilitation and Reintegration, Ravenhall on email fmurphy@geogroup.com.au or telephone (03) 8582 9858

Applications close: 1 May 2017



The Australia Council is seeking applications for the position of:

Arts Practice Director Orchestra and Opera

Full time, 3 year contract, Surry Hills location

Lead Council's engagement within the area of arts practice and transform this into required specialist knowledge in the context of the Australia Council's Strategic and Corporate Plans.

To obtain further information about this position, please visit our careers page at <http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers/>

Applications close 21 April 2017 at 5.00pm (AEST)



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Administration Officer, Level 3

Tamworth

Enquiries: Vickie Croker 0429 300 410

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position.
Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date:
30 April 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 385495

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Health
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Services

Principal Project Officer, Child Protection

- Location: Western Melbourne
- Employment Type: Fixed term – Full time, 12 Months
- Classification: VPS 6
- Salary range: \$111,484 to \$149,188 per annum plus superannuation

Your role is to enable and strengthen the DHHS West Division Child Protection program in executing strategic goals and objectives. Assist in aligning the organisation's managers and work teams and enable them to be focused and aligned to the most important organisational priorities. This will be achieved through implementing the 4 Disciplines of Execution; this is a simple, repeatable, and proven formula for executing on the most important strategic priorities in the midst of the whirlwind. By following the 4 Disciplines – Focusing on the Wildly Important; Acting on Lead Measures; Keeping a Compelling Scoreboard; Creating a Cadence of Accountability – you will support leaders to produce breakthrough results, even when executing the strategy requires a significant change in behaviour from their teams.

For further information on the available position, please contact Leeanne Miller on (03) 9275 7414.

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au

Job Reference number: DHHS/WWD/PPCP

Applications close: Midnight, Monday 10 April 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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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council (JLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career:

This full time fixed term (3 years) position provides an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the LALC affairs in accordance with delegated authorities and the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the boards resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

Applicants are required to meet selection criteria. Applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria. Selection criteria must be addressed for applications to be considered. Please note previous applicants need not apply.

To obtain the recruitment package contact P: (02) 6686 7055 or E: reception@jalilalc.com.au

Applications close 6th April 2017



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician

Mental Health, Newcastle

Enquiries: Todd Heard (02) 496 47110

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position.
Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date:
16 April 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 383621

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WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



School of Social Sciences and Psychology

The Nagle Lecturer in Social Work & Community Development

Ref No. 512/17

- Parramatta Campus
- Remuneration Package: \$108,318 to \$127,809 p.a.
- Full-Time, Fixed-Term Position for a period of 3 years

The School of Social Sciences and Psychology are seeking to appoint a Lecturer in Social Work/Community Development.

The position of The Nagle Lecturer in Social Work and Community Development is a 3 year post funded by The Presentation Sisters, Wagga Wagga, a Catholic order that has a strong history of service delivery, education and caring for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. They are a long-time partner of Western Sydney University in the provision of student placements, and in recognising the academic achievements of all students.

Your appointment to this position will offer you the opportunity to embed the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graduate attribute within curriculum contribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ambassadorship and be pivotal in teaching, curriculum development and quality improvement. Moreover, the successful applicant will inform the research direction of the School and be involved in the supervision of Masters and Higher Degree Research students, in order to grow Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander focussed research, and an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research community.

Remuneration Package: Academic Level B \$108,318 to \$127,809 p.a. (comprising salary \$97,723 to \$115,393 p.a. plus Superannuation as applicable and Leave Loading)

Position Enquiries: Professor Kevin Dunn, k.dunn@westernsydney.edu.au, (02) 4736 0057

Closing Date: 30 April 2017

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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Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the state of New South Wales

Notification day: 19 April 2017



National
Native Title
Tribunal

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 18 July 2017. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before 18 July 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 18 July 2017. After 18 July 2017, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Etra Pty Ltd (ACN 002 662 277)

Federal Court File No: NSD203/2017

Non-native title interest: Lease No. LE317066 (Non Commercial)

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: Application area covers 1.012 ha, being Crown Land Lot 1 in DP1013943, located about 1.5 km south of Maroota (approx. 49 km north west of Sydney).

Relevant LGA: The Hills Shire Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Outreach Worker (Outreach Worker)

Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm (Flexible working arrangements are available).
This is a fixed term contract position until 30th June, 2018.

Access Health

The following opportunity exists to join a highly motivated and innovative team of professionals at Access Health. Access Health is a Primary Health Service for people who street sex work, inject drugs or experience homelessness.

Position Purpose:

The health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) people continues to fall well below that of the non-Indigenous community. Indicators of health, (such as poverty, family violence, social dislocation, homelessness and substance use) combined with diminished access to culturally relevant primary health care contribute to this.

The Commonwealth is funds for an Indigenous Chronic Disease Package that aims to reduce chronic disease risk factors and assist with earlier detection and management of chronic disease in primary care, including more and better coordinated follow-up services for at-risk patients. Integrated Team Care (ITC) is one of the measures under the package that seeks to improve access to chronic disease management and follow-up services.

Access Health, in partnership with Inner South Community Health, has been funded by the South Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network (SEMPHN) to deliver Integrated Team Care in the Urban South region of Melbourne. The Outreach Worker function involves working engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (individually and in groups) who are underutilising health services to improve health outcomes and knowledge.

The successful applicant the will be employed under the Social, Community, Home Care & Disability Services Industry Award 2010 - Social & Community

Services Stream Level 5 Pay Point 3 (\$34.82/hour)

It is a requirement of the Integrated Team Care guidelines that the Outreach Worker is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

This position is subject to the satisfactory completion of Police Check and a Working with Children Check. All applicants must hold a Victorian Driver's licence during the period of employment.

All applicants are required to submit a covering email and CV. The covering email should outline the applicant's skills and experiences and respond to the key selection criteria listed below. Applicants are encouraged to organise the covering email under headings and limit the email to 800 words or less.

Key Selection Criteria

1. A thorough understanding and lived experience of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander culture.
2. A demonstrated commitment to working with people who experience homelessness, mental health concerns, alcohol and other drug use and other social determinants of poor health.
3. The ability to work within a team delivering a range of services and to be independent and autonomous where necessary.

The position description can be accessed at www.jobseeker.org.au, ethicaljobs.com.au or via email at paul.bourke@aus.salvationarmy.org. For any enquiries please contact Paul Bourke on 9536 7780 or via email.

Applications should be received by 5:00pm Tuesday 18th April, 2017, via email paul.bourke@aus.salvationarmy.org.



Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer, Mildura

- Position part of Victoria Legal Aid's new Health Justice Partnership
- Full time maximum term position up to 2 years
- Salary commensurate with experience, range: \$62,039-\$80,283 plus superannuation
- Attractive employee benefits including salary packaging

We are seeking an Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer to join our new Health Justice Partnership in the Mallee region based in Mildura. This is an opportunity to take part in improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities access to legal services in Victoria and contribute to the work of VLA supporting our vision and values.

To view a position description and apply online visit www.legalaid.vic.gov.au

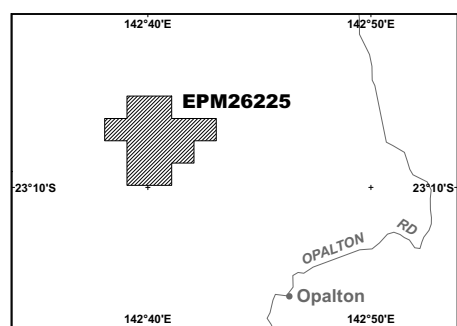
Applications close by midnight on Monday 17 April 2017

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS, RENEWAL OF MINING CLAIMS AND GRANT AND RENEWAL OF MINING LEASES

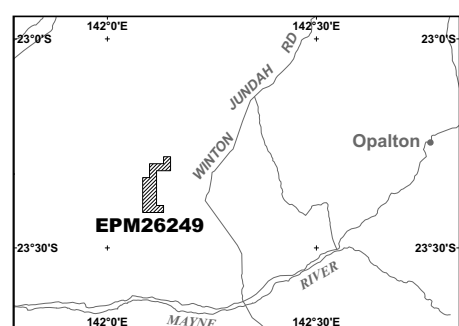
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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).

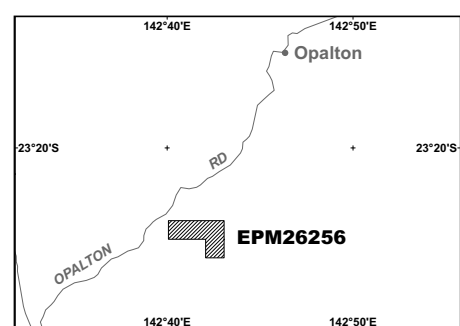
Exploration Permit 26225 sought by Margaret Anne Geran, over an area of 12 sub-blocks (37 km²), centred approximately 16 km North West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



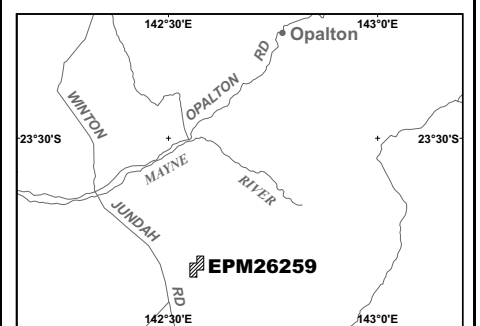
Exploration Permit 26249 sought by B & R Mining Pty Ltd, ACN 099 601 457, over an area of 16 sub-blocks (50 km²), centred approximately 67 km West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



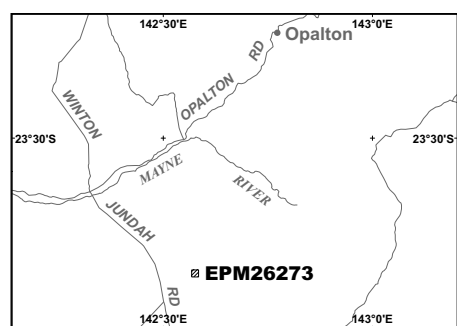
Exploration Permit 26256 sought by Opal Essence Australia Pty Ltd, ACN 010 220 390, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 18 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



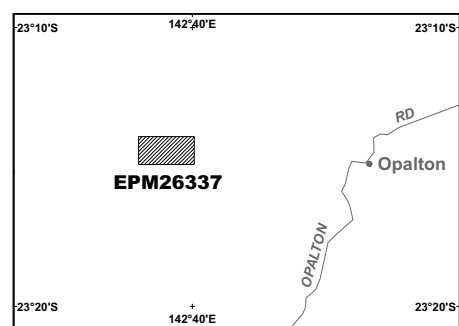
Exploration Permit 26259 sought by John David Wilton, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 65 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council.



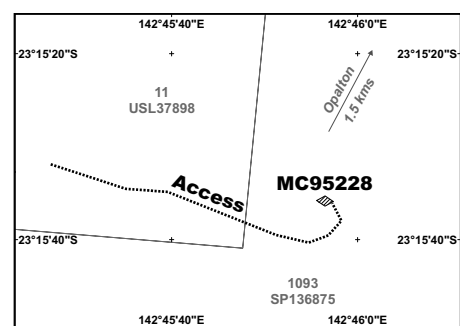
Exploration Permit 26273 sought by John Joseph Andrew Sullivan, over an area of 1 sub-block (3 km²), centred approximately 65 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council.



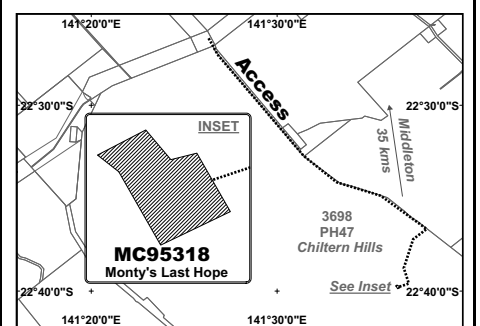
Exploration Permit 26337 sought by Eric Douglas Hume, over an area of 2 sub-blocks (6 km²), centred approximately 12 km West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



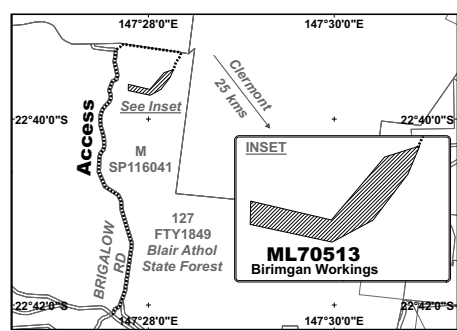
Mining Claim 95228 renewal sought by Kisha Louise Neville, over an area of 866 m² centred approximately 1.5 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



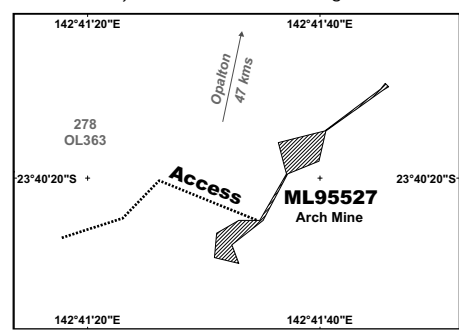
Mining Claim 95318 renewal sought by Reinhold Lingnau, over an area of 7.5774 ha centred approximately 35 km South South East of Middleton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



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





POSITIONS VACANT

ABORIGINAL YOUTH WORKER

Macarthur Family and Youth Services is looking for an enthusiastic, highly skilled and dedicated person to provide holistic services to Aboriginal youth and their families.

Provide casework and group work to the most vulnerable people aged 12 to 18 years and their families using strength based model.

The position is 21 hours per week: Level 3 or 4 SCHADS depending on qualifications and experience.

This is a Fixed Term Contract June 2018.

Relevant working with children and/or criminal records check will only be carried out on the successful applicant.

Applicants must address the Selection Criteria included in the Information Pack and provide their current resume to be considered for an interview.

For an Information Pack please telephone (02) 46 204 667.

Please apply via email to
veck.apostolovski@camfss.ngo.org.au
All Enquiries: Veck Apostolovski

Macarthur Family and Youth Services considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Applicants must be received by close of business
21st April 2017



Aboriginal Coordinator, Aboriginal Day Program Mentor, Aboriginal Residential Support Workers Youth Transitional Accommodation Program – Metro Area

Hope Community Services provides quality services for young people in the youth justice system. We are looking for committed Aboriginal people to help young people grow culturally stronger, and lead productive, law-abiding lives while staying in our new accommodation service.

The fulltime Coordinator role ensures the efficient running of the service including the management of the staff and facility. The fulltime Day Program Mentor role develops individual, strengths based activity plans for each young person. The part time and casual Residential Support Worker roles provide mentoring and support to help the young people achieve their case management goals.

These 50(D) positions attract competitive remuneration packages.

For more information, contact Cheryl Mavor on 0427 242918 or Cheryl.mavor@hopecs.org.au
Apply on line at www.seek.com.au

Applications close: 4pm, Monday April 10, 2017



**Educational leader
Ethical and values driven
Commercial acumen**

Western College is an award winning not for profit RTO and an Independent ALESCO school. It has operated successfully in western NSW for 67 years. The organisation is seeking its new leader.

The successful CEO will have the following capabilities:

- Be an experienced education and training leader ideally with CEO/School Principal experience or held senior leadership roles in an independent school or not for profit RTO
- Ethical and values driven approach focused on high quality teaching and learning outcomes
- Commercial acumen with the ability to drive performance
- An inclusive and collaborative leadership style that fosters effective teamwork
- Demonstrated strategic and business planning experience that results in ongoing competitive advantage
- Understanding of financial and regulatory reporting requirements
- Governance experience and the ability to work constructively with the Board and key stakeholders
- Thorough understanding of education and training standards including NES and ASQA compliance requirements

We expect our new leader to have most of the following personal attributes:

- Be warm and engaging towards staff, students and the wider community
- Motivated by the power of education to transform and enhance the lives of our students
- Have a sense of humour and fun
- Be empathetic and aware of the needs of our disadvantaged students
- Have common sense and a practical approach to problem solving
- Have a long term vision for how the College should be

Interested candidates should submit their application via SEEK by searching Western College CEO. The salary package is between \$150-175k and includes a vehicle.

Applications to be received by 5:00pm, 30th April 2017

WATERNSW

GOULBURN FRACTURED ROCK GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATERSUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **BRAIDWOOD SERVICEMANS CLUB** for the authorisation of an existing, unused bore for commercial use activity, 66/755911, Parish Boyle, County St. Vincent for irrigation & recreation purposes.

purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO BOX 309, Nowra NSW 2541, within 28 days of this notice. (A009734).

Any queries please call (02) 4428 9140, Wayne Ryan, Water Regulation Officer.

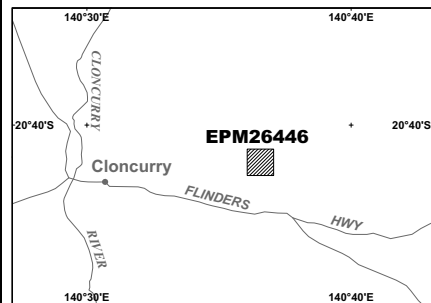
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANTS OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

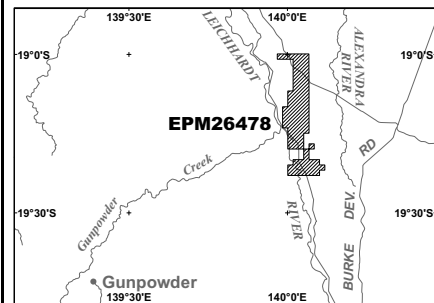
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grants of the Exploration Permit for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

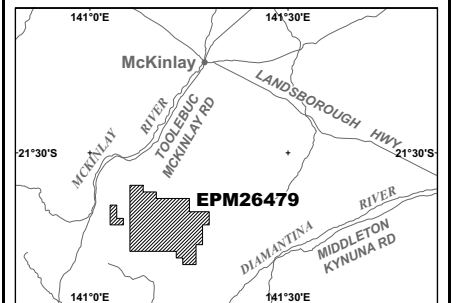
Exploration Permit 26446 sought by Oonoomurra Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 611 615 528, over an area of 1 sub-blocks (3 km²), centred approximately 10 km East North East of Cloncurry, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



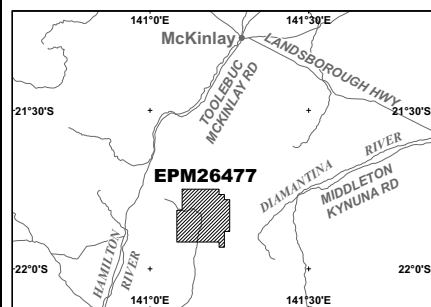
Exploration Permit 26478 sought by Mawson Canada Pty Ltd, ACN 617 551 667, over an area of 90 sub-blocks (291 km²), centred approximately 88 km North East of Gunpowder, in the localities of the Burke Shire Council, Carpentaria Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council.



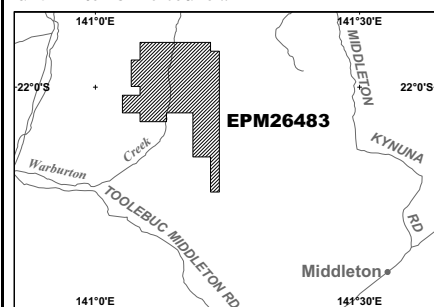
Exploration Permit 26479 sought by Mawson Canada Pty Ltd, ACN 617 551 667, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (318 km²), centred approximately 45 km North South of McKinlay, in the locality of the McKinlay Shire Council.



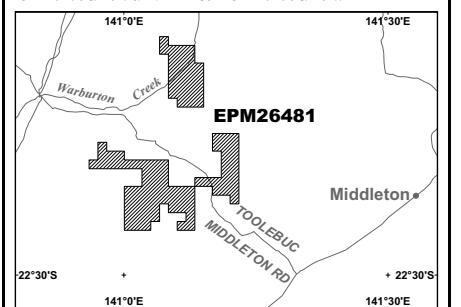
Exploration Permit 26477 sought by Mawson Canada Pty Ltd, ACN 617 551 667, over an area of 92 sub-blocks (292 km²), centred approximately 63 km South of McKinlay, in the locality of the McKinlay Shire Council.



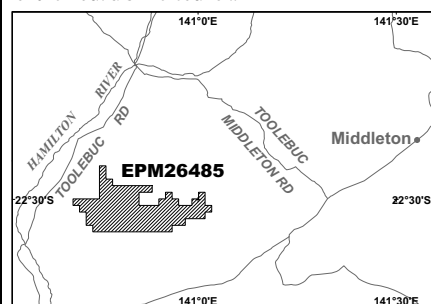
Exploration Permit 26483 sought by Mawson Canada Pty Ltd, ACN 617 551 667, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (317 km²), centred approximately 55 km North West of Middleton, in the localities of the Cloncurry Shire Council, McKinlay Shire Council and Winton Shire Council.



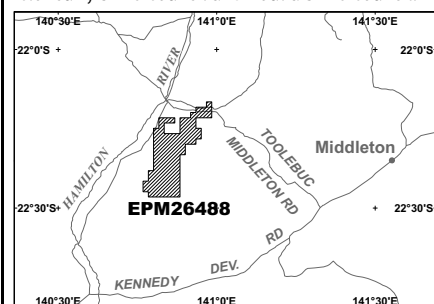
Exploration Permit 26481 sought by Mawson Canada Pty Ltd, ACN 617 551 667, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (317 km²), centred approximately 48 km West North West of Middleton, in the localities of the Boulia Shire Council, Cloncurry Shire Council and Winton Shire Council.



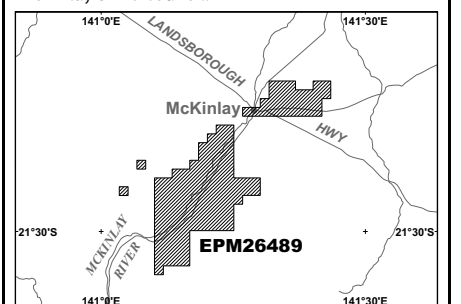
Exploration Permit 26485 sought by Mawson Canada Pty Ltd, ACN 617 551 667, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (316 km²), centred approximately 75 km West South West of Middleton, in the locality of the Boulia Shire Council.



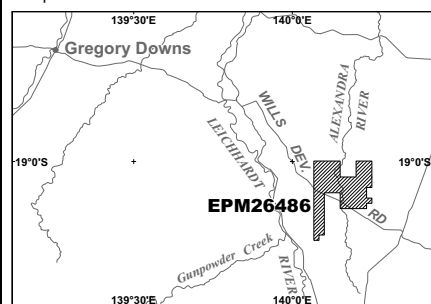
Exploration Permit 26488 sought by Mawson Canada Pty Ltd, ACN 617 551 667, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (317 km²), centred approximately 70 km West of Middleton, in the localities of the Cloncurry Shire Council and Boulia Shire Council.



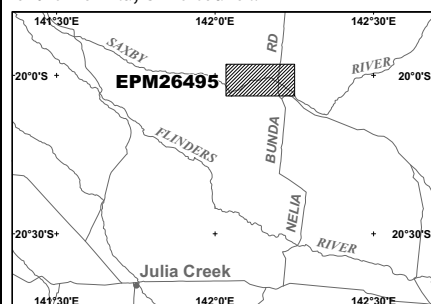
Exploration Permit 26489 sought by Mawson Canada Pty Ltd, ACN 617 551 667, over an area of 133 sub-blocks (424 km²), centred approximately 10 km South West of McKinlay, in the locality of the McKinlay Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26486 sought by Mawson Canada Pty Ltd, ACN 617 551 667, over an area of 89 sub-blocks (288 km²), centred approximately 105 km South East of Gregory Downs, in the localities of the Cloncurry Shire Council and Carpentaria Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26495 sought by Lintown Resources Limited, ACN 118 153 825, over an area of 78 sub-blocks (251 km²), centred approximately 83 km North North East of Julia Creek, in the locality of the McKinlay Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Level 4, 1 William Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3199 8082, nativetitleservices@dnrm.qld.gov.au.

Notification Day: 26 April 2017

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 19 April 2017

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003 on or before 18 July 2017. After 18 July 2017, the Federal Court’s permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Bindal People #2
Federal Court File No: QUD503/2016
Date filed: 1 July 2016
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.
Description: The application area covers approximately 4,605 sq km south east of Townsville.
Relevant LGA: Townsville City Council, Charters Towers Regional Council and Burdekin Shire Council.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Dianne Drake on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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SYDNEY BASIN NEPEAN GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from M, J & JM VELLA for a bore for irrigation (groundwater) purposes on Lot 33 DP 255689, Parish Bargo, County Camden. (A009730)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 53, Wollongong NSW 2520, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 4224 9738, Ketí Perez, Senior Water Regulation Officer. A05968

WATERNSW

MARTINDALE CREEK WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been submitted by MATTHEW RICHARD WHITTEN for an 80 mm centrifugal pump on Lot 128 DP 1218810 for the purpose of irrigation. (A09763)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 2213 Dangar NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. Any queries please call (02) 4904 2511, Heather Dewson, Water Regulation Officer.

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2897	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	17BL	136km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 24' S Long: 116° 22' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1573	ROMARDO GOLD (WA) PTY LTD	18BL	47km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 11' S Long: 122° 9' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	15/1581	PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD	8BL	18km E'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 20' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	27/582	MINEX (AUST) PTY LTD	20BL	65km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 10' S Long: 121° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	27/591	EMPIRE RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	50km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/592	BRIMSTONE RESOURCES LTD	1BL	47km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2665	EMPIRE RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	47km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2668	BRIMSTONE RESOURCES LTD	47BL	69km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 122° 11' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/1010	GOLDTRIBE CORPORATION PTY LTD	54BL	103km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 122° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/1010	WALLEY, Allan Stephen	24BL	44km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 120° 55' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/491	EPIS, James Gregory	46BL	48km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 120° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4673-I	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	6BL	86km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 15' S Long: 119° 22' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3581	CENTRAL PILBARA NORTH IRON ORE PTY LTD	11BL	44km N'ly of Newman	Lat: 22° 59' S Long: 119° 34' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3583-I	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	6BL	51km NW'ly of Newman	Lat: 22° 57' S Long: 119° 28' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1801	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	52BL	46km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 30' S Long: 118° 2' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1802-3	STAKEWELL PTY LTD	99BL	54km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 44' S Long: 117° 58' E	CUE SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1048-I	STAKEWELL PTY LTD	4BL	64km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 118° 55' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1066	LEGENDRE, Joseph Paul	16BL	55km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 22' S Long: 118° 57' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1067	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	19BL	35km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 119° 27' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/510	OMNI PROJECTS PTY LTD	70BL	35km S'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 44' S Long: 117° 52' E	CUE SHIRE, MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3486	DUKETON CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	54BL	173km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 8' S Long: 120° 13' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3488	GOLDEN LIFE NATURE PRODUCTS (WA) PTY LTD	46BL	94km N'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 12' S Long: 125° 2' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4940	KAMAX RESOURCES LIMITED	21BL	54km SW'ly of Moora	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 115° 32' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4942	AUSTRALIAN UNITED SILICA CORPORATION PTY LIMITED	7BL	42km NE'ly of Katanning	Lat: 33° 29' S Long: 117° 56' E	DUMBLEYUNG SHIRE, KATANNING SHIRE, KENT SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4945	PEMBERY PROSPECTING PTY LTD	21BL	15km N'ly of Wongan Hills	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 116° 38' E	WONGAN-BALLIDU SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4946	CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	28BL	49km SW'ly of Moora	Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 115° 39' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE, GINGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2422	TREGOR PTY LTD	6BL	86km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 119° 15' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5056	IMAGE RESOURCES NL	10BL	68km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 41' S Long: 127° 58' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5070	WEST AUSTRALIAN PROSPECTORS PTY LTD	5BL	111km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 22' S Long: 128° 12' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3044	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	196.69HA	42km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 120° 56' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3046	NORTHERN MINERALS LIMITED	198.94HA	44km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 120° 51' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5146 & 24/5150	MCKAY, Glenn Michael	389.52HA	25km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 121° 20' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5155-8	WHITAKER, William Barrie	735.67HA	25km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 121° 17' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2425	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	129.94HA	23km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 42' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4262	EPIS, Jeremy Robert	50.00HA	27km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 48' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4263	DESERT STORM RESOURCES PTY LTD	125.28HA	31km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 121° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4264	IRIDIUM RESOURCES PTY LTD	126.19HA	32km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 121° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2316-7	FIREANT RESOURCES PTY LTD	253.70HA	35km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 121° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2368	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	151.94HA	1km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 121° 2' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2112	MCKENNA, David William	50.00HA	117km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 40' S Long: 122° 14' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8820-6	DESERT STORM RESOURCES PTY LTD	1151.46HA	18km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 121° 30' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8862-3	BR EXPLORATION PTY LTD	219.51HA	8km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 121° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8864	B R EXPLORATION PTY LTD	83.99HA	12km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 121° 27' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8865-6	BR EXPLORATION PTY LTD	237.70HA	16km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 121° 29' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8905	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	198.44HA	20km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8906-8	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	521.01HA	21km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 121° 30' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8909-12	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	779.73HA	24km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 121° 33' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8913-5	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	475.07HA	25km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 121° 32' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8921	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	192.50HA	24km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 121° 34' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4392	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	199.70HA	71km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 43' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5636	BREWER, Gerard Victor	198.40HA	54km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 121° 52' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5810	IWANOW, Peter	153.05HA	55km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 121° 57' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1406	GODSON, John	45.22HA	5km W'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 58' S Long: 119° 15' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1854	LAING, Bryan	8.00HA	20km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 19' S Long: 127° 49' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1855	HORROCKS ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	43.02HA	21km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 19' S Long: 127° 49' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 5 April 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 5 July 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. 5 August 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 INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT AUTHORISATION MEETING

Date and Time: Thursday 27 April 2017 –
2.30pm – 5.30pm

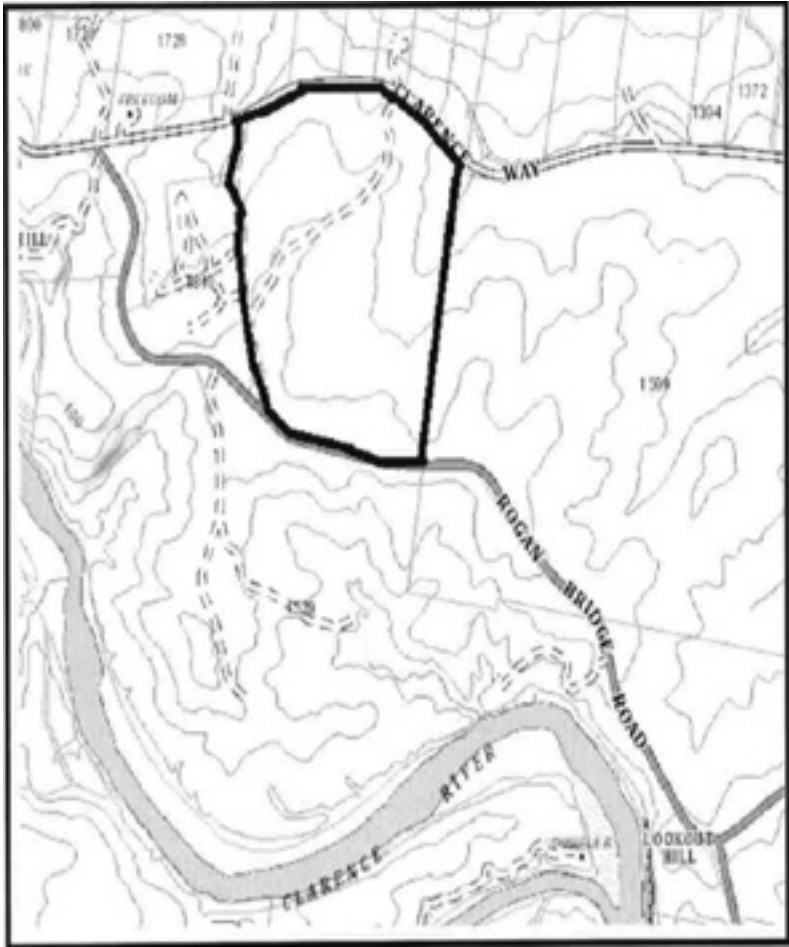
Venue: Grafton Community and
Function Centre
59 Duke Street Grafton NSW 2460



NTSCORP Limited, the native title service provider for NSW, is convening a meeting to authorise an Indigenous Land Use Agreement ("ILUA") in accordance with the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the land and waters described as Lot 409 in DP 48826 located on Clarence Way at Copmanhurst in the Parish of Copmanhurst, County of Clarence which is approximately 16km to the north west of Grafton on the north coast of NSW. The ILUA is proposed to be between the Western Bundjalung People and the Grafton-Ngerrie Local Aboriginal Land Council.

MAP OF THE ILUA AREA

The area proposed to be subject to the ILUA is Lot 409 in DP 48826. Lot 409 in DP 48826 is located on Clarence Way at Copmanhurst in the Parish of Copmanhurst, County of Clarence, which is approximately 16 kilometres to the north west of



Grafton, as shown in bold black line on the map above

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

All the descendants of the following apical ancestors:

Herbert 'Hunter' Avery (who was born in Grafton circa 1881)
King Bobby (who was born circa 1840s)
Queen Jinny Little (who was born in Yugalbar in 1840)
Richard 'Old Dick' Donnelly (who was born in Timbarra circa 1870)
Jane 'Jenny' 'Barbin Boatshed' Brown (who was born in Baryulgil circa 1855)
Thomas 'Tom' Donnelly (who was born in Tenterfield circa 1877)
Thomas Gordon (who was born in Copmanhurst in 1870)
Ethel Bawden (who was born in Yugalbar in 1884)
Grace Kelly also known as Grace Lardner (who was born on the Orara River circa 1876)
Mariah Little (who was born in Baryulgil circa 1855)
William 'Billy' 'Charles' Charles (who was born circa 1860)
Harry Joseph Mundine (who was born in Tabulam in 1868)
Teresa Agnes 'Ponjam' Derry (who was born in Tabulam in 1872)
Mick 'Bucky' Robinson (who was born in Timbarra/Tenterfield circa 1859)
Kate Gatton (who was born circa 1870)
Matilda 'Tilly' Gatton (who was born in Yugalbar in 1879)
Harry Walker (who was born circa 1850)
Jenny 'Ginny' Pearson (who was born circa 1860)
Alice Tindal also known as Alice Brown (who was born in Lionsville circa 1870)
William Pearson (who was born in Gordon Brook in 1872)

and persons adopted or incorporated into the families of those persons and who identify as and are accepted as Western Bundjalung People in accordance with Western Bundjalung traditional laws and customs (and the biological descendants of any such adopted or incorporated persons); and
• any other Aboriginal person who asserts native title rights and interests within the areas proposed to be subject to the ILUA.

The AGENDA for the meeting is:

1. To provide an update on ILUA negotiations;
2. To confirm the decision making process for the authorisation of the ILUA;
3. To consider and make decisions in relation to the authorisation of the ILUA; and
4. Any other business.

Confirming your attendance

Mileage assistance and accommodation will also be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP's policies. Please note that accommodation will be provided based on completed meeting registration forms received or confirmed details by telephone.

Please confirm your attendance at this meeting by contacting NTSCORP on Freecall 1800 111 844 or

(02) 9310 3188 by no later than 20 April 2017 so that all relevant arrangements can be made. email: cfc@ntscorp.com.au



YAEGL PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP AUTHORISATION MEETING

Date: Thursday 20 April 2016

Time: 10:00am - Arrival and morning tea
10:30am Start - 4:30pm Finish

Venue: Yamba Bowling Club
44 Wooli Street
Yamba NSW

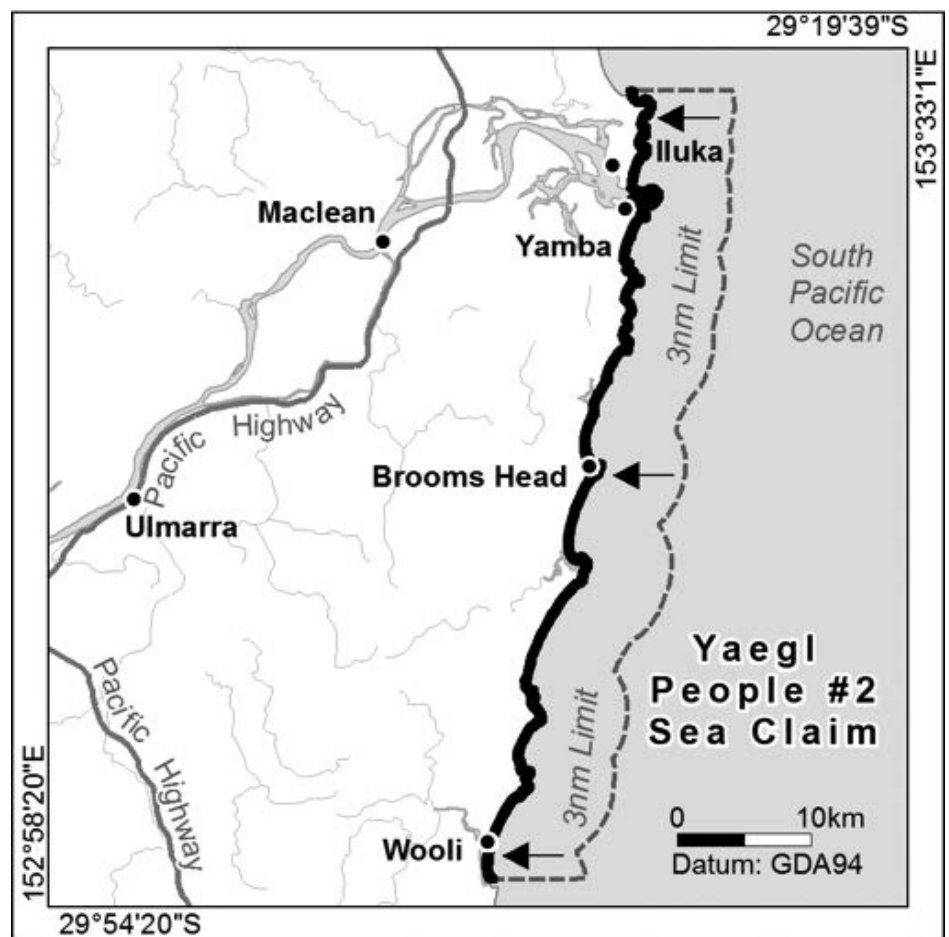
NTSCORP Limited, the legal representative for Yaegl People in relation to the Yaegl People #2 Part B native title determination application (Federal Court Proceedings NSD 168/2011) is convening a meeting for all members of the Yaegl People native title claim group.

Who should attend?

Members of the native title claim group as described in the registered application, being, the descendants of the following apical ancestors:

- Dugald Cameron (who was born in Chatsworth Island around 1870);
- Jack Freeburn (who was born in Yamba around 1868);
- Sailor Morris (who was born in Chatsworth Island around 1831);
- Nodo Combo (who was born in Yamba around 1859) and
- Rose Combo nee Yamba and also known as Rosie Yamba (who was born in Yamba around 1856)

and persons adopted or incorporated into the families of those persons and who identify as and are accepted as Yaegl People in accordance with Yaegl traditional laws and customs (and the biological descendants of any such adopted or incorporated persons).



Location of the Yaegl #2 Part B Native Title Application

The area subject to the Yaegl #2 Part B native title determination application are the land and waters located between the mean high water mark (MHWM) and 3 nautical miles offshore between Woody Head in the north and Wooli in the south, on the north coast of NSW as shown by the hatched line in the map above.

The AGENDA for the Authorisation meeting is:

1. Introduction, welcome and acknowledgement of country;
2. To provide an update in relation to the progress of the native title determination application;
3. To confirm the decision making process of the native title claim group for the native title determination application;
4. To consider and authorise the proposed settlement of the native title determination application by consent determination;
5. To consider and authorise amendments to the native title application area to reduce the eastern boundary from 3nm from the MHWM to 200m east of the mean low water mark (MLWM) between Woody Head and Wooli, and in the vicinity of the Dirrangun, to an eastern extent of 920m east of the MLWM as shown by bold black line in the above map;
6. To confirm the authorisation of the Applicant to make the amended native title application and to deal with matters arising in relation to it; and
7. Any other business as determined by the meeting.

Confirming your attendance

Please confirm your attendance at this meeting by contacting NTSCORP on the contact details listed below by no later than 17 April 2017, so that all relevant arrangements can be made.

Our details are: Freecall 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188

Post: P.O. Box 2105, Strawberry Hills, NSW 2012

Fax: (02) 9310 4177

Email: cfc@ntscorp.com.au

Mileage assistance and accommodation will also be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP's policies. Please note that accommodation will be provided based on completed meeting registration forms received or confirmed details by telephone.

Should you have any queries or simply require further information, please do not hesitate to contact:

**Annika Rotumah, NTSCORP Senior Community Facilitator, on 02 9310 3188 or
Freecall 1800 111 844.**



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	70/1362	PREMIER COAL LIMITED	608.38HA	35km NE'ly of Bridgetown	Lat: 33° 42' S Long: 116° 22' E	BOYUP BROOK SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 5 April 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 **5 July 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. 5 August 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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WESTERN BUNDJALUNG PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP AUTHORISATION MEETING

Authorisation of Consent Determination



Date and Time: Thursday 27 April 2017 – 9:00am – 2:00pm

Venue: Grafton Community and Function Centre
59 Duke Street Grafton NSW 2460

NTSCORP Limited, the legal representative for the Western Bundjalung People in relation to their native title determination application (Federal Court proceedings *NSD2300/2011*), is convening a meeting for all members of the Western Bundjalung People native title claim group in Grafton for the purposes of authorising a consent determination as part of the settlement of the Western Bundjalung People's native title determination application.

WHERE IS THE PROPOSED CONSENT DETERMINATION?

The area proposed to be subject of the Consent Determination includes all of the land and waters within the external boundary of the Western Bundjalung People Native Title Determination Application (Federal Court Proceedings NSD2300/2011) as shown in the map below.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

All the descendants of the following apical ancestors:

Herbert 'Hunter' Avery (who was born in Grafton circa 1881)
King Bobby (who was born circa 1840s)
Queen Jinny Little (who was born in Yugilbar in 1840)
Richard 'Old Dick' Donnelly (who was born in Timbarra circa 1870)
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and persons adopted or incorporated into the families of those persons and who identify as and are accepted as Western Bundjalung People in accordance with Western Bundjalung traditional laws and customs (and the biological descendants of any such adopted or incorporated persons).

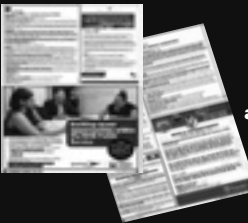
The AGENDA for the meeting is:

- To provide an update on the proposed consent determination;
- To confirm the decision making process for the authorisation of the proposed consent determination;
- To consider and make decisions in relation to the authorisation of the proposed consent determination recognising Western Bundjalung People's native title rights and interests; and
- Any other business as determined by Western Bundjalung People.

Confirming your attendance

Mileage assistance and accommodation will also be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP's policies. **Please note that accommodation will be provided based on completed meeting registration forms received or confirmed details by telephone.**

Please confirm your attendance at this meeting by contacting NTSCORP on **Freecall 1800 111 844** or **(02) 9310 3188** by no later than **20 April 2017** so that all relevant arrangements can be made. email: cfc@ntscorp.com.au



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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland



National Native Title Tribunal

Notification day: 19 April 2017

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003 **on or before 18 July 2017**. After **18 July 2017**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Gurambilbarra Wulgurukaba People v State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD623/2016

Date filed: 11 August 2016

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.

Description: The agreement area covers approx. 1,360 sq km from Townsville to Rollingstone extending westerly to the Paluma Range.

Relevant LGA: Townsville City Council.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Maree Otto on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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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
15/1531	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	501415	11.77HA	15km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 121° 14' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/1531	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	501416	25.10HA	15km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 121° 13' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
26/186	ZEEDAM ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	502476	199.29HA	29km N'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
29/649	MGK RESOURCES PTY LTD	502300	25.66HA	81km W'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 120° 29' E	MENZIES SHIRE
30/468	CARNEGIE GOLD PTY LTD	502722	167.60HA	50km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 120° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
38/3127	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	501330	123.01HA	11km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3127	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	501489	21.06HA	11km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 32' S Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3127	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	501625	47.80HA	11km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 122° 18' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3127	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	501632	161.14HA	11km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 34' S Long: 122° 18' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3127	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	501633	34.40HA	11km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 36' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3135	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	499213	239.89HA	40km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 15' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3136	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	501943	4.41HA	69km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 43' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 5 April 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 **5 July 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. 5 August 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 INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT
AUTHORISATION MEETING

Date and Time: Friday 28 April
2017 – 9:00am – 5:00pm

Venue: Grafton Community and
Function Centre
59 Duke Street Grafton NSW 2460



NTSCORP Limited, the native title service provider for NSW, is convening a meeting to authorise an Indigenous Land Use Agreement ("ILUA") in accordance with the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the land and waters bounded by Copmanhurst, the Clarence River and Washpool National Park to the south; the Rocky River, Malara State Forest and Bald Rock National Park to the west; slightly north of Drake, Tabulam and Mallanganee including Pretty Gully and the southern extremity of the Richmond Range National Park to the north and extending to the east to include Mallanganee National Park, Mount Marsh State Forest, the northern parcel of the Royal Camp State Forest and the western parts of Mount Neville Nature Reserve, Banyabba Nature Reserve and Fortis Creek National Park, on the north coast of NSW. The ILUA is proposed to be between the Western Bundjalung People and the State of NSW.

MAP OF THE ILUA AREA

The area proposed to be the subject of the ILUA is all of the land and waters within the external boundary of the Western Bundjalung People's native title determination application (Federal Court proceedings NSD2300/2011). This area is bounded by Copmanhurst, the Clarence River and Washpool National Park to the south; the Rocky River, Malara State Forest and Bald Rock National Park to the west; slightly north of Drake, Tabulam and Mallanganee including Pretty Gully and the southern extremity of the Richmond Range National Park to the north and extending to the east to include Mallanganee National Park, Mount Marsh State Forest, the northern parcel of the Royal Camp State Forest and the western parts of Mount Neville Nature Reserve, Banyabba Nature Reserve and Fortis Creek National Park, on the north coast of NSW, as shown in bold black line on the map below.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The following people are invited to attend the meeting to authorise the proposed ILUA:

- All the descendants of the following apical ancestors:
Herbert 'Hunter' Avery (who was born in Grafton circa 1881)
King Bobby (who was born circa 1840s)
Queen Jinny Little (who was born in Yugalbar in 1840)
Richard 'Old Dick' Donnelly (who was born in Timbarra circa 1870)
Jane 'Jenny' 'Barbin Boatshed' Brown (who was born in Baryulgil circa 1855)
Thomas 'Tom' Donnelly (who was born in Tenterfield circa 1877)
Thomas Gordon (who was born in Copmanhurst in 1870)
Ethel Bawden (who was born in Yugalbar in 1884)
Grace Kelly also known as Grace Lardner (who was born on the Orara River circa 1876)
Mariah Little (who was born in Baryulgil circa 1855)
William 'Billy' 'Charles' Charles (who was born circa 1860)
Harry Joseph Mundine (who was born in Tabulam in 1868)
Teresa Agnes 'Ponjam' Derry (who was born in Tabulam in 1872)
Mick 'Bucky' Robinson (who was born in Timbarra Tenterfield circa 1859)
Kate Gatton (who was born circa 1870)
Matilda 'Tilly' Gatton (who was born in Yugalbar in 1879)
Harry Walker (who was born circa 1850)
Jenny 'Ginny' Pearson (who was born circa 1860)
Alice Tindal also known as Alice Brown (who was born in Lionsville circa 1870)
William Pearson (who was born in Gordon Brook in 1872)

and persons adopted or incorporated into the families of those persons and who identify as and are accepted as Western Bundjalung People in accordance with Western Bundjalung traditional laws and customs (and the biological descendants of any such adopted or incorporated persons); and
any other Aboriginal person who asserts native title rights and interests within the areas proposed to be subject to the ILUA.

The AGENDA for this AUTHORISATION MEETING is as follows:

- To provide an update on ILUA negotiations;
To confirm the decision making process for the authorisation of the ILUA;
To consider and make decisions in relation to the authorisation of the ILUA; and
Any other business.

Confirming your attendance

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WATERNSW

LOWER LACHLAN GROUNDWATER
WATER SHARING PLAN

LOWER LACHLAN GROUND WATER
SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND/OR WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from PAUL NICHOLAS RENNIE for a Bore (Capacity 15ML/Day) on Lot 2 DP 1180971, Parish Huntawong, County Nicholson, for Irrigation purposes.

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. (A009736)

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808 Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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WATERNSW

MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER
WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from TANDOU LTD for additional pumps on the Murrumbidgee River being 1x510MM and 3x750MM, 7002//1052461, a storage dam on 1/1101217 and additional lands to be irrigated being 2/554325, 83/756782, 3/554323, 81/756782, 56/756782, 2/554323, 80/756782, 79/756782, 78/756782, 52/756782, 88/756782 and 37/756782 all Parish of Pevensey, County of Waradgergy. (A9732)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection. Any queries please call (02) 6951 2510 Tracie Scarfone, Water Regulation Officer. A06007

Notice of compensation applications
in relation to areas in the state
of Queensland

Notification day: 19 April 2017



National
Native Title
Tribunal

Applications have been made by the Wardingarri Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC on behalf of the Iman People #2, the Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC on behalf of the Butchulla People and the Wulli Wulli Nation Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC on behalf of the Wulli Wulli People, asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that each group is entitled, separately, to compensation for the loss, impairment, diminution or extinguishment of native title rights and interests over their lands in the areas described below.

Each group claims that their native title rights and interests were extinguished or affected by each previous compensable act that was done in the respective claim area. "Previous compensable act" means:

- a) a past act within the meaning of s 228 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) that is attributable to the State of Queensland and to which s 20(3) applies;
b) an intermediate period act within the meaning of s 232A of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) that is attributable to the State of Queensland and to which s 22G(2) applies;
c) a previous exclusive possession act within the meaning of s 23B of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) that is attributable to the State of Queensland and to which s 23J applies;
d) a previous non-exclusive possession act within the meaning of s 23F of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) that is attributable to the State of Queensland and to which s 23J applies;
e) a future act within the meaning of s 233 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) that is attributable to the State of Queensland and to which ss 24FA(2)(b), 24GB(8)(b), 24GD(5)(b), 24GE(5)(b), 24HA(6)(b), 24ID(2)(b), 24JAA(9)(b), 24JB(5)(b), 24KA(6)(b) or 24MD(4)(b) applies;
f) an act attributable to the State of Queensland that took place before 1 January 1994, that validly affects native title to any extent and for which the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth) applies to require the payment of compensation to native title holders; and
g) any invalid acts that have affected (within the meaning of s 227 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)) native title.

If native title rights and interests are found to have been affected, the Federal Court must determine whether any compensation is payable. Generally, compensation for any loss, impairment, diminution or extinguishment of native title rights and interests is payable by the Commonwealth, state or territory governments, however other persons/bodies may also be liable in extenuating circumstances.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, Brisbane, Queensland, 4003 on or before 18 July 2017. A person may also lodge a notice of intention to become a party (Form 5) in person at the Federal Court Registry, by facsimile, by eLodgment or by email: please see the Federal Court website for further details about these methods. After 18 July 2017, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Application name: Wardingarri Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC v State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD861/2016

Date filed: 15 November 2016

Description: The application area covers about 13,997 sq km, approx. 234 km north west of Toowoomba.

Relevant LGAs: Banana Shire Council, Central Highlands Regional Council, Maranoa Regional Council and Western Downs Regional Council



Application name: Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC v State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD877/2016

Date filed: 24 November 2016

Description: The application area covers about 1646 sq km of Fraser Island, north east of Maryborough.

Relevant LGA: Fraser Coast Regional Council



Application name: Wulli Wulli Nation Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC v State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD907/2016

Date filed: 25 November 2016

Description: The application area covers about 5,432 sq km, in the vicinity of Theodore.

Relevant LGAs: Banana Shire Council and North Burnett Regional Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Claire Smith or Sylvia Jagtman on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Ash's big pay rise



ASHLEIGH Gardner's arrival on the international cricket scene could not have been timed any better –

Australian women cricketers are about to get a huge pay rise.

International women cricketers will see their average pay increase from \$79,000 to \$179,000 from July 1.

By 2021, international women cricketers will be earning an average of \$210,000.

Cricket Australia has presented a ground-breaking remuneration and benefits proposal to the nation's professional male and female cricketers.

Professional career

It will mean that cricket will offer women the opportunity to have a fully professional sporting career at international and domestic levels, while the men will continue to be among the country's best paid sportsmen.

It will also provide flexibility to address underinvestment at grassroots levels.

Cricket Australia CEO James Sutherland said the offer was for a new five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and contained a number of landmark features.

"We are pleased that the Australian Cricketers Association agrees with us that women, for the first time, should be part of the MOU, and we have proposed a financial model that has gender equity at its heart," said Mr Sutherland.

"Under the proposal, women will receive an immediate average pay increase of more than 125%," Sutherland said.

"As a result, our international women cricketers will see their average pay increase from \$79,000 to \$179,000, as of July 1 this year. By 2021, we expect to see our international women cricketers earning an average of \$210,000.

"And our state female cricketers, playing Women's National Cricket League (WNCL) and Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) will see their average remuneration more than double from \$22,000 to \$52,000 this year.

"We will achieve gender equity by ensuring that the minimum and average hourly pay will be the same for state men and women in 2017-18.

"Match fees for the WNCL and the Matador Cup will be exactly the same: A one-day game for a state cricketer is worth the same to men and women.

"We are also introducing, for the first time, prizemoney for the WNCL of \$258,000 and the WBBL of \$309,000 this next summer."

In addition to the pay deals for women, Cricket Australia is proposing increased pay for all players.

Total potential remuneration for all players, including guaranteed and performance elements, will increase from \$311 million over the course of the current MOU period (2012-17) to \$419 million over the next MOU (2017-22), an increase of 35%.

Career planning

In addition, the value of other benefits available to players will increase, with a particular focus on career planning, and for the first time all players will have access to appearance payments to develop the game.

Sutherland said men who represented Australia on the international stage would see their average yearly retainer increase to \$816,000 by 2021-22.

With match fees and performance bonuses, the expected average income for these players (including BBL payments) would be \$1.45 million by 2021-22, an increase of 25% on 2016-17 (\$1.16 million).

Domestic male cricketers (state competitions and BBL) will also be earning an average of \$235,000 by 2021-22, up 18% from \$199,000 in 2016-17.

Players line up for a group photo before teeing off at the Kari charity golf day at the NSW Golf Club at Little Bay, near Botany Bay.



Focus on fun at golf day



TORRENTIAL rain gave way to glorious sunshine at the Kari annual charity golf day at the NSW Golf Club at Little Bay, Sydney, on Wednesday, March 15.

After a breakfast of bacon and egg rolls, about 60 players teed off in the four-ball ambrose event.

The winning team was the Illawarra Community, with Eora College runners-up. The men's nearest-the-pin was Nathan Danks, while Melina McCarthy was the women's nearest-the-pin.

George Longbottom hit the men's longest drive while Melina McCarthy doubled up to win the women's longest drive.



Blake Ralph shows his technique.



Left to right: Peter Legg, Danny Allende Jnr, Adam Cosgrove and Blake Solly on the tee.



Left to right: Roy Ah See, James Bell, Josh Mann, Scott Turnbull and Brian Brown.



Left to right: Corey Stewart, Jeff Taylor, Danny Allende and Alex Nean set to tee off.



Left to right: Danny Allende, Mia Matheson, Melina McCarthy, Bekir Kilic, Danny Allende Jnr and Ricky Walford.

Debutant off to flying start



PORT Adelaide's Sam Powell-Pepper wasted no time in putting his stamp on the Australian Football League

(AFL) season, being the round one Rising Star nominee.

Powell-Pepper booted two



Sam Powell-Pepper
Picture: Peter Argent

long-range goals in his club's 28-point win over the Sydney Swans at the Sydney Cricket Ground SCG on Saturday, March 25.

The 19-year-old midfielder gathered 19 possessions, managed seven clearances, and laid two tackles in his outstanding debut.

Powell-Pepper played for East Perth in the West Australian Football League (WAFL) and with Perth school Wesley College. He was Port Adelaide's second selection and 18th overall in the 2016 NAB AFL Draft.

Port coach Ken Hinkley also appreciated the hard edge Powell-Pepper showed.

"He's got lots of footy to play yet, but he certainly brings the aspect of the game that you love the most – that competitiveness," Hinkley said.

Port ruckman Patty Ryder was strong in his first competition game back from his anti-doping ban.

Chad Wingard and Aaron Young each kicked three goals.

Danyle Pearce reaches 250-game milestone

By CHRIS PIKE



DANYLE Pearce continues to defy critics, remaining a top-line

Australian Football League (AFL) player, and has further proven that by becoming the 11th Indigenous player to have reached 250 matches.

Pearce got his start with Port Adelaide in 2005, won the AFL Rising Star award a year later and has put together a tremendous career made up of 250 matches following the round-two match for Fremantle, up against his former side at Adelaide Oval.

Pearce joins a select group of Indigenous players to have reached 250 games in the AFL.

He is just the 11th player to reach the mark after Adam Goodes (372), Andrew McLeod (340), Shaun Burgoyne (320), Michael O'Loughlin (303), Gavin Wanganeen (300), Darryl White (268), Chris Johnson (264), Eddie Betts (254), Peter Matera (253) and Nicky Winmar (251).

It was only fitting that the 30-year-old brought up the 250-game milestone back in his home town against the team he began his career with.

Rookie listed

Pearce was put on the rookie list by Port Adelaide at the end of 2004, played two games in 2005 and then really made his mark in 2006, playing 22 matches and winning the AFL Rising Star award.

By 2007, he was an emerging star in the AFL and a key part of Port Adelaide's run all the way to the grand final before coming up against a dominant Geelong in the decider.

Pearce continued to be a regular Port Adelaide player racking up 154 games at the

Power before opting to join Fremantle via free agency at the end of 2012.

He fitted in immediately at the Dockers with Ross Lyon as coach and helped the team to their first ever grand-final appearance. Again that premiership remained elusive, this time with Hawthorn prevailing.

Fremantle has never quite been able to get back there, but Pearce has remained a stable member of the side and has now played 96 games with the Dockers and 250 overall in the AFL – much to his credit.

Pearce is proud of how hard he worked initially to get a chance in the AFL off the rookie list and to now be a 250-game player.

Proud

"I'm not sure what my chances were when I started but I'm very proud of where I've come from and where I started. To be able to stand up and say that I've worked to stand here at this stage of my career is fantastic," Pearce said.

"When you start to reach these sort of milestones, it gives you the first real chance in your career to reflect on some things.

"You don't really appreciate having the privilege to play alongside some of the all-time greats in the AFL.

"But at Port, I got to play alongside the Chad and Kane Cornes, Shaun and Peter Burgoyne, Warren Tredrea, Gavin Wanganeen, Byron Pickett, and was coached by Mark Williams.

"And now at Freo, I have played with Matthew Pavlich, Luke McPharlin, Aaron Sandilands, David Munday and Nat Fyfe.

"That is something that hits you when you're thinking back."



Danyle Pearce kicks for Port Adelaide. Picture: Peter Argent

Gillespie to return to England for short stint

Jason Gillespie
Picture: Peter Argent



JASON Gillespie is to return to English domestic cricket, this

time as a short-term bowling coach for Kent.

Gillespie is a dual County Championship-winning coach, having overseen Yorkshire's back-to-back titles in 2014 and 2015, will join the staff at Canterbury in time for the start of the 2017 campaign on April 7.

"Obviously, I moved back to Adelaide for family reasons last

year but the opportunity to assist Kent on a short-term basis was one that I couldn't resist and works well with my current situation," Gillespie said.

"I look forward to helping (head coach) Matt Walker and (captain) Sam Northeast over the next couple of months until I hand over the reins to Allan Donald."

The 41-year-old will cover for former South Africa fast bowler Donald, who was appointed assistant coach two months ago, but is still awaiting a visa to work in the UK.

"To get Jason on board is a brilliant coup for us," Walker said.

"To have an ex-head coach come into our ranks is great for me and the lads.

"His bowling expertise is like-for-like with Allan."

Gillespie again coached Adelaide Strikers in this summer's Big Bash League and took the reins as bowling coach during Australia's T20 series against Sri Lanka, joining forces with former Test teammates Justin Langer and Ricky Ponting.

Magpies go back to

Story and pictures by
PETER ARGENT



MULUWURRI
Magpies coach
Scotty Daniels and
players lifted the
Maurice Rioli Cup for
the second
successive season

after an enthralling Tiwi Island
Australian football grand final at
Wurrumiyanga Oval, Nguuu, on
Sunday, March 19.

Playing the Tapalinga
Superstars in the Tiwi Island
Football League (TIFL) season
decider, the Magpies engineered a
three-goal break by half-time, but
a third-quarter surge by the
Superstars had just five points
separating the combatants at the
final interval.

While Tapalinga kicked a late
goal to bring the margin back to 10
points, the Magpies displayed their
authority in the final term with
three goals in a space of five
minutes to collect the premiership,
8.9 (57) to 6.11 (47).

Rodney Moreen followed in his
sibling Lindsey's footsteps,

winning the Brother Pye Medal for
best-on-ground in the grand final.

"It means a lot for me to copy
my brother," Rodney Moreen said.
"I feel really proud."

The experienced Ray Farmer
and Lindsey Moreen each kicked
two goals in the victory.

Among the many strong
performers for the victors were the
diminutive and helmeted Mickey
Lorenzo, Douglas Millar, Shane
Austral and Kieran Desantos.

Chris Warlapinni, wearing the
number 23 jumper, was among the
leading players for the Superstars,
along with Allen Karinauia, who
slotted through two of Tapalinga's
six goals.

Others who fought valiantly for
the defeated included Michael
Morgan, Jake Babui and Kyle
Darcy.

The Magpies now have three
TIFL titles, with their first success
being in 2006-07 when they beat
the Imalu Tigers by a massive 80
points.

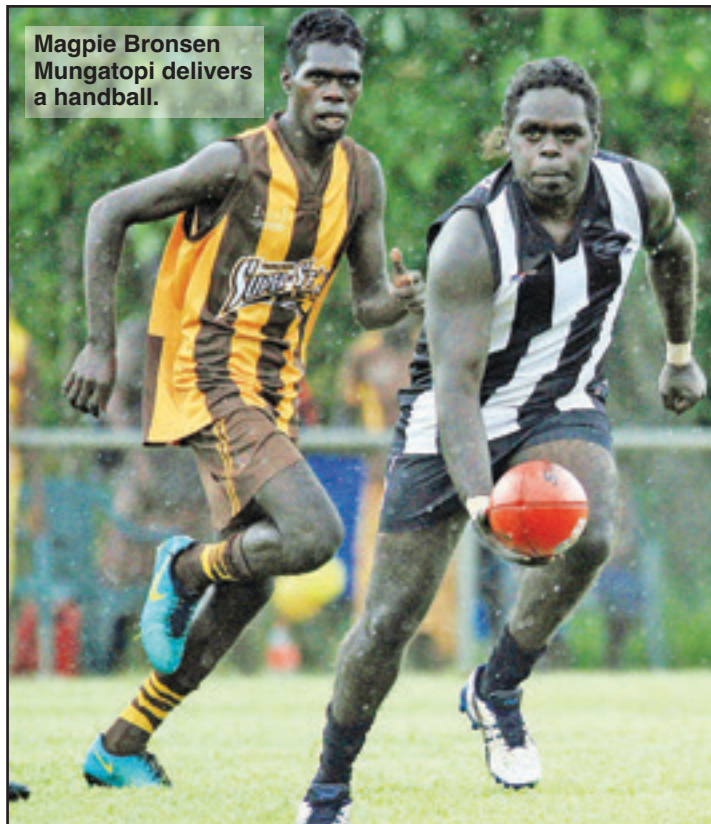
The Tiwi Islands Football
League started in the 1969-70
season with Tapalinga winning the
inaugural crown.



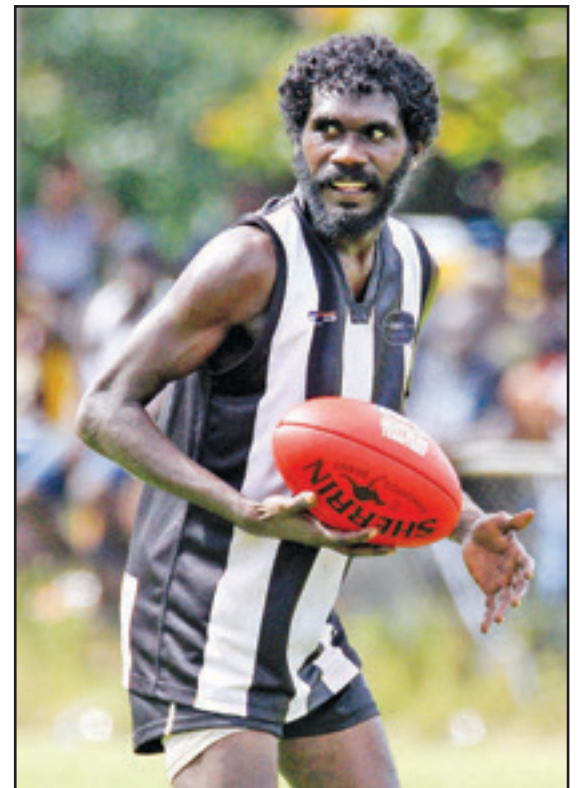
Magpie Lindsey Moreen is tackled by Herman Tipiloura.



How sweet it
is... The
Magpies' Ray
Farmer lifts up
John Moreen in
triumph.



Magpie Bronsen
Mungatopi delivers
a handball.



The Magpies' Lindsey Moreen looks to attack.



Magpies Coach Scotty Daniels, centre left, and his players celebrate post game.



Ted Whitten Medallist joint winners of the TIFL best and fairest medal for 2016-17 - Clement Kerinauia, left and Harley Puruntatameri, right - with E J Whitten Jnr.

back in Tiwi decider

Muluwurri Magpies celebrate at the final siren.



The curtain raiser was between two Tiwi Islands women's teams.



Magpie Ray Farmer is tackled by Kyle Darcy.



Chris Warlapinni takes possession for the Tapalinga Superstars.

Fitzroy Stars shine

By JILLIAN MUNDY



AHEAD of this weekend's (Victorian) Northern Football League and Murray Football League opening rounds of the season, the Fitzroy Stars

have taken out the Alf Bamblett Cup in a pre-season match against Rumbalara at the Sir Douglas Nichols Oval at Thornbury, 7km north-east of Melbourne.

The two Aboriginal football sides, from the Northern Football League and the Murray Football League, have met for the friendly warm-up matches for decades, and the cup for the past four years.

The cup was named in honour of former Stars president and player, proud Yorta Yorta/Bangerang/Wiradjuri leader Dr Alf Bamblett, who died in 2015.

Dr Bamblett's wife, Aunty Muriel, who presented the cup, said her late husband saw football as much more than a game.

"It's about young men and teaching them and mentoring them. It was about what you learn on the ground, about how you make sure that you look after your mates and you look after our community," Aunty Muriel said.

"There's so many benefits.

"These young people are not only footballers, they're dads, really good parents. They're role models. They're

mentoring other kids. There's so many wins out on this field."

She said players had to sign up for white ribbon and commit to no violence against women. They also worked with children in care.

"Going clean, doing well"

"I've seen kids with huge drug issues, in and out of prison, then playing out here and going clean and doing well," she said.

The day is just as much about bringing families together as preparing for the season.

In what is set to become a regular part of the day, two games of netball provided a curtain-raiser to the football match, with

the Stars and Rumba winning one game each.

Stars versus Rumba football matches have seen cousins up against cousins, and even brothers up against brothers; many players having played for both sides at times, with strong family ties dating back to the days of the Cummeragunja Aboriginal Reserve.

Both teams are raring to go for this weekend's opening games in the Murray and Northern Football Leagues – Rumba with new coach former Essendon player Nathan Lovett-Murray at the helm, and the Stars after being knocked out of last year's semifinal by one point after the siren.



Rumbalara's Dom Wescombe and Fitzroy Star's Cerrin Karpany reach for possession.



All up but no luck: Josh Wanganeen, Bradie Cook and Brian Hutchinson.



Hedley Smith and Anthony Walker compete for a mark.



Rumbalara (Shepperton) and Fitzroy Allstars.

against Rumbalara



Fitzroy Stars and Rumbalara netballers get together after the friendly pre-season matches.



Club presidents Esme Bamblett (Rumbalara) and Paul Briggs (Fitzroy Stars) with the contested cup before the football match.



Rumbalara's Steph Beckhurst backs off as Kiara Graham grabs the ball.



Baden Bux attempts to drag Jye Karpany to the ground.



Thomas Higgins, Mervyn Fernando and Josh Calyun get down and dusty in the scramble for the ball.

Green Machine's

Stories and pictures by
PETER ARGENT



WITH a 79% participation rate in grand finals since 1952, Darwin's St Mary's Australian Football Club can lay claim to being Australia's most successful sporting club.

St Mary's have won 32 Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) grand finals from 49 appearances in its 65-year history.

More recently, they have built up a modern-day rivalry with the co-tenants at

Marrara Oval, the Wanderers, this year playing in the fourth successive NTFL Premier League decider in a row.

This time the Green Machine were clearly superior, winning 13.7 (85) to 4.13 (37).

Coach Rick Nolan, in his preview of the game, noted the changes from last year's squad included the speed he brought into the group and the depth of his squad.

This proved to be right on the money as Mikey Coombes, Francis Kinthare, Norwood (SANFL) recruit Anthony Wilson, and 2016-17 NTFL rookie of the year Chris Yarran gave the Saints plenty of outside dash.

Jack Long, a third-generation Saint with a rich history at the club, having his dad and six uncles play in premierships for the Green Machine, played his milestone 100th NTFL game and was strong in defence.

Shannon Rioli displayed plenty of composure after an early undisciplined mistake which earned the wrath of his coach at quarter-time.

Up forward for the Saints, Darren 'Boof' Ewing proved his value with a goal in each quarter.

For the Muk Muk Eagles, Adelaide import Marlon Motlop was their stand out, giving plenty of run from his wing.

Other members of the Motlop clan, Thomas and skipper Aaron were conspicuous, but an early injury to the mercurial Liam Patrick didn't help their structure in attack.

Mitchell Taylor and Neil Vea Vea were stoic in the contest.

St Mary's were minor premiers.

Wanderers had a hard road to the grand final, playing three games in 12 days after the second semifinal was postponed because of a cyclone threat.

St Mary's kicked three of the first four goals in the opening 10 minutes before the rest of the first half became a game of attrition.

Big day for Aaron, but few chocolates

IT was a day of mixed emotions for Wanderers Eagles (Muk Muk) captain Aaron Motlop.

It began on a high note when Motlop was honoured with life membership of the Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) at the league's grand final breakfast.

Life membership was in recognition of his celebrated career, having played 200 Premier League and Northern Territory Thunder games.

The honour also coincided with the Wanderers celebrating their centenary year.

"I have been playing A grade since I was 16 and it is a pretty huge honour," Motlop told the *Koori Mail*.

"It is an accolade I will look back on with a lot of pride.

"Also, my second son, Brandon, was born on Thursday, March 9, during the middle of finals, so it's been a big couple of weeks."

After his life membership presentation, it was down to business for Motlop.

There were two more big occasions ahead on that day.

The first was directing the Wanderers under 18s side in their grand final against the powerful Southern District.

It didn't go the Eagles' way, with Eagles Motlop coach watching Southern District run away to a 51-point victory.

Motlop didn't have time to dwell



Aaron Motlop, the Wanderers Eagles under 18 coach, pictured on grand final day.

on that disappointment – he then led the Muk Muk Eagles into battle in the Premier League grand final clash with St Mary's.

Motlop won the toss and was among best players for the Wanderers, but the Eagles endured the agony of grand-final defeat for the second year in a row.

But his journey in Australian football has had its highs: He was a member of the Muk Muk team of the century announced in January; he won the NTFL (2010-11 and 2014-15 with Wanderers), and the 2011 and 2015 NEAFL premierships with NT Thunder.



● **ABOVE:** St Mary's players line up for the national anthem.

● **LEFT:** Francis Kinthare celebrates his premiership-sealing goal for the Green Machine.

● **BELOW LEFT:** In the under 18s grand final, Southern Districts' Brandon Rusca is poised and focused.

● **BELOW:** Jabiru Bombers' Nicholas Bangarr chases the ball in the Division II grand final against the Banks Bulldogs.



Aaron Motlop leads the Wanderers Eagles into battle in the NTFL Premier League grand final.

amazing record



Aussie rules great Russell Jeffery with the Jeffery Medallist for the under 16 Hickman match, Phanuphong Bon-Biniat



St Mary's Adrian Hale looks to kick in the Division I grand final against Waratahs, won convincingly by Waratahs.



Southern Districts under 18s premiership Indigenous players: from left, Izaak Wyatt, Jordan Waterbury, Aubree Olm, James Bell, Brandon Rusca and Ethan Baird.

Who won what:

WARATAHS were too strong in the Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) Division One decider, beating St Mary's by 50 points.

The Saints' only two goals came in the second quarter, as the Waratahs won handsomely, 10.11 (77) to 2.9 (21).

Waratahs had winners all over the ground, including Indigenous talents, on-baller Luke Davies and the solidly-built Marcus Valastro.

Former AFL star and Waratahs Premier League coach Michael 'Magic' McLean was on hand supporting the coaching staff.

The Jaburi Bombers were minor premiers in the Division Two competition, only enduring one defeat before the finals, but ran into an impressive Banks Bulldogs outfit on grand final day, going down by 35 points.

Better performance for the vanquished included Mishai Perry with two goals, the hard-running Kingston Naborlhborlh, Hayden Manakgu and Justin Cooper.

Seven goals to one ahead at half-time, the South Districts Crocs collected a handsome victory over Wanderers in the under 18s decider.

The final score was the Crocodiles 13.5 (83) to the Eagles 4.8 (32).

Among the Crocs' better players were midfielders Brandon Rusca and James Bell, while Ethan Baird delivered plenty of rebound from

defence. Jordan Waterbury was competitive aerially.

Dominic Grant and Junior Grant had their moments for the Muk Muk Eagles.

The under 16s Hinkman (Division One) contest between Wanderers and the Nightcliff Tigers was still on the line at the final break, with the Muk Mucs leading by five points.

The Eagles kicked four goals in the final term, with Phanuphong (Bon) Biniat leading the way, winning the Jeffery's Medal for best on ground.

The Nightcliff Tigers collected the U16 Leverage (Division II) premiership in a thriller, winning by one point against The Darwin Buff Light Blues, with best on ground honours going to Billy Bilbil.

Nightcliff junior success continued with a 30-point triumph in the under 14 Gundersen (Division I) decider, while the under 14 Lewfatt (Division II) it was an all Tigers affair with Gold defeating Black by 12 points.

At under 12s level, the Crocs (Division I Atkinson) and Bulls Light Blues (Division II Deslandes) enjoyed premiership success.

Before the Premier League game, Raven Marika, from Palmerston Magpies Football Club took out the 100-metre sprint in 11.25 seconds.

Zane Carter Edwards from the Darwin Buffaloes was second and third was the Wanderers' Tyler Brimacombe.



● LEFT: Raven Marika, from the Palmerston Magpies, takes out the NTFL grand final sprint in 11.25 seconds.



Medal presentation had to wait

TIM Mosquito wasn't at the Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) glittering end-of-season medal presentations, so the Nichols Medal presentation had to wait until grand final day.

That's when Mosquito, from the tiny East Kimberley Indigenous community of Warmun, formerly called Turkey Creek, collected the NTFL's highest individual honour for the 2016-17 season: the Nichols Medal for being judged the best and fairest player in the NTFL competition.

Mosquito was presented his medal by members of the Nichols family before the Premier League grand final at Marrara on March 18.

"Without his grandmother, he couldn't make it to the games," Waratahs president and his friend Trevor Oliver said.

"He lives with his wife and daughter at Turkey Creek. "As a player he has the full

package, with a strong understanding of the game and decision-making skills, along with leadership qualities.

"Tim played a rebounding role off the half back flank.

"He's a very humble and quiet person who everyone loves at the club ... just a very genuine person."

His grandmother would drive from her home 10 minutes outside of Kununurra – an hour, 50 minute trip one-way – to collect her son, and he would then take the one-hour flight to Darwin to don the red and white for the Waratahs.

He won a low Nichols Medal count with 15 votes – two ahead of Phillips Wills, from the Darwin Buffaloes, and former winner Nightcliff Tigers Troy Coates.

Mosquito polled nine votes in a golden month between rounds 11 and 14 to grab a three-vote lead with four rounds remaining.

The Nichols Medal is

named in honour of Joseph W Nichols, a long-time administrator of Australian football in the Northern Territory. The first best and fairest award was presented in 1947, but it became the Nichols Medal in 1949.



Waratah Tim Mosquito after being presented with the Nichols Medal.

Master and apprentice

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

THE recent battle between Johnathan Thurston and rising star Ashley Taylor in the National Rugby League (NRL) Titans clash with the Cowboys was compelling.

It was certainly a case of the master opposing the apprentice as one of the game's greats competed against one of the most exciting young players to emerge in the NRL in recent times.

Although the Cowboys were always going to win after bursting out of the blocks, it was the guile and vision of Taylor that brought the tenacious Titans back into the game.

Taylor's star continues to rise.

Heir apparent

With each game in the NRL, he looks more like the heir apparent to Thurston's Queensland No 7 jersey.

But the master was still able to show Ashley Taylor how it's done in what was a compelling duel.

Halves partners at the Indigenous All Stars a little more than a month ago, Thurston and Taylor went at each other all night and each enjoyed moments of success.

Taylor showed the respect that he holds Thurston in by handing back his kicking tee after a penalty goal in the first half, but he also showed no qualms in sending back-rower Kevin Proctor at Thurston at every opportunity.

Like the champion that he is, Thurston cut down Proctor just short of the line on one occasion and jolted the ball free with a strong tackle on another to go with the try that he scored in the fourth minute and the one he laid on for Kalyn Ponga just before half-time.

He was penalised for attacking the legs of Taylor after the 22-year-old had put up a bomb and had high praise for his development as a young half.

"There's no doubt he's got a big future ahead of him," Thurston said.

"It's always going to be the way when you're coming up against an exciting talent like him. It was nice to get one over him but certainly they sent a fair bit of

traffic down our way.

"There's obviously a lot of pressure on the young halves coming through now: how to manage games, how to close out games, how to get your team back into games as well. Each year he'll no doubt get better at that.

"They get thrust into the big time and they're still learning their footy."

From Taylor's perspective, he has shrugged aside any sense of the dreaded second-year syndrome, but knows he still has a long way to go before he can stand alongside the likes of Thurston and Cooper Cronk in the realms of the NRL's elite playmakers.

Despite the difficulties the Titans have faced in the opening three weeks of the season, Taylor has been a beacon of brilliance, almost single-handedly engineering an unlikely win against Newcastle in round 2 and then closing the deal against the Eels for the Titans to record an important win.

Against the Eels, Taylor showed his continued ability to produce the right play at the right time and he does this each game he plays.

Taylor celebrated his 22nd birthday by delivering a superb cut-out pass prior to Tyler Cornish's try just before half-time and then sparking Gold Coast's two second-half tries with clever kicks close to the Parramatta try-line.

Watching closely

While having his own style, Taylor continues to monitor closely the exploits of Thurston and Cronk so that he may one day join their ilk.

He has studied Cronk via video and was given a priceless education on Thurston's mastery by spending a week with the North Queensland half during Indigenous All Stars camp and desperately wants to influence the Titans as they do the Storm and Cowboys respectively.

His examination, however, comes on the field and it is safe to say he got more than a pass mark for his game against the Cowboys.

But he knows that he has a way to go before he matches Thurston and Cronk.

"That's where I want to get to. Obviously I'm not there yet. I'm only new to the NRL so hopefully one day I can get to that," Taylor said of having an impact on a game the way Cronk and Thurston do.

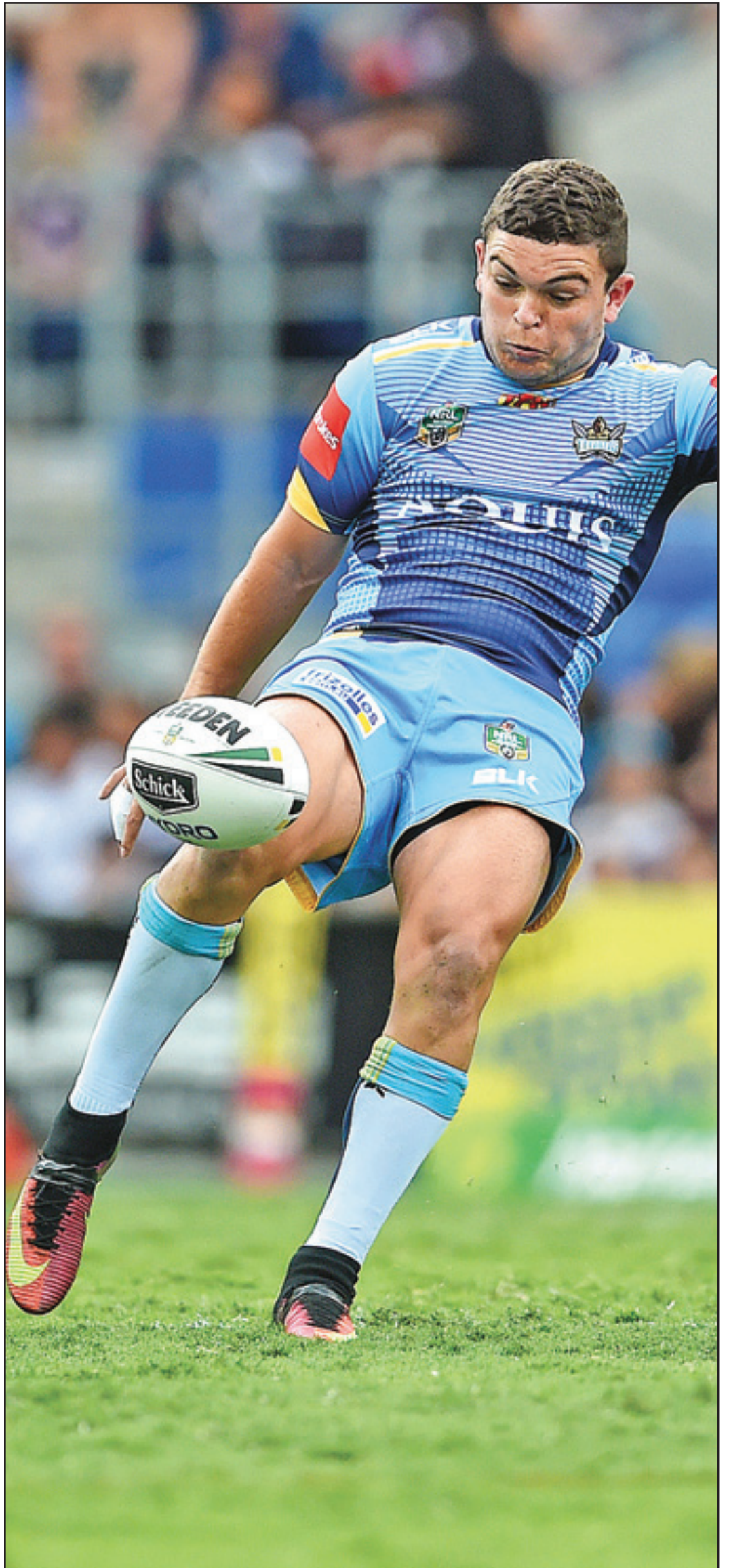
"That's the long-term goal for me to get there, but in the short term I just want to keep working on my game and making sure that I get my prep right and the boys are on their game as well.

"I'm just getting more experience now and starting to learn more of what to do and when to do it.

"Obviously, learning off the best in the game in JT, Cooper Cronk, they do it very good and that's what I want to do. I want to be one of those players so I've got to keep learning each week."

Taylor is confident in his own ability but he also knows that he is still an apprentice.

A few more master classes from JT can see him establish himself as one of the top players in the game.



Ashley Taylor kicks during the round-22 NRL game against the New Zealand Warriors at Robina in August, 2016. Picture: AAP

Harold to line up in London Marathon



FOR the first time, an Indigenous Australian will line up in this year's London Marathon on April 23.

Thursday Islander Harold Matthew couldn't believe his good fortune when Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) founder Rob de Castella rang him and invited him to run in the famous London event.

Matthew, a 2014 graduate of the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP), was chosen for his commitment towards developing running groups and encouraging local people to embrace a healthy lifestyle.

He said the phone call from de Castella left him feeling "over the moon and a bit emotional".

"I just need to focus on clocking the kilometres and preparing my body for the long runs," he said.

"I am so proud to represent the whole of Australia, Indigenous people, and my Torres Strait and Thursday Island communities. It's something I will carry for the rest of my life."

De Castella said that while it was difficult selecting a single person from the growing pool of 65 IMP graduates, it came down to choosing someone who had not only made an extraordinary contribution to the IMF, but was fit enough to run a marathon in just four weeks.

"Harold has continued to exemplify our 'Run Sweat Inspire' message and has always been ready, willing and able to step up

and do whatever is needed to spread ripples of health, fitness and pride through his community," de Castella said.

"London is one of the great marathons of the world, and it's an amazing opportunity for us to send one of our IMP graduates to do it."

IMP runners complete the New York City Marathon as part of their year with the program, and graduates have gone on to run international marathons around the world, including Athens, Berlin, Boston, Tokyo, Paris, Maui, and Frankfurt, but a London Marathon entry has proved elusive.

All that will change on April 23, when, thanks to the generous support of an IMF contributor, Matthew runs across the finish line and into the history books, just like

Australia's first touring cricket side all 150 years earlier.

The IMP is a program of the Indigenous Marathon Foundation, a not-for-profit foundation established in 2010 by world marathon champion Robert de Castella. The IMP relies on the generous support of the Australian Government Department of Health, Department of Regional Australia, local Government, Arts and Sport, Qantas, ASICS, Accor, Good Oil Films and the generosity of the Australian public.

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Harold Matthew

On fire with Flames

By CHRIS PIKE



BASKETBALL star Leilani Mitchell continues to bring success to wherever she goes, having won her first Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) championship leading the Sydney Uni Flames to the title.

Mitchell was playing her first season with the Flames and initially only came on board because of some injury trouble to some key backcourt players.

The result was a supremely competent group that the Flames put together and they won their last 12 matches to end up beating the Dandenong Rangers in the grand final.

That brought the Flames the club's fourth championship in the WNBL, but the first since becoming known as the Sydney Uni Flames in 2003.

In 1993 and 1997 when they won titles, they were known as just the Sydney Flames, and in 2001 the Sydney Panthers.

For Mitchell too, it was her first title in the WNBL in just her fourth season in the league.

Her first season was in 2013-14 with the Dandenong Rangers before joining the Flames the next season for the first time. She then played for the Adelaide Lightning in the 2015-16 season and returned to Sydney Uni this year.

In between she continued to play in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) in America and representing the Australian Opals, notably at the Rio Olympic Games last year.

Her season with the Flames, though, in the WNBL continued to show why she is one of Australia's best basketball players.

Mitchell averaged 16.0 points, 6.0 assists and 3.8 rebounds a game. And, in the two grand final games that Sydney Uni won over Dandenong, she combined for 30 points and 10 assists.

Mitchell has enjoyed coming to play in Australia for the first time over the past three years, but wants basketball to ensure that it doesn't get overtaken with the grown of the AFL, netball and cricket in terms of women's sport.

"Getting the game on TV is another big step that other sports have been able to do. We have to increase the visibility of the league because when they see it, they do like what they see and want to see more," Mitchell said.

"But we need to get them to be able to see it, whether it's in person or on TV.



Leilani Mitchell attacks in the Women's National Basketball League in 2014. Picture: Peter Argent

Netball is one sport that has done a deal for their women and I hope we can follow them and get even better. We need to give you women dreams to aim for.

"There are few other women's team

sports as successful as the Opals have been and our athletes make this one of the best leagues in the world. To have a semi-pro league is something we need to work on. We have the stars here and we need

to keep growing.

"Hopefully by next season we'll be back on TV and I'd like to have a minimum wage for the girls like those other sports do. These are our two biggest issues."

New benchmarks

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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It was not too long ago when some Australian Football League (AFL) recruitment staff would be wary of recommending

young Indigenous players because they were 'too much work'.

The game continues to make advances in providing appropriate support and genuine pathways for Indigenous kids to make it to the AFL.

Statistics continue to show that Indigenous players are 'overrepresented' given that our population is only 3% of the nation's total number.

You would know that I have always argued that this is as much the product of hard work on the part of these players as it is the result of 'natural ability'.

The other myth has also been that you can have too many Indigenous players in your list and that you need to maintain a 'balance' of players.

I am glad to see Fremantle Dockers continue to challenge this assumption.

Fremantle now has over 25% of its playing list being of Indigenous heritage.

Inaugural Fremantle coach Gerard Neesham says the Dockers are making a powerful statement about Aboriginal

representation in the AFL.

Neesham, who runs the Clontarf Foundation which uses footy to try to improve the lives of young Aboriginal men, said the Dockers had a platform to send a compelling message and overturn traditional thinking.

"I'm very proud of the club. It's a great statement. This is just an exceptionally large number which is incredible," Neesham said.

AFL destination

"This is a culmination of a lot of work. A heap of work has gone in over a long, long period of time to make the AFL a destination, at least in the mind of young Aboriginal boys.

"There was a lot of talk of how difficult Aboriginal players were to manage, to settle in and it probably was very hard for the blokes to go from WA to Victoria to live and move away from family.

"In the early days, that would have been a reasonable perception, that it would be a risk taking an Aboriginal player.

"Now I think there's a lot less risk. These guys are professional. They look after themselves.

"What you're seeing from all the players — whether they're Aboriginal or not — is a higher level of professionalism and they're getting paid a heck of a lot of money to do it."

Fremantle has generally had a strong Aboriginal presence since Neesham put the first squad together in 1994.

The Dockers could set a new record in their season opener, with the Hill brothers, Hamling, Michael Walters, Harley Bennell, Michael Johnson, Alex Pearce, Danyle Pearce and Shane Yarran all considered first-choice players.

Johnson, Yarran and Hamling came through Clontarf programs.

"It's a fantastic group of footballers. That's what I'm more excited about," Neesham said.

"All of those names are wonderfully exciting players and hopefully they can stay fit, because as a group, if those blokes stayed fit, they would

really add enormously to Fremantle when you put in Aaron Sandilands and Nat Fyfe and the other players.

"There's been a nature of circumstance about it, but I think the fact is that Fremantle since its inception has had a ... great relationship and openness to have Aboriginal players."

The Dockers fielded seven Indigenous players — Des Headland, Jeff Farmer, Antoni Grover, Troy Cook, Roger Hayden, Steven Koops and Dion Woods — in six games under Chris Connolly in 2003.

That record was equalled by Port Adelaide in 2015.

As good as this representation is, it is important to remember the larger legacy of programs like Clontarf.

There are individuals in these programs who may not have reached the AFL, but they have succeeded in gaining a good education and are now leaders in their own communities.

That's where the real new benchmarks are being set.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Healesville hosts footy, netball



IT was a day of football and netball action and community fun when Eastern Health hosted its Closing the Gap family sports day at Healesville on Sunday, March 5.

For the record, the Community Team defeated Eastern Health by 75 points in the football match.

An exciting netball grand final ended in a

draw between Eastern Health and the Community Team.

Eastern Health Aboriginal liaison officer Jo Voce said the day was about much more than sport.

"The Closing the Gap family sports day was a great chance for the local community to connect with respect and celebrate the spirit of reconciliation," she said.

"It was great to see people turn out to celebrate this important event."

Ms Voce said the day provided an opportunity for the local Aboriginal community to find out more about the diverse range of services they can access through Eastern Health.

"As the leading healthcare service in the region, we understand how important it is to provide quality care to the local Indigenous community. The work of our dedicated Aboriginal Health Team is an example of this," she said.

"The family sports day is just one way Eastern Health can play its part in closing the health gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

As well as sport and community health information, other highlights from the day included a Welcome to Country by Auntie Joy Murphy, lots of family entertainment, and special guest appearances by Olympians Nova Peris and Kyle Vander-Kuyp.



The Community Team and Eastern Health battle it out in a game of Australian rules football at the Closing the Gap sports day at Healesville.



An Eastern Health defender attempts to thwart a shot at goal in the women's netball match.

Aussie pair falls short of Olympics



WORLD junior champions Harley Windsor and Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya have narrowly missed gaining Australia a figure skating

pairs berth at next year's Winter Olympics in the first stage of qualification.

The pair reached the finals to finish 16th overall at the world championships in Helsinki last Thursday (Friday AEDT).

The event decided 16 of 20 places at February's Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, but in a qualifying system weighted towards top-ranked countries, China, Russia and Canada were awarded additional places.

Despite having only two pairs competing in Helsinki, the three powerhouses were each granted berths for three pairs at the Olympics, leaving only another seven spots up for grabs for the other competing nations.

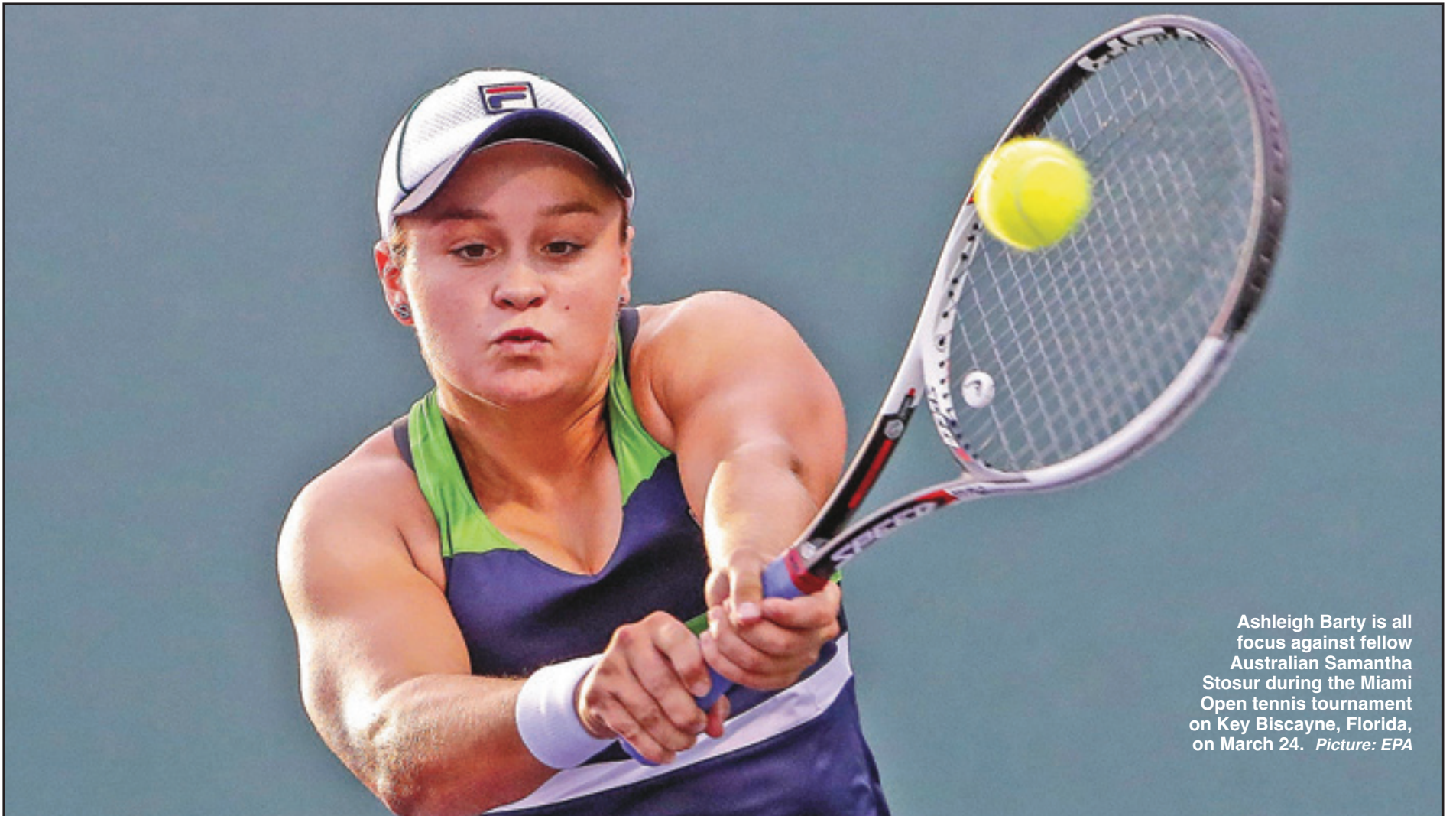
The Australians have a final chance to qualify at an International Skating Union event in September, where the last four spots will be determined.

Windsor, an Indigenous 20-year-old from western Sydney, and Moscow product Alexandrovskaya – who does not yet have Australian citizenship – teamed up last month to be crowned the country's first world junior champions.

They completed a triple twist, throw

triple flip and throw triple salchow in last Thursday's final, but fell attempting a side-by-side triple salchow and side-by-side triple toe, finishing with a score of 164.10.

Chinese duo Wenjing Sui and Cong Han took gold with a total of 232.06 points, ahead of Germany's Aliona Savchenko and Bruno Massot (230.30) in second, with the bronze medal going to Evgenia Tarasova Vladimir Morozov (219.03) of Russia. – AAP



Ashleigh Barty is all focus against fellow Australian Samantha Stosur during the Miami Open tennis tournament on Key Biscayne, Florida, on March 24. Picture: EPA

Barty continues comeback trail



AUSTRALIAN tennis comeback star Ashleigh Barty stretched her winning streak

to eight matches by beating former top-five player Eugenie Bouchard at the Miami Open.

The Australian wildcard prevailed 6-4 5-7 6-3 on centre court, continuing the rich form that earned her a first WTA Tour title at the Malaysian Open and setting up a first-ever clash with

countrywoman Sam Stosur in the second round.

But that's when it ended, with Barty beaten 6-4 6-4 on Saturday, March 25.

"I love Miami," Barty said after eliminating Bouchard.

First time

"It's the first time I've played singles here, so it's really exciting for me. It's certainly nice to play on a beautiful centre court like this."

Barty, 20, was off the tour for

about 18 months, including a stint playing cricket but has come back better than ever and is ranked a career-high 91 after triumph in Kuala Lumpur.

Her match up against 23-year-old Canadian Bouchard, ranked 56, was a battle of past junior Wimbledon champions.

Bouchard reached No 5 in 2014, the year she was the runner-up at Wimbledon and reached the semifinals at two other grand slam tournaments.

But her recent form has gone

in the opposite direction to Barty's and she exited in the first round for a fourth straight tournament.

"I think I was able to be very aggressive on returns and use my forehand," Barty said after his first-round win.

"It came with a few errors as well, but I knew I needed to be aggressive to give myself a chance and I think I did that today.

She was looking forward to a clash with former US Open

champion Stosur, who has slipped to No 19 in the world following patchy poor form this year.

"It'll be nice to play Sam. We've practised a lot together in the past but never played against each other."

In the women's doubles, Barty and compatriot Casey Dellacqua bowed out in the round of 16, beaten 6-2 6-3 by Czech-born Martina Hingis (Switzerland) and Chan Yung-jan (Taiwan) – *With AAP*



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Footy is here



early in the season.

THE footy season is in full swing with the National Rugby League (NRL) and the Australian Football League (AFL) turning on some thrillers

Three Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) blockbusters helped the AFL smash the record by almost 30,000 for a single-round attendance.

A total of 400,401 patrons attended the season's opening round, easily passing the previous record of

371,212 set in round 15, 2013.

Essendon's shock win over Hawthorn drew the biggest crowd, with 78,294 witnessing the match at the MCG.

Richmond's season-opening win over Carlton (73,137) and the Bulldogs' win over Collingwood (66,254) also

played crucial roles in setting the new record.

Meanwhile, the NRL competition is shaping up as another beauty, with upsets being a feature of early rounds.

The Melbourne Storm remains the only unbeaten side after five rounds.



Rabbitoh Alex Johnston in action against the North Queensland Cowboys in round five of the NRL at Townsville on Friday, March 31. Picture: AAP



Port Adelaide's Chad Wingard celebrates another goal during the round one AFL match against the Sydney Swans at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday, March 25. Picture: AAP

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