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Students in Anzac Ride for Pride



STANLEY Kenny and Marley Kantawara, pictured at left dressed in Australian Light Horse uniforms, were two of 36 Ntaria School students to take part in this year's 'Aranda Tribe Ride for Pride' from Ntaria (Hermannsburg) to Alice Springs to mark Anzac Day.

The seven-day ride, started in 2015, has a dual purpose – to acknowledge the role of Indigenous people in the defence forces, and the Central Desert brumbies used by the Light Horse Infantry during World War I.

It's also proved a valuable student engagement strategy, leading to solid school attendance by students.

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Native title hope



National Native Title Council chief executive Glen Kelly.

Relief as all sides come to table



AN agreement appears close on changes to the *Native Title Act*.

The need for changes has resulted from a Federal Court decision which created uncertainty for more than 120 Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) registered under the Act between 2010 and 2017. And there were fears it could possibly have even further-reaching consequences.

It had appeared the Coalition Government and Labor had reached agreement on changes, until the Government attempted further Act amendments, leading to Labor withdrawing its support.

Labor Senator Pat Dodson, a Yawuru man, stepped up, resulting in a meeting last week between native title group representatives and Government and Opposition parliamentarians.

National Native Title Council chief executive

Glen Kelly told the *Koori Mail* that, following the meeting, he believes a legislative solution to the impasse is close.

"The general consensus is that the amendment is very important because a lot of traditional owner groups across the country are really severely affected by the (Federal Court) decision, and in their interests it really needs to be fixed," he said.

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My FAMILY Krystal Lamont – Devonport, Tas



I AM a Tasmanian aged 17 and live with my father Bernie at Devonport beside Bass Strait. That's us pictured above.

Dad is an Aboriginal man aged 44 who was born on Palm Island in north Queensland and was fostered by Dr Phillip Lamont and his wife Kerry at a young age.

His younger brother Colin lives at Latrobe which is about 10km from Devonport and I often visit his sons Lewis and Winston, who are my cousins.

I am very proud of my Aboriginal heritage and when I was younger used to have the name 'Duk Duk'.

I went to Geneva Christian College down here and then to Don College, leaving school at 16. I am looking for work which is very hard to come by in Tasmania, especially for young people.

As I love cooking I am hoping to find a job in the hospitality industry either as a kitchen hand, a cook or a chef's assistant.

Dad loves cooking in that capacity and I

have inherited my interest from him. My favourite dish is shepherds pie.

When Dad lived in Queensland he got to serve food to Prince Andrew and his then wife 'Fergie'.

My other enjoyment is going to the local cricket in the district to watch Dad play, and I have made lots of friends through that.

I also love visiting my cousins and uncle Colin and watch them play around with drones which were given to them as Christmas gifts.

My other great loves are my pet dogs, Boof and Chockie, but I also have a green parrot and a rabbit. I'd like a mouse, but Dad has drawn the line at that.

Over the years I have visited Sydney and Melbourne but I live in a beautiful part of Australia at East Devonport and always return here.

At some stage in the not too distant future I would like to visit Palm Island with Dad and meet other members of his family.

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OUR CHILDREN



Jai Russell leads the shadow march on Anzac Day in Canberra, bringing attention to the Frontier Wars. Full report and more pictures, page 31

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Logie to clever Collins



DARWIN actor Robbie Collins has taken out the 2017 Logie for Best New Talent in Australia.

Collins, whose family comes from the Tiwi Islands, has undertaken a variety of roles during his career, including as Waruu West in the ABC science-fiction production *Cleverman* and as King Mufasa in a stage production of *The Lion King*.

"I am feeling pretty over the moon, slightly relieved and just ecstatic," he told the ABC following the win.

"To all the Territorians watching at home, thank you. This award here is ours."

Collins said part of *Cleverman's* appeal was that it was an Indigenous story with a great cast and crew, Indigenous directors and an Indigenous creator.

He spoke in in Tiwi language while accepting his Logie award.

● **Pictured: Rob Collins, second from right, with fellow *Cleverman* cast members, from left, Hunter Page-Lochard, Rarriwuy Hick, Ryan Griffen, and Adam Briggs at the Logie Awards ceremony.**

Walking tall in the ACT

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE Australian Capital Territory has launched its first justice reinvestment program, Yarrabi Bamirr, a partnership between Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service and the ACT Government. Justice reinvestment is where funds that would have been spent on locking up people are diverted to programs to stop them becoming involved with the criminal justice system in the first place.

'Yarrabi Bamirr', the Ngunawal words for 'Walk Tall', is a holistic government and community services partnership designed to address the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the criminal justice system.

The Yarrabi Bamirr trial will focus on families at risk, assisting them to become self-managing, healthy and safe.

As part of the program, social health team staff from Winnunga Nimmityjah will work with families to co-design plans to address their needs in housing, health, justice, education and employment. Government support from identified agencies



Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service chief executive Julie Tongs attends the launch of the ACT's justice reinvestment trial.

will then be provided.

Winnunga chief executive Julie Tongs said the holistic approach was an important aspect of the trial.

"We need to be better at the way we do things," she said.

"We need to have services in there working with these families to ensure that they feel supported, that they are not being targeted because of racism, and to deal with all sorts of other issues.

"This is a real opportunity now to see what works. And there is an evaluation framework – that's

so important because it means in 12 months we can know what we've changed and what we could have done better."

ACT Justice Minister and Greens MP Shane Rattenbury told the *Koori Mail* that there were two main reasons for Yarrabi Bamirr.

"One, justice reinvestment is smart – you spend money up front to enable safer and better social outcomes for all," he said.

"And we specifically want to address the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in our corrections and justice system here in the ACT. We've seen over the past couple of years an increase in the number of Indigenous people in jail, although it has dropped a little in the past few months, and we need to try and stem that overall significant overrepresentation."

Mr Rattenbury said one of the important facets of the trial was the partnership with Winnunga.

"Winnunga has a very strong relationship with their clients and they work sensitively with people," he said.

"They're also going to be supported by the Aboriginal Legal Service, ACT Police, domestic violence crisis services and all relevant government departments."



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Carrying on the tradition



Aaron Everett and Adam Thompson are loaded with mutton birds (short-tailed shearwaters) they collected during the harvesting season on Big Dog Island in the Bass Strait. The Tasmanian Aborigines have been carrying on a centuries-old cultural tradition of harvesting the chicks, which are a favourite traditional food rich in omega 3 oils and other nutrients. But there are now concerns over the future of the annual custom. Find out why in our report on pages 26-27. And read about Tim Maynard's lifelong love of birding on page 22. *Picture: Jillian Mundy*

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Victorians step closer to a treaty



A TREATY between Aboriginal people of Victoria and the Victorian Government is one step closer, with new funding to advance negotiations.

Last week, Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins announced \$28.5 million to help lay the groundwork for treaty negotiations and ensure Aboriginal Victorians are at the centre of the discussion.

The money includes funding for the development of a new representative body, as well as a self-determination plan and more consultation.

On Friday, the Aboriginal Treaty Interim Working Group (ATIWG) hosted a treaty forum in Melbourne, moderated by Gunditjmarra man Richard Frankland. "I'd like to acknowledge the great work that everybody in this room has done in keeping our communities



Richard Frankland

together and keeping our voices alive," he said.

"Everyone I meet is a warrior in their own way. This is all about a journey towards treaty. It's a journey to self-determination and it's a journey about representation.

"It's not going to be perfect but we're moving forward and we're building something together."

The meeting included an update from ATIWG members on the treaty process to date, and a

discussion on the make-up of a new representative body.

Ms Hutchins said the Government was working with Aboriginal Victorians on achieving "real self-determination".

"We're putting our money where our mouth is, delivering the funds to make this treaty a reality," she said.

"Closing the gap will only happen through self-determination, so it's vital these conversations are being led by Aboriginal Victorians."

Concerns raised at the treaty forum included a lack of information regarding processes on Aboriginal Victoria's website, lack of cultural definitions in reports by consultants and no clear and concise way forward.

ATIWG member Jason Mifsud said the three main outcomes of the forum were the preferred representative body was announced, a plan to establish a community assembly and the funding support from the Government.

Didgeridoo sounds at Gallipoli

By DAVID WILLIAMS*, who was at Gallipoli for this year's Anzac Day service

AS I walk down to the beach where the Aegean Sea meets the shores of the Gallipoli Peninsula, you really get a sense of the harsh and difficult terrain. I'm trying to imagine what it would have been like for the soldiers boarding those vessels to embark on an amphibious landing on the shoreline before they would meet their fate on April 25, 1915.

Of the 1000 estimated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Soldiers who fought in World War I, only 71 have been confirmed in the Anzac Gallipoli campaign.

These stories were shared with me by Garth O'Connell, the curator (military heraldry and technology) at the Australian War Memorial, as part of my preparations to perform didgeridoo at this year's Anzac Dawn Service in Gallipoli.

I've been fortunate enough to perform in many places around the world for a variety of different audiences, but this was truly special and unique.

Discussions with Uncle Harry Allie, a retired air force warrant officer, and Pastor Ray Minniecon, provided much to think about, as I took to the stage to open the Dawn Service commemorations on the

David Williams plays the didgeridoo at the opening of the 2017 Anzac Day dawn service at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli, Turkey.



cold morning at Anzac Cove.

"Think about those Indigenous soldiers who fought and died on those battlefields, and the sound of the didgeridoo will bring those spirits of our ancestors home."

This is powerful stuff, and important that it is done right.

Although travelling to Turkey and Anzac Cove is on the bucket list of many Australians and New Zealanders, I must admit it wasn't

the top of mine. However, after having made the journey, I recommend making the effort to anyone, should the opportunity arise.

Having our culture represented in a ceremony like this is very important, and I commend not only the Department of Veterans Affairs for including this, but also didj master William Barton, who has

performed at this event many times.

I look forward to sharing some of the stories from this event with our Elders who have provided guidance and support as part of this year's commemorations.

As the sun slowly rose on the morning of Anzac Day, the waters of the Aegean Sea grew brighter, bringing to life those spirits who have passed. I know they will

make our wider community and Elders back home proud.

**Wakka Wakka man David Williams is an internationally renowned didgeridoo player and the co-founder of Gilimbbaa, an Indigenous creative agency. He was invited to Turkey by the Department of Veterans Affairs to perform the Spirit of Place component of the Anzac service at Gallipoli.*

Agreement appears close on native title

By RUDI MAXWELL



AFTER months of uncertainty and ham-fisted handling by the Federal Government, it appears that an agreement is close on changes to the *Native Title*

Act. In February a full bench of the Federal Court struck out an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) between the representatives of the Noongar people, the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC), and the Western Australian Government, ruling that the agreement was only valid if it was signed by all named applicants.

The decision, known as *McGlade*, overturned a 2010 Federal Court ruling, *Bygrave No 2*, which said if the native title group had given authorisation, then any named applicant could sign off and an ILUA could be registered.

February's decision created uncertainty for more than 120 ILUAs registered between 2010 and 2017 – and could possibly have even further-reaching consequences.

Following the court ruling, the Government moved quickly to introduce changes to the *Native Title Act*, angering many Indigenous people and groups, who didn't believe there had been sufficient consultation.

After a quick Senate inquiry into the

proposed amendments, it looked like Labor would support the Government's Bill, with changes suggested by the inquiry.

However, after spending more than eight hours of the most recent Senate sitting discussing ultimately unsuccessful weakening of the *Racial Discrimination Act*, Attorney-General George Brandis added more changes to the *Native Title Act* amendments, leading to Labor withdrawing its support.

To further complicate matters and pouring fuel on an already smouldering fire, Senator Brandis and Prime Minister

needed before the *Native Title Act* was changed.

Senator Brandis, Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, Shadow Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus, Labor's Lingiari MP Warren Snowdon and Senator Dodson all attended the roundtable in an effort to listen to native title stakeholders and come to a legislative solution.

National Native Title Council chief executive Glen Kelly told the *Koori Mail* that it was a relief to finally have native title groups, the Government and the Opposition all at the table at once.

"The general consensus is that the amendment is very important because a lot of traditional owner groups across the country are really severely affected by the *McGlade* decision, and in their interests it really needs to be fixed."

Malcolm Turnbull indicated last month that their priority was certainty for Indian mining company Adani – which needs an ILUA for its massive proposed coal mine in Queensland and has been fighting with the Wangan and Jagalingou Traditional Owners Council – rather than the dozens of native title groups affected.

Last week a meeting of native title representative bodies was held in Melbourne, which was initiated after a letter from WA Labor senator Pat Dodson, a Yawuru man, who had previously told the *Koori Mail* that more Indigenous input was

"We were able to really go over in proper depth the ramifications of the decision – what should have happened in the first place before any Bill to change the *Native Title Act*," he said.

"The general consensus is that the amendment is very important because a lot of traditional owner groups across the country are really severely affected by the *McGlade* decision, and in their interests it really needs to be fixed.

"The bill is important and should go through the Parliament."

Mr Kelly said the months of uncertainty

had been very frustrating for many traditional owners.

"The whole discussion got caught up in the middle of the Adani issue but in reality ILUAs and these sorts of agreements don't often deal with mines, they're more often for pastoral access, and some communities have done ILUAs for infrastructure," he said. "For example the Dja Dja Wurrung people in Victoria used an ILUA for the settlement of their native title claim (in 2013) so they are really worried that the whole basis for their native title settlement is now shaky.

"And there are many others in similar positions so they're very keen for the situation to be remedied.

"Effectively what the amendments do is make sure that the traditional owner group is the authority so when something is happening that affects the community's rights and

interests, the community is properly empowered to make a decision about it. To me, that makes perfect sense: the community is the principal so it should be the principal decision maker.

"The way the Act is written, if the community says yes or no, then there's a second layer – the named applicants, so now, if one doesn't sign or is deceased you can't go forward, even if the community says you should.

"There's a need to re-empower the community and that's why the Act needs to be amended."

Different game for Motlops

By PETER ARGENT



THE famous Aboriginal footballing family the Motlops have made the bold leap into starting an indigenous food company, Something Wild.

"We an Indigenous-owned company supplying indigenous produce," former AFL player Daniel Motlop explained to the *Koori Mail*.

"A core value of our business is to respect and promote our ethical cultural and environmental practices.

"Something Wild is a company focusing on using Indigenous harvesters and employees throughout the business.

"Our company has a strong commitment to fostering positive relationships with Indigenous communities to create economic opportunities for Aboriginal people."

Hands-on

Daniel serves as general manager while his father, former Northern Territory rugby league and AFL star Eddie, and brothers, current Geelong player Steven and former AFL player Shannon, all play a hands-on role in the business.

Something Wild is a key supplier of indigenous food to restaurants and consumers around the nation, and is expanding at a dizzying rate.

The business specialises in bush foods, open range game meats and native herbs and



Larrakia man Daniel Motlop shows some of the wares from Something Wild, the indigenous food and game meats company owned by his famous footballing family.

spices.

Something Wild also has a retail outlet, Stall 55, in the busy Adelaide Central Market.

Last year the Motlop family joined forces with Richard Gunner's Fine Meats, which saw Something Wild become Australia's first Indigenous-

owned native greens, game and traditional meat provider to the restaurant and allied trades.

Something Wild's product range includes in-demand native greens such as karkalla and samphire, game meats including kangaroo, magpie geese and crocodile, as well as

the ability to source uniquely Australian products such as green ants, palm nuts and paperbark.

They also specialise in open range boar, goat, rabbit, wild and farmed venison, game birds, emu, camel and other exotic game meats.

Our new section in business

CHECK out the *Koori Mail's* new business section on page 34-35.

With the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses growing all the time, we've decided it's time to start publishing a regular business section.

General manager Naomi Moran, a Dughutti and Bundjalung woman, said it was important for the *Koori Mail* to support other Indigenous businesses.

"This year the *Koori Mail* celebrates 26 years as the voice of Indigenous Australia," she said.

"As Australia's leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander publication, we are proud to be a 100% Aboriginal-owned and 100% self-funded business. Similarly, many Indigenous businesses around the nation are taking the lead in economic growth for our communities, in turn contributing to sustainable futures for our people.

"We look forward to featuring an ongoing business section in the *Koori Mail* each fortnight, sharing in the success of other Indigenous business owners, entrepreneurs and suppliers."

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'Can't recall' – Giles at royal commission



FORMER Northern Territory chief minister Adam Giles has told the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the NT he was unaware of a youth detention crisis until footage was aired on ABC TV's *Four Corners* last year – despite the issue having been on the front page of the *Koori Mail* on September 23, 2015.

ABC Darwin and other media outlets also reported extensively on abuse of children in Darwin's Don Dale Youth Detention Centre.

Mr Giles was Country Liberal Party leader when children in the Don Dale Detention Centre were tear gassed, spithooded and shackled in 2014.

In September 2015 the NT Children's Commissioner released a shocking report into the violence against children in detention, which led to urgent calls for action by the NT Government from the

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service, the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency, Amnesty International, the Law Council of Australia and others.

Mr Giles, who called on Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull to establish a royal commission within hours of *Four Corners* going to air, gave no statement or any documents to the Royal Commission.

He also struggled to remember many details while giving evidence, stating he "couldn't recall" more than 60 times when pressed on a variety of issues.

These included funding requests to address jail overcrowding, inadequate infrastructure and ill-trained, under-resourced guards.

Mr Giles also denied reading scathing independent and internal reviews, detailing systemic problems, handed to government during his tenure.

Senior counsel assisting the

inquiry Peter Morrissey, SC, questioned how Mr Giles could have no knowledge of children being "treated like animals".

"How can it be that you as chief minister were not aware of what appears to be a major shortfall in an important portfolio within your government?" Mr Morrissey asked.

Responsibility

Mr Giles, who now works for mining billionaire Gina Rinehart's cattle company, said he had multiple subordinates in the chain of command taking responsibility of those matters.

"Not everything makes its way up to you," he said.

Mr Giles said he was taken on a tour of Don Dale by sacked corrections minister John Elferink two months before the 2014 gassing, but couldn't recall any specifics of serious security and operational failures at the centre.

And Mr Giles denied he'd ordered a 20% cut to the

corrections 2014/15 budget, which former commissioner Ken Middlebrook said brought the department to its knees.

Mr Giles told the inquiry he was horrified to discover rampant mistreatment, but claimed information never flowed to the top of government.

"As a dad and an Aboriginal man, watching those Aboriginal kids getting thrown down like that, I had a lump in my throat, chills up my spine," he said.

"I was appalled."

Mr Giles also denied his party had a deliberate strategy to push a 'tough on crime' message. That's despite a 2016 Facebook post in which he proposed to dump the presumption of bail for "rogue youth". And his government introduced legislation that enabled the use of restraint chairs and cable ties on children.

Earlier in the week, Mr Elferink, who was sacked as Corrections Minister over the tear-gassing, told the inquiry that he'd drafted a

list of "draconian" youth crime policies designed to help the government get re-elected.

Before the CLP was wiped out at the August 2016 poll, Mr Elferink prepared a list of policy ideas for Mr Giles that included a "substantially enhanced juvenile squad to target ratbag families".

Other measures included "destroy hoon cars", "shakedown powers" for police to arbitrarily search the homes of reputed criminals, and greater restraint powers for prison guards.

Mr Giles said he had no memory of asking Mr Elferink to brainstorm vote-winning hardline policy ideas ahead of the August election.

Mr Elferink denied an email sent to him by his chief of staff declaring "it is time the public knew what little c**** these kids are" following an escape from detention in 2015 reflected a government culture that promoted the demonisation of teen criminals. – *With AAP*

Kookaburra is on the go



FROM the Kimberley to the Great Southern, Kookoo Kookaburra and his friends are visiting seven of Western Australia's regions in May and June as part of Country Arts WA's 2017 Shows on the Go Program.

Written by A J Bailey, *Kookoo Kookaburra* teaches children about the importance of friendship, respect and kindness.

It has been adapted from the award-winning book of the same name by Gregg Dreise, a descendant of the Kamilaroi and Yuwalyaay people of Queensland and NSW and author, illustrator and teacher in the Noosa hinterland.

Inspired by the Dreamtime, *Kookoo Kookaburra* tells the tale of a kind and well-loved kookaburra, famous for entertaining the bush creatures with his funny stories.

One day Kookoo runs out of kind stories to tell so, he turns to

teasing and making fun of the other animals. Refusing to listen to the sage advice of his uncle, Kookoo finds himself alone and ignored by his friends.

When he listens to the sound of his own laughter, it is an unhappy sound. Finally he remembers his uncle's wise words: "Kindness is like a boomerang – if you throw it often, it comes back often..."

Kookoo Kookaburra uses contemporary dance and didgeridoo to create an interactive performance of Aboriginal culture and storytelling performed by Leonard Donahue, a descendant from the Djabugay people of the rainforest in far north Queensland.

For more information and dates for *Kookoo Kookaburra*, go to www.countryartswa.asn.au

● **Pictured: Leonard Donahue is the lead in *Kookoo Kookaburra*, touring WA in May and June.**
Picture: Country Arts WA



Healing Foundation in call for action



TWENTY years ago stories of the Stolen Generations were shared in the Bringing Them Home report.

The Healing Foundation says many of the report's recommendations have never been implemented and is calling for action to address the impact of unresolved trauma for members of the Stolen Generations.

Launching a campaign at the Sydney Opera House last week, #BTH20, Healing Foundation chair Steve Larkin said failure to implement the right policies and services over the past two decades was creating a ripple effect into current generations.

"While progress has been made, there are still many Stolen Generations members battling with emotional scars because they have not been able to heal," he said.

"And it's not just about the people who were stolen as children – it's their children and grandchildren as well.

"Most of the problems we see in communities today, including rising suicide rates and higher levels of incarceration, can be linked to the intergenerational trauma caused



Stolen Generations members Michael Welsh and Isabel Reid, left, and at the launch of the campaign, from left, Kirstie Parker, Koomurri dancer Jahmarley Dawson, Michael Welsh, Shirley McGee, Steve Larkin, Isabel Reid and Russell Taylor.

by forcibly removing tens of thousands of children from their families over a period of 70 years.

"This isn't just about acknowledging issues from the past. We need to get this right for the future because we've already created a much bigger problem for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the broader Australian community."

The Healing Foundation has been examining the debilitating impacts of trauma and has found that people affected by the forced removal of children – the Stolen Generations and their children and grandchildren – are 50% more likely to be charged by police, 30% less likely to be in good health, and 10% less likely to have a job.

"Our Stolen Generations are getting older and many have already passed away," Professor Larkin said. "I think we owe it to those left behind to address this unfinished business."

The results of a new research project, to identify the current priorities for the Stolen Generations, will be released to coincide with the anniversary of

the Bringing Them Home report being tabled in Federal Parliament on May 26, 1997.

The Healing Foundation is a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation that partners with communities to address the ongoing trauma caused by actions like the forced removal of children from their families.



Top net result from artwork



A NEW project is taking dangerous abandoned fishing nets and turning them into works of art in the hope of educating people about marine pollution.

Ghost nets are lost or abandoned fishing nets that have the potential to entangle marine life including fish, sea turtles and dolphins.

The Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) has recently commissioned ghost net artwork from Erub Arts for display in its Thursday Island office.

With the significance of the crayfish, also known as kaiar, to the communities in the Torres Strait and the economic importance of the Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery for the region, a crayfish was the perfect choice for artist Solomon Charlie.

He recently completed an artwork titled *Crayfish* after starting it in October 2016.

"Fishing is the lifeblood of Torres Strait communities and to see marine life killed by discarded fishing gear is infuriating and upsetting," Mr Charlie said.

"I hope this crayfish and other artwork made from retrieved nets can raise awareness around this issue of ghost nets and encourage people to act when they see one."

AFMA chief executive James Findlay said creating artwork from ghost nets that will take pride of place in AFMA offices is an opportunity to start a conversation about marine pollution.

"Ghost nets are largely found in Australia's northern waters after they have drifted in from foreign fishers



Erub artist Solomon Charlie holds his recently completed artwork *Crayfish*.

operating further to the north," he said. "Their impact on marine life can be devastating and AFMA works closely with other government agencies and the community to detect and retrieve them. "Recently we have begun providing

recovered ghost nets to national galleries and Indigenous art centres as a creative way to tell the story of their impact on the marine environment."

Crayfish is one of four AFMA-commissioned pieces to take ghost nets

and create artistic representations of the marine life they threaten.

If you see a ghost net in Australian waters, contact the Australian Border Force (ABF) Border Watch on 1800 009 623.

Services spared



THE Federal Government says it has listened and accepted the need for continued funding for

community and Indigenous legal services. But Labor has labelled the decision a humiliating backdown for Attorney-General George Brandis and a win for campaigners across the country.

The Government will include \$39 million of funding for community legal centres and \$16.7 million for Indigenous legal services over three years in its May 9 budget.

The money takes funding for the services to 2020, when a national partnership agreement with the states and territories ends.

After 2020, all jurisdictions will have to negotiate a new deal.

Aboriginal Legal Service

(NSW/ACT) chairman Bunja Smith said he was relieved the Government had listened to the concerns of the ALS and other legal sector stakeholders.

"The news that our Commonwealth funding will be restored is a great relief to us all," he said. "We have been bracing ourselves for the loss of over \$1 million in the coming financial year, which equates to 6% off our operating budget.

"The ALS has been campaigning hard against these funding cuts, warning how we would have to significantly reduce the level of legal services we can deliver to Aboriginal people in need, particularly in remote communities, meaning more and more Aboriginal people being denied access to proper legal assistance and appearing in court unrepresented.

"The ALS is already struggling to keep up with the demand for legal services for Aboriginal people – in 2015-16 we provided 43,938 legal services, mostly in criminal matters, as well as care and protection, family and civil law.

"Any cuts to funding would have been devastating."

The money for community legal centres will be prioritised for services that help domestic violence victims and their children.

Attack

The Coalition has come under sustained attack from Labor, minor parties and community groups for not guaranteeing ongoing funding to the legal services, with previous commitments set to end on July 1.

Amnesty International Indigenous rights campaigner Julian Cleary said the Government's decision not to slash

\$55 million from the community legal sector over three years was a welcome last-minute reprieve. But, he said, legal services will still be chronically underfunded, exposing, in particular, Indigenous people to inadequate legal support.

"Our justice system can only be fair when everyone is fairly represented within it," he said.

"But Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are drastically overrepresented in the justice system – they are one out of every 50 Australians, but one in four prisoners.

"Unmet legal need contributes to the tragedy of more and more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, children and men being separated from their families and communities.

"Attorney-General Brandis has described the incarceration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people as a 'national tragedy', which it is.

"His announcement is welcome and a credit to the organisations and community groups who fought for this. But to genuinely end that tragedy, the Government must now make up the shortfall in funding."

The Productivity Commission has recommended that federal, state and territory governments commit an additional \$200 million in annual funding to the community legal sector. It highlighted that funding uncertainty has affected Indigenous legal services for too long and that urgent additional resources are required.

In March, Independent senator Jacqui Lambie accused the Government of "sledgehammering welfare recipients with a hammer" and said everyone should have the right to legal representation whether they had money or not. – *With AAP*

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Youth justice report highlights abuses



AN independent investigation by Professor Megan Davis and Kathryn McMillan into Queensland's youth justice system has recommended an overhaul of the approach of punishing vulnerable children and instead working with communities to help young people.

The Queensland Independent Review of Youth Detention was announced last August, after Amnesty International exposed allegations of abuse in detention, including the use of dogs against children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

The report highlights serious abuses of children in Queensland youth detention and recommends a less punitive approach to dealing with children in the justice system. It recommends not using security dogs to discipline children, ensuring children are not physically restrained unless it is a last resort, better mental health support and

limiting the use of solitary confinement.

It recommends the Government consider justice reinvestment collaborations between existing community-based services and the Youth Justice Department. This is an approach where people and families going through difficult times are supported so they don't offend in the first place.

It also recommends that Indigenous organisations play a key role in stakeholder consultation around the issue of 17-year-olds in detention. Indigenous children are 28 times more likely to be detained in Queensland than other children.

Amnesty Indigenous rights campaigner Roxanne Moore welcomed the Government's pledge to accept, in principle, all 83 recommendations and promise of \$6.2 million for youth justice.

"These are investments in young people's futures to stop them reoffending. Now we need to see a time frame for these recommendations to be

implemented promptly," she said.

Solutions recommended in the report include investing in community-based wrap-around services to address the causes of young people's offending.

"In particular, Indigenous children need culturally specific support," Ms Moore said.

"That's why this Government must invest in innovative healing programs run by Indigenous leaders, which see outstanding success in keeping kids out of detention and with their families."

Programs

Ms Moore said successful programs included the Red Dust healing program in Townsville and the Mona horsemanship program in Mount Isa, which are seeing impressive results in connecting with Indigenous children and keeping them in their communities.

The Queensland Government came under fire for censoring the report with hundreds of pages fully or partially redacted (blacked out).

Queensland Attorney-General Yvette D'Ath refused to say whether any children were hogtied in the state's youth detention centres and defended a decision to redact large parts of the report, which she says was done on the advice of crown lawyers to avoid identifying minors.

Ms D'Ath refused to comment on pictures in the report that allegedly showed children tied up.

"I'm not going to start talking about the photos that are in (the report). That defeats the purpose of redacting them," she said.

However, she said one of the recommendations was to ensure staff were made aware of the proper procedure when youth had to be "ground stabilised".

"We need to make sure that the staff are properly trained as to when restraints can be used, we need to make sure that when those incidents occur they are properly reported, and if there are any complaints they are properly investigated," Ms D'Ath said.

It appears even the report's authors intended for its contents to be made public, with a disclaimer in the introduction warning of graphic images and case studies, all of which were redacted.

Opposition Leader Tim Nicholls slammed the redacting of the report. "Page 154 of the report ... talks about capacity concerns in youth detention in relation to the Premier's plan to move 17-year-olds into youth detention," Mr Nicholls said. "But simple statistics have been blacked out so nobody can see what the report says is a 'sobering statistical prediction'."

The review was ordered following the emergence of footage of young detainees being allegedly mistreated, including one case in which a 17-year-old boy was restrained by five adults, stripped and left in that state for an hour.

Ms D'Ath said the Government had accepted all 83 of the report recommendations, and had begun to implement many of them before its release. — *With AAP*



Talented Tambo releases video



ABORIGINAL triple threat – didgeridoo player, traditional Indigenous dancer and singer

– Mitch Tambo (pictured) has just released a music video titled *Walanbaa* from his debut album *Guurrama-Li*.

Tambo told the *Koori Mail* his first album had been recorded independently.

"I just wanted to reach out and share it with you mob," he said. "If you could check out the link to my website and my video, that would be deadly."

Tambo taught himself to play the didj and has performed all over the world, including Vanuatu, The Philippines and Italy.

To watch his video and hear *Walanbaa* go to www.mitchtambo.com.au



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66 vie for Telstras



Christian Thompson's Telstra Award entry.



This artwork by Lisa Waup's was selected as one of the finalists.



THE Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) has announced the 66 finalists for the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (NATSIAA).

More than 300 entries were received for the awards, which this year include two new categories – the Telstra Multimedia Award and the Telstra Emerging Artist Award.

MAGNT Aboriginal art curator Luke Scholes said this year's awards celebrated "the poignant narratives that represent Australia's unique Indigenous voices."

"Thrilled"

"We are thrilled to see a new wave of artist submissions thanks to the new Telstra Multimedia Award and Telstra Emerging Artist Award," he said.

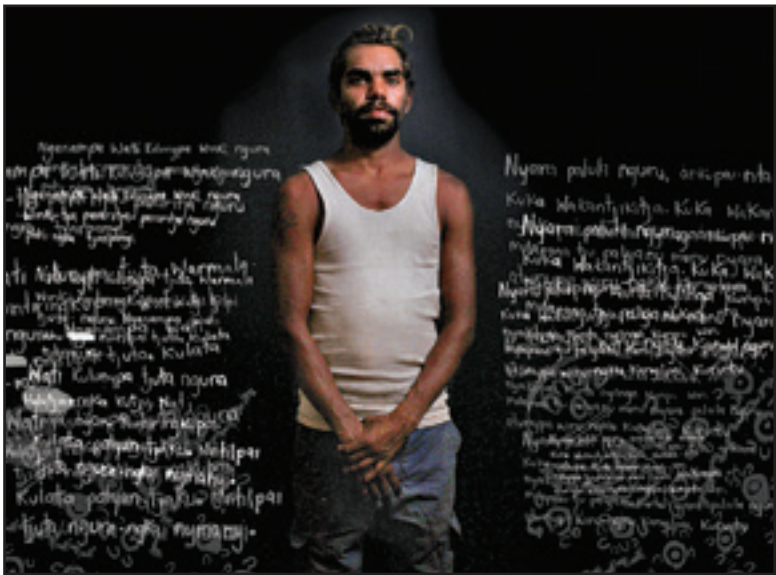
This year's judging panel is curator Emily McDaniel, Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art director Chris Saines and artist Regina Wilson.

Ms McDaniel is an independent curator, writer, and educator from the Kalari clan of the Wiradjuri nation in central NSW.

Ms Wilson, whose creative arts practice spans more than 50 years, won the Telstra NATSIAA general painting award in 2003.

Collectively the winners this year will receive \$80,000 to assist in their career development.

The seven winners will be announced at a special awards ceremony and exhibition opening at MAGNT on August 11.



Anwar Young and Unrupa Rhonda Dick's work is a finalist.



This Nyarapayi Giles painting is a Telstra Awards finalist.



Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC)

National Registration and Accreditation Scheme Call for persons interested in being appointed to the inaugural Paramedicine Board of Australia

Are you a paramedic or a member of the community with an interest in national regulation of paramedics in Australia?

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You may also express interest in being considered for appointment as the inaugural **National Board Chair** when you lodge your application.

Expressions of interest and nominations from experienced paramedics and members of the community from each state and territory are encouraged. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to express interest or be nominated. Paramedic stakeholders are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates for consideration of appointment.

Important! This call is made with the agreement of the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council to support first appointments being made later this year. However, for the appointments to be made, the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law* must be amended to enable the national regulation of paramedics and the establishment of the Board. If the National Law is not amended, no board appointments will be made, and applications will not be progressed.

Please visit www.ahpra.gov.au to download the information guide and application form. More information is provided about eligibility requirements, National Board member roles, and the application process.

For enquiries, please contact statutoryappointments@ahpra.gov.au

Applications close **Monday 29 May 2017, 5pm AEST.**

Appointments may be for up to three years as decided by the Ministerial Council and are subject to the National Law being amended.

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Nominations open for music awards



NOMINATIONS have opened for this year's National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMAs), which will be held under the stars at Darwin's amphitheatre on August 12.

MusicNT executive director Mark Smith encouraged Indigenous artist to submit their tracks, which will be judged by a panel of music industry experts.

"2017 promises to be a watershed year for Indigenous music with some of the most anticipated releases of the year coming from Indigenous acts," he said.

"MusicNT is excited to launch this year's National Indigenous Music Awards and looks forward to celebrating."

Mr Smith said the awards are not just a place to celebrate the mainstream success of Indigenous music, but also as a place to uncover the next generation of



Briggs performs at last year's National Indigenous Music Awards, held in Darwin.

Indigenous musicians, with successful artists including Gawurra and Tia Gostelow going on to make major inroads in the Australian music scene since being uncovered

at last year's awards. To submit entries to the 2017 NIMAs or to get tickets to this year's awards night on August 12 in Darwin, visit www.indigenousmusic.com.au

Rangers playing vital role



IT'S thanks to Aboriginal rangers that hundreds of records describing the biodiversity of the Western Desert have been added to Western Australia's NatureMap. This provides

new value to the data already in the NatureMap database, which was developed by the WA Department of Parks and Wildlife and is one of the main information sources for scientists evaluating the status of threatened native fauna in WA.

Rangelands NRM Program Manager (Desert and Pilbara) Chris Curnow said the new dataset highlights the importance of Aboriginal groups contributing to the overall understanding of the natural and cultural values of WA deserts.

The data was collected over the course of the 2008-2013 Western Desert project by ranger groups working on Martu Country (in the Great Sandy, Gibson and Little Sandy deserts), Ngururrpa Country (in the Great Sandy Desert), Birrilburu Country (in the Little Sandy and Gibson deserts), Spinifex Country (in the Great Victoria Desert) and Yilka Country (in the Great Victoria Desert).

These areas are now all determined native title areas.

Rangelands NRM provided funding support to Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa (KJ) and Central Desert Native Title Services' land and community team to provide foundational and logistical support to the various ranger groups.

Parks and Wildlife's Pilbara Region conservation officer Alison McGilvray worked with traditional owners to ensure the data they agreed to share had the cultural authority of Elders.

Until now, there has been little inclusion in NatureMap of biodiversity data collected by traditional owners.

Since about 2008, ranger groups from across WA's Western Deserts have collected biodiversity data relating to threatened species and the threats faced.

These undertakings have required many on-country trips and dedicated capacity-building of the rangers in scientific methods of mammal, reptile and invertebrate survey and data collection by the ranger teams



Jigalong women monitor and record fauna as part of the Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa (KJ) Women's Ranger Program work.

that now cover the vast areas of traditional owner-managed desert country in WA.

KJ environmental strategy and services manager Tristan Cole said for too long WA's biodiversity data has shown a 'black hole' over desert country where traditional owners have been busy surveying and collecting data for years.

Cultural values

Rangers work across their country, which is 13.5 million hectares – twice the size of Tasmania – managing biodiversity and cultural values.

"It's fantastic to have rangers' work recognised and be able to fill in the gap that existed on NatureMap," he said.

"Looking after and managing country is intrinsic to Martu – it is a responsibility that

is founded in their culture.

"By combining traditional ecological knowledge with contemporary natural resource management techniques, rangers are looking after country and increasing biodiversity through 'right way' fire, monitoring of threatened species and through the removal of feral animals.

"The ranger program also provides an important platform for the inter-generational transfer of the Elders' knowledge. There is a limited timeframe for this transfer of knowledge, with many of the pujiman (bushman) who lived a traditional lifestyle getting old and sadly passing away."

Martu Elder Rita Cutter, from Wiluna, is a senior Martu ranger with the Birrilburu Women Rangers team who has been on exchanges as well as taking her

message to bureaucrats and politicians.

"Projects like this, working with scientists, enable me to get out on country and pass down my knowledge, of the animals and plants," she said.

"We can share that knowledge two-way (with scientists). When I'm on country, it's part of me, that ground, that ngurra (home). I feel it.

"All that knowledge comes out through me; I feel it strong. When I touch my country, when I put my foot on that land, I have tears: I'm standing on the same ground as where I was born.

"That is special. I treasure that knowledge that the old people gave me."

The work of the ranger groups across WA is largely funded by Federal Government and philanthropic investments.

Contenders announced



THE finalists for the fourth National Indigenous Human Rights Awards (NIHRA)

have been announced.

Dr Mark Wenitong, Professor Kerry Arabena, Rachel Perkins and Mervyn Eades are in the running for the Dr Yunupingu Human Rights Award.

And Dr Kim Isaacs, Gayili Marika Yunupingu, Noeletta McKenzie and Richard Weston have been nominated for the Eddie Mabo Social Justice Award.

Noeletta McKenzie, the GREATS Youth Services manager at Maningrida in the Northern Territory, said she is "blown away" by being a finalist in the awards.

"I can't believe it; I didn't even know I was nominated until I got



Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston is one of the finalists.

the email saying I was a finalist," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"Obviously someone thinks I deserve recognition, but I'm so honoured and proud that someone thinks that."

Ms McKenzie said she was inspired by the youth workers

she met as a young person to follow the career path she has.

"I had some great youth workers when I was growing up and they helped me follow my musical dreams," she said.

"I wanted every young person to be able to have what I had growing up."

Dr Meg Wills, Professor Chris Sarra, Joe Williams and Clinton Pryor are the finalists for the Anthony Mundine Courage Award.

The winners will be announced on May 10 at a dinner at the Parliament House, Canberra.

The awards aim to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have made significant contributions to the advancement of human rights and social justice for their people. They were established in 2014, and are held annually.



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Police ordered to pay



THE NSW Police Force has been ordered to pay more than \$38,000 in damages to a 21-year-old Aboriginal man after he was assaulted by officers in Lismore, on the NSW north coast.

And the judge wrote a 70-page report which was highly critical of police officers, who he said escalated the situation when it called for calm.

Trent Exton successfully sued the State of NSW after senior constables Timothy Chapman and Brian Quinn dragged him screaming from a car four years ago.

The Lismore District Court heard Mr Exton, who was 17 at the time, had been drinking with friends and relatives in East Lismore on April 20, 2013. He was sitting in his cousin's van, about to go home when the two officers approached.

Senior Constable Chapman told Mr Exton: "Trent, can you get out of the car? I don't want to have to drag you out. Can you get out?"

Mr Exton's barrister Edward Anderson told the court that as Mr Exton attempted to get out of the van senior constables Chapman and Quinn forcibly dragged him to the ground, where he was restrained and loaded into a police wagon.

In his judgment, Judge Leonard Levy was scathing of Senior Constable Chapman's role in the

arrest and found him responsible for escalating the situation.

"The police response of grabbing the plaintiff was unnecessary and excessive," he said. "The events may be properly summed up as unnecessary and overzealous policing and disproportionate to the circumstances."

Judge Levy stopped short of accusing Senior Constable Chapman of lying to the court, saying he had "reservations about accepting the accuracy and the reliability of his evidence."

In contrast, he found Mr Exton "gave his evidence honestly, without guile and to the best of his recollection, which was necessarily limited due to his intoxication at the time."

Mr Exton was awarded \$38,072.00, of which the NSW Police Force has been ordered to pay \$5000 in exemplary damages. Exemplary damages

are awarded only in exceptional circumstances, in this case because the conduct of the police showed a complete disregard of Mr Exton's rights as a citizen. An award of exemplary damages is intended to punish and deter similar conduct.

Mr Exton's solicitor Jenna Hill, of Randall Legal, said the outcome is a win for Mr Exton and the broader Aboriginal community, which is often the target of over-zealous policing.

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"The police response of grabbing the plaintiff was unnecessary and excessive."



Boulia Mayor Rick Britton, Year 4 student Chaquille Spoofo and Kennedy MP Bob Katter.

Chaquille names dinosaur fossil



NOT many people get to name a dinosaur, but Year 4 Boulia State School student Chaquille Spoofo, from western Queensland, did exactly that last month.

After a rare skeleton of a plesiosaur (Marine reptile) was unpacked and put on display for the public, the local school children were asked to name the fossil.

Chaquille called it 'Percy' – and won the competition.

Kennedy MP Bob Katter and Boulia Mayor Rick Britton presented her with a framed certificate as a memento.

It is believed that the skeleton is one of the most complete plesiosaur fossils in the world and that the dinosaurs used to swim in the area about 100 million years ago, when it was an inland sea.



The fossilised remains of Percy the plesiosaur.

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Extra family time for Voller



ONE of the Aboriginal teenagers at the centre of the Northern Territory juvenile justice royal commission has had his bail conditions relaxed for good behaviour.

Former inmate Dylan Voller, who was notoriously tear gassed and shackled to a restraint chair, can now spend more time with his family as his rehabilitation stint wraps up.

Mr Voller, 19, was granted bail in February to undergo the Alice Springs BushMob program.

That's due to finish in one month, and last week the NT Supreme Court changed Mr Voller's bail conditions further, allowing him to occasionally spend the night at his brother's house.

He has been complying with strict bail conditions including random alcohol and drug testing, counselling and electronic monitoring. – AAP



Protestors gather outside Wyong Golf Club at the Planning Assessment Commission hearing.

Concern over coal mine bid

By BRITTA LYSTER



DARKINJUNG Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) joined with members of the wider community for a recent rally to voice their opposition to the Korean Government majority-owned Wallarah 2 Coal mine in the Wyong Valley on the NSW central coast.

The rally, attended by about 150 people, coincided with an opportunity for people to voice their opinions about the mining proposal at the Planning Assessment Commission public hearing at Wyong Golf Club.

Speakers opposed and supported plans by Kores Australia, a subsidiary of Korea Resources Corporation, for the underground coal mine.

The \$800 million underground Wallarah 2 Coal Project has been on the drawing board since 1995 and would be near Bushells Ridge, north of Wyong town centre. It is expected to produce five million tonnes of

coal a year for 28 years.

'Our land, our rights, our future – we will continue to fight for our rights' was the clear message sent by Darkinjung LALC to the NSW Government in the wake of the recent decision by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to recommend the approval of the Wallarah 2 Coal project.

Opposition

The approval has been met with vocal opposition by many in the region including Wyong Council, which raised concerns about the effects on water quality in the immediate area if the mine were to go ahead.

Darkinjung LALC chief executive Sean Gordon says his council is the largest private property owner around the mine, holding most of the land between the northern rail line and the Wallarah 2 Coal Mine.

"Our land at North Wyong is invaluable to Darkinjung's members and the people of the central coast and is critical to our future growth and delivery

of programs and housing sustainability in the region," he said.

"Darkinjung has attempted negotiations with Wallarah 2, but it is our right to develop the land we own to build economic sustainability for our community."

Mr Gordon asked the Planning and Assessment Committee meeting, "Do people want to buy next to a coal mine?"

"For 230 years the Aboriginal community has been crippled economically and the first opportunity we get as Aboriginal people to build an economic base, build homes, create jobs and provide opportunities, not just for our people but the whole community, we're kicked to the kerb for a coal mine," he said.

"It crushes me every time I drive up into the Hunter Valley and see these massive holes in the ground and the destruction of land."

Mr Gordon went as far as to describe the mine proponent's offering of jobs and procurement as a "beads and trinket offering".

Ikuntji store is out of administration



KANPARRKA Store Aboriginal Corporation's period of special administration has ended.

Established in 2011, the corporation owns and operates the Kanparrka Store in the community of Ikuntji, also known as Haasts Bluff, about 250km west of Alice Springs in the Northern Territory.

In 2016, registrar of Indigenous corporations, Anthony Beven appointed special administrators to the corporation at the request of the its directors.

"Despite their significant efforts and passion for the Kanparrka store, the former directors called my office when they were unable to access

information about their store's financial performance," Mr Beven said.

"Corporations delivering services in remote communities, especially those supplying food, already face challenges in their operations. Adding unwanted difficulties on top of that load can be overwhelming for anyone."

The special administrators conducted a select tender process for the management of the Kanparrka store soon after their appointment. Mai Wiru Regional Stores Council Aboriginal Corporation, an Aboriginal-owned store management company, was selected by an advisory group of members to manage the store on a long-term basis.

The special administrators also appointed new book-

keepers to update financial statements and prepare them for audit.

Mr Beven says the special administrators have reduced the corporation's future risk of corporate failure by addressing a range of weaknesses in management and financial arrangements.

"The store is now on a good footing to continue providing essential food supplies to the community, while at the same time remaining community-controlled. All of this has been completed in just over three months," he said.

The registrar's office will monitor the corporation over the next 12 months and also offer governance training for the corporation's new directors.



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NITV series is a first



NITV has launched a new animated children's series *Little J & Big Cuz*.

Featuring the voices of some of the country's most prominent Indigenous actors including Miranda Tapsell, (Little J) Deborah Mailman (Big Cuz), Aaron Fa'Aoso (Old Dog) and Ningali Lawford-Wolf (Nanna), *Little J & Big Cuz* follows five-year-old Little J and his cousin, nine-year old Big Cuz, as they explore themes of Indigenous identity, connection to country, traditional knowledge and cultural practices.

Guided by their wise and wonderful Nanna, their enthusiastic teacher Ms Chen, and accompanied by their Old Dog, Little J and his Big Cuz navigate lessons of bravado and humility, impulsiveness and patience, shame and confidence, selfhood and empathy.

Select episodes from the series will also feature in Aboriginal languages, Djambarrpuyngu, Pitjantjatjara, Arrernte, Walmajarri, Yawuru and palawa kani.

NITV channel manager Tanya Orman said *Little J & Big Cuz* was Australia's first animated series featuring Indigenous children.

"*Little J & Big Cuz* lets



Little J is the star of a new animated children's series now screening on NITV.

Indigenous kids see themselves on screen in a positive and fun way," she said. "The series is truly

wonderful and features the best Indigenous writers in the country, great directors and animators,

and a truly amazing cast.

"Importantly, *Little J & Big Cuz* works towards demystifying

Indigenous culture for non-Indigenous children and enable schools to value and share this culture and knowledge, just as much as it will demystify schools for Indigenous kids."

Little J & Big Cuz is part of a springboard strategy created by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), with a body of written, visual and interactive teacher and family resource materials being developed.

SNAICC – the National Voice for Indigenous Children was involved in the development of the series, which chief executive Gerry Moore welcomed.

"Starting school can be daunting for any child, and strong partnerships between early childhood services, schools, communities, children and their families are crucial in ensuring a positive transition experience," he said.

"*Little J & Big Cuz* takes us all on a journey, walking in the footsteps of our little ones, as they make this important transition."

The weekly NITV series airs on Fridays at 7.30pm, or weekdays at 4pm.

The episodes will also be available after broadcast via nitv.org.au/littlejbigcuz

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REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL ELECTORAL DIVISIONS IN QUEENSLAND

A redistribution of federal electoral divisions is currently taking place in Queensland. Members of the public are invited to submit written suggestions relating to the redistribution. A redistribution of federal electoral divisions is the process where electoral divisions and their boundaries and names are reviewed to ensure, as near as practicable, there is a similar number of electors within each electoral division for a given state or territory.

This redistribution is required as it has been more than seven years since the last redistribution of federal electoral divisions in Queensland.

As part of a determination on 13 November 2014 of the number of members of the House of Representatives to which each state and territory will be entitled at the next federal general election, it was determined that **Queensland will remain entitled to thirty members of the House of Representatives.**

As a result of this redistribution process, there will be changes to the location of the existing boundaries of electoral divisions and there could be changes to the names of electoral divisions.

While the new names and boundaries of electoral divisions will be in place from when they are determined on 27 March 2018, elections will not be contested on these new boundaries until a writ is issued for a general election. Members of the House of Representatives will also continue to represent constituents within the electoral division boundaries in place at the time of their election.

INVITATION FOR SUGGESTIONS

The redistribution process provides opportunities for individuals and organisations to lodge suggestions about one or more electoral divisions. Suggestions may relate to where the boundaries of some or all electoral divisions could be located, the name of one or more electoral divisions or the names and boundaries of some or all electoral divisions.

Written suggestions must be received by the Redistribution Committee for Queensland by **6pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) Friday 19 May 2017** to allow them to be considered.

In making a suggestion, members of the public may find it helpful to consider the following material available on the AEC website at www.aec.gov.au/qld-redistribution:

- essential information about the federal redistribution of Queensland,
- guidelines for making a submission,
- guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions, and
- information about who makes the proposed redistribution and the factors they consider.

INVITATION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON SUGGESTIONS

All suggestions received will be made available for public inspection from **Monday 22 May 2017** on the Australian Electoral Commission website and at the office of the

www.aec.gov.au/qld-redistribution ☎ 07 3834 3458



Australian Electoral Officer for Queensland (7th Floor, 488 Queen Street, Brisbane).

Members of the public can then lodge written comments on the suggestions with the Redistribution Committee for Queensland up until **6pm AEST Friday 2 June 2017**. Comments on suggestions received after this time cannot be considered.

WHAT HAPPENS WITH SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON SUGGESTIONS?

After considering the written suggestions and comments on suggestions, the Redistribution Committee will propose a redistribution of federal electoral divisions for Queensland. Maps showing the proposed boundaries and names of electoral divisions will then be published in selected newspapers and on the AEC website and made available at all AEC offices in Queensland.

HOW TO LODGE A SUGGESTION OR A COMMENT ON A SUGGESTION

Suggestions and comments on suggestions should be lodged via the AEC website at

www.aec.gov.au/qld-redistribution. Suggestions and comments on suggestions can also be submitted:

- by email to: FedRedistribution-QLD@aec.gov.au
- in person to: Redistribution Committee for Queensland, 7th Floor, 488 Queen Street, Brisbane
- by mail to: Redistribution Committee for Queensland, GPO Box 2590, Brisbane QLD 4001
- by fax to: 07 3834 3496

FURTHER INFORMATION

More information regarding the redistribution of Queensland is available on the AEC's website, including:

- an indicative timetable,
- current electoral divisions in Queensland – www.aec.gov.au/profiles/index.htm
- the legal requirements for a federal redistribution as outlined in Part IV of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* – www.aec.gov.au/Elections/australian_electoral_system/Electoral_Legislation.htm
- other general information about the redistribution process – www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/

Alternatively, you can contact the redistribution secretariat via:

Email: FedRedistribution-QLD@aec.gov.au

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Press Council post for Parker



National Centre for Indigenous Excellence chief executive Kirstie Parker, Australian Press Council chair David Weisbrot and *Koori Mail* general manager Naomi Moran at the launch of the Press Council's Reconciliation Action Plan.



YUWALLARAI woman Kirstie Parker has become the first Aboriginal person to be appointed to the Australian Press Council.

Ms Parker – a former editor of the *Koori Mail* – has been appointed as an industry panel member for two years.

The Press Council has been actively seeking to increase its involvement with Indigenous media organisations and people, with the *Koori Mail* becoming the first Indigenous media organisation

to join and launched its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) earlier this year.

Speaking at the RAP launch Ms Parker, who is the chief executive of the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence and a director of Reconciliation Australia, praised the Press Council for "understanding the importance of Aboriginal voices in media; of managers, editors, producers, journalists framing our stories our way".

"I cannot emphasise enough the importance of Aboriginal representation in media has been

high on our agenda since the 1970s when the first community controlled Aboriginal media outlets formed," she said.

Press Council chair Professor David Weisbrot also welcomed human rights lawyer Zione Walker-Nthenda to the council as a public member.

"The two new members of the Press Council are outstanding individuals and I am certain they will make very important contributions to our work. I am particularly pleased to welcome our first ever members with Indigenous and African heritage."

Breaking credit law proves costly



THE Federal Court has fined Cairns-based lender Channic, broker Cash Brokers, and the sole director of both companies, Colin William Hulbert, a total of \$776,000 for breaching consumer credit laws.

The court also ordered the payment of costs of \$420,000.

Channic and Cash Brokers both operated from Supercheap, a used car dealership in Cairns that was also owned by Mr Hulbert.

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) brought civil penalty proceedings after the Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network reported that Channic and Cash Brokers were dealing unjustly with vulnerable Indigenous consumers from the community of Yarrabah.

The court awarded a total of \$47,699 in compensation to affected consumers.

Millions to help tackle ice issues



AN extra 90 rehabilitation beds will be available across Victoria as part of an \$81.1 million plan to tackle the problems of the drug ice. Thirty beds will be opened in existing facilities and up to 60 when new residential drug rehabilitation centres are built in the Gippsland, Barwon and Hume regions. The money will also be spent on employing 34 Aboriginal health workers to help indigenous communities.

The new funding is on top of the \$100 million the State Government has spent on its Ice Action Plan. – AAP

Funding urged for 'Artists in Black'



KATTER'S Australia Party Member for Kennedy, Bob Katter, has urged the Federal Government to fund the Arts Law Centre of Australia for its Indigenous artists service, Artists in the Black.

"The service is currently underfunded by approximately \$250,000 based on the level of services provided in 2016," he said.

"Artists in the Black provides free culturally appropriate specialist resources, which support and strengthen the Indigenous arts sector.

"It is the only service of this kind in Australia and an important service for the Indigenous arts community."

NT station opened



A NEW \$28 million police station has been officially opened in the Northern Territory community of Wadeye. Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said NT Police would use the new facility to increase the number of police officers in Wadeye from eight to at least 14.

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Young dancers share culture

By KEIRA JENKINS



ONE night three years ago Elizabeth Narkle told her five sons to go to bed, and, when one of her six-year-old twins refused, it sparked an idea to keep her kids active and to help them share their Nyoongar culture.

Her young son started to do a 'show-off dance' instead of getting into bed, and once the other boys realised what he was doing, they all joined in too.

Ms Narkle filmed her sons performing their defiant dance, and from that Koolankas Krete was formed.

Ms Narkle began telling people around their hometown of Bunbury, Western Australia, about the dance troupe, made up of eight boys who are all cousins.

"We actually formed just a little bit before NAIDOC Week," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"So we started by doing a couple of performances for free. Then people started learning the name and now we get to travel around and perform."

The name of the group is inspired by the creativity of Ms Narkle's children, with



The Koolankas Krete dancers.

Koolankas meaning 'kids' in Nyoongar language.

As a mum as well as the group's manager, Ms Narkle said she is proud of the way her

sons are sharing their culture.

"The boys are very professional," she said.

"When we travel to places they're kids, so they're going to

get rowdy in the car. But they know when to behave like professionals, too."

Ms Narkle said she is glad her boys have the knowledge

and skills to pass culture and traditions on to the next generation.

"Our kids are our future, and because Aboriginal culture was forcibly removed through us in history, it's so important that we can claim it back," she said.

"It's being resurrected. It's important for our children to know our culture because they're going to be the ones who pass it on from generation to generation.

"They know our history. They know how to speak the Nyoongar language and they do acknowledgement of country in our dialect."

Ms Narkle said the main goal of the group is to share culture with as many people as possible, hopefully being able to take on more dancers as the group evolves.

"We actually practise in our lounge room at home, so we don't have much room for too many kids," she said.

"We've had so many parents come up and ask if their kids can join in the group, but we just can't take on any more right now.

"The dream is to have a permanent place where we can practice. And my kids aren't going to be kids forever, so maybe one day they will be the teachers."

Jobs 'cluster' in SA



SOUTH Australia's defence industry has established an Aboriginal employment 'cluster', which aims to create sustainable jobs for Aboriginal people.

The SA Governor's Aboriginal Employment Industry Clusters Program was established in 2010 to increase the number of Indigenous people in identified industries, and facilitate systemic change in participating industries.

South Australian Governor Hieu Van Le said he has been delighted to see the creation of the Aboriginal Employment Industry Clusters in the past few years.

"I am thrilled to launch this new cluster, which will offer opportunities to Aboriginal people in one of South Australia's most dynamic and growing industries," he said.

"While each cluster represents a different industry, they are united by the outstanding commitment of employers to make a positive difference in the lives of Aboriginal people."

Influence

Defence SA chief executive Andy Keough will chair a team of employers who aim to individually and collectively use their professional influence in their organisations and industries to increase Aboriginal jobs.

The defence cluster also introduces a new role to the initiative – the opportunity to identify supply chain opportunities in the sector for Aboriginal-owned businesses.

Employment and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher said defence is a critical sector in transforming South Australia's economy as it transitions towards a "high tech, advanced manufacturing future".

"We need to increase the number of Aboriginal students undertaking and completing qualifications in the science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) fields so we can ensure the defence industry has access to a supply of skilled

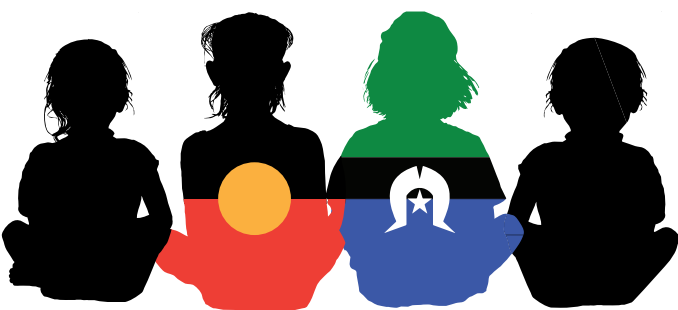
and qualified Aboriginal people," he said.

"To help achieve this, the defence cluster will engage Aboriginal students in secondary schools, universities and vocational education and training to provide industry-specific information, workforce guidance and support and help to plan their career and study pathways.

"It will also work with defence sector businesses to ensure they are proactively seeking to employ Aboriginal people and provide a culturally supportive workplace."

To date the cluster programs have supported more than 1100 Aboriginal people into industry-specific training, and more than 800 people into jobs.

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Family fights to help mum

By KEIRA JENKINS



KATHY Narrier, a mother and grandmother from Western Australia, is fighting to get help for her daughter Nicole Yarran.

Nicole, 31, a mother of three, began to lose weight and become ill in 2015 when she was living in Geraldton.

A doctor told her she had irritable bowel syndrome, then, when the medication she took didn't work, she was diagnosed with coeliac disease.

It wasn't until she was pregnant with her youngest daughter Alavi, now one, that doctors found eight golf-ball-sized tumours in her bowel during an ultrasound.

It was Christmas Eve when Nicole got the call to say she had stage four liver and bowel cancer.

Kathy Narrier told the *Koori Mail* the family was heartbroken when they found out.

"You wouldn't think cancer would touch your family, especially because Nicole is so young," she said.

"They told us then that her life expectancy was two years. That was 2015, and it's now 2017."

While Kathy said seeing her daughter suffer has been hard for her, it's harder still for Nicole's partner and three young children, aged nine, five and one.

"I'm losing my daughter, but they're losing their mum," she said.

"And of course it's tough for Nicole, being in pain, being sick. She got quite depressed at one point. She's a mum of three daughters.

"And her partner too. This has rocked



Nicole Yarran, right, with her sister Sasha, left, mother Kathy Narrier, centre, and three daughters, from left, Alkere, Aaylah and Alavi Dingo.

them both. He has to work to support the family but he needs to be with Nicole too so it's a real Catch-22.

"But they are so strong-willed. When they first had to move down to Perth when she got sick they were saying, 'We can do this by ourselves.'"

But as Nicole became sicker, her

mother began approaching Aboriginal organisations in town to see if there was anyone who could help her daughter.

Kathy said as she approached each organisation she became more despondent, as she was told there was no funding allocated for someone of Nicole's age or the type of cancer she had.

"I went to the Aboriginal Medical Services, the Aboriginal organisations, the Cancer Council, everyone," she said.

"Nicole got a one-off \$500 grant from the Cancer Council but they couldn't do anything more. It was the same story everywhere. They said they couldn't help us."

Kathy said in the midst of it all, Nicole's partner lost his job and they were evicted from their house.

"The real estate gave them four weeks to vacate the house," she said.

"They tried to look for another house, but when you're black the real estates won't touch you. It was just racism rearing its ugly head again.

"Nicole's partner lost his job. He had to take a lot of time off when Nicole got sick and he was taking phone calls from her at work because he wanted to make sure she was okay after her treatments and he got sacked for that.

"They didn't want to ask for help.

They got behind in their rent. They ended up catching up with it, but it cost them \$4000 to move to another property too."

Although it seemed she was coming to dead ends everywhere she went, Kathy said Nicole eventually they had a little help from Anglicare.

She said the staff at the hospital who have been treating her daughter have "really looked after Nicole".

"I can't praise them enough and I hate to think what would have happened if she hadn't fallen pregnant and gone for that scan," Kathy said.

"And her GP in Perth has been amazing too. If not for her making sure Nicole is going okay I don't know what we would have done."



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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 Newcastle Inner City Bypass Rankin Park to Jesmond project to register to be consulted about a proposal to construct the Rankin Park to Jesmond, the fifth section of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass.

The project is a proposed new 3.4 kilometre bypass between Lookout Road at New Lambton Heights and Newcastle Road at Jesmond, to the west of the John Hunter Hospital. Please refer to rms.nsw.gov.au/rp2j for further project information. It may result in the Roads and Maritime:

- applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and/or
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Study pays off for new Black Star announcer



THERE's a fresh voice gracing the Black Star* airwaves in Queensland.

Ewamian woman Lavinia Collins landed a job with Queensland Remote Aboriginal Media

(GRAM) in Cairns after graduating from TAFE Queensland North with a Certificate III in Media (Radio).

"I really enjoyed the course and I had no idea that GRAM were keeping an eye on me until they offered me a job. I felt like I was the luckiest woman on earth," she said.

Ms Collins said the study opportunity had changed her life.

"A year ago I was lacking direction and I really needed to start making better lifestyle choices," she said.

"My grandmother was on my back about enrolling in this course for weeks.

"I eventually gave in and signed up and by the second week of the course I knew I had found my calling.

"At first I was feeling a bit nervous about talking on the radio, but I soon came to realise that it was my happy place."

Black Star general manager Gerry Pyne said Ms Collins has plenty of spark.

"Lavinia's liveliness is infectious. She brings a youthful enthusiasm and laughter to the team," he said.

"Lavinia is always ready to work, eager to do research for interesting stories for her listeners and adds light-heartedness and fun to her announcing."



"At first I was feeling a bit nervous about talking on the radio, but I soon came to realise that it was my happy place."

**— Announcer
Lavinia Collins**

Ms Collins can be heard on-air in Napranum and Yarrabah from 3-6pm.

"This TAFE course really helped to motivate me to turn my life around," she said.

"I got to meet other people, make new friends and I've learned how to work as part of a team. I'd encourage other young Indigenous people out there to go to TAFE."

"You never know where you could end up when you graduate."

* The Black Star network stations are Aurukun, Black Star Tablelands, Doomadgee, Hope Vale, Kowanyama, Lockhart River, Mornington Island, Napranum, NPA, (Bamaga, Injinoo, New Mapoon, Seisia and Umagico), Pormpuraaw, Woorabinda, Wujal Wujal and Yarrabah.

\$10m for Nitmiluk park



NT Minister Lauren Moss is with Jawoyn Association chair Lisa Mumbin, Noelene Andrews, Melisa Rogers and Jane Runyu.



NORTHERN Territory Tourism and Culture Minister Lauren Moss says Nitmiluk National Park will receive \$10 million over the next four years for infrastructure upgrades aimed at improving visitors' experience. Four projects worth \$2.45 million have been identified as immediate priorities by the Jawoyn Association, which represents the traditional owners of Nitmiluk National Park. "In the Katherine region, Nitmiluk National Park attracts approximately 250,000 visitors each year and we want to make sure they have the best possible experience when they visit the NT and tell their mates to visit," Ms Moss said.

"We will be working with traditional owners to ensure visitor experiences reflect their vision." Jawoyn Association chairperson Lisa Mumbin said developing a visitor experience development plan would help create a clear path for the future of Nitmiluk National Park. "The plan will provide a road map for the park to improve current visitor experiences and develop viable, innovative new options that cater for different visitor groups," she said. "An investment in infrastructure will improve visitor experience and safety, which we hope will attract more people, promote economic activity in the region and further showcase our parks in the Northern Territory."

Theme announced for children's day



'VALUE Our Rights, Respect Our Culture, Bring Us Home' is the theme for this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. Held on August 4 each year, children's day has been celebrated nationally since 1988. SNAICC – National Voice for our Children, which organises the day, says the theme recognises the 20th anniversary of the Bringing them Home report in Indigenous deaths in custody, and the many benefits children have when they are raised with strong connections to family and culture. More details at www.snaicc.org.au

Massacre victims are remembered



ABOUT 70 people turned out in Deepwater, northern NSW, for a memorial gathering of the Bluff Rock massacre. There are conflicting stories about the massacre, where local Aboriginal people were killed near what is now Tenterfield in the 1840s. Memorial service organiser Ricky Pascoe said those attending agreed to look into the local history of the Ngarabal people. "History hurts and the truth hurts," he said. "We want to research the true history of this place and set a precedent because there are tribes all over NSW where people are not being accepted because they're Stolen Generations and their land councils don't know them. "We want to find out who all the Ngarabal people are so we can restore them to their lands."

IBA launches new business products



INDIGENOUS Business Australia (IBA) has launched two new products designed to assist Indigenous people to start up and succeed in business. The new products are a 'Start-Up Finance Package' and a 'Procurement Loan' that IBA says complements its standard business loan and asset leasing offerings. IBA general manager, enterprises, Wally Tallis said the new products were developed from ongoing engagement with Indigenous businesses and a first-hand understanding of customer's needs and aspirations. More details at iba.gov.au

Grants in the ACT



THE ACT Government says it has awarded more than \$90,000 in grants this financial year to support Indigenous projects. These include supporting the ACT NAIDOC Family Day 2017. The Government says its grants program also aims to develop projects that contribute to sustainable communities and promote cultural diversity.

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Favourite holiday destination?
Anywhere in Australia.

Favourite read?
Stories about sport.

Favourite sport?
Rugby League.

What are you watching on TV?
Crime shows, especially ones based on true stories.

Who would you most like to meet?
Singer Archie Roach.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My family and close friends.

What would you do to better the lives of Indigenous people?

I'd encourage them all to get along. I'd encourage people to get an education and get into sport, because I think sport helps people learn to work in a team.

Quote



"Our Stolen Generations are getting older and many have already passed away. I think we owe it to those left behind to address this unfinished business."

— Healing Foundation chair Professor Steve Larkin

● See page 7

Unquote

Will police get the message?

Is it too much to hope that a \$38,000 pay-out to a 21-year-old Aboriginal man for an assault by police officers in Lismore, northern NSW, sends a message to the cops? (See story, page 12.)

The young man, who was only 17 at the time the police assaulted him, was described by the judge as the victim of "unnecessary and overzealous policing" that was "disproportionate to the circumstances".

While it's fortunate that in this case the police are being held to account (although imagine the sentence if it had been an Aboriginal person found guilty of assaulting a police officer), how often have we seen the situation where the cops get away with brutalising one of our people, then lying about it and charging the victim?

Police across the country abuse their power. From racial profiling to stopping Indigenous kids for no reason to assault – it happens in all states and territories, and too often doesn't come to light.

The ACT has just announced its first justice reinvestment trial, where money that would have been spent locking up people is instead invested into community programs.

The ACT Government has, sensibly, partnered with Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service for Yarrabi Bamirr, which means 'Walk Tall' in Ngunnawal language.



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The program is going to take a holistic approach with families – helping with housing, health, education, domestic violence, legal support and whatever else the families need, to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The idea is that if you help people before they get into real trouble, then it's much less likely they'll come into contact with the criminal justice system.

It's an approach that police in NSW country towns – and everywhere else in the country – might want to think about, instead of abusing their position to intimidate and hurt Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

THIS edition we kick off our new business section. The idea is to support the wide range of amazing and innovative Indigenous businesses by telling their stories every edition.

We know there are many new and established Indigenous businesses, and if you'd like us to tell your story, please email editor@koorimail.com

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New rugby league group 7 director Tanya Ardler.
Picture: Courtney Ward, The South Coast Register



Back on board

By BRITTA LYSTER

TANYA Ardler has become the first Aboriginal female board member of the NSW Country Rugby League's Group 7 (South Coast).

Ms Ardler, a single mother of three from the Aboriginal community of Wreck Bay, east of Nowra, was elected to the position at the beginning of the year.

Taking on the role wasn't an easy decision for her, despite a lifelong love of rugby league.

Eleven years ago Ms Ardler's husband Anthony Roberts died at just 42 after a heart attack on the field.

Devastated and wracked with grief, she walked away from the game.

Then early this year Ms

Ardler was approached by former players from her local team Wreck Bay United to put her name forward for the Group 7 board.

"Rugby league has played a huge part of my life from a very young age," she said.

"It was always a weekly event to go to the football and support all my family members up and down the South Coast."

So Ms Ardler decided it was time to return to rugby league and she's now hoping to inspire more women to participate in a variety of roles on and off the field.

She said it took a great deal of strength to even walk up to a football field, but she wants to harness that strength for change.

"Although I have been out of the local rugby league scene for quite some years and not seen much in the way of the game, I'm hoping that we can push it to a new level and show what this region has to offer on a bigger scale," she said.

Passion

It was Ms Ardler's obvious passion and love for rugby league that brought her back to the sport and, ultimately, to the boardroom.

And, as an Indigenous woman, Ms Ardler says that in a game where there are a lot of high-profile Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players, part of her role will be to encourage local Indigenous children – male and female – in

her region to strive to achieve whatever they set their sights on.

"I will hit the ground running and do whatever I can, but my priority at the moment is just to get the feel of the board, see how they operate and then I hope to make my mark," she said.

"And seeing how women are playing AFL and also now having an impact on the rugby league field, my aim is to keep that door open."

Ms Ardler said the support she has received from the local community has been overwhelming and was fundamental to her decision to join the Group 7 board.

She also has the support of local officials and administrators, who hope her

appointment will encourage more Indigenous women to become involved in rugby league.

"We have a proud and long history of football here on the South Coast, and my aim is to keep that going and especially encourage the young ones out there to pursue their dreams in the big league, the NRL," she said.

Although she's only been in the new football role a few months, Ms Ardler says she has high hopes for the game of rugby league across her region.

"We have to make sure that we push our young kids and encourage them to strive and have a hunger for achieving anything they want within the game," she said.

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Tim Maynard on the shores of Big Dog Island, where he has spent the past month practising the tradition of mutton birding.

Mutton birding's in this man's blood

By JILLIAN MUNDY



AT 32, being the youngest 'shed' owner/boss in Bass Strait is something Tim Maynard doesn't take for granted.

A proud Tassie Black Fella, Maynard bought the mutton-bird processing shed, which comes with a lease of the surrounding mutton bird rookery, on Big Dog Island, in the Furneaux group off the north-east of Tasmania, in 2013 for \$14,000, but the cost does not come anywhere near equating to its worth.

The Furneaux Islands have a proud Aboriginal culture and history, and are where 80% of the world's estimated population of over 20 million mutton birds (short-tailed shearwaters) burrow to breed.

"Birding's been my life most of my life really," Maynard said.

"I'm lucky I do have a shed, because people can go (mutton) birding all their life, and never get the chance to buy a shed or own a shed.

"I'm lucky and privileged in that way.

"I'd never sell it. She's priceless to me. The kids will get it eventually."

Named the High Chaparral, after a 1960s western-themed TV series, the shed once belonged to Maynard's uncle Murray Mansell – the man who taught him the skills and knowledge of mutton birding.

"I pretty much still call it his shed, and it's the first year I can remember he hasn't come to Big Dog. I think he done 50 or 60 seasons," Maynard said.

"He's good when he's over here. He comes up with the stories," says Maynard, speaking from the steps of his sleeping quarters on the island – a run-down processing shed the next bay from his.

Maynard begun mutton birding as a young boy with his mother, but it wasn't until he stepped out with his uncle when he was about 13 that he got serious about it.

"He pretty much taught me the craft of birding," Maynard said.

"The right way"

"Uncle Murray showed me how to work the rookery out, to showing me how to open a bird the right way, the fastest way."

With a promising football career ahead of him at the time, Maynard would trade the beginning of the footy season for the month-long birding season.

But it wasn't his dedication to his culture that cut his footy career short, rather his dedication to standing up to bullies, and a resulting 11-match suspension.

"This one big fella was picking on all the smaller players on my team. I was up the other end of the field so I couldn't do nothin' about it. It got to me in the end, so I pretty much took the whole team on," he said.

"The whole lot ran on to the bus. It was the end of the game.

"That was the end of my football career."

At 190cm, Maynard cuts an imposing figure, and it is something he puts to good use.

"I'm just a peace-maker most of the time. I don't like stand overs," he says.

"If I see someone standing over someone they can beat, I'll say something straight away."

Back home on nearby Cape Barren Island a few of his mates call him 'the Mayor', others 'Big Bear' – there are a few different stories, but he would prefer to keep them between him and his mates.

Maynard grew up between Cape Barren, Flinders Island and Launceston. Cape Barren has been home for almost two decades. He and his partner Tara have raised their two children there, and at the tender ages of 12 and seven Jacob and Elli probably know more about mutton birding than the average Tassie Black Fella.

Somewhat reluctantly, they are in the process of relocating back to town (Launceston) for their children's education and development.

It is a lifestyle they will all miss – pristine beaches, a small population and the opportunity to go fishing, diving and motorbike riding on their doorstep.

Maynard has built a career in road works for the Cape Barren Island Aboriginal Association over the past decade, and is looking for work in the same field in

Launceston, but is concerned about accruing enough annual leave for the month-long annual birding season.

Mutton birding is in his blood. His ancestors harvested and feasted on the birds for thousands of years, then, after invasion, with the white sealers who took up residence in the Furneaux Islands and started families with his people, a commercial mutton birding industry was born, which continues today relatively unchanged.

It's still an exciting annual migration for birding families to the picturesque and often windswept mutton-birding islands – a time to get back to basics on country, catch up, reminisce about old times and continue a unique cultural tradition.

"My main reason to come birding is to catch up, and have good yarns, and think about the old fellas," Maynard says.

Dying art

One thing that has changed is the number of willing young birders prepared to learn what he refers to as a dying art and put in a month's hard work.

With the exception of his partner, children and himself, Maynard's youngest crew member is approaching 50.

"I'm probably the youngest shed boss ever, well shed owner ever," he says.

While most of his crew refer to him as 'boss' at times, it's not a title that sits comfortably with him.

"Most people I take birding have been birding all their life. They know what to do anyway," Maynard says.

"They're more mates than anything, and I'll get on and work my arse off harder than anyone.

"I suppose if you treat people how you want to be treated yourself, it's all right.

"It's not like I ask anyone to do anything I wouldn't do myself.

"But birding's not hard to me. I just love birding. It keeps on ticking along, but I don't know how it's going to keep on going if the young fellas don't take it up. All my crew are old fellas.

"I don't know who's going to take it up in years to come.

"Not a lot of young fellas have it in 'em. They're used to playing computer games.

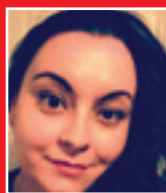
"Jacob's probably the only real young fella coming up. He's been coming since he's five, every year.

"And Elli she's the only young girl I know that goes out on the rookery, shows you the holes, holds the birds for ya, piles them up, counts 'em."

Maynard is keen to take on any young Aboriginal people keen to have a go.

And if anyone is keen to get a feed of his mutton birds, from the only shed in the Straits that sells only A-grade birds or "the best birds in the Straits" as he refers to them, you can find him on facebook under Tim Maynard Mutton Birds Big Dog Island.

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From facebook...

In response to our Facebook post about Nakia Davis-Welsh (pictured) and four other Indigenous rugby league players, Caitlin Moran, Simone Smith, Rebecca Riley and Rebecca Young, being named in the Jillaroos squad, the *Koori Mail's* facebook friends responded with messages of congratulations.

Sharon Patterson: Good luck young lady. I'm a former rep player myself. Back in the late 1990s injuries forced me out to never play contact sports again.

The only advice one Koori can give another is focus on your job and do it as well as you can. Play clean, play hard and most importantly wear your culture proudly on your heart when you pull that jersey on.

Remember who you are and how hard you trained to get to where you are. Focus and always listen to the ref, don't back chat and pick your teammate up off the ground.

Cherie Leon: Congrats. Great inspiration to all the other young mob out there. The skies are the limits for you and the only way is up.

And also on our Facebook page in response to the video of Jessica Mauboy killing it at the Logies with her version of *Land of a Thousand Dances* (one of the songs she sang for *The Sapphires*) as part of the medley she performed.

Margaret Beattie: What an incredible artist. More important, an incredible woman.

Tabita Hunter: I love this Sista-Girl! RockStar Baby! She's definitely the only one who could recreate and regenerate the magic and energy of Tina Turner.

Cath Gillespie: I see some Beyonce and some Tina Turner! And lots of gorgeous Jessica – so good.



Rugby league champion Nakia Davis-Welsh holds some of her awards.



Jessica Mauboy, right, shows the talent that has brought her a legion of fans.

POETRY

Pull Them Out Of The Gutters

Don't Forget The
Indigenous
The Natives Of This Land
For There Are No Better
People
To Which You Can Lend A
Hand.
Feel Their Pain And Sorrow
For The Generations Of
The Past
That Were Butchered For
No Reason
And The Torment Inside Did
Last.
Today Their Hearts Are
Broken
You Can See It In Their
Eyes
It's Very Clear To See
And They Won't Cover It
With A Lie.
Help Them If You Can
And Hug Them Long And
Hard
Enable Tomorrow's
Children
To Walk Another Yard.
Sit With Them A Moment
And Have With Them A
Yarn
Let Them Tell You Stories
About Their People From
The Start.
See Them As Your Family
Your Sisters And Your
Brothers
Reach Down And Pick
Them Up
From The Dungeons, Pits
And Gutters.

Abi DRabi
Sydney, NSW

Ask a Nunga

Ask a Nunga how it feels
To be different from the rest
Black and White across the
world
Us Blacks was always
repressed.
The First Nation People, so
I hear
Had the same treatment as
us here
The fight for survival on
their own land
Is mirror imaged, so we
understand!
Our land is gone, and
generation lost.
But now we're all fired up,
and we'll fight on
And the word (sorry) won't
go astray
So I say
Ask a Nunga
And see what he says.

Raylene Campion
Adelaide, SA

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We must remember them all

RECENTLY watched the film *Hidden Figures* based on the book about three African American female mathematicians who worked at NASA during the 1960s.

The film stars Taraji P Henson as Katherine Johnson, who calculated flight trajectories allowing the US to first put humans into space. Octavia Spencer plays Dorothy Vaughan who would become NASA's first head supervisor of its computer software program, black or white, male or female; and Janelle Monae played Mary Jackson, NASA's first black woman engineer.

Achieving the impossible and being the first in history becomes a common theme throughout the film.

Another common theme is that human invention and reaching our true potential is held back not by individual brilliance or sacrifice, but instead by conservative attitudes denying the contribution of others.

Jim Parsons, who most of us know as Sheldon in the *Big Bang Theory*, plays a senior engineer within the space program. He said of his role, "my character makes things difficult ... he represents the personification of some major hurdles and attitudes of the time ..."

It's hard not to relate the film to the same conservative attitudes holding us back in Australia continuing to divide our nation in refusing to accept the truth of our past. Anzac Day is one such example where it has taken years of fighting to gain the same recognition

for our Black Diggers as the rest of Australia.

My family still has the photos where my grandfather Len Waters, the famous fighter pilot, first got to march at the Anzac parade along with Oodgeroo Noonuccal and others, close to 50 years after serving their country.

Why was it they had to wait so long?

The next step in being fair and equitable is acknowledging those brave men and women who made the absolute sacrifice in defending their homes during the frontier wars.

As we have seen with Aotearoa (New Zealand) in officially acknowledging the Maori Wars, such recognition doesn't divide the country – it brings people together in gaining mutual respect, values and beliefs. What does divide a nation is recognition of one group over and above all others.

The Australian War Memorial website is written completely towards white settlement, starting with the Colonial period in 1788, documenting first the marines who guarded English settlements at Sydney Cove and Norfolk Island. Then the 73rd Regiment of 1810 whose responsibility was to maintain civil order and "to suppress the resistance of the Aboriginal population" (Australian War Memorial website).

Any division between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal occurred long before this article. It becomes a common thread, as the early wars



Woolombi Waters

where Australian troops are remembered are against other aboriginal people overseas as well as here in Australia.

Just read some of the quotes from the memorial:

"... Suppress the resistance of the Aboriginal population ..."

"... continuing expansion of European settlers onto Maori land and the colonial government's determination to crush native independence" and

"... threatened by an Indigenous rebellion (Sudan) ..."

This is not a language of inclusion – it is the exact opposite. It is why the film *Hidden Figures* is so significant, because it shows the importance in representing a true history that acknowledges the contribution of all races and gender.

There are so many unnamed, unmarked graves of black people around the world, and yet I can go back through my education taught to me in Australian classrooms and give exact numbers of whites who died, even with the names recorded as far back as 37 BC.

That is over 2000 years ago during the siege of Masada, where 960 Jewish rebels and their families committed mass suicide surrounded by Roman troops.

My first historical massacre I remember was as a child was 'Little Big Horn', the last stand of Custer. The total US casualty count included 268 dead and 55 severely wounded. Six died from their injuries later, so accurate are the records.

Many readers will be too young to remember, but the defeat, together with countless John Wayne movies, spawned a generation of kids playing Cowboys and Indians and despite losing, everyone wanted to be George Custer or a cowboy.

The Indians, of course, were the bad guys, as Custer and his troops became iconic, heroic figures in Western history

Why is Little Big Horn remembered as a massacre and not a great victory by the Lakota,

Northern Cheyenne, and Arapaho tribes as part of the Great Sioux War of 1876?

As Prof W E H Stanner declared in his 1968 Boyer Lecture, Australian history has a "cult of disremembering" which had reduced Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to little more than a "melancholy footnote" in white history – what he referred to as a "cult of forgetfulness practised on a national scale".

Here are just some of the many massacre sites on my own Kamilaroi traditional homelands not maintained through the history books but in our own ceremony and law.

Buluwaal ngiyani muur-gi gi (lest we forget):

Little Waterloo, Biniguy, Slaughter House Creek, Myall Creek, Jerry's Plains, Ourimbah Creek, Saratoga, Singleton Plains, Narrarundi, Gurley Creek, Gravesend, Terri Hie Hie, Dirrabun Hawkesbury River, Moree, Moree mission, Yetman, Bogga Mission Road, North Star, Boomi, Inglewood, Tingha, Inverell, Gunnedah, Narrabri, Wee Waa, Tamworth, and Breeza plains.

I am not saying we do not remember the Anzacs.

What I am saying is that we also remember those indigenous people who died in building the wealth of the world we live in today.

Why?

Because Black Lives Matter too...

● Dr Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail columnist.

Meaningful reparation

IN a recent edition of the *Koori Mail*, I discussed the importance of treaty and which model I consider would be best placed to not only serve the interests of the Indigenous community but also slot into existing framework.

It follows then that we need to address the topic of reparation, a topic which is often met with horror from mainstream Australia because they're conditioned to have a certain viewpoint when considering Indigenous people and money.

The debate surrounding Indigenous policy and the issue of reparation is fraught with the racial stereotypes unashamedly used throughout mainstream media and political debate often with the intent to malign Indigenous people as greedy or needy and incapable of financial management.

The public relations campaign waged against Indigenous people since invasion has been a successful one for the Crown and, subsequently, for the Australian Government. It has been justification for the atrocities in the decades following invasion and in more recent history has been used to vindicate governments making policies for and on behalf of Indigenous people with little to no community consultation and, notwithstanding the lack of choice for communities, the failures in Indigenous policy have been laid at the feet of the Indigenous community.

Despite the constant disparagement of the Indigenous community, the one unavoidable fact that can be quantified is that on January 26, 1788, the Crown not only contravened its own law but that of prevailing international law by

laying claim and taking land that was already inhabited and cared for by the Indigenous people of this land belonging to over 200 nations with a sophisticated and ecologically focused system of governance.

The effects of this theft of land have been hugely profitable for government but utterly devastating for the Indigenous people. The devastation remains and is freely seen by anyone who looks.

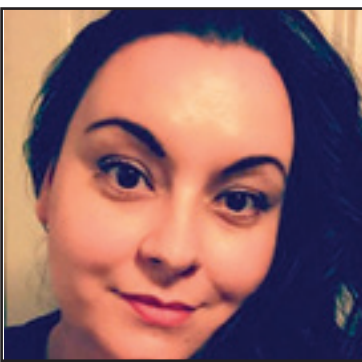
We have the highest rates of Indigenous incarceration since South African apartheid; we have rates of Indigenous deaths in custody at the same level which led to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal deaths in custody; our children being removed from their families at a rate not seen since the stolen generations; children being tortured in custody and committing suicide at epidemic rates; and community empowerment has given way to a policy of individual wealth accumulation under the Coalition's Indigenous Affairs policy.

We represent 3% of the population but receive 0.002% of the nation's gross domestic product (GDP). Indigenous policy is paternalistic and further disempowers communities and individuals within communities and, if we are to believe unification rhetoric, this needs to change. Now.

The Australian economy has enjoyed a steady increase in value over the past 229 years.

The success of the economy is not down to economic management, as the constant political posturing would have us believe. It is because a benefit has been derived from the Indigenous people and cultural lands without any payment.

Only a small portion of the



Natalie Cromb

cultural lands have been returned to traditional owners and almost all of that land 'returned' is vulnerable to native title extinguishment for mining if they are not already subject to the 99-year lease provisions.

Communities remain vulnerable to governmental whim where water can be turned off, along with electricity and removal of essential services due to the notion that living a cultural life on country is a 'lifestyle choice' that the mainstream population shouldn't have to pay for.

The rhetoric of taxpayer dollars funding welfare and Aboriginal communities is deliberately divisive and paints a picture so far from the truth given that we know that this country – land and people – were taken without recompense, treaty or even the consideration of negotiation.

The latest Indigenous Affairs budget is \$60.7 million to be distributed over four years for targeted programs and an additional \$10.5 million for Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder treatment and support programs which will largely be directed at Indigenous women and children. This represents 0.002% of GDP. The oldest living culture in the world, which has sustained 229 years of oppression, is relegated to an offensively minuscule amount of funding for programs that are meant to redress the very oppression caused by colonisation.

There have been disjointed and clumsy attempts at reparations over the past few decades, with the Stolen Wages claim and the recent announcement in NSW for compensation to the Stolen Generations. However, the effect of the money dedicated to these claims does little to redress the trauma of the Indigenous people in these claim categories.

Accurate assessment of reparation can only come from a thorough and forensic quantification of the damages caused to Indigenous people for the past 229 years, an exercise perhaps far too costly and burdensome for government to consider given that – ultimately – the economy simply cannot afford to pay the damages owed to the Indigenous people.

The forensic analysis would need to consider the land value which is currently estimated in the trillions, the wealth derived from the land – multiplied by the amount of years and steady growth – which is also well into the trillions and then the damages claims for massacres, rapes, child removal slave labour,

trans-generational trauma and environmental damage would point to a number that forms the basis of the Government's agenda of denial and rhetoric to denigrate Indigenous people.

We know why the Government wants to deny sovereignty and push symbolic acts like the apology and constitutional recognition. It's because the cost of reparation paints a picture of a country that is broke.

But we do not want this. Not by a long shot.

Meaningful reparation can only now be achieved by looking to the future. Indigenous Australians represent 3% of the population and if we were to have access to the equivalent percentage of GDP instead of the 0.002% that is currently budgeted, this would make a significant impact on our Indigenous people, but only if that funding were assigned to policies and programs determined by Indigenous people.

The blueprints for a better Australia have been circulating with the growing grassroots treaty movement, which enunciates the principles of self-determination, culture, land and language. The pursuit of a treaty and wide support of it and the principles within it is what will be the defining cultural shift in this country to finally overcome an abhorrent history and have a legacy to be proud of.

I only hope that the mainstream community of Australia starts to listen to the Indigenous community and work towards a future we can be proud of.

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

SNAICC call for Bill to be blocked



THE national peak body representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, SNAICC, says it is deeply disappointed the South Australian Government has passed *The Children and Young People (Safety) Bill 2017* in the House of Assembly and has urged the Legislative Council to block it.

SNAICC said the SA Government has repeatedly refused to engage with and listen to Indigenous organisations during the child protection legislation reform process.

SNAICC chairperson Sharron Williams said the bill seeks to implement a limited

scope of the recommendations of the SA Child Protection Systems Royal Commission Report (the Nyland Report) and does very little to address the overrepresentation of Indigenous children in the state's child protection system.

SNAICC says neither it nor Aboriginal Family Support Services (AFSS), SA's leading organisation representing Indigenous children, has been listened to regarding these reforms despite both organisations providing detailed submissions.

Indigenous children in SA are 10.8 times more likely to be in out-of-home care than other children, meaning 33% of all children

in out-of-home care in the state are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

Ms Williams, who is also AFSS chief executive, said it was "unfathomable" that the SA Government had not consulted with peak Aboriginal organisations.

"This is hugely insulting, a direct rebuke to the right to self-determination for Aboriginal people and, quite frankly, indicative of the culturally inappropriate approach that is reflected in the content of the current Bill," she said.

"Essentially, the Bill as it is currently shaped is a poorly considered version of what should be carefully crafted, inclusive and supportive legislation."

SNAICC and AFSS are urging that SA's child protection legislation:

- requires culturally safe and accessible family support services;
- has resources made available to promote the safe care and reunification of Indigenous children with their parents and family members;
- fully and properly incorporates the Indigenous child placement principle;
- recognises and enables Indigenous self-determination; and
- safeguards Indigenous children's identity and connections to family, community and culture in decision making about permanent care.

Asbestos threat results in 'TSI' church closure

By ALF WILSON



ASBESTOS in the hall has forced the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland to close Townsville's St Stephen's Church, which for the past 45 years has been where the local Torres Strait Islander congregation has worshipped.

'For sale' signs were placed on the fence outside St Stephen's in South Townsville recently.

Several former Torres Strait Islander worshippers told the *Koori Mail* they had a strong connection with the land where St Stephen's is located.

Diocesan bishop Bill Ray said there were several reasons why the church was being sold.

"The main reason is that the church hall, where the toilets are, has lots of asbestos and it would cost \$60,000 to \$70,000 to remove it, so it was not economically possible," he said.

Bishop Ray said it would cost around \$2 million to remove asbestos from churches in the Torres Strait.

"We have had asbestos removed from the church on Thursday Island and also at Mabuag Island, but others still have it," he said.

Ceremony

St Stephen's Church has been the Townsville venue for the Coming of the Light ceremony each July, which celebrates the arrival of missionaries to the Torres Strait Islands on July 1, 1871.

The number of parishioners who attended weekly church services and other events at St Stephen's last year ranged between 20 and 50.

"The church did not meet State Government accessibility standards and the hall ceiling had fallen in," Bishop Ray said.

He said some of the parishioners were elderly and used walking frames to get around.

"We had hired portable toilets, which were able to be used by people with disability, but there is a cost," he said.

The bishop said the Torres Strait Islander parishioners had been told they could worship at St John's Anglican Church on Macrossan Street in South Townsville.

Some had done that.

Bishop Ray said the diocese was exploring the possibility of giving the Torres Strait Islander congregation the option to worship at a church in Riggs Street in the Townsville suburb of Kirwan.

Many people of Torres Strait Islander descent live in Townsville, after their descendants left the islands following World War II seeking employment.



Flashback to when St Stephen's Church was in operation. From left in the church are Father Gaidam Gisu, Bishop Bill Ray and Father Elimo Tapim.



The deserted former St Stephen's Church in South Townsville, which had been the home of many Torres Strait Islander worshippers for 45 years.

Research to protect sawfish



ABORIGINAL rangers and scientists from Murdoch University joined forces to conduct research into a critically endangered sawfish from the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

They recently released a picture showing a freshwater crocodile attacking a sawfish, highlighting their dangerous journey between the Fitzroy River and the sea.

Freshwater sawfish are listed internationally as critically endangered and they are the only sawfish from the five species with a juvenile freshwater phase.

The scientists and rangers examined scars on freshwater sawfish in the Fitzroy River, finding that about 60% had bites from crocodiles, bull sharks, and for one particularly lucky (or unlucky) sawfish, both.

David Morgan, from the Centre for Fish and Fisheries Research, says young sawfish spend about four to five years in the river before migrating to the ocean to mature and breed.

"Their upstream migrations are fraught with danger, and we suspect they don't always survive," he said.

"These scars suggest that freshwater crocodiles attempt to capture and consume sawfish regularly, but are unsuccessful possibly due to the size, sensory capabilities and defences of their prey."

Prof Morgan said the scarred sawfish appeared to be healthy, but larger crocodile attacks would likely be fatal, especially on newborn sawfish migrating upstream.

"The three natural predators, including the two protected species of crocodile, have the potential to seriously deplete the freshwater sawfish population," he said.

He suggested removing or altering human-made instream barriers as they attract crocodiles and bull sharks, which would allow the sawfish to travel safely. — AAP



Freshwater crocodiles, one with a juvenile freshwater sawfish in the Kimberley region of WA. Picture provided by David Woods, Department of Parks and Wildlife

2017 mutton birding season



All hands are on deck in the opening room at Tim Maynard's shed. From left are Colin J Hughes, Neil Thomas, Rex Burgess, Buck Brown and Tim Maynard with his son Jacob Maher Maynard.



Brody Brown and Jenna Wadley with their children Kitai Brown and Summer Maynard take a break outside the shed at Maynard Bay.



Lillian Maynard scalds birds ready for cleaning. "Originally Mum took us birding in our nappies," she said.

Concerns held for the future

By JILLIAN MUNDY



AS mutton-birders return to their homes after the annual season closed last week, in addition to taking home memories, a feed and a pay packet is the concern of keeping their proud tradition alive into the future.

For many Tasmanian Aborigines 'birding', as it is referred to, is an integral part of their identity.

Harvesting mutton birds (short-tailed shearwaters) dates back thousands of years, and a couple of centuries ago a commercial mutton-birding tradition was born on the islands of the Bass Strait.

Australia's most abundant sea bird, mutton birds nest in rookeries on the islands and coastlines mainly around Tasmania – the only state where it is legal to harvest them.

The fat chicks rich in omega 3 oils and other nutrients are a favourite traditional food, and their pungent oil has many medicinal and therapeutic uses.

While birding may be a commercial enterprise to many, you would be hard pressed to find a birder who did not rate the social and cultural aspects as being more important.

"It's about culture," said 56-year-old Neil Thomas, who was birding on Big Dog Island this season for Tim Maynard, who had "forced him out of retirement" a few years ago.

Mr Thomas started birding with his family on the same rookery when he was seven. In those days his family was big enough to not need extra hands.

These days just one of his seven siblings still birds.

Mr Thomas says the biggest change in his birding career, which spans five decades, is that there are fewer birds.

Like many others, he leaves his day job on Cape Barren Island and chooses to take a lesser wage for the mutton-bird season. He carts up to 30 big buckets of water, sometimes catching birds on the rookery, then plucking or cleaning up to 350 birds, in a day which usually stretches from sunrise until well after sunset.

No money in it

Tim Maynard, who owns and runs one of the handful of sheds on Big Dog Island, which was returned to the Aboriginal community in 1995, says there's no money in birding.

"Most people who have fulltime jobs, the money to come birding is not worth as much to stay in your own job," he said.

"My main reason to come birding is to catch up, and have good yarns, and think about the old fellas.

"She's a dying art. It's so hard to get birders. It's only old birders coming now, and all the young fellas don't want to go any more.

"I don't know who's going to take it up in

years to come. It keeps on ticking along, but I don't know how it's going to keep on going if the young fellas don't take it up. All my crew are old fellas."

The average age of Mr Maynard's crew is 50.

He says sales are also increasingly difficult, probably due to the number of amateur licences being issued to non-Aboriginal people. And he's also worried about the impact this has on the sustainability of the industry.

"They take twice as many as the pros," he says of the amateurs.

"And they don't even know how to catch them anyway. They use hooks and stuff to pull the bird out, whitefellas. They're scared of snakes."

In comparison, 'real' mutton birders reach down the burrow, and in one continuous action pull the chick out and with a swift flick kill the bird instantly.

'Licence to kill'

As a shed boss, Mr Maynard is issued a catcher's licence each year and in turn he issues his rookery workers a 'licence to kill' to certify they know how to properly kill a mutton bird.

Not all mutton birds end up as someone's dinner. As the season draws on and chicks flap about during the night losing their down and strengthening their wings, most of them make their way to the edge of the ocean, launch into their maiden flight and head off to the northern hemisphere.

While birds are viewed as a food and economic resource, they are also respected and admired.

"If I lay down at lunch time, or we have smoko and I pull a mutton bird out of a hole and pat it, or put it to sleep sometimes, I'd never kill that bird," Mr Maynard says.

"If we muck around with one, he's got to go back. It's always been like that."

Mr Maynard explained how the processing of mutton birds abides by the poultry health standard.

Each season his birds are tested for the bacteria e. coli. He said under the standard 5000 microns of e. coli was satisfactory, and 3000 microns excellent. The highest his birds were ever tested at was 300, but on average it has been around 20 microns.

"The (inspector) said if you look at how they do chickens you'd never eat them again, the way they zap 'em and grab 'em and scissor their heads off and they go through a solution of like White King (bleach)," he said.

Like Mr Thomas, Mr Maynard is concerned about the numbers of birds returning each year.

Although the industry is regulated, numbers are counted and quotas sometimes altered.

Mr Maynard says climate change and overfishing of the food mutton birds rely on is having an impact, resulting in birds being too malnourished to make their journey back to Tasmanian shores.

on Tasmania's Big Dog Island

Buck Brown carries a load of birds through the rookery. For birders the health benefits start before they eat the birds. It's a daily workout rolling around between tussocks, pulling birds out from their burrows and carrying loads of them back to be harvested.



Twelve-year-old mutton-birder Jacob Maher Maynard holds a mutton bird chick for the camera, the bird was then returned to its burrow beneath the tussock grass.



Guts and wings from the processing emptied on the beach are soon cleaned up by waiting birds.



Seven-year-old Elli Maher Maynard, who loves being in the midst of mutton birding, holds mutton bird hearts.



Neil Thomas in the 'crib' room after a hard day's work in the mutton bird rookery and shed.



Tim Maynard shows his son Jacob Maher Maynard the finer points of opening (gutting) a bird.



Em Burgess and Phil 'Oilcan' Lowery are in the pluck house at John Wells and Tanya Maynards's shed.



Teacher Chris Barr and riders Christiana Ebatarinja and Melina Katarintja. Picture: Taren Williams



'Aranda Tribe Ride for Pride' participants head towards the march in Todd Mall, Alice Springs. Picture: Taren Williams

It's a ride for pride



NTARIA School students recently took a seven-day journey on horseback to ride in the Alice Springs Anzac Day parade.

Under the 127km 'Aranda Tribe Ride for Pride' from Ntaria (Hermannsburg) to Alice Springs, students acknowledged the role of Indigenous people in the Australian defence forces and the Central Desert brumbies used by the Light Horse Infantry during World War I.

Lead trainer and manager of the project Chris Barr said 36 students participated in the 2017 journey, the biggest group since the program started in 2015.

"Ntaria School has used horses since 2013 as a key strategy to increase student engagement in learning," Mr Barr said.

"The outcome of this program speak for itself; this year we've had 90% attendance for our students involved in this program.

"Students get a sense of pride and self-confidence being involved, particularly when they see their efforts recognised by their families and the broader community.

"This has become a whole-of-community event; it is something our students, families and school community cherish for a long time."

Assistant teacher Jeremy Moketarinja

helps teach the students how to ride.

"I love horses, and I love seeing all these kids riding horses, going through the bush, sleeping under the stars, sitting round the campfire, talking stories," he said.

"All the Aboriginal people from here went to fight wars somewhere for the Lighthorsemen.

"So that's why we're doing it: for them, and for ourselves and the community.

"It's good fun to work with these kids. It makes you proud and happy to see that you've taught them how to ride.

"Some of these kids had never ridden a horse before."

Ntaria School principal Cath Greene said the 'Aranda Tribe Ride for Pride' is an anticipated annual event for the students and school.

"This program is so important for our students. It brings the whole community together and celebrates our Indigenous servicemen past and present," Ms Greene said.

"Our students are here in droves every day. This program gives them something to look forward to and teaches them far more than the competencies can evaluate.

"The students, teachers and support staff are a credit to our community, to themselves and to every Aboriginal soldier who fought in the two world wars."



Ntaria riders Zenth Yamma, Christiana Ebatarintja and Melina Katarintja at Anzac Hill in Alice Springs. Picture: Taren Williams



● Above: Ntaria school students, staff and family members farewell 36 of the students who took part in this year's 'Aranda Tribe Ride for Pride'. They covered 127km to Alice Springs.

● Left: Participants in Light Horse uniform Stanley Kenny and Marley Kantawara. Picture: Taren Williams



Rider Melina Katarintja.



Assistant teacher Jeremy Moketarinja, who helps teach the children how to ride, and his daughter Mahalia, one of the students.





Lisa Jackson-Pulver and Uncle Harry Allie were among the many Indigenous service people and veterans to turn out in Canberra.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people lead the march.

Leading the way



Trevor Wilson, from Coffs Harbour, Harry Brandy, from Canberra, John Schnaars, from Perth, and Dave Williams, from Sydney.



Wreaths at the Indigenous Memorial on Mt Ainslie.



FOR the first time, Indigenous veterans and serving defence force members led the march at the national Anzac Day ceremony in Canberra.

Relatives of veterans also joined in the march, and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Service Association said it hoped the march would send a message about the significance of Indigenous people in the defence force.

The association's national president, Gary Oakley, said it was a proud moment for him and other Indigenous people who have served in the Australian Defence Force.

"Proud"

"This is a first for our country," he said. "We are no longer a secret history. Every single person should be proud of this moment. We should all remember this."

"We should be proud of this great achievement."

And proud they were, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags flying high as the march approached the Australian War Memorial.

Despite heavy rain, thousands of people came to see the march, and a large crowd attended the dawn service at the Indigenous Memorial on Mount Ainslie.

The dawn service was a solemn remembrance of the soldiers fallen, with people coming from Australia, New Zealand and the South Sea islands.



Indigenous people came from all over to pay their respects at the dawn service.



Michelle Flynn and Peter Milliken.



Cliff Daylight, Alf Trindell and Regina Hazel.



Veterans Jason and Michael Enchong, Don Taylor and Glen Hall.



Immanuel College students Wyndam Lake and Nikischa Singer prepare to lay a wreath in Adelaide.



Rosemary Wanganeen and grandson Jayden Fergusson with Elder Major 'Moogy' Sumner.

Welcome defended



Vietnam veteran Gilbert Green, from Port Lincoln, at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial in Adelaide.

Pictures by PETER ARGENT



THE RSL has offered a strong defence of an Aboriginal Elder who delivered an emotionally charged welcome

to country at the Anzac Day dawn service in Adelaide.

Katrina Karlapina Power talked of a "land that has never been surrendered" as she welcomed the gathering of thousands to Kurna country at the Adelaide War Memorial as dawn broke on Anzac Day.

She also urged the crowd to remember "all the black Australians that never lived to see black Diggers be recognised" as she related the story of her great grandfather who fought in France in World War I.

"When he returned, he returned to the mission and slavery and rations," she said.

Ms Power also offered her own version of the 23rd Psalm, making reference to walking "through the shadow of invasion, I will fear no evil, for my mother is with me".

Anzac Day committee chairman Ian Smith said it was acknowledged that some people of Christian faith might have felt it inappropriate to change the words of the psalm.

But he said Ms Power's message related the "historical facts" that Aboriginal men and women were dispossessed, killed by white settlers, stuck on missions and put on rations.

"Yet those same people volunteered to go and serve their country, which is really quite remarkable," he said.



Onlookers at the service in Adelaide.

Mr Smith said he might not have agreed with everything Ms Power said in her address, but he defended her right, as a Kurna Elder, to say them.

"I believe these are strongly held beliefs of Aboriginal people about the conditions they were in when they volunteered," he said.

Respect

Ms Power also urged black and white people to "walk forward together" and paid respect to all who had served.

"We pay our respects to all our Elders, black and white. We pay our respect to all our Diggers, black and white," she told the crowd. "White Australians have a history. Black Australians have a history. The Anzac story is our shared history."

Mr Smith said many people had spoken to him after the service to tell him Ms Power's welcome was "great". "She said what she said with a lot of emotion, which is fine," he said.

"She was reflecting on the service that Aboriginal men and women have given to the nation despite all the things that have been done to Aboriginal people."

Immediately following the dawn service, the Anzac Day sub-committee of Aboriginal Veterans SA hosted a commemoration at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial.

Australian Institute for Loss and Grief chief executive Rosemary Wanganeen gave the keynote address 'Always warriors' and Bill Wilson was MC. — With AAP



The shadow march heads up Anzac Parade in Canberra.



Fred Hooper marched with the veterans up front, then marches again to commemorate the Frontier Wars.

Frontier Wars march



THREE wreaths, held by Laurence 'Sprocket' Coghlan, Jai Russell and Dakota Thompson, were laid at the conclusion of the Anzac Day ceremony in Canberra.

The trio had led a 'shadow march' down Anzac parade in commemoration of the Indigenous

people who died in the Frontier Wars.

The group waited at the top of Anzac Parade, stopped by police from entering the War Memorial until the ceremony was over. Only then could Mr Sprocket and teenagers Jai and Dakota lay the wreaths.

The march was part of the final day of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy's five-day sovereignty workshop.



Ghillar Michael Anderson is part of the shadow march.



● Above: Marchers blocked by police wait in front of the Australian War Memorial to lay their wreaths.



Hume Wilkinson and Lyn Anderson at the Canberra Embassy.



● Left: At the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra: from left, Jamie Doran, Michael Haush and Bredly James.



Jason Coolburra leads the police in the march on Palm Island.



Heavy rain falls for the Anzac Day march and service on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait. Picture: Aaron Smith, Torres News

Services in north Qld



Palm Islanders and army personnel gather in Townsville at Jezzine Barracks on Bill Coolburra Lookout, named in honour of the late Indigenous serviceman.



Indigenous students from one of the 33 participating schools take part in the Townsville march.



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people played major parts in Anzac Day services held across far north Queensland.

In Townsville, an estimated 60,000 people watched dawn services at Townsville's Anzac Park on the Strand and at Thuringowa on the other side of the city, with parades at both places.

Thousands marched along the Strand, including students from 33 local schools, in the main march.

In the Torres Strait, torrential rain did not dampen the spirits of the

Anzac morning commemoration service on Thursday Island. More than 100 defence, emergency services, navy cadets and Australian Border Force personnel joined school students and residents in the march to Anzac Park.

And on Palm Island, the community held its first dawn service as well as a march and wreath-laying around the island's memorial.

Lieutenant Joseph Sorrensen and six soldiers from the 3rd Combat Engineers, based at Townsville's Lavarack Barracks, attended Palm service.



Joel Anau, of Boigu descent in the Torres Strait, stands at the Cenotaph in Anzac Park, Townsville.



Australian Army engineer Captain Lincoln Barbare with Boggabilla Central School captains Shannon Hippi and Reanne McGrady.

Solemn service at Boggabilla school



STUDENTS, staff and local residents marked Anzac Day with a special service at Boggabilla Central School in far northern

NSW. The guest speaker was Australian Army officer Captain Lincoln Barbare, who spoke on the Anzac tradition and about World War I Aboriginal Digger Private William Allan, who came from

northern NSW, and who was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for bravery. He died in the war.

Captain Barbare has been involved in a major Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program project at nearby Toomelah.

A wreath was laid at the school, and young students also 'planted' poppies they had made.



Plaque unveiled on Cape Barren Island



MORE than 50 people turned up to the unveiling of a plaque (pictured above) on Cape Barren Island, in Bass Strait, on Anzac Day. The plaque is

"to commemorate the sacrifice and commitment of the people of the Furneaux Islands in the field of battle, and at home, in the pursuit of our freedom".

It is situated near a pine tree planted last year by Furley Gardner and was

unveiled at the Dawn Service by two of her children, Denise and John.

The young men from the islands off the north-east coast of Tasmania became one of the first and largest groups per capita of population to enlist.

At the time it was unlawful for Aboriginal people to serve in the armed forces – the islanders were considered half-castes – and due to their Aboriginality denied many of the rights of white people.



Aboriginal dancers lead the Coloured Diggers march in Sydney.

Coloured Diggers popular



A LARGE crowd braved wet weather to take part in this year's 11th Coloured Diggers event on Anzac Day in Sydney.

Following a gathering and flag-raising, Indigenous service people and families marched to Redfern Park.

The Coloured Diggers event and march brings together the Indigenous and non-Indigenous community to celebrate the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and servicewomen.

Among those attending this year was Pastor Ray Minniecon.



The wreath-laying ceremony at the Redfern memorial. Getty images

Medicine plants to help revive paper company



BUSH medicine plants are proving central in a plan to revive the ailing Euraba Paper company based in far northern NSW. The plants are part of the Warray Maliya Maarkmali project (it means 'bush tucker project' in the local Kamilaroi language) being run on the Euraba Paper site at Boggabilla.

Established about a year ago, the CentaCare-supported Warray project already has an established nursery area at Euraba producing local bush tucker and medicine plants.

It's been a much-needed shot in the arm for Euraba Paper, established in 1999 but now struggling to market and sell the quality paper products for which it has become known.

The longer-term plan is to establish a roadside bush tucker cafe at the Euraba site on the Newell Highway in Boggabilla.

Many in the far northern NSW town have welcomed the assistance of CentaCare, the social service arm of the Catholic Church.

"We've had strong support and it's giving us something to work for," nursery manager Bernadette Duncan, a Kamilaroi woman and life-long Boggabilla resident, told the *Koori Mail*.

"CentaCare's Lea Sharpe is here regularly, providing invaluable guidance and assistance.

"We're now getting fully established and working towards opening the cafe, from which we could also offer tours of Euraba's paper-making factory and store.

"I see a big future for us. We have some wonderful bush medicine plants ideal for holistic healing.

"And when it comes to bush tucker, we've got plenty to offer."

Boggabilla Elder May Hinch said working together was vital in securing Euraba's future.

"Our paper has a great reputation and Euraba's too valuable to lose,"



Bernadette and Ron Duncan at the nursery in Boggabilla.



Aunty May Hinch displays some products in the Euraba Paper store.

said Aunty May, who was one of the original founders of the company.

"We've had our ups and downs, and right now there's just a small group of five or six of us working at Euraba.

"The bush tucker cafe is a great

concept. We can combine the best of what we have and offer it to the public through a bush tucker cafe.

"The plan involving the nursery and bush medicine plans is really apt too, because Euraba means 'place' (ba) of 'healing plant or plants'.

Solar power deal to pay off



THE Bungala Aboriginal Corporation (BAC) is set to reap up to \$1.8 million in economic benefits for its local Indigenous community, thanks to a landmark solar energy deal.

Under the deal, a 300 megawatt solar energy generation plant will be built on Bungala land near Port Augusta. It has just been announced by Enel Green Power (ENEL), the Dutch Infrastructure Fund (DIF) and Reach Solar Energy (Reach).

The Bungala Solar Project – set to be Australia's largest solar power station – will be developed on an 800 hectare site owned by the Bungala Aboriginal Corporation.

Bungala chief executive Rob Laundy says the new project is "hugely exciting" and turns an underutilised site into an income and, potentially, employment generating source for the local community.

"The site had been an ostrich farm and had then been virtually untouched for years, falling into substantial disrepair," he said. "We'd been contemplating re-fencing it and perhaps running stock, but when we saw this opportunity, the potential benefits to our community were simply too impressive to ignore."

The project, which received development approval in December 2016, is being delivered in partnership with Enel, DIF and Reach. It will be developed over a number of stages with a 30-year life span.

The first project aims to create 220 Megawatts (MW) in two 110 MW stages, which on completion will be able to produce sufficient energy to power about 82,000 homes in South Australia.

There is a further 80MW of potential generation which would give the site the capacity to power up to about 130,000 homes.

Reach's David Webster says the construction phase of the project will generate a significant number of jobs at peak and the construction contractor will be looking to recruit locally where it can.

"This a hugely significant project for South Australia given both its scale and generation capacity," he said.

"We hope it will certainly go some way to giving the SA public more confidence about the potential surety of supply of their vital energy needs."

It's anticipated the construction of the Bungala project will deliver a material and near-term capital injection into the Port Augusta region.

Mr Laundy said the lease payments for the site along with the potential for jobs for the Indigenous community all added up to the project being a winner.

"We recognise the need for the Bungala Aboriginal Corporation to be as self-sufficient as it can be by identifying culturally appropriate commercial opportunities that deliver real value to our community," he says.

"The Bungala Solar Project is a classic example of what we hope can be achieved through strategic partnerships and we look forward to seeing the program being successfully rolled out."



Bungala chairperson Walter Benbolt and chief executive Rob Laundy. Picture: The Transcontinental

Business hubs to pop up



POP-UP hubs designed to help Indigenous businesses expand and succeed will be appearing across NSW later this year.

During each pop-up visit, entrepreneurial education and practical workshops will be delivered by experts and successful Indigenous entrepreneurs, including alumni of the MURRA Indigenous business master class program.

The Walan Mayinygu Indigenous Entrepreneurship Pop Up Hub, created by Charles Sturt University academic Michelle Evans, will also create opportunities for participants to work together and hone their skills.

"Walan Mayinygu, which means 'strong for people' in Wiradjuri, is about strengthening Indigenous entrepreneurship and business nous at the regional level in grassroots firms across NSW," Ms Evans said.

"We are hoping to engage and

inspire Indigenous business people and those thinking of going into business by offering opportunities to present and pitch their business ideas, trade shows and networking events, with the help of established Indigenous entrepreneurs."

As part of the Walan Mayinygu program, pop-up hubs will visit communities for one week at a time in Dubbo starting on Monday, August 28, Albury from Monday, October 9, and Port Macquarie on Monday, March 5, 2018. A date for Lismore will be advised after the recent floods.

"The roaming pop-ups will overcome geographical isolation to provide productive spaces for individuals and communities to generate their own business ideas and ultimately build momentum for the Indigenous Australian entrepreneurial sector," Ms Evans said.

"It will improve access by participants to government departments, private firms and not-for-

profit organisations to develop business relations; bring designers, developers and entrepreneurs together in 'tech hackathons' to encourage networking and collaborative work; provide opportunities to work with customers to hone sales skills; and provide co-working spaces."

"For Indigenous communities, economic empowerment through job creation and business development and innovation is recognised as a key factor in closing the inequality gap and improving health outcomes and quality of life for Indigenous Australians.

"This Indigenous entrepreneurial wave needs nourishment through business education, business connections and business incubation."

Research from the Australian National University showed that Indigenous self-employment has almost tripled between 1991 and 2011, from 4600 to 12,500.

Skytrans flights taking off



SKYTRANS has celebrated its second birthday under the ownership of Peter Collings and NRL star Johnathan

Thurston by unveiling a new flight schedule.

Under the changes, same-day services will be introduced into some of the most remote communities around Cape York.

Queensland Treasurer Curtis Pitt welcomed the announcement as "an unprecedented commitment to Cape York that will change lives, especially in terms of access to health clinics and facilities".

"I am thrilled that for the first time an airline will be offering 15 same-day return services into seven remote communities," he said.

"They are Aurukun, Lockhart River, Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw, Coen, Horn Island and Weipa.

"Skytrans' new schedule will also enable patients from Aurukun, Lockhart River, Kowanyama and Pormpuraaw to fly to Weipa for day treatment at a health clinic as opposed to flying to Cairns, which often



North Queensland Cowboys NRL star Johnathan Thurston, a part owner of Skytrans, is aboard one of the Cairns-based company's aircraft.

means an overnight stay.

"Residents using the Local Fares Scheme will have more access to discounted flights as the new schedule will increase capacity."

Services for the new schedule start this week.

Skytrans chief executive Michael Thinee said the new schedule would propel businesses and lift services in

the Cape York and Torres Strait.

"We have been working with communities and really listening to what they need us to provide," he said.

"The clear message was they

needed day-trip access into communities, so suppliers/ services and passengers can visit a community and complete their business within the day."

Skytrans employs 141 people and the company estimates that it provides an economic benefit of around \$15 million.

The company's commercial operations across the Cape and Torres Strait extends to philanthropic engagement and community development.

Apunipima Cape York Health Council welcomed the changes.

The service has more than 200 staff that travel weekly to Cape communities.

Apunipima acting chief executive Paula Arnol says Skytrans has assisted the council with more than 2800 flights for staff in the last year alone.

"Our partnership has grown over the past two years," she said.

"Having such a service has enabled our workforce to expand and reach even further in our care to the people of Cape York, allowing us to work consistently all year round to closing the gap."

Businesses are set to Connect



INDIGENOUS businesses gather in Sydney this week for Supply Nation's annual supplier diversity event Connect. Held over two days on May 3-4, Connect

comprises a full-day knowledge forum (conference), the largest Indigenous business tradeshow in Australia, and the annual gala awards dinner at which the Supplier Diversity Award winners are announced.

The knowledge forum will be held at the International Convention Centre, in Darling Harbour. This year's event features more than 30 speakers from Australia and overseas, including chief executives of prominent Australian businesses and the owners of some of Australia's most successful Indigenous businesses.

The day will open with a keynote address from award-winning broadcaster and journalist Stan Grant, who will talk about Indigenous economic empowerment; and closes with an address from futurist Bernard Salt, who will discuss the changing Australian customer in a session titled 'The Next Five Years: Opportunities for Australian Business'.

The Indigenous business tradeshow is on May 4. More than 140 Indigenous-owned businesses will be represented. At the first Connect, held in 2010, there were just 13 businesses.

More than 20 industries will be represented, including manufacturing, logistics, professional services, food and



Supply Nation's Laura Berry.

beverage, cultural and community services and construction.

"Year on year, Connect continues to increase in size, and this reflects the growth of the sector as a whole," Supply Nation chief executive Laura Berry said.

"The success of the Federal Government's Indigenous Procurement Policy, which saw an almost 5000% increase in spend in one financial year, is an obvious driver in the sector.

"But it's not the only factor. Spend with Indigenous businesses is growing across the board.

"We're seeing state and local governments and even large corporates setting their own Indigenous procurement targets to complement their RAP commitments.

"Supply Nation is at the heart of this growth. And our database, Indigenous Business Direct, provides the only nationwide listing of verified Indigenous businesses.

"The number of businesses on Indigenous Business Direct has grown by over 300% since it was launched in July 2015.

"In the same time period, our government, corporate and not-for-profit membership has also grown by 67%.

"Each year at Connect we see the impact – with deals worth millions of dollars being conceived through engagements at the Knowledge Forum or Tradeshow."

More than 700 people are expected at the awards dinner at the Star Event Centre, Pyrmont, on May 4.

The black-tie event features celebrity hosts Aaron Fa'Aoso and Casey Donovan and entertainment from multiple Aria award winner Christine Anu.

Celebrating the best in Australian Supplier Diversity, these awards recognise the organisations and individuals that are delivering outstanding results, and excellence in Australian business.

Two new awards were introduced in 2017 to recognise young Indigenous entrepreneurs who are forging new paths, and Indigenous women who are building successful businesses and creating amazing legacies.

● The *Koori Mail* is a Supply Nation certified Indigenous business.

Port Adelaide has sights on defence goal



PORT Adelaide Football Club has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Indigenous Defence Consortium (IDC) to work towards assisting Indigenous-owned and

operated businesses in tendering for defence and other related industry contracts and sub-contracts.

The IDC is chaired by Brownlow Medallist and Sydney AFL premiership player Adam Goodes.

The memorandum details Port Adelaide and IDC's shared ambition of developing a new generation of Indigenous businesses and people with the skills and qualifications to benefit from the growth of defence and related industries.

Port Adelaide says it will pursue its part through its community programs, working with Aboriginal children in South Australian middle and senior schools, and its partnerships with the Australian Defence Force.

Port Adelaide chief executive officer Keith Thomas said he was proud to sign the memorandum with the Indigenous Defence Consortium.

"We already have achieved great success in helping Aboriginal school students transition into further education and employment opportunities – 59 of our Aboriginal Power Cup participants were placed into work or tertiary study opportunities in the last 12 months," he said.

Indigenous Defence Consortium chief executive Adam Goodes said the partnership is ensuring the talents of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boys and girls are nurtured on and off the sporting field.

New body formed to battle HIV and AIDS threats

THE Mori, Indigenous and South Pacific HIV and AIDS Foundation (INA), the International Indigenous Working Group on HIV and AIDS (IIWGHA), and Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN) have formed of a new HIV and AIDS non-governmental organisation.

Called the International Indigenous HIV and AIDS Community (IIHAC), the new NGO was launched in conjunction with the 16th United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on the 'Tenth Anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: measures taken to implement the Declaration'.

"We have created this critically needed International Indigenous HIV organisation to make an impact for Indigenous communities and those who govern them," International Indigenous HIV and AIDS Community head Marama Mullen (Pala) said.

"HIV is impacting our communities and no amount of denial will make AIDS go away."

IIWGHA, INA, CAAN and other Indigenous groups say they have formed the new group due to the limitations of the previous cooperative structure. They says the NGO format will better align the Indigenous community to come together with a shared passion in the fight against HIV and AIDS.



APY artists with the first of the works created for the auction.

Artists help with dialysis



MEMBERS of the APY Art Centre Collective in South Australia are raising money for a permanent renal dialysis service at Ernabella in the state's far north.

APY artists are creating works to be auctioned to raise funds for the service, which will be provided by the Alice

Springs-based Western Desert Dialysis (Purple House).

Currently, much-needed dialysis for APY patients is provided by the Purple House's mobile Purple Truck service.

"But we need local dialysis," Tjala Arts director Yariji Young said.

"We need to keep our family close to home, close to us, when they are sick."

"Everyone in Australia should have access to medicine close to home. So should Aboriginal people."

"We can't leave our country when we are sick, because we need our country to stay strong."

More details on the dialysis plan and art auction are available at www.facebook.com/APYcentrehub/

Wyatt told of needs



BUNBURY-based South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS) has given Minister for Aged Care and Indigenous Health Ken Wyatt a tour of its latest clinic. SWAMS chief executive Lesley Nelson welcomed the minister's visit, saying opportunities to highlight the needs of the Aboriginal community to key politicians was encouraging for the future of targeted health care.

"It was an honour to meet with Minister Ken Wyatt, who is the country's first (Federal) Indigenous minister," Ms Nelson said.

"Our vision is about providing high-quality, holistic and accessible services to the Aboriginal people of the WA South West, and making sure our clients have more opportunities to access support."

Since opening its latest clinic in August 2015, SWAMS has reported a steady increase in client numbers, leading to higher health screening rates and regular visits to all clinics.

SWAMS opened its fourth outreach clinic in March, and now operates from Brunswick Junction, Busselton, Collie and Manjimup.

"SWAMS is also focused on bringing specialists to our clinics to help bridge the gap for our clients and community," Ms Nelson said.

"We recently held an ear, nose and throat clinic with renowned clinical professor Harvey Coates, which saw more than 30 children attend."

"SWAMS supports Aboriginal health through a range of tailored programs and services, we are committed to being able to provide quality health care; it's a vital need."



SWAMS director Karim Khan presents a message stick to Minister Ken Wyatt.

Quin graduates as doctor



ONE of Australia's only set of Indigenous quintuplets, Dr Erika Chapman-Burgess, has graduated as a doctor from the University of Newcastle.

She is the first doctor in her family and the first Indigenous doctor from her home town of Glen Innes, in northern NSW.

"It is still very surreal to me. I knew I was going to finish. I had no doubt, but finishing medical school was the hardest thing I have done in my life so far," Dr Chapman-Burgess said.

Always interested in health, she dreamed from a young age of studying medicine and becoming a doctor.

With the support of the university's Wollotuka Institute, Dr Chapman-Burgess began her medical study in 2011.

"A lot of people were shocked when I got into medicine. I didn't tell many people at first because I was scared of failure," she said.

"I believe it is important for Indigenous people to take initiative and obtain qualified positions as health practitioners and workers so there is the connection between

Indigenous people and mainstream health services.

"By practising not only as a doctor but as an Indigenous doctor, I hope to connect to community and close the gap between communications and change the options of bush medicine compared to mainstream medicine."

The 24-year-old, whose language group is Ngurrabul, was born in Brisbane and raised in Glen Innes.

"I hadn't met an Aboriginal doctor until I came to Newcastle," she said.

"During my time at the University of Newcastle I have met so many supportive and amazing people and it has really opened my eyes to what is possible.

"I am very proud of my Aboriginal culture and heritage and I am hoping to become an advocate for Aboriginal health within medicine."

The University of Newcastle is recognised as a leader in Indigenous education and research with the largest number of Indigenous students at any Australian university. Half of Australia's Indigenous doctors are among its alumni.



Dr Erika Chapman-Burgess with her siblings: from left, Georgia, Jack, Louis and India.

Cancer care changes are council goal



CANCER Council NSW is calling on Indigenous cancer patients, carers and families who have been affected by an advanced or terminal cancer to help change the future of palliative care services in state.

The council says NSW falls behind every other state and territory when it comes to the number of palliative care nurses per head of population.

In an effort to address this, it wants those directly or indirectly affected by an advanced or terminal cancer to call the 13 11 20 Information and Support Service and share their experiences.

The council says information collected from the call-in will add further evidence

to its 'I Care for Palliative Care' campaign, which is calling on the NSW Health Minister to end the shortage and increase the availability of culturally appropriate palliative care for Aboriginal people.

"We want to ensure that everyone can get the care and

appropriate palliative care for Aboriginal people. This is why we're encouraging people to call the 13 11 20 Information and Support Service and answer a short series of questions with a health professional, in confidence."

Specialist palliative care allows people with advanced or terminal cancer to maintain their quality of life in a way that is meaningful to them.

"There are simply too many people across the state missing out on the benefits that palliative care can bring in terms of reducing pain, feelings of isolation and fear, reducing the impact on carers and loved ones and opening up more options as to where to receive care at the advanced stages of their illness," Ms Williams said.

support they need, when and where they need it," the Cancer Council's Kelly Williams said.

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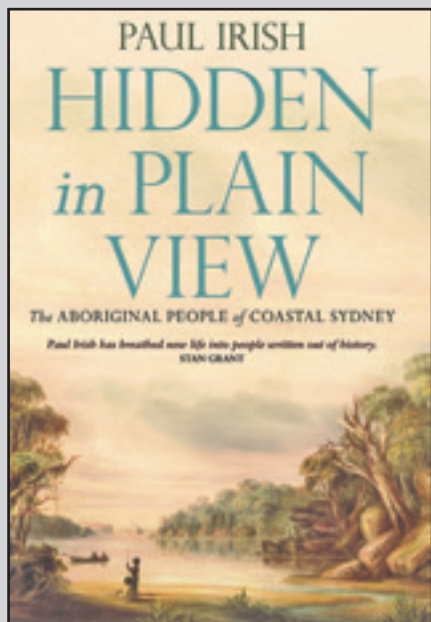
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Book looks at history of Sydney



A NEW book by Sydney archaeologist and historian Paul Irish is proving what local Aboriginal people have

always known – that their culture did not die out within decades of colonisation.

Mr Irish said Aboriginal people are prominent in the accounts of early colonial Sydney, then they seem to be “written out” of the history books, only to reappear in the early 20th Century.

“Sydney is a well-known place, not just through the country, but throughout the world,” he told the *Koori Mail*.

“What isn’t so well known is that it has a large Aboriginal population. These people have been a constant in the Sydney area.

“What is so often said in historical records is that they ‘died out’ or ceased to be ‘authentic’, which is just not true.”

Mr Irish’s book *Hidden in Plain View: The Aboriginal people of coastal Sydney* tells the story of Aboriginal history through individuals like Frank Foster, Jack Harris, Bennelong, Mahroot, Thomas Tamara, William Warrell and Biddy Giles.

Bond

The author uses the stories of these people to show that Aboriginal people did not disappear after colonisation, but instead they maintained their bond with the coast of the area.

Mr Irish said he was spurred into this research because of his own lack of Aboriginal history lessons as a child.

He said the research has been a personal journey for him. “I grew up in Sydney and I didn’t really learn anything about Aboriginal history when I was growing up,” Mr Irish said.

“I met a local Elder, Shane Williams, who told me his family had lived in Sydney forever. I thought, ‘How can this be true, but no one be aware of it?’

“That’s what really spurred me on to this. Aboriginal archeology is my main body of work. I noticed that we focused on a lot of pre-colonial artefacts from long ago.

“Not much thought was put into more recent post-colonial artefacts, after 1788 so that story wasn’t really being told.”

Mr Irish has been working with the Aboriginal community in Sydney to try to piece together the history for more than 10 years.

Hidden in Plain View is his first book, and he hopes it can help to change the ideas people have about Sydney’s history.



Purnululu 2013 by Patrick Mung Mung



My Life My Family by Shirley Purdie

SA gallery Saddles up



Branding Cattle by Alan Griffiths



ABORIGINAL people from Western Australia’s northern Kimberley share their histories in an art and digital storytelling exhibition being presented by Flinders University City Gallery in Adelaide.

Developed by Kimberley Aboriginal Artists with ABC Open, the exhibition chronicles the experiences of cross-cultural contact brought about by white settlement of the Kimberley with the establishment of the cattle industry in the late 19th century.

In the Saddle – On the Wall features significant paintings and works on paper by some of the region’s biggest art names, including Gordon Barunga, Alan Griffiths, Peggy Griffiths, Mabel Juli, Minnie Lumai, Patrick Mung Mung, Shirley Purdie, Rammey Ramsey and Mervyn Street. There are also works by the late Manmara Daisy Andrews, Stan Brumby, Peter Newry and Freddie Timms.

The works are presented with digital media combining photographic images and audio interviews with the artists.

In the Saddle – On the Wall continues until June 25. More details at events.flinders.edu.au

Artists chosen for major event



MURRILAND! by Gordon Hookey, courtesy Gordon Hookey and Milani Gallery, Brisbane. Picture: Sam Cranstoun



TWO Aboriginal graduates from the Queensland College of Art have been chosen to exhibit at major international contemporary art event Documenta 14.

Doctoral candidate Dale Harding and masters graduate Gordon Hookey are among just three Australian artists invited to show their work at the event in Germany, which features leading contemporary artists from around the world. Documenta 14 attracts more than one million visitors over 100 days.

Both of the Aboriginal exhibitors are known for their politically charged artworks.

Dale Harding, a descendant of the Bidjara, Ghungalu and Garingbal people, uses traditional and contemporary craft forms to explore political and cultural themes.

Gordon Hookey, of the Waanyi people, uses symbols and comic-like characters in a palette of colours.

Rockers are reuniting

By KEIRA JENKINS

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ABORIGINAL music act No Fixed Address will celebrate decades of

Australian rock music from Mushroom Music Records in St Kilda, Victoria, this month.

It has been 35 years since No Fixed Address's first album *From My Eyes*, and they're reuniting to raise awareness and funds for the St Kilda arts community.

Band member Ricky Harrison said that after being inducted into the South Australian Hall of Fame last year, the band thought it was time to reconnect.

"We decided we want to keep going and keep playing," the Gurnai/Kurnai man told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's been a long time since we played together. We used to be together all the time. Now it's been about eight years since our last couple of shows."

No Fixed Address is known for starring in, and writing the soundtrack for, award-winning film *Wrong Side of the Road*, together with fellow Indigenous



No Fixed Address is back on stage.

band Us Mob. They're also known for appearances on national television – during the 1980s on *Countdown* and more recently on *The Mangrook Footy Show*.

Mr Harrison said the band will

revisit some older songs during the show, but will also share newer tunes with the audience.

"Our sound has changed a bit, the musical structure has changed," he said.

"I think that's maybe because

we're getting older and slower. Age and maturity has a lot to do with how we've changed over the years.

"We had a recording given to us from one of our live shows back in the 1980s. It was

recorded in 1987 and we were blown away by it.

"We were so full of energy back then. But still it is good to get all the band together and perform again, even if we are old fellas now."

No Fixed Address are right at home in St Kilda, where they performed for the first time in 1980.

They played in the Catherina Cabaret, which is now known as Big Mouth. They also headlined a sell-out show at nightclub The Venue in 1982 with Men At Work, Goanna and The Young Homebuyers.

Mr Harrison said he's looking forward to the show on May 27 at Memo Music Hall in St Kilda to reconnect with the band and the memories of touring together.

"Some of the stories people tell about the early days stun me," he said.

"It's one of those things. Time goes on and you start to forget stuff, but someone will bring it up and you just remember.

"Thinking about the shows we played, the things we did, the people we met; it's just amazing to bring it all back."

Allan Fitzgibbon



North coast artists' work at Boomalli



BOOMALLI Aboriginal Artists Co-operative's current show features artists

from language groups on the NSW north coast.

Artists featured include Euphemia Bostock, Bronwyn Bancroft, Oral Roberts, Nicole Renee Phillips, Tracey L

Bostock, Jai Walker, Deborah Taylor, Graeme Walker, Kyra Kum-Sing, Kim Healey, Jessica Birk, Charmaine Davis, Danielle Gorogo, Pamela Walker, Allan Fitzgibbon and Frances Belle Parker.

The exhibition continues until My 14 at Boomalli, 55-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt. More details at www.boomalli.com.au



Jessica Birk



Exhibiting artist Kyra Kum-Sing. Pictures by Sharon Hickey

Koowarta scholarship to Bendigo law student



BENDIGO law student Tayla Anderson has been awarded the Law Council of Australia's 2017 John Koowarta Reconciliation

Law Scholarship. It is the only national scholarship dedicated to helping Indigenous students realise their ambitions of becoming lawyers. It was created 23 years ago and honours Aboriginal land rights pioneer John Koowarta, a Winychanam Elder from the Archer River region around Cape York.

Law Council of Australia President Fiona McLeod said Ms Anderson was "an outstanding student with both compassion and drive".

"Whether helping younger students with the transition to secondary school, or coaching them at the local football and netball club, Tayla has been a positive role model in Swan Hill, Victoria – where she's excelled academically," Ms McLeod said.

"Undeniable desire"

"Her undeniable desire to help people and keen interest in the Australian legal system inspired her to study law at La Trobe University in Bendigo.

"We have no doubt that she will be an outstanding lawyer, no matter what area of law she practices in the future."

Ms Anderson is in the final stages of a

five-year Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Psychological Science combined degree.

On top of her study load, she has also worked for law firms Robertson Hyetts Solicitors in Bendigo, and Garden and Green Lawyers in Swan Hill.

Ms Anderson said she was driven by a strong desire to address the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in the justice system, and the inequality faced by Indigenous Australians.

"This inequality frustrates me, but it also provides me with reason to pursue the career that I have chosen, to be good enough at what I do, and to make a difference to those who need it," Ms Anderson said.



High school student Coen Everard-Towers holds his Nanga Mai award.

Nanga Mai award for 'role model'



CRANEBROOK High School (western Sydney) student Coen Towers-Carter has received an award recognising his academic focus, at this year's Nanga Mai Aboriginal Education Awards held in Sydney.

The awards, supported by the Aboriginal Education Council, recognise excellence and achievement in education in NSW public schools and communities.

Coen's mother Ceane Towers said she was proud of her son's achievement.

"The award says he has shown 'fierce aptitude'," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"Coen is a beautiful singer and guitarist as well, and he is self-taught.

"I hope one day he takes his musical talent outside his bedroom as he gains more confidence to do so."

Coen was nominated for the Nanga Mai Encouragement Award by Aboriginal programs coordinator Rosie Galloway, at Lithgow High School, where he used to be a student.

"I nominated Coen not because he was the top of the class but because he has a really great attitude towards school and he is a role model to other students," she said.

"His grades were not the best in Year 9, but in Year 10 he was getting As and Bs.

"Coen decided he was going to put all he could into school, that it was his way of moving forward.

"I know he wants to go into the health industry, perhaps as a nurse or a midwife."



Christi Chapman (second from left) and Emma Dunrobin (fourth from left) with CQUniversity Emerald Campus coordinator Gai Sypher (fourth from right) and members of the Wangan and Jagalingou people who are members of the Agreement Implementation Group.

Valuable help for students



BUNDABERG-based Indigenous student Christi Chapman says she's always had a "keen eye for business" and a hankering to own her own bar, but recognised she has to put in the hard yards to create career opportunities.

Mackay-based Indigenous student Emma Dunrobin has undertaken a summer internship in at the Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation in Brisbane, in order to apply her studies in a real-world environment.

Both of these CQUniversity students recently crossed paths at the Clermont Heritage Centre as recipients of Wangan and Jagalingou Clermont Aboriginal Community Development Fund (ACDF) scholarships, to assist them in their

studies over the next four years.

Established by Glencore Coal Assets, the scholarships are valued at \$12,500 each year for the duration of the students' programs (a total value of \$100,000).

As descendants of the Wangan and Jagalingou People, both women had the opportunity to meet with CQUniversity Emerald campus coordinator Gai Sypher, Glencore Coal Assets Australia representatives and members of the Wangan and Jagalingou people who are part of the ACDF Committee.

Aspirations

Studying business and accounting, Ms Chapman says her work in the hospitality industry promoted her interest in owning her own bar, while she also has aspirations to become a business teacher.

"Growing up I actually thought university was for non-Indigenous people, but as I got to high school I thought, nope, I really can do that. I can become a teacher," she said.

"I want to have that higher education to show not only to me but also my family and friends that Indigenous people can achieve higher education."

Ms Dunrobin says she has been able to step outside her comfort zone thanks to the support and encouragement of her lecturers.

She said her human resources management internship was a "fantastic opportunity" to gain hands-on workplace experience relevant to her studies, while the scholarship's financial assistance would be a great help in paying educational expenses, enabling concentration on studies.

Mallee workers on right course



THE Mallee region's peak Aboriginal organisation has further

qualified its workforce with a record group of students officially completing a major postgraduate training initiative.

Thirteen staff from Mallee District Aboriginal Services graduated from the postgraduate certificate course in Family Therapy studies, delivered by the Bouverie Centre in conjunction with La Trobe University.

The staff from the family services, early years, social and emotional wellbeing, and executive MDAS teams at Mildura, Swan Hill-Kerang and Robinvale signed up for the course, aimed at delivering better understanding, support and more effective services to the Mallee's Aboriginal families.

MDAS family services manager Andy Charles, who was also one of the graduates, said the training had practical and theoretical elements.

"It has really 'tooled up' our teams to take a broader approach to the everyday



The latest MDAS postgraduate certificate course graduates include, from left, Ross Hensgen (Mildura), Sue Hermans (Mildura), Andy Charles (Mildura), Alana Doe (Robinvale), Corey Payne (Mildura), Melanie Wade (Mildura), Angelika Fevaleaki (Robinvale), Zah Thebe (Swan Hill-Kerang), Raelene-Wattata Drummond (Mildura), Marg Sharman (Mildura), Delureen Kirby (Mildura) and Michelle Gadsby (Swan Hill-Kerang). *Picture: Luke Gange*

challenges they face in working with clients who have complex needs," Mr Charles

said. "In the past, we have tended to focus solely on the client in front of us, but this

training has helped us to take a more holistic view of what else might be an issue or a

challenge for that particular person.

"The more clients we see through our family and health services, the more we've come to understand that whatever the issue is, we usually won't succeed if we work just with the client as an individual."

MDAS social and emotional wellbeing manager Raelene Stephens said the training came from an identified need to build the skills and confidence of staff working with clients facing a mix of challenges, including drugs, alcohol, family violence, anger, depression and anxiety.

"There is no point in focusing just on that person in isolation – they are a member of a wider family and we have to keep the rest of the family in mind and in the conversation," she said.

"Having had 13 staff complete this training and now taking what they've learnt back to their teams means that as an organisation we are more effective in tackling the challenges of Closing the Gap and really having an impact at breaking the cycles of behaviour that are holding people back."

Warning over school funds



INDIGENOUS education expert Professor Lester-Irabinna Rigney has warned that providing more funding for

Indigenous education to private schools at the cost of funding public schools would be "seriously problematic and irresponsible".

Prof Rigney, from the University of South Australia's School of Education, was responding to reports indicating that the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia was advocating that private schools receive more taxpayer funding to establish 'satellite' Indigenous-only campuses.

The satellite schools would be eligible for more funding for each student, due to their Indigenous-only population.

Prof Rigney, who was the 2011 National Aboriginal Scholar of the Year and has worked in Aboriginal education for more than 20 years, said 83.9% of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students were enrolled in public schools in 2016, with around 10% enrolled in Catholic schools and around 5% in independent schools.

"With such an overwhelming proportion of ATSI students in the public system, it would seem seriously problematic and irresponsible to divert



"To take from the poor schools, where most of these students are enrolled, and give to rich schools would seem disingenuous."

– Prof Lester-Irabinna Rigney

more taxpayer funding away from the schools where they are being educated," he said.

"If the Prime Minister wants to make more headway in Closing the Gap and address literacy and numeracy issues among Indigenous students, the literature suggests the best way to use government funding would be to invest in teachers' skills and professional development – to work with teachers to implement the curriculum. To take from the poor schools, where most of these students are enrolled, and give to rich

schools would seem disingenuous."

Prof Rigney said the proposal raised questions about what kind of education the Australian Government wanted to support.

"Catholic schools and private schools don't offer the same education as public schools," he said. "They don't have the same purpose and offer the same values systems as public schools."

"Any change to funding models should explore how we want to invest our education dollars and for what outcomes."

Our students value science, findings show



NEW research shows that Indigenous 15-year-olds are more environmentally aware and have higher levels of belief in the value of science than their non-Indigenous peers.

The findings were detailed in the triennial Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), which not only measures the scientific, mathematical and reading literacy achievement of 15-year-olds around the world, but also gathers data on how students achieve certain levels of performance.

PISA holds that the study of science at school plays an important role in informing, building and shaping students' environmental awareness, attitudes and sense of environmental responsibility.

To measure students' environmental awareness, students were asked to respond to seven environmental issues and indicate how informed they were about each issue.

PISA found Australia's Indigenous students showed a significantly higher level of environmental awareness than other Australian students, with Indigenous students placing slightly above the world (OECD) average and non-Indigenous students well below.

PISA also measured students' environmental optimism by asking whether they thought problems associated with the seven environmental issues would improve or get worse over the next 20 years.

While Indigenous Australian students showed a significantly higher level of environmental optimism than other Australian students, both groups were below the overall average.

Student questionnaire responses further reveal that Indigenous students value scientific approaches to enquiry more highly than their non-Indigenous peers.

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: Entries for the 2017 CBAA Community Radio Awards, which promote and recognise excellence in community broadcasting. Details: www.cbba.org.au/sites/

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan Street, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903.

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. Women's groups stop during school holidays.

Held at Rekindling The Spirit, Lismore, Monday and Wednesday, 11am-2pm. Details: (02) 6622 5534.

Until July 16: *Indigenous Australians at War from the Boer War to Present* exhibition. Award-winning exhibition from the Shrine of Remembrance celebrates Indigenous Australians in the armed forces.

Held at the National Archives of Australia, Canberra. Details: (02) 6212 3934 or visit www.naa.gov.au/visit-us/exhibitions/

Until May 8: National Library of Australia. Community Heritage grants 2017. Provides grants of up to \$15,000 to community organisations such as libraries, archives, museums, genealogical and historic societies, multicultural and Indigenous groups. Details: www.nla.gov.au/chg/guidelines

Until May 14: *Rivers, Mountains, Sea: North Coast* exhibition. Showcasing the works of artists from Aboriginal language groups on the north coast of NSW. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, Leichhardt, Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

Until May 15: Moree Reconciliation Awards nominations open. Details: Glen on (02) 6752 6038 or Cath, Jess or Cohen on (02) 6752 3422 or email glen@miyaybirray.ngo.org.au or cathy.duncan@aes.org.au

Until May 15: Queen's Baton Relay nominations. Must be an Australian citizen, available December 25 - April 4, 2108 for those 10 years or older. Details: gc2018.com.qbr

Until September 22: Entries open for the Grafton Regional Gallery's 2017 *Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award* (CVIAA). Details: David Bancroft on (02) 66 0230 or 0429 104 118 or visit www.clarence.nsw.gov.au

May 3-June 14: Community Workshops NSW. Consultations on Aboriginal languages legislation.

Held at venues in regional NSW. Details: 1800 019 998 or email conversation@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au or visit www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au



The State Library of Queensland's Kaylah Tyson. Picture: Jo-Anne Driessens

History the focus at State Library



NEW exhibitions at the State Library of Queensland (SLQ) focus on freedom and rights. Complementary exhibitions *Freedom Then, Freedom Now* and *Don't Just Count Us, Let Us*

Count! open this Friday, May 5.

Science Minister Leeanne Enoch said the exhibitions offer valuable insights into civil rights in Queensland.

Freedom Then, Freedom Now draws on SLQ's historical collections to journey into the recent past, explore the freedoms

enjoyed and restricted in Queensland, and examine what happens when individual rights intersect with the collective good.

Don't Just Count Us, Let Us Count! commemorates the 1967 Referendum, a historic milestone for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights, told through the eyes of Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) alumni.

Both exhibitions are free and open to the public. They continue until October 1. For more information, visit slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on

May 4: Money Counts information session. Get free legal help with fines, bills and debts, Centrelink and more.

Held at Box Ridge Community Centre, Box Ridge, Coraki from 10am-2pm. Details: ALS on (02) 6623 4400 or Legal Aid on (02) 6621 2082.

May 7: BLAK Markets Welcome Festival. Annual Aboriginal cultural welcome ceremony for refugees and newly arrived Australians. Held at Bare Island, La Pouse, Sydney from 9.30am-3pm. Entry: \$2.50 a person. Details: 0944 252 599 or visit www.firsthandsolutions.org

May 8: Aboriginal Support Group – Manly Warringah Pittwater. Rediscover Bush Tucker, traditional foods and customs of the First People of Australia and how the Guringai people lived in the local area.

Held at 1606 Pittwater Road, Mona Vale from 7.30pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 9982 1425.

May 10 - June 10: *Wild Australia* exhibition: A collection of photos from the 1890s when a troupe of Aboriginal people travelled Australia to perform a sort of 'Wild West' show, under the wing of journalist, politician and entrepreneur Archibald Meston. Held at Grafton regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy Street, Grafton from Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm. Entry by gold coin donation. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

May 11-12: Starting Ground Workshop. Up-and-coming Aboriginal songwriters and musicians are invited to spend two days learning from top artists and industry leaders at this free skills development workshop. Cost: Free - must registrar. Details: Michael Hutchings on (02) 9935 7874 or email mhutchings@apra.com.au

May 15, 16 and 17: Money Counts information session. Get free legal help with fines, bills and debts, Centrelink, birth certificates and more. Held at Birrigan Gargle Land Council, Yamba, on May 15, Nungera Aboriginal Co-op, Hillcrest, on May 16 and Barnook Centre, Baryulgil, on May 17 from 10am-2pm. Details: Legal Aid on (02) 9219 5057 or Grafton ALS on (02) 6640 1400.

May 17: Kinship Festival 2017. An annual gathering to benefit all families with a sense of connection and belonging, includes arts, craft and service provider information stall. Held at Knox Park, Murwillumbah from 10am-3pm. Details: Jarulah Slabb or Lara Bennett on (02) 6672 3003.

May 23-25: 'First Peoples: Living Our Way' conference for Aboriginal people with disability. Held at The International Hotel, 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 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, Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm. Entry fees apply. Details: (03) 5957 3100 or visit www.twma.com.au/exhibitor/

Until July 8: *Christian Thompson: Ritual Intimacy* exhibition. Held at Monash University Museum of Art (MUMA), Caulfield campus, Tue-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat, 12-5pm. Details: (03) 9905 4217 or visit www.monash.edu.au/muma

May 6-14: *The Violence of Denial* exhibition. A creative collaboration and exhibition by Genevieve Grieves and three other Aboriginal women artists. Held at Arts House, 521 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne from Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm and Sat, 10am-5pm. Cost: Free. Details: (03) 9322 3713 or visit arthouse.com.au

South Australia

Until May 14: *Unsettled* multimedia exhibition. Explores colonial memories, 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 May 13: *Legends and Lore, Land and Sea* exhibition. Held at Turner Galleries in the Engine Rooms, 470 William Street, Northbridge from Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm. Details: (08) 9336 7787 or visit www.artitja.com.au

Until 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.

Northern Territory

May 22-24: Converge: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media summit. Held at Mbantua, Alice Springs. register now at www.irca.net.au/converge. Details: (08) 8952 6465 or email info@irca.net.au

May 26-28: Garmalang Festival 2017. Each year, the Garmalang festival brings vibrant and modern Indigenous culture right into the heart of Darwin,. Details: (08) 8930 3333 or visit www.northernterritory.com

May 28: 2017 Panel Discussion: 250 Shades of Black. A debate about the push for an Indigenous treaty and Constitutional change will be held as part of the Garmalang Festival. Speakers include Michael Mansell, Josie Crawshaw, Olga Havnen and Luke Pearson. Held at the Darwin Entertainment Centre, 93 Mitchell Street, darwin from 2pm.. Entry is free but ticketed event. Bookings Essential on www.yourcentre.com.au#!/events. Details: 0417 800 860

Queensland

May 8: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Unit immunisation day. Held at Waminda Respite Centre, 1415 Bribie Island Road, Ningi, from 10am-2pm. Details: Jarrod Parker on (07) 3492 1851.

May 13: Deadly Families Fun Day. Includes community stalls, cultural performances inspirational guest speakers, live music, kids activities and a sausage sizzle. Held at Pioneer Park, Townsville, from 10am-2pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Babette Doherty on (07) 4760 7596.

May 20-21: 'Give Backathon'. A two-day 'give backathon' will aim to provide tech solutions for four Indigenous charities at Brisbane City Council's new innovation hub. Held at Hishburners, Level 2, 155 Queen Street, Brisbane City. People or organisations who are interested in supporting the free event can find more information on www.baraymal.com.au

May 27: '50 Years and Counting' special event. 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum. Join the State Library of Queensland for a day of commemorative activities including talks, exhibition tours and performances. Held at the library, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane from 10am-4pm. Details: (07) 3842 9824 or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au



Good jobs in the pipeline



ABORIGINAL workers are playing a key part in ensuring the far northern NSW Aboriginal community of Toomelah gets a permanent fresh water supply.

They are part of the Smart State

Civil company team laying 15km of pipeline from Boggabilla to the community of about 300 people on Gamilaroi country.

The Boggabilla to Toomelah Water Supply Transfer System will, in fact, secure the long-term water supply of both townships, with the pipeline allowing each community to draw water from the other.

Toomelah currently only has bore water and this has failed during some prolonged dry spells.

One of the Aboriginal workers, Dave McGrady, jumped at the chance to join the State Smart Civil team.

"It's great to have a job and I've been learning so much," he told the *Koori Mail*.

Another of the Aboriginal workers is Boggabilla Central School captain Shannon Hippi. He's also enjoying the work – and the pay packet.

State Smart Civil director Andrew Rice praised the men.

"Dave is a great worker, a real asset," he said. "He's learned to use equipment and is always willing to get stuck in."

"Shannon's another hard worker, but we want to make sure he completes his education."

"We'll be talking with the local education authorities about how we can

do this without losing him."

The pipelaying project is expected to take several months.

● Pictured left: Dave McGrady, left, and Shannon Hippi at work on the Boggabilla-Toomelah water pipeline.

"It's great to have a job and I've been learning so much."

Future in carbon



ABORIGINAL Carbon Fund (AbCF) had been chosen to deliver carbon farming projects in Queensland.

Queensland Environment Minister Steven Miles said AbCF would undertake a range of initiatives, including developing a co-benefit verification standard for carbon farming on Aboriginal land, providing accredited training

courses and associated workshops for Aboriginal communities, and establishing a carbon fund to address the gap in the supply and demand sides of Aboriginal carbon credits.

"The activities that AbCF will deliver will not only support communities with carbon farming projects, they will also create important employment opportunities," he said. "We are particularly excited about the development of an Aboriginal

carbon farming co-benefit standard, which will result in projects that achieve significant cultural, social and environmental benefits being recognised and valued by buyers of Aboriginal carbon credits.

"Links"

"AbCF will also establish an office in Cairns to provide stronger links with traditional owners, Aboriginal corporations, research bodies, local councils and

government agencies in the region.

"AbCF has significant experience working on carbon projects, with a focus on working in remote areas with Traditional Owners and Aboriginal organisations, and one of the first actions will be to host a workshop in Injinoo," he said.

AbCF general manager Rowan Foley said developing a sustainable carbon farming industry on Aboriginal lands

across far north Queensland and the Gulf of Carpentaria is an "exciting project that will support real jobs on country".

"It will help generate new income streams through corporate Australia buying carbon credits in the voluntary market, and enable the Government to meet its priorities," he said.

For more details on on AbCF's work, contact Rowan Foley on 0427 013 318 or rowan@abcfund.com.au

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Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker

NSW Family and Community Services aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children by recruiting and developing outstanding individuals to be leaders in child protection practice.

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Do you identify as Aboriginal and have two years experience working with Aboriginal children, young people and families or communities?

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Administrative Officer, Aboriginal Education Centre

Aboriginal Education Centre – Mt Helen Campus

Part-time (0.5), fixed-term appointment until November 2017.

You will be responsible for providing comprehensive and confidential administrative support and assistance to the Aboriginal Education Centre by coordinating and maintaining the shared diary and logistics arrangements including organising appointments, meetings, travel arrangements, attendance at conferences and seminars. You will also be responsible for identifying, anticipating and preparing information requirements for meetings, appointments, presentations and communications, outstanding reports, and correspondence.

As the successful applicant, you will have a demonstrated ability to draft and format complex documents and correspondence as well as strong attention to detail when preparing documentation. You will also have demonstrated interpersonal, communication and time management skills including the ability to work as part of a team and deliver excellent customer service.

In accordance with its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy, the University has designated this position as an Identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Position. Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

SALARY | \$59,122 to \$63,241 p.a. (pro-rata) plus superannuation. Appointments will normally be at the base of the salary range.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE | **Sunday, 7 May 2017.**

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Education

Make an impact in NSW Connected Communities Schools



The NSW Department of Education is offering temporary assignments for up to three years for school psychologists to work in NSW public schools, as a new professional experience. Connected Communities schools are committed to driving improved outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people by working closely with their communities.

There are opportunities in these Connected Communities schools:

Coonamble High School, Coonamble Public School, Moree Secondary College, Wilcannia Central School, Brewarrina Central School, Menindee Central School, Walgett Community College - Primary School, Walgett Community College - High School.

What is on offer?

- Opportunity to deliver counselling services to enhance student engagement, learning and development
- **Opportunity to become an ongoing employee of the department with assignment to a negotiated location at the conclusion of the three years***
- Fully flexible commencement package up to the value of \$5,000 (for example flights, professional learning, data package)
- \$10,000 annual bonus following satisfactory completion of each year of service
- Access to existing rural and remote incentives, including up to 90% rental subsidy and Relocation support.

* The successful applicant for this position will be appointed to the school on a temporary basis. At the conclusion of the term of the temporary assignment, subject to satisfying all relevant legislative provisions, the employee will be converted to an ongoing employee and assigned to a work location in the Department that will be agreed by the Department and the employee.

**Applications Close:
Wednesday 10 May (4pm)**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further
contact Katrina Worrall, Principal Psychologist on
(02) 9266 8036 or at katrina.worrall@det.nsw.edu.au

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Straight Talk Senior Program Officer (Indigenous Identified)

- An excellent opportunity to join one of Australia's leading international not for profits
- Permanent, 35 hours per week
- Melbourne (preferred), Canberra (considered)

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The Role

Oxfam's Straight Talk program connects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women with the political system and builds the capacity of women as change makers. Including a focus on practical tools and confidence Straight Talk brings people together to share, learn and be effective in making a difference. The program includes opportunities for relationship-building between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and parliamentarians, information-sharing and developing strategies for change in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The Straight Talk Senior Program Officer is responsible for supporting the Straight Talk program, which includes supporting events and an alumni of over 600 women.

We need your knowledge and proven experience of program implementation and community development to support our programs that work in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities to exercise their rights and to have a strong voice in decisions that affect their lives.

This is an Indigenous Identified role and is part of Oxfam Australia's commitment to creating a culturally competent and diverse workforce.

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and an understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and ways of working.
- Experience in supporting implementation and development of programs relating to the capacity building of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.
- Proven ability to build strong cooperative relationships and work collaboratively to deliver results
- Demonstrated experience in event logistics, including planning and implementation working on large scale and small events.
- Experience in developing content for social media, websites, newsletters, or similar editorially-based materials.

We have a number of measures in place to support our Indigenous staff including an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy, RAP and cultural protocols. This is a great opportunity for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person who is interested in Oxfam Australia's work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and our work around the world.

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- Complete the on-line application form, then as three separate documents, upload a cover letter, CV and a response addressing the selection criteria outlined in the ad
- Applications close: Friday, 12 May 2017 at 5pm (AEST)

This is an Indigenous Identified role only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The filling of this position is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth), s 12 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* (Vic) and s 27 of the *Discrimination Act 1991* (ACT).

Appointment to this position will require a satisfactory clearance of a police check and/or working with children check.



Tennant Participation Officer

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Our mission is to build sustainable communities through the provision of affordable housing for low to moderate income earners.

To be successful in this role, you must have a robust knowledge of and experience in community engagement and, ideally, an understanding of the community housing sector.

In return Bridge Housing offers a very attractive rewards program that includes study assistance and study leave, monthly massages, fruit at work and a day off for your birthday

ATSI and CALD applicants are encouraged to apply.

Visit our Website www.bridgehousing.org.au for more information on Bridge Housing

For a full information package please contact Jenny Woolley on 02 8324 0862 alternatively, email your CV and supporting information to jobs@bridgehousing.org.au.

Applications close Friday 5 May 2017.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Targeted Traineeship South Eastern Sydney



Community Services Traineeship

We are offering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians an opportunity to kick start their career in the community services field with a targeted traineeship. This is an on the job traineeship and you will obtain a certificate III on successful completion of the traineeship.

This is an 18 month traineeship of up to 5 days per week with on the job training included. Upon successful completion of all requirements for the traineeship the successful applicant is expected to be offered a permanent role in the chosen community services field.

We are a vibrant community organisation that offers a wide range of services within the community services field. We are therefore able to offer a variety of traineeship options

for 1 trainee within the community services field that may be of interest to your career goals such as:

- Community Services Work
- Disability
- School aged education and care
- Home and community care
- Youth justice
- Youth work
- Mental Health

The traineeship may also include the business services vocation such as business administration or human resources.

For details on how to apply and full recruitment pack, please visit our website
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)
Full Time

The Cobowra Local Aboriginal Land Council is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Cobowra LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Chairperson, by email: chairperson@clalc.com or on (02) 0244744188.

Applications can be forwarded to chairperson@clalc.com.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

*The Chairperson
Cobowra Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 204 Moruya 2537*

Applications close Friday 19 May 2017
Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- Established Peak Industry Body (Health)
- Represent, Support & Advocate for Members / Aboriginal Communities
- Community, Corporate, Secretariat and Aboriginal Health College focus
- Surry Hills, Central Sydney location

The **Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council of New South Wales** ('AH&MRC') is the peak representative body and voice of Aboriginal Communities on health in NSW and a recognised leader on the national stage in the Aboriginal Medical Services sector.

We represent our members, the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services ('ACCHS') that deliver culturally appropriate and comprehensive primary health care to their respective communities.

The AH&MRC is governed by a Board of Directors who are Aboriginal people elected by our members on a regional basis. Our corporate team represent and support members and communities on a wide range of Aboriginal Health and Operational matters at both state and national levels.

The AH&MRC is seeking a motivated and appropriately experienced CEO to deliver inspirational leadership and continue to drive our strategic aims to fully develop our organisations potential, enhance our capability and continue to expand the key role we already play across our communities, now and into the future.

Reporting directly to the Board of Directors, the successful applicant will oversee an established corporate structure comprising of dedicated corporate, Ethics, program, SEWB, Secretariat and Aboriginal Health College teams.



The CEO will provide clear direction in the effective coordination of our various community health programs, a growing range of AMS / ACCHS support services and funding related activity. Representation of our sector and advocating for our collective aims, at both state and federal level, will also be a key component and will include a requirement for periodic travel.

In addition the CEO will be responsible for facilitating corporate governance responsibilities in working closely with and alongside the Board, and also providing oversight of AH&MRCs ongoing strict adherence to relevant Accreditation and Funding compliance standards,

This role presents an outstanding opportunity for a suitably inspired and credentialed Indigenous professional (as per AH&MRC Constitutional rules), to oversee the ongoing success and continual improvement of our organisation in accepting responsibility for the following key areas;

- Leadership and Team Management
- Strategic Management and Planning
- Budget, Finance and Funding
- Policy and Advocacy – Indigenous Health
- Representation of AH&MRC /ACCHS
- Stakeholder / Supporter engagement
- Training and Vocational services
- Board and Secretariat coordination
- Business Development and Revenue enhancement.



To register your interest and request copy of Selection Criteria / Application pack;

email: jon@mjsp.com.au / Ref # AH&MRC_0417

Applications will close: Friday 19th May 2017



Education

Aboriginal Education and Engagement Advisor

- Senior Education Officer 2 - SEO2 (ETS)
- Temporary full-time appointment up to three (3) years from entry on duty
- Position number and location: 174164 - Arncliffe

About the role

Providing strategic support and advice to schools, educational services teams, school communities and key stakeholders on all aspects of Aboriginal education and engagement.

Please address the selection criteria in relation to the Statement of Duties for the position in your application. Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

This is a child-related 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: Recent school based experience is either direct classroom teaching within the past three years or school executive experience within the past three years. Direct classroom teaching or school executive experience is full time service in a school based position in a departmental preschool, infants, primary, central/community, secondary, environmental education centre or special school for a continuous period of one (1) year. For more information please review **Rules Oct 2015**.

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

Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality.
- Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience within the K-12 range.
- Demonstrated commitment to participating in and managing accreditation processes.
- Experience in leading curriculum implementation and demonstrated understanding of current trends, resources, quality teaching & assessment practice, relevant legislation and policies.
- Demonstrated ability to build the capacity of staff through the development and delivery of innovative programs and services that support Aboriginal education and engagement.
- Demonstrated ability to lead, develop, plan and implement strategic initiatives and innovative practices that support education change for improved student learning outcomes for Aboriginal students.
- Proven ability to liaise and negotiate with a range of stakeholders and work collaboratively within and across teams, with internal and external stakeholders, particularly with the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.
- High level written and oral communication and interpersonal skills and experience in the preparation of documents including briefings, reports and correspondence.
- Demonstrated capacity to ensure that projects are delivered on time, within budget and in accordance with agreed quality standards.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies and the key deliverables and collaborative actions of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education strategy.

Applications Close: 17 May 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Roslyn Trussler on (02) 9531 3972.

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 174164

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Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council

Culture and Heritage Officer

The Culture and Heritage Officer is responsible for assisting in the identification, protection, conservation and efficient management of sites that are of significance to the Aboriginal community within the Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council boundaries.

Selection Criteria:

- Identify as an Aboriginal person
- Demonstrated experience in identifying, protecting and conserving Aboriginal heritage sites
- Demonstrated ability to deliver Cultural Awareness Programs
- Knowledge of Aboriginal Land Claims
- Proven written and verbal communication skills and report writing
- Proven ability to meet timelines and work within budgets
- computer literacy skills in Google Earth, other mapping systems and MS Office

Other work related requirements:

- Hold a current drivers licence
- Reasonable level of fitness as bushwalking is required
- A NSW Police check will be required for the successful applicant
- A Working with Children Check will be required for the successful applicant

This will be a Permanent Part-Time position working between 16 to 24 hours per week (2-3 Days).

To Apply:

All applications must include a covering letter, CV/Resume setting out your education, work history and a statement addressing the selection criteria and other work related requirements.

Applications for this position are to be addressed to:

Email: admin.clalc@bigpond.com

Mail: P.O Box 385 Coonamble NSW 2829

Hand delivered: 16 Castlereagh St Coonamble NSW 2829.

Closing Date: 5pm Friday 26th May 2017

The role in an Aboriginal Australian Identified position, Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council considers that being an Aboriginal Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).



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Health

Hunter New England
Local Health District

Aboriginal Sexual Assault Counsellor

Location: Tamworth Community Health Centre
Enquiries: Sophie Scott (02) 6767 8148

This position is identified for Aboriginal people and exemption is claim under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must be female. This is a genuine qualification under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date: 17 May 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 384972

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Aboriginal Partnerships Liaison

Located in Batemans Bay OR Eden, NSW

The Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) is currently seeking an Aboriginal Partnership Liaison (APL) in the Batemans Bay or Eden area. The APL position supports effective forestry operations by undertaking accurate, compliant and timely pre-harvest Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Surveys in designated areas. The role is also responsible for building and maintaining mutually-beneficial partnerships with Aboriginal communities to collaborate and contribute to the development, implementation and review of business opportunities and other initiatives that maximise opportunities for Aboriginal communities to gain value from the forest estate and enhance the corporation's reputation and outcomes.

For further information please visit <http://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/> or call John Shipp on 0437 879 096

The closing date for applications is 15 May 2017

Job Notes:

- The successful applicant will be required to satisfactorily complete a medical examination which includes Drug and Alcohol screening and a Fitness Test (called the Task Based Assessment).
- Forestry Corporation considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).



Full-Time positions available with the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW

AH&MRC are looking for highly skilled employees with Aboriginal Health related experience. We currently have full-time vacancies available in our Public Health and Member Services Support units.

Experience required

- Knowledge, understanding and experience of Aboriginal health issues, including the social determinants of health – essential
- Bachelor qualifications preferred but not essential
- Experience working as an effective team member
- Verbal communication skills that demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively through consultative processes with Aboriginal communities
- Written communication skills that demonstrate your ability to prepare and present reports, briefs and general correspondence
- Demonstrated computer and keyboard skills to operate Microsoft programs and other business applications with knowledge of word processing and spread sheet applications
- A current driver's license or the ability to acquire a license and capacity to undertake travel including to rural, remote and regional NSW communities and interstate
- Attractive salary and salary packaging available
- Based in Surry Hills, close to Central station and Hyde Park

About AH&MRC

The Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council of New South Wales (AH&MRC) is the peak representative body and voice of Aboriginal communities on health in NSW. We represent our members, the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) that deliver culturally appropriate comprehensive primary health care to their communities.

The AH&MRC is governed by a Board of Directors who are Aboriginal people elected by our members on a regional basis. We represent and support our members and their communities on Aboriginal health at state and national levels.

For further information and to view position descriptions for the roles available please contact Gordana Agic (HR Coordinator) on (02) 9212 4777 or email gagic@ahmrc.org.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply
The AH&MRC is, and promotes, a smoke-free environment

(The AH&MRC considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW))



Education

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

- ACLO
- Temporary full-time appointment up to: 26 January 2018
- Position number and location: 174168 – Moree

The NSW Department of Education serves the community by leading the provision of world-class education. The department protects young children by regulating preschool and long day care providers. Once children move into school, we provide them with a world-class primary and secondary education. We also work to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

Working as part of a team to support and develop partnerships and understanding between the Aboriginal community and the Department at all levels, thereby helping to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal school students.

We are looking for a suitable candidate to contribute to and when required lead the development of consultative mechanisms to promote understanding between Aboriginal communities and the Department.

Talent Pool

A talent pool may be created through this recruitment process. A talent pool is a group of candidates who have undergone an assessment process and have been identified suitable for this role or similar roles for a period of 12 months. Being part of a talent pool means that you may be considered for ongoing, temporary or term employment for a range of similar roles. This offers exciting opportunities for you to gain a wide range of experiences to build your public service career.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

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.

This is a child-related role. If you are the successful candidate 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: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

- How do you see yourself personally working with the local Aboriginal community and highlight how you see yourself establishing the links between schools and the community? (300 words).
- How have you worked as a member of a team to ensure that partnerships with the Aboriginal community are strengthened, resulting in improved outcomes for students? (300 words).

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Applications Close: 17 May 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Lynne-Maree Hugginson on (02) 6656 6612.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 174168

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

INFORMATION SHEET

Background

Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council ("Council") has identified a proposed site for the operation of a school over part of Lot 36 on SP173914, located on the corner of Prengim and Wa-Tyne Streets ("the Land"). The Land is presently vacant land.

Council is requesting expressions of interest from respondents who propose to:

- construct all relevant school facilities at the Land;
- operate a P-3 school within the constructed facilities, with the possibility of the school being extended to accommodate additional year levels.

("the Project").

Intent of this request for expressions of interest

This request for expressions of interest ("RFEI") is made for the purpose of determining the level of interest in the Project only. Depending on that level of interest, Council, in its absolute discretion, may take further steps to progress the Project.

Responding to this RFEI

When responding to this RFEI, respondents should:

- state the name and contact details of the entity proposed to carry out the Project;
- state the qualifications that the respondent presently holds, and what qualifications the respondent intends to obtain, to enable it to effectively carry out the Project in accordance with accepted Queensland standards;
- briefly (no more than 1 page) state any past experience the respondent has that is relevant to the Project, including:
 - past experience in remote communities;
 - past experience in indigenous communities;
 - past experience in communities with a relatively high proportion of low income residents.

Respondents should be aware that if tenders are called, detailed submissions consistent with the request for tender documentation will be required.

Expressions of interest should be lodged in one of the following ways:

- in person at Council's office at 320 Wa-Tyne Street, Napranum Qld 4874;
- by post to PO Box 538, Weipa Qld 4874;
- by email to ceo@napranum.qld.gov.au; and should be received by no later than 5.00pm on 31 May 2017.

Queries may be directed to the Chief Executive Officer Ms Julie Guest, by email to ceo@napranum.qld.gov.au.

Julie Guest
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Director of Advocacy, Information and Rights Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation

The SRAC provides a range of services for Indigenous people in Sydney. The Corporation is upgrading its Advocacy and Information program to encompass various changes including those driven by the NDIS, and seeks a suitably experienced Indigenous Advocate to lead this service upgrade.

An informed perspective on the rights of and the issues faced by people living with disability is essential, as is sound, demonstrated professional judgement and communication skills.

Email ralph@srac.ngo to obtain detailed selection criteria and package information.

Applications close 12 May.



Justice
and Regulation

Aboriginal Case Manager, Carlton

- Engage with the Victorian Koori Community
- Play a critical role in helping support community safety
- Proactively motivate and engage clients

Aboriginal Case Managers are responsible for applying evidence based case management practices for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal offenders. Aboriginal Case Managers support offenders to successfully complete their court orders, while balancing risks to community safety and may also be required to provide advice to the Koori Court to assist in the sentencing process.

To be successful in this role you will have:

- a high level of knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Aboriginal Community
- a demonstrated understanding and practice of effective case management.

Apply online at correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au by 14 May 2017



Senior Solicitors - Regional WA

We are seeking expressions of interest from experienced solicitors who are interested in being part of the AFLS team in one of our small regional offices. As an AFLS Solicitor, you will be responsible for delivering comprehensive legal services, including **legal assistance for care and protection matters, family law, violent restraining orders, criminal injuries compensation** and community legal education to our clients within remote and local communities.

Key duties and requirements include:

- 3 years Post Admission Experience preferred
- Experience in Family Law preferred
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Experience in working within a client-centred legal environment
- High commitment towards providing the best legal advice and service to our clients
- Excellent time management skills
- Ability to work with a small but efficient team

To apply send your resume to humanresources@afls.org.au or for the attention Human Resources, Jasmine Taylor – AFLS, PO Box 5254, East Victoria Park WA 6981.

Applications should include a letter of introduction and a Resume with two (2) referees. A National Police Clearance and a Working with Children Check is required.

As we have 6 regional offices across the state, please ensure you indicate your 1st and 2nd location preference in your application letter. Details on regional offices can be found on our website: www.afls.org.au

Competitive Salary Packaging with additional district allowance (depending on location) as well as housing allowances, flight allowances and attractive salary sacrifice are available for the right candidate, along with 5 weeks annual leave. Relocation assistance will also be considered depending on individual circumstances.

Closing Date: 12th May 2017

Please note: Only those successful to interview will be contacted further.

Regional SEWB Workforce Support Coordinator

- Full time position.
- Located in Brisbane - we welcome applications from people who are prepared to relocate to Brisbane.
- Salary \$70,000 per annum + superannuation.
- QAIHC offers attractive charity salary packaging options.

QAIHC are seeking a Social and Emotional Well-being (SEWB) professional with experience in workforce support and / or development roles in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled, non-government, public or private sectors.



Key responsibilities of the **Regional SEWB Workforce Support Coordinator** include:

- maintain cooperative working relationships and effective communications with CEO's and Line Managers of Community Controlled Health Services, Substance Use Services, Indigenous Mental Health Services, Link-Up Queensland, and other organisations employing Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) funded workers;
- work collaboratively with designated Registered Training Organisations (RTO's) to deliver nationally recognised training to meet the mandatory minimum qualifications for staff;
- monitor and coordinate the professional development, external professional supervision and cultural mentoring of the SEWB workforce in association with employer organisations;
- complete Training Needs Analysis interviews for all members of the SEWB Workforce and review annually;
- promote best practice models of service delivery in SEWB programs and compliance with the operational standards in relevant program manuals.

Key requirements include:

- demonstrated experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in program delivery and/or training and development in the Social and Emotional Well Being, Alcohol or Other Drug or Mental Health Environments;
- Certificate IV, Diploma or higher level qualification in Social and Emotional Well-being, Alcohol or Other Drug, mental health or social work disciplines preferred;
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment also an advantage;
- Current C Class Drivers Licence – travel across the region is required;

Applications for the **Regional SEWB Workforce Support Coordinator** must include -

- cover letter – addressing each of the key responsibilities and requirements for the role.
- up to date resume

Please submit your application, via email to allana.burns@qaihc.com.au, by COB Friday 12 May 2017.



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 12th May 2017 at 4.30pm**



Education

Senior Project Officer

- Temporary full-time appointment for a period up to: 2 years
- Position number and Location: 198292 - Bridge Street, Sydney

The NSW Department of Education serves the community by leading the provision of world-class education. The department protects young children by regulating preschool and long day care providers. Once children move into school, we provide them with a world-class primary and secondary education. We also work to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

The Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme (SGRS) Unit is located with the Community and Economic Development Directorate of Aboriginal Affairs. The SGRS Unit is responsible for the governance and administration of the NSW Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of its various components. The role provides sensitive, customer-focussed services to potential applicants, reviews claims for sufficient evident, contributes to the development of policies and procedures, monitors applications, provides briefs for Independent Assessors and contributes to reports on the Scheme's outcomes.

We are looking for a suitable candidate who can coordinate and administer the NSW Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of its various components. The role develops and implements communication strategies to promote the Scheme with key stakeholders, provides sensitive, customer-focussed services to potential applicants, and reviews claims for eligibility.

Talent Pool

A talent pool may be created through this recruitment process. A talent pool is a group of candidates who have undergone an assessment process and have been identified suitable for this role or similar roles for a period of 12 months. Being part of a talent pool means that you may be considered for ongoing, temporary or term employment for a range of similar roles. This offers exciting opportunities for you to gain a wide range of experiences to build your public service career.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

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.

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

Pre-screening questions:

1. Tell us about your experience in working in a team environment on a project with high interaction with people who may have experienced complex trauma. What was the greatest challenge and how did you manage the issue (300 words).
2. Please outline your ability to innovate, problem solve and provide advice in implementing a government program (300 words).

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
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies. (Please find the Aboriginal Education Review - Information).

Applications Close: 16 May 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Marilyn Hoey on (02) 9561 8271.

**Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 198292**

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Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

- ACLO
- Temporary full-time appointment up to: 30 March 2018
- Position number and location: 174163 – Goonellabah

The NSW Department of Education serves the community by leading the provision of world-class education. The department protects young children by regulating preschool and long day care providers. Once children move into school, we provide them with a world-class primary and secondary education. We also work to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

School Operations and Performance Division leads and directs the operations of more than 2200 NSW public schools to maximise the academic achievements of all students and create a culture of success, learning and a desire to achieve, underpinned by innovative, adaptive and supportive strategies that also supports the quality of teaching and educational leadership at the school level. The division is responsible for managing policy, strategies and operations that support principals, teachers and students in preschools, infants, primary, secondary, central and community schools, specialist and comprehensive schools, specific purpose schools, intensive English and environmental education centres. The overarching goal of School Operations and Performance Division is to achieve the best possible outcomes for the students in our public schools from preschool to year 12.

About the role

The role works as part of a team to develop partnerships and understanding between the Aboriginal community and the Department of Education at all levels, thereby helping to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal school students.

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.

This is a child-related role. If you are the successful candidate 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: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. How do you see yourself personally working with the local Aboriginal community and highlight how you see yourself establishing the links between schools and the community? (300 words).
2. How have you worked as a member of a team to ensure that partnerships with the Aboriginal community are strengthened, resulting in improved outcomes for students? (300 words).

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

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Applications Close: 17 May 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Raelene Mordecai on (02) 6656 6605.

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 174163

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Designated positions at UNE

Targeted Tutorial Assistance Program Coordinator

Oorala Aboriginal Centre
Reference No: 217071
Closing Date: 16 May 2017

Student Engagement Officer, 2 positions

Oorala Aboriginal Centre
Reference No: 217070
Closing Date: Tuesday 16 May 2017

For further information and to apply visit:
www.une.edu.au/jobs-at-une

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Delivered by the
National Disability
Insurance Agency

APS 5 Local Area Coordinators

Multiple Non-ongoing vacancies, 12 months
Full time
Dubbo, NSW

The purpose of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is to implement the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) which will support a better life for hundreds of thousands of Australians with a significant and permanent disability. The NDIA will also provide great benefit to the families and carers of Australians living with a disability. The NDIS is designed to enhance the quality of life and increase economic and social participation for people with disability and will mean peace of mind for every Australian, for anyone who has, or might acquire, a disability.

We are looking for highly motivated candidates to join the NDIA as a Local Area Coordinator in Dubbo, NSW. As a Local Area Coordinator you will work closely with participants and their families to identify what current and future supports are required to make progress with a person's goals and aspirations and enable a good life.

Local Area Coordinators engage with local organisations and communities, including mainstream agencies to build awareness and improve opportunities for people with disability to access and actively participate in community activities.

If this sounds like your ideal role, we encourage you to register your interest for an interview by **11:30pm (AEST), 7th May 2017**.

For information on NDIA employment and to apply, visit www.ndis.gov.au or contact DFP Recruitment Services on telephone **1300 138 337** or email ndia@dfp.com.au

NDIA welcomes and encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with diverse culture and linguistic backgrounds and people with disability.

The NDIA Inaugural Reconciliation Plan 2016-2017 can be viewed on the NDIS website at www.ndis.gov.au

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Indigenous Enabling Learning Advisor *University of Newcastle*

Job No. 3277

Salary HEW 6 - \$76,400 to \$84,302 per annum, plus superannuation guarantee of 9.5%.

- Short term role at UON's Wollotuka Institute
- Increase success, access, participation and retention of Indigenous students
- Full time, Fixed Term role to November 2017

Provide an effective link between English Language & Foundation Studies and The Wollotuka Institute

About UON

Built on the principles of equity, excellence and engagement, the University of Newcastle (UON) has a reputation as a world-class institution making an impact within our regions, throughout Australia and across the globe. This is an exciting time to be part of the University of Newcastle as we embark on our NeW Futures Strategic Plan 2016-2025. We are building on strong foundations to realise our 2025 vision to stand as a global leader, distinguished by a commitment to equity and excellence, creating a better future for our regions through innovation and impact. Being part of a university on the move gives our people the opportunity to really make a mark in their chosen field.

The Wollotuka Institute consolidates all Indigenous activities of the University under one strategic and operational body. Wollotuka is committed to the advancement and leadership of Indigenous education at a local, national and global level drawing strength from culture, communities and past journeys.

About the role

To co-ordinate programs and activities at the Newcastle and Ourimbah campuses in relation to the University's strategic direction of increasing success, access, participation and retention of Indigenous students within the English Language & Foundation Studies Programs. As an Indigenous Enabling Learning Advisor you will collaborate with the Program Convenor, Yapug / Indigenous Enabling Academic Advisor and Teaching

and Learning Coordinator to develop and evaluate appropriate learning programs for Indigenous students undertaking enabling programs across the university.

This role requires you to work in a range of disciplines to integrate the academic expectations and study skills required for success, participation and retention of Indigenous students within the English Language & Foundation Studies Programs including providing learning activities and resources that complement teaching. This role requires a mixture of intensive student support, working directly with students through academic workshops and consultations.

You will:

- Collaborate with Program Convenor, Yapug / Indigenous Enabling Academic Advisor to target strategic support for students relating to program and course specific academic skills;
- Engage with Indigenous students in the English Language & Foundation Studies (ELFS) Programs;
- Provide an effective link between English Language & Foundation Studies and The Wollotuka Institute;
- Contribute to the Wollotuka Institute's strategic planning, policy development and budget requirements;
- Coordinate, implement, monitor and evaluate the YAPUG Orientation and attend all Enabling Orientations sessions.

Skills and experience

Essential Criteria for this role:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977
- A relevant degree with extensive practical experience in the education sector

- Demonstrated expertise and experience in developing learning programs
- Demonstrated capacity in the development and implementation of Indigenous student programs
- Demonstrated experience in communicating effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and knowledge and understanding of the successes and issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Please note: In accordance with the University's Staff Selection Guidelines, your application will be assessed on the selection criteria found at the link below. It is essential that you address each of the criteria to enable the selection committee to properly assess your application and suitability for interview.

UON provide leadership, innovation and inspiration to our staff, students and the broader community in environmental sustainability and we are committed to health, safety, well-being and careers of our students and staff. UON is an EEO employer.

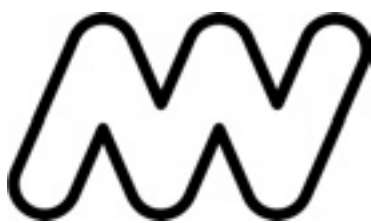
Applications close: Friday 12 May 2017

Before submitting your application please read the important information contained in the Application Process guide at:
www.newcastle.edu.au/about-uon/jobs-at-uon/job-vacancies/application-process.

For more information about the position including selection criteria please and to apply go to newcastle.edu.au/job-vacancies

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Collection Manager, Australian Aboriginal Collection

Your opportunity to manage the Australian Aboriginal Collection at Museums Victoria

For full details visit:

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/employment/>

Contact Melanie Raberts mraberts@museum.vic.gov.au

Applications Close: Tuesday, 16th May 2017



Female Aboriginal Partnerships Liaison

Located in Maitland, NSW

The Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) is currently seeking an Aboriginal Partnership Liaison (APL) in the Maitland area. The APL position supports effective forestry operations by undertaking accurate, compliant and timely pre-harvest Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Surveys in designated areas. The role is also responsible for building and maintaining mutually-beneficial partnerships with Aboriginal communities to collaborate and contribute to the development, implementation and review of business opportunities and other initiatives that maximise opportunities for Aboriginal communities to gain value from the forest estate and enhance the corporation's reputation and outcomes.

For further information please visit <http://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/> or call John Shipp on 0437 879 096

The closing date for applications is 15 May 2017

Job Notes:

- The successful applicant will be required to satisfactorily complete a medical examination which includes Drug and Alcohol screening and a Fitness Test (called the Task Based Assessment).
- Forestry Corporation considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) and also considers being a woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Assistant In Nursing

Location: Tamworth

Enquiries: Margaret Sullivan (02) 6767 7229

Reference Number: 389987

Closing Date: 14 May 2017

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Newborn Hearing Screener

Location: John Hunter Hospital,
The Maitland Hospital

Enquiries: Michelle Foster (02) 4921 3555

Reference Number: 388311

Closing Date: 17 May 2017

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Closing Date:
as above**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Numbers above.

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Health
Justice Health &
Forensic Mental Health Network

Project Officer (Aboriginal Identified) – PFT

Classification: Health Mgr Lvl 2

Location: Malabar

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$90,827 – \$107,728 pa

Enquiries: Jasmin Smith (02) 9319 4000

jasmin@yarnn.com.au

This is a dedicated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants must be able to prove Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act*. JH&FMHN deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginal status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or prior to commencement of the position.

**Closing Date:
8 May 2017**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 386102

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Education

Make an impact in NSW Connected Communities Schools



The NSW Department of Education is offering **temporary appointment for up to three years** for school counsellors to work in NSW public schools, as a new professional experience. **Connected Communities** schools are committed to driving improved outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people by working closely with their communities.

There are opportunities in these Connected Communities schools:

Coonamble High School, Coonamble Public School, Moree Secondary College, Wilcannia Central School, Brewarrina Central School, Menindee Central School, Walgett Community College – Primary School, Walgett Community College – High School.

What is on offer?

- Opportunity to deliver counselling services to enhance student engagement, learning and development
- **Right of return for permanent staff at completion of the three years, for new employees the offer of permanent employment to a negotiated location***
- Fully flexible commencement package up to the value of \$5,000 (for example flights, professional learning, data package)
- \$10,000 annual bonus following satisfactory completion of each year of service
- Access to existing rural and remote incentives, including up to 90% rental subsidy and Relocation support.

** The successful applicant for this position will be appointed to the school on a temporary basis. At the conclusion of the term of the temporary engagement, subject to satisfying all relevant legislative provisions, the employee will be converted to a permanent employee and assigned to a work location in the Department that will be agreed by the Department and the employee.*

**Applications Close:
Wednesday 10 May 2017 (4pm)**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Katrina Worrall, Principal Psychologist on (02) 9266 8036 or at katrina.worrall@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 0000580B

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Aboriginal Out-of-Home Care Program Manager

Gudjagang Ngara li-dhi in partnership with Barnardos Australia are recruiting for a full-time permanent Aboriginal Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) program manager for the Gudjagang Darkinyung OOHC service based in Wyong on the Central Coast, NSW. The position will manage a team and also carry a small caseload.

You will have a degree or diploma and/or relevant experience in the area of out-of-home care, welfare/human services or working with children and families with complex needs. You will also have experience of providing practice supervision and managing people within this context. This is an exciting and growing service focused on supporting Aboriginal children in out of home care placements.

This position is Aboriginal identified. To perform this role, it is essential that the person who holds the role be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. It is a genuine occupational requirement under section 25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 that applicants are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders.

Total remuneration packaging range \$95,680 - \$102,065 p.a. inclusive of superannuation. (Option of packaged vehicle following successful three month probationary period)

Please email bsamways@barnardos.org.au or call **02 4352 5900** for an application pack or to talk to the Regional Manager about the position.

Closing date for applications, 24 May 2017. Interview date, 31 May 2017.

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Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service

Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) Counsellor

Fixed term – Full time

The Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service is seeking a SEWB counsellor to join their team on a fixed term contract, until June 2018. The SEWB Counsellor will assist in improving the social and emotional wellbeing of clients, prioritising members of the Stolen Generation, whilst utilising evidence based and culturally appropriate treatment models. The SEWB counsellor is also responsible for coordinating programs for significant events to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Essential Criteria

- Minimum Diploma in one of the following fields; Counselling, Psychology, Social Work, or Mental Health
- Current drivers licence
- Experience counselling individuals, families, and youth, utilising culturally appropriate and evidence based treatment models
- Proven knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture
- Understanding of the impact of forced removal policies on Stolen Generations including the trans-generational effects
- Experience in coordinating and promoting events and/or education groups that are relevant to your position and client base
- Ability to establish close working relationships with relevant organisations/services
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Proven ability to gain necessary skills to utilise position specific computer programs

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
are encouraged to apply.*

To apply for this position, please forward your cover letter, selection criteria statement, and resume to klawlor@illawarraams.com.au.

Applications will close at 5pm on Wednesday 10th May 2017.

Applications that do not address the selection criteria will not be considered.

The successful applicant will be required to undergo a National Criminal Check.

The successful applicant will be required to supply, or willing to obtain, a current Working With Children Check.



The Australia Council is seeking applications for the following positions:

MANAGER MEDIA

Full time, 3 year contract. Surry Hills location

Reporting to the Communications Director, this position manages strategic media relations which supports the Australia Council's strategic goals and enhances the profile of both the organisation and the arts in Australia.

Applications close 11 May 2017 at 5.00pm (AEST)

To obtain further information about these positions, please visit our careers page at <http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers/>



Early Childhood Educator

Towri MACS Centre in Bathurst is currently seeking an experienced Certificate 111 or Diploma trained early childhood educator to join the team.

We are looking for an educator who has extensive working knowledge of the National Quality Framework and who can demonstrate excellent work ethics and professionalism. This position is offered as a temporary 12month contract which could lead to a permanent role within the centre.

Please contact the Director, Courtney Glazebrook at admin@towrimacs.org.au or call the centre on 02 63321467 to request an information package

Applications close May 21, 2017.



Project Officer Birthing on Country

*Full-time
Canberra
Circa \$75-84,000/annum plus
superannuation*

The Australian College of Midwives (ACM) is looking for a Project Officer to lead the Birthing on Country (BoC) project. The Project Officer, BoC, is an important position within the ACM Head Office team. The Project Officer will provide expert project management services and complete, with a number of teams, advisory groups and external partners, specific components of the

BoC project on time and within budget.

This is an Indigenous- identified position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (pursuant to Section 42 of the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT)).

Go to www.midwives.org.au/postions-vacant for the position description and application instructions.

For inquiries about this position, please contact:

*Ann Kinnear, CEO
02 6230 7333*

ann.kinnear@midwives.org.au

**Applications close at 12 midday on Friday,
12 May 2017**



Education

Senior Project Officer

- **Temporary Full-time appointment for a period up to: 2 years**
- **Position number and Location: 198293 - Bridge Street, Sydney**

The NSW Department of Education serves the community by leading the provision of world-class education. The department protects young children by regulating preschool and long day care providers. Once children move into school, we provide them with a world-class primary and secondary education. We also work to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

The Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme (SGRS) Unit is located with the Community and Economic Development Directorate of Aboriginal Affairs. The SGRS Unit is responsible for the governance and administration of the NSW Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of its various components. The role provides sensitive, customer-focussed services to potential applicants, reviews claims for sufficient evidence, contributes to the development of policies and procedures, monitors applications, provides briefs for Independent Assessors and contributes to reports on the Scheme's outcomes.

We are looking for a suitable candidate who can coordinate and administer the NSW Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of its various components. The role develops and implements communication strategies to promote the Scheme with key stakeholders, provides sensitive, customer-focussed services to potential applicants, and reviews claims for eligibility.

Talent Pool:

A talent pool may be created through this recruitment process. A talent pool is a group of candidates who have undergone an assessment process and have been identified suitable for this role or similar roles for a period of 12 months. Being part of a talent pool means that you may be considered for ongoing, temporary or term employment for a range of similar roles. This offers exciting opportunities for you to gain a wide range of experiences to build your public service career.

How to apply:

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

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](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au). No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Tell us about your experience in working in a team environment on a project with high interaction with people who may have experienced complex trauma. What was the greatest challenge and how did you manage the issue (300 words).
2. Please outline your ability to innovate, problem solve and provide advice in implementing a government program (300 words).

Essential Requirements:

- 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
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies. (Please find the Aboriginal Education Review - Information) of quality Aboriginal education programs.

Applications Close: 16 May 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Marilyn Hoey on (02) 9561 8271.

**Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 198293**

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Join our innovative team to tackle challenges for people with disability!

Northcott is a not-for-profit disability service provider that works with customers to realise their potential.

We are seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to join our crew in various locations throughout NSW and ACT. You will be part of team that commits to work creatively and relentlessly with all our customers, supporting and empowering them to be the best they can be now and in the future.

People of all abilities are encouraged to apply including those with a lived experience or knowledge of disability.

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Programs Advisor, Debbie Frail on:

(02) 9890 0502

Essential pre-employment checks will be conducted.



**Central Australian
Aboriginal Congress**
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION | ICN 7823

*Aboriginal health
in Aboriginal hands*

Selection Criteria: Specialist in Primary Health Care

For 40 years, Central Australian Aboriginal Congress has been a voice for Aboriginal people in Central Australia. Today, the organisation provides comprehensive primary health care to Aboriginal people living in Alice Springs and five remote communities in Central Australia.

As a Non-Member Director — Specialist in Primary Health Care, you will have the following attributes:

- Proven ability to identify key issues in relation to primary health care and have oversight of appropriate policies to define the parameters within which the organisation will operate.
- An in-depth understanding of clinical governance, knowledge and experience in clinical leadership, safety and quality standards of service delivery in primary health care, and associated performance measurement and reporting.
- Knowledge, experience and networks in public health including health policy, community health and wellbeing, health needs analysis, health planning, resource allocation, analysis of population health trends, critical appraisal of published evidence and service delivery.
- Knowledge, experience and understanding of primary health care, for example nursing, allied health, medical practice and specialties and community health service provision.
- Knowledge and experience in the strategic use and governance of information management and information technology, particularly in the context of health, tele-health, the collection of health data and electronic health records, and including personal information in privacy and security risk management.
- Ability to commit to the responsibilities including the time required by this role and an ability to contribute to continuing to build the capacity and governance of the organisation.

The responsibilities and duty of care for Non-Member Directors is equal to that of Member Directors. As a Non-Member Director, it is not a requirement that you reside in Central Australia.

Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply

**For further information, please contact Donna Ah Chee, CEO Ph: 08 8951 4401
To submit your application, please ph: 08 8951 4401**

**or email: director@caac.org.au
Applications close Friday, 12 May 2017**

**BIRIPI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
MEDICAL CENTRE
TAREE NSW**



OOHC Caseworker

An exciting opportunity is available for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander to join our Children's Service team for a Caseworker position.

As a Caseworker you will be working closely with your team to ensure that the highest level of service is provided to vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect, communities, interagency partners and peers, to be agents of change in the lives of children.

This is an **Identified Position** and Indigenous job seekers are strongly encouraged to apply.

Biripi ACMC offer a Salary Packaging Program through a third party, allowing staff to further reduce their tax payments, providing more net pay.

Location: Taree - NSW

Salary: \$48,000 - \$53,000 per annum plus superannuation

Vacancy: Full-time on-going (position is still subject to the availability of funding)

How to apply: For further information on the position and how to apply – please call or email the Human Resources Department on (02) 6591 2418 or humanresources@biripi.org.au

Closing Date 21st May 2017

The Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012, requires persons engaged in children related work to have a Working with Children clearance. If successful in this role you will be required to provide a Working with Children Check clearance prior to commencing the role.



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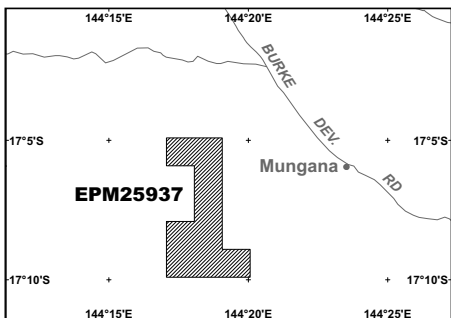


NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANTS OF AN EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR MINERALS

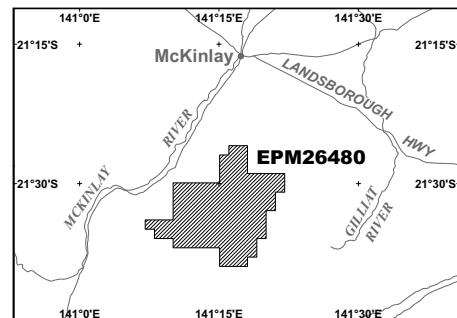
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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).

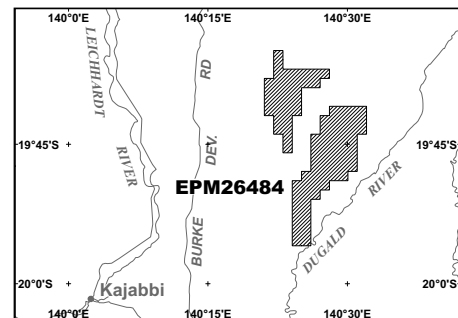
Exploration Permit 25937 sought by Wandoo Tenements Pty Ltd, ACN 603 839 809, over an area of 9 sub-blocks (29 km²), centred approximately 10 km South West of Mungana, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



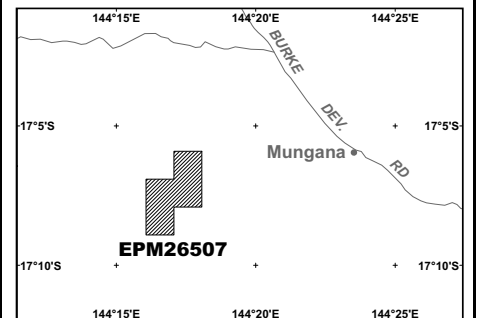
Exploration Permit 26480 sought by Mawson Canada Pty Ltd, ACN 617 551 667, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (318 km²), centred approximately 30 km South of McKinlay, in the locality of the McKinlay Shire Council.



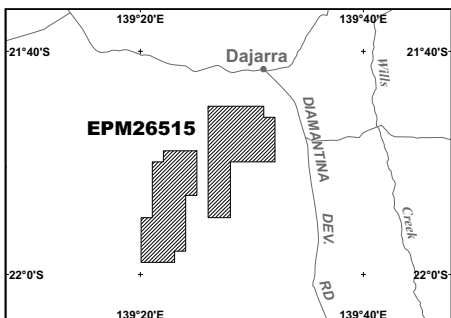
Exploration Permit 26484 sought by Mawson Canada Pty Ltd, ACN 617 551 667, over an area of 88 sub-blocks (284 km²), centred approximately 50 km North East of Kajabbi, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



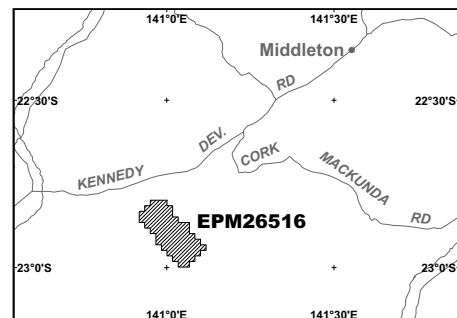
Exploration Permit 26507 sought by Wandoo Tenements Pty Ltd, ACN 603 839 809, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (12 km²), centred approximately 11 km West South West of Mungana, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



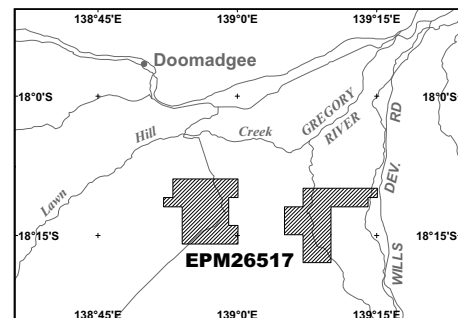
Exploration Permit 26515 sought by Proton Geoscience Pty Ltd, ACN 125 500 398, over an area of 75 sub-blocks (238 km²), centred approximately 21 km South West of Dajarra, in the localities of the Boulia Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council.



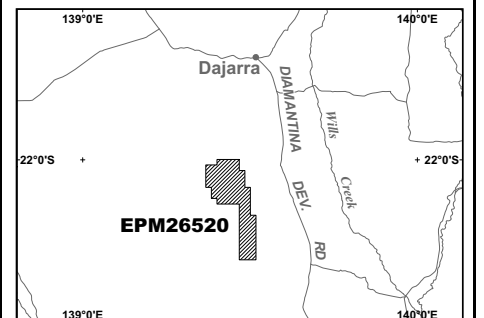
Exploration Permit 26516 sought by Proton Geoscience Pty Ltd, ACN 125 500 398, over an area of 71 sub-blocks (224 km²), centred approximately 82 km South West of Middleton, in the localities of the Boulia Shire Council and Winton Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26517 sought by Proton Geoscience Pty Ltd, ACN 125 500 398, over an area of 82 sub-blocks (266 km²), centred approximately 40 km South East of Doomadgee, in the locality of the Burke Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26520 sought by Proton Geoscience Pty Ltd, ACN 125 500 398, over an area of 79 sub-blocks (250 km²), centred approximately 50 km South of Dajarra, in the localities of the Boulia Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of 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: 24 May 2017

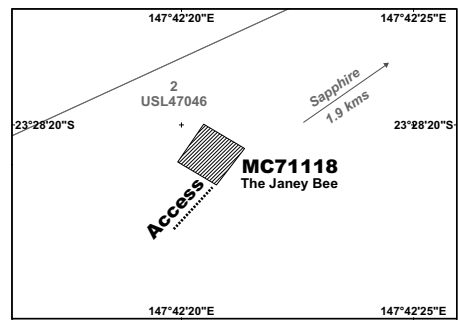


NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL AND GRANT OF MINING CLAIMS

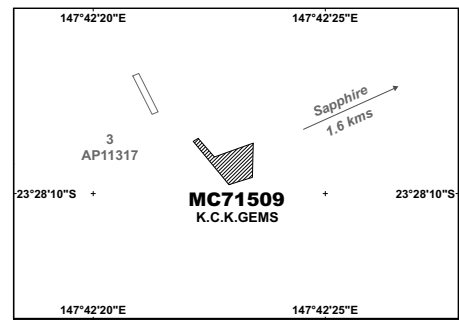
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of MC71118, MC71509, MC71532, MC71533, MC71534, MC71535, MC71556, MC71563, MC71593, MC71601, MC71605, MC71613, MC71660, MC71694, MC71696, MC72231, MC72237 and MC72238 and grant of MC300135 and MC300138, shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

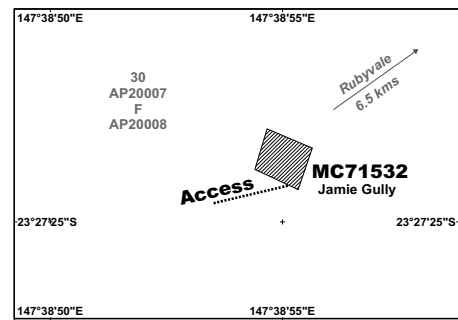
Mining Claim 71118 renewal sought by Sophira Milley Byrnes, over an area of 870 m², centred approximately 1.9 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



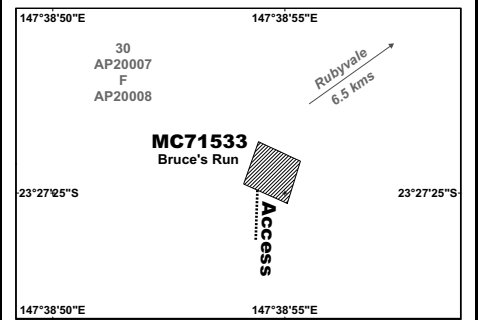
Mining Claim 71509 renewal sought by Trevor George Rooney, over an area of 530 m², centred approximately 1.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



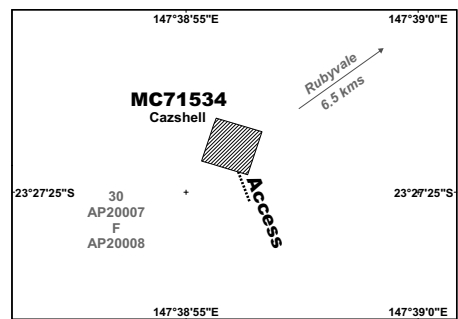
Mining Claim 71532 renewal sought by Anthony Bruce Fraser, over an area of 853 m², centred approximately 6.5 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



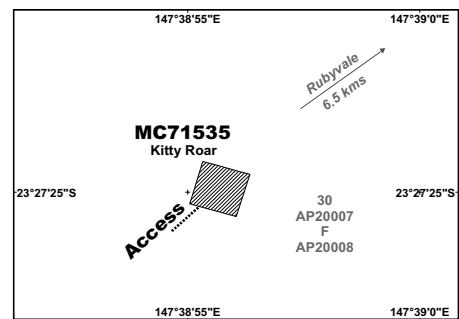
Mining Claim 71533 renewal sought by Anthony Bruce Fraser, over an area of 855 m² centred approximately 6.5 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



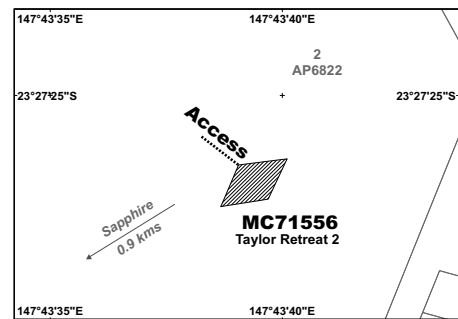
Mining Claim 71534 renewal sought by Kitty Florence Lilian Fraser, over an area of 895 m² centred approximately 6.5 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



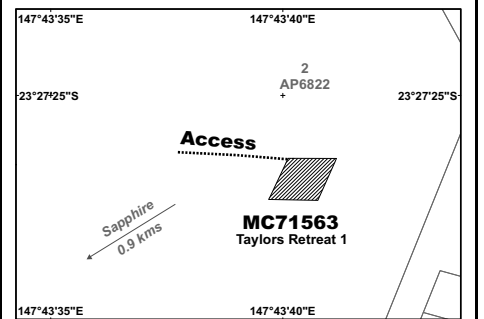
Mining Claim 71535 renewal sought by Kitty Florence Lilian Fraser, over an area of 884 m² centred approximately 6.5 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



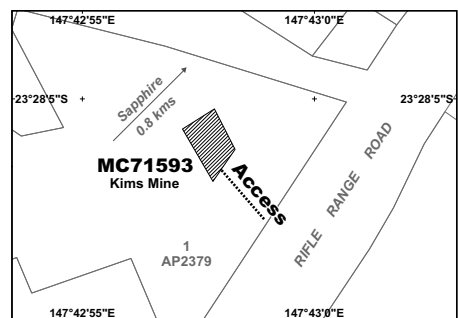
Mining Claim 71556 renewal sought by Darrell Marshall Jenkins, over an area of 757 m² centred approximately 0.9 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



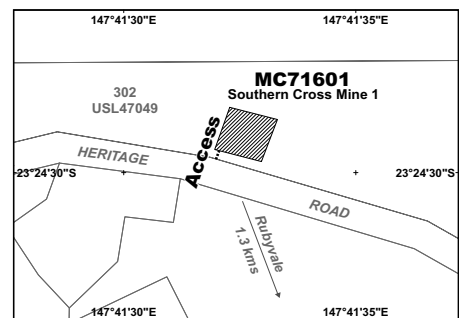
Mining Claim 71563 renewal sought by Ellen Grace Taylor, over an area of 846 m² centred approximately 0.9 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



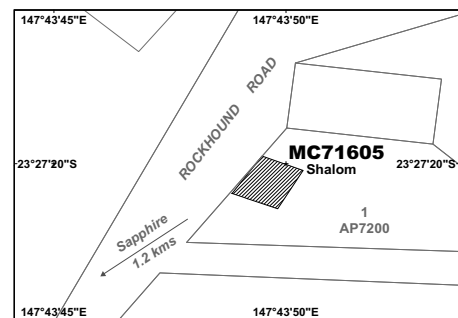
Mining Claim 71593 renewal sought by Kimette Meagan Mcalister, over an area of 789 m² centred approximately 0.8 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



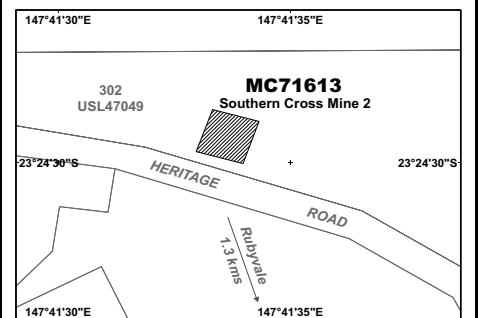
Mining Claim 71601 renewal sought by Kelvin Glen Johnston, over an area of 894 m² centred approximately 1.3 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



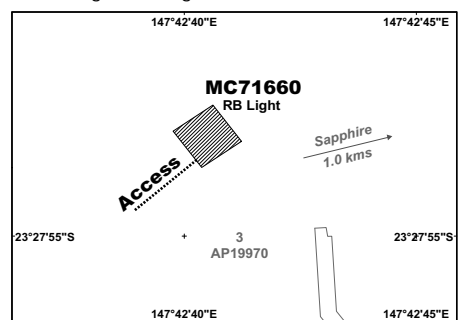
Mining Claim 71605 renewal sought Simon Peter Charls Fester, over an area of 842 m² centred approximately 1.2 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



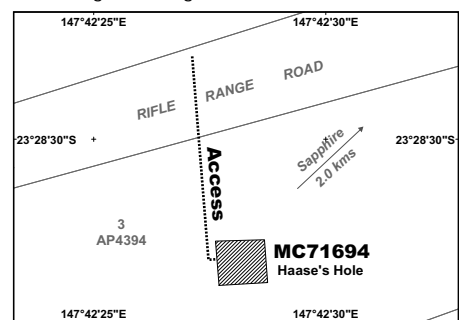
Mining Claim 71613 renewal sought by Kelvin Glen Johnston, over an area of 884 m² centred approximately 1.3 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



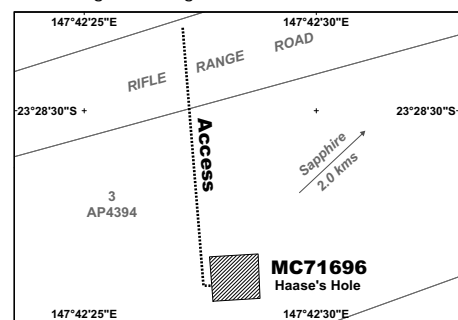
Mining Claim 71660 renewal sought by Wayne Graeme Baker, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 1.0 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



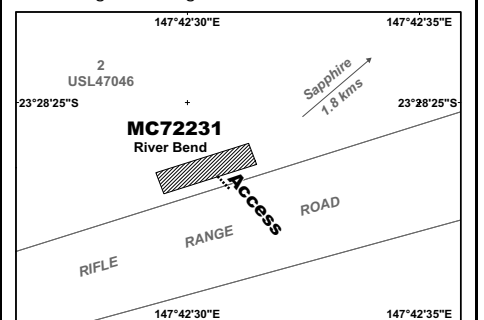
Mining Claim 71694 renewal sought by Martin Richard Haase, over an area of 874 m² centred approximately 2.0 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



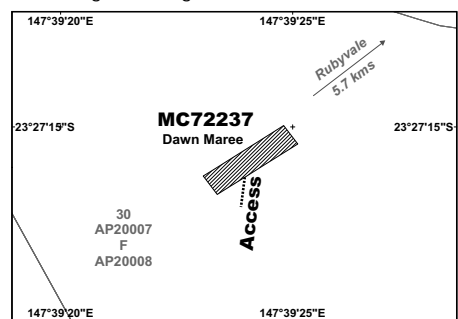
Mining Claim 71696 renewal sought by Martin Richard Haase, over an area of 874 m² centred approximately 2.0 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



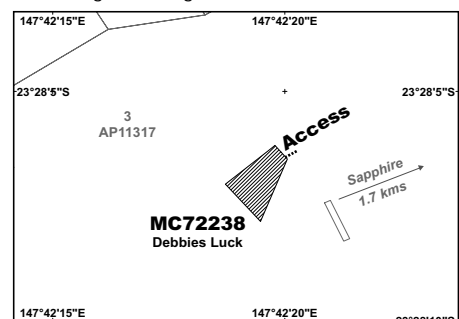
Mining Claim 72231 renewal sought by Stephen Leslie Melody, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 1.8 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



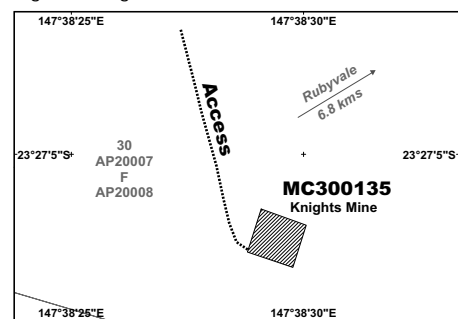
Mining Claim 72237 renewal sought by John Russell Murillo, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 5.7 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



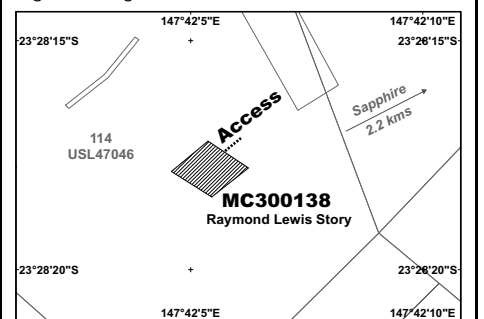
Mining Claim 72238 renewal sought by Graham James Rooney, over an area of 893 m² centred approximately 1.7 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 300135 sought by Arlene Norma Knight, over an area of 879 m² centred approximately 6.8 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 300138 sought by Raymond Lewis Story, over an area of 880 m², centred approximately 2.2 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The renewal or grant of Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Claims be renewed or granted 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 Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Renewals or Applications may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is

entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Claims. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 24 May 2017

LOWER GWYDIR GROUNDWATER SOURCE

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 486, Moree NSW 2400 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A9866)

A06462

LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SHARING PLAN
LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE
THAT PART OF THE WATER SOURCE UPSTREAM OF
LAKE CARGELLIGO WEIR

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND/OR WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **BRIAN AND VICKI SAUNDERS** for a 300mm Centrifugal Pump increasing capacity (50ML/Day) on Lot 7 DP 787612, Parish Gulgo, County Cunningham, for Irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A009855)

A06450

DIGNAMS CREEK WATER SOURCE

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. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A009895)

A06532

TUMBARUMBA WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK has been received from **WAYNE & YVONNE BENNETT** for a 50mm pump on Road Reserve south of Lot 93 DP 755892 for domestic purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, P O Box 829, Albury NSW 2640 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A009897)

A06535

LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER SOURCES

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK has been received from **GRANT WESLEY AND ANTHONY RUSSELL BLACK** for an additional bore on Lot 112 DP 753759 for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 829, Albury NSW 2640, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A009899)

A06539



Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	09/2213	VENTURE Z PTY LTD	69BL	147km NE'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 27° 3' S Long: 115° 28' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2214	MRG RESOURCES PTY LTD	77BL	80km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 38' S Long: 115° 41' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1307	TERRAIN MINERALS LTD	26BL	62km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 19' S Long: 121° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1970	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	20BL	85km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 23' S Long: 122° 24' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1973	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	19BL	70km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 122° 22' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2008	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	58L	94km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 28' S Long: 122° 26' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2021	APOLLO MINING PTY LTD	41BL	68km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 121° 50' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4858	MOXHAM, Clinton Stash	48L	51km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 56' S Long: 120° 21' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3598	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	6BL	89km SE'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 23° 1' S Long: 118° 35' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3610	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	46BL	125km SE'ly of Roebourne	Lat: 21° 29' S Long: 118° 4' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, KARRATHA CITY, PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	51/1807	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	12BL	127km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 52' S Long: 119° 51' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1810	DIVERSIFIED ASSET HOLDINGS PTY LTD	10BL	50km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 2' S Long: 118° 34' E	CUE SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3470	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	95BL	127km S'ly of Newman	Lat: 24° 30' S Long: 119° 38' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3482	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	89km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 25' S Long: 118° 52' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3500	AURIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD	1BL	85km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 49' S Long: 118° 25' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2228	RUTTER, John Henry	1BL	73km E'ly of Morawa	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 116° 45' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3494	RED METAL LIMITED	19BL	141km E'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 126° 36' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	70/4769	SORRENTO RESOURCES PTY LTD	22BL	17km S'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 29' S Long: 115° 57' E	CHITTERING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4949	IMAGE RESOURCES NL	10BL	47km SW'ly of Moora	Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 115° 39' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/586	FORRESTANIA PTY LTD	20BL	94km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 32° 45' S Long: 119° 53' E	KONDININ SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2437	GAZARD INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	9BL	12km SE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 119° 36' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5069	GALAHAD RESOURCES PTY LTD	47BL	88km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 55' S Long: 127° 15' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5079	SARAG PTY LTD	19BL	48km E'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 5' S Long: 128° 6' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5082-3	NEWMONT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	229BL	135km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 19° 15' S Long: 126° 59' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6126	DRAGE, Cory John	195.59HA	7km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6145	ARUMA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	144.30HA	19km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 16' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2293-4-S	PEAK, Toby Jon	18.62HA	41km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 7' S Long: 118° 7' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5088	SAGGERS, David Malcolm	74.95HA	55km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 121° 16' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
		KIRK, Robert Wingate				
Prospecting Licence	24/5187-91	NOGUNOGLY RESOURCES PTY LTD	892.70HA	60km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 121° 4' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2349	CASCADE RESOURCES LIMITED	121.45HA	35km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 121° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4086	CASCADE RESOURCES LIMITED	121.54HA	34km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 121° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4101	CASCADE RESOURCES LIMITED	163.72HA	29km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 50' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4103-4 & 26/4139	CASCADE RESOURCES LIMITED	536.91HA	31km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 58' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4241-S	BUVET, Jerome Jean Kevin	0.60HA	17km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 121° 32' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	36/1863	HOBBS, Frederick Donald	188.47HA	45km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8686	CREW, Ross Frederick	185.87HA	40km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 37' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8928	IWANOW, Peter	101.97HA	8km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 121° 19' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4396	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	52.96HA	82km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 38' S Long: 122° 9' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4397	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	78.32HA	51km W'ly Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 58' S	

Notification day: 3 May 2017

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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. 3 September 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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Boxer proves age is of little consequence

By PETER ARGENT



JOHN Boxer achieved a childhood dream on Saturday, April 22, making his South Australia National Football League (SANFL) debut for the Adelaide Crows state league side against Central District at the Ponderosa.

At 27, he thought the opportunity to play football at this level had passed him, but after a unique set of circumstances, Boxer not only played his first league game, but also kicked a goal with his first kick in league football.

“I was told on the Thursday before the game,” Boxer said.

“It was a dream come true. “‘Rock’ (Adelaide Crows state league coach Ryan O’Keefe) had previously told me there was a chance of playing because a couple of players were going through fitness issues.

“He rang and I was absolutely stoked. “There was plenty of emotion.”

A third-year student studying human movement at the University of SA, Boxer is also undertaking a cadetship at the Adelaide Crows.

Development squad

“Among my tasks was being involved in the Crows’ development squad training sessions, and initially I was just out there moving the cones around,” Boxer said.

“One of the assistants asked if I wanted to get involved and I jumped at the opportunity to have a kick.

“I then played a trial against my old club Gaza and it has developed from there.

“There was also an issue with my age, because of the rules associated with Crows ‘top up’ players, and, in the week before the game, they finally got my permit approved.

“I couldn’t get up to Freeling to train and had wanted to get my fitness up.

“I’ve learnt a tremendous amount from ‘Rock’ (O’Keefe), ‘Thomo’ (Paul Thomas) and Nathan Van Berlo.”

Actually named John Boxer the fourth in the family tree, wearing the number 47 jumper, he added his name to another illustrious list of SANFL footballers with his first touch at this level.

Reading the ball off the pack, kicking towards the northern end of Elizabeth Oval, Boxer snapped truly with his left foot, joining an eminent group who have kicked a goal with his first kick at league level.

Playing as a small forward, Boxer finished with a highly respectable 13 touches, 11 of them kicks, three marks and laid three tackles.

Along with playing at Freeling in the Barossa, Light and Gawler (BLG) competition, an hour north of the city, Boxer also coaches the B grade at the club, when his brothers Damien and Brayden play.

In the crowd at the Ponderosa for support in Boxer’s debut match was his girlfriend Katrina Coleman, who wasn’t playing netball for the BLG Redlegs because she injured her knee the previous Thursday.

“One of my cousins Tammy brought my pop (John Boxer II) out to watch, which was great as he actually saw my first game of footy,” he said.

“My brother Brayden came down after his game and Damien watched it on the television.”

John Boxer certainly has a strong football resume.

His junior football was at Golden Grove, and played in the clubs 2008 A grade flag.

He also played development and under-age football at Norwood.

Boxer started with the Gaza Eagles in 2011, and famously kicked the winning goal in a four-point division one grand final victory over Sacred Heart Old Collegians.

He played SAAFL state amateur football in Tasmania under Bob Cross and in two MAC Cup City verses Country Challenge matches, the first at Football Park and the initial game on Adelaide Oval.

Noted for his hard running and dreadlocks, Boxer quickly became a fan favourite and cult hero at the Redlegs last year.

When he is not playing for the Crows, Boxer will return and play at Freeling.



John Boxer
Picture:
Adelaide Football Club

WATERNSW

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **DEAN MICHAEL SHRIMPTON** for a bore, 2/1078282 Parish Yarabee, County Mitchell for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, LEETON NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A009580). Any queries please call (02) 6951 2510, Tracie Scarfone, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A06354

WATERNSW

NSW BORDER RIVERS REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER USE APPROVAL (amendment) has been received from **ALBERT JOHN PANIZZA, BENEDICT JAMES PANIZZA, MARK JOSEPH PANIZZA, HELEN ANTOINETTE PANIZZA AND MARY CONSTANCE PANIZZA** for irrigation purposes on Lot 1 DP 48276, Lot 1 DP 821288 and Lot 11 DP 1207099.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW,

PO Box 486, Moree NSW 2400 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A9842) Any queries please call (02) 6757 2502, Anthony Colvin, Water Regulation Officer.

A06339

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) – WATER

SURAT GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL** for an additional town water supply bore to be located on Lot 7301 DP1177057, Parish of Cumborah, County of Finch (Ref: A009812).

Objections to the granting of this approval amendment must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and must specify the grounds of your objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7429, Rachel Daly, Water Regulation Officer.

A06420

WATERNSW

LOWER PEEL RIVER TRIBUTARIES WATER SOURCE

An application to amend WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL 90CA814980 has been received from **TAMWORTH JOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED** for the addition of one dam and one 80mm centrifugal pump on the unnamed watercourse on Lot 1 DP 633198 and the addition of Lot 1 DP 633198 County of Parry, Parish of Calala for the water use for the purpose of for irrigation.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, P O Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection (A9845). Any queries, please call (02) 6763 1466, Mark Griffith, Water Regulation Officer.

A06323

WATERNSW

BILLABONG CREEK ALLUVIAL WATER SOURCE

An application to amend a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **MOORAK HOLBROOK PTY LTD** for an additional bore on Lot 21/753327 for irrigation purposes on additional Lots 28; 29; and 30/112438; 60/1753327; 11/1080516; 2/625136; 5 and 6/1078550.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW,

PO Box 829, Albury NSW 2640 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A9833)

Any queries please call (02) 6024 8859, Clare Purtle, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A06461



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
29/640	MT IDA GOLD PTY LTD	503510	10.91HA	87km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 9' S Long: 120° 30' E	MENZIES SHIRE
36/798	MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	503196	19.18HA	33km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 52' S Long: 121° 1' E	LEONORA SHIRE
38/3182	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	503023	188.88HA	33km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 122° 27' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3182	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	503024	196.13HA	33km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 122° 28' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3182	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	503025	174.50HA	33km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 122° 28' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
39/1426	PILKINGTON, Anthony Gerald	503352	9.99HA	63km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 122° 6' E	LEONORA SHIRE
39/1984	APOLLO MINING PTY LTD	503645	167.59HA	46km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 11' S Long: 121° 44' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
39/1984	APOLLO MINING PTY LTD	503646	151.62HA	46km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 11' S Long: 121° 44' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
39/1984	APOLLO MINING PTY LTD	503647	134.45HA	46km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 121° 45' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
39/1984	APOLLO MINING PTY LTD	503648	164.88HA	46km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 121° 45' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
39/1984	APOLLO MINING PTY LTD	503649	64.62HA	46km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 121° 47' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
39/1984	APOLLO MINING PTY LTD	503650	20.79HA	46km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 121° 40' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
39/1984	APOLLO MINING PTY LTD	503651	123.82HA	46km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 121° 40' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
39/1984	APOLLO MINING PTY LTD	503652	72.69HA	46km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 121° 38' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 3 May 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 **3 August 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. 3 September 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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Black Magic wins again

By ALF WILSON



CYCLONE Debbie, which devastated Rockhampton in central Queensland and other centres, could not prevent the first All Blacks Rugby League carnival in the region from going ahead.

The Warba Wangaranya carnival, formerly known as the CQ Reconciliation event, was held at Rockhampton's Browne Park over Easter soon after cyclone Debbie.

Six men's teams – Mission Murries United, Lawtons Legends, Ian Munns Memorial, CQ Black Magic, Gladstone United and Cairns side Descendants – battled it out.

Black Magic became the first side in the 10-year history of the carnival to win back-to-back titles when they defeated Mission Murries 36-16 in a tough decider.

In the semifinals, Black Magic defeated Descendants 18-10 and Mission Murries rolled Gladstone United 54-6.

Descendants was a side with a talented player list consisting of mainly footballers of Torres Strait Islander heritage from far north Queensland.

Women's teams were Bowen Buccaneers, Highlanders and Emu Park and the girls provided some entertaining football.

Highlanders defeated Emu Park 20-6 in the women's final.

Earlier, Emu Park had beaten the Buccaneers 20-0 in the preliminary final.

The carnival was run by the Darumbal Community Youth Services Inc.

Spokesman James Mundy told the *Koori Mail* it was a success.

"It went off really well with some good quality football," Mundy said.

Mundy had to find an alternative venue when the recent floods meant Victoria Park was not available.

He said it was fantastic to be able to stage the event at Browne Park, the home of the Rockhampton Leagues Club Capras.



Black Magic won the Warba Wangaranya rugby league carnival at Rockhampton.

NT girls leave it late to post netball win



THE Northern Territory, with three Indigenous girls in the side, finished the Australian Under-17 National Netball Championships in Canberra with their only win in their final game.

Brandy Torrens Bell, Gabrielle Coffey and Monique Chong were part of the NT squad that represented the NT.

Having gone through the carnival without a win and having been beaten by Tasmania along the way, the NT girls easily accounted for Tasmania 31-16 in their final game.

The title was won by South Australia, who beat Victoria 26-25 in the final.

Queensland claimed the under-17 bronze medal, defeating Western Australia 34-23.

NSW defeated the ACT 39-19 to finish the carnival in fifth place.

Having not recorded a win throughout the week, Northern Territory came into their final game of the tournament determined to

take down Tasmania.

The two teams met in round four where the Tasmanians took an eight-goal win.

But this time, it was all NT.

By half-time, Northern Territory had a seven-goal lead.

Six changes to the Tasmanian side after the main break didn't help their cause as Northern Territory extended their lead to eight.

An explosive final quarter from Northern Territory saw them surge home to finish off their week with a win under their belt.

Victoria won the under-19 national title, beating Queensland 25-17 in the final.

Lesha Smith was the only Indigenous player in the NT under-19 squad.

After drawing with Tasmania in an earlier clash, The NT could not repeat the effort on the final day, losing 39-30 to Tasmania.

Western Australia beat NSW 21-16 to claim the bronze medal.

The ACT defeated South Australia 39-37 in extra time to finish fifth.



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	39/1115	MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	114.05HA	43km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 45' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	80/632	MCKINTOSH RESOURCES PTY LTD	200.05HA	68km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 39' S Long: 127° 53' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Mining Lease	80/633	MCKINTOSH RESOURCES PTY LTD	67.00HA	76km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 35' S Long: 127° 57' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Mining Lease	80/636	BROCKMAN PROJECT HOLDINGS PTY LIMITED	1988.87HA	18km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 20' S Long: 127° 46' E	HALLS CREEK 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: 3 May 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 **3 August 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. 3 September 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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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements



National
Native Title
Tribunal

Notification day: 10 May 2017



DI2017/001 Kenbi ILUA
Northern Territory

Description of the agreement area:

The application area covers about 122 sq km, located on the Cox Peninsula approximately 3 km north of Belyuen.

Relevant LGA: Un-Incorporated (Cox-Daly) Area

The agreement contains the following statements:

- 3(c) Subdivision P (Right to Negotiate) of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply to the doing of all or any of the *Relevant Acts*.
4(a) To the extent that any or all of the *Relevant Acts* constitute or amount to a Future Act, the Parties consent to the doing of any or all of the *Relevant Acts* subject to the provisions of this Agreement.
(c) The Parties consent to the surrender to the Territory of all native title rights and interests upon the doing of any or all of the *Relevant Extinguishing Acts*.

(d) The Parties agree that the surrender of native title rights and interests under clause 4(c) is intended to extinguish all native title rights and interests with respect to the *Relevant Extinguishing Acts*.

Relevant Acts means the *Relevant Non-Extinguishing Acts* and the *Relevant Extinguishing Acts*
Relevant Non-Extinguishing Acts comprise: a) the transfer of the Commonwealth's fee simple estate over the areas of Sections 261 - 264 to the Territory; b) the transfer of the Commonwealth's fee simple estate over the areas of Section 241 from the Commonwealth to the Territory; c) the grant of Kenbi Freehold Title over the area of Section 241 to the Kenbi Land Trust; d) the grant of Kenbi Freehold Title over the areas of Sections 244 and 245 to the Kenbi Land Trust; e) the grant of an estate, interest, licence, permission or authority in Kenbi Land Trust Land to any person for any purpose by the Kenbi Land Trust under section 13(2) of the Kenbi Land Trust Act; f) the transfer of the Commonwealth's fee simple estate in Section 33 from the Commonwealth to the Territory; and g) any and all acts necessary or incidental to the acts done in accordance with subparagraph (a) to (f) above provided that such acts have no greater effect on native title than any of the acts done in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) to (f).
Relevant Extinguishing Acts comprise: a) the grant of freehold title over the areas of Sections 261, Section 262 and Section 263 to the Development Body by the Territory; b) the incorporation of Section 264 into Cox Peninsula Road under the Control of Roads Act (NT); c) the grant of the freehold title in Section 33 to the Power and Water Corporation or similar body by the Territory; and d) any and all acts necessary or incidental to the acts done in accordance with (a) and (b) above provided such acts have no greater effect on native title than any of the acts done in accordance with a) and b).

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Northern Territory of Australia
c/- Solicitor for the Northern Territory
GPO Box 1722
Darwin NT 0801

Northern Land Council
GPO Box 1222
Darwin NT 0801

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Northern Land Council, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane, QLD, 4001** by **10 August 2017**.

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Siblings blaze trail in Manning Valley



MEET Taree's Williams siblings, who already are making an impact in the Mid North Coast's Manning Valley.

Older brother Ben is school captain at Chatham High School, where he is in Year 12.

Sport plays a big part in Ben's life, but already he is showing leadership in the wider community and wants to help Indigenous people wherever he can.

Younger sister Zara and brother Lachlan are making their presence felt on sporting fields, but in different disciplines.

Zara is a promising soccer player while Lachlan is a talented rugby league player.

Ben, 17, says he wants more Aboriginal culture taught in schools.

The Manning Valley Young Citizen of the Year says his vision is that the region continues to respect and celebrate its culture.

"I love my culture and I want to learn as much about it as I can, that's why I dance – the movements tell a story," he told the *Manning River Times*.

Locally, he dances with the Waang-djarri Aboriginal dance group and earlier this year he danced at the NSW Government Australia Day concert at the Sydney Opera House.

It was because he was in Sydney that he could not be at the local Australia Day awards where he was

named Young Citizen of the Year.

Last year he was the recipient of the Father Chris Riley Youth Off the Streets Hannamax Scholarship.

He said the award would help him lift some of the financial burden of some of his commitments.

"The scholarship will also help to fund my representative basketball commitments. Without it, I possibly would not have been able to play," he told the *Manning River Times*.

He aims to attend university to become a high school teacher, specifically to help Aboriginal students who struggle with mathematics.

Basketball, dancing

He also wants to pursue a basketball career and does not rule out playing in the United States. He plays basketball at a local representative level.

He also harbours thoughts of being a dancer, having already danced with the Bangarra Dance Company. He has not ruled out joining the National Aboriginal Islander Skills Development Association (NAISDA) dance college.

He says his mother Glenda Russell is the driving force behind him and his siblings.

"She sacrifices so much to travel us around," he said.

Rugby league player Lachlan was invited to a Northern region elite Indigenous training camp at Armidale last January where the youngsters were given tips by Andrew Johns, Danny Buderus, Anthony Minichiello,

Brad Fiddler and Mark O'Meley.

Lachlan began playing league at the age of four with the Taree Panthers and is a regular Group Three representative junior.

This year he started playing for the East Coast Dolphins, made up of the best under-16 players from Forster to Tweed Heads.

They recently won their semifinal 44-0 at Bathurst and will play a curtain-raiser at this year's City-Country match at Mudgee on May 7.

Last year he played with the La Perouse Panthers in the NSW Koori Knockout under-15 division.

He now plays with the Wingham Tigers in the Group Three under-16 competition.

Younger sister Zara is making waves in soccer.

Coach David Geraghty saw her potential when she was playing for Taree Wildcats in 2015.

At the age of nine, she was selected in the Football Mid North Coast Manning under-12 girls' high-performance squad for 2016.

Last season she played midfield, where, according to coach Geraghty, a player with good technical skills, vision and energy is needed.

At the end of the season she was presented with the most improved player award.

This year she is playing with the Taree Wildcats under-11 team in the Football Mid North Coast competition and is in the 2017 Mid North Coast representative squad.



The talented Williams youngsters: from left, big brother Ben, little sister Zara and Lachlan.

Football feast

Fifita to play for Tonga against Fiji



FIVE 12-15-year-old Indigenous soccer players, who travelled 3000km from their homes in the

Northern Territory, met Soccerroo Tim Cahill ahead of Indigenous Football Week 2017 (IFW17) in Sydney.

Cahill was introduced to the youngsters at North Sydney Oval.

Football Federation Australia (FFA), the Professional Footballers Association (PFA) and John Moriarty, from John Moriarty Football (JMF), joined Jade North, JMF scholarship holders Shadeene Evans, Tremaine Simon, Brenda Hogan, Trishanne Miller and Lloyd Johnston in officially opening the week.

Trailblazer

Indigenous Football Week 2016 highlighted the breakthrough talent of now 15-year-old Shadeene Evans, who was John Moriarty Football's first elite athlete.

Evans moved to Sydney's Westfields Sports High and the NSW Institute of Sport in 2015 after she was scouted by Matildas coach Alen Stajcic

And inspired by Shadeene's efforts, four more young athletes from her home town of Borroloola have followed in her footsteps and moved to Sydney to attend top schools and clubs.

During Indigenous Football



Tim Cahill is at North Sydney Oval with the five youngsters from the Northern Territory who were in Sydney as part of Indigenous Football Week.

Week 2016, the Soccerroos donated \$90,000 of their match fees to JMF. That made it possible for the four JMF youngsters to move from their homes in remote areas of the Northern Territory to go to school in Sydney.

Speaking at the IFW17 launch, Cahill lauded JMF's work.

"What John Moriarty and his team have been able to achieve in such a short period is truly amazing," Cahill said.

"I'm proud to be the patron for Indigenous Football Week 2017 and raise awareness for the great work that John Moriarty Football has been doing in creating opportunities in football and in life for Indigenous kids.

"I was lucky enough to meet

some of the kids last year and I have no doubt that JMF will uncover future Soccerroos and Matildas. The talent and passion for the game that these kids have is inspiring."

JMF is named after John Moriarty, the first Indigenous footballer to be chosen for the Soccerroos.

Moriarty said the program was more than just about football.

"Our organisation works in very remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory, employing and developing local coaches to support Indigenous families and the wider community," he said.

"We deliver to a high percentage of the six-to-16-year-old children in those

communities, within a program that includes nutrition, mentoring and wellbeing."

FFA CEO David Gallop said Indigenous football was an emerging source of Australian football talent.

"Football Federation Australia is proud to continue our partnership with John Moriarty Football, which aims to nurture the next generation of breakthrough Indigenous talent," he said.

"We are excited by these young players who are taking hold of the opportunities John Moriarty Football is creating, and can't wait to see how they develop in the game."

Transform

PFA executive and Matildas goalkeeper Lydia Williams said the sport could transform the lives of Indigenous Australians.

"Indigenous Football Week is a chance to celebrate our culture and to inspire young Indigenous Australians to pursue a career in football," said Williams.

"Football can be a game changer. John Moriarty Football is already showing how this is possible."

As part of the big week, the young Indigenous footballers from remote parts of the Northern Territory walked out with the Soccerroos at the 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifier at Allianz Stadium in Sydney.



ANDREW Fifita will turn out for Tonga against Fiji as part of the historic rugby league triple-

header of internationals at the Campbell Sports Stadium on Saturday, May 6.

He will be joined in the Tongan team by National Rugby League players Michael Jennings and Will Hopoate.

The PNG Kumuls will open proceedings in the First Test on May 6 when they take on the Cook Islands before traditional rivals Fiji and Tonga face off in the penultimate match of the evening.

Samoa will complete the triple-header when they take on the number three-ranked side, England.

Tongan coach Kristian Woolf was looking forward to the week ahead with the calibre of players named in his squad.

"This is the first time since I've been involved that every player is coming straight from an elite NRL system, which is really exciting," Woolf said.

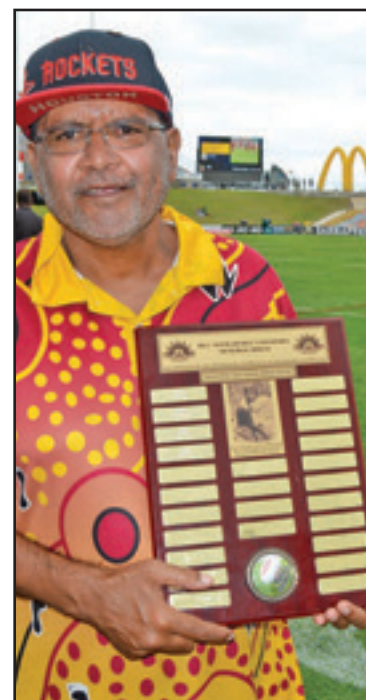
"It's the most talented group we've ever assembled, so if we work hard as a team next Saturday against Fiji, I've got no doubt we'll fulfil our potential this year."

Prop Fifita is of Australian Indigenous and Tongan descent.

His twin brother David plays for the Wakefield Trinity Wildcats in England.



Skipjacks players celebrate their win over Australian Army.



It's five apiece

Skipjacks square ledger with Army

By ALF WILSON



THREE tries to classy fullback Gresham Ross Jnr led Palm Island Skipjacks to a hard-fought 26-20 win over Australian Army Thunder in the 10th annual rugby league clash for the prestigious Bill Coolburra

Memorial Shield.

It was played at the North Queensland Cowboys' Townsville stadium on April 22 as a curtain-raiser to the Cowboys' National Rugby League (NRL) game against the Newcastle Knights – won by the Cowboys.

The win by Skipjacks levelled the series at five games apiece.

As a bonus, Ross Jnr also kicked three goals for a personal tally of 18 points.

The other Skipjacks try scorers were former Cowboys two-game player Obe Geia Jnr and rising young centre Isaac Bulsey.

Skipjacks hooker Clifford Beetham created havoc for the Army defence while Bulsey and Geia Jnr gave Skipjacks plenty of attacking options.

The late Palm Island Aboriginal elder Bill Coolburra served in the Australian Army for many years and was an avid Skipjacks supporter, a club that is more than 80 years old.

The match was played over two 30-minute halves and light rain before the kick-off ensured a slippery ball in the early stages.

However, that didn't deter Skipjacks and in the second minute, crafty fullback Gresham Ross Jnr crossed for a try in the corner and his side led 4-0.

Halfback Gordon Daisy, five-eighth Clinton Pearson and hooker Clifford Beetham were shining and in the 10th minute Geia Jnr scored a try and Ross Jnr converted to give Skipjacks a 10-1 lead.

In the 18th minute Ross Jnr crossed again. He converted to give Skipjacks a 16-0 buffer.

Just before the break, Army's Andrew Martin scored and the Lawrence Craft conversion saw Skipjacks lead 16-6 at the break.

Motivational half-time speeches by Skipjacks coach Alex Morgan and captain Raoul Miller saw a fired-up side take the field

for the second half.

In the first few minutes dynamic centre Isaac Bulsey scored a long-range try after a backline movement and Ross Jnr converted to give Skipjacks a match winning 22-6 lead.

But Army had other ideas and scored three tries to Chris Gray, Ben Kingston and Andrew Farrell that saw Skipjacks lead reduced to two points with four minutes remaining.

Army should have led, however their goal kicker missed two simple conversions.

Sealed match

Skipjacks defended strongly and inside the last minute Ross Jnr scored his third try to give his side the 26-20 victory.

The match was played in good spirit even though both sides were responsible for some big defensive tackles.

Bill Coolburra's son William and great granddaughter Gail Coolburra presented the shield and Skipjacks coach Alex Morgan was delighted.

"The boys trained hard at home on Palm and put in a mighty effort on the field. We had to fight hard but this game means a lot to us

● TOP: Skipjacks coach Alex Morgan holds the Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield.

● ABOVE: Isaac Bulsey, left, and Clifford Beetham after the Skipjacks win.

● BELOW: Clifford Beetham, from Yam Island, holds the Bill Coolburra Shield with teammates.

● BOTTOM: Joiji Dabea is tackled by the Army defence.



Aid comes to Skipjacks and Army players injured during the hard-fought match.



Encouraging return

Yarran's WAFL comeback plans on track at Swans

By CHRIS PIKE



CHRIS Yarran went from Australian Football League (AFL) star to being out of the system seemingly in the blink of an eye, but the supremely talented former

Carlton player is back home in Western Australia with his recovery in full swing.

Yarran was drafted by Carlton into the AFL in 2008, having grown up in the same street and alongside Nic Naitanui (West Coast) and Michael Walters (Fremantle).

There was a time during his 119 matches with the Blues where Yarran looked to be the best of the trio.

Having started his career as a lively forward, he settled into a role of half-back where his tremendous kicking skills and ability to run and carry the ball made him one of the most damaging players in the AFL.

His time at Carlton with Mick Malthouse as coach ended on a sour note, but he still had strong currency given the ability he possessed.

Richmond was more than happy to give him an opportunity at the end of 2015.

Things didn't quite work out though.

Off-field issues

It began with a nagging injury and Yarran was struggling with some off-field issues that were later diagnosed as mental health problems.

Richmond did what they could to support him, but ultimately he didn't play a game at the club and late last year after struggling to get back to pre-season training, he requested to be released from his AFL contract to return home to WA.

Richmond obliged to put his best interests first and Yarran enjoyed the chance to get back home with his young family and get some priorities back in place.

He then decided he was missing football and has since returned to his original WAFL club Swan Districts.

While significantly heavier than the shape he was in at the peak of his AFL career, the 26-year-old trained hard with Swan Districts ahead of returning to the reserves and has now played several



Former AFL player Chris Yarran plays for Swan Districts reserves side against East Fremantle. Picture: Daniel Wilkins

games as his comeback heats up.

He will get the chance at league level at some point in the second half of the 2017 season as long as things continue on the same path.

But ultimately, the most pleasing thing for everyone at Swan Districts is that he appears happy and in a good place at the football club and in his private life with his young family.

Swan Districts reserves coach Andrew Pruyn is delighted with not only the work that Yarran has put in to get back out on the football field, but with the positive headspace he appears to be in.

"The amount of work that he's put into

his body the past six to eight weeks has made a massive difference, which is good to see," Pruyn said.

"I think he's very comfortable here. Right through the whole process we've never put pressure on him and we just want to see a happy and healthy Chris Yarran at the end of the day."

Swan Districts had a difficult 2016 season, winning just two games in the WAFL to finish in bottom spot.

But things have started much more encouragingly in 2017, winning the opening four games and while having Yarran make an impact in their push to a successful season isn't more important than his

wellbeing, Pruyn is looking forward to seeing what impact he can have.

"It will be a slow build-up from here. We think he can really change our whole season, so, if we can get him fit and healthy midway through the season, he can change the landscape of our season," Pruyn said.

"I think it was always known that, even last year when we were playing the kids, we knew what we were lacking. That's why we are not in any great rush to rip him in. It was always seen as a bonus if he came back, but if he plays, he gives us what we need to go to that next level.

"Fingers crossed he makes it back."

Ella-Duncan joins board of Netball Australia



FORMER Australian netball star Marcia Ella-Duncan has accepted a three-year appointment as a director of Netball

Australia.

She is one of two new three-year appointments, together with Susan Comerford, who will join the board for one year, filling the casual vacancy following the removal from the board of former chair Anne-Marie Corboy.

Netball is in a state of upheaval following the involuntary departure from the board of Corboy and former Australian captain Kathryn Harby-Williams.

Netball great Liz Ellis said the sport was grappling with a civil war within management ranks.

"We are confident that our board of directors has a dynamic combination of experience," said Netball Australia chair

Paolina Hunt.

"Now that the vote has been determined, we are ready to move forward collectively and focus on creating the best outcomes for our sport.

"Netball Australia and its member organisations share a vision and commitment to grow the game, and the appointment of directors puts us in a strong position to address our key priorities.

"We are committed to seeing our athletes be the first fully professional female athletes, whilst supporting them with the best conditions."

Marcia Ella-Duncan, OAM is an experienced netball player, coach and administrator who has represented Australia and NSW, and has a career in netball spanning 40 years.

She is a sister of the Ella brothers, of rugby union fame.

Ella-Duncan became the first

Aboriginal netballer to play for Australia, featuring in 18 Tests, including winning a silver medal at the 1987 Netball World Cup.

She is now a member of Netball Australia's Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group and in the past has been a member of numerous government advisory and investigative boards and committees related to legislation and policy affecting Aboriginal people.

As chair of the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council (LPLALC), Ella-Duncan is responsible for managing and developing land and property assets on behalf of the Aboriginal community.

After serving as a member of the Randwick Netball Association executive committee for six years, Ella-Duncan now runs her own consulting business.

In 1988 she was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for services to netball and was inducted into the Australian Netball Hall of Fame in 2015.



Marcia Ella-Duncan

Lions want answers following Christensen injury



A FRUSTRATED Brisbane will demand answers after Allen Christensen was ruled out for the rest of the Australian Football League (AFL) season due to a broken metal plate on his troublesome collarbone.

The unlucky Lions midfielder received the devastating news after pulling up sore from a NEAFL game on April 16 – his first game back

from his second broken collarbone in 12 months.

Scans revealed a crack in the plate surgically implanted to strengthen his recently-fractured collarbone that forced him to miss the AFL season start.

Disgruntled Brisbane football boss David Noble said they would put off more surgery on Christensen until they got to the bottom of his latest setback.

"Allen has worked really hard to get back into excellent shape not

once, but twice, over the past 12 months and we are all incredibly disappointed for him," he said.

"This is a very unusual problem, certainly one that we have never seen before, and we are frustrated that it's happened so we will seek some clarity around how it could occur.

"Our overriding concern is for Allen's wellbeing, and we all agree it's best to take a conservative approach to ensuring he gets back to full fitness."

Christensen, 25, has had a frustrating run since initially breaking his collarbone in round 11 last year.

The midfielder was gutted to hear about the cracked plate after impressing in his NEAFL return, grabbing 24 touches and 10 tackles.

Christensen has played 98 AFL games since making his Geelong debut in 2011.

He was named in the Lions leadership group for the first time this year. – AAP



Allen Christensen
Picture: Peter Argent



From left: Western Sydney Wanderers FC CEO John Tsatsimas, Chairman's award winners Lawrence Gilbert and Bernie McLeod and Fox Sports presenter and MC for the Wanderers Medal Adam Peacock.

Soccer honours Bernie McLeod



WRECK Bay Sharks' Bernie McLeod has been acknowledged by the Western Sydney Wanderers for his commitment to soccer.

At the A-League club's annual awards night, McLeod was joint winner of the Western Sydney Wanderers Chairman's Award, along with Lawrence Gilbert.

McLeod said he was just honoured to be nominated for his work with the Indigenous community and football, but to actually take out the award, he is still pinching himself.

"I was stoked just to be nominated to be honest, but to take it out is a massive thrill and something I'm extremely proud of," McLeod said.

"To tell you the truth, I wasn't expecting to win at all – I didn't even have a speech prepared.

"But when they read my name out, I looked around twice before going up to accept the award."

While McLeod is over the moon to be recognised, he acknowledges that the award is for all the Indigenous people working in football circles.

"Obviously, it's great to receive credit from the Wanderers, who are actually partners with our club, for the work I'm doing with Wreck Bay and getting the inaugural National Indigenous Football Championships off the ground," he said.

"But I've accepted this award on behalf of all the people doing work to improve the pathways of Indigenous athletes in football.

"Huge numbers of Indigenous children play football from a young age, but because the pathways haven't been in place, athletes such as Adam Goodes have gone on to play professionally in the AFL and NRL.

"This award highlights all the great work we are doing in communities, to provide an avenue to find the next Kyah Simon or Jade North."

McLeod, who has enjoyed a decorated

playing career, ranks this award at the top of his personal achievements, alongside representing the Australian Indigenous football team – but noted that this is only just the start of a bright future.

"Now that we have put in place a legacy for footballers to follow, the future is bright," he said.

"Preparations are already under way for the second National Indigenous Football Championships to be held again at Nowra's Ison Park in the first week of November.

"We will have more than 32 teams taking part – with teams as far as Arnhem Land travelling to the Shoalhaven to compete.

"The carnival acts as a talent identification process, which will hopefully see a couple of players go on to sign contracts with professional teams and make representative sides.

"I think we are about to tap into an untapped resource and I'm excited to see what the future holds."

Shantel leaps from pool to paddock



FORMER promising Broome (WA) swimmer Shantel Miskin-Ripia has had a huge change of direction – she now lives in Cairns and excels at Australian rules football.

Shantel, from the Kauraregg people of Muralag Island, in the Torres Strait, moved to Cairns to live with her dad, and decided to try her hand at Aussie rules.

While living in Broome, swimming was where she shone.

As a 12-year-old, she was named the 2014 female swimmer at the WA Country Championships in Perth.

Learning how to swim just four years earlier, Shantel captured the attention of national coaches following her performances at the Country Championships.

"I started off in a group where they weren't in their full potential," she told Broome ABC Radio.

"My coach Toni Smith ... she picked me out,"

After her success in Perth, Shantel told the ABC she was aiming for international competitions in the future.

"I'm hoping to go to the nationals this year or when I'm 14, and I really want to go to the Olympics," she said at the time.

But circumstances have changed and now Shantel is forging a career in Australian football.

Last year, at the age of 14, she started playing Aussie rules in Cairns.

Her rise has been meteoric.

The Gold Coast Suns are now shining light on the best female Aussie rules players in Queensland's far north – and Shantel is one of them.

The AFL club announced their inaugural female intake into the Gold Coast Suns Academy recently and it is stacked with talent from Cairns.

The region is renowned for producing talented female footballers – four girls from the far north played in the first AFL Women's season.

The Suns were one of very few existing AFL clubs that did not table a bid for an AFL women's team for the launch year, with the Brisbane Lions receiving the only Queensland-based team for 2017.

The Suns are expected to bid for a team when the league expands in the coming years.

– With News Ltd



Shantel Miskin-Ripia now plays Australian football. Picture: Brett Pascoe Photography
● INSET: Shantel Miskin-Ripia was a swimmer when she lived in Broome.

Perfect answer

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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I HAVE waited a few weeks before writing this article to respond to the recent racism incident that involved Eddie Betts.

At the time – along with so many others of his friends and supporters – I sent messages of support and solidarity.

I was so proud of how Eddie handled the situation when he was interviewed.

But his loudest statement came when he played his next match and delivered one of his trademark performances – marked by six brilliant goals.

It was a statement of strength to show that he was above the situation.

His ability to bounce back and deliver for Adelaide in the 65-point thumping of Essendon left coach Don Pyke crowing about Betts' special qualities.

"That is the quality of the guy," Pyke said.

Down to business

"He had dealt with that issue and he was in a really good head space and we saw that.

"And then he got down to business, which you would expect from a senior player."

Pre-game, anti-racism messages were displayed on the Crows' banner and also on the oval's large screens.

"We know what Eddie brings to the team," Pyke said.

"He's part of our leadership group and he has got a wonderful rapport with the players.

"We don't underestimate the good response he also gets from the playing group. They're really supportive of Eddie as well."

The response of the two clubs and the AFL has shown that the game has learned a lot from how the incidents that targeted Adam Goodes were dealt with.

Unfortunately, I do not think we will ever eliminate racism, but

we need to call it out wherever we see it, as was the case with this incident.

In Goodes' case, the late intervention of the AFL seemed to empower the vilification.

Adelaide chief executive Andrew Fagan issues a club statement concerning the Betts vilification.

"Our club strongly condemns any such behaviour and finds it abhorrent and disgusting," he said.

"In listening to our playing group and our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players in particular, it is clear how damaging and impactful racism is to them and their families.

"Our entire playing group and our club stand together on this, unequivocally."

AFL Players' Indigenous Advisory Board chair Shaun Burgoyne reinforced this view when he spoke on behalf of all Indigenous players and the broader community.

"We're sad that our brothers and sisters are still experiencing racial vilification despite the ongoing education and promotion done within the football industry and wider

society," Burgoyne said.

"This has been happening for far too long and we, as Indigenous footballers, have had enough. We deserve more respect than we are being shown."

AFL boss Gillon McLachlan echoed these words.

"Racism is hurtful and damaging to individuals and communities, and when it happens in football, we must call it out. Our game has a responsibility to our players, and a role to play in the community on issues of racism and vilification," he said.

"Our players deserve respect, and we ask that people understand the impact of their comments on them, their families and our community."

The AFL will continue to evolve its match day policy, and explore opportunities to educate club communities.

Important

And I think this last initiative is important.

There's no doubt football clubs encourage tribalism and passion among their supporter bases.

Providing a sense of belonging allows them to keep fans coming every weekend – and investing in memberships, merchandise and meals at the game.

And there's no doubt this sense of belonging can have an extremely positive impact on the lives of supporters, through the connection and support they receive from like-minded people.

But it can also be negative.

Western Sydney University lecturer Keith Parry has written about the skewed perspective of the one-eyed fan and how sporting arenas can sometimes make this type of behaviour seem acceptable.

"It is easy for spectators to lose all sense of 'I' when they are part of a group," Parry writes. "They join in with behaviour they would normally condemn, perhaps writing it off as part of the experience or believing what they are doing to be somehow 'less real' because it happened at a sports match."

For the large majority, the difference between passion and socially-destructive behaviour like racism and sexism is clear.

The Crows' Eddie Betts celebrates during the round-3 AFL match against Port Adelaide Power at the Adelaide Oval on April 8.
Picture: AAP



But sometimes it's more difficult for others to make the distinction, especially when they value their fandom above other elements of their identity, and their obsession ends up controlling them.

"There's no doubt the obsession – or addiction as I describe it – some fans have with their team is unhealthy," Parry said.

There's no doubt the responsibility will always lie with the individual.

But it can't hurt to at least consider if the messaging of the club should be strictly focused on support – rather than putting people down.

In short, we just need to learn the message of respect for each other.

Eddie Betts continues to have the respect of his teammates and all players across the AFL.

And he showed us the best response to racism is not to allow it to stop us chasing our dreams.

Every time he plays or scores a goal, he reminds us of this message.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Hill milestones

By CHRIS PIKE



TRIPLE Hawthorn premiership player Bradley Hill has made a successful start

to his fresh beginning in the Australian Football League (AFL) with Fremantle alongside older brother Stephen, while namesake Josh Hill has also reached 100 matches with the West Coast Eagles.

Bradley Hill had a tremendous start to his AFL career at Hawthorn, playing 95 matches with the Hawks, including the premierships of 2013, 2014 and 2015.

He had become a key part of the Hawks' line-up, providing tremendous run on the outside capitalising on the work by the likes of Sam Mitchell, Jordan Lewis and Luke Hodge in close.

But he was feeling a little homesick and the now 23-year-old requested a trade home to Western Australia with his preferred option joining Fremantle so he could play alongside older brother Stephen.

He got his wish and after doing battle against one another in the 2013 grand final when Hawthorn defeated Fremantle, and with their form being so impressive, they could very well be coming first and second in the Dockers' best and fairest count.

Hamstring injury

While Stephen's season has been interrupted with a hamstring injury suffered in Fremantle's win over North Melbourne in round 5 at Subiaco, Bradley notched his 100th game in the AFL and continues to go from strength to strength.

Bradley reached the 100-game milestone in that win for the Dockers over the Kangaroos in a start to the season that has seen him average 23 disposals at his new club.

He obviously enjoyed his time at Hawthorn and in particular getting to play in the three premierships, but has set his sights on what he wants to achieve with the Dockers.

The first goal he has set himself is 100 games for the club.

"I was lucky enough to play in three premierships at Hawthorn and I probably never ever thought that would happen. To do it over my four seasons, it's something I will look back on and realise how lucky I am," Bradley Hill said.

"But hopefully I can win one at Freo and make it four, and maybe even more. That's what I'm looking forward to. I'm still young and I've got plenty of footy left in me. I'm proud to get to 100 AFL games but it was just my fifth game for Fremantle so I didn't worry about it too much.

"Now I want to play 100 games for Freo. I am only 23 and this is only my sixth season coming up so hopefully it's the start of what's to come. Just look at Stephen: He will get to 200 early next year and he is three years older than me so hopefully I won't be too far behind him."

Bradley Hill holds the 2015 AFL premiership medal he won when playing with the Hawks.
Picture: Peter Argent



Meanwhile, West Coast's Josh Hill has now played 100 games with the West Coast Eagles in a career that sees the lively forward continue to defy the critics.

Nothing has ever come easy for him and it started in his early WAFL colts career. He wanted to play with West Perth where his friends were, but he lived in Claremont's zone and was forced to continue playing there.

Drafted

In the end, he was drafted to the Western Bulldogs and played 66 AFL games between 2007-2011 kicking 75 goals before returning to WA and joining West Coast in 2012.

He has often been a maligned player, but has now played over 100 games with the Eagles, kicked almost 150 goals and was a key member of their team that



Josh Hill

reached the 2015 grand final before losing to Hawthorn.

However, Josh Hill remains an important part of West Coast's forward-line alongside the likes of Josh Kennedy, Jack Darling, Mark

LeCras and Jamie Cripps, and with more than 150 games of experience, he will continue to play his role as the Eagles look to make another run into the finals in 2017.

Stephen Hill readies to kick for the West Coast Eagles.
Picture: Peter Argent



Impey powers ahead



PORT Adelaide forward Jarman Impey has matured as a person

after his off-season indiscretion, putting his energy into paying back the Power on the field.

Impey caused almost \$20,000 of damage when he crashed into four parked cars after a party in December.

The 21-year-old fled the scene and didn't report to police until 18 hours later, beyond the legal time limit to comply with alcohol breath testing.

"We're not all perfect. You've just got to learn from these things," Impey told AFL.com.au.

"You never want to make mistakes, but that's life and I've become a better person from it.

"It was just an accident, simple as that. These things happen and I'm glad it's behind me."

Impey was convicted for driving without due care, failing to stop and give particulars to a person at a crash scene and not providing details to police.

Prosecutors were unable to establish in court whether Impey had been drinking before he got behind the wheel.

Impey was at the house of experienced forward Angus Monfries where players had been drinking during the afternoon.

Suspended

Impey was fined \$5000 by the Power and suspended for his team's round one win against Sydney at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG).

The Adelaide Magistrates Court also fined Impey \$700 when his case was heard in late March, but no driving disqualification was imposed.

Monfries' Audi was one of the cars Impey crashed into with the late-model white Commodore that belonged to his late father Glenn, who lost his battle with cancer last October.

Impey returned to the Power for their round two victory against Fremantle.

He has played a key role for the Power in their promising 3-2 start to the season with his ability to apply pressure in the forward 50 with his pace and tackling.

"I'm rapt to be able to come back and play," Impey said.

"I love the group we have."

"It was very hard to miss round one in Sydney and it was the 200th game for Travis Boak, but it was very exciting for the boys to get the win."

— Lee Gaskin, afl.com.au

Memorable year



Ruth Wallace celebrates Norwood's SANFL major premiership.



Ruth Wallace shows off her premiership medal.

By PETER ARGENT



NORWOOD Indigenous player Ruth Wallace has written her name into the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) history books, being a member of the inaugural SANFL women's premiership at Peter Motley Oval, Unley last month.

Needing to win their final, round-6 regular season game the previous week just to make the decider, Norwood claimed the inaugural SANFL women's premiership, defeating minor premiers North Adelaide by a comfortable 27-point margin.

The final score line, Norwood 9.11 (65) to North 6.2 (38) didn't give a true indication of the closeness of the contest for three quarters.

"It was pretty exciting. I am still pinching myself," Wallace told the *Koori Mail*.

"Winning the grand final was very special, but so has been the whole season.

"The group was pretty nervous before the game.

"We were able to keep our

composure when it counted the most.

"A number of times North came at us, but we were able to find a way to score in the second half of quarters especially.

"I knew that last goal (kicked by Wallace) gave us a pretty handy lead.

"Our motto all season was to 'get the job done' and that's what we did

"It was great to be involved with the Norwood Football Club in the first years of the SANFL women's footy."

Half-time lead

After a physical opening two quarters, the Redlegs crafted a nine-point lead at half-time and this edged out to two goals before Roosters teenage sensation Chloe Scheer kicked a pair of consecutive majors to level the scores.

Wallace, also a New York Marathon runner, then booted a major for Norwood against the run of play to give them a six-point advantage going into the final term.

The last quarter was all the Redlegs, kicking 3.3 while North Adelaide scoreless.

In the final term, Wallace's second goal from a 45-degree angle was the premiership sealer and sparked spontaneous celebration.

Wallace is among a quartet of SANFL football talents from the game who are prime candidates to be drafted for AFLW for season two.

She was high among the possession winners, with 18 disposals, including 15 kicks and laid an equal game-high 10 tackles.

For the vanquished North Adelaide Roosters, who were on a five-game winning streak, they had two Aboriginal talents – Kyesha Christensen and Margaret Varcoe – the sister of dual Geelong premiership player and now Collingwood stalwart Travis Varcoe.

Christensen and Varcoe were serviceable without having a telling impact, although Varcoe laid an impressive seven tackles.

Wallace said she would be playing in the feeder SAWFL competition for the Adelaide University Blacks and was keen to put her hand up when draft time came around.



● **LEFT:** Kyesha Christensen looks for advantage against Norwood in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) women's grand final.

● **BELOW:** Margaret Varcoe kicks for North Adelaide against Norwood in the SANFL women's grand final.

Pictures:
Peter Argent



Merv Maynard dies



MERV Maynard – one of Australia's greatest Aboriginal jockeys – has died.

He dominated country racing for more than four decades and was in demand on metropolitan tracks.

He also had overseas adventures, scored a Melbourne Cup ride and even met the Queen at the Queen's request.

It was all part of an extraordinary career belonging to the Adamstown jockey, who died last month at the age of 85.

The National Aboriginal and Islander Sports Hall of Fame inductee has been remembered as a successful and trailblazing rider through one of Australian racing's golden eras.

"I remember watching him go around when I was a kid and he rode to a fair age," *Newcastle Herald* racing expert Gary Harley said.

"A great record and a good bloke – nature's gentleman."

Maynard twice claimed the Newcastle Jockey Club premiership and saluted every year he rode between 1948 and 1994, including 18 NSW country cup victories.

He recorded more than 1500 winners in total, including group and listed races across four countries – Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Malaysia.

His heyday came in the 1950s when he was sought out by the likes of renowned trainer Tommy Smith and had a Melbourne Cup appearance in 1952.

In 1992 he met Queen Elizabeth, upon her personal request, four decades after winning the inaugural Queen's Cup at Randwick.

He was the son of legendary 1920s Aboriginal political activist Fred Maynard.

Merv Maynard leaves wife Judy, also a trainer, son historian Prof John Maynard and five grandchildren.

A private funeral service was held.

– With *Newcastle Herald*



● ABOVE: Merv Maynard rides English Standard to an easy victory at Randwick in 1955.
● LEFT: Waiting to be introduced to the Governor-General William John McKell after winning the first Queen's Cup at Randwick in 1952 on Salamanca.
● RIGHT: Merv Maynard is introduced to Queen Elizabeth II at Randwick in 1992.



Ash Barty on fire in Fed Cup



TEAM captain Alicia Molik has sounded a warning to Fed Cup rivals after Australia swept

Serbia aside 4-0 in their World Group II play-off in Zrenjanin.

Expected changes to the tournament structure mean the team is in with a chance of winning the competition next year.

A loss to Ukraine in February meant Australia slipped into the World Group II, but with the International Tennis Federation expected to sign off on a 16-team World Group in August, the young team will find themselves back in the top table when the 2018 competition begins in February.

"It's where we belong and where we feel we deserve to be," Molik said.

"We are so dangerous and it's open slather next season. We can be contenders."

Straight-sets wins to Daria Gavrilova and the doubles pairing of Ash Barty and Casey Dellacqua

made it a 4-0 clean sweep on April 17. Gavrilova and Barty had got the visitors off to a flying start on day one.

Barty won her opening singles match 6-4 6-3 against Aleksandra Krunic.

World number 130 Nina Stojanovic, who was a surprise omission from Saturday's singles rubber, was no match for Gavrilova, who prevailed 6-0, 6-3 before Dellacqua and Barty, who turned 21 on April 17, survived a second-set fightback to win 6-1 7-5.

"It's a different feeling to get it done in four rubbers. The girls have been unbelievable all week, it's a nice feeling and we will be celebrating tonight."

Teenager Destanee Aiava did not get any game time in Serbia, but Molik praised her contribution off the court.

The clash in Zrenjanin was the first time the two nations had met. Australia was looking to bounce back from a 3-1 defeat in Ukraine in February, and avoid dropping

back to the Oceania zone for the first time since 2009.

It shaped as a busy weekend for world No 87 Barty, who was looking to continue her remarkable return to the court after a stint with Brisbane Heat in cricket's inaugural Women's Big Bash League.

"We feel really good. We're really excited about the tie," Barty said.

"It's a big opportunity to get out there and play the Australian way. I'm ready to play any match. We have got a team where any person can play any position."

Only Barty and Gavrilova had any first hand experience of the Serbian team, which was spearheaded by world No 119 Aleksandra Krunic.

In her opening singles match, Barty steamrolled Aleksandra Krunic 6-4 6-3.

Because Australia had wrapped up the tie, Barty did not play her scheduled round five singles match against Ivana Jorovic.



The winning Australian team of, from left, Destanee Aiava, Daria Gavrilova, Casey Dellacqua and Ash Barty.
Picture: Srdjan Stevanovic

Warriors light the way minus lights



THEY love their footy out Boggabilla way. The mere mention of rugby league really fires

up the locals – a great majority of them Aboriginal – at the far northern NSW town and nearby community of Toomelah.

And while they might argue over their favourite NRL side, there's one thing that unites them all – their very own Macintyre Warriors Rugby League Club.

Admitted to the Country Rugby League's Group 19 competition just last year, the Boggabilla-based Warriors – fielding A grade, reserve grade and women's teams – have become a powerful force for good in what has been a struggling community.

Last year locals turned out in force to support their club. And it was oh so close to a fairytale first season, with the Warriors just pipped by Inverell in the A grade grand final.

So will the Warriors' top side go one better this year?

"That's the plan," club president Peter Rice tells the *Koori Mail*.

"The community's lifting again for the Warriors; just about everyone's behind them.

"It's a great thing for Bogga and Toomelah.

"This club is the pride of the community."

Rice, a businessman from nearby Goondiwindi, just over the border in Queensland, says the players are 100% committed to football and their people. That's underlined by the fact that none are paid.

"They're doing it because they love the game and they love what it does for the community," Rice says.

"People are volunteering, kids



At the Macintyre Warriors home ground in Boggabilla: from left, club vice-president Andrew Williams, A-grade centre Malcolm McGrady, A-grade coach Malcolm Peckham and club president Peter Rice.

are kicking footballs instead of playing up; there's a whole lot of positives here."

About the only negative is a lack of basic home-ground facilities.

Like last year, the visiting team's changing room is an old shipping container. The locals' 'shed' is some tarps wrapped around mesh.

The Warriors scored some much-needed equipment at the start of this season, but more

would be welcome. A few small grants have also helped with necessities such as a perimeter fence.

But Rice says what's needed most are lights at the ground.

"A lot of the time we're training in near darkness," he says.

"It makes it a bit difficult."

Rice says the club will continue applying for funds to get "just the basics".

"Other clubs in the group are scoring grants and support for their grounds and equipment," he says.

"We've been knocked back, but that's not going to stop us trying again."

Meanwhile, the season goes on. "We've got a good, solid core of players and we've some new ones come in for 2017," Rice says.

"Things are looking bright, even if we don't have lights yet."

Doggett off to cricket camp



BRENDAN Doggett is one of 18 of Australia's best emerging cricketers to

have been selected to form Cricket Australia's 2017 National Performance Squad.

The squad will spend more than three months at the Bupa National Cricket Centre in Brisbane under the tutelage of national performance program head coach Troy Cooley and newly appointed high performance coaches Matthew Elliott and Ryan Harris.

Fast bowler Doggett is from Toowoomba.

He has ancestry on his mother's side with the Worimi tribe, based around Newcastle, and has been researching his family history.

"I am very proud of my background and I am very keen to embrace my Indigenous links," he told News Ltd.

This year – the 30th year of Cricket Australia's elite program for rising players that was formerly known as the Australian Cricket Academy and the Centre of Excellence – will feature several specialist camps and a tour to the MRF Academy in India.

The program is designed to add to the work done within state systems, and prepare players capable of competing at international level for Australia within the next five years.

Players of the calibre of Ricky Ponting, Adam Gilchrist, Glenn McGrath, Steve Smith and David Warner have come through the program. More recently, the likes of Matthew Renshaw, Peter Handscomb and Hilton Cartwright have gone on to make their debuts for Australia, having been exposed to international playing and training environments through the program.

The squad's pace bowlers will arrive for a three-week program on May 8 before the full program begins on May 29. The program begins with a five-day boot camp in the Snowy Mountains, ahead of Spin Camp (June 12-16), the MRF Tour in late July and a fielding and wicketkeeping camp from August 14.

The program will wrap up with a competition phase, with the National Performance Squad to play a match against the National Indigenous Squad on August 28, Papua New Guinea, on September 1, and a number of matches against state sides during September.



Liam Close charges the Moree Boomerangs defence in a recent game.



Nikayla Craigie takes the ball forward for the Macintyre Warriors women's team.

Dangerous duo

RUGBY LEAGUE



With **PRESTON CAMPBELL**

JACK Wighton and Aidan Sezer are two players I have admired greatly – on and off the field.

I got to know Sezer really well during his time on the Gold Coast and have had the opportunity to get to know Wighton during All Stars camps.

They have had great starts to the National Rugby League (NRL) season, but I believe their improving combination in the key positions of fullback and halfback is central to the Raiders' hopes for a premiership title this season.

Both are approaching what should be the best years of their careers and their experience should allow their full talents to shine.

We can now say with confidence that Wighton has definitely played his 100th NRL game!

His mum needed convincing that the game against the Warriors was actually the milestone game.

Wighton made his debut against the Gold Coast Titans in 2012 and said the early part of his career had been frustrating due to injury and also not knowing where he fitted in.

He broke his foot mucking around on a trampoline in his debut season and has played on the wing, centre, five-eighth and halfback before finally settling in at fullback.

Now in his sixth NRL season, Wighton has established himself at fullback where he's become an integral cog in the Green Machine's attack and defence.

When he's not bundling an opponent into touch to make try-saving tackles, he's linking up with the Raiders' right or left edges as part of one of the competition's most potent attacks.

Wighton came through Canberra's under-20s and he said he'd be happy to finish his

career there as well.

"Definitely, I'd love that. I'm very big on loyalty so if they look after me I'd love to look after them," he said.

"It's a beautiful place here in Canberra. It reminds me of home so much and it's home now."

Raiders legendary fullback Gary Belcher felt Wighton would be able to handle State of Origin duties if he was called upon.

Wighton has not only played for the Indigenous All Stars, but also for NSW Country in the City-Country Origin.

Belcher said custodians like James Tedesco and Matt Moylan appeared to be ahead of Wighton, but he expected Wighton would go on to become a 200-game player in the NRL.

"He's a talented player, still a work in progress, but he's got a lot of attributes no doubt at all," Belcher said.

"He's very good. He's down the pecking order from a few guys if you start talking about representative jerseys, Tedesco and Moylan, but he's not far off.

"He'd do a wonderful job if he got a start there. If they're looking for someone that's not going to let the team down, he's certainly got a lot going for him ... He's very likely a 200-game player."

"Scary"

Raiders teammate Sia Soliola said it might have taken Wighton some time to find a home in the line-up, but now he was there, it was "scary" what he could become.

The No 1 jersey has been Wighton's since 2015 – when Soliola joined the Raiders from Super League club St Helens.

"We've loved him there at fullback. Being the last line of defence, he's been awesome in that sense and he's only going to get better in attack," he said.

"It's a scary thing because he's a great ball-runner as well, and he's got a lovely pass. I think we'll see more of that as the years go on."

As a ball-runner, Wighton is benefiting from the game management skills of Sezer since Sezer's arrival last season.

Sezer is hoping to follow in the famous footsteps of his coach by becoming the first Canberra No 7 since Ricky Stuart to lead the Raiders to a premiership.

"The teething period for me is over," Sezer said.

"I have had my time here to settle in and now it is time to deliver. I have 20 odd games now and have built the combinations I need. I am very comfortable with the boys around me.

"I am looking to take my game to the next level now.

"I have to step up and be the halfback I was brought here to be.

"I need to be the leader Ricky



Jack Wighton attacks for the Indigenous All Stars against the NRL All Stars on the Gold Coast in February 2015.

Picture: nrlphotos.com

wants me to be. Sticky has been awesome for me and I want to repay that faith.

"It is great to have him around to get the knowledge.

"He has done everything and it is pretty rare to have a coach like that to lean on.

"People think that Ricky is really hard on us.

Passionate

"But he isn't. He wears his heart on his sleeve and he is very passionate.

"But he hasn't put any extra pressure on me. I am pretty hard on myself so he really doesn't have to add any more.

"He has been great for me and hopefully you will see what he has done for me this year."

Sezer has vowed to reach his prime this year following a solid first-up season for the Raiders.

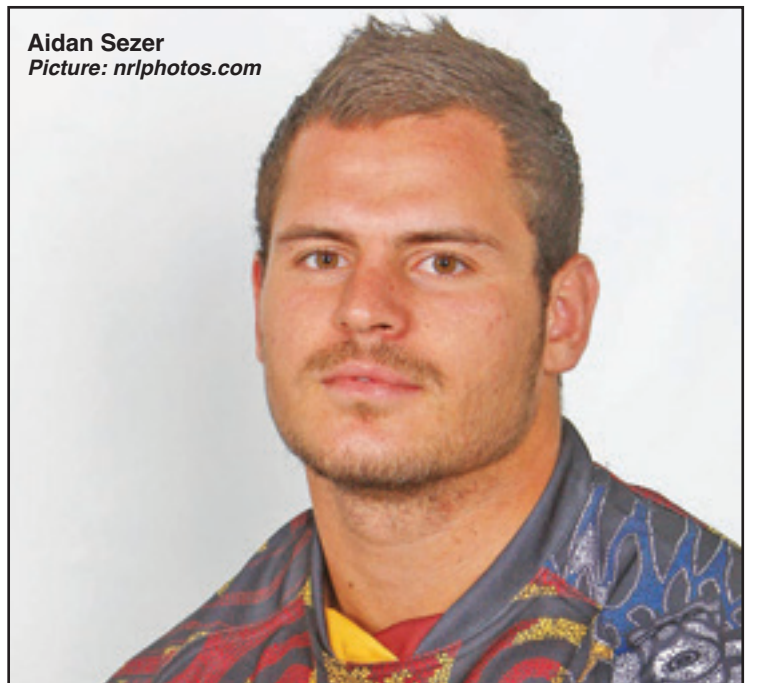
"I didn't miss a beat with the pre-season and there are no excuses this year," Sezer said.

"My role is to add the structure and stability.

"That is the biggest thing I identified last year.

"I needed to find my role and that is to provide plenty of

Aidan Sezer
Picture: nrlphotos.com



direction to the team and help them find their way around the park."

It is no wonder that the Raiders' backline is firing with Wighton being one of the major beneficiaries.

This will only get better with the bond between the pair strengthened by the special bond of brotherhood developed while in All Stars camp.

This year could well see the return of the Raiders.

Four in Test side



JOHNATHAN Thurston, Sam Thaiday, Blake Ferguson and Will Chambers are in the Australian Kangaroos rugby league squad to take on the New Zealand Kiwis in the Anzac Test in Canberra on Friday.

Thurston, Chambers and Ferguson are in the starting line-up, while Thaiday has been named on the bench.

The Test match will be Australian captain Cameron Smith's 50th as well as his 27th

as captain.

Smith will become just the second player to play 50 Test matches for Australia, behind Darren Lockyer (59), while he will also join Clive Churchill as Australia's second most capped captain.

The 20-man squad contains five club captains (or co-captains): Darius Boyd (Brisbane), Johnathan Thurston (North Queensland Cowboys), Aaron Woods (Wests Tigers), Cameron Smith (Melbourne Storm) and Boyd Cordner (Sydney Roosters).

Thurston has been involved in a race against time to be fit for the game after being sidelined from club football with injury.

"This is an incredibly important game for us, coming in a World Cup year," Kangaroos coach Mal Meninga said.

"Any Test match is important, but the fact this will be Cameron's 50th Test match certainly adds some extra significance.

Meninga said that given the short preparation, he and Kangaroos selectors had looked to reward those who played in

the successful Four Nations campaign in 2016.

"Not only do these players have established combinations with each other, but they are also well aware of our values," Meninga said.

"However the State of Origin series and then the remainder of the NRL premiership will be major considerations when we look to name our squad for the World Cup later this year."

The Kangaroos squad assembled in Canberra last Monday.

Nakia Davis-Welsh takes the ball forward for the Indigenous All Stars against the NRL All Stars on the Gold Coast in February, 2016.
Picture: nrlphotos.com



Davis-Welsh called into Jillaroos squad



FIVE Indigenous players are in the Australian Rugby League Jillaroos

expanded squad preparing for the Anzac Test against New Zealand at Canberra on Friday (May 5).

They are Caitlin Moran, Simone Smith, Rebecca Young, Rebecca Riley and Nakia Davis-Welsh.

Their selection is proof of the rise of Indigenous women in elite rugby league.

Coach Brad Donald has named a strong squad of 25 women ahead of the Test match double header featuring the Jillaroos and the Kangaroos

against the New Zealand Ferns and the New Zealand Kiwis.

The Jillaroos squad assembled in camp on the Gold Coast last week to undergo preparations before the final team was named on Sunday.

Nakia Davis-Welsh was debuting as part of the squad. She is a regular in the Australian Indigenous women's team and features in the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival.

Coach Donald said the Test match loomed as a significant occasion for the Jillaroos.

"Our women had a momentous win against the Ferns in Auckland at the start of this year as part of the Nines tournament," he said.

"The Test match is entirely different and we will need to be at our peak against what will no doubt be a New Zealand outfit out to make amends."

The Jillaroos squad is: 1 Sam Bremner, 2 Karina Brown, 3 Corban McGregor, 4 Caitlin Moran, 5 Chelsea Baker, 6 Zahara Temara, 7 Simone Smith, 8 Ruan Sims, 9 Britt Breayley, 10 Heather Ballinger, 11 Renae Kunst, 12 Annette Brander, 13 Maima Taufu, 14 Kody House, 15 Rebecca Young, 16 Amelia Kuk, 17 Isabelle Kelly, 18 Tazmin Gray, 19 Vanessa Foliaki, 20 Maddie Studdon, 21 Rebecca Riley, 22 Ali Briginshaw, 23 Elianna Walton, 24 Steph Hancock, 25 Nakia Davis-Welsh.

Rabbitoh Alex Johnston open to NRL offers



SOUTH Sydney young gun Alex Johnston is refusing to pledge his future to the Rabbitohs as he

looks to secure a long-term fullback role in the National Rugby League (NRL).

After bursting on to the scene as one of the game's hottest talents in Souths' 2014 premiership-winning season, Johnston has had to bide his time before getting his hands on the club's famous No 1 jumper.

It's a jersey worn in the past by the legendary Clive Churchill and, until round one this season, Kangaroos great and Rabbitohs captain Greg Inglis.

Before Inglis broke down with a likely season-ending knee injury, Johnston had to make do on the wing, where he'd scored the bulk of his 49 four-pointers at a prolific rate of almost a try a game.

Now the 22-year-old has made it known that playing fullback is central to his contract

negotiations.

"One hundred per cent," Johnston said ahead of Souths' round-nine hosting of Manly last Friday night.

"I always thought I was a fullback and played fullback growing up, so in the top grade all the chances I get this year I'll be putting my best foot forward.

"I love playing fullback. I've got a taste for it so I'm looking to be playing fullback going forward."

Off-contract at the end of 2017, Johnston isn't making any promises to Souths fans that he'll be at Redfern next season.

"Everythings working in the background. At the moment, I've really just got to focus on footy and focus on playing fullback," he said.

When pressed if he was leaning towards remaining a Rabbitoh, the South Sydney-born-and-raised star said: "It's not heading in any direction at the moment. It's in the background and I'm here to talk about footy."

—AAP

Alex Johnston gives the thumbs up at the 2017 Auckland 9s tournament.
Picture: nrlphotos.com



Marathon effort



THURSDAY Islander Harold Matthew became the first Indigenous Australian to complete the London Marathon on Sunday, April 23.

Matthew crossed the finish line in a time of 4:47:10 and was just one of more than 40,000 competitors to take part in one of the world's great marathons, but his was a unique story to tell.

His training consisted of running multiple laps of Thursday Island, a tiny 3.5-square-kilometre land mass in the Torres Straits with a population of around 2600.

The Thursday Island community has followed his journey and achievement with great enthusiasm, with many locals regularly participating in the running group that Matthew coaches.

The London Marathon course was in stark contrast to Thursday Island's Milman Hill, a steep incline Matthew incorporates into his training.

"The race was awesome, I loved that it was pretty flat. The crowd was absolutely amazing, cheering on competitors from start to finish, it was electric," he said.

"Running across London Bridge, past Big Ben and of course, Buckingham Palace."

He may have been thousands of kilometres from home, but the Torres Strait was never far from Matthew.

"I'm looking forward to doing some sight-seeing and looking at some of our Torres Strait artefacts in the British Museum," he said after completing the marathon.

Matthew is a 2014 graduate of the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP), a program run by health promotion charity the Indigenous Marathon Foundation, which uses the marathon as a vehicle to promote healthy lifestyles to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The project annually selects a group of 12 young Indigenous men and women to complete the New York Marathon with just six months of training. Their achievements make IMP graduates positive role models within their communities, where they promote the benefits of exercise to address the mental and physical health challenges facing many Indigenous Australians.

IMF director and former world champion runner Rob de Castella said he was thrilled to watch Matthew make history and inspire the rest of Australia.

"It's so exciting to see our first Indigenous runner complete the famous

London Marathon and rewrite Australian history," de Castella said.

"Harold is a strong, resilient, determined man and father. I am incredibly proud of Harold finishing his fourth marathon since 2014. It's a remarkable achievement."

Matthew travelled to London with the support of the president of Athletics Australia and former Federal Labor politician, Mark Arbib, a seasoned marathon runner who completed the course in 3:06:23.

Australian Olympians Lisa Weightman and Jess Trengove recorded personal best times as they raced to top-10 finishes at the London Marathon.

Weightman, 38, finished fifth in the women's race in 2:25:15 while 2014 Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Trengove crossed in 2:27:01 to finish 10th.

Veteran countryman Kurt Fearnley came third in the wheelchair marathon, won by his longtime British rival David Weir. *With - AAP*

A *KOORI Mail* article reporting on Harold Matthew running in this year's London Marathon on April 23 contained a picture of the wrong athlete.

The picture showed Adrian Matthew.



Harold Matthew is happy after completing the London Marathon.

Gardner in expanded squad



Ashleigh Gardner meets up with Faith Thomas at Adelaide last season during Gardner's breakout season with the Australian T20 side against New Zealand.



ASHLEIGH Gardner has been named in the Southern Stars 21-player preliminary squad ahead of the 2017 International

Cricket Council (ICC) Women's World Cup in England and Wales.

She is one of four Sydney Sixers Women's Big Bash League players in the squad, joining Sixers captain Ellyse Perry Alyssa Healy, and Sarah Aley in the Australian squad.

Perry and Healy are stalwarts of the Southern Stars, while Gardner made her T20 and one-day debuts for the Southern Stars earlier this year following her WBBL102 Young Gun recognition.

Eventually, a 15-player team will be selected following a three-week training camp at the Bupa National Cricket Centre in Brisbane from April 24-May 12.

Gardner is Australia's most successful Indigenous cricketer, having played at numerous National Indigenous Cricket Championship (NICC) carnivals in Alice Springs.

The NICC previously was the Imparja Cup.

She also led an Australian Indigenous women's team to India last year.

Her performances for the Sydney Sixers in the Women's Big Bash League led to her selection this past season in Australia's T20 and one-day sides for matches against New Zealand.

She hopes to cement her place in international one-day and T20 cricket, then become Australia's second Aboriginal women's Test cricketer, following in the footsteps of South Australian Faith Thomas, who played one Test for Australia against England in 1958.

National women's selector Shawn Flegler said selectors were excited

about players chosen in this initial squad and were looking forward to seeing them put their best foot forward over the next three weeks.

"There's some great depth in the squad with the more experienced players complemented by a number of new faces who have shown they can hold their own at this level.

"The ICC Women's Championship showed us how tough this year's tournament is going to be and the players know they're going to have to be at the top of their game to win the title."

Australia will be looking to make a strong start to their campaign which begins on June 26 against the West Indies at The Country Ground, Taunton.

England, New Zealand, West Indies, India, South Africa, Pakistan and Sri Lanka will join Australia in the tournament with each side to face off against the other seven nations, concluding with semifinals at Bristol and Derby before the final at Lord's on July 23.

Australia are the defending champions, having won a record sixth World Cup in 2013 after defeating the West Indies by 114 runs in the final in India.

Australia's World Cup schedule:
June 26: Australia v West Indies, Taunton

June 29: Australia v Sri Lanka, Bristol

July 2: Australia v New Zealand, Bristol

July 5: Australia v Pakistan, Leicester

July 9: Australia v England, Bristol

July 12: Australia v India, Bristol

July 15: Australia v South Africa, Taunton

July 18: First semifinal, Bristol
July 20: Second semifinal, Derby
July 23: Final, Lord's



Knockout touch



DUBBO is to host the first National Indigenous Touch Football Knockout carnival during the June long weekend

The Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service's Quit B Fit – Tackling Indigenous Smoking Program and Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles, in conjunction with NSW Touch Football and Touch Football Australia, will host the 2017 Knockout.

The smoke-free event will be staged from Friday to Monday, June 9-12, at Caltex Park, Dubbo.

The Knockout will be open to men, women, mixed and junior grades and will feature a prize pool of up to \$40,000 for winners and runners-up.

Flagship event

"The aim is to create a flagship event for the Dubbo region with a strong focus on promoting the tackling Indigenous smoking message and other positive health messages for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the country," Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service CEO Darren Ah See said.

"We have a strong organising committee with representatives from Quit B Fit, Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles, NSW Touch Football, Dubbo Regional Council, Touch Football Australia and Black Money Enterprises."

"Dubbo is a great central location for the event with exceptional playing facilities, accommodation and transport options and a proven track record for hosting similar large-scale Indigenous events."

The Knockout will kick off with a draw and gala dinner on the Friday evening.



From left: rear, Tracey Whillock, from Dubbo Regional Council, Quit B Fit National Indigenous Touch Knockout organising committee member Rikka Lamb, Darcy Lussick from Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles, Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service's Rebekah Bullock and Samantha Ah See, from Quit B Fit; front, Quit B Fit workers Jay Forrester and Aidan Ryan.

"We have been very fortunate to receive the support of the Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles who have jumped on board to support the Quit B Fit team and the Tackling Indigenous Smoking program as ambassadors and we are very appreciative of Darcy Lussick's involvement at our launch in Dubbo," Mr Ah See said.

"Our vision is for the National Indigenous Touch KO to become a fixture in the calendar of events for Dubbo for many years to come."

"We hope that it will become an iconic modern-day corroboree for Aboriginal people similar to the long-running and successful NSW Aboriginal Rugby League

Knockout and with a particular focus on promoting healthy lifestyle choices."

"We have already received commitments from Dubbo Regional Council, the Western NSW Local Health District and the peak touch bodies but we would welcome any further support from local businesses

and organisations," Mr Ah See said.

Details about how to register a team and how to become an event partner are available on the KO website www.indigenoustouchknockout.sportingpulse.net or follow @quitbfit on Facebook and #quitbfit on Twitter and Instagram.

AFL on lookout for Indigenous commissioner



THE Australian Football League (AFL) Commission remains committed to having an Indigenous member by the end of 2018, if not before, if the right candidate is found.

The League announced last month that a recommendation from the nominations committee – consisting of Richmond president Peggy O'Neal and Port Adelaide chairman David Koch, and chaired by AFL Commission chairman Richard Goyder – to appoint businessman

Robin Bishop to the commission had been accepted.

With a background in investment banking with Macquarie Group, Bishop brings significant financial and investment experience to the AFL.

After announcing Bishop's appointment in Sydney, Goyder reiterated the strong stance of his predecessor Mike Fitzpatrick, and said that having an Indigenous commissioner by the end of next year remained high on his list of priorities.

Former Sydney champion Adam Goodes has been mentioned by many as

an ideal candidate, but despite reports that the dual Brownlow medallist had rejected an approach from the League, Goyder refused to confirm that the Commission had contacted the retired star.

"I think it's unfair to raise Adam in the context of this (discussion)," Goyder said.

"I think what we'd all say is that Adam has been an ornament to the game, and we want to ensure that all the relationships between the AFL and Adam are positive in the future."

"Adam is a sensational person and was a great footballer, and you'd hope that he

would be one of the people that we talk to, but I wouldn't want to put any pressure on him or anyone else."

"I think we want to cast the net fairly widely to make sure we get someone who brings the capabilities we want around the Commission table."

"There's been discussion about the topic and no doubt members of the Commission have spoken to various people about whether they may one day be interested, but other than that nothing specific has been discussed."

— Adam Curley, afl.com.au

