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Youth send message



YOUNG Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander activists sent a candlelit message to the Federal Parliament last week: "Land rights, not mining rights."

Volunteers from the Seed Youth Indigenous Climate Network gathered on the lawns of

Parliament House, Canberra, before the Senate debated changes to native title legislation.

Seed national co-director Larissa Baldwin said young Indigenous people were "sick and tired of this Government making changes to laws that impact us without proper consultation of what we need and want."

"We're highly concerned that changes to native title will be quietly rushed through Parliament while there is excess noise about the Budget," she said.

"The introduction of these amendments is a shameful attempt by the Turnbull Government to change the rules to suit their mates at Adani, and the mining lobby, at the

expense of Aboriginal rights.

"These new changes to the Act will only serve to make it easier for mining companies to get their projects off the ground. It will undermine our ability to say no. But also make it harder for us to challenge dodgy deals in court."

● See our native title news feature on pages 6-7, including

a yarn with the Noongar applicants from the successful **McGlade Federal Court case**, the politics of the proposed changes to native title legislation and the story of the native title claimants caught in the middle – the Wangan and Jagalingou people versus Indian mining giant Adani.

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MY sister Adele and I (I'm on the right) run a business called Yum Yum and Delicious, which is a freelance consulting and events management agency. We are Yawuru and Bunuba (WA) women.

We grew up between Broome and Melbourne, and moved back to the Kimberley about 10 years ago after realising there was a need for our kind of work back home.

Adele has a background in youth and arts and my background is law, so we each bring something different to the business.

We're proud of our success as Aboriginal business women. It can be a struggle to be an Indigenous woman in business, so just being able to set it up and keep it going is a real achievement for us.

The business helps organisations to engage and connect with remote Indigenous communities. We help them work on their Reconciliation Action Plans, their communications and their marketing, but we

also manage events like rodeos and festivals.

Our family has a connection to the stations and the rodeos in the Kimberley, and Adele is married to a bull rider. Both her in-laws and our family have a long connection to that sport. When we're not concentrating on running the business that's where we'll be.

We also love food and cooking and, of course, eating – we're real foodies.

Adele has just had her first baby, so we're always spending time spoiling her.

Really, we just love to get out and get together with family, and just enjoy life.

I see family as an invaluable support system that can lift you up and keep you in check all at once. Family is a real source of strength for me to rely on when I need to.

I know my family will always be there for me.

It's like its own little ecosystem. It has its trials and tribulations but it's always right there to support you.

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OUR CHILDREN



Summer, Roland, Gene and Corey-Jack Sullivan at *Jarjums Life Museum* – a 'museum' of artwork made by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Jarjums (children). The exhibition is on show at Redland Art Gallery, Brisbane, until June 20. For more information visit www.artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au/jarjums-life-museum See our report on page 34. Picture: Libby Hayward, courtesy of Jarjums Life Museum

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Thornton's work to star at festival



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Aboriginal director
Warwick
Thornton's new
documentary

We Don't Need a Map will open this year's Sydney Film Festival at the State Theatre on Wednesday, June 7.

Some episodes of the second series of TV program *Cleverman* will also be screened at the festival.

And two other documentaries by Indigenous filmmakers are also on the bill.

Now in its 10th year, the festival competition carries a \$60,000 cash prize, and Mr Thornton's film is one of the 12 finalists.

Mr Thornton, whose previous works include *Samson and Delilah*, will also speak at the Festival Hub at Sydney Town Hall on Sunday, June 11, about the themes of his latest film, which investigates Australia's relationship with the Southern Cross, from astronomy to Indigenous spirituality, and colonial history to the present day.

We Don't Need a Map is a feature-length documentary about five stars – the Southern Cross – and our complex relationship with them.

Mr Thornton says ever since colonisation, the Southern Cross been claimed, appropriated and hotly contested for ownership by a range of Australian groups. But for Aboriginal people the



Warwick Thornton's new film *We Don't Need a Map*, about Australia's relationship with the Southern Cross, will open this year's Sydney Film Festival.

meaning of this heavenly body is deeply spiritual.

Two other documentaries from Indigenous filmmakers commissioned by NITV have also been invited to screen.

In My Own Words, by production company Blackfella Films, follows a range of Aboriginal adults as they take up a pen for the first time and learn to read and write. Today up to

65% of Aboriginal Australians are functionally illiterate in English, but in north-west NSW moves are afoot to address this.

Connection to Country, by production company

Weerianna Street Media, follows Indigenous people from the Pilbara as they battle to preserve their cultural heritage from the ravages of a booming mining industry.

Sam Thaiday sacked over comments



INDIGENOUS
health organisation
Deadly Choices
has sacked Torres
Strait Islander
rugby league star
Sam Thaiday as

an ambassador after he made racist and sexist remarks on Channel 9's *Footy Show*.

In a pre-recorded interview for the 'Player Probe' segment, in answer to the question 'Who was your first celebrity crush?', the Brisbane Broncos, Queensland State of Origin and Australian star said: "I reckon (*X-men* and *Catwoman* star) Halle Berry was my first. That's when I went through my jungle fever phase – liking dark girls there for a little while. But then I figured it out, if it ain't white, it ain't right."

After the segment aired, people took to social media.

Larissa Baldwin posted on Twitter: "You've got two black daughters @samthaiday One day I hope you could understand how that joke isn't funny and how it could hurt them in future."



Sam Thaiday

Alison Whittaker said: "#SamThaiday is this week's reminder that patriarchy in our mobs isn't a side-effect of colonisation – it's at colonisation's very core."

And Alec Doomadgee posted pictures of his mother, Aunties, wife and daughters, saying: "REAL WARRIORS help lift our Aboriginal Queens up! Not use our public platform to bring them down!"

Thaiday published an apology, of sorts, on Instagram.

"I am proud of my Indigenous heritage," he said. "I have two Indigenous daughters of my own."

"My joke was a poor attempt at humour with poorly chosen words. There is no place for racism. I take responsibility for my actions, it is not who I am and I apologise unreservedly."

But, a few days later, Thaiday shared a picture of an ornate gate on Instagram with the words "Monday motivation thanks to my mum Julie Thaiday: If you're going to take offence, take the gate too", along with the hashtags #keepsmling and #keeplaughing

And so Deadly Choices sacked him. "Sam Thaiday is no longer an ambassador for the Deadly Choices Program. As stated, Sam's comments on the *Footy Show* ... were offensive and inconsistent with his role as an ambassador for the program."

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● **Woolombi Waters' view**
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Isaiah fires up at *Eurovision*



ISAIAH Firebrace, pictured, showed his special X-factor to impress millions in this year's *Eurovision Song Contest*.

The Aboriginal 17-year-old singer gave a well-received

performance of the song *Don't Come Easy* after making the final of the long-running and massively popular European competition, held this year in Ukraine. *Eurovision* is the most

watched non-sporting event in the world, with more than 40 countries competing for musical glory.

Isaiah, a Yorta Yorta/Gunditjmara man who calls Moama in NSW home, was

selected for the contest after taking out last year's *The X-Factor* TV competition in Australia.

This year's *Eurovision* winner came from Portugal, with Australia finishing in the top 10.

Budget under attack for not doing enough



THE Turnbull Government's 2017 Federal Budget has been criticised for not doing nearly enough for

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

And concerns have also been raised that the Government's new proposal to drug-test welfare recipients and reduce payments for those who test positive could unfairly target Indigenous people.

Close the Gap campaign co-chair Jackie Huggins believes the 2017 Federal Budget doesn't do enough to address health inequalities faced by Indigenous people.

"More investment is needed to close the health gap experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Funding cuts will not close this gap," she said.

"We need to train and support more Indigenous health practitioners, doctors and nurses, and it is essential that we put the social determinants of health at the centre of this debate."

Dr Huggins, who is also co-chair of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, said she would like to see disability,

Help at last for N-test survivors

ABORIGINAL people who were affected by British nuclear tests in Australia in the 1950s and 60s are finally set to receive long overdue improvements to their health care.

Veterans Affairs Minister Dan Tehan said the Budget had allocated funds as part of a \$133 million package for Aboriginal people and military personnel who survived the British tests and veterans who served in Japan after World War II.

"Subject to the passage of legislation, the measure will provide Gold Cards to Indigenous people present at or near Maralinga, Emu Fields or the Monte Bello Islands at the time of the British

nuclear tests in the 1950s or 1960s," he said.

The Gold Card covers most health costs.

The breakthrough follows years of campaigning by those affected, their relatives and advocates.

Yankunytjatjara man Yami Lester, who was blinded by atomic fallout, told NITV that the support comes "60 years too late".

"Most of our people have passed away," he said. "They were young ones then, they're older ones now, a few of them still living now today."

"Our people were sick, very sick. They were on the lands and they needed help. They're doing it too late."

incarceration and justice measurements added to the Close the Gap targets.

The Family Matters campaign, which advocates to eliminate the overrepresentation of Indigenous children in out-of-home care by 2040, said it was disappointed by the Budget.

Family Matters co-chair Gerry Moore, who is chief executive of SNAICC, the peak body for Indigenous children, said there was no funding to help address the underlying issues that lead to Indigenous children being

removed from their families.

"If we do the same things we will get the same results," he said.

"We have an escalating crisis in the nation's child protection systems and we are still on track to triple the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out of home care by 2035. This Budget does nothing to address this."

"Unless we see an injection of funding to promote preventative measures and the role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled

services, we remain pessimistic about the future of our children."

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion claimed the Budget "delivered fairness, opportunity and security – for all Australians, especially First Australians".

He said the Government was investing \$11 million in a work-for-the-dole strategy in collaboration with remote schools, \$113 million in an intensive support program to help Indigenous parents into the labour market, \$15 million for new Indigenous Protected Areas, and

\$16.7 million for Indigenous legal assistance providers to assist in addressing Indigenous incarceration rates.

But key Indigenous organisations said they were concerned by the lack of specific Indigenous funding in the Budget.

A group of more than 30 Indigenous organisations, coordinated by Congress, said insufficient funds have been allocated for frontline services, which will have a negative effect on health, justice, education and other targets, and increase the burden on these services, many of which are already overstretched.

"The urgent needs of our peoples are almost invisible in the Budget," they said.

Congress co-chair Rod Little said the expansion of the cashless welfare card, at a cost of about \$10,000 per participant, was "shockingly inefficient".

"The outcomes of this program are questionable," he said. "In spite of this, the Government plans to expand the program to include two new sites without having announced the locations."

"This Budget continues the trend of punitive measures on welfare recipients."

Spotlight on moves to make

Adani issue at the heart of struggle



THE Wangan and Jagalingou Traditional Owners Council and their battle against Indian mining company Adani has been smack in the

centre of the debate about changes to native title legislation.

Adani has proposed building the Carmichael coal, railway and port project, which would be Australia's largest thermal coal mine, in the north Galilee Basin, about 160km north-west of Clermont, linked by a new 388km rail line to a terminal at Abbot Point Port, near Bowen.

But they need an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) to proceed.

Adani claims they have agreement for an ILUA with traditional owners – but Aboriginal opponents to the mine, including the W&J Traditional Owners Council, argue that Adani stacked the authorisation meeting with people not associated with the W&J claim.

"The 'natural majority' of the claim group, who have three times rejected an ILUA with Adani, refused to participate in this stitch up of a meeting. They stayed away," the council said in a statement.

"This is part of evidence presented in the objection to Adani's attempt to register a land use deal for the Carmichael mine, and is included in the current application before the Federal Court to invalidate the application for registration of this sham deal as an ILUA.

"And be clear, it does not rely on McGlade, and the litigation will not simply go away if the Parliament loses its senses and passes (Attorney-General George) Brandis' flawed response to the Federal Court's decision."

Court actions

There are currently four Aboriginal-led court actions against the mine, including a Federal Court challenge to the ILUA, due for a directions hearing tomorrow, May 18.

W&J Traditional Owners Council spokesman Adrian Burragubba said he believes the Government has "whipped a false sense of urgency" about changing the *Native Title Act*, due to promises made to Indian billionaire Gautam Adani and his company.

"Brandis has engineered a cursory and limited consultation process which is grossly inadequate for amendments which will have such a significant and long-term impact on our rights," Mr Burragubba said.

"One short public consultation hearing in Brisbane, and some closed door meetings with some



W&J Traditional Owners Council spokesman Adrian Burragubba.

CEOs of native title services and representatives of the mining industry, is an insult when considering the national reach of this Bill.

"The Labor Party, who were the original architects of native title laws under Prime Minister Paul Keating, understood that good native title laws are built on direct consultation with a broad group of Aboriginal leaders, and are meant to right an historic wrong.

"Encouraged"

"We are encouraged by reports that the Opposition, in this 25th anniversary year of the Mabo decision, is troubled by the Government's handling of this Bill, and is seeking to ensure proper consultations with traditional owners. We have urged all Labor, Green and Xenophon senators not to pass this bill.

"A host of of pro-Adani supporters, including the Queensland Government, some unions, local government mayors, the National Party and the Deputy PM, have been trying to strong-arm Opposition Leader Bill Shorten into guaranteeing the bill's passage."

Youth spokesperson for the W&J Traditional Owners Council Murrawah Johnson said traditional owners have a right to make decisions about their lands and waters.

"The 25th anniversary of the Mabo decision should be a moment when the Government begins a long-overdue national dialogue on far-reaching native title reform," she said.

"It would be a disgrace if the Government was successful in impeding our rights at this time."

Labor will now back changes

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHILE Federal Attorney-General George Brandis failed in his bid to rush changes to native title

legislation through the Senate last week, they are almost certain to pass the Upper House at the next sitting in June.

While vehemently objecting to the way in which the Government has conducted the process of amending the *Native Title Act*, the Opposition has, nevertheless, committed to supporting the changes, which will mean an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) does not have to be agreed to by every native title applicant.

And Aboriginal Labor senators Pat Dodson and Malarndirri McCarthy's passionate speeches about native title would appear to have been undermined by Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, who phoned Indian mining company Adani personally before debate in the Senate had even finished.

During debate Senator McCarthy was on fire, pointing to the experiences of her Yanyuwa family in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

"Let me make it very clear to this House that this debate on the *Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017* is about native title rights, not mining rights," she said.

"There has been absolutely no respect in this current process for the traditional owners of this country, for the Noongar people of WA or for native title holders across the country.

"You on the other side say that you have spoken to Indigenous leaders, but you did not get there without Senator Patrick Dodson. It is Labor who has had to drag you every step of the way to consult, to discuss

and to work with native title holders across the country, and you still have not done that adequately."

Labor Leader in the Senate Penny Wong said native title needs to be considered with care. "I really object to the way in which native title is being used as a proxy for the Adani debate," she said.

"I really object to it – on both sides. Native title is too important to be used for those frankly base political purposes by both the Greens and the National Party."

blocked the Government's attempt to give itself unfettered power over Indigenous Land Use Agreements. We have insisted on amendments that make sure that control rests with native title holders, not politicians in Canberra.

"This is about respecting the decisions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and giving certainty to the agreements that native title holders have entered into."

Before the debate, Senator McCarthy told the *Koori Mail* that the Government had

manufactured a false sense of urgency regarding the amendments, particularly considering that the Australian Law Reform Commission had presented a report recommending a raft of changes in 2015.

"That law reform report made some really sensible suggestions and it was handed to the Attorney-General and Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion in June 2015 and they have made no response whatsoever," she said.

"That was a sensible report and here we are two years later trying to embark on piecemeal changes to the *Native Title Act* – it's incredibly messy."

During debate, Senator McCarthy raised several issues with the proposed amendments.

"There are many questions that remain unanswered, such as: how many ILUAs were registered prior to the Bygrave decision of 2010 which might be affected by the McGlade decision; what steps have been taken to identify and audit these agreements; how long would it take to identify and audit these agreements; and are there any other native title agreements – including the right-to-negotiate agreements concluded under section 31 of the *Native Title Act* and ILUAs registered prior to the Bygrave decision – that might be impacted by McGlade?" she said.

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Senator Malarndirri McCarthy in Parliament.

But not, apparently, too important for the Labor Leader.

A Labor spokesperson told the *Koori Mail* that Mr Shorten had phoned Adani because of media attention regarding the mine but that Labor really did believe the issue was much bigger than just one project.

While explaining to the Senate that Labor would, ultimately, accept the Government's amendments, Senator Dodson said the Opposition had struck out changes that would have given too much power to politicians.

"Aboriginal people have a right to object if they believe their native title rights are at risk, especially by extinguishment, and they should be heard," he said. "Importantly, Labor has

changes to native title laws

Noongar ask who speaks for country

By RUDI MAXWELL



AT the heart of the debate surrounding native title is the question: Who gets to talk for country? Is it every single traditional owner?

Is it a majority as decided at one meeting? Is it all the named applicants in a claim, as representatives of all the families involved?

The Noongar people who brought the successful Federal Court challenge against the South West Native Title Settlement, Mingli Wanjurri McGlade, Margaret Culbong, Mervyn Eades and Naomi Smith, believe that, in the case where traditional owners are being asked to surrender all native title rights and interests, everyone should have a say.

The South West Native Title Settlement, between the Noongar people and the Western Australian Government, has been described as the largest native title settlement in Australia's history.

In return for a package, containing land, funding and infrastructure worth a reported \$1.3billion, Noongar people were asked to extinguish all native title rights and interests through a series of six Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) over an area of 200,000 hectares.

The South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) was the body tasked with representing Noongar people's interests.

In 2015 SWALSC convened six authorisation meetings to consider the ILUAs.

At all six authorisation meetings a majority voted to approve the negotiated settlement of their claims for native title and to approve the ILUA for each region (although in the Wagyl Kaip and Southern Noongar meeting at Katanning the vote only passed 207-200).

But, of the 44 named applicants across the six groups, five people refused to sign the ILUAs.

Two of those, Noongar Elders Mingli Wanjurri McGlade and Margaret Culbong, and two other Noongar people Mervyn Eades and Naomi Smith challenged the process in the Federal Court – and in February they won.

The group argued that in order for an ILUA to be valid, it needed the express agreement of all named native title applicants (who are usually representatives of each family



Noongar Elders Margaret Culbong and Mingli McGlade, with Naomi Smith and Mervyn Eades.

involved in the claim), overturning a previous Federal Court decision, Bygrave No 2, that said an ILUA could be registered provided one or more members of the registered claimant had been named as parties to the agreement.

Cultural survival

Ms Culbong believes the issue is central to the survival of Noongar culture and identity.

"I didn't cede my land, my rights or my culture," she said. "And today I had an 89-year-old sister in law who said congratulations and wishing me all the best in the fight for our land and our law."

"So I've still got the support of Aboriginal people and Aboriginal Elders in the southern part of the state."

"I'm fighting black man's law against white man's law."

Mr Eades said native title affected every member of the claim group.

"With extinguishing and

surrendering our rights, it's got to have everyone's consent," he told the *Koori Mail*.

Ms McGlade, who was on the settlement working party for seven years, said one of the reasons she'd refused to sign the ILUA was, despite the benefits stated by SWALSC, she didn't believe it did enough for Noongar people, who need help now.

"I was reading it was the best we can get. It could be if it was to happen straight away, but the deal is for money over 10 years," she said.

"Our young people need education and help now."

The group feels that the Government's proposed changes to the Native Title Act are an attempt to invalidate their hard-fought victory in court.

"Every win that our people have had, they've gone back and changed the goalposts again," Ms Smith said. "They're making a mockery of their own laws."

They also have numerous issues with the way the Native

Title Act is framed and with the way in which the SWALSC acted during negotiations.

A SWALSC spokesperson told the *Koori Mail* that they believe, once the Government's changes to the legislation pass the Senate (see story facing page), that they will be able to resubmit the ILUAs to the registrar without holding authorisation meetings again.

The spokesperson claimed that the land Noongar people would receive as part of the settlement could be either freehold or leased and that the freehold parcels would give Noongar people more rights than any native title determination.

"The land was all taken by the Crown. It took the entire state. The land is gone," the spokesperson said.

"To claim that giving up native title is giving up land is false. Native Title isn't ownership."

"If you're awarded native title, all you've won is the right to live like the old people did in areas of

land. What we've negotiated would give stronger and more access to the land – and the majority of Noongar people understand this and that's why they voted for agreement."

But here is where the group strongly disagrees.

Ms Culbong said it was a fundamental matter of Noongar people reconnecting with their culture.

"That's 60,000 years old as opposed to white man's domination in this country," she said.

"That's where I'm coming from."

"And I will continue to fight and see where it takes us."

"If we've got to go to the High Court, then so be it."

"That means the Australian Government has to do something about it without choosing all these little amendments, which they say is going to override and overrule any decision made under their law. It's their law – we just used it."

New home for Aboriginal education



Riawunna and University of Tasmania staff: Jaime Cave, Tameeka Riley, Caroline Spotswood, provost Professor Mike Calford, pro vice-chancellor of Aboriginal Research and Leadership Professor Maggie Walters, Steph Taylor, Delia Summers, Jodi Haines and Ricky Maynard.



Harley Jack Mansell dances at the opening ceremony for the relocated centre.

Riawunna at heart of uni

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Riawunna Centre for Aboriginal Education has celebrated moving to refurbished rooms in the middle of the University of Tasmania's Sandy Bay (Hobart) campus.

About 100 Elders, past and present staff and students, and Aboriginal people gathered to celebrate the occasion.

The Aboriginal Education Unit, as it was known when it started in a single room 30 years ago, was located at Hytten Hall, a building up a hill at the back of the University of Tasmania's Sandy Bay campus. Sadly, for many students it was out of mind, out of sight or simply unheard of. Other staff and students would frequently get lost just looking for it.

Its new location, beside the university's main public lecture theatre, in the social sciences building, is in a central, visible, high-traffic area.

Further plans

There are further plans to develop a cultural garden and commission an Aboriginal artist to create a mural outside the building.

Pro vice-chancellor of Aboriginal Research and Leadership Maggie Walters said she was thrilled and excited about the move.

"Riawunna is not just an Aboriginal student centre, it's absolutely central to how we do Aboriginal business at the University of Tasmania," she said.

"It's more than an Aboriginal education centre. It's not possible to actually grasp what Riawunna is just by looking at the position descriptions or the lists of tasks and roles that the Riawunna staff



University students from the 1980s: June Sculthorpe, who was first Aboriginal tutor counsellor, with Allison Overeem and Rosie Smith who were the first joint presidents of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Tertiary Students Union.



Launceston Riawunna Elder in residence Uncle Murray Everett, current Riawunna student Jason Wright-Brown and former Riawunna employee Todd Sculthorpe.

undertake; it's much much more.

"It's a cultural hub, a place of community interface with the university, it's a thousand things."

Riawunna supports Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people at the university to access, participate and compete their study, and promotes Indigenous knowledge and perspectives at the university.



Former University of Tasmania students Angela Triffitt with daughter Isabella, and Wendy Moore.



Riawunna Elder in residence Aunty Dawn Blazely studied a Bachelor of Contemporary Arts course at the university. She's in front of her artwork, which hangs at the new Riawunna premises in Hobart.

Honeys heading for Opera House



ALL-female cabaret troupe Hot Brown Honey will have their own headline season at the Sydney Opera House next month.

After selling out their Opera House season last year, Hot Brown Honey will be returning from June 7-25 with their award-winning show.

The six First Nations women from Australia, Indonesia, the Pacific and South Africa aim to break stereotypes with their performances of hip-hop, politics, dance, poetry, comedy, circus and song.

The group has just toured in Britain, Ireland, and Aotearoa (New Zealand). And they've recently won awards for 'Innovation, Experimentation and Playing with Form' in the Total Theatre Awards in Britain, then picked up best production and best design at the Green Room Awards in Melbourne.

Kim 'Busty Beatz' Bowers, a First Nations woman from South Africa, said audiences can expect a "theatrical explosion" when they see the show.

"It's crazy," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"People come up to us after the show and go, 'You said that on stage!' because we tell the jokes that everyone is thinking but no one is game to say.

"It's like every conversation you have with a group of brown women and we've put it in the spotlight. We're having a laugh about things like 'Welcomings'.

"In each of our countries we 'welcome' at big events, but there's irony in it because it's like 'You came here without permission but now you've been here for hundreds of years and wrecked the place, we welcome you'."

Ms Bowers said Hot Brown Honey came from a conversation between the group of



Cabaret troupe Hot Brown Honey are bringing their funny, high-energy, political show back to the Sydney Opera House.

women who felt there was no place in the arts for First Nations women.

"There are so few brown faces on the stage and on the screen, so there's no path to follow for aspiring performers," she said.

"So we thought, 'Why not just put brown women in the spotlight with a funny, high

energy, political show, and we'll do it all

ourselves?'

"That's why we got together. Because no one has given us the opportunity. We're all artists in our own right but there's been no platform for us to enter the art world, so

we made one."

Also at the Opera House next month will be Djuki Mala, formerly known as the Chooky Dancers, with their mash up of traditional Yolngu and contemporary dance.

They'll be returning to the Opera House for the third time, from June 13-18.

Dying man is out of prison



TERMINALLY ill Aboriginal man Marshall Wallace has been freed from custody in Queensland after he was convicted

of a series of driving offences earlier this month.

The 48-year-old was caught driving without a licence in Mount Isa, where he had recently moved to access chemotherapy.

Mr Wallace, originally from the Northern Territory, was sentenced to 15 months in prison, despite a letter from his doctors saying he had only six to nine months to live being presented to the court.

After the sentencing, Mr Wallace was placed in Mount Isa police watch house, but was moved to hospital a day later, after developing a fever.

He has been receiving palliative chemotherapy for liver cancer. Mr Wallace was to have served his sentence in the prison ward of Brisbane's Princess Alexandra Hospital. His wife, Maxine, said that would mean she would not be able to afford to travel to visit him.

After being sentenced, a

change.Org petition was started, which more than 18,000 people signed within a week.

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service chief executive Shane Duffy said there was pressure from lawyers, the media and Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion to release Mr Wallace.

"We've been working with Mr

being sent to prison for driving offences.

"It's a real issue, especially in regional and remote areas of the state, that people are driving without a licence," he said.

"There is a training course that is provided by the State Government to help people get their driver's licence, but that only happens twice a year.

"The Government needs to invest more in this driver training. It's far more expensive to lock people up than it is to deliver a program to help them get their licence."

Mr Duffy said there is also a problem with discrimination and prejudice in the justice system.

"The same week Mr Wallace was

sentenced, a non-Indigenous man who was serving time for abusing a nine-year-old girl was given a suspended sentence because he has terminal cancer," he said.

"Mr Wallace wasn't abusing children, he was just convicted for a minor driving offence, and the court didn't allow him the exceptional circumstances. I think that shows there is still prejudice in our justice system."



Marshall Wallace has been freed from prison.

Wallace and his family to take into account his terminal illness," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"He was obviously quite unwell, and as I understand, after chemotherapy you are prone to infections and such so he was being held in custody at Princess Alexandra Hospital."

Mr Duffy said Mr Wallace's case is a common story because there is a problem in the state with Indigenous people

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Judge has say on NT kids



A FAMILY Court judge has told the Northern Territory juvenile justice royal commission that the Government is sitting on its hands when it comes to removing Aboriginal children from abusive homes.

Former NT Chief Magistrate Justice Hilary Hannam says she wasn't worried that her approach could create a second Stolen Generation in Aboriginal communities.

"I'm not at all, and I don't think it's a valid comparison and it diminishes the experience of those people," she told the inquiry. "My

main concern is that the children remain in conditions that we would say are unacceptable for children in 21st century Australia."

Before leaving as NT Chief Magistrate in 2013, Justice Hannam said NT laws requiring vulnerable Aboriginal kids to be placed with their extended family and community before a non-Indigenous carer wherever possible sometimes jeopardised their safety.

She told the royal commission that the underresourced NT child protection department is "far too hesitant" to take action on at-risk kids, and has a relativist approach

to widespread neglect in communities.

"There are many fewer children removed in the NT, many fewer Indigenous children as compared to the substantiated rates of maltreatment," she said.

University of NSW criminology Professor Eileen Baldry said the rise in numbers of Indigenous children in out-of-home care is "yet another manifestation of colonial management. It's patronising and it's patriarchal," she said.

Prof Baldry said the Government must better resource Indigenous communities, noting the harm that occurs

when kids are removed from their culture.

The NT has the highest child-placement rate in the country but a comparatively low rate of placement of Aboriginal children in kinship care.

Territory Families chief Jeanette Kerr told the inquiry that until recently, alternatives to youth detention haven't been delivered well due to a lack of funding.

The Labor Government has pledged \$15.3 million for bail support accommodation and safe houses designed to divert youngsters awaiting trial, and reduce reoffending. — AAP

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Derek Nannup and Mark Olive with a little something they whipped up in *On Country Kitchen*.

Pair is ready to cook 'on country'



NITV will capitalise on Australia's appetite for culinary TV shows when

the national Indigenous broadcaster premieres *On Country Kitchen* on May 24.

The six-part series follows entertaining characters through the south-west of Western Australian as they seek out fresh produce to create dishes.

On Country Kitchen stars celebrity chef and Mark Olive (aka the 'Black Olive'), who has been featuring on SBS program *The Chef's Line*.

As a renowned Indigenous chef, Mr Olive has more than 30 years' experience in cooking. The Bundjalung man's charismatic personality and creative approach to food has helped him build a reputation and following in Australia and around the world.

Mr Olive's right-hand man in *On Country Kitchen* is Noongar comic Derek Nannup.

Mr Nannup is eager to learn cooking skills from Mr Olive in the series and goes on the hunt to collect fresh produce, meeting farmers from around

the WA countryside.

As well as his work as a comedian, Mr Nannup is an actor, dancer, circus performer, didgeridoo player, children's hospital clown doctor and cultural presenter.

NITV channel manager Tanya Orman said: "A series for the whole family to enjoy, *On Country Kitchen* explores WA's beautiful landscape, teaches us how to make bush tucker and makes us laugh at Mark and Derek's funny adventures."

On Country Kitchen will screen each Wednesday on NITV at 7.30pm.

Midwives on the march

By KEIRA JENKINS



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander midwives, led by Sydney Nursing School Indigenous health advisor Leona McGrath and University of Sydney National Centre for Cultural Competence's Dr Donna Hartz, walked through Redfern this month to celebrate the International Day of the Midwife.

The group walked from the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service to Sydney University's Centre for Cultural Competence.

Dr Hartz said the march was about raising awareness for key issues facing Indigenous midwives and mothers.

"We've had more than 200 maternity services closed over the past few years," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"When Indigenous midwives are given the support they need, then we will start to see the statistics change."

Indigenous mothers and babies have a much higher rate of mortality during childbirth than other Australians.

Ms McGrath said this is "just not good enough".

"There are only about 230 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander midwives in the country, which is about 1% of the total, but we make up about

6% of births so we need another 700 midwives to make up what we need," she said.

"Indigenous mothers are three times more likely to die during childbirth too, so it's affecting not just the babies, but mothers too."

Currently, about half of Indigenous women live where there are no local birth services.

Ms McGrath said there are programs to encourage young people into the industry, but there's just not enough momentum behind them.

"NSW Health has nursing and midwifery cadetships," she said.

"Not very many"

"We've had 10 graduates in 10 years, so that's not very many. The Rhodanthe Lipsete Trust is supporting about 15 midwives – 12 doing their undergraduate studies and three registered midwives so that's really integral to boosting the numbers too."

The 'Walk with Midwives' event is part of an Australian College of Midwives campaign that aims to raise funds for the Rhodanthe Lipsete Trust.

The walk in Redfern was supported by Sydney University's Centre for Cultural Competence, the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives, and the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health.



Midwives and nurses prepare for the walk.



The group marches through Sydney University.

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Communities urged to have their say



ABORIGINAL communities across NSW are being encouraged to have their say on plans to develop Australia's first legislation to recognise and protect Aboriginal languages.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Sarah Mitchell said NSW aims to be the first state in Australia to pass legislation of this kind.

"This is a ground-breaking opportunity for Aboriginal lore and culture to mould the legislation of NSW and provide an enduring basis for the protection and practice of Aboriginal languages," she said.

"Aboriginal people are the owners of their languages, and developing this Bill in partnership with Aboriginal communities is of paramount importance."

The NSW Government is holding a

series of workshops at locations around the state until June 14. They are part of the state's OCHRE plan for Aboriginal affairs.

Ms Mitchell said the workshops are vital to discuss how legislation and policy will support local efforts and provide a basis for the protection of Aboriginal languages in NSW.

"The proposed legislation aims to acknowledge the importance of NSW's

first languages, implement a strategic plan to protect and revive them and establish an Aboriginal languages centre to support community-led efforts," she said.

Following community consultation, it is anticipated legislation will be introduced to Parliament at the end of the year.

For more information, visit www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au

Delegates support self-determination



OVER the past six months the Referendum Council has held a series of invitation-only dialogues about constitutional reform with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people around the country.

Indigenous delegates overwhelmingly rejected the idea of minimal change.

The priorities from each of the First Nations Dialogues will be reported to a First Nations Convention at Uluru from May 24-26.

The first meeting was held in Hobart in December, and the final last week on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait, with dialogues also held in Broome, Dubbo, Darwin, Perth, Sydney, Melbourne, Cairns, Ross River, Adelaide and Brisbane.

Treaty

All meetings stressed the need for self-determination and treaty.

Most delegates agreed that a specific Indigenous voice is needed in Parliament, separate to the institutions that exist now, and similar to Maori-identified parliamentary seats in New Zealand.

Many speakers at the meetings highlighted the importance of Indigenous people picking their own representatives, rather than



Above, more than 100 Aboriginal people attended a dialogue on constitutional reform at Ross River, organised by the Referendum Council. At right, participants at the Cairns dialogue.



government appointing their own hand-picked advisors.

Delegates felt that the history of racism and abuse experienced by Indigenous people and their ancestors needs to be acknowledged for constitutional reform to progress successfully. One way of achieving this is through a Truth Commission; a reform idea that all dialogues have raised.

Referendum Council co-chair Pat Anderson said most dialogues had decided a minimalist form of constitutional recognition (that only involves deletion of Section 25 of the Constitution, removal of the word 'race' or insertion of a new head of power like section 51A recommended by the Expert Panel, and a statement of

recognition) would be rejected as not substantive enough and merely re-running the 1967 Referendum.

"First Nations peoples are telling us they want to make sure laws and funding are effective so their children are safe, can get a good education, have a roof over their head, access health care, and continue to be connected to their culture," Ms Anderson said.

"Needed"

"There is a view that programs and policies have not always achieved this because Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples haven't been asked what is needed or been involved in delivery of services."

Melbourne dialogue co-

convenor Jeremy Clark said that at their meeting delegates explored the risks and opportunities they see associated with constitutional reform, sovereignty and self-determination.

"We talked about current challenges: the ongoing rate of youth suicide, the injustice of incarceration, the continuing loss of our language and culture," he said. "And we asked how constitutional recognition could help address these things, because reform is only worth pursuing if it helps with our day-to-day struggles."

Ross River co-convenor Barbara Shaw said that at their meeting, east of Alice Springs, delegates supported a statement of acknowledgement in the

Constitution, dealing with the race power in a way that prevents discriminatory law making, a representative voice to Parliament, prohibition of racial discrimination and treaty.

"I was quite overjoyed that we had a number of young people who had the confidence to stand up and make comment. They want to learn more. They were really engaged and really excited to be part of this journey," she said.

"One of the things that was quite moving was that we had a lot of people who were starting to get the fire back in the belly."

"They were saying, 'This is the first time we were able to get together from all around the country to talk about an issue that is important to all of us.'"

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Empowering Tjungu

By KEIRA JENKINS



A PROGRAM that encourages young Indigenous women to set and achieve career goals was held as part of the Tjungu Festival at Uluru this year.

The Empowering Young Women to Lead Change program offered a range of workshops for participants.

The inaugural program was held as part of Tjungu's annual fashion show, which showcases the work of Indigenous designers.

Musician and entertainer Johanna Campbell, fashion designer Julie Shaw and model Samantha Harris all spoke to program participants about their work.

Indigenous communications, policy and project delivery company Cox Inall Ridgeway helped organise the program.

Director Aden Ridgeway said the company has supported the Tjungu Festival for a number of years and was pleased to be able to deliver a program as part of the event.

"It was about giving young women the opportunity to collaborate and learn from each other," the Gumbayngirr man told the *Koori Mail*.

"Indigenous women experience racism as well as

sexism in the workplace. The program encouraged them to believe in themselves and take up opportunities despite these hurdles.

"It was designed to build their confidence and say 'it's okay to dream'. It was a safe place to talk about their goals without any lateral violence."

Mr Ridgeway said the program had positive reviews from the young people who participated.

"We sat in the red earth. We made things with our hands," he said.

"Positive"

"I think you learn much more that way than from just sitting in a classroom. I think also seeing young women like Samantha Harris on the catwalk, achieving her goals, is a really positive experience too, because she's like a role model to them."

Mr Ridgeway said young people are often forced to make the choice between taking career opportunities and staying on country with their family.

"We wanted to work on how young people can be invested in their traditions and their culture and being on country and how that can nourish their career opportunities," he said.

"Education is the power behind all things, and that was our focus."



● Above: The participants of the 'Empowering Young Women to Lead Change' program held this year during the Tjungu Festival at Uluru.



● Left: Women try their hand at making beads as part of the program at the Tjungu Festival in central Australia.

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Water is a tradable commodity and between farmers, mines and other major interests in huge demand but variable supply. Consequently, First Peoples are not getting a look in.

Mr Moggridge, a Murri from the Kamilaroi Nation in western NSW, has degrees in hydrogeology and environmental science focused on Aboriginal people and water. He is now undertaking a doctorate at the University of Canberra's Institute for Applied Ecology on influencing water planning with First Peoples' knowledge.

Ms Houthuysen, a Yamatji (WA) woman, works as a hydrogeologist with the South Australian Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources Groundwater Team.

Both are adamant that First Peoples have a right to water resources they are currently being denied, be it by legislation, policy or sheer cost.

"The bottom line here is that our people are missing out," said Mr Moggridge, who has worked



Indigenous hydrogeologists Lauren Houthuysen and Bradley Moggridge.

in senior positions with NSW Department of Primary Industries Water, leading the Aboriginal Water Initiative for nearly five years, and at CSIRO Land and Water.

"The land has been separated from water through reforms, but that land and water was, is and always will be that of First Peoples.

"Yet Australia's water resources are already over-allocated, and First Peoples are not at the 'water table'. The cost of accessing water rights is prohibitive and if they want water entitlements they have to buy it from the water market.

"What's missing is a national water policy statement for First Peoples.

"Our people surely have a right to have fair access to water for whatever reason they wish – be it cultural, commercial or anything they choose.

"This isn't happening."

Ms Houthuysen says that traditional owners also bring a great deal of knowledge when it comes to water resources.

"Wherever I've gone, First Peoples have had much to offer when it comes to managing what is a precious natural resource," she told the *Koori Mail*.

Ms Houthuysen and Mr Moggridge, both members of the International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH), are hoping more Indigenous people join their ranks.

"We're both trained in Western science, but we also have cultural knowledge, so can walk in the two worlds," Mr Moggridge said.

"Lauren and I would really like to see more Indigenous hydrogeologists coming on board and helping with what is something of vital importance to our people."

Mr Moggridge will be speaking on a panel at the Sydney Opera House as part of the Deadly Voices live program on Saturday, May 27.

"If there are any other Indigenous hydrogeologists, Mr Moggridge and Ms Houthuysen would love to hear from them."

Nations sign treaty

By LIINA FLYNN



A MULTILATERAL treaty between 23 First Nations in the northern Murray-Darling Basin has been signed at the site of the original 1972 Aboriginal Embassy, in Canberra.

Through the treaty, the nations from across southern Queensland and northern, north-west, upper western and western NSW affirm their independent sovereign status and hope it will help make more headway with regard to the ongoing resource management issues in the Murray Darling Basin.

Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN) chair Fred Hooper told the *Koori Mail* the treaty would be presented at the constitutional recognition forum in Uluru later this month.

"We want to show the rest of Australia that we can sign a treaty amongst ourselves," Mr Hooper said. "It tells government that we speak with one voice covering 45,000 people in the northern Murray Darling Basin."

The treaty has been on the drawing board for the past seven years.



Fred Hooper and Phillip Sullivan sign the treaty on behalf of the Murrawarri Republic.

"If we can do it, you can do it," Mr Hooper said. "That's the message we will take to Uluru.

"It's an example of what happens if we get

our heads and hearts together and put our collective forces together to come up with and operate as a sovereign base.

"If we can treaty amongst ourselves we

can look at developing understanding and trade between nations and how government deals with us.

"It could also open up international opportunities through economic development and what we as a unified nation can export to the world."

Mr Hooper said the treaty was not just for economic development but also to allow people to live on a sustainable Earth.

"The Earth is our mother and we have to look after her," he said. "We have laws from time immemorial that govern water and those laws are not being taken into consideration.

"We need to allow water to flow to the nations below us – it's our obligation under our law, a fundamental obligation we can't get away from as First Nations people, not like the common law pushed down our throats."

Mr Hooper said the treaty states that First Nations people never ceded their sovereignty or titles to the Crown of the United Kingdom and that the rights of Mother Earth need to be upheld by all nations.

"We need to make sure that any decision made by the authorities will assure this and pledge a guarantee of respect and preservation," he said.



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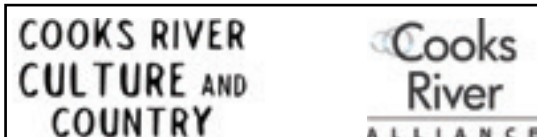
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Indigenous finalists in WA



Richard Walley-Stack



SIX Indigenous people are finalists in this year's Western Australian of the Year awards.

Four are finalists in the Aboriginal category, with two in the Youth Award.

Elder and activist Olive Knight, Angela Ryder from Langford Aboriginal Association, singer-songwriter Gina Williams and performer and entrepreneur Philip Walley-Stack are the Aboriginal category finalists.

Mr Walley-Stack said that while it feels amazing to be a finalist, it is hard for him to believe it is real.

"You don't get into this business, the

music business or the entrepreneur business, for the accolades," the Noongar man told the *Koori Mail*.

"You do it because that's your passion. But when you think someone else sees you as someone deserving of recognition, that's a big achievement.

"It's also a bit of relief to think that other people think you're doing really well. It's like somebody cares about me and what I'm doing."

Mr Walley-Stack said he's been a performer since he was young.

"I grew up pretty close to my godfather Uncle Richard Walley, and he started the Middar Theatre with Uncle Ernie Dingo when I was young," he

said. "They used to chuck us up on stage when we were kids. It's in my blood and in my culture to be an entertainer.

"Whether you're just entertaining your partner or you're in front of a whole crowd, you're an entertainer, and I've always been true to myself in following that and finding my niche."

Miss NAIDOC 2016 winner Shelley Cable and sports star Ryan Morich are the Indigenous finalists in the Youth category.

The winners of each category, as well as the overall Western Australian of the Year, will be announced on June 2.

Celebrations to be held in Canberra



THE ACT Government will provide \$21,000 each to two organisations to support events during Reconciliation Week to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and the 25th anniversary of the High Court's Mabo decision.

The Canberra and District NAIDOC Aboriginal Corporation will use the funds for a community day on May 27.

And on June 3, the ACT Torres Strait Islander Corporation will host a community celebration marking the Mabo decision. Activities will include traditional Torres Strait Islander dancers and performers, craft for sale and a range of children's activities.

Deadlines nears for submissions



THE deadline is nearing for submissions to the Queensland Productivity Commission inquiry into service delivery to the state's remote and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The commission has been asked to identify how available resources could best be used to improve outcomes for people in the communities.

The deadline is June 2, with a report to be provided to the Government by November.

More information at www.qpc.qld.gov.au/inquiries/indigenous-services/

Vic Honour Roll nominations open



THE 2017 Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll Roadshow has been launched at the Morwell Gathering Place. The Honour Roll, on display at Parliament

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Legal Aid NSW gets new leader



BRENDAN Thomas has been appointed chief executive of Legal Aid NSW – the first Aboriginal person to hold the position. Mr Thomas, who is currently deputy secretary of the NSW Department of Justice, has more than 20 years' experience in legal services and is known for his work in criminal and civil justice reforms.

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Ray Minniecon and his wife Sharon at this year's Redfern Anzac Day march and, right, Pastor Minniecon and James Lingwoodock in Australian Light Horse uniform.

Light Horse, black soldiers



A PROJECT to record the stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soldiers of the Australian Light

Horse in World War I is seeking contributions from the soldiers' descendants. The project, organised by the Rona Tranby Trust, will contribute to the historical and cultural record of World War I and to the broader Australian reconciliation process. Rona Tranby Trust trustee

Jennifer Symonds said she had been working closely with Indigenous Elders and had already received interest from around Australia.

"We have heard some fascinating stories," she said.

"Pastor Ray Minniecon, whose grandfather was in the Australian 11th Light Horse Regiment has been helping us with the project and this year he wore the Australian Light Horse uniform to the Redfern Anzac Day March, which he has been instrumental

in organising over the last 11 years."

The project will also support a group of those descendants to travel to Be'er Sheva, Israel, in October this year to take part in the national service to commemorate the centenary of the battle of Beersheba, and the Sinai-Palestine campaign. The national service will be attended by the Australian and Israeli prime ministers.

"Minister for Veteran Affairs Dan Tehan has endorsed the

project and has agreed for Indigenous representatives to lay a wreath during the official Australian ceremony," Ms Symonds said.

"Some of the descendants will also be riding in the re-enactment of the charge.

"The Department of Veteran Affairs is also supporting SBS-NITV to make a three-part documentary on World War I Indigenous soldiers and one of the series will follow the project. This documentary is dependant

on enough funds being available."

The Rona Tranby Trust has been supporting the recording and preservation of Indigenous Australian oral history since it was established in 1991. It was set up from a bequest in the will of Thomas Rona, a Holocaust survivor and active member of the Jewish community, who wanted his bequest to benefit the Aboriginal community.

Applications to take part in the project close on May 26.



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NSW jails bursting



NSW prisons are bursting at the seams, with the number of adults behind bars reaching its highest level in 20 years – and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to be disproportionately represented.

The latest Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) statistics show a 13% increase in NSW jail populations over the past two years, with bureau director Don Weatherburn saying the main reasons for the spike being changes in the Bail Act, congestion in the District Court and more arrests.

Most of the increase has come from prisoners who've been refused bail.

Dr Weatherburn said there had been a 9.4% drop in the overall number of juveniles behind bars, over the past 12 months.

But again, Indigenous youth are overrepresented.

NSW Law Society president Pauline Wright said the statistics showed the rate of Indigenous people on remand (11.4%) had increased at more than double the rate of the average remand population (6.3%) over the 12 months to March 2017 and Indigenous people make up 24% of

the NSW adult prison population.

Indigenous youth, aged between 10 years to 17 years, represent more than half (52%) the number of juveniles in full-time detention in NSW.

"While we are pleased the number of juveniles in custody is continuing its downward trend, we continue to be concerned at the overrepresentation of Indigenous youth in juvenile detention," Ms Wright said.

"Unacceptable"

"It is unacceptable that some of the most disadvantaged people in our community are also facing the hardest battle with our justice system. Indigenous offenders face higher rates of arrest resulting in conviction, a greater likelihood of imprisonment given conviction and a higher rate of bail refusal."

Ms Wright said more resources were needed for diversionary programs.

"Reform of the driver licence offences system is also needed, as existing licence sanctions for unauthorised driving have had a significantly disproportionate effect on disadvantaged and vulnerable young people, particularly within the Indigenous community," she said. – *With AAP*

Milestones to be marked

By ALF WILSON



THIS year's National Reconciliation Week, May 27-June 3, celebrates two significant milestones.

On May 27 it will be 50 years since the 1967 Referendum, which saw more than 90% of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

And on June 3 it will be 25 years since the High Court's landmark Mabo decision in 1992, which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land — a relationship that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today.

The theme for #NRW2017 is 'Let's Take the Next Steps' and events are planned around the country.

On Mer (Murray Island) in the Torres Strait, the eight tribes are planning a week of song, dance and festivities to celebrate the Mabo decision.

Townsville will have two days of events to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Mabo High



Dancers perform near the Mabo monument at Central Park, Townsville, at a previous commemoration for Mabo Day, June 3.

Court decision. These will highlight the significant event in which the late Edward Koiki Mabo and others (including the late James Rice and Dave Passi) challenged the Australian legal system and fought for recognition of the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional owners of their lands.

Mabo was a turning point for the recognition of Indigenous peoples' rights, because it acknowledged their connection with the land. It also led to the

Australian Parliament passing the *Native Title Act* in 1993.

In Townsville, the commemoration events will begin at 9.30am Friday, June 2, at the Mabo monument at Bridge Central Park. There will be an official welcome to country, laying of wreaths, traditional performances and special guest speakers.

That will be followed at 11.50am by a street march across the George Roberts Bridge along Walker Street to the Perfume Gardens Park.

Participants will be encouraged

to hold flags and banners.

From 12.30 a Reconciliation Day event in the park will be held and there will be a free sausage sizzle, cultural arts and craft stalls and entertainment.

On Saturday, June 3, a 'Unity in Community Expo' will be at the Upper Ross PCYC at Allambie Lane in Rasmussen.

This free event will feature workshops, cultural dancing, arts and craft stalls, coconut weaving and traditional games.

From 5.30pm an 'Island Night' is scheduled at the same venue

and a highlight will be Torres Strait feasting and performances.

The local celebrations are being supported by Keriba-Mina Zenadh Indigenous Corporation, Reconciliation Australia, the Townsville City Council and Queensland Government.

The Queensland Torres Strait Islander Independent Congress is also planning a series of events in Brisbane.

● For more National Reconciliation Week events, check out our national calendar on pages 37-38.

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Dancers look to tomorrow

By KATE L MUNRO



THE recent large-scale Yirramboi First Nations Arts Festival, presented by the City of Melbourne on the lands of the Kulin Nations, included BlakDance's National Indigenous Dance Forum (NIDF).

The three-day forum featured a gathering of 200 delegates from across the country and overseas.

Yirramboi means Tomorrow in the shared languages of the Boon Wurrung and Woi Wurrung people of the Kulin Nations, Nairm.

Protocol in ceremony and with regards to the gathering of many nations on the country of the Kulin Nations is essential. Senior Elders were engaged by Yirramboi and BlakDance, and were heavily involved before the forum and during the event.

“Evolved”

“If it's a blackfella making the dance then it's black dance evolved,” BlakDance's protocol producer Fred Leone said.

“An old uncle once said to me that at some point in history every song and every dance started somewhere, with someone's Dreaming. Why would it stop here?”

“When we tap into the source (of creation) it's the same energy; it's the same core message of unity.”

A ceremony of all nations, drawing on the roots of the past and honouring the evolution of black dance, was held as a closed protocol ceremony on day one.

“This modern-day corroboree was for our mob, by our mob and is a reflection of who we are right now,” BlakDance executive producer Merindah Donnelly said.



BlakDance executive producer Merindah Donnelly and Yirramboi artistic director Jacob Boehme.

“It set the foundation of unity and respect for the remainder of the forum.

“The DNA in the room is 100,000 years of dance and counting. We sit here with deep reverence for our Elders who pioneered the way for this to happen, and we are honoured many could join us.

“The purpose of the forum is for everyone

to articulate a national action plan for First Nations dance and organise us as a sector into the 21st century and beyond.”

Lily Shearer, the artistic director of Sydney-based Aboriginal theatre company Mooghalin Performing Arts, said that at its core, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance is ceremonial.



Sydney-based Moogahlin Performing Arts artistic director Lily Shearer.

“This is a great coming together of different disciplines of dance that reflect our diversity and who we are as a people in Australia today,” she said.

“See that tree? We can sing that tree, paint that tree, dance that tree, perform that tree – it's about individual and collective Dreamings.”

PALM ISLAND CLASS ACTION NOTICE

ATTENTION ALL PALM ISLAND RESIDENTS: YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM

ARE YOU:

1. FROM PALM ISLAND?

2. ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER?

3. AFFECTED BY THE POLICE RESPONSE TO THE PROTESTS IN NOV 2004?



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CLASS ACTION NOTICE

A Why is this notice important?

This notice tells what you need to do to claim money that you may be able to receive, through the class action lawsuit which Lex, Cecilia and Agnes Wotton brought against the State of Queensland. You might be able to be part of this legal action if

- 1 You are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, and
- 2 You usually lived on Palm Island between 19 November 2004 and 25 March 2010, and
- 3 You were affected by the police response to the protests in the community in November 2004.

If all of these points apply to you, you have the right to register as a group member in the class action which is explained in this notice and you may be able to make a claim for compensation. Please read this notice carefully.

PALM ISLAND RESIDENTS / QUEENSLAND POLICE CLASS ACTION / DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: 30 JUNE 2017

B What has already happened about this?

The Federal Court of Australia made a decision on 5th December 2016 in a case about the police investigation into the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee in November 2004 and the police response to the protests in the community at that time.

The judge decided that police officers had committed acts of unlawful racial discrimination against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents of Palm Island in November 2004. The judge ordered that the applicants (the Wottons) should be paid compensation.

The judge has also ordered that this notice should be published so that people who might be group members in the class action know about their right to make a claim for compensation.

C What can you do?

The judge's decision (which is called the “**judgment**”) means that some other Palm Island residents who were affected by the police officers' conduct, may also be entitled to be paid compensation or to get some other help called “**redress**”, which means things like an apology from the government, or being given medical assistance or counselling.

Not every Palm Island resident who was there in November 2004 will be able to get compensation or redress. The judge will have to decide if you have suffered some kind of harm, like being emotionally or physically hurt, or not being allowed to do something that you would normally be able to do (like travel to Townsville).

You have to register your intention to make a claim by 30 June 2017, by doing one of these three things:

- speak to Levitt Robinson (the law firm that helped the Wotton family with their case) by calling 02 9286 3133 or by emailing palmisland@levittrobinson.com; or
- speak to one of the lawyers from Levitt Robinson who will visit Palm Island between Thursday 27 April and Friday 5 May 2017; or
- complete a “Registration of Intention to Claim” form, which you can download at www.levittrobinson.com/palmisland, and post it to the address on the form.

Make sure you do one of those things by 30 June 2017.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: 30 JUNE 2017

Firefighters to rescue



Gumbaynggirr firefighters work with Darrunda Wajaarr bush regeneration team members and NPWS workers on country at Coffs Harbour.



NATIVE grasslands on headlands in the Coffs Harbour region of northern NSW are now recovering thanks to the recent burning practices of traditional custodians.

Gumbaynggirr firefighters from Coffs Harbour and District Local Aboriginal Land Council (CH&DLALC) joined with Darrunda Wajaarr bush regeneration team and National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) to conduct ecological and cultural burns on Arrawarra and Oceanview headlands.

"Hearing about the success of last year's burns were an inspiration to continue this program to maintain the

grassland and minimise the encroachment by shrubs such as coastal wattles and banksias," CH&DLALC chief executive Greg Douglas said.

"The project is supported by the NSW Environmental Trust and aims to empower and build capacity among traditional custodians to participate in bush regeneration and burning in native grasslands on coastal headlands, which are considered to be endangered communities."

CH&DLALC senior cultural heritage officer Mark Flanders said there were many cultural and practical reasons why Gumbaynggirr people used fire.

"These included creating open

camp sites and areas for communication along the coastline," he said.

"Fires also cleaned up the campsite after use and encouraged fresh growth for hunting purposes. It also allowed an open area for the practice of traditional ceremonies.

"Frequent use of fire by Gumbaynggirr people maintained a high diversity of species in native grasslands and controlled regeneration of some woody species.

"Everyone in the community can help native grasslands on headlands by keeping to the formed tracks to allow this important ecological landscape to rehabilitate after fire."

Charge over NT student's death



THE operators of the Gawa Christian School on Elcho Island in the Northern Territory will face court over the death of a student.

NT Christian Schools Ltd has been charged under NT health and safety laws following the death of student Jethro Dhamarrandji-Baker.

The maximum penalty for the alleged offence is \$1.5 million for an organisation.

The matter is listed for mention in the Darwin Local Court on May 29.

Ex-chief executive to face sentencing



A FORMER chief executive officer of Garnduwa Amboorny Wirnan Aboriginal Corporation (Garnduwa) in the Kimberley has pleaded guilty in the Perth Magistrates Court to 38 dishonesty-related charges.

Alan Hugh Bishop was charged last year after an investigation by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Anthony Beven.

Bishop has admitted to dishonestly using almost \$240,000 of the corporation's funds.

He has been committed to the District Court for sentence mention on June 23.

New vessel rule in Torres Strait



THE Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA) is introducing mandatory vessel monitoring systems (VMS) for all primary and carrier vessels in Torres Strait commercial fisheries from July 1. Torres Strait Regional Authority chairperson Napau Pedro Stephen said the TSRA will assist current owners of primary and carrier vessels to buy and install the VMS units.

"We will be contacting those licence holders who are affected by the new regulations to arrange a time for the installation of VMS units on their vessels," he said.

All fishers operating in the Protected Zone are responsible for ensuring they comply with fisheries management arrangements.

Cranes' new goal to assist women



CRANES Community Support Programs is setting up a new enterprise for women.

The organisation has been providing services across the Clarence Valley and parts of New England in the northern NSW to individuals and the community since the 1980s. Now it is creating a 'sister organisation' for Indigenous women, with a goal of creating micro-businesses.

For more details contact Angelena Fixter on (02) 6642 7257 or redearth@cranes.org.au

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Favourite bush tucker?
Maggie goose.

Favourite other food?
Prawns.

Favourite drink?
Rum and Coke.

Favourite music?
R'n'B.

What are you reading?
The NT News and Facebook.

Favourite sport?
Rugby league. I'm a Brisbane Broncos fan.

What are you watching?
The BBC show 13. It's a murder mystery.

Favourite holiday destination?
The Gold Coast.

Who would you most like to meet?
I might be a Broncos fan, but I'd really like to meet (North Qld Cowboys player) Johnathan Thurston.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My sister Charlene.

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous Australians?
I'd ensure there was housing for those who need it. Here in Darwin we have a desperate shortage.

Quote



"First Nations peoples are telling us they want to make sure laws and funding are effective so their children are safe, can get a good education, have a roof over their head, access health care, and continue to be connected to their culture."

— Referendum Council co-chair Pat Anderson

● See page 12

Unquote

Coalition needs to listen more

THERE is no question the Turnbull Government – and in particular Attorney-General George Brandis – have handled the proposed changes to the *Native Title Act* with about as much delicacy as Sam Thaiday in a *Footy Show* interview.

From the moment the four Noongar people won their case in the Federal Court, the Government has appeared to act in the interests of the mining industry – and, in particular, Indian company Adani, which is in the middle of several court battles with Aboriginal people.

The young activists from Indigenous environmental youth organisation Seed are to be congratulated for taking their message to Parliament House in such a striking way.

"Land rights not mining rights" is a message the Government needs to hear.

And Opposition Leader in the Senate Penny Wong was spot on when she objected to the legislation being used as a proxy for a debate about Adani's proposed Carmichael coalmine.

But then Labor Leader Bill Shorten added to that by phoning Adani before the debate regarding native title had even finished in the Senate.

His spokesperson told the *Koori Mail* that Mr Shorten had phoned the mining company because of media focus on the issue.

So what?



OUR SAY

If Bill Shorten seriously wants to be Prime Minister he should learn from the mistakes of former prime ministers and stop pandering to the loudest voices in the mainstream media.

Some Labor parliamentarians, particularly Aboriginal senators Pat Dodson and Malarndirri McCarthy, made valuable points about how important native title legislation is.

Senator McCarthy said the debate should be about "native title rights, not mining rights" – and we couldn't agree more.

And, we suggest, her party leader should listen.

Because while Labor might well have ensured some important changes to the proposed legislation, and certainly didn't give in to the Government's bid to rush it through, one phone call to the Indian mining company that has become the very symbol of the Coalition's priorities, at the very least gives the appearance that Labor cares more about its mining mates than the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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Marathon grandma running for health

By KEIRA JENKINS

JULIE Phillips began running just six years ago, and she's not slowing down.

Initially, the Gunditjmara grandmother wanted to do her first marathon for her 50th birthday, but she got to do the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea a few years earlier.

So, when she turned 50 the health advocate decided to run a half-marathon.

Her first 5km run was five years ago, and Ms Phillips has since competed in ultra-marathons, the Tough Mudder endurance event series, and this year marked her fourth 100km Oxfam Trailwalker.

She says she's been inspired to advocate for Indigenous health because of the appalling statistics.

"We've got the worst health standards in our country, and a much lower life expectancy than other Australians," the 53-year-old told the *Koori Mail*.

"We're getting diseases in our 30s, 40s and 50s that other Australians don't get until they're 80.

"I'm fit and healthy, and I have a passion to help other people to get on top of their health too."

Many of Ms Phillips' family members have suffered from diabetes, so she wants to use her story to inspire others.

Worth it

She said running marathons can be tough work, but it's worth it in the end.

"You go through an emotional rollercoaster," she said.

"You're excited and nervous before the run. Then you've got all your highs and lows during the race.

"Then when you're finished you're so exhilarated, because you did it and you finished, even though maybe you thought you couldn't."

This year, Ms Phillips' team, Diamond Valley Striders, completed the 100km Oxfam Trailwalker in 19 hours and 36 minutes, making it the 44th fastest team out of 576.

"It's a great feeling to know that you're in that top 50 out of more than 500 teams, but we're just living our lives," she said.

"It's good to be able to say, but it's not what it's all about.

"It's a better feeling just to be out there and being a part of it; that's what gives me the most pleasure when I run."

Although marathons are a big part of Ms Phillips' life now, just a few years ago she didn't even think she could run.

"I was a sprinter as a kid but I didn't like the long distances. I wasn't comfortable doing big runs," she said.

"I got sore knees, so I didn't



Julie Phillips finishes the Oxfam Trailwalker event.

think they could hold up for a long distance, especially when you're going downhill, but I just started strapping them.

"I didn't have to go and deal with any health issues or anything, but strapping my knees does help them hold up for those long distances."

While Ms Phillips' family is

supportive of her endeavours, she said her children thought she was crazy when she first took up distance running.

"Run a marathon"

"They're all fit themselves, but not so keen on overexerting themselves like you do if you run a marathon," she said.

"People would think: a grandmother running marathons – what is she doing? But my kids just go, 'Nah, that's just Mum.'"

"My grandson, he's only three, but whenever anyone asks where grandma is he always tells them I'm out running."

Ms Phillips said her long-term

goal is to become a Spartan (someone who has competed in the Melbourne marathon 10 times) by the time she is 60.

"I did my first Melbourne Marathon at age 50 so if I keep on track I can make it," she said.

"If my body holds up until I'm 60 that's my long-term goal."



Assimilated Warriors, by Karla Dickens.



Exhibiting artist Brenda L Croft.



Captain James Crook, by Jason Wing.



Artist Laurie Nona. Picture: Kerry Trapnell



Artist Reko Rennie is part of *Defying Empire*.

30 leading artists' work in *Defying Empire* Triennial

'The title says it all'

By RUDI MAXWELL



WIRADJURI artist Karla Dickens finds researching her beautiful and often confronting artworks teaches her about history and identity.

"It's always emotional, doing the research. It's emotional looking at the history but it's also emotional not knowing so much about it," she said.

"It helps me work out why I don't know so much, that repeating kind of denial of Aboriginal history in this country.

"I go through anger and sadness, relating to my identity and relationship to how things happened the way they did. Then I feel empowered making the work, because you get to have a voice."

Dickens is one of the 30 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists exhibiting in *Defying Empire*, the third National Indigenous Art Triennial, which opens at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra on May 26, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum.

The exhibition explores the ongoing resilience of Australia's Indigenous people since first contact, their defiance and some of the different ways that's been expressed.

Dickens' piece in *Defying Empire* is made up of several parts. She uses found objects to create delicate and beautiful pieces that combine to tell a brutal and cruel story of dispossession and violence.

The first part, *Assimilated Warriors*, was initially created for an exhibition at Carriageworks in Redfern, *Hereby Make Protest*, about the Australian Aboriginal Progress Association (AAPA) and the Aborigines Progressive Association (APA), the activist organisations formed in the 1920s.

"That's history in Australia that, sadly,

not many people knew about," Dickens said.

"I did a collection of masks using old fencing masks and different feathers. It's like a cross-history, which is very much the story, especially in NSW, because we were the first to be invaded.

"When I was researching the AAPA, I was really struck by these amazing old guys and women who were so immaculately dressed. People back then didn't have much, but what they did have they looked after.

"So I have these three suits hanging off

got these feathers coming out of them and roadkill," she said.

"It talks about the children being taken away and how, even though they were stolen, their culture still remains," she said.

In 2013, Dickens won the NSW Parliamentary Aboriginal Art Prize for *Flag of Grief*, made from an old stained Australian flag found at a rubbish tip, which she painstakingly embroidered with black crosses. For the Triennial, she's created a second work from a flag.

"It's about taking back the flag, which is really apt for *Defying Empire*," she said.

The exhibition features contemporary artists from across the country in a range of genres and styles.

"There's different work that I've seen – like Fiona Foley and her works about the opium trade – savvy, articulate blackfellas; everybody's out there doing their own research and rewriting blackfellas back into the story," Dickens said.

"Dale Harding, he's another one. I saw a work of his at Kings Cross, visually amazing, but take the time to read the artist's statement and it's about a mission that his family was from and a tree that people were chained to.

"If that happens for me, I'm sure it happens for other people.

"Often the stories I work with are quite heavy and emotional, so I try and get people engaged – get a few pretty hooks in.

"The triennial is important for the artists who are in it, but it's also important for the country and the people who will go and see it.

"The title says it all. *Defying Empire*: Yes, we're still warriors, we're still fighting, we're still defiant – and no, we won't be silenced and art has been a perfect medium for stories and voices to be heard."

Defying Empire is showing at the NGA, Canberra, from May 26-September 10 and will be accompanied by a range of talks, lectures and workshops.



Artist Rusty Peters. Picture: Nicole Foreshow

a piece of farm equipment, which also talks about how initially blackfellas were handed back land – and they were really good farmers and they made it work. But because they were such good farmers it was taken off them because the colonial farmers assumed they must have got the better land."

Another part of Dickens' display features small dolls.

"I found at Gulargambone there was an old shop/workplace and I ended up buying all these old brown Bakelite dolls – they've



From Facebook...



Above: Senator Malarndirri McCarthy speaks in Parliament and, right, Isaiah Firebrace performs on stage.

In response to our stories about proposed changes to native title legislation and Labor Senator Malarndirri McCarthy's concerns about the Turnbull Government rushing through the bill, the *Koori Mail's* Facebook friends expressed their thoughts. Note, these comments were from stories before Labor announced they would support the Government's amendments.

Howard Michael Riley: As an objector to an ILUA, my voice will not be heard if the propose amendments are passed! Indigenous Land Use Agreements concerning my Nyungar people in WA, lacks cultural integrity and demands that we "surrender" our rights to country to allow industrial development by multi-national companies! Adani is the tip of the iceberg compared to what will happen on my country, without my consent!

Aniko Papp: Thanks to the Greens. Labor

has to be kept on track though as they will usually end capitulating to their mining industry donors. Don't stop hassling Labor.

Robert M McNabb: Native title was hard fought. I for one will not EVER allow a politician to undermine this law.

Pauline Hollywood: The reform of native title laws should not be determined by the Government in the interests of Adani. Whatever the reason the Government claims it has in joining forces with Adani, against the the Wangan and Jagalingou traditional owners, it showed its true colours to the nation by demonstrating its disregard for the loss of their land and their culture!!

Marnmu Smyth: Indigenous traditional and cultural rights to protect country.
No to mining rights that destroy everything!

Martin Stuart Tribe: She (Senator McCarthy) should run for Prime Minister. Too deadly. I'm from the Dungutti nation, so respects to you. Keep it real just like we are real and still here.

And for our story regarding Aboriginal teenager Isaiah Firebrace making the final of Eurovision:

Wendy Sentance: A great achievement. Best of luck in the grand final. We'll be cheering you on.

Claudette Dalton: Gee this young man's got a neat voice. Love it xox

Donnie Bird: High notes could use some work, but good on you.

Lesley Williams: Bring it home, hard work rewarded!

POETRY

At Fifty-Two

Racism,
has left me
burnt out.

Not Racism,
exactly.
More the
waiting
for verbal taunts
that most of the time
never come.

Or the "death stares"
of white men
confident
in numbers who
snicker out loud
and then make barely
audible comments.

Comments that are
directed towards you.
But, not really,
right?
We were just talking,
mate. What's your
problem?

My problem, mate,
is my constant
waiting,
for taunts that either
never come
or come in
cowardly ways.

My problem, mate,
is that over time
I've built up
an intolerance
to this
cowardly
behaviour.

My problem, mate,
is I'm afraid
that one dark day
(to paraphrase
James Baldwin)
I'm gonna do some
real damage.

But maybe,
(just maybe)
if I let this poem
suck the poison
out of me,
I might not
do anything.

And that way
I can let
people know,
why at fifty-two
Racism,
has left me
burnt out.

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Orient Point, NSW

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Comments just ain't right

SAM Thaiday sent mainstream and social media into melt down with his "jungle fever" and "if it ain't white, it ain't right." comments on the *Footy Show*.

Mainstream media only reacted after social media outrage. And, as an edited segment, the question has to be asked: How did such a racist and sexist comment make it on air?

The answer is simple. Neither the producers, nor mainstream media, saw the comment as either sexist or racist – as once again via social media our people had to make a stand for themselves and our women.

There is no denying that "if it ain't white, it ain't right..." is racist. Put simply, it is a statement reaffirming white superiority. But 'jungle fever', which may surprise some, is an interracial term used in the 1991 Stevie Wonder song by the same name from the soundtrack to the Spike Lee movie *Jungle Fever* –

"She's gone black boy crazy, I've gone white girl hazy. Ain't no thinking maybe, we're in love. She's got jungle fever, I've got jungle fever."

That Thaiday used it in describing his attraction to black women as a black man shows just how ignorant and uneducated he is in regards to black issues, history and culture. And here lies the real problem with how it made it onto air to begin with.

Australia is a country that just doesn't prioritise black history, languages or culture, which is why black face continues to be a

problem. Ethnic people are continually abused on social media and we don't see many black people in magazines, on advertising billboards or morning television.

It's why Waleed Aly stated "do not adjust your sets" as a person of colour when accepting the Gold Logie and shared the story of another celebrity who can't use his real name Mustafa in the Australian entertainment industry because he can't get work.

I looked up Aly's speech researching this article and the second comment I read was from someone called AmHistory X3 who wrote about Aly: "He is a biased hypocrite, a left-wing nut. He is a voice for division and hatred, a Muslim scum who divides a nation."

Such comments are standard on social media. To continue to deny such blatant racism in Australia is in itself a form of racism so self-evident is its existence.

Blackness in Australia becomes an emotional question, particularly for our mob concerning identity, but not one we can ignore.

Colour for many races is about survival. It is from the inherent need to survive that we have terms such as Black Nationalism, Black Consciousness and Black is Beautiful as strategies developed in combatting racism. This makes the Thaiday comments all the more embarrassing, coming from a black man.

John S Rock, the first black person to be admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the US, is



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credited as being the first to use the term 'black is beautiful' during a speech in 1858. Some 100 years later, during the civil rights movement, African Americans adopted the phrase to encourage black women and men to be proud of their culture and not ashamed of their colour.

It was to stop black people having to feel inferior because white people developed the idea that black was ugly – their very physical features, such as skin colour, their facial features and hair were ugly.

Anti-apartheid warrior Steve Biko also used the phrase 'black is beautiful' in the 60s and 70s, paying tribute to Jamaican activist Marcus Garvey and American civil rights activist W E B Du Bois.

No one has contributed more to black culture than these two in re-establishing black identity and revival after slavery and colonisation – from Malcolm X, to Bob Marley, to Nelson Mandela and Tupac Shakur, all would cite and praise them both loud and proud.

But these contributions to history don't feature in the Australian school curriculum.

Garvey knew and understood that white supremacy had evolved based on an interpretation of history that was falsely rooted in the superiority of white people and the inferiority of black people. His mission was to decolonise the minds of black people – he understood that black people had experienced a cultural holocaust and needed to reclaim their own heritage, traditions, legacy and culture.

Research indicates that the idea of 'blackness' being ugly is highly damaging to the psyche of black people around the world, manifesting itself as internalised racism. That means we even look down on our own mob. Think about it, where do you think phrases like 'mission bred' or 'broken English' or 'too black' came from?

We should be proud that social media erupted the way it did in defence of our great and wonderful strong black women rather than

those who have gone online to defend the comments.

As to the "if it ain't white, it ain't right" comment, consider that last year US President Donald Trump was exposed saying about women: "And when you're a star, they let you do it. You can do anything. Grab 'em by the pussy. You can do anything."

Trump was celebrated for challenging conventional thinking as conservative, ultra-right-wing groups gained momentum, sweeping him to victory.

Here in Australia we saw the resurrection of Pauline Hanson's One Nation, sponsored by Channel Seven's *Sunrise* program, even sharing a glass of champagne in celebrating Trump's victory.

All in the name of chasing revenue driven by emotion pandering to a new hybrid media and political systems that encourage racial hate and division.

It is within such an environment that Sam Thaiday, rather than represent his own people with dignity and informed understanding, chose to serve an audience still embedded deeply in racism and a feeling of anxiety in having to deal with a people of colour.

Such comments continue to pacify a country embedded in whiteness reaffirming for yet another generation of white Australians their superiority over all the other cultures. It was as embarrassing as it was shameful.

● Dr Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail columnist.

In recent editions, I have discussed the importance of Treaty and the model that would best achieve the ultimate goal of land rights, self-determination and reparation.

In order to pursue any of these avenues, it is pertinent to understand sovereignty and the path to asserting it – given it is apparent it is being denied by the Government.

The Government's policy is that we are all Australians and, as such, we are subject to the current structural framework that makes up our laws and governance as a country. This is what is referred to as state sovereignty – the power to govern a territory by a power structure.

This view is silent on the fact that we were here prior to British occupation and are distinctly separate to the Government's definition of 'Australian' and that we have a separate claim for sovereignty, distinct from the state sovereignty already claimed.

Sovereignty and the assertion of sovereignty is a critical item of Indigenous activism in Australia – the only Commonwealth country without a compact between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. It can be said that the notion of Indigenous sovereignty is intertwined with the activism for treaty and the pursuit of self-determination.

The definition of sovereignty is where problems arise. Or more specifically, the white privilege in imposing Western legal definitions of sovereignty.

At law, sovereignty refers to power and authority to govern and make laws, but there are contexts in which it arises (internal and external sovereignty).

Indigenous sovereignty has nothing to do with the desire to rule or govern a country, especially not in the capitalist sense. It is about acknowledgement of our role as custodians of this land and caring for our land and communities.

Sovereignty?

Of course, in 2017 capitalist society, caring for land and communities takes resources and those resources need to be fairly allocated, as I outlined in my last column, with communities in control of resource allocation to protect country and people.

Asserting sovereignty in Australia is not going to be an easy feat – near impossible in fact. The questions have already been asked of the courts by those before us.

The High Court was asked to consider the concept of sovereignty, specifically whether the acquisition of sovereignty by Britain over Australia with 'white settlement in 1788' could be contested in Australian courts. The High Court in the 1992 Mabo case refused to examine this point and determined that it is non-justiciable or 'not within the competence of the court or its jurisdiction'.

The very authority of the High Court depends on the validity of this Western legal definition of state sovereignty. Accordingly, the High Court is not well placed to judge the issue of sovereignty because, as itself a creation of the federation of Australia, is not an impartial party and it was correct to refuse on the basis of its own conflict.

That said, the Mabo decision created the disjunction in our legal system between the internal and external notion of sovereignty. While Mabo recognised the continuing connection and rights to land of Indigenous people, it went so far as to reject terra nullius and recognised the illegitimacy of the assertion of sovereignty by the



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British Crown in 1788. By failing to consider the issue of Indigenous sovereignty and stating that it was non-justiciable, it left a gap and an uncertainty at the core of society.

This position by those in power is strategic – to pit Indigenous sovereignty against an existing system with existing framework, frames the Indigenous people as oppositional and seeking division.

The Indigenous assertion of sovereignty becomes a threat to Australia and its territorial integrity, whereby language is framed to make Indigenous people appear separatist. All of the worrisome themes that 'separatist' evokes lead many to the view that Indigenous sovereignty must be resisted.

If the courts were asked to adjudicate on issues relating to a concept of Indigenous sovereignty that is defined by the existing power structure as being in conflict with state sovereignty, then the courts

might state that recognition would fracture the legal structure and therefore cannot be done.

The legally acknowledged 'illegitimate sovereign state' continues to impose laws on all subjects (notwithstanding the sovereignty of the Indigenous subjects) and this illegitimate sovereign prevents any attempts made by Indigenous people to assert sovereignty by controlling the definition of sovereignty and the institutions that would adjudicate the question of sovereignty.

So if domestic laws are inadequate and conflicted from determining this issue, can we look to international law? Yes and no.

Again, we face difficulties because international law will generally support the claim of states to territorial integrity, but this comes with responsibilities and the obligation to be representative and inclusive of all its citizens, including Indigenous peoples.

International debate on self-determination suggests increasingly that the credibility and legitimacy of a state's foundations – its sovereignty – depend on its inclusivity and the way it treats Indigenous peoples.

What this means is that we see an international system of law that is moving away from concepts of a government having ultimate control and that rights are universal, regardless of whether government intends to give or withhold.

For Indigenous people, the international system has begun to catch up to the reality of the havoc colonisation has wrought on so many

and acknowledge our collective rights to self-determination and to protection of culture – that is, that rights reside in peoples' systems of organisation, governance and, ultimately, sovereignty.

This has the potential to mean positive things for us in our assertion of sovereignty because, ultimately, the intended outcome of our assertion of Indigenous sovereignty is the commitment by government that we are afforded the right to self-determine. So if this issue were taken to the international arena to adjudicate, we would be forcing the hand of government.

Government would be hard-pressed to make legitimate any claims of democratic inclusion when Indigenous sovereignty is being ignored, laws are being imposed arbitrarily and targeting Indigenous people unfairly and the power structures disproportionately target and punish Indigenous people.

Therefore, if this matter were taken to the international arena it would be in the best interest of the Australian Government to demonstrate that it strives for democratic partnerships and recognition of Indigenous culture and ultimately sovereignty.

At the crux of any sovereignty discussion is the necessity to distinguish Indigenous sovereignty from state sovereignty.

Asserting our Indigenous sovereignty will lay the foundations for negotiations of treaty, which would create a model in which Indigenous Affairs would be controlled by Indigenous people with a parallel structure of governance to current framework. We would see that our nations could self-determine, we could negotiate a fair resource allocation to be controlled and distributed to protect country and community.

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

ALP allowing native title legacy to die

AS national president of the Labor Party I saw up close and personal that Indigenous Affairs is not high on the list when it comes to what really matters in the cut and thrust of politics.

There simply aren't enough votes in it. Indigenous people are around 3% of Australia's population and most voters wouldn't turn their mind to Indigenous Affairs from one day to the next.

And this is why Aboriginal people can so easily become pawns in a wider game.

That's what happened during the last sitting of the Senate. Labor refused to pass a set of changes to the *Native Title Act* which would enable traditional owners to make Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) without every single native title claimant agreeing in respect of their land.

These are a set of changes the Labor Party supports. These are a set of changes all native title representative organisations and many Aboriginal people also support. These are similar to a set of changes the Australian Law Reform Commission has recommended.

In fact, Aboriginal organisations and native title bodies have lobbied successive governments – Labor and Liberal – to change the *Native Title Act* for around a decade, when technical problems in the legislation first became apparent. Those technical problems mean native title holders can't enter into ILUAs without unanimous approval of all the original applicants to the native title claim. Unanimous. 100%. Everyone.

It's a threshold no other group of people – no parliament, no shareholder group, no local council, not even your local football association – has to pass to make a decision. But thanks to Labor, it's a threshold traditional owners remain subject to for the indefinite future. Until Labor can be bothered to pass the amendments.

Why on earth would Labor refuse to pass legislation when the party, and almost everyone affected by it, supports it? Labor says that they need to consult more. This is rubbish. They will go and consult with groups who will tell them exactly what they have been telling successive attorneys-general for a decade and have told Labor in recent months – that the law needs to be fixed.

The real reason is Aboriginal people have been caught in a compromise between the green left of politics, which infests the Labor left, and the Labor right over the proposed Adani coal mine in Queensland. By delaying the amendments, Labor has given the green left a concession.

For at least another month, maybe longer, the Adani mine project will be in doubt because its ILUA with the Wangan and Jagalingou people's Native Title Claim Group, which voted

294 to one in favour of the ILUA permitting construction of the Carmichael rail project, didn't receive unanimous support of the named native title applicants. (Editor's note: The Wangan and Jagalingou Traditional Owners Council says more than "220 of that meeting's attendees are people who have never been involved in the W&J claim or decision making, and who are identified with other nations and claims, or didn't identify an apical descent line. They were bussed in and paid for at Adani's considerable expense. The 'natural majority' of the claim group, who have three times rejected an ILUA with Adani, refused to participate in this stitch up of a meeting. They stayed away.")

Too bad for everyone else.

The real issue the amending legislation addresses isn't the Adani project. It's about the 126 ILUAs that are now invalid since the McGlade Federal Court decision. It's about the many other ILUAs now in legal limbo and vulnerable to litigation.

Some of these ILUAs affect major infrastructure and other projects across Australia, projects which will create jobs and boost Australia's economy. ILUAs that will enable Aboriginal people to get off welfare and find jobs and opportunities in their own communities.

This inaction by Labor doesn't just affect the 3% of Australians who may have native title rights. It affects everyone. Native title impacts most of Australia's land mass. The idea that ILUAs could be negated by a minority of disgruntled individuals, often with activist backing,

opposing what most traditional owners want is absurd and threatens the Australian economy.

For the past decade, major mining, infrastructure and other projects have bounced around courtrooms like footballs. Time and money has been wasted while traditional owner groups defend their ILUAs against activists who seek to use them to stop development. This will now continue for the indefinite future.

By letting this fester for another month or more, the green left hopes Adani will abandon the project. Maybe it will. Maybe it won't.

And if it doesn't, how long will Labor keep delaying these amendments it supposedly supports?

The Labor Party likes to think of itself as the party for Aboriginal people. Rousing speeches, symbolic gestures and great photo opportunities aside, Labor's greatest achievement at a federal level ever was passing the *Native Title Act* in 1993.

Labor's failure to pass these amendments means it may as well not have bothered. It's allowing its own legacy to curl up and die.

● *Nyunggai Warren Mundine AO is former chief executive of NTSCorp, NSW's native title service provider.*



Nyunggai Warren Mundine

Strait talk on future

BEDHAM Lag (or Bedhanug) is a small island in the Torres Strait in far northern Queensland. Its original owners are the Kaurareg people, who have lived there since time immemorial. It is also known as Possession Island, the place where James Cook first claimed British sovereignty over eastern Australia in 1770.

When Cook sailed towards our islands, he carried with him secret instructions from his British king. The instructions authorised Cook, "with the Consent of the Natives", to "take possession of Convenient Situations in the Country in the Name of the King of Great Britain".

Cook did not 'discover' the Torres Strait islands. Our ancestors were already here.

Our people have been living here for thousands of years, hunting dugongs, fishing and trading. We are a seafaring people. When we saw the foreign ship approaching, we used smoke signals to warn each other.

Our people did not agree to Cook's declaration of possession of our land. There was no treaty. There was no consent. The royal instructions were not followed, and the good intentions of the Crown were not realised.

This is the original grievance which Australia must now make right. It is the historical context that framed the Referendum Council's 12th regional dialogue on constitutional recognition, on Thursday Island. Constitutional recognition is a crucial opportunity for our nation to right an enduring wrong.

It is also an opportunity to recognise the immense cultural richness that exists in Australia. Delegates enjoyed a local feast and sang the songs of our mother tongues – the expression of an ancient culture that most Australians never see, but should. This heritage is the most unique part of Australia.

And while the coming of the British heralded injustice and discrimination against Torres Strait Islanders, our white and black peoples have also enriched each other.

Our culture over time has incorporated Christianity. The London Missionary Society arrived on Erub Island in 1871. Our people now celebrate this occasion as 'The Coming of the Light'. We are avid churchgoers as well as seafarers.

In between the use of local language, the meeting also paused for prayer.

The delegates joined every preceding dialogue in rejecting minimalist constitutional recognition. All agreed that this must be more than a feel-good, symbolic statement. The priority is practical reform. Only substantive reform can address original injustices, as well as the serious issues still confronting



**Josephine Bourne
Kenny Bedford**

communities: youth suicide, unemployment and poverty.

Currently there are too many barriers to our success. Every abysmal Closing the Gap report reminds us that the system is not working.

That is why constitutional recognition must do more than just recognise us. It must empower us to take responsibility and self-determine; it must fix the system, so our communities can thrive. We have come a long way since Eddie 'Koiko' Mabo fought his decade-long battle in the High Court to see the fallacy of terra nullius finally overturned, but we still have further to go.

We are being held back by governance structures that inhibit our empowerment. Decisions about our affairs are made by white bureaucrats and politicians in skyscrapers down in Brisbane – they manage us by remote control, through fly-in and fly-out arrangements.

There are currently 37 government services on Thursday Island, and too much money is wasted on bureaucracy and red tape. Torres Strait Islander people now come under 'Indigenous affairs', run by Prime Minister and Cabinet down in Canberra. But there is no representation of our people in that system.

Who represents Torres Strait Islander people in the Prime Minister's hand-picked Indigenous Advisory Council? There is no Torres Strait Islander person on that council, so they can't talk about our issues.

We have no voice at the national level. Instead there is a white Indigenous Affairs minister making decisions about us and talking to the Australian Parliament on our behalf.

But we need to be talking for ourselves, because we are the ones who best understand the challenges facing our communities. The Government

needs to consult and work directly with Torres Strait Islander communities. We need to cut out the middle man.

Constitutional recognition must deliver a new model of governance and a new way of doing business. The reforms must encourage self-determination, responsibility and autonomy.

How can this be achieved?

Delegates were enthusiastic about the idea of an entrenched voice for Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal peoples in the Constitution. This could give us power in decision-making processes and enable us to take responsibility in our affairs. It could be an "engine room" for change, to enable us to influence laws that affect us.

The voice to Parliament could also draw support from a statement of acknowledgement in the Constitution, or a more detailed and expressive statutory declaration.

This statement could be an inspiring and unifying document, expressing the rightful place of the First Nations of Australia and celebrating our unique culture and heritage.

If these reforms were implemented, our people could stand proud in the belief that our grandchildren will grow up in a better and fairer Australia – one that has come together to right a historical wrong.

Delegates from First Nations around the country will soon convene at Uluru to form consensus on the reforms we want. This will be an historic occasion.

As Torres Strait Islanders, we call on our mainland brothers and sisters to support us, as we support you. Our First Nations leaders must rise and shine in this time. We must bring the best of ourselves, all our hope, courage and tenacity. We must show leadership and unity.

Australian leaders and politicians, of you we ask the same. Have hope. Have courage. Have tenacity. Show leadership.

As black and white Australians we share the bond of history, and after Uluru we want to negotiate a way forward with you for the betterment of this country.

We all must now organise to win this referendum – not on minimalism, but on substantive reform. Success is possible.

We seafarers know: You can't change the wind, but you can adjust your sail to reach your destination. We must be pragmatic, smart, coordinated and cooperative.

But we must never lose sight of our destination. The spirits of our ancestors will be wishing us well.

● *Kenny Bedford and Josephine Bourne were co-convenors of the Referendum Council's regional dialogue on Thursday Island.*

Lots of success for Darkinjung

By BRITTA LYSTER



IT'S been three years since Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council laid the slab for its first house on its most recent housing development on the NSW Central Coast. Since then dozens of families and individuals now have homes there, with many more planned under the development.

As the largest private land holder on the Central Coast, Darkinjung chief executive Sean Gordon said the land council is proud to have transformed 6.6 hectares of land in Blue Haven into the suburban community now known as Menindee Ridge.

More than 100 lots have been developed so far, with a percentage being reserved for land council members, to ensure that Aboriginal housing opportunities are maximised in the area.

Mr Gordon said the development has been one of the most rewarding projects the land council has worked on.

Menindee Ridge residents and Darkinjung members Peter and Keran Mason say they were thrilled to move into their duplex home in November last year.

"It will probably mean that I am able to retire a little earlier as it is affordable housing and we aren't paying big rent," Ms Mason said.

"We very much appreciate everything Darkinjung has done



Peter and Keran Mason, front, with Darkinjung chief executive Sean Gordon, right, and Darkinjung members at Menindee Ridge.

for us. We were waiting for six years for this to happen, but when it did it all happened very quickly with the building.

"Darkinjung were very professional and communicated with us throughout the process." Darkinjung chairperson Tina

West says the Menindee Ridge development experience has been positive and has put the council in a great position to explore other economic opportunities on its land, with long-term economic sustainability for the local

Indigenous community a major priority.

The Menindee Ridge Housing Development coincides with a similar 99-lot project on 3.5 hectares at nearby Halekulani, which has also retained a portion of the lots for Darkinjung

members, often linking beneficiaries of local employment projects with local housing opportunities.

Next on the program are several lots that will be reserved for local Elders – a priority for Darkinjung.



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Price in the clear



AN independent audit has found no evidence of foul play after investigating lucrative contracts awarded by a previous Northern Territory government minister to a company with which she now works. That's despite auditors finding government workers failed to appropriately investigate an allegation of bias.

Former Country Liberals housing minister Bess Price gave a tenancy management contract for town camps near Alice Springs to Zodiac Business Services last year, before losing her seat at the August election.

Four months later, she took a job with the firm.

The contract decision sparked protests, with Tangentyere Council calling for an inquiry into why the company won the contract over Aboriginal-run local councils.

NT Department of Housing and Community Development chief executive Jamie Chalker says the audit found no direct or indirect evidence of external interference in the procurement and assessment process.

"Whilst I am satisfied that the tender was awarded to the organisation with the highest value for money score... we need to learn from this," he said.

Auditors Merit Partners identified a number of areas where government personnel didn't comply with best practice guidelines. These related to the objectivity of panel members, aberrant pricing and a failure to appropriately investigate an allegation of bias.

The audit made a series of recommendations, which the department has accepted in full.

It has already implemented an organisation restructure that strengthens the independence of the chief procurement officer role, Mr Chalker said.

"Training"

"I am fostering a more collaborative approach between the procurement function and program areas to improve the way we plan and design our tender processes," he said. "Training will be conducted across the department and we will be strengthening the support and guidance that is provided to employees involved in procurement and contract management."

The audit examined hundreds of pages of tender documents, reports, memorandums, emails and correspondence, as well as interviews with members of the assessment panels, procurement staff, approval delegates and other agents. – AAP



Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts former student Ronald Cora visits the State Library exhibitions.

Qld exhibitions offer insights



CIVIL rights and freedom are being explored in the State Library of Queensland's new exhibitions.

Freedom Then, Freedom Now and *Don't Just Count Us, Let Us Count!* have opened at the library and both boast an array of important social

artefacts. Queensland Innovation and Science Minister Leeanne Enoch said the exhibitions offer valuable insights into civil rights in Queensland.

"These exhibitions delve into our state's recent past and reveal some of the significant legislative and cultural changes that have taken place in Queensland since the 1950s," she said.

"There are Queenslanders alive today whose families have lived here for thousands of generations but when born here, were not counted as citizens until after the 1967 Referendum.

"We have so many stories of activism and advocacy in Queensland that helped bring about the referendum and the change in our Constitution, and these stories are represented here."

Artefacts

Artefacts like the suitcase of Indigenous rights activist Lambert McBride will be on display during the exhibitions. The suitcase was used to carry pamphlets during Mr McBride's campaign for Aboriginal rights, encouraging people to register for the electoral roll.

State Librarian Vicki McDonald said the library is well-placed to share insights into Queensland's past.

"The pieces on show tell a story unlike any other, and invite interpretations and individual reflections quite apart from the history recorded by formal institutions," she said.

Don't Just Count Us, Let Us Count! commemorates the 1967 Referendum, told through Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) alumni.

Ten years ago, ACPA developed *Reflections: Referendum 40 years and to the future*, which was in response to the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum.

In the new exhibition, the performers reflect on the the creative process, research and the performance.

Freedom Then, Freedom Now draws on the library's historical collections. Curated by Emeritus Professor Peter Spearritt, it looks at freedoms won and lost in Queensland since the 1950s across censorship, marriage, citizenship, dress and travel.



Violet Love at *Don't Just Count Us, Let Us Count!*



From left, State Librarian Vicki McDonald, Minister Leeanne Enoch, exhibition curator Emeritus Professor Peter Spearritt, songwoman Maroochy Barambah and Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts chief executive Dr Dimitri Kopanakis.



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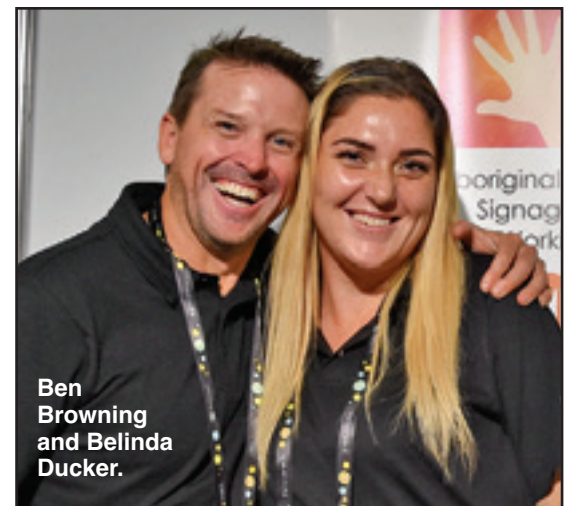
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Our businesses get connected

By KEIRA JENKINS



INDIGENOUS businesses from all over the country converged on Sydney this

month for the the 7th annual Supply Nation Connect conference and tradeshow.

The two-day event drew about 1000 people through the doors of the International Convention Centre in Darling Harbour.

At the full-day Knowledge Forum, business operators shared ideas in sessions about harnessing change as a small business; how to start a successful joint venture; what the Indigenous Procurement Policy means for Indigenous businesses; how corporations can set and keep their targets for Indigenous employment; and how to achieve 'supplier diversity'.

Indigenous stationery supplier Kulbardi's chief executive, Kim Collard, spoke at the 'Think Big – Joint Ventures' session.

"Be prepared to walk away if it's not exactly what you want," the Nyoongar man said.

"Go with your gut feeling. If you go out there and get exactly what you want, there's no reason your joint venture can't be successful."

The tradeshow featured 155 stalls, which Supply



Kim Collard and Tanya Drage.



Aden Aggett, John Janke and Brian O'Rourke.

Nation chief executive Laura Berry said was a huge increase on last year.

"The tradeshow is all about coming together to learn from each other and to forge new

relationships," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's an opportunity to find new ways of doing business. We're giving Indigenous business that space to be on

level footing with big business, then the rest is up to them.

"We've heard some real success stories and that's what this is all about."

To cap off the event, the Supplier Diversity Awards were announced at a gala dinner.

The Supplier Diversity Advocate of the Year was Kristal Kinsela, from Indigenous Professional Services; the Registered Supplier of the Year went to Jabin Project Management; and the Supplier Diversity Partnership of the Year was Cox Inall Ridgeway and Marcus Lee Design.

The Corporate Member of the Year went to Fortescue Metals Group; the Government Member of the Year was the Department of Defence; and Procurement Professional of the Year was awarded to Shaun Hodges from Compass Group.

The Indigenous Businesswoman of the Year was Julie Okely, from Dilkara; Young Entrepreneur of the Year went to Brock Hunter-Hebbberman, from HGH Developments; and the Certified Supplier of the Year was CMC Indigenous Services.

The *Koori Mail* was a media partner for Supply Nation Connect and is a Supply Nation certified Indigenous business.



Kimble George and Slay Herro.



Tolly and Ducky Walker.



Tanyah Nasir and Christine Ross.

Fortescue payment terms move



FORTESCUE Metals Group says applications for new 14-day payment terms are available to Pilbara small businesses and Aboriginal businesses nationally under new guidelines aimed at improving operational cash flow for suppliers.

Traditional payment terms of 30 days or more have long been flagged as a key barrier to building sustainable businesses, in particular for Aboriginal-owned and Pilbara-based suppliers.

Fortescue chief executive Nev Power said the new payment terms are the result of discussions initiated by Fortescue's procurement and Aboriginal business development team on how to improve processes to ease the pressure on suppliers.

"Thriving small businesses are fundamental to the economic prosperity of our communities, and Fortescue places a strong emphasis on engaging with our small business suppliers to establish and maintain mutually beneficial partnerships," he said.

"Relationships"

"We are especially proud for our relationships with highly capable and competent Aboriginal businesses, including through the Billion Opportunities program which helps communities local to our mining operations benefit from Fortescue's growth and development.

"Ensuring these businesses have the option to apply for favourable payment terms aligns with our broader community vision to build capacity and strengthen communities in the Pilbara."

Since the inception of Billion Opportunities in 2011, 240 contracts and sub-contracts worth \$1.85 billion have been awarded to 103 Aboriginal-owned businesses and joint ventures.

To be eligible to apply, small businesses must satisfy classification criteria, including fewer than 20 employees, annual turnover of less than \$20 million, as well as annual Fortescue spend under \$10 million. More details at fmgil.com.au

Rio to offer opportunity



WESTERN Australian and Pilbara Aboriginal businesses will be given greater opportunity to bid for contracts with Rio Tinto's iron ore business under a new local procurement program.

Rio Tinto Iron Ore chief executive Chris Salisbury said the mining company had spent almost \$57 billion with Western Australian businesses over the past seven years.

"But we want to do more," he said. "Our new procurement program will make it easier for WA businesses to compete for contracts with Rio Tinto Iron Ore.

"Rio Tinto's Pilbara iron ore business has more than 1200 WA suppliers and we make a large contribution to the state economy through local procurement, taxes and royalties.

"Providing more opportunities for WA businesses to secure contracts will further boost the Pilbara and state economy."

Under the new program, Rio Tinto says it will use a dedicated team to better link the company's procurement opportunities and spending with WA suppliers. This will include a series of local procurement workshops in the Pilbara and Perth, where information on the company's forward procurement plans will be shared.

The new procurement team will also establish a web portal to provide improved visibility of upcoming contracts, allowing more WA businesses to lodge their interest.

"The new local procurement team will also partner with our existing suppliers to help identify local businesses that may be able to supply to them," Mr Salisbury said.



Workers line up for a feed at the Bara Barang food van at Gosford Hospital in NSW.

Partnership is catering well

By BRITTA LYSTER



A PARTNERSHIP has been launched between a NSW Central Coast youth service provider and developer Lend Lease in an effort to cater to the nearly 180 construction and related workers expected to be involved in the multi-million-dollar refurbishment of Gosford Hospital.

Bara Barang Corporation has partnered with Lendlease to create employment opportunities for Aboriginal youth interested in the hospitality industry. This is intended to be the first step in a venture aimed at allowing Bara Barang to expand its commercial enterprise throughout NSW and eventually Australia, empowering Aboriginal people to own their own businesses.

The Coolamon Café is a training centre operated by Bara Barang corporation for local young people allowing them to gain the skills and confidence to be able enter the hospitality industry. It's situated at Kariong and specialises in Australian bush foods collected daily from the local organic garden onsite. It also prepares a variety of more familiar dishes including hamburgers and fish and chips.

For the partnership with

Lend Lease, the cafe has refurbished a food truck and coffee van, the Coolamon Canteen, and trained two young locals, providing them with a much-needed job opportunity to provide breakfast and other food to the workers expected on the hospital site.

The food van provides a range of cooked on-site fast food and healthy options, as well as cold beverages and barista coffee.

Bara Barang project manager Denise Markham says it is a great opportunity to target at-risk youth or other potential employees who may otherwise be overlooked.

"Priority"

"It is our priority to fulfil opportunities for local youth in the area by helping young Aboriginal kids with school retention, employment and to generally have a fulfilled future," she said.

"Our Coolamon Canteen is going to create employment for our young people.

"Hopefully, down the track we will be able to open a franchise of Coolamon Cafes, encouraging community members to become part of the franchises and ultimately business owners, which we think is important for developing economic independence for Aboriginal people here on the Central Coast."



Bara Barang director Chris Moore and project manager Denise Markham on the NSW Central Coast.



Food van workers Karsha Bergan and Dwayne Campbell.

Solar company ready to shine

By KEIRA JENKINS



SEEING electricity prices rise in his home state of Queensland, Birriah and Wiri man Ash Dodd had an idea. He knew many communities in regional Queensland that had little access to electricity, especially remote and regional Aboriginal communities.

So eight months ago he started Shine Energy, hoping to bring solar energy to regional communities, off-grid communities, businesses, councils and the mining sector.

"A lot of off-grid communities actually work from diesel generators," Mr Dodd told the *Koori Mail*.

"Sustainable"

"So we're aiming to reduce that diesel consumption in communities and provide them with a more sustainable, renewable form of power."

Shine Energy works on a 'shared equity' model, so the company, the community, the traditional owners and Energy Queensland all get a slice of the benefits.

"When we work in communities we make sure something goes back to them," Mr Dodd said. "We give back to



Shine Energy's Ash Dodd.

the communities but we also want to make sure the traditional owners get something for their country too.

"The traditional owners are our first point of call in any community so we can make sure

we're following their protocols.

"We also employ local traditional owners first. We work with the local communities on what is their own intellectual property. We treat it as if we're going into another

nation – as we should."

Mr Dodd said that as the business is very new it has only secured start-up contracts, but the plan is to expand into something that can compete with big energy companies.

"We want to become a big power producer," he said.

"We want to be able to sell green energy on the same levels as the big companies. The dream is to be a big player in the power industry."

Indigitek is aiming to help with technology

By KEIRA JENKINS



LIAM Ridgeway and Trent Shields experienced first-hand how challenging it can be to carve out a

space for business in the technology industry, especially for Indigenous entrepreneurs.

As founders of their own technology businesses NGNY and Coder Factory, the pair knew there was little support for Indigenous people starting out in technology.

So they decided to form their own network, Indigitek, holding events so members could network and learn from each other.

The aim is to nurture the growth of Indigenous people in the tech industry.

One of the members of Indigitek, and NGNY's communication specialist, Kieran Satour said it is important to have Indigenous people in technology, because that is where the global economy is headed.

"Technology is such an important part of our lives now," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's great to see that more and more Indigenous people are getting into that space. That is the way of the future – technology and innovation."

Although the number of Indigenous people in the

network for people working in that space and a lack of pathway to get into it in the first place," he said.

"So Indigitek aims to support people coming into that space. The point of it is to normalise the tech industry as a career path for Indigenous people.

"We want to make it like any other career path – like health work or mining."

Indigitek members meet on a bi-monthly basis.

Mr Satour said it brings together people to network as well as having presenters who can give insights into what they do.

"We can talk about the wins and also the problems we're facing," he said.

"We're a support network. We've got people who've been in the industry for 20 years who can impart their knowledge.

"We've also got uni students and people who are just starting out. We're pretty Sydney-based at the moment but we are hoping to expand our reach interstate."



Co-founder of Indigitek Liam Ridgeway.

technology industry was increasing, Mr Satour said there was no support network to reflect that.

"That's why Liam and Trent started Indigitek, because there was a lack of any support

JumpStart connects volunteers



SUPPLY Nation, the Commonwealth Bank and DXC Technology have unveiled a new app, named JumpStart,

which has been designed to connect Indigenous businesses with skilled volunteers.

The idea came from Supply Nation and Indigenous business owners on a Commonwealth Bank-sponsored trip to the world's innovation capital, Silicon Valley in the United States, last year.

It was developed in Australia by Supply Nation, Commonwealth Bank and DXC Technology with support from Indigenous-certified supplier NGNY.

Since its establishment in 2009, Supply Nation has helped Indigenous businesses secure contracts with hundreds of government departments and major corporates.

But getting Indigenous businesses access to professional networks and skilled support has proven a difficult challenge. The lack of access has

been a constant frustration for many Indigenous businesses that are keen to grow, but need skilled support, advice and mentorship to do so.

The JumpStart program aims to tackle this challenge head on.

Its creators says the app makes it easy for Indigenous businesses to connect with skilled professionals interested in volunteering their time.

Opportunities

It allows for short-term and longer-term volunteering opportunities, covering tasks that may take as little as one hour to projects that could take a number of weeks.

Ninety Indigenous businesses have said they will sign up to participate, and it is expected that dozens more of Supply Nation's 450-plus certified Indigenous businesses will sign up to join the program over the coming weeks.

Any Indigenous-certified supplier of Supply Nation is able to register on the app to access support. For more details, go to www.supplynation.org.au/contactus/

Prisoners on course to change



PRISONERS from the Northern Territory's Darwin and Alice Springs Correctional

Centres are graduating at an increasing rate with real-world training qualifications.

During May, 109 students graduated from a range of VET courses, including Visual Arts, Agrifood Operations, Engineering, Kitchen Operations and Foundations Skills.

This is a significant success for the program and marks an increase in completions from 89 total this time last year.

Batchelor Institute is working with the NT Department of the Attorney-General Justice to improve the educational levels and employability of offenders across the NT.

Through a service level agreement, prisoners from the NT's Darwin and Alice Springs Correctional Centres are able to access a wide range Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications, delivered by both batchelor and corrections trainers, all with the aim of increasing employability of prisoners on release.

By the end of 2016, there was a 141% increase on students obtaining educational certificates.

These latest numbers are in line with last year's growth and are promising for 2017 to overtake last year's record-breaking achievements.

Graduations are always a time for celebration and recognition of achievement.

They serve as an inspiration for graduates to continue their studies and make positive changes in their lives.

These graduation ceremonies were no different, with addresses given by the Honourable Ms Natasha Fyles MLA, Attorney General and Minister for Justice in Darwin, as well as the Batchelor Institute Director Infrastructure, Land and Environment, Dr Stephen Hagan in Darwin and Alice Springs.

"I was happy to share my challenges in life as a young Aboriginal boy growing up in a fringe camp in segregated rural Queensland in the early 1960s where low-expectations from teachers generally were a norm, to then overcome those ingrained levels of bigotry and come out the other end



Darwin Correctional Precinct Superintendent Mr Kevin Raby speaks with students.

of a track well-travelled, on a positive note, with a PhD," Dr Hagan said.

"This was in essence the message I hoped these gifted students could appreciate and believe it is within themselves to achieve likewise."

Recognition for achievements in other programs was also given, including Step Forward from Sommerville, iTalk, NT Drive Safe, QuickSmart, all

helping to recognise the strong impact that education and training can have. In Darwin, a performance from the One Mob, Different Country dancers helped to recognise and celebrate the achievements of the graduates.

This program has grown significantly over the last few years. A study published in the Australian Institute of Criminology in 2016, following five years of data

collection found that 'study in prison unequivocally reduces post-release recidivism and, on average, increases post-release employment'.

Graduations are also a time for the graduates themselves to give recognition:

One graduate said: "I have finished a Certificate I in Engineering and it has given me skills that are good to have as a labourer.

"It has also given me a new look at different pathways for work and I am now keen to pursue a career in this field of work.

"I would like to thank Darwin Correctional Precinct and Batchelor Institute for providing these courses and everyone who makes it happen."

Another said: "This course has prepared me for a real job on the outside when I'm released."



NSW Police Force Commissioner Andrew Scipione is with successful IPROWD student graduates Sean Patterson and William Carney (now NSW Police Officers).

The force is calling you



APPLICATIONS are now open for the Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery (IPROWD) Program at the TAFE-NSW, Port Macquarie Campus.

The program runs from July 17 until November 17 for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders who would like to undertake the TAFE-NSW Certificate III in Vocational and Study Pathways.

This will assist the applicant's journey of becoming a NSW Police Officer or to gain employment opportunities such as unsworn positions with the NSW Police Force or the NSW Departments of Justice, Community Services or Health. It can also assist with Federal Government Departments, such as the Australian Defence Force or other policing departments within Australia.

Applications to the IPROWD program close on Monday May 22. For more information, call 1300 823 393.



A NEW AFL Cape York House for Girls is in the pipeline for far north Queensland.

Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Nigel Scullion, said the Government was committed spending \$12 million to construct and maintain the centre.

"AFL Cape York House will welcome up to 48 girls from remote far north Queensland communities, providing holistic support in a safe and culturally appropriate residential environment," Mr Scullion said.

"While Indigenous women are attending university in greater numbers than Indigenous men, they have higher levels of disengagement after school, and lower employment rates.

"Often, this is because they are more likely to have caring responsibilities at younger ages which can impact on their engagement in school, and participation in employment throughout their lives.

"We want to support young women who need to move away from their home communities to complete their education and

transition from school to further education or employment."

Member for Leichhardt, Warren Entsch, said the new facility would address the current shortage in education, employment and training facilities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young women from remote Queensland communities.

"Students who board away from home are also faced with a number of challenges, requiring tailored wrap-around support," Mr Entsch said.

"For many, this will be the first time they have lived away from home for an extended period of time so homesickness can be a factor.

"There's also the challenge of getting used to a new residential environment, a different education system and making new friends.

"We've seen what a remarkable success AFL Cape York House for Boys has been so I welcome this initiative."

Cairns Mayor Bob Manning congratulated AFL Cape York House on successfully establishing the House for Boys, which will form the foundation for the Redlynch facility for girls.

The proposed House for Girls is

set to go before Cairns Regional Council next week as part of the final draft of the Redlynch Sport and Recreation Parklands Masterplan.

Cr Manning said the regional benefit of the proposed development would be seen across numerous sectors.

"If endorsed, the imminent construction of the Cape York house facility will provide a solid starting point for delivery of the rest of the masterplan," Mr Manning said.

"We received the strong message during our community consultation that the masterplan should combine sporting, activity and natural recreation space along with the AFL Cape York House for Girls.

"With thanks to the AFL and Coalition Government, this multi-use facility will address the needs of local sporting and community groups, schools and above all, provide a critical network for our young girls.

"A recreation area of this size will provide a boom for the local economy across various sectors including sport and recreation, construction, education and social services."



CQUni Music degree students Manduway Dutton, John Killingly, Madelyn Brett, Dimple Bani Jnr and Naomi Summers.



Manduway Dutton, Professor Bronwyn Fredericks and Naomi Summers.

Natasha moves into the future



PROJECT manager from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) in Katherine, Natasha Hamilton has been appointed to the prestigious Lingairi Program of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leaders Program (NATSILP).

Ms Hamilton will take part in the 12-day program in May and September this year, gaining valuable leadership lessons from Indigenous mentors across Australia.

"I am grateful for this opportunity to network and develop my skills further and hope that this scholarship will assist me in developing the confidence and tools I need to be a leader within my community," Ms Hamilton said.

"As a young Indigenous woman who has lived in Katherine for the last 10 years I aim to use my skills to encourage change and mentor young Indigenous Australian to improve their education, lifestyle and careers, making a better future for themselves and their families."

The NATSILP scholarship develops and prepares ATSI people to engage in powerful and different conversations, particularly in a regional setting. The NT session is May 21 to 26, and in Canberra from September 10 to 16.

Musical careers fly high



SONGWRITER and keyboardist Manduway Dutton is now performing and teaching in Brisbane thanks to financial support from an Indigenous Scholarship presented by BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA).

The accomplished pianist has just celebrated his graduation from CQUniversity's Bachelor of Music, after specialising in jazz and popular music at the Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music (CQCM) in Mackay.

Mr Dutton, a descendant of the Gumbaynggirr and Barkindji tribes, is originally from Grafton on the north coast of NSW. He started at the conservatorium in

Mackay a few years ago after completing an Advanced Diploma of Music from the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts in Brisbane. Mr Dutton is now back at ACPA as a contract teacher and he's also performing in group and solo gigs around Brisbane.

His busy life is rounded out with employment as an Indigenous support officer at a Brisbane high school.

"My passion is about teaching young people so I'm keen at this phase of my career to focus on building my teaching experience," Mr Dutton said.

"The BMA Indigenous Scholarship provided crucial financial support when I first moved from Brisbane to Mackay.

"My favourite aspects of the music degree were the chance to tour to gigs

around Queensland and guidance from established jazz musicians, particularly saxophonist Andrew Robertson."

BMA asset president Rag Udd said the scholarship was created in recognition of the importance that industry plays in assisting to build strong communities and providing opportunities that extended beyond mining to create a rich and vibrant culture.

Mr Dutton's experience at the CQCM included public performance opportunities, a range of musical ensembles and exposure to mentors representing the cream of Australia's jazz industry. Mr Dutton has also just recorded a new EP called *My Temptation*, along with former CQUni student and performer Naomi Summers.



Learning at Toronto Library. Front: Tjanari Briggs, Gary Gordon and Jayla Moylan. Back: Kirra Lee Simon

Library sparks more creatives



IF learning about robotics, drones, Ozobots, 3D printing and coding sounds good to you, then come along to Toronto Library in Lake Macquarie from May 23 to 25.

The IDX Flint 2017 digital literacy program is now available for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and local council cultural services manager Jacqui Hemsley invites people to take part in the upcoming workshops.

"IDX Flint has been created to spark the interests, ideas and talents of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Ms Hemsley said.

"The free workshops at the library for facilitators and young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders will enhance digital literacy related to innovation industries.

"At the end of the program participants will have input into what technologies they would like to see and use at Toronto Library into the future."

A community barbecue will also be held at the library for participants and their families on May 25 from noon to 3pm.

If you would like to book a group of students into any of the sessions below, contact Toronto Library on 4921 0641.

To learn more about the program, visit library.lakemac.com.au or idx.org.au.

The program is brought to the library by Lake Mac Libraries and Indigenous Digital Excellence (IDE).

IDE is a partnership between the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence and the Telstra Foundation.



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Feasting on films and art



ART and film come together in Cleveland this month with the *Nandeebie Dreemz* exhibition and the Nandeebie Screen Indigenous Film Festival.

Nandeebie Dreemz features the work and stories of First Nation peoples from around the world and runs until June 25 at Redland Art Gallery. Entry to the exhibition is free.

Visitors can explore works by Indigenous artists working in the digital space, including the works of Queensland artists Bianca Beetson, Leah King-Smith, Tamara Whyte and Venessa Williams Starzynski, who tell stories through drawing, film, multimedia and photography.

Also screening at the gallery in the lead up to and during National Reconciliation Week is a travelling Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA) exhibition featuring artwork of 20 Indigenous artists, called *My Country, I Still Call Australia Home: Contemporary Art from Black Queensland*.

A selection of QAGOMA's popular 'Ku' (Camp Dogs) by a group of Aurukun-based artists will also be on display.

The Nandeebie Screen Indigenous Film Festival held at Redland Performing Arts Centre is the first global Indigenous film event to be shown in Queensland and screens on May 20 and 21.

Nandeebie Screen presents stories of the Navajo, Sami, Ni-Vanuatu, West Papua, and Sahrawi people, as well as many more.

There will also be a wide range of community films for free on the Redland Performing Arts Centre lawn (RPAC) throughout the film festival.

Tickets for the film screenings cost \$10 per film, \$24 for a day pass or \$39 for a weekend pass.

For the full program of films visit nandeebiescreen.net and for bookings visit www.rpac.com.au.

Redland City Mayor Karen Williams said the name of these events, Nandeebie, is from the local Janda language of the Quandamooka people and is the name for the area now known as Cleveland.



Artwork by Adrian King, on exhibition at Redland Art Gallery.

Bundjalung book goes Chinese



AWARD winning picture book *Big Rain Coming*, illustrated by Bundjalung artist Bronwyn Bancroft now has a Chinese edition.

The new edition of the book was launched at the 10th Australian Writers Week in China this week.

Ms Bancroft said it was exciting to see her work take to a global stage.

"It's amazing that children in China will look at those images and read the book," she told the *Koori Mail*.

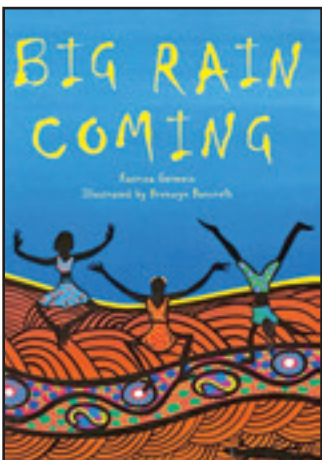
"That has a bit of 'wow' factor to me. I never thought something like this would happen to me."

Ms Bancroft said although the book is Australian, it has relevance everywhere in the world.

"It's a universal story of respect for our Elders," she said. "There's a universality of stories. They translate beyond just from English to Chinese. We're all human and we all have Elders and mentors."

While in China, Ms Bancroft said she has a packed schedule, with four events a day for six days.

"I'm doing so much over there," she said. "We're going to Mongolia, to a writers centre there, and talk to other writers and artists and creative people. There's also a textiles market in Mongolia that I'll get to visit. I've got a few events where I'll get to visit a museum or university."



Will the book or ball win?



THERE'S no brawl, only debate when bookworms and footy fans get together for the

2017 Kick on for Literacy (KOFL) event at the Sydney Writers' Festival on May 24.

Up for debate will be the topic 'Is the book better than the ball?' and audience participation is encouraged.

Lovers of AFL Shelley Ware (from cult footy show *Marngrook*) and David Lawrence will argue in favour of the book, while authors Anita Heiss and Graeme Simsion will convince the audience to get behind the ball.

The debate will be moderated by Sydney Swans board member Sam Mostyn at Walsh Bay's Hemingway Bar.

Hosted by the Epic Good Foundation, KOFL was created as a fundraising event for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) to coincide with and celebrate National Reconciliation Week and the AFL's annual Sir Doug Nicholls Round.

ILF director Karen Williams said the event was to raise awareness as well as vital funds to give children living in the

remotest parts of Australia free access to quality books and workshop programs.

"We are conscious of the need to marry literacy and sport through growing relationships between communities and organisations like the ILF, the SWF and Hawthorn FC."

"We're also excited about the potential to raise much needed funds to put books into the hands of some of Australia's most disadvantaged."

Up for auction on the night will be signed guernseys from Hawthorn FC and the Sydney Swans, as well as football boots in the Sydney Swans colours hand-painted by David Williams of Gilimbai, signed artwork by Brenda L. Croft and Dub Leffler, framed drawings from the book *Kicking Goals with Goodes and Magic*, fashion items, bundles of signed books by aussie authors. Also up for grabs is a weekend getaway to Gerroa and other ways to enjoy your reading and footy time.

Tickets cost \$35. To book, phone (02) 9256 4200. Funds raised from the 'Kick on for Literacy' debate and event will go directly to ILF's programs.



Author Anita Heiss will be debating that the ball is the winner at the Kick on for Literacy (KOFL) fundraising debate and auction event at the Sydney Writers' Festival on May 24.



Artist Barbara Weir with her work (inset) *Awelye*.

Meet the artists on show



CENTRAL Australia-born artist Barbara Wier's latest body of work interweaves sacred, traditional, historical and ceremonial elements and will soon be on exhibition in a group show at the Kate Owen Gallery in Rozelle, Sydney.

In the exhibition *Atnwengerp Revisited*, Barbara and her family Charmaine Pwerle, Teresa Pula and Lizzie Pwerle push boundaries, experimenting with different painting styles and techniques.

Ms Weir and Ms Pwerle will be also artists in residence at the gallery from May 20 until June 4 (12-4pm Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays and 11am-5pm weekends).

Visitors to the gallery will have a unique opportunity to meet Barbara and Lizzie and observe as they paint and discuss with them their art, culture, inspirations and life stories. The exhibition and artists in residence program coincides with National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week.

Ms Weir was born in 1942 on Bundy River Station in the area of Utopia, of central Australia.

Ms Weir's mother is the late famous Aboriginal Artist Minnie Pwerle. Her father was the Irish station owner, Jack Weir. Ms Wier was taken from her family and fostered out as one of the 'Stolen Generation' but, in the 1960's she returned to Utopia and stayed with her aunt Emily Kame Kngwarreye.

Her career as an artist was inspired by the community of artists at Utopia and the work of her adopted grandmother Emily Kame Kngwarreye.

Emily's work had a profound impact on her and in the early 1990's she began to explore her

artistic talents. Highly experimental in her approach, she tried many mediums and in 1994 went to Indonesia with other artists to explore the art of batik. This gave her new insights into her own process and from this, she developed her own style.

Ms Wier is an energetic and hardworking artist, who paints in a number of different styles and is a highly collectible artist who continues to grow in stature at a steady rate.

The Kate Owen Gallery is open seven days a week, from 10am until 6pm at 680 Darling St, Rozelle.

The wild west show travels again



WILD Australia, an exhibition of photographs and historical documents of a group of Aboriginal people in the 1890s, will be on display at the Grafton Regional Gallery until June 10.

The exhibition of photos – which were taken on a national touring 'wild west' show by journalist, politician and entrepreneur, Archibald Meston – is on tour from the University of Queensland Anthropology Museum.

The 'Wild Australia Show' was conceived by Archibald Meston as a travelling troupe of 27 Aboriginal people conscripted from the Queensland frontier. The troupe members came from the Northern Territory, groups from around Normanton, Croydon and Cloncurry as well from Prince of Wales Island in the Torres Strait and from the Mary River region in south-east Queensland. They performed in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne during 1892 and 1893 in preparation for departure on an international tour in the era of world exhibitions.

The plans were curtailed by contractual disputes, scandals of financial incompetence and accusations of the capture of certain troupe members against their will in chains.

As the troupe travelled around Australia, they were photographed by three leading photographers of the time: Charles Kerry and Henry King in Sydney and John W. Lindt in Melbourne. These photographs are held by museums, libraries and private collections around the world and for the first time more than 100 images have been exhibited together with all the performers' names.

Wild Australia curator, Michael Aird, also a photography specialist, has been interested in these images for a long time, and together with curator Mandana Mapar and researcher Paul Memmott, put together the *Wild Australia* exhibition as commissioned by Diana Young for the University of Queensland Anthropology Museum in 2014.

Some of the photographs were taken by John W. Lindt. The Grafton Regional Gallery holds a significant collection of photographs by Lindt.



An image on display as part of the *Wild Australia* exhibition: Tamarama Beach, December 1892. Photo by Kerry & Co. From the Tyrell Collection, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences.

Customising health



A NEW, first-of-its-kind Certificate IV in

Training and Assessment, customised to meet the needs of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service (ACCHS) staff in areas of cultural safety, has been launched.

Participants from Griffith, Wyong, Forster, Orange, Coffs Harbour, Armidale and Inverell met in Sydney recently to begin the course.

GP Synergy, the general practice regional training organisation covering NSW and ACT, has commissioned TAFE OTEN (Open Training and Education Network) to partner with them in the development and delivery of the course.

GP Synergy's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) cultural education manager Darren Green said it was important to recognise there are complex social, cultural, and clinical dimensions



GP Synergy staff: Jane Lennis, David Reid and Joann Hall.

involved in successful Aboriginal health service delivery.

"This course will enable participants to deliver cultural safety training in their own services, ensuring health care professionals improve the care of ATSI people by creating culturally safe environments," Mr Green said.

"By encouraging and supporting ATSI health professionals, we're taking an important step towards closing the gap in the health disparity experienced by ATSI people."

Jane Lennis from Galambila Aboriginal Health Service is undertaking the course to develop her training and development skills to

better support staff development in the workplace.

"There are three of us from Galambila doing the course; we'll be able to work together on developing in-house training that will directly correlate to skills development in our Aboriginal health workforce," Ms Lennis said.

Changes ahead for alcohol



AN evaluation into the controversial Alcohol Mandatory Treatment (AMT) Program has

delivered recommendations for changes.

Minister for Health Natasha Fyles said the evaluation was commissioned in 2015 by the former government and the Banned Drinker Register (BDR) was scrapped. Ms Fyles said an improved BDR would be introduced on September 1.

The report shows the AMT that started in July 2013 was a costly program that delivered minimal long-term gains for the relatively few people who participated.

"We've listened to concerns from experts and community that rehabilitation has to be offered on a voluntary basis," Ms Fyles said. "Problem drinkers will be banned from buying takeaway alcohol and diverted to a range of therapeutic and wrap-around services."

The report makes some specific recommendations

regarding Aboriginal people, including:

- the need to engage and consult with ATSI people and their communities regarding the development of any future programs, as well as ensuring involvement in the leadership and operation of service;

- the need to develop best practice protocols that draw on effective mainstream treatment programs that have an established evidence base of what works, and tailored for ATSI people with the support of community and representative organisations;

- the need to engage the Aboriginal Interpreter Service to translate educational material for use by treatment programs and discuss how they can further assist with the effectiveness of group treatment sessions; and

- the need to continue to invest in building a culturally competent workforce and increasing the number of trained Aboriginal people across available to work in AOD prevention and treatment services.

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Social, cultural links explored



A ROUNDTABLE discussion on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suicide has recognised that suicide is not

just a health issue, but must link to the social and cultural determinants of health.

The discussion, held in Darwin and chaired by Federal Minister for Indigenous Health, Ken Wyatt, emphasised the need for local, Indigenous-controlled responses to the escalating rates of suicide in the community.

The discussion with key stakeholders in Darwin was to understand what is working in the NT and what is not and to find some agreement on ways to help shape a new landmark suicide prevention trial in the Darwin region.

Darwin has been selected as an initial site for a suicide prevention trial in recognition of the high rate of suicide in the region, particularly in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

In Darwin and the surrounding area, the five year average suicide rate is well above the national average, and in some areas two to three times the national average.

Delegates to the Roundtable

Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline 13 11 14 or Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467 or Kids Helpline (young people aged 5-25) 1800 55 1800 78

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

were given a copy of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project (ATSISPEP) report, which was discussed by the project director, Professor Pat Dudgeon.

The report evaluated the effectiveness of existing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suicide prevention services and programs and makes a number of recommendations that emphasise the need for community and culturally sensitive involvement in any suicide prevention activities.

The report will be used to guide the Darwin suicide prevention trial site.

It was agreed that the next step is to establish a Community

Advisory Group consisting of representatives from local organisations as well as Commonwealth and state departments with the assistance of the Federal Department of Health to develop the next action items for the trial. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have a lived experience of suicide will also be represented on this body.

Outcomes from the roundtable will help plan and inform the design of the trial, local suicide prevention activity, and inform the design of strategies in the national trial.

Roundtable discussion outcomes also included:

- an agreement for a shared commitment between the Australian Government, the community and service providers to reduce the high rates of suicide in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darwin; and

- that community-based interventions are developed and implemented using a foundation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership and in partnership with Indigenous communities, including the need to train the local Aboriginal mental health workforce as part of empowering the community.

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/

May 26: National Sorry Day.

May 27-June 3: National Reconciliation Week (NRW). NRW Event details www.reconciliation.org.au

May 27: 25th anniversary of the Mabo decision in the High Court.

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 May 20: Young, Black and Deadly Rising Stars Program 2017 applications now open. The year-long program focuses on the music industry. Details: www.radio.com

Until May 22: *Redfern End of Days* exhibition of paintings by James Stephenson. Held at 107 Projects Gallery, Redfern, Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm. Details: www.redferndofday.blogspot.com.au

Until June 10: *Wild Australia* exhibition: A collection of pictures from the 1890s when a troupe of Aboriginal people travelled Australia to perform a sort of 'Wild West' show. Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy Street, Grafton, Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm. Entry by gold coin donation. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

Until 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

Until July 16: *Indigenous Australians at War from the Boer War to Present* exhibition. Held at the National Archives of Australia, Canberra. Details: (02) 6212 3934 or visit www.naa.gov.au/visit-us/exhibitions/

Until September 22: Entries open for the Grafton Regional Gallery's 2017 Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award (CVIAA). Details:



Vivid Ideas panellist
Lynda-June Coe.

Panel to discuss what lies ahead



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander leaders will discuss Constitutional Recognition at a

Vivid Ideas panel to be held during Reconciliation Week in Sydney.

At 'It's Time. Or Is It? The Road to Constitutional Recognition', triple j journalist Brooke Boney will lead a panel featuring Recognise campaign director Mark Yettica-Paulson, representative of Fighting In Solidarity Towards Treaties (FISTT) Lynda-June Coe and Perth hip hop artist Ziggy.

In 1967, 90% of Australian voters said 'yes' to change the Constitution to give the Federal Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and to ensure Indigenous people

were counted equally in the population count.

Fifty years on, and with another referendum on the horizon, the panel will look at the impact of the 1967 vote and discuss what has been achieved and what lies ahead. They will also discuss the role the creative community could play moving forward.

'It's Time. Or Is It? The Road to Constitutional Recognition' will be at Giant Dwarf, 199 Cleveland St, Redfern, on May 30 from 6pm.

It is part of the Vivid Ideas program at Vivid Sydney, the world's largest festival of light, music and ideas, being held from May 26 to June 17. The event is free, but tickets are required. They are available now from bit.ly/VividTime.

David Bancroft on (02) 66 0230 or 0429 104 118 or visit www.clarence.nsw.gov.au

Now Showing: *Indigenous Artworks from the Collection* Exhibition. A wide range of artworks created by Aboriginal artists on show at the Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy Street, Grafton, Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

May 17-June 4: Proposed Languages Legislation workshops. To be held at locations including Griffith, Dareton, Tamworth, Lismore, Coffs Harbour, Taree and Sydney. Details: www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/languages-legislation.

May 19: *New Ngurra (Belonging)* installation official opening. A contemporary reconstruction of a Ngurra: an Indigenous camp – a place to take shelter and engage with culture. Held at Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, Penrith, from 5.30pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 4723 7611 or visit www.penrithregiongallery.org

May 20-June 12: *Atnwengerrp Revisited* exhibition. Sacred, traditional, historical and ceremonial elements are interwoven in a

family show featuring Barbara Weir and family. Held at Kat Owen Gallery, 680 Darling Street, Roselle, seven days, 10am-6pm. Details: (02) 9555 5283 or visit www.kateowengallery.com

May 22: Money Worries and Legal Issues information session. Get free legal help and advice on fines, bills and debts, housing, super and insurance, Centrelink and more. Held at The Tuckerbox, Jubullum Village, Tabulam from 10.30am-2pm. Details: ALS on (02) 6623 4400 or Legal Aid on (02) 6621 2082.

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/

May 24: *Boomalli Members Show 2017* exhibition opening. Celebrating 30 years of survival from 1987. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt, Sydney from 6.00pm. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

May 25: Black Wallaby Indigenous Writers' Night. Book launch of anniversary edition of *Dreaming Inside*, Vol 5, includes readings and a keynote talk. Held at Wollongong Art Gallery from 6-8.30pm. Cost: \$5 a person. Details: (02) 4227 8500 or visit www.wollongongartgallery.com

May 27: 'Living in Their Times', commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum. Held at the University of Technology, 702 Harris Street, Ultimo, Sydney from 1-9pm. Free, bookings recommended. Details: (02) 9514 1652.

May 27: Deadly Voices Live. Three leaders who have been driven by circumstance to apply their individual skills and passions to campaigning for political, social or cultural change will share their stories live on stage. Held at the Playhouse, Sydney Opera House, Bennelong Point, Sydney from 4pm. Cost: \$25 a person. Details: (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.sydneypoperahouse.com

May 27: Inserting History – Readings and Q&A. Indigenous writer in residence Tony Birch and workshop participants will present their reflections in prose and poetry. Held at Wollongong Art Gallery from 1-3.30pm. Cost: \$10 and \$7. Details: (02) 4227 8500 or email admin@southcoastwriters.org.au

May 28: National Centre of Indigenous Excellence marks 50 years since the 1967 Referendum. A free community event honouring the referendum campaigners through images, stories, song, film and information sharing. Held at NCIE, 180 George Street, Redfern from noon-5pm. Free. Details: (02) 9046 7800 or visit www.ncie.org.au

May 30: 'It's Time. Or is it? The Road to Constitutional Recognition'. Bringing together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders to discuss Constitutional Recognition. Held at Giant Dwarf, 199 Cleveland Street, Redfern from 6-8pm. Free, (Registration is essential, tickets are limited). Details: 1800 642 634.

June 1: Black & White Ball. Includes guest speakers, awards ceremony, three-course meal and live entertainment. Held at Casino RSM Club, Canterbury St, Casino from 6pm. Cost: \$45 a person. Tickets available at Casino RSM Club on (02) 6662 1666. Details: (02) 6662 6286.

June 1: 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum event. Includes three-course dinner, memories from the 1967 Referendum campaign, games, live performances, DJ and more. Held at Sydney Town Hall from 7pm until late. Cost: \$50 a ticket or \$500 a table for 10 people. Tickets from Eventbrite. Details: www.kooriradio.com

Victoria

Until May 20: *This is Not Resolved* installation. A photographic, sound and video installation exploring artist Jody Haines' personal response to identity, representation, power and inequality. Held at Footscray Community Arts Centre, Mon-Fri, 9.30am-5pm and Sat, 10am-4pm. Details: (03) 9362 888 or visit www.footscray.com/event/this-is-not-resolved

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 20-June 4: *Nara Dreaming* exhibition. Includes paintings by Aboriginal and other artists, sculpture, craftwork, woodwork and photography. Held at Bill's Shed, 1023 Calder Alternative Highway, Lockwood on Sat-Sun, 10am-4pm. Details: 0418 579 501 or visit www.naradreaming.com.au

May 23: Launch of the Aboriginal Street Art Project. Includes welcome to country,

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smoking and didgeridoo ceremony, speeches and performances. Held at the Goulburn Valley Water Wall, 104-110 Fryers Street, Shepparton, from 11.30am. Details: www.greatershepparton.com.au

May 24: St Kilda Film Festival. Includes Indigenous film panel followed by short films. Held at St Kilda Town Hall from 6.15-8.15pm. Details: Fred Gesha on 0439 902 621.

May 26: Sorry Day Lunch. Organised by Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation. Held at the South Melbourne Community Centre from 12.30-2.30pm. Details: Todd Condie on 0403 606 559.

May 26-27: *Coranderrk* performance. The production pays tribute to the resilience of people who rose to the challenge despite the odds. Held at Footscray Community Arts Centre from 1pm and 8pm. Cost: \$35/\$30/\$26. Details: (03) 9362 8888 or visit www.footscrayarts.com/event/coranderrk

May 27: Flag-raising and The Long Walk celebration. Following the flag-raising, join AFL champion Michael Long for entertainment before the annual Walk to the Dreamtime at the 'G. Held at the Koorie Heritage Trust, Yarra Building, Federation Square from 1pm. Free. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.com

May 29: Rights Now – public talk. A panel of artists, activists and academics will share family experiences of the 1967 Referendum and ask how far Indigenous Australia has come in the past 50 years. Held at Deakin Edge, Federation Square from 5.30-7.30pm. Free. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.fedsquare.com

May 29: Reconciliation Week flag-raising event. Featuring the launch of City of Port Phillip's second Reconciliation Action Plan 2017-2020. Includes welcome to country, smoking ceremony, and catered lunch. Held at St Kilda Town Hall from 11am-1pm. Details: Todd Condie on 0403 606 559.

May 30 and June 2: Film Screenings. Two significant Australian Indigenous films during Reconciliation Week – *Satellite Boy* and *Mabo*. Held at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Federation Square, Melbourne. *Satellite Boy* on May 30 and *Mabo* on June 2 from 10am-noon. Free. Details: (03) 8663 2200 or visit www.acmi.net.au

June 1: *The Blak Matriarchy* exhibition launch. An exhibition of new works commissioned from the Real Blak Tingz to respond to the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, from 6pm-8pm. Free. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.com

June 2: Mabo Day flag-raising event. Featuring welcome to country, smoking ceremony, catered lunch and Torres Strait Islander musical performances. Held at St Kilda Town Hall from 11am. Details: Fred Gesha on 0439 902 621.

Queensland

Now calling: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to be part of the Granite Belt ATSI Corporation's NAIDOC celebrations. Details: Maria De Vries on 0431 227 227.

May 19: CD and book launch, featuring Glenn Skutthorpe's new album *See My World* and Dr Noritta Morser-Dipps' book *Healing In Justice: Giving a Voice to the Silent and Forgotten People*. Held at Jagera Arts Community Hall, Cordelia Street, South Brisbane, from 3.30-7.30pm. Details: Noritta on 0459 508 460 or email malumaiconsultancy@gmail.com

May 20-21: Nandeebie Screen – Indigenous film festival. An opportunity to hear stories of the Navajo, Sami, Ni-Vanuatu, West Papua and Sahrawi people, and many



The Borroloola Songwomen are coming to Alice Springs for the festival.

Writers' festival in Alice Springs



THE NT Writers' Festival Alice Springs opens this week in Alice Springs with a program of events and workshops for writers and readers.

Highlights include the Dark Emu Dinner, a feast of words and bush foods, featuring prolific author Bruce Pascoe whose non-fiction book, *Dark Emu* (Magabala Books 2014), won Book of the Year in

the NSW Premier's Literary Awards last year.

Songbooks are also featured in this year's program, with songwomen coming from the Gulf Country and Yuendumu to present their works.

Over four days, from May 18-21, audiences will hear from 60 writers, storytellers and songwomen from a wide area of Australia.

More details from Dani Powell on 0439 005 316.

more. Held at the Redland Performing Arts Centre, Middle Street, Cleveland. Cost: \$10 a film, \$24 day pass, \$39 weekend pass. Details: (07) 3829 8131 or visit www.rpac.com.au

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. More information at www.baraymal.com.au

May 25: 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum event. Hosted by Bond University's Faculty of Law and the Nyombil Indigenous Support Centre. Held at Bond University Club Restaurant from 5.30pm-8.30pm. RSVP by May 22. Register: www.eventbrite.com.au

May 26: Link-Up Sorry Day event. Includes breakfast and activities. Held at Orleigh Park, West End, Brisbane from 8am (breakfast), 9-11am activities. Free. Details: Donna Ives on (07) 3638 0411 or email Dives@link-upqld.org.au

May 26: Sorry Day event. North-West Brisbane Residents Practice Reconciliation commemorating Nation Sorry Day.

Indigenous and other community members welcome. Held Teralba Park (in Pullen Road, near Osborne Road, Everton Park) morning ceremony starting at 7am. Details: Aunty Flo Watson on 0419 676 858 or Deanne Matthews on 0418 185 283.

May 27: '50 Years and Counting' special event at the State Library of Queensland for a day of commemorative activities including talks, exhibition tours and performances. Details: (07) 3842 9824 or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

Western Australia

Until May 21: *Revealed Exhibition*. Features works by more than 75 new and emerging WA Aboriginal artists. Held at Fremantle Arts Centre, 1 Finery Street, Fremantle, 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (08) 9432 9555.

Until May 31: *Alison Anderson* exhibition. This exhibition explores Alison's ties to country and her ancestral knowledge, telling specific stories about her tjukurpa (dreaming). Held at Short St Gallery, 7 Short St, Broome, from Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-2pm. Details: (02) 9192 6118 or visit www.shortstgallery.com

May 25: Stolen Generations – Still Apart. Stolen Generations people and their families members allow insights into the lasting impacts of child removal. Held at 78 Murray Street, Perth from 5.10pm-7.30pm. Details: 0412 428 123.

May 26: Sorry Day event. Held at Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre, 2 Robbos Way, Kwinana from 10am-2pm. Details: Grace Ninnette on (08) 6174 7000.

May 27-September 3: Right Wrongs: 1967 Referendum – The WA Story. Right Wrongs reimagines understanding of the 1967 Referendum and its impact on who we are, and what we can become, through the voices and stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Held at the State Library of WA, Mon-Thur, 9am-8pm, Fri, 9am-5.30pm and Sat-Sun, 10am-5.30pm.

South Australia

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

May 19: Black Screen 2017: Black Screen invites all to free screenings of Indigenous films during Reconciliation Week. Held at Umoona Road, Coober Pedy, from 7-9pm. Details: (08) 8672 5579.

May 24: Black Screen 2017: Black Screen invites all to free screenings of Indigenous films during Reconciliation Week. Held at 10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier from 7-9.30pm. Details: (08) 723 8741.

May 26: Sorry Day and Community Healing event. Featuring ngangkari (traditional healers), art therapy, mindfulness workshops and more. Lunch provided. Held at Nunkuwarrin Yunti of SA Inc, 182-190 Wakefield Street, Adelaide from 10am. Details: (08) 8406 1600.

May 26: Sorry Day Community Sharing and Healing Community Event. A celebration and lunch. Held at The Stolen Generation Memorial and Healing Garden, Stebonheath Park, Davoren Road, Andrews Farm from 10am-2pm. Details: (08) 8255 3323.

May 30: University of SA symposium. Aboriginal Futures: Post Referendum 1967, Where To From Here. Includes welcome to country and guest speakers. Held at UniSA, Level 5, Hawke Building, Bradley Forum. Details: (08) 8302 7160.

Northern Territory

May 18-21: NT Writers Festival. Hear from 60 writers, storytellers and song women from Central Australia and beyond. Highlights include 'Crosslines', a picnic under the desert sky, and 'Dark Emu Dinner', a feast of works and bush foods.

Held at venues around Alice Springs. Details: Dani Powell on 0439 005 316.

May 22-24: Converge: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media summit. Held at Mbantua, Alice Springs. Register at www.irca.net.au/converge. Details: (08) 8952 6465 or email info@irca.net.au

May 26-28: Garrmalang Festival 2017. Each year, the festival brings modern Indigenous culture into the heart of Darwin. Details: (08) 8930 3333 or visit www.northernterritory.com

May 28: 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 Garrmalang Festival. Speakers include Michael Mansell, Josie Crawshaw, Olga Havnen and Luke Pearson. Held at the Darwin Entertainment Centre from 2pm. Entry is free, but ticketed event. Bookings Essential on www.yourcentre.com.au#!/events. Details: 0417 800 860.

Miner, Cowboys form partnership



RIO Tinto's Indigenous employment and training initiatives at the Amrun bauxite project in far north Queensland have

received a boost through a partnership with the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys.

Former Cowboys, Queensland and Australian rugby league player and now Amrun Project ambassador Matt Bowen recently launched the initiative. As part of the launch he visited an Amrun site to meet employees, joined a recruitment roadshow for the project in Aurukun and visited students at Aurukun State School.

"Having grown up in far north Queensland, I'm excited to have the opportunity to give back to local Indigenous communities in a meaningful way.

"It's great that Rio Tinto have chosen to partner with the Cowboys, using the sport of rugby league to benefit the Indigenous community in the region, across all ages," he said.

"The project offers an exciting opportunity that can really help Indigenous people in Cape York



Former Cowboys rugby league player and Amrun Project ambassador Matt Bowen with Amrun senior Wik-Waya traditional owner Tony Kerindun.

kick start their careers and gain valuable experience."

Under the partnership, the

Cowboys will provide mentoring support to Indigenous staff across the project and actively support

the Amrun Project's initiatives on site and in western Cape York communities.

The Cowboys will also run its Try for 5! Program at Aurukun State School to encourage student attendance and minimise the social impacts created by missing learning in the primary years of schooling.

Ministerial champion for Aurukun, Queensland Treasurer Curtis Pitt, visited the community with Mr Bowen in June last year.

"Having grown up in Hope Vale, Matt has a special connection with Cape York and I know his last visit was an enormous morale booster," Mr Pitt said.

"He has already proven himself a great mentor that local kids can relate to, playing footy with them and encouraging them to stay in school.

"I commend Rio Tinto for their corporate leadership in supporting Indigenous employment and training at their Amrun bauxite project."

Amrun project director Marcia Hanrahan said the Cowboys "were a natural partnership".

"We share many of the same values and determination to succeed," she said.

Working towards a better Public Service

By ANN WELDON*



NEVER has there been a more important time to get involved with the NSW Government, the biggest employer of Aboriginal people in the state in identified and non-identified positions.

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The NSW Government committed in

2009 to increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment to 2.6% by 2015. This goal was achieved by 2011, and there have been positives and negatives, with continued growth in Aboriginal employment since the Liberal-National Coalition took over government in 2011.

Employment has been disproportionately skewed to lower-paid positions, with the three lowest grades in the public sector having 63% of Aboriginal Public Service workers, compared with 46% for the entire public sector. Also in the senior

ranks, just 0.5% of senior officers and senior executives – the people making the decisions about these vital government services – are identified as Aboriginal.

Positive side

On the positive side, with a 30% increase in Aboriginal employment in the past decade, the NSW Government has benefitted from an influx of young Aboriginal workers, with nearly three times the representation of Aboriginal workers aged 15 to 24.

The Public Service Association of NSW (the Public Service union) has had a key role in shaping government employment policy for nearly 120 years. The association is currently holding an election for its Aboriginal Advisory Council, which aims to develop a better Public Service for Indigenous people.

For more information, go to the PSA website at www.psa.asn.au

*Ann Weldon, the PSA Aboriginal Organiser and a Wiradjuri woman, is on the NSW Metro Land Council.

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This position is classified as an "identified position" aimed at increasing employment opportunities for Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People. The position requires an in-depth knowledge of Aboriginal culture and an ability to communicate with Aboriginal communities. Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

The role requires strong negotiation skills as well as strong relationship building capabilities to maintain effective working relationships with internal and external delivery partners including the Department of Justice and Regulation, Parks Victoria, Native Title Services Victoria and Traditional Owner corporations.

The position is part of the Traditional Owner Agreements team which is responsible for negotiating and implementing a range of Government commitments in the growing area of Traditional Owner settlements. The team coordinates input to native title settlement negotiations, leads the set-up and support of Traditional Owner Land Management Boards and provides governance and policy advice to fulfil Government and Traditional Owner land management and natural resource objectives.

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Research Manager

Ipsos is a leading global market research company, founded and managed by research professionals. Due to an expansion in the demand within Ipsos and our clients for research and evaluation support we are now recruiting a Research Manager for various projects. This is an exciting opportunity for the right individual as the role involves working within the newly formed Ipsos Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Unit.

The Research Manager will be responsible for supporting the local research teams in remote Indigenous communities in all facets of the research process, including project management, logistics, training, field management, data collection systems, data analysis and reporting and client servicing whilst developing their research skills.

There is a high travel requirement in this role.

For more information or to express interest, email: ANZHR@ipsos.com

Applications close on 29 May 2017

We promote diversity and practice equity. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.

At Ipsos, we are passionately curious about people, markets, brands and society. We make our changing world easier and faster to navigate and inspire clients to make smarter decisions. We deliver with security, simplicity, speed and substance. We are Game Changers!



DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

The Director of Social Enterprise is responsible for leading Circus Oz social enterprise activities, with strong focus on formation of long-term values-based corporate and private partnerships.

**Applications close
Wednesday 24 May 2017.**

For full job description and contact details go to www.circusoz.com/employment

Circus Oz is an equal opportunity employer.



Police & Justice



General Administrative Assistant

- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- Criminal Records Section, Forensic Services Group, Parramatta
- Clerk General Scale
- Permanent Full-Time
- *I Work For NSW* Requisition No.000059J9

Salary Package: \$62,916. **Salary:** \$29,127 - \$57,015. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description

The General Administrative Assistant provides a range of clerical and administrative services to support the achievement of business outcomes in a timely, reliable and efficient manner.

Key accountabilities

- Provide routine clerical support and administrative services, operating across various work units, office equipment and computer software packages.
- Use clear communication to receive and respond to enquiries of a general nature. This may include enquiries received through telephone, email, or in some cases, front counter reception. Provide routine clerical support and administrative services, operating across various work units, office equipment and computer software packages.
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- Provide clear, consistent and accurate information to internal and external customers.
- Contribute to the delivery of an efficient incoming and outgoing mail distribution
- Perform general word processing and data processing.
- Maintain organisational records management systems with accurate data entry in accordance with policies and procedures.

Key challenges

- Develop and maintain working knowledge of the office equipment and local systems used within the command/business unit.
- Manage work activities along with competing priorities to ensure work is completed within agreed time frames.

Job Notes

- **Applicants must** satisfy the Aboriginality criteria listed in the advertisement.
- **The team from NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Programs unit will be holding a job Information Session regarding this role is to be held at 6pm on Wednesday 24 May at 1 Charles Street Parramatta.** Interested applicants are encouraged to attend the session. Attendees are asked to email their intended attendance to munn1geo@police.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 8835 6257.
- It is a requirement to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed. The successful applicant will also be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- For assistance in completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check, Security Clearance or Information Sessions, please contact the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257 or via email hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications Close: Sunday 4 June 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Karen Pidding, Manager on (02) 8835 7027.

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 000059J9

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WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



School of Science and Health

Postdoctoral Research Fellow (Bush Medicine), NICM

- Ref No. 563/17
- Campbelltown Campus
- Full-Time, Fixed Term for 3 years

Western Sydney University is a major urban university spread over six campuses in Greater Western Sydney, a region of great opportunity, diversity, challenge and growth. The University has a strong connection to Greater Western Sydney, working with its communities and businesses to contribute to the region's growth. The University is culturally diverse, with 2,500 staff and 40,000 students drawn from Australia and around the world.

NICM is an international leader in integrative medicine research, working in partnership with national and international organisations to produce world class research with a focus on traditional Chinese medicine. The Institute also has a growing program of Australian Bush Medicine research. NICM is located on the Campbelltown campus of Western Sydney University and forms part of the School of Science and Health. NICM will be re-locating to the Westmead Campus of Western Sydney University in 2018.

NICM is seeking an experienced postdoctoral researcher to play a lead role in developing NICM's emerging program in Bush Medicine research. Bush Medicine as an umbrella term that is used by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples when referring to a broad range of their traditional and contemporary healing practices and therapies. The successful candidate will be responsible for initiating and managing research activities that focus on community-driven research and laboratory testing of Australian plants and bush medicines of cultural, medicinal or economic significance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Major responsibilities include grant writing and grant submission, development and implementation of research projects, publication of outcomes, and postgraduate student research training and supervision. NICM is committed to furthering the aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the preservation and protection of their healing practices and therapies, and will work within community protocols to ensure trust and respect are maintained in all dealings. As such, an awareness of, and experience in, working within cultural protocols will be essential.

Remuneration Package:

Academic Level A \$85,330 to \$103,092 p.a. (comprising Salary \$76,984 to \$93,008 p.a., plus 9.5% Superannuation and Leave Loading)

Academic Level B \$108,318 to \$127,809 p.a. (comprising Salary \$97,723 to \$115,393 p.a., plus 9.5% Superannuation and Leave Loading)

Enquiries: Professor Jerome Sarris, Deputy Director NICM at j.sarris@westernsydney.edu.au

Closing Date: 28 May 2017

To view the Position Description and to apply for this position, please go to the University's current vacancies website at http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/employment/home/current_vacancies

Full details on how to apply for these positions can be found at our website. Western Sydney University values workplace diversity.



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- **Part-Time Hours (15.25 hours per week)**
- **Darwin location**

Open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only

Do you have a passion for radio? Have you got an interest in fishing? Could you find unique and diverse stories for Tales from the Tinny, then tell them in a contemporary manner?

Working within our experienced local team in Darwin, we are looking for a Podcast & Radio Producer to come on board and create original program ideas, produce high standard Tales from the Tinny content and tell the stories confidently across a variety of platforms.

For more details & to apply, visit abc.net.au/careers

Applications close: 22nd May 2017

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Health
Justice Health &
Forensic Mental Health Network

Aboriginal Mental Health Clinical Leader (HM2)

Classification: Health Manager Level 2

Location: Homebush

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$90,827 - \$107,728 pa

Enquiries: Katya Issa 0456 882 251

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: 21 May 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 391305

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Magistrates' Court
of Victoria

KOORI COURT OFFICER

Melbourne Magistrates' Court

VPS Grade 3

\$ 63,629 - \$ 77,259

Role No: MC2215

(Ongoing, Full time)

The position of Koori Court Officer is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement.

The aim of the Koori Court Officer is to assist in reducing the issue of over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Victorian justice system by working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients when they enter the court system. In addition, the service assists Aboriginal people to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention. Details of the purpose of this surface are outlined in the position description.

This is a designated position under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.

Further information: Debra Gallucci, Senior Registrar on 0437 360 561

Applications to: careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close 25 May 2017

Aboriginal Information & Communications Technology (ICT) Cadetship

"I am in the final year of an ICT Cadetship with eHealth NSW. Working with eHealth has been a massive learning experience helping me to understand both the IT and the Health industry much more than university teaches students."

I enjoy that while learning I am also helping my colleagues to reduce their workload so they can focus on more challenging tasks and working on projects that make the lives of medical staff easier."

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Coffs Harbour in Gumbayngirr Country. Information & Communications Technology Cadet, Gladesville & Newcastle



Are you an Aboriginal student undertaking first or second year full-time university study? Looking for a challenge and have a keen interest in ICT or Project Management?

Then kickstart your career with the **eHealth NSW Aboriginal Cadetship Program** July 2017 intake.

Cadets will receive:

- a study allowance during periods of full-time study
- financial assistance with study costs at the beginning of semester
- 12 week paid work placement during each year of the Cadetship
- employee entitlements and superannuation
- structured mentoring and development from managers and colleagues
- opportunities to network with other ICT professionals
- workforce support and career planning
- possible ongoing employment at the end of your Cadetship

Work and study

You will complete work placements as part of a team in one of the following areas of eHealth NSW:

- infrastructure support
- networking
- programming
- app development
- web development
- system management
- project management
- data analysis

Work placements may be based at:

Gladesville, Chatswood, Charlestown, Parramatta

For more information contact:

Shane Kim, Aboriginal Workforce Consultant
Ph: 02 8644 2411 or shane.kim@health.nsw.gov.au

Interested students should send their resume and a brief description of their studies & career goals by Friday 26 May 2017.



International Grammar School

Located on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation, International Grammar School has a long and proud tradition of educating young Indigenous Australians. The School's Indigenous Scholarship program recognises the promise of our values and the responsibility our heritage requires of us to create a unique scholarship program – to provide access to an IGS education for young Indigenous Australians. The IGS mission is to equip our students to be world ready.

Indigenous Educational Scholarships 2018

IGS offers scholarships to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children who are entering Kindergarten in 2018. The scholarships cover all costs of schooling from Kindergarten to Year 12.

The scholarships will be awarded to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children who, in the opinion of the School Board, are likely to benefit most from the IGS educational experience. In making this decision the Board will consider the following factors:

- Supportive family/community and commitment to an education at IGS
- Developmental attributes of the child, including social skills
- Relative disadvantage
- Benefits for the child and the School

Selection will be based on the application and an interview. Candidates will be short-listed for a meeting and discussion with the applicant and their parent/guardian/family members. The interview committee will include a local Indigenous representative, an IGS Board Member and the Principal, and will make a recommendation for the consideration by the Board.

The terms of the scholarships will be:

- Full Tuition fees, K–12
- Supplementary fees for other programs undertaken by the scholarship holder whilst at IGS
- Supply of text books and other specified materials, K–12
- Supply of uniform and other requirements

Enquiries can be made by phone to Alexandra Peters, Director of Admissions and Marketing on (02) 9219 6702 or email: admissions@igssyd.nsw.edu.au

Closing Date: Friday, 16 June 2017.

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Police & Justice



Assistant Roster Officer

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- Police Prosecutions, Parramatta
- Clerk Grade 1/2 Permanent Full-Time
- *I Work for NSW* Requisition No.000059JF

Salary Package: \$72,164. **Salary:** \$60,154 - \$65,396. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description

The Assistant Roster Officer provides administrative and clerical support to the rostering portfolio to achieve corporate, community and command requirements.

Key accountabilities

- The provision of services in regard to personnel, quality assurance and HR functions to support the central roster portfolio.
- Respond and attend to phone calls, enquiries and routine requests for information concerning rostering needs, and escalating enquiries as necessary, to ensure the provision of accurate information and customer satisfaction.
- Update and maintain records and databases efficiently, in line with organisational audit requirements, complying with records management legislation, policies and processes, to ensure information is accurate, stored correctly and accessible and disposed of, where required.
- Prepare basic correspondence in relation to rostering which may include emails, letters and memorandums.
- Process correspondence relating to entitlements such as overtime, shift and penalty allowances and various forms of leave.

Key challenges

- Handle a range of matters on a daily basis and follow up outstanding issues in a timely and efficient manner within a high volume, deadline driven environment in accordance with legislation and policy.
- The ability to communicate and maintain relationships with stakeholders in order to assist meeting command priorities.

Job Notes

- **Applicants must** satisfy the Aboriginality criteria listed in the advertisement.
- The team from NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Programs unit will be holding a job Information Session regarding this role is to be held at 6pm on Wednesday 24 May at 1 Charles Street Parramatta. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend the session. *Attendees are asked to email their intended attendance to munn1geo@police.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 8835 6257.*
- It is a requirement to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed. The successful applicant will also be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- For assistance in completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check, Security Clearance or Information Sessions, please contact the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257 or via email haboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications Close: Sunday 4 June 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Sergeant Mark Tripi on (02) 8835 6794.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 000059JF

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Aboriginal Engagement Advisor

John Holland are currently looking for an experienced Aboriginal Engagement Advisor to join our People & Culture team based in Sydney, NSW. Reporting to the National Aboriginal Engagement Manager, the primary purpose of this position is to develop, implement and coordinate an overall strategy for Aboriginal engagement within the business that improves outcomes of Aboriginal people and contributes to business and client requirements.

To be considered for this role, it is essential that you demonstrate the following;

- Tertiary Degree (Bachelor level) or certificate or relevant experience within human resources, business, heritage or commerce
- Minimum of 5 years' experience within HR, community development, employment services, Aboriginal community engagement, learning and development or business development
- Experience in developing, coordinating and delivering Aboriginal engagement programs or initiatives
- Knowledge of Native Title Act 1993 as well as the Commonwealth Indigenous Procurement Policy and how these relate to John Holland projects

At John Holland we understand that our greatest resource is our people. We pride ourselves on being a market leader in targeting training, career development and remuneration. We provide long-term career options within an equal opportunity workplace where we recognise the importance of flexibility and a healthy work-life balance.

Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council

ABN 17 304 066 465
Ph: (02) 4997 5733
Fax: (02) 4997 5750
PO Box 30, 16 Mustons Rd
KARUAH NSW 2324
Email: admin@karuahaboriginal.com.au



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Remuneration Package Negotiable)
Full Time/Permanent

The Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council (KLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of full-time Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Karuah LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA) (or the ability to rapidly acquire), the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Rowan Lissou, by email: rowan.lissou@alc.org.au or on (02) 6659 1213.

Applications can be forwarded to rowan.lissou@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson
Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 30, Karuah, NSW, 2324

Applications close May 31, 2017

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



West Connect
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES INC.
Domestic Violence & Homeless Services for Women & Children

ABORIGINAL WOMENS SUPPORT WORKER

35 Hours Full Time

To be female is a genuine requirement for these positions under (Section 31 & 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

ESSENTIAL

- Knowledge and understanding of issues relating to Aboriginal family violence
- Proven ability to provide case management providing direct support, assistance and advocacy to Aboriginal clients
- Ability to work with clients with complex needs
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with colleagues, other services and government agencies
- Proven excellent organisational, interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to effectively manage conflict
- Current NSW drivers licence
- Telephone/ Mobile phone connected
- Access to reliable vehicle

DESIRABLE

- To be known and accepted by the local Aboriginal community
- Previous experience working in a Specialist Homelessness Service
- Familiarity with housing entitlement systems and procedures
- Current first aid certificate

Employment as per SCHCADS Award

- **Only applications addressing the above criteria for employment and providing 2 recent employer references will be considered**
- **Successful applicants will be required to undergo a "Working with Children" and a "Criminal Record" check prior to commencement of employment**

Applications to: ceoassistant@wcdvs.org.au, or fax to: 02 4721 5695

For questions and enquiries, please call 02 4732 2318 or email: ceoassistant@wcdvs.org.au

CLOSING DATE: Friday 26th May 2017

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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Police & Justice



General Administrative Support Officer

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- Rosehill Local Area Command, Granville
- Clerk Grade 1/2 Permanent Full-Time
- *I Work for NSW* Requisition No.0000590P

Salary Package: \$72,164. **Salary:** \$60,154- \$65,396. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description

The General Administrative Support Officer provides support within the Local Area Command focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force.

The General Administrative Support Officer also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support at various NSW Police Force locations.

Job Notes

- Applicants **must** satisfy the Aboriginality criteria listed in the advertisement.
- **An information session for this position will be held at Police Headquarters, 1 Charles Street, Parramatta on Wednesday 24 May 2017 at 6pm.** If you wish to attend the Information session, please email the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit at hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au or contact **Georgina Munro on (02) 8835 6257**.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with Flexible Rostering Guidelines. The position will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours on weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.
- It is a requirement to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed. The successful applicant will also be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- For assistance in completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check, Security Clearance or Information Sessions, please contact the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257 or via email hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications Close: Sunday 4 June 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Michael Banning, Executive Officer (02) 9897 4002.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 0000590P

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General Practitioner

Delivering primary health care that makes a real difference by improving Aboriginal health and closing the gap

Delivery of quality primary health care to Aboriginal people is the main driver for business at Maari Ma.

We are seeking a full time GP to join our multidisciplinary primary care team practising in Broken Hill with outreach clinics in the surrounding towns of Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe.

We are AGPAL accredited, have electronic medical records and sophisticated decision support tools, actively participate in continuous improvement and research activities and are supported by a comprehensive range of visiting specialty services, Maari Ma's local Indigenous workforce provides our GPs with access to timely support and advice regarding cultural issues.

Our new facilities are modern, culturally engaging and provide a welcoming and effective work environment.

Maari Ma is committed to GP Registrar training providing quality learning experiences in Aboriginal health. This position will have a role in teaching and will need to be eligible for accreditation as a Registrar Supervisor.

You will join an existing team of GPs with many years of experience working in rural general practice and Aboriginal health services in Australia.

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS will need their FRACGP or VR and demonstrate a commitment to primary health approaches to Aboriginal health.

The **REMUNERATION** package is available as a contract for services or employment plus attractive benefits package including relocation, accommodation and vehicle. Minimum contract term is two years, No after hours or weekend work.

BROKEN HILL offers a mix of relaxed lifestyle exploring the outback and joining the many activities and sports available. Soak up the beauty of the art world where landscapes and sunsets are inspiring. It is a very comfortable and stimulating lifestyle for families and singles.



MAARI MA HEALTH
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Broken Hill, NSW



For enquiries and expressions of interest, please email
Glenis Barnes, Medical Workforce Support glenis.barnes@maarima.com.au,
Dr Stephen Gaggin Stephen.Gaggin@maarima.com.au
or Dr Aung Si Thu Aung.Sithu@maarima.com.au

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Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

Solicitor – Civil Law Legal Officer Grade IV

- Aboriginal targeted
- Package up to \$129K
- Ongoing & temporary opportunities in Newcastle (35hpw)

We are seeking solicitors to work in our Newcastle office to provide senior management & leadership in the provision of civil law services to socially & economically disadvantaged people. This includes directly providing legal services to clients of Legal Aid NSW, including in more complex matters.

**Applications Close:
Saturday 27 May 2017**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Sally Bryant on (02) 6650 6026.

**Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 000059MW.**

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Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

Solicitor – Civil Law Legal Officer Grade I-III

- Aboriginal Targeted
- Package up to \$118K
- Ongoing & temporary opportunities in Newcastle (35hpw)

We are looking for a solicitor to work in Newcastle to provide high quality civil law advice, minor assistance and casework services to disadvantaged clients in a range of settings including outreach.

**Applications Close:
Saturday 27 May 2017**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Sally Bryant on (02) 6650 6026.

**Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 000059LU.**

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EXCITING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY with **ELIZABETH MORGAN HOUSE** ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S SERVICE (EMH)

Elizabeth Morgan House Aboriginal Women's Service (EMH) is the Melbourne based peak body in Victoria which aims to provide women and children of the Victorian Aboriginal community with high quality and culturally appropriate support and services primarily related to family violence.

There are currently three exciting vacancies at EMH High Security Women's Refuge.

- **Specialist Family Violence Refuge Manager**
- **Specialist Family Violence Case Manager**
- **Specialist Family Violence Case Manager - 6 Month Maternity Leave position.**

We are looking for women with experience in the family violence sector and a passion for ensuring safe & culturally strong futures for Aboriginal women, children and young people.

Please refer to the Position Description on our website www.emhaws.org.au or contact Kalimna Andy, EMH Office Manager on 03 9482 5744 for further information.

Applications including a cover letter addressing the key selection criteria along with a current resume are to be emailed to kalimna@emhaws.org.au

Closing date for this position is 26th May 2017



**Office of
Environment
& Heritage**

Project Coordinator (Aboriginal)

- Regional NSW – Buronga
- Environment Officer Class 6
- Vacancy Ref: 00005915
- Temporary Part-Time (21 hours per week)

Duties: Assist in the coordination, delivery and reporting on increasing Aboriginal peoples engagement in cultural landscape management projects for Science Division.

Total Remuneration package: \$98,986 pa. Package includes salary (\$80,927 – \$89,298 pro rata basis), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Applications Close:
Sunday 28 May 2017 (11.59 pm)**

Administrative Contact: John Leys
on (02) 6740 2345 or 0419 634 554
Aboriginal Contact: Geoff Simpson
on (02) 6932 9114 or 0478 131 513

**Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to
iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00005915.**

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Do you want to be part of a team and help our candidates gain sustainable employment? Sarina Russo Job Access is a leader in the employment, education and training industry.

We currently have opportunities across Melbourne and Western Sydney.
These are casual opportunities working up to **38 hours p/week**.

In this role, you will mentor our Indigenous candidates to organise appropriate interventions and strategies to help candidates find and maintain sustainable employment. You will also develop and maintain community and business networks to promote Indigenous Services to organisations.

If you are seeking a position that offers job satisfaction through helping others, we want to hear from you! For more information or to apply go to our website www.sarinarusso.com/work-for-us/

We embrace the diversity of our people and flexible working arrangements to ensure our workforce is representative of the communities that we serve.

Please note you will be required to complete a police check if successful in your application.

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**Police
& Justice**



Administrative Support Officer

- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- State Crime Command, Parramatta
- Clerk Grade 1/2
- Temporary Full-Time up to 2 years
- I Work for NSW Requisition No.000059LZ

Salary Package: \$72,164. **Salary:** \$60,154 – \$65,396. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Administration Support Officer is responsible for providing support to the business unit to ensure efficient and effective administrative processes.

Key Accountabilities:

- Deliver professional day to day administrative services to support the effective operation of the unit
- Respond efficiently to routine inquiries by stakeholder and customers, escalating and referring as necessary to the relevant areas in accordance with local practice and protocol.
- Update and maintain records and databases, complying with records management processes, to ensure information is accurate, stored correctly and accessible.
- Confidently communicate and proactively organise and manage diaries, agendas, minutes and all documentation contributing to the productivity, efficiency and effectiveness of the senior management team.

Key Challenges:

- Delivering accurate and consistent work within a high volume environment and in accordance with legislation and policy.
- Handling a range of matters on a day to day basis and following up outstanding issues in a timely and efficient manner.

Job Notes:

- **Applicants must** satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- An information session for this position will be held at Police Headquarters, 1 Charles Street, Parramatta on Wednesday 24 May 2017 at 6pm. If you wish to attend the Information session, please email the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit at haboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au or contact Georgina Munro on (02) 8835 6257.
- It is a requirement to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed. The successful applicant will also be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- For assistance in completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check, Security Clearance or Information Sessions, **please contact the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257 or via email haboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au**

Applications Close: Sunday 4 June 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Acting Manager, Catherine Naicker on (02) 8835 9509.

**Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 000059LZ**

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Family & Community Services

Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker

NSW Family and Community Services aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children by recruiting and developing outstanding individuals to be leaders in child protection practice.

As an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker you will be working with vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect, their families and communities and interagency partners to be agents of change in the lives of children.

***Being an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker is tough.
It takes a special kind of person. But the rewards are huge.***

We are looking for people with a strong commitment to children, families and community capacity building, people who possess a high level of resilience to become part of a team of skilled and dedicated professionals.

***Do you identify as Aboriginal and have two years experience working with
Aboriginal children, young people and families or communities?***

If so apply now! Please visit www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and enter job reference no: 000041OM to join a team of dedicated and professional FACS caseworkers in your area and benefit from:

- Professional support and training
- Flexible working conditions
- Great career opportunities

Aboriginal Caseworkers must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

More information available www.facs.nsw.gov.au/careers/caseworker

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further
Please call Recruitment on 1800 203 966 or email
caseworker.screenings@facs.nsw.gov.au



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Job Reference Number 000041OM**

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MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS ADVISER/ELECTORATE OFFICER

Senator Patrick Dodson

**Shadow Assistant Minister for Indigenous Affairs and Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islanders**

Senator for Western Australia

Applications are invited for the above position. This role will be based in Broome, Western Australia.

The Media and Communications Adviser will be responsible for the development and implementation of a proactive traditional and social media strategy. The role will require the ability to research and draft speeches and media releases, provide briefs on parliamentary reports and stakeholder reports, build media and community campaigns and events around issues and causes, and build working relationships with journalists and other stakeholders. The role will require the Media and Communications Adviser to work independently whilst also contributing to the overall functions of a small and geographically dispersed office.

Applicants should possess the following skills and experience:

- An understanding of Australia's system of government and parliamentary processes
- An understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and issues would be highly desirable
- Experience working as a media adviser or journalist
- A working understanding of the Western Australian and national media landscape, and the demands of the 24-hour news cycle
- Experience working with web content management and social media applications
- Excellent oral, written, interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to research, comprehend and express complex issues
- Strong time management and organisational skills
- Ability to work as part of a small team, under time constraints and strict deadlines
- Capacity to work irregular hours (nights, early mornings and weekends) as required
- Capacity to travel as required

The position is offered under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* and conditions are outlined in the *Commonwealth Members of Parliament Staff Enterprise Agreement 2012-2015*.

A commencing salary between \$62,895 – \$73,431 will be determined based on experience and skills. In addition, an optional allowance of \$7,596 – \$15,191 is payable in recognition of, and as compensation for, reasonable additional hours of work.

A probationary period of 3 months will apply.

Applications setting out details of experience and the names of two referees should be forwarded to senator.dodson@aph.gov.au

Applications close on Friday 26 May 2017

For further information, please contact Jo Daniels at joanne.daniels@aph.gov.au



RESEARCH PROJECTS COORDINATOR

**FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES / INSTITUTE OF POSITIVE
PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATION, SYDNEY**

- Work on the Australian Centre for Indigenous Thriving pilot project
- Lead a team in providing administrative support for research projects
- Full-time, fixed term (2 years) appointment, located in Strathfield initially and moving to North Sydney

ACU is committed to diversity and social inclusion in its employment practices. Applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disabilities and people from culturally diverse groups are encouraged.

Australian Catholic University (ACU) is an inclusive community which welcomes students and staff of all beliefs. ACU has over 2,500 staff supporting more than 34,000 students across seven campuses – Adelaide, Ballarat, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, North Sydney and Strathfield. As valued members of our community, all staff members are expected to have an understanding of ACU's mission and values and to demonstrate an active contribution to them.

The Institute of Positive Psychology and Education (IPPE) has a recognised world-class research program characterised by the attraction of prestigious externally funded grants and research partnerships, publications in top tier scholarly works, a world-class research training experience for HDR students, and best practice Institute governance procedures.

The new Australian Centre for Indigenous Thriving intends to significantly advance the vital interplay of theory, research, and practice to yield translational outcomes and innovative solutions that will enable Indigenous Australian children and youth to thrive in their home, community, and school environments. Leading a team of Research Assistants your role would include the preparation of project plans, liaison with stakeholders, and collation of project information and data whilst being mindful of cultural sensitivity. More specifically the position entails:

- Overseeing recruitment and scheduling of subject participation, including adherence to ethics and other procedures
- Maintaining and building relationships and communication with Indigenous communities, leaders and elders
- Providing training, supervision, direction and support for project personnel
- Ensuring project compliance and progress in accordance with projected timelines.

You will need:

- A degree in education and/or psychology and/or experience in research project management
- Demonstrated ability to produce accurate management information reports for a range of internal and external stakeholders
- Evidence of ability to show commitment with integrity to the Catholic Identity, Mission and ethos of the University
- Experience in statistical analysis and in the design and preparation of Survey documentation (Qualtrics would be well-regarded).

The University pursues an excellence agenda and offers an environment where staff are welcomed and safe, and valued through development, participation and involvement.

How to Apply:

Obtain the Position Description from this address:

<http://careers.acu.edu.au/caw/en/job/972402/research-projects-coordinator>

Applicants are requested to address all nine selection criteria listed at the end of the Position Description document.

To apply for this role click the "Apply" link on the above webpage. For hints and tips on how to apply visit:

http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/our_university/careers_at_acu/hints_and_tips

Total remuneration valued to \$96,241 - \$104,161 pa, including salary component \$81,325 - \$88,017 pa (HEW Level 7), employer contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

For general enquiries contact Professor Janet Mooney, Institute of Positive Psychology and Education, phone (02) 9701 4660.

Equal Opportunity and Privacy of personal information is University policy. For more details visit: www.acu.edu.au/careers

Applications Close: Wednesday 31 May 2017

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Family & Community Services

Aboriginal Traineeship Program

- Clerk Grade 1/2
- Department of Family & Community Services
- Location: several roles available across the Sydney Metro area

Salary range \$60,154 pa - \$65,396 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Do you want to learn while you earn?

Build your career by combining paid work whilst completing a nationally recognised qualification in the area of Business Administration.

About the Opportunity

FACS in partnership with Sydney's TAFE Eora College are offering exciting opportunities to participate in an Aboriginal Traineeship.

The Aboriginal Traineeship program provides a career pathway for motivated Aboriginal people. The program offers:

- **Certificate III in Business Administration**
- **on the job support and coaching**
- **exposure to a range of work areas within FACS**
- **a 12 month temporary role with the possibility of on-going work**

About you

To be successful in this role you will need to:

- identify as Aboriginal
- communicate and work effectively in a team environment
- organise work and make sound decisions to achieve outcomes
- demonstrate a strong work ethic and interest in working for our department

Applications Close: 21 May 2017 at 11.59pm

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further
contact Martin Ng on (02) 8879 9115 or email
martin.ng2@facs.nsw.gov.au or Sarah Qassis on (02) 9765 3131

**Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 000059F8**

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Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Medical Centre General Practitioner

We are seeking an experienced FT/PT VR GP to join our dynamic Aboriginal Community Controlled Health organisation on the NSW Central Coast (Darkinjung Country) whose goal is to provide high quality patient & family centered integrated healthcare services for the Aboriginal community.

Do you have:

- A genuine commitment & insight into culturally appropriate holistic primary health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Vocational Registered (VR status)
- DWS position
- AHPRA Registered
- Min 5 Years post-graduation experience in medicine
- Demonstrated ability to be innovative, and work with complex care patients
- Current CPR Certificate

Enquires:

Robyn Moore (Practice Manager)

Ph: 0407 621 699

Website: www.yerin.org.au

GP Application Email: recruitment@yerin.org.au



Health
Western NSW
Local Health District

Aboriginal Adult Mental Health Clinician – Community Mental Health Team

Classification: Dependent on qualifications

Location: Wellington

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: Dependent on qualifications

Enquiries: Rebecca Leman (02) 6881 4000

Email: rebecca.leman@health.nsw.gov.au

**Closing Date:
2 June 2017**

Applications must be
lodged electronically. Please go
to ynotmakeityou.com.au and
search Job Reference Number 375448.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Environment,
Land, Water
and Planning

Community Information and Events Officer, Scorecard

Location: Melbourne - CBD

Salary: \$78,773 – \$89,375 + super.

Position No: 922568

- Excellent editing and plain English drafting skills
- Understanding of energy efficiency opportunities
- Creates a climate of service excellence

The Community Information and Events Officer, Scorecard will work with a team in delivering the Minister's priorities for energy efficiency and productivity programs. These programs are designed to help businesses and households reduce their energy use, in order to save money on their energy bills, support the creation of Victorian jobs, and contribute to reductions in Victoria's greenhouse gas emissions.

We are building an inclusive workplace to help realise the potential of our employees, embrace our differences, and apply our diverse thinking to innovation and delivering services to Victorian communities. All jobs can be worked flexibly and we encourage job applications from Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

The role will require a diverse range of skills, including plain english and editing, strong organisational skills, attention to detail, and ensuring effective communications within the Department, with the Minister's Office and with government and external stakeholders. In this role you will develop and provide quality assurance of public communication related to the Scorecard and broader energy efficiency. Plan and provide logistical support for stakeholder events, including meetings and workshops.

An understanding of energy efficiency activities, and effective means of communicating is desirable.

This is a fixed term position for a period of 3 years.

To be considered for this position, your application should include a supporting statement demonstrating that you meet the key selection criteria and any job requirements specified in the position description.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions
and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close at midnight Thursday 1 June 2017.

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www.delwp.vic.gov.au

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Education

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

- ACLO
- Temporary full-time appointment up to: 15 December 2017
- Position number and location: 174160 – Murwillumbah

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:

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.

Applications Close: 31 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 174160

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KOORI EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Graduate Program 2018

- Work in an organisation with diverse career opportunities
- Be part of a dynamic Koori Staff Network with over 100 members
- Continue with ongoing employment upon completion of the program

The Department of Justice and Regulation is an organisation committed to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Graduate Program is a 12-month learning and development program, where graduates will develop skills for a solid career in the department.

Graduates will have the opportunity to rotate between three business units, and participate in the departments Koori Mentoring Program for mentor support, guidance and professional development.

We are currently seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graduates in the following disciplines:

- Social work, social sciences, criminal justice or arts
- Law, public policy or economics
- Accounting, economic or business

Applications for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Graduate Program 2018 are now open and will close on Friday 30 June 2017. For further information on these positions, please contact the Koori Employment Team on (03) 8684 1751.

These are Aboriginal Designated Positions, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

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Department
of Justice and
Regulation

Valuing Diversity

Frankston Hospital

Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer

Limited Term Full Time
Closes 31.05.2017

Ref No: 20995

For full details, please visit:
www.peninsulahealth.org.au



PENINSULA HEALTH

Winner - 2007 and 2009 Premier's Award -
Metropolitan Health Service of the Year



Health
Mid North Coast
Local Health District

Administration Support Officer Drug & Alcohol

Location: Kempsey
Enquiries Wendy Munro
(02) 6586 6030

Closing Date:
24 May 2017

Applications must be
lodged electronically. Please go
to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and
search Job Reference Number 390654

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

Solicitor – Civil Law Legal Officer Grade I-III

- Aboriginal Targeted
- Package up to \$118K
- Ongoing & temporary opportunities
in Wagga Wagga & Albury (35hpw)

We are looking for a solicitor to work in
Wagga Wagga & Albury to provide high
quality civil law advice, minor assistance and
casework services to disadvantaged clients in
a range of settings including outreach.

Applications Close:
Saturday 27 May 2017

If you would like to discuss this
opportunity further contact
Sally Bryant on (02) 6650 6026.

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 000059Q8

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Government of South Australia

Department of Planning,
Transport and Infrastructure

SUBURBAN TRAIN DRIVER (POOL) (ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER)

Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure's
(DPTI's) rail network carries more than 20 million passengers per
annum, is serviced by more than 350 staff, and operates more
than 3,200 services each week. Here's your chance to work for
a vibrant and innovative department that oversees planning,
transport and infrastructure in our state. We are looking for
candidates who want to bring their energy, skills and knowledge
to make South Australia the best it can be – joining our team
already dedicated to this task.

The Department is seeking to establish a pool of Trainee Train
Drivers for a period of 12 months. Successful candidates will be
placed in the pool and may be appointed as opportunities arise.

As a Trainee Train Driver you will be provided with
comprehensive training, a very competitive pay rate which rises
as you become qualified and attractive leave provisions.

The successful candidate will be willing to work a 7 day rotating
roster, have well-developed communication skills, be prepared to
be challenged, work collaboratively with team members and
have the ability to work under extreme pressure. If you are highly
motivated, passionate, dedicated, willing to work weekends and
public holidays and have excellent customer service skills, we
would like to hear from you.

This is a safety critical role and requires all successful applicants
to meet pre-employment assessments, along with an interview,
satisfactory criminal history check, medical examination and
reference checks.

Suburban Train Drivers (more than one)
Full Time Ongoing Roles
Vacancy No. 2017-19701
\$972.92 - \$1,403.08 per week

Duties:

The Suburban Train Driver is responsible for operating all classes
of railcars across the Adelaide metropolitan rail network, in
accordance with safe working rules, regulations and procedures.

Functions include driving and preparing vehicles for operation
with responsibility for the safe and efficient operation of railcars,
adhering to timetabled services and delivering excellent customer
service to ensure passengers enjoy a safe, reliable and timely
means of transport.

Special Conditions

To be eligible for this role, candidates must:

- be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia
- hold a current unrestricted Driver's Licence
- be willing to work shift work in accordance with a 7 day
rotating roster, including early mornings, nights, weekends and
public holidays
- be willing to undertake a pre-employment medical and criminal
history clearance.

Our commitment to Diversity

The Department is committed to building a diverse and inclusive
culture across the department, planning for and promoting
diversity. We welcome and encourage applications from diverse
community groups and ages including Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander, LGBTI, people with disabilities, women and other
diversity groups. DPTI recognises the benefits that such an
approach brings for our staff and customers in delivering the
future of South Australia.

Enquiries:

Ms Chantel Buckskin
Aboriginal Cultural Consultant
Telephone (08) 7109 7140

Applications:

Recruitment and Employment
Telephone (08) 8343 2600
Email dpti.apply@sa.gov.au

For more information on this exciting opportunity visit
www.dpti.sa.gov.au/careers

Note: Applicants are required to submit a completed pre-
screening application/questionnaire and curriculum vitae
demonstrating their suitability for the role. In addition applicants
are required to complete a cover sheet quoting the vacancy
number of the role being applied for and confirmation of
Aboriginality. The vacancy number for this role is available at
www.dpti.sa.gov.au/careers. All applicants need to complete and
return an employment declaration with their application for
employment.

The SA Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer and safety
is a core value.

An information session will be held Monday 22 May 2017.

To register your interest for this session please contact
Ms Buckskin.

Closing Date: 5:00pm Friday 2 June 2017

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www.sa.gov.au

CITY OF SYDNEY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER Redfern Community Centre

- \$75,974 p.a. plus Superannuation
- Permanent full time position within Local Government
- Option to work under 19 day month arrangement

The City of Sydney continues to pursue its vision of meeting local resident's needs whilst
advancing Sydney's global position as Australia's premier city, through the implementation of a
range of services, programs and initiatives directed at residents, businesses and visitors.

A great opportunity exists to work with our diverse community to identify and meet community
needs in developing an appropriate, innovative and vibrant Community, Arts and Cultural
Development Program at the Redfern Community Centre.

To be successful you must have completed tertiary qualification and/or have appropriate
experience in the Arts or Community Development Sector. You will have sound understanding of
community development issues and processes as well as relevant experience working with
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Offering employee's excellent employment benefits including flexible working arrangements,
professional development opportunities and salary increases paid annually in line with the City
Award, the City is a great place to work.

Visit www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/jobs for a position description. For further information contact
Kristina Karasulas, City Spaces Centre Manager on 02 9288 5717.

Applications must address the selection criteria stated within the position description and be
submitted online via the City's website by **Wednesday 31 May 2017**.

At the City we provide equal employment opportunity. We are committed to ensuring an
accessible and inclusive work environment and encourage applications from people from
diverse backgrounds and cultures.

cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/jobs



Sustainable Sydney

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KOORI EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS



Executive Officer, Hume Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC) Hume Region

- Fixed-term, full-time opportunity
- Leadership role in a dynamic environment
- Salary range: \$90,890 - \$109,969 (plus superannuation)

An exciting opportunity exists for an Executive Officer, Hume Regional
Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC) on a fixed-term, full-
time basis in the Hume Region.

The Hume Region encompasses two medium security men's prisons
in Beechworth and Murchison and delivers a range of Justice Services
including: custodial services at our prisons, community corrections
services, Sheriff's Operations, Consumer Affairs and front of house
enquiries (including Births, Deaths and Marriages applications).

The Executive Officer is to support the effective operation of the
RAJAC and the Local Aboriginal Justice Action Committee (LAJAC)
and to ensure the active participation and engagement of the Koori
community in the AJA. The role is also responsible for the development
and maintenance of supportive linkages between justice agencies and
community organisations, providing policy advice, implementing the
Regional Justice Plan, providing secretariat services to the RAJAC and
LAJAC as well as promotion of all AJA initiatives within the region.

The position is also a key member of the Hume Region Executive
Leadership Team that has overall responsibility for the management
and direction of regional operations.

As our ideal candidate, you will be required to demonstrate:

- a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Koori
community, both society and culture and the issues impacting on it
- strong stakeholder management skills
- ability to influence and negotiate.

**For further information on this position and to submit your
application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au**

Applications close on Wednesday 31 May 2017.

**This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and/or Torres
Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.**

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of Justice and
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Valuing Diversity

COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

SENIOR ADVISER ABORIGINAL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



- \$90,890 to \$109,969
- Ongoing
- Melbourne CBD

The Commission for Children and Young People is an
independent statutory body established to promote
continuous improvement and innovation in policies and
practices relating to the safety and wellbeing of:

- Victorian children and young people generally, and
- Vulnerable children and young people in particular.

As a member of the Koori Advisory & Engagement unit, the
Senior Adviser Aboriginal Children and Families, is responsible
for providing key policy advice to support the work of the
Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young people,
the unit and the Commission. You will manage key projects
and provide considered advice to improve the safety and
wellbeing of Victoria's Aboriginal children and young people
and families. You will have:

- a working knowledge of Aboriginal Children and Families
policies and programs in Victoria, both Government and
Community.
- an ability to work collaboratively with Aboriginal
people, communities and service sector, and maintain
relationships with stakeholders within government and
the sector.
- an understanding of the child protection system and the
strengths and challenges for Aboriginal children, young
people and families in Victoria and
- an understanding of the legislation and practice.

Travel throughout Victoria is part of this role as you
develop and maintain effective working relationships with
key stakeholders including Aboriginal children and young
people, Aboriginal community, government departments,
legal services, court officers, community organisations, peak
bodies, and other relevant bodies.

**Please note: Only Indigenous Australians are eligible
to apply as this position is exempt under the Special
Measure Provision, Section 12(1) of the Equal
Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic)**

For further information on the position description and the
key selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact
Nathanial Taylor, (03) 8601 5265.

Job reference number: CCYP00295006

Applications close: midnight Monday 29 May 2017

ccyp.vic.gov.au



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HealthShare

Mental Health Network Manager

Permanent Full-Time

Enquiries: Chris Shipway

(02) 9464 4603

Closing Date:
28 May 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 389689

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

Awabakal is a dynamic and innovative community organisation with the support and wellbeing of the Aboriginal community in Newcastle, the Hunter Valley, Lake Macquarie

and Port Stephens at the heart of everything we do. Our highly skilled teams across medical, aged care, housing and childcare services are passionate and driven to provide the most progressive and flexible services to our local communities and we actively empower our staff to be creative and forward thinking.

With a commitment to continuous improvement, we are seeking an experienced Clinical Psychologist to join our team in this newly created role. This critical role will require you to provide direct clinical care to clients with mental health issues and to lead and support the Mental Health team in the management of referrals and coordination of patient care in Mental Health related programs to the Aboriginal Community. You will also ensure there is strong integration between the Mental Health team and other Awabakal medical teams including external health service providers.

Essential to this role you must have a general registration with PsyBA with endorsement in Clinical Psychology and demonstrated experience working as a senior clinician providing clinical guidance and support to a multi-disciplinary team. Furthermore, you must have experience in Mental Health assessment and the treatment of mental disorders, including anxiety and depression along with extensive knowledge of the health and social issues related to Aboriginal communities.

Our teams are professional, hardworking and passionate, best describing our culture as innovative, flexible and supportive and we are committed to ensuring our team members reflect our important organisational values.

Applications are required no later than **COB Friday 26th May 2017**. To apply please forward your resume and covering letter to admin@skildare.com.au, should you require more information, please contact Diane Loong for a confidential discussion on (02) 4940 8743

RECOGNISE is hiring Field Organisers across the country!

Would you like to work on a once in a generation campaign? Can you organise, motivate, and lead volunteers to take action?

Title: Field Organiser and Field Leader (in VIC and TAS)
Start Date: May/June 2017

Salary: Field Organiser \$55,000 - \$77,000 inc. Super

Salary: Field Leader \$77,000 - \$82,000 inc. Super

Locations: Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth, Darwin, Hobart.

Organisation Background

RECOGNISE is the movement building community awareness and understanding about the need to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution and to deal with racial discrimination in it.

More than 300,000 Australians from all walks of life have already declared their support to recognise the First Australians in our founding document and to fix the racial discrimination that still exists in it today.

Our Field Team is currently recruiting for a number of leadership positions across the country. The team's goal is to rapidly grow the movement on-the-ground through volunteer driven community events, face-to-face conversations, phone calls, and online one-to-one discussions.

We are looking for people that are confident in forming and leading diverse teams of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to raise awareness and understanding of constitutional recognition and reform. This means recruiting, training, and organising hundreds of volunteers. Key responsibilities will include supporting volunteers to run events, door-knocks, call centres, and digital chat centres that reach tens of thousands of people and potential supporters. This will be an exciting and fast-paced part of the campaign that will be crucial to our overall success.

People with a background in campaigning, advocacy, communications, and/or marketing would be well suited to the roles. However, smart and creative generalists who can lead and organise others and are keen to learn quickly are also encouraged to apply.

To access a full job description go to:
<http://www.recognise.org.au/get-involved/jobs/>

For further information about this position please contact Mickey Kovari on (02) 8204 1500.

Please send applications to:
jobs@reconciliation.org.au

Applications close: 6.00pm 22 May 2017.



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Worker

Location: Newcastle

Enquiries: Leanne Morris (02) 4016 4900

Reference Number: 390495

Closing Date: 28 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*. Applicants must be female. This is a genuine qualification under Section 31 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Administration Officer

Location: Barraba Multi-Purpose Service

Enquiries: Cathy Stein (02) 6782 2516

Reference Number: 392333

Closing Date: 31 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*. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

Child and Family Health Nurse

Location: Newcastle

Enquiries: Leanne Morris (02) 4016 4900

Reference Number: 390904

Closing Date: 31 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*. Applicants must be female. This is a genuine qualification under Section 31 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Dates:
see above

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Numbers above.

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Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC)

Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation. GLaWAC is the Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) for the Gunaikurnai people providing joint management of 10 parks and reserves within the Gippsland region of Victoria.

All position descriptions available at
www.gunaikurnai.com.au.

Natural Resources Management Field Staff

- Casual positions
- Understanding of Gunaikurnai Cultural Heritage
- Knowledge of Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 (Vic).
- Strong leadership

NRM On Country Field staff work under the On Country Supervisor to undertake a variety of onground natural resource management works on traditional Gunaikurnai land and waters using both traditional and modern ecological knowledge systems.

GLaWAC considers that being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under s28 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic.)

For further information on these positions please contact Mardi Edwards - Human Resources Manager on (03) 5152 5100 or email mardie@glawac.com.au

This position closes on 31st May 2017.

Cultural Heritage Coordinator

- Full time
- Understanding of Gunaikurnai Cultural Heritage
- Knowledge of Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 (Vic).
- Strong leadership

The Cultural Heritage Coordinator will demonstrate strong leadership capabilities and assist in strategic decision-making in managing and motivating a team of staff to ensure smooth operations. The Cultural Heritage Coordinator is responsible for the day to day tasks of the RAP department and oversees of Cultural Heritage Site Field Officers on all practical conservation projects.

GLaWAC considers that being Gunaikurnai is a genuine occupational requirement for this position.

This position closes on 31st May 2017.

For further information on these positions please contact:

Mardi Edwards
Human Resources Manager on (03) 5152 5100 or
email mardie@glawac.com.au

KOORI EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS

Aboriginal Case Manager

- **Engage with the Victorian Koori Community**
- **Proactively motivate and engage clients**
- **Based in Bendigo**
- **Salary range \$ 69,080 - \$ 75,895 plus superannuation**

About the role

Based in Bendigo, you will manage both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal offenders on court orders by conducting risk assessments, preparing case plans, providing interventions and addressing the underlying causes of offending.

You will support offenders to successfully complete their court orders, while balancing risks to community safety. You may also be required to provide advice to the Koori Court to assist in the sentencing process.

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Apply online at

<https://apply.correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au/jobs/DOJ-3835>
by 28 May 2017.

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of Justice and
Regulation**
Valuing Diversity

Senior Projects Officer

Naalamba Ganbu and Nerrlinggu Yilam (Cultural Integrity and Resilience Unit)

Rehabilitation and Reintegration Branch, Corrections Victoria

- **Ongoing, full-time opportunity**
- **This role will focus on designing, developing and implementing programs and services to support Aboriginal people in Victoria's correctional system**
- **Lead the provision of strong and effective cultural advice and direction regarding the delivery of a range of Rehabilitation and Reintegration programs to ensure cultural competency and responsivity**
- **Be part of a strong cultural, supportive and collaborative team where culture and its principles is central in all the work that we do**
- **Salary range: \$90,890 - \$109,969 (plus superannuation)**

An exciting opportunity exists for a Senior Projects Officer (Identified) on an ongoing, full-time basis in Melbourne.

The Naalamba Ganbu and Nerrlinggu Yilam^ (previously the Aboriginal Programs Unit) is responsible for leading the design, development, implementation and monitoring of Corrections Victoria (CV) policies, programs and services aimed at reducing the over-representation of Aboriginal people within the Victorian correctional system. The Yilam seeks to do this by working in partnership with the Victorian Aboriginal community, related agencies, and CV staff to understand the needs of Aboriginal people in the correctional system to ensure effective policies, programs and services are in place. The Naalamba Ganbu and Nerrlinggu Yilam's motto is Our People, Our Priority, Our Pride. The Yilam sits within the Rehabilitation and Reintegration Branch of the Offender Management Division.

As Senior Project Officer in the Naalamba Ganbu and Nerrlinggu Yilam, this is your opportunity to use your skills and experience to support Aboriginal people in the correctional system by leading necessary change through designing, developing and implementing programs and services that will meet their needs. You will lead the identification and response to systemic issues that impact on Aboriginal people's ability to meaningfully engage in correctional and cultural responsive pathways.

You will be expected to lead and perform at a high level, while being a part of a strong cultural, supportive and collaborative team where culture and its principles is central in all the work that we do. You will also be provided opportunities to engage in the Department of Justice and Regulation Koori Staff Network activities including the annual state-wide Koori Staff Network Conference and supported culturally and professionally to achieve your career aspirations. If supporting your mob in the correctional system to reconnect to their community is your priority, then this job is for you.

As our ideal candidate, you will be required to demonstrate:

- a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Aboriginal Community, both society and culture and the issues impacting on it
- a demonstrated ability to communicate competently and sensitively with members of the Victorian Aboriginal community
- knowledge and understanding of the criminal justice system (if acquired knowledge and understanding of CV)
- demonstrated experience in the design and development of policy and/or programs for Aboriginal people and communities.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Wednesday 31 May 2017.

^Corrections Victoria honours, respects and thanks the Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation for the use of their language to name Corrections Victoria's Cultural Integrity and Resilience Unit.

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



Environment,
Land, Water
and Planning

Senior Native Title Officer (Legal)

Location: Melbourne CBD

Salary: \$90,890 – \$109,969 + super.

Position No: 812996

- Experience and knowledge in the development and delivery of policy, programs and projects
- Demonstrated capacity to represent the department in native title/Traditional Owner Settlement Act negotiations
- Communicate, negotiate and build strong and effective relationships with a wide range of stakeholders

The Senior Native Title Officer (Legal) provides high level support to the Principal Native Title Officer and management in the negotiation and settlement of native title claims and agreements under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* as well as oversight in the administration of procedural rights processes for future act and land use activities occurring on Crown land.

This position is classified as an "identified position" aimed at increasing employment opportunities for Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People. The position requires an in-depth knowledge of Aboriginal culture and an ability to communicate with Aboriginal communities. Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

The role requires strong negotiation skills as well as strong relationship building capabilities to maintain effective working relationships with internal and external delivery partners including the Department of Justice and Regulation, Parks Victoria, Native Title Services Victoria and Traditional Owner corporations.

The position is part of the Traditional Owner Agreements team which is responsible for negotiating and implementing a range of Government commitments in the growing area of Traditional Owner settlements. The team coordinates input to native title settlement negotiations, leads the set-up and support of Traditional Owner Land Management Boards and provides governance and policy advice to fulfil Government and Traditional Owner land management and natural resource objectives.

This is an Ongoing position.

To be considered for this position, your application should include a supporting statement demonstrating that you meet the key selection criteria and any job requirements specified in the position description.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close at midnight Wednesday 31 May 2017.

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The Australia Council is seeking applications for the following positions:

POLICY ADVISER

Full time, 3 year contract. Surry Hills location

As part of the Government Relations unit within the Communications team, the Policy Adviser provides high-quality advice on arts policy matters and stakeholder engagement. This role will build effective relationships across government and contribute to the delivery of corporate and policy priorities.

Applications close 26 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/>



Health

South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Workforce Manager (Health Manager Level 3)

Perm F/T 38hpw at Liverpool Hospital

Salary: \$105,615 - \$120,402 pa

Enquiries: Glenda Dingwall (02) 8738 5753

This is an identified position and Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria. In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1997*.

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles in NSW Health organisations.

For more information, please visit:
www.steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date:
31 May 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 392858

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ABORIGINAL HEALTH PROMOTION OFFICER

An exciting opportunity exists for a skilled and enthusiastic person to work with local Aboriginal people to improve health, through health promotion. This full time position is based at the Warrnambool Community Health Centre and will be guided by national and state frameworks in the implementation of Aboriginal health promotion. This activity will lead to sustained improvements in service access and health outcomes.

For the full advertisement, position description and application process please visit our website under Careers.

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RYOT STREET WARRNAMBOOL 3280
www.southwesthealthcare.com.au



Buying Assistant

- Be a part of Australia's independent national broadcaster
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- Part-Time Hours (25 hours per week)

Open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only

We have a fantastic entry-level opportunity for a Buying Assistant to join our multi-talented team at ABC Commercial.

You'll be providing the Head of ABC Retail with administrative support and assisting the wider Buying team with a variety of interesting tasks.

You'll have a friendly and supportive environment to learn and grow in, within a vibrant, diverse and cohesive team with the opportunity to gain valuable experience.

Applications close: 4th June 2017

For more details, visit abc.net.au/careers

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Justice

Official Visitor

• Corrective Services NSW

Official Visitors are appointed by the Minister for Corrections and they work to resolve complaints and enquiries at the local level made by inmates at NSW correctional centres and 24 hour court cell complexes. They also monitor the conditions and treatment of adults in correctional centres and cell complexes throughout NSW. Successful applicants will be assigned to a specific centre and they will visit on a fortnightly basis from 1 October 2017.

Applications are invited for the following Centres:

- Bathurst Correctional Centre
- Broken Hill & Ivanhoe (Warikiri) Correctional Centres
- Cessnock Correctional Centre
- Glen Innes Correctional Centre
- Goulburn Correctional Centre
- John Morony Correctional Centre (Berkshire Park)
- Junee Correctional Centre
- Lismore Cells (monthly visit)
- Metropolitan Special Programs Centre (Long Bay Correctional Complex)
- Moree Cells (monthly visit)
- Dawn de Loas and Metropolitan Remand & Reception Centre (Silverwater Complex)
- South Coast Correctional Centre
- Wellington Correctional Centre

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, women, and people from all cultural backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

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Applications Close: 30 May 2017

Applicants must request an application package from Lynn Davie by email at lynn.davie@justice.nsw.gov.au or by telephone on (02) 8061 9306. Further details on how to apply will be included in application package.

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- * Are you committed to creating a fairer society for everyone?
- * Interested in working with a passionate and enthusiastic team to advocate for social justice?
- * Do you have skills in engagement and capacity building?

The ACT Council of Social Service is the peak representative body for the social and community services sector and people living with disadvantage and inequality in the ACT. ACTCOSS aims to ensure that government policy improves the lives of disadvantaged people and develops a well-resourced, cohesive and sustainable community sector. ACTCOSS is a member of the nationwide COSS network, made up of each state and territory COSS and our national body, the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS).

Gulanga Program Officer (F/T)

This position provides the successful candidate an opportunity to engage with social policy issues, and work directly with community organisations and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community service workers to improve their capacity. Whilst working across the community sector, there will be a key focus on the Homelessness sector and Children, Youth and Family sector. Responsibilities include one on one consultation, facilitation of group meetings and training and support to a number of community networks. The successful candidate will be required to build and maintain strong relationships amongst the community and to identify areas of need for further development.

ACTCOSS has above-award pay and conditions as part of the ACT community sector multiple enterprise agreement (MEA). This position of 38hrs a week and is classified at a level 4 - 5, MEA (\$58,186 - \$68,571 per annum).

This position, within the Gulanga Program at ACTCOSS is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position. Consistent with ACTCOSS' obligations under the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth) and the Discrimination Act 1991 (Act), this position is only open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons.

NB: This position is being re-advertised. Previous applicants will be considered and need not re-apply.

Please phone 02) 6202 7200, email actcoss@actcoss.org.au or visit www.actcoss.org.au for more information, or a copy of the position description and selection criteria. A current driver's licence and the use of your own vehicle are required for this position.

Applications need to include a covering letter which addresses the selection criteria and a current CV. All enquiries and applications for this position will be treated confidentially.

Applications close 5pm, **Wednesday 31 May 2017**



Operator

- Full Time Position, Barwon Island WA
- 2/2 roster FIFO Perth
- HR Licence required
- Experience in working on a remote island

Your new role

Cleanaway is commencing an exciting new project on Barrow Island in WA partnering with a new client to provide total waste management services. As such we have a number of Operator positions available on a 2/2 roster, FIFO from Perth. Your role will be responsible for driving and operating company vehicles and associated equipment in accordance with training, instructions or operating procedures and to perform tasks to meet company requirements.

Key responsibilities include:

- Perform allocated work safely and efficiently in line with work instructions and at the direction your supervisor;
- Maintain a professional image of the company and deliver high quality customer service;
- Perform daily maintenance and safety checks on vehicles and equipment;
- Complete all paperwork and records accurately, as directed and required.

Your skills and experience

To be successful in this position, ideally you will possess:

- A current HR drivers licence.
- Experience operating waste management and/or industrial services equipment, such as, but not limited to front lift, rear lift, side lift, liquid and vacuum trucks.
- Mechanical aptitude.
- Ability to work autonomously and as part of a team.

How you apply

Cleanaway encourages and values diversity and inclusion. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Applicants for this role will be required to meet Cleanaway's employment criteria which will include providing evidence of your right to work in Australia. Where relevant to the role, this may also include a satisfactory medical assessment with drug and alcohol testing, psychometric testing and the provision of a satisfactory Driving History from the relevant State Authority.

Please email your resume and cover letter to the attention of:

Reg Yarran – National Aboriginal Engagement Advisor
Email: Reg.Yarran@cleanaway.com.au
Phone: 08 9449 3333

Reference: 495793





Justice

Official Visitor (Aboriginal)

• Juvenile Justice NSW (St Marys)

Official Visitors work to resolve complaints and enquiries at the local level made by detainees at juvenile justice centres. They also monitor the welfare and treatment of young people in juvenile justice centres throughout NSW.

Applications are invited for Cobham Juvenile Justice Centre (St Marys) for the next appointment period and the successful applicant will visit on a fortnightly basis from 1 October 2017.

An Aboriginal person (as defined by the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*) means a person who:

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

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Applications Close: 30 May 2017

Applicants must request an application package from Lynn Davie by email at lynn.davie@justice.nsw.gov.au or by telephone on (02) 8061 9306. Further details on how to apply will be included in application package.

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Professor in Screen Studies

Faculty of Arts

The School of Culture and Communication is a thriving research hub for critical thinking in the humanities. This agenda is led by world-leading scholars whose fields of research include literary and cultural studies, art history, cinema and performance, media and communication and Australian Indigenous studies. The School is also host to a range of funded research concentrations, such as the ARC Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions, the Australian Centre, the Centre for Advancing Journalism, the Research Unit in Public Cultures and the Transformative Technologies Research Unit. More broadly, our academics publish, speak and blog on topics as diverse as romanticism, poetry, Asian popular culture, digital media, climate change, network societies, gender and sexuality, racism, cosmopolitanism, and contemporary arts.

The Professor of Screen Studies will be expected to make major contributions in the areas of research, academic leadership, administration and professional development, and teaching excellence at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels including RHD supervision. The appointee will have an established research specialisation in an aspect of Screen Studies, and potential to achieve a high level of research performance through refereed publications and the securing of research grants. A principal duty of the successful appointee will be to foster interdisciplinary activities and engagement activities connected to the discipline.

Salary: \$187,654 p.a. plus 17% superannuation

Job No: 0043282

For position information and to apply online go to <http://about.unimelb.edu.au/careers>, and under the relevant option ('Current Staff' or 'Prospective Staff') search by the job title or number.

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PAYROLL OFFICER

Carlton, Melbourne

Identified Position

Part time hours, ongoing role

About the role

As Payroll Officer you will be part of a team that provides timely and accurate processing of Red Cross's end to end payroll.

About You

You will have experience working in a team within a high volume, end to end payroll processing environment. In

addition you will have good attention to detail, strong Excel skills and experience using Payroll systems. You will also be customer focused, have excellent communication skills and ability to problem solve.

The Benefits

Use your skills and experience operating in a payroll environment and work for an

organisation that makes a difference in the lives of people and communities during times of vulnerability.

More information on this role including the position description can be found at <http://www.redcross.org.au/careers.aspx> You can also contact Andrea Hutchinson, Payroll Manager on 03 8692 3359



Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council (GLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career as the Chief Executive Officer of the Gandangara LALC.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of Gandangara 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 need to have tertiary qualifications in Business, Social Sciences or extensive relevant experience. In addition, the successful applicant will need to have extensive and demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communications skills. High-level organisational and management experience, current driver's licence together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles is an essential requirement of this position. A sound

knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package and must address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. To obtain a copy of the recruitment package please contact the Chairperson Wendy Morgan, by email: wmorgan@glalc.org.au or on 0414 964 657.

Applications can be forwarded to mailto: wmorgan@glalc.org.au marked confidential and posted to:

The CEO Recruitment Panel
Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council
P.O. Box 1038
Liverpool Business Centre NSW 1871

Applications Close 14th June 2017

Being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW)



Police
& Justice



General Administrative Support Officer

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- Parramatta Local Area Command, Parramatta
- Clerk Grade 1/2 Permanent Full-Time
- I Work for NSW Requisition No.00005AEG

Salary Package: \$72,164. **Salary:** \$60,154 - \$65,396. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description

The General Administrative Support Officer provides support within the Local Area Command focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force.

The General Administrative Support Officer also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support at various NSW Police Force locations.

Job Notes

- Applicants **must** satisfy the Aboriginality criteria listed in the advertisement.
- An information session for this position will be held at Police Headquarters, 1 Charles Street, Parramatta on Wednesday 24 May 2017 at 6pm. If you wish to attend the Information session, please email the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit at haboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au or contact Georgina Munro on (02) 8835 6257.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with Flexible Rostering Guidelines. The position will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours on weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.
- It is a requirement to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed. The successful applicant will also be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- For assistance in completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check, Security Clearance or Information Sessions, please contact the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257 or via email haboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

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Applications Close: Sunday 4 June 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Jennifer Holt - Local Area Manager on (02) 9633 0744.

For the target questions, a downloadable role description, information package and to apply, please go to I Work for NSW iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for Requisition Number 00005AEG

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02 6622 2666

ABORIGINAL MANAGER

35 Hours per week

To be Aboriginal and female is a genuine requirement for this position

(Section 31 & 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

ESSENTIAL

1. Demonstrated experience working with Aboriginal women in a culturally sensitive manner
2. Demonstrated experience in resourcing and supporting a skilled and cohesive team to respond effectively to the crisis, transitional and early intervention and prevention of the needs of Aboriginal women and children experiencing Domestic and Family Violence
3. Demonstrated understanding of a trauma-informed approach to support women and children to recover and heal from the emotional and psychological effects of Domestic and Family Violence
4. Experience in maintaining staff support, supervision and staff development needs
5. Understanding and a willingness to work from a feminist framework
6. Proven ability to work with, and oversee the delivery of culturally appropriate casework to women and children with complex needs
7. Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain networks and linkages within the Aboriginal community and with government agencies to advocate for clients on issues related to domestic and family violence in the Aboriginal community
8. Demonstrated excellent organisational, interpersonal and communication skills

9. Proven ability to effectively manage conflict
10. Understanding of basic IT skills and proficiency in working with Microsoft Office programs
11. Availability to work after hours and on weekends upon request
12. Current NSW driver's licence
13. Access to reliable vehicle

DESIRABLE

1. To be known and accepted by the local Aboriginal community
1. Previous experience working in a Specialist Homelessness Service
2. Familiarity with housing entitlement systems and procedures
3. Current first aid certificate
4. LR Licence or willingness to obtain
5. Telephone/ Mobile phone coverage

Employment as per SCHCADS Award

- **ONLY applications addressing the Essential and Desirable selection criteria for employment will be considered**
- **Please provide 2 recent employer references**
- **Successful applicants will be required to undergo a "Working with Children" and a "Criminal Record" check prior to commencement of employment**

Applications to: ceoassistant@wcdvs.org.au, or fax to: 02 4721 5695

For questions and enquiries, please call 02 4732 2318 or email: ceoassistant@wcdvs.org.au

CLOSING DATE: **Friday 26th May 2017**

GENERAL MANAGER

Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation ICN 7585 (EMAC) is a Registered Native Title Body Corporate established in 2011.

EMAC is governed by a Board of Directors of traditional owners, each of which represents a family group of the Eastern Maar People. Its role is to protect and advance the aspirations of Eastern Maar citizens by managing their native title and cultural heritage rights and interests, as well as participating in negotiations with the State of Victoria under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 (Vic)*.

EMAC is seeking an experienced individual to oversee the day-to-day operations of the organisation. This full time, permanent ongoing position will provide extensive support to the elected Directors and will report directly to the Board. Major duties and responsibilities include managing human resources, finances, organisational planning and improvement and growing the corporation.

To request a copy of the Position Description, including further information about the role and the selection criteria, please email trehak@ntsv.com.au.

Applications must address the key selection criteria and include a resume. Please mark applications 'confidential', addressed to Teresa Rehak and email to trehak@ntsv.com.au or post to PO Box 431, North Melbourne VIC 3051.

Applications close: 2 June 2017



CITY OF PORT PHILLIP

Aboriginal Health and Reconciliation Officer

- **Temporary part-time position (30.4 hours per week)**
- **Band 6 (\$79,246 - \$86,381) + 9.5% Superannuation**

Do you have a commitment to reconciliation and Aboriginal health promotion? Do you want to play a key role in developing and implementing The City of Port Phillip's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (MPHWP)?

The successful candidate will have experience working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, and specifically in supporting community-lead health and reconciliation initiatives. Interested candidates should obtain a copy of the PD for further details of the role.

The City of Port Phillip is committed to increasing the recruitment, retention and professional development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Aboriginal Health and Reconciliation Officer role, partially funded through the Department of Health and Human Services Population Health Recruit Program, aims to increase employment of Aboriginal people in local government and enhance municipal public health and wellbeing planning and delivery to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal communities.

The City of Port Phillip offer excellent training and development opportunities and generous staff benefits including flexible working conditions. As well as access to culturally sensitive mentoring and support.

All advertisements for positions which involve direct contact with vulnerable groups or directly manage these services are to include the following statement; A successful application is subject to a satisfactory police record and working with children check (as per newly introduced child safe standards).

Please visit our website (<http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/working-city-of-port-phillip.htm>) to view a copy of the position description. Further information can be obtained by contacting Todd Condie, Indigenous Policy Officer on 9209 6818.

Applicants must respond to the key selection criteria contained in the position description.

**Applications close midnight
Monday May 29th 2017.**



**Police
& Justice**



Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Identified
- Barwon Local Area Command, Boggabilla
- Clerk Grade 3/4 Permanent Full-Time
- *I Work for NSW* Requisition No.000059JQ

Salary Package: \$81,256. **Salary:** \$67,248 - \$73,635. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to Police in the management of local Aboriginal issues.

They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen cooperation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

Job Notes

- **Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification** as authorised by *Part 6, Clause 23 of the Government Sector Employment Rules 2014*.
- This position is 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/shift allowances.
- Applicants **must** include/attach date and place of birth, drivers licence number and other supporting documentation.
- Applicants **must** hold a current driver's licence with no traffic offences recorded on their driving history within the last six (6) months.
- **An information session for this position will be held at Boggabilla Town & Country Club Ltd 23 North Street, Boggabilla on 26 May 2017 at 12pm.** If you wish to attend the Information session, please email the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit at hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au or contact **Georgina Munro on (02) 8835 6257**.
- In accordance with the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to criminal record, probity and prior employment checks. The position is subject to the terms of the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*. Under the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.
- **A working With Children Check (WWCC), is a prerequisite for this position.**
- The applicant is responsible for applying their own WWCC (**an employer cannot apply on behalf of a worker**) and if the outcome is a clearance, the Check is valid for five years and may be used for any child-related work in NSW.
- **You can apply for a Working With Children Check here:**
www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check
- The successful applicant will also be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement and will be required to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed.

Applications Close: Sunday 4 June 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Kylie Von Drehnen - Local Area Manager on (02) 6757 0801.

For the selection criteria, a downloadable position description, information package and to apply, please go to *I Work for NSW* iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for Requisition Number 000059JQ

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Justice

Official Visitor (Wagga Wagga)

- **Juvenile Justice NSW**

Official Visitors are appointed by the Minister for Corrections and they work to resolve complaints and enquiries at the local level made by detainees at juvenile justice centres. They also monitor the conditions and treatment of young people in juvenile justice centres throughout NSW.

Applications are invited for Riverina Juvenile Justice Centre (Wagga Wagga) for the next appointment period and the successful applicant will visit on a fortnightly basis from 1 October 2017.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, women, and people from all cultural backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Applications Close: 30 May 2017

Applicants must request an application package from Lynn Davie by email at lynn.davie@justice.nsw.gov.au or by telephone on (02) 8061 9306.

Further details on how to apply will be included in application package.

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ABORIGINAL REGIONAL SECTOR
SUPPORT OFFICER
Ageing & Disability (SCS173)

12 Month Temporary Contract – 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

Are you interested in working with the local Aboriginal communities and organisations across the region in the development of programs and services to directly support the community members who are ageing or have a disability?

Council is seeking a motivated professional team player to be part of the

Community Services Sector in the position of Aboriginal Regional Sector Support Officer – Ageing & Disability. This is a temporary position for a 12 month period commencing on 1 July 2017 and is supported by grant funding through the Sector Support Ageing & Disability Grant Program.

This position is responsible for the delivery of high quality strategies, programs and services to facilitate and promote awareness, understanding and support to the Aboriginal community to access Sector Support Ageing & Disability programs across the Riverina/Murray regions.

Key responsibilities of the position include:

- Facilitate and promote greater access for the Aboriginal community to mainstream and specific Aboriginal Ageing & Disability services.
- Develop the capacity of the Ageing & Disability service system to respond to the needs of the Aboriginal Home Support target population.
- Research and identify the Ageing & Disability needs of the Aboriginal community.
- Establish, maintain and participate in networks, partnerships and links within and across the relevant sector.
- Assist Ageing & Disability funded services with service planning, support and development.
- Identify training needs and delivering training (internal and external) as required.
- Prepare and deliver an annual work program.

You will be a skilled relationship manager and have excellent communication skills, both written and oral, who enjoys working with a variety of people. You will have experience in project management and a passion for community development.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

As part of the recruitment process a police check will be undertaken. Interviews will be held in the week commencing 5 June 2018.

Remuneration: Minimum \$1,280.48 gross per week + super

Enquiries: Cheryl Wilson – 02 6921 5981

For more information and to apply, visit www.wagga.nsw.gov.au/jobs

Closing Date: Friday, 26 May 2017 @midnight AEST

Please note: All applications must include three (3) documents; a covering letter, current resume and statement addressing the position criteria contained within the Position Description.

Wagga Wagga City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer, working to ensure Council's workforce is representative of the community we service and encourage diversity within our teams.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

| Tenement Type | No. | Applicant | Area* | Locality | Centroid | Shire |
|---------------------|-----------|---|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Exploration Licence | 04/2449 | WATERFORD BAY PTY LTD | 50BL | 97km E'ly of Derby | Lat: 17° 6' S Long: 124° 31' E | DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 04/2486 | ELDERBERRY RESOURCES PTY LTD | 36BL | 125km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing | Lat: 17° 15' S Long: 124° 55' E | DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2904 | AUSQUEST LIMITED | 194BL | 116km W'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat: 23° 30' S Long: 116° 35' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/2210 | HURRICANE PROSPECTING PTY LTD | 7BL | 155km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat: 24° 52' S Long: 116° 44' E | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/2215 | LODESTAR MINERALS LIMITED | 4BL | 161km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat: 25° 30' S Long: 116° 44' E | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1576 | APOLLO PHOENIX RESOURCES PTY LTD | 2BL | 7km S'ly of Widgiemooltha | Lat: 31° 33' S Long: 121° 36' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1586 | AVOCA MINING PTY LTD | 2BL | 2km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha | Lat: 31° 30' S Long: 121° 36' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1592 | ST IVES GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED | 1BL | 17km S'ly of Kambalda | Lat: 31° 21' S Long: 121° 40' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1593 | ST IVES GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED | 1BL | 17km NE'ly of Widgiemooltha | Lat: 31° 22' S Long: 121° 41' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1594 | ST IVES GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED | 2BL | 14km NE'ly of Widgiemooltha | Lat: 31° 24' S Long: 121° 40' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1595 | ST IVES GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED | 2BL | 14km NE'ly of Widgiemooltha | Lat: 31° 25' S Long: 121° 42' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 26/204 | LU, Haozhe | 1BL | 13km N'ly of Kambalda | Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 121° 42' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 27/593 | EMPIRE RESOURCES LIMITED | 4BL | 48km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 121° 53' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| | | BRIMSTONE RESOURCES LTD | | | | |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2682 | MINEX (AUST) PTY LTD | 1BL | 70km E'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 122° 9' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2684 | INDEPENDENCE NOVA PTY LTD | 2BL | 107km NW'ly of Rawlinna | Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 124° 17' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2685 | INDEPENDENCE NOVA PTY LTD | 2BL | 102km NW'ly of Rawlinna | Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 124° 20' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2686 | INDEPENDENCE NOVA PTY LTD | 1BL | 107km NW'ly of Rawlinna | Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 124° 18' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 29/1009 | BLUE THUNDER RESOURCES PTY LTD | 53BL | 65km W'ly of Leonora | Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 120° 40' E | LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 31/1149 | APOLLO MINING PTY LTD | 40BL | 80km SE'ly of Leonora | Lat: 29° 26' S Long: 121° 51' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 31/1150 | OMNI PROJECTS PTY LTD | 6BL | 122km S'ly of Laverton | Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 122° 23' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 37/1312 | TERRAIN MINERALS LTD | 39BL | 38km N'ly of Leonora | Lat: 28° 32' S Long: 121° 22' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/3214-5 | GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD | 12BL | 21km SE'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 122° 36' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/3218 | MAJEKA MINERALS PTY LTD | 53BL | 81km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 123° 39' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/3224 | AUSTRALIAN POTASH LIMITED | 21BL | 76km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 27° 21' S Long: 123° 9' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/3225 | AUSTRALIAN POTASH LIMITED | 3BL | 81km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 27° 20' S Long: 123° 15' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/3226 | AUSTRALIAN POTASH LIMITED | 6BL | 80km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 27° 22' S Long: 123° 18' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 39/1957 | MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED | 4BL | 62km S'ly of Laverton | Lat: 29° 10' S Long: 122° 32' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4773 | XINDE MINING PTY LTD | 35BL | 58km NW'ly of Marble Bar | Lat: 20° 53' S Long: 119° 16' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4853 | ELYSIAN RESOURCES PTY LTD | 2BL | 48km NE'ly of Marble Bar | Lat: 21° 0' S Long: 120° 10' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4875-1 | ATLAS IRON LIMITED | 16BL | 30km SE'ly of Marble Bar | Lat: 21° 17' S Long: 120° 0' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/3518 | MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED | 34BL | 10km N'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat: 23° 6' S Long: 117° 39' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/3617 | GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD | 4BL | 79km E'ly of Roebourne | Lat: 21° 2' S Long: 117° 51' E | KARRATHA CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 47/3626 | GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD | 23BL | 92km S'ly of Port Hedland | Lat: 21° 7' S Long: 118° 22' E | PORT HEDLAND TOWN |
| Exploration Licence | 47/3630 | GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD | 6BL | 91km E'ly of Roebourne | Lat: 20° 56' S Long: 118° 0' E | KARRATHA CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 47/3636 | GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD | 41BL | 46km S'ly of Dampier | Lat: 21° 3' S Long: 116° 34' E | KARRATHA CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1805 | SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL | 4BL | 84km NE'ly of Meekatharra | Lat: 25° 53' S Long: 118° 50' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1812-3 | RED FIELD PTY LTD | 81BL | 116km E'ly of Meekatharra | Lat: 26° 23' S Long: 119° 38' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1816 | SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL | 5BL | 87km NE'ly of Meekatharra | Lat: 25° 52' S Long: 118° 51' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1819 | GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED | 70BL | 107km NW'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 26° 9' S Long: 119° 53' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1821 | TASEX GEOLOGICAL SERVICES PTY LTD | 20BL | 116km NE'ly of Meekatharra | Lat: 25° 49' S Long: 119° 17' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3498 | SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL | 13BL | 81km N'ly of Meekatharra | Lat: 25° 53' S Long: 118° 42' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 53/1932 | MECS COMMODITIES PTY LTD | 34BL | 92km NW'ly of Leinster | Lat: 27° 12' S Long: 120° 12' E | WILUNA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 53/1933 | MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD | 34BL | 100km SE'ly of Meekatharra | Lat: 27° 0' S Long: 119° 23' E | WILUNA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 53/1937 | GIANNI, Peter Romeo | 21BL | 115km W'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 26° 36' S Long: 119° 41' E | WILUNA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 57/1060 | MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD | 22BL | 79km N'ly of Sandstone | Lat: 27° 18' S Long: 119° 32' E | SANDSTONE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 59/2227-1 | FI JOINT VENTURE PTY LTD | 10BL | 21km SE'ly of Yalgoo | Lat: 28° 30' S Long: 116° 46' E | YALGOO SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 59/2239 | KALAMAZOO RESOURCES LIMITED | 1BL | 74km NE'ly of Mullewa | Lat: 27° 59' S Long: 115° 56' E | MURCHISON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 59/2240 | KALAMAZOO RESOURCES LIMITED | 17BL | 72km NW'ly of Yalgoo | Lat: 27° 59' S Long: 116° 4' E | MURCHISON SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2111 | MONTAGUE RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD | 5BL | 74km SE'ly of Southern Cross | Lat: 31° 50' S Long: 119° 39' E | YILGARN SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2429 | ROSAGRO, Christopher Martin | 12BL | 138km N'ly of Koolyanobbing | Lat: 29° 34' S Long: 119° 36' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2438 | CLOONMORE GROUP PTY LTD | 16BL | 116km N'ly of Bullfinch | Lat: 30° 0' S Long: 118° 41' E | YILGARN SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2441 | PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD | 56BL | 145km N'ly of Koolyanobbing | Lat: 29° 30' S Long: 119° 26' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2445 | PARKWAY MINERALS NL | 59BL | 137km S'ly of Sandstone | Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 119° 17' E | MENZIES SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2446-7 | PARKWAY MINERALS NL | 140BL | 135km S'ly of Sandstone | Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 119° 26' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 80/5081 | GIANNI, Peter Romeo | 4BL | 42km SW'ly of Halls Creek | Lat: 18° 24' S Long: 127° 19' E | HALLS CREEK SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 16/2985-6 | PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD | 243.27HA | 49km NW'ly of Coolgardie | Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 120° 56' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 16/3047 | WHITAKER, William Barrie | 83.72HA | 53km NW'ly of Coolgardie | Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 120° 50' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 24/5186 | ZINFANDEL EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 199.58HA | 72km NW'ly of Coolgardie | Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 120° 51' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Prospecting Licence | 24/5193 | HAYES MINING PTY LTD | 132.69HA | 64km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 121° 0' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Prospecting Licence | 24/5195 | EDWARDS, Robert Glenn | 184.03HA | 33km N'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 121° 25' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Prospecting Licence | 24/5196 | LINE, Jamie Andrew | 29.13HA | 33km N'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 121° 21' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Prospecting Licence | 25/2427-8 | ARUMA EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 399.73HA | 41km E'ly of Kambalda | Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 122° 3' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Prospecting Licence | 27/2318 | KAMPF, Hugo | 133.69HA | 49km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 121° 53' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Prospecting Licence | 37/8923-4 | IWANOW, Peter | 345.65HA | 55km NW'ly of Leonora | Lat: 28° 30' S Long: 120° 57' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 38/4315 | MAURITZ, Leon Kurt | 191.27HA | 69km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 123° 35' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 39/5625 | RYAN, Christopher Gene | 209.55HA | 60km E'ly of Leonora | Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 121° 55' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 39/5816 | CUBBAGE, Michael Raymond | 179.90HA | 81km SW'ly of Laverton | Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 122° 1' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| | | CORAD PTY LTD | | | | |
| Prospecting Licence | 40/1434 | YIJUN, Zhu | 118.91HA | 40km S'ly of Leonora | Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 121° 27' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 51/3011 | CNN INVESTMENTS PTY LTD | 10.11HA | 55km S'ly of Meekatharra | Lat: 27° 4' S Long: 118° 37' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 51/3012 | BARNES, Gregory Bennett | 160.14HA | 23km SE'ly of Meekatharra | Lat: 26° 46' S Long: 118° 37' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 77/4436 | STRANGE, Vernon Wesley | 27.78HA | 9km SE'ly of Southern Cross | Lat: 31° 17' S Long: 119° 22' E | YILGARN SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 77/4449 | LARSEN, Jake Thomas | 10.01HA | 121km N'ly of Koolyanobbing | Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 119° 30' E | MENZIES SHIRE |

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 17 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 **17 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.

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. 17 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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WATERSNSW

SURAT GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **PHILLIP LLOYD TONKIN** for a bore (2 L/S) on Lot 6238 DP 769092, Parish of Burrandown, County of Finch.

Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 or richard.wheatley@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A009916)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer. A06694

WATERSNSW

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 193 DP 755892 for domestic 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. (A9897)

Any queries please call (02) 6024 8859, Clare Purtle, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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WATERSNSW

MID MURRUMBIDGEE ZONE 3 ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL under section 92 of the *Water Management Act 2000* has been received from **DOCYARRUM INVESTMENTS PTY LIMITED** to include a groundwater storage dam, on Lot 150 DP 750863 Parish Tooyal, County Bourke. (reference A009944)

Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 156, LEETON NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any inquiries should be directed to (02) 6951 2607, Water Regulation Officer, Phillip Killen.

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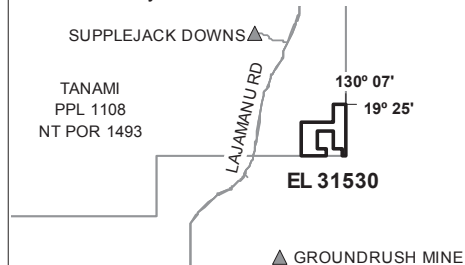
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kenneth Edward Vowles MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry and Resources, C/- Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

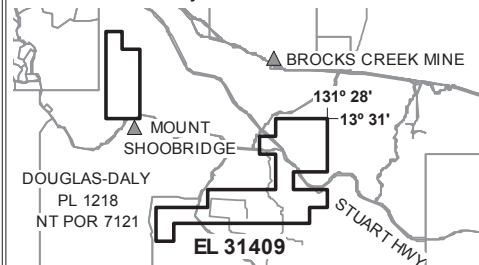
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 31530 sought by ABM RESOURCES NL, ACN 009 127 020 over an area of 22 Blocks (59 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WILSON CREEK locality.



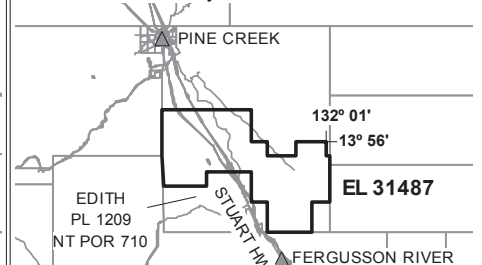
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Exploration Licence 31409 sought by BACCHUS RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 606 340 872 over an area of 37 Blocks (124 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TIPPERARY locality.



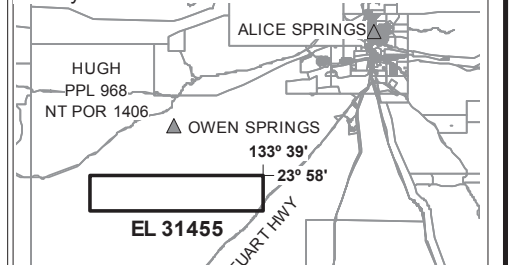
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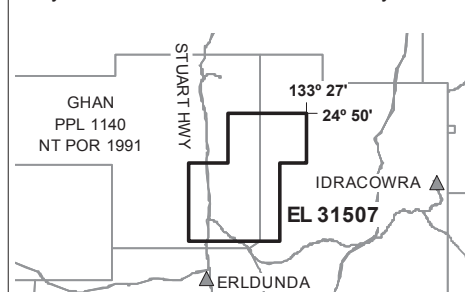
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Exploration Licence 31455 sought by BMEX PTY LTD, ACN 615 217 680 over an area of 84 Blocks (264 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MACDONNELL RANGES locality.



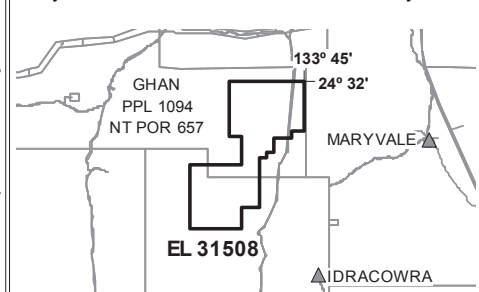
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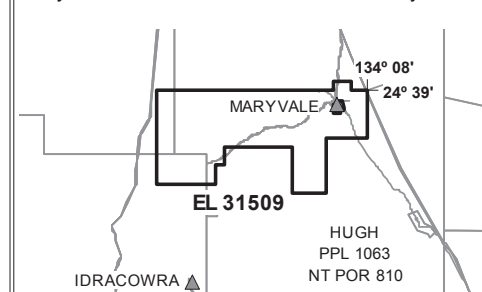
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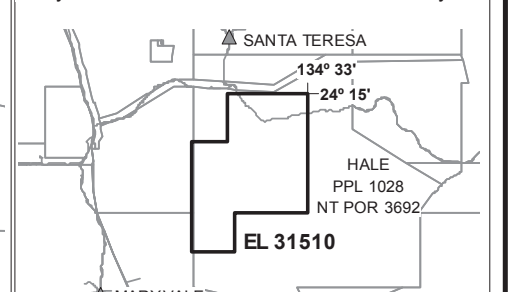
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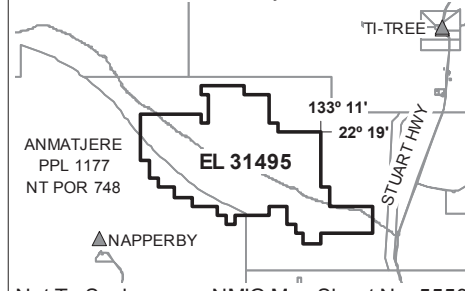
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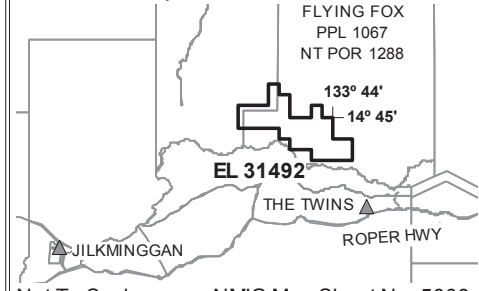
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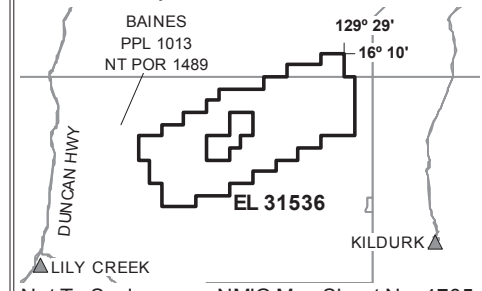
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Exploration Licence 31492 sought by MOROAK RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 616 553 014 over an area of 33 Blocks (110 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MOROAK locality.



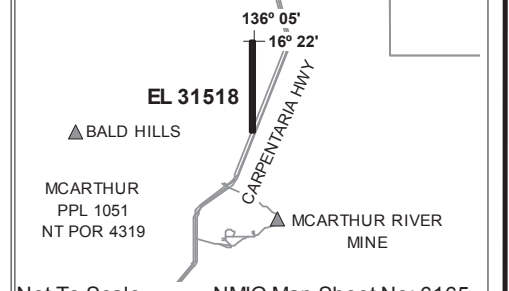
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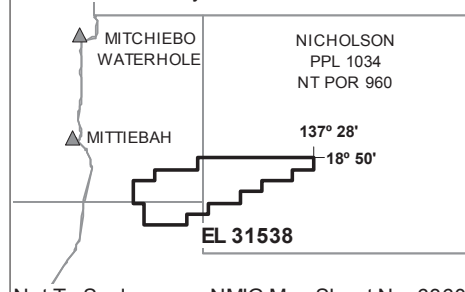
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Exploration Licence 31518 sought by TECK AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 091 271 911 over an area of 2 Blocks (1 Sq Km) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BORROLOOLA locality.



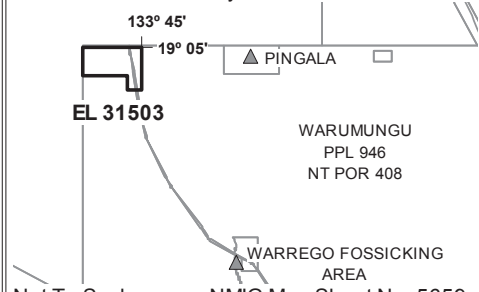
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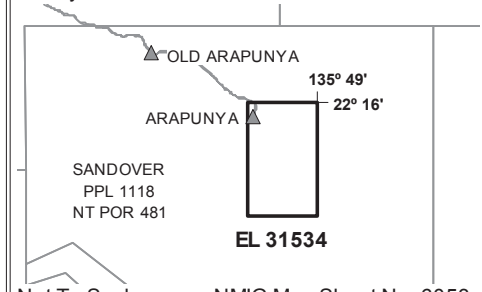
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Exploration Licence 31503 sought by TERRITORY PHOSPHATE PTY LTD, ACN 130 065 351 over an area of 11 Blocks (31 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SHORT RANGE locality.



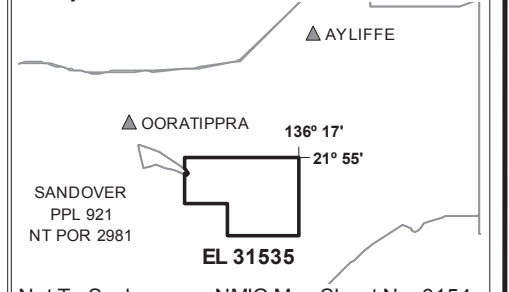
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Exploration Licence 31534 sought by U ENERGY PTY LTD, ACN 125 826 717 over an area of 54 Blocks (172 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ARAPUNGA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6053

Exploration Licence 31535 sought by U ENERGY PTY LTD, ACN 125 826 717 over an area of 34 Blocks (109 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the OORATIPPRA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6154

Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 17 May 2017

WATERNSW

MID ORARA RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **JASPAL SINGH GHUMAN AND NARINDER KAUR GHUMAN** for three dams and a pump on an unnamed watercourse, and a pump on Dundoo Creek, on Lot 32, DP 1203170, Parish Dundoo, County Clarence, for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection. (A009910)

Any queries please call (02) 6641 6500, Mark Bonner, Water Regulation Officer.

A06665

WATERNSW

LACHLAN FOLD BELT MDB GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a NEW COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **WAYNE MITCHELL GREEN & SUE-ELLEN GWENNETH GREEN** for one existing groundwater bore located on Lot 1 DP 854515, Parish of Bayly, County of Phillip, for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, Dubbo NSW 2830 or by email to customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A009964). Any queries please call 1800 353 104 Tracey Lawson, Water Regulation Manager.

A06897

WATERNSW

NSW MURRAY DARLING BASIN FRACTURED ROCK GROUNDWATER SOURCE LACHLAN FOLD BELT

An application for an amended COMBINED APPROVAL has been received from **PETA MAREE COCK** for an additional existing irrigation bore on 54//1132211 and proposed irrigation bore on 53//1132211 Parish Umutbee, County Wynyard.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection. (A9904)

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2711, Sarah O'Brien, Water Regulation Officer.

A06663

WATERNSW

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An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND/OR WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **AUSTRALIAN EXECUTOR TRUSTEES LTD** for a 400mm Pump (Capacity 350 L/Sec) on Lot 4682 DP 767846, Parish Terry, County Franklin, 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. (A009911)

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808 Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer .

A06674

WATERNSW

MACQUARIE RIVER: NARROMINE TO OXLEY STATION FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN

An application for a new FLOOD WORK APPROVAL has been received from **JOHN ALEXANDER RICHARDSON & RHONDA MAREE RICHARDSON** for an existing levee for prevention of inundation on Lot 1 DP 795728 and Lot 17 DP755116 and an existing above ground storage on Lot 17 DP755116, all Parish of Mullah, County of Narromine.

Objections to the granting of the approval must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 or richard.wheatley@waterNSW.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A009483)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A06807

WATERNSW

WATER SHARING PLAN FOR THE LOWER LACHLAN GROUNDWATER SOURCE 2003 LOWER LACHLAN GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **EDWARD LLOYD JONES** for a new bore, capacity 25 ML/day, on Lot 21 DP 752987, Parish Myamyn, County Franklin, 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. (A009915)

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808 Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A06684

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia



National
Native Title
Tribunal

Notification day: 31 May 2017

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 30 August 2017**. After **30 August 2017**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Roy Tommy & Ors and State of Western Australia (Yinhawangka Gobawarra)

Federal Court File No: WAD490/2016

Date filed: 17 October 2016

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.

Description: Agreement area covers about 3,423 sq km approx. 75km south west of Tom Price.

Relevant LGA: Shire Of Ashburton, Shire Of Meekatharra and Shire Of Upper Gascoyne.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Claire Smith on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Notice of non-claimant applications for determination of native title in the state of Queensland



National
Native Title
Tribunal

Notification day: 31 May 2017

These applications are 'non-claimant' applications, being applications made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicants have a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application(s) as described in the notices below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in any of these areas may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 30 August 2017. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before **30 August 2017**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to any of these non-claimant applications must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE, QLD, 4003, on or before 30 August 2017**. After **30 August 2017**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Donald Samuel McLennan and Anor v State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD202/2017

Non-native title interest: Rolling Term Lease for Lot 3 on Crown Plan RS87 (Tenure Reference PH10/5242 - Preferential Pastoral Holding).

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area covers about 208 sq km and is located approximately 36 km to the south east of Charleville

Relevant LGA: Murweh Shire Council



Applicant's name: Ralco Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 104 743 311 v State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD209/2017

Non-native title interest: Rolling Term Lease for Lot 1079 on SP273471 (Tenure Reference PH23/1079 - Pastoral Holding).

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application covers part of Lot 1079 on SP273471, being an area of about 268 sq km, located approx 155km south east of Hughenden; east of the Aramac Torrens Creek Road.

Relevant LGA: Flinders Shire Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Hooper fight lined up

LIGHT heavyweight Damien Hooper is scheduled to step back into the ring at Melbourne Park on June 3, but no opponent has been named. Hooper is attempting to retrieve his reputation after a shock first-round loss to unheralded West Australian Rob Powdrill in Brisbane in November, 2014. Since that loss, Hooper has strung together three unanimous points wins and his record now stands at 12 wins (8KOs) and one loss (KO).

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 1988
APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 23
NOTICE OF CONSULTATION

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation has received a section 23 (damage etc. to sites, objects or remains) application for authorisation under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act (1988)* (the Act), from East Australian Pipeline and Others in relation to: **Moomba-to-Sydney Natural Gas Pipeline (Proposed Cathodic Protection Infrastructure)**

The Application Area is located adjacent to the pipeline approximately 95.5kms south-east of Moomba SA and approximately 4.6kms west of the Queensland border. The project area is situated within Bollards Lagoon pastoral lease. The Application Area is approximately 300 metres in length.

Delegation under s.6(1) of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988
Pursuant to s.6(1) of the Act, the Chairperson of the Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka Traditional Land Owners (Aboriginal Corporation) is managing this s.23 application in accordance with the Act, on behalf of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.

The Project scope will consist of three main components
(1) a Cathodic Protection Bed – approximately 300 metres x 5 metres set perpendicular to one side of the pipeline;
(2) a Solar Panel Array – installed at the end of the cathodic protection bed; and
(3) Sub-surface cables connecting the bed to the solar panel

Consultation – Prior to considering an authorisation, s.13 of the Act requires the Minister (or his Delegate) to take all reasonable steps to consult with:

- the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee; and
- any traditional owners; and
- any Aboriginal persons or organisations, that in the opinion of the Minister have a particular interest in the matter.

A more detailed information pack, including map and diagram of the installation is available from YYTLOAC (contact details below).

Submissions
Interested Aboriginal parties are able to participate in this process by submitting a written (by post and email) and verbal (by telephone and face to face) submissions.

Submission will be accepted until 5.00pm Tuesday 20 June 2017. The Delegate can assist you with information about this application any time prior to this time and date.

Details for written and verbal submissions are:
Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka Traditional Land Owners (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC
c/- South Australian Native Title Services Ltd
Level 4, 345 King William Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000
Tel: 08 8110 2800 Email: andrewj@nativetitlesa.org

Tight finish to Mayor's Cup



THE 17th annual Mayor's Cup reconciliation cricket match was held at the Armidale Sportsground. The T20 match is an opportunity for the local community to come together and play cricket in the name of reconciliation. William Green, member of the Mayor's Cup reconciliation cricket match organising committee, said individuals who participated played for different clubs during the cricket season. However, for this event, they united.

"In the 17-year history of the match, this year was the first time that Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal players played in the same teams." Green said.

"Even the captains were swapped. Easts Cricket Club's Aaron Whackett captained the Aboriginal XI and Barbarians Cricket Club's Clarrie Moran captained the Mayor's XI."

The Mayor's XI won the toss and sent the Aboriginal XI into bat. Top scoring for the Aboriginal XI was skipper Aaron Whackett with 43 and he was well supported by veteran Clifford Smith with 41. Some tight bowling from the Mayor's XI kept the Aboriginal XI to 116 after their 20 overs.

Special mention has



These players took part in the Wayor's Cup reconciliation cricket match in Armidale.

been made of Hillgrove Cricket Club youngster Maurice Kelly making his debut in senior cricket alongside his uncle Clarrie Moran in the Mayor's XI. Maurice, along with Ex-Services quick Leon Clifford, were the pick of the bowlers in the Mayor's XI.

"The Mayor's XI started the run chase reasonably well, but lost a couple of early wickets before Hillgrove's Michael Cursons and Jack Carey settled the innings to almost reach the target before both were dismissed," Green said.

"With six runs off 12 balls needed to win, the Mayor's side looked as though they would coast home, but the Aboriginal XI quick and veteran Jason Boland produced a cracking maiden over, leaving the Mayor's XI still needing six runs off the last over.

"The first ball off the last

was a dot ball, still with six needed. Then a four off the second ball relieved a very tense batting side. The last two runs were scored off the next ball, giving the Mayors XI a five-wicket win with three balls remaining."

The Deb Walford Memorial man of the match was awarded to Barbarians Cricket Club's Clifford Smith who was presented the trophy by Deb's mother Margaret Walford.

NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

| Exploration No. | Applicant | Amalg No | Area | Locality | Centroid | Shire |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 15/960 | EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD | 504019 | 14.58HA | 17km N'ly of Coolgardie | Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 12' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| 16/456 | SIBERIA MINING CORPORATION PTY LTD | 505132 | 135.20HA | 75km NW'ly of Coolgardie | Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 120° 38' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| 24/183 | BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED | 504072 | 18.56HA | 16km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 121° 19' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| 27/558 | MILFORD RESOURCES PTY LTD | 505336 | 106.31HA | 26km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 121° 42' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| 29/997 | MGK RESOURCES PTY LTD | 503596 | 96.18HA | 81km W'ly of Leonora | Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 120° 30' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| 37/1203 | KIN MINING NL | 504584 | 61.14HA | 9km S'ly of Leonora | Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 20' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| 38/3180 | GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD | 504040 | 92.35HA | 28km S'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 122° 27' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| 38/3180 | GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD | 504091 | 199.03HA | 28km S'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 122° 27' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| 40/229 | A & C MINING INVESTMENT PTY LTD | 504597 | 161.48HA | 39km S'ly of Leonora | Lat: 29° 14' S Long: 121° 25' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| 70/4792 | STROTHER MINING PTY LTD | 503098 | 58.21HA | 47km E'ly of Hyden | Lat: 32° 31' S Long: 119° 21' E | KONDININ SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE |

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.
Notification day: 17 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 **17 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. 17 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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Cricket coaches hit the road



A RECENT two-week visit to the small town of Elliot, in central Northern Territory, has introduced more than 80 children to cricket. NT Cricket's Remote Red Dust Sports Voucher Program is designed to provide people in remote communities with the opportunity to experience the fundamentals of cricket by incorporating the MILO in2CRICKET and MILO T20 Blast programs into skills sessions and modified cricket matches.

NT Cricket game development officer Jordan Wright said he was warmly welcomed to the town, which had a population of just over 350.

"The Elliot youngsters have extraordinary talent and it was my privilege to assist them to develop cricket skills and love for the game.

"The senior Elliot cricket team also had a chance to build on their skills following their participation in the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs in February."

NT Cricket staff are scheduled to visit the communities of Minyerri, Elcho Island, Arlparra, Wadeye, Palumpa and Peppimenarti in the coming months.

Gillespie to lead tour



JASON Gillespie is one of three former Australian Cricket greats to coach the Australia A cricket tour of South Africa in July and August.

Adelaide Strikers coach Gillespie will take on the head coaching role with Chris Rogers and Brad Haddin sharing the assistant coaching duties for the four-day and one-day components of the tour.

The tour will feature at least six matches for the Australia A side, including two four-day matches against hosts South Africa A, with the first match starting on July 12, and four round-robin matches in a one-day tri-series against South Africa A and India A.

A place in the tri-series final will also be up for grabs, to be played on August 8.

Cricket Australia executive general manager (team performance) Pat Howard said it was pleasing to have three quality people to guide the tour.

"All three have significant experience as players, in varying conditions across the



Jason Gillespie
Picture: Peter Argent

world over their lengthy careers, which will no doubt be invaluable for the players touring with this squad," Howard said.

"Jason has substantial head coaching experience with the Adelaide Strikers and in an extremely successful stint as coach of Yorkshire in the England County Championship.

"He also impressed as an assistant coach of the Australian T20 side earlier this

year, so we look forward to seeing what he can achieve with this side.

"With Brad and Chris as assistant coaches, Jason will have plenty of support to call on.

"Brad has also already been involved in the Australian cricket team coaching set-up, as an assistant for the tour of South Africa in 2016, while Chris has been involved at under-age level, as an assistant coach for the Cricket Australia XI at the under-19 National Championships.

Gillespie said he was thrilled to be appointed as head coach.

"While the squad has yet to be named, it will feature some of the country's most talented players, and players challenging for the opportunity to play international cricket for Australia.

"This tour will provide those players with the chance to push their claims for those opportunities, and to experience a really high standard of competition and life on the road.

"It's an exciting time to be involved in Australian cricket,

and I can't wait to join up with the squad and head to South Africa."

Four-day matches:

July 12-15, Australia A v South Africa A at Tukkies

July 19-22, Australia A v South Africa A at Senwes Park

One-day tri-series:

July 26, Australia A v India A at

Tukkies

July 30, Australia A v South Africa A at Groenkloof

August 1, Australia A v India A at Tukkies

August 5, Australia A v South Africa A at Tukkies

August 8, Tri Series Final at Tukkies

FAR WEST COAST SEA NATIVE TITLE CLAIM SAD 71/2016

NOTICE OF NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP MEETING TO AUTHORISE AMENDMENTS TO THE FORM 1 NATIVE TITLE APPLICATION



TAKE NOTE ON FRIDAY 23 JUNE 2017 at the Far West Sporting Complex commencing at 11am South Australian Native Title Services Limited will be facilitating a meeting of the Far West Coast Sea Native Title Claim Group. The meeting is open to all members of the Native Title Claim Group, being those living Aboriginal people who

A. are descendants, either through birth or adoption, from one or more of the following Kokatha, Mirning and Wirangu antecedents: Bingi; Eliza Ellen (Ware); Maggie, mother of Jimmy Scott; Yari Wagon Billy; Koigidi and Anbing; Kulbala; Eva and Pompey; Jinnie (Dunnett); Yabi Dinah; Siblings Nellie Gray, Dhubalgurda Frank Gray and Kwana Teddy Gray; Bobby Wandrooka; Wirangu mother of Jimmy and Arthur Richards; Wirangu mother of Ada Beagle; Tjabilja (Lawrie); Sally Broome; Mark Mirka Kelly; Tommy Munia; Peter and Nellie Tjubedie; Binilya and Kaltyna; Topsy (Miller); Harry Yari Miller, son of Maggie Burilya; Maggie Inyalonga (Miller); Billy Danba (Dunbar) and Topsy; Billy Benbolt and Fanny; Judy (Struthers); Nellie (Betts); Emma (Bilney); Jimmy Blueskin; Jack McCarthy; Eva Nudicurra (Modikari); Marangali Jim Young and Lucy Mundy; Betsy (affinal links to Tjuna family); Siblings, Milaga (affinal links to Tjuna family) and Munjinya; and Toby Ngampija Roberts, son of Moonlight Lightning; or

B. are recognised by the native title claim group under their traditional laws and customs as having native title rights and interests in the application area because they:

- were born within the application area and have gained knowledge of the land and waters of the application area in accordance with the traditional laws and customs of the native title claim group; or
- have mythical or ritual knowledge and experience of the application area and have responsibility for the sites and strings of sites within the application area that are associated with the Tjukurpa (Dreaming).

The purpose of the meeting is to ratify and confirm the authority of the Applicant being, James Peel, Clem Lawrie, Arthur Catsambalis, Penong (Vernon) Miller, Oscar Richards Snr, Alan Haseldine and Leonard Miller Snr to make the Far West Coast Sea Claim and deal with all matters arising in relation to it.

Limited assistance will be provided for costs associated with travel to and from the meeting. Lunch will be provided to those attending. Please contact Stephen Bromley on 1800010360 for assistance to attend or for further information about this meeting.



Proud winners: The Gomeroi Elders United 'Bear Eaters' won the Lake Macquarie Elders Olympics.

Lake Macquarie, Miller host Elders' Olympics



HUNDREDS of Elders gathered in March and April for two sets of Elders' Olympics, both focusing on staying

active and connected with friends, family and culture.

The 2017 Lake Macquarie Elders' Olympics was held at Speers Point Park, with dozens of buses bringing hundreds of visitors to the area.

Hosts were the 2016 winners, the Lake Macquarie Elders, led by Bahtabah and Biraban Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

The other Elders' Olympics was in Sydney's south.

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council was again a major sponsor of the Lake Macquarie event that featured some fancy footwork on the field and later that night on the dance floor at the gala awards and dinner.

The Inverell-Gomeroi Elders

United won the the 2017 title.

Gomeroi Elders United, or the Bear Eaters, are Elders from Inverell, Moree, Toomelah, Bogabilla and Mungindi.

Heading south, and the seventh annual Eora Elders' Olympics was held in southern Sydney, with a change of venue to the Michael Wenden Aquatic Leisure Centre at Miller, just west of Liverpool.

Macarthur Disability Services was the driving force behind the event.

The Eora Elders' Olympics winners were the Budyari Elders, on home ground.

Nine teams of Elders from across the southern Sydney region – Black Cockatoos (Tahmoor), Budyari Elders (Miller), Liverpool/Fairfield Elders, Condell Park Elders, Tharawal AMS 1, Tharawal AMS 2, Tharawal AMS 3 (Airds), Baabayn Elders and the Wolkara Elders (both from the Blacktown LGA) – took part.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

| Tenement Type | No. | Applicant | Area | Locality | Centroid | Shire |
|---------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mining Lease | 15/1834 | HBJ MINERALS PTY LTD | 292.31HA | 7km NE'ly of Coolgardie | Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 12' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Mining Lease | 24/963 | PADDINGTON GOLD PTY LIMITED | 48.96HA | 46km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 121° 7' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Mining Lease | 24/966 | HAYES MINING PTY LTD | 601.16HA | 39km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 121° 9' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 17 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 **17 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. 17 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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Matildas to take part in invitational tournament



INDIGENOUS players Kayah Simon and Lydia Williams are in line to play when the Australian Matildas take on the champions of Asia, South America and the world in July at a new four-nation invitational tournament in the United States. The 'Tournament of Nations',

which was announced last Thursday, will pit Australia against World Cup holders USA, Japan and Brazil. "To be invited to play in this tournament is really exciting as we will face off against some of the world's top teams," said coach Alen Stajcic. "The three teams we'll play against all have good pedigree, experience, and importantly

they're all in good form at the moment so it will be a great hit out for us and an excellent test of where we're at ahead of next year's Women's Asian Cup." All matches will be played in cities along the US west coast, with the Matildas facing a first-up blockbuster against the Americans at Century Link Field in Seattle on July 27. Australia are yet to defeat

the US in 26 attempts and lost 3-1 in their last meeting, their opening Women's World Cup match in 2015. Stajcic's side will take on Japan three days later in San Diego, then Brazil in Los Angeles on August 3. "We have a good rivalry with each of the other three countries and they will be fantastic matches for us against

high-quality opposition," Stajcic said. "There will be a similar approach as we had at the Algarve Cup earlier this year. "We're still in the rebuilding process of this team. It's still the beginning of the cycle and Algarve was an excellent experience for our new players who came in. This is another step in that process." – AAP



D'Arcy Short Picture: AAP



Brandon King Picture: Cricket Australia



Zac Chapman Picture: Cricket Australia

New competition



THREE Indigenous players are in teams to contest the inaugural Top End Strike League cricket to be played over four weeks from early June.

They are D'Arcy Short, Zac Chapman and Brandon King.

Northern Territory Cricket said the introduction of a men's and women's Strike League into the 2017 Top End cricket season provided an exciting opportunity for local, Territory and interstate players to further develop their cricketing careers.

Short season

The Strike League is designed to stretch NT and interstate talent over a short season to provide concentrated opportunities and to act as a showcase and driver of interest in cricket in the Territory.

NT Cricket CEO Troy Watson sees the Strike League as an exciting addition to Top End cricket.

"The NT is continuing to grow as a contributor to Australian success – we have four fully contracted first-class players – Tabatha Saville made her WBBL debut last year and NT players make up one-third of

the current South Australian Emerging Redbacks Squad," he said.

"However, we have identified that we need to develop more competitive opportunities for our players to allow a seamless transition deeper into the pathway.

"The Strike League is a premier competition that is designed to allow the Territory's best to play against the best from the Cricket Australia pathway, utilising the fantastic weather and facilities that Darwin offers during the traditional southern off-season.

"It is an additional competitive opportunity for Territory players, a winter and development program for players in the Cricket Australia pathway and will serve as a selection tool for NT Strike programs.

"We have well-known cricketers such as Jake Weatherald, D'Arcy Short, Tom Andrews, Alex Ross, Alex Gregory and Will Bosisto choosing the Strike League as their off-season option."

The Women's Strike League will start with a weekly competition from Monday, May 22, and running for six weeks.

Four teams – Desert Blaze, City Cyclones, Northern Tide, Southern Storm –

will contest the men's competition.

Brandon King will turn out for Northern Tide, and D'Arcy Short and Zac Chapman will be with Southern Storm.

King is a product of Palmerston cricket, but has been playing in Tasmania.

The right-hand batsman off-spin bowler was recognised as one of Australia's most promising emerging cricketers and has attended camps at the National Cricket Centre in Brisbane.

He was nominated as one of 20 of the country's outstanding juniors by the National Youth Selection Panel of Greg Chappell, Troy Cooley and Graeme Hick and State talent managers following performances at National championship level and in International youth tours, Toyota Futures League 2nd XI, Cricket Australia XI and first-class cricket during the 2015-16 season.

He relocated to Tasmania to ply his trade with North Hobart and straight away caught the eye of their talent scouts.

Within weeks of moving south, King was drafted in to Tasmania's Futures League side, playing two games, and was selected as the Hobart Hurricane's community rookie for the Big Bash League.

He took 14 wickets in his first season in the Tasmanian Premier League.

King is also a regular at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) in Alice Springs.

Short, originally from Katherine, has just completed a great season with Western Australia, where he made the Sandgroppers' Sheffield Shield side and played BBL cricket with the Hobart Hurricanes.

He has a first-class batting average of 23 and a T20 average of 22.

His first-class bowling average is 45.2 and his T20 average is 26.5

His first-class highest score is 42 and his T20 highest score is 61.

Debuted for WA

He debuted for Western Australia in Sheffield Shield against Tasmania last November and made his BBL debut against the Sydney Sixers two days before last Christmas.

Chapman is a wicketkeeper-batsman and has played in the Northern Territory and Tasmania.

He has played at National Championship under-17 and under-19 levels and is a regular at the NICC in Alice Springs.

Oakley-Nicholls hangs up boots

By CHRIS PIKE



JARRAD Oakley-Nicholls might never have quite reached his full football talents in the Australian Football League (AFL) with Richmond or the West Australian

Australian Football League (WAFL) with East Perth, but he still put together a career he could be proud of.

The supremely talented and athletic utility player has announced his retirement from WAFL football after a challenging start to the 2017 season.

That brings an end to a career in the WAFL with East Perth that began in 2005. He played two league games that year as a 17-year-old before being drafted into the AFL by Richmond with selection No 8 in the National Draft.

That put high expectations on the teenager heading to Richmond and while he showed some flashes of what he might be capable of, including playing in the Dreamtime at the 'G clash in 2006, he only managed 13 matches in three years with the Tigers.

Oakley-Nicholls went on to spend another two years in Perth listed at the West Coast Eagles, but he didn't play another AFL match and it was with his original club East Perth in the WAFL that he really made his mark.

Plenty of finals

From 2010 until midway through 2016, Oakley-Nicholls was an important member of an East Perth team that made finals every year barring 2011.

That included grand final appearances in 2013 and 2014. On both years East Perth entered the premiership decider as favourites with Oakley-Nicholls an important member of the line-up, but they just came up short firstly against West Perth and then Subiaco.

Oakley-Nicholls had become a man who could do any number of jobs asked of him by his coaches at East Perth.

He was perhaps best suited to playing the half-forward role where he could use his running ability to head further up the ground, and drive the ball inside-50 and also go deeper to kick goals himself.

But he also played some good games setting up play off half-back, he could utilise his running ability by playing on the wing and with his athletic capability, he also spent some time effectively pinch-hitting in the ruck.



Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls

It was that ability to play any number of roles that made him such a key player for East Perth, but he battled some injuries in 2016 that limited him to nine games and then had an interrupted pre-season heading into 2017.

He still played the opening three games in the league team for East Perth, but then fell out of favour and has decided to retire citing a lack of passion with some of the challenges of the sport and to also not stand in the way of any young player looking for an opportunity.

Oakley-Nicholls finishes his career having played 125 matches and kicking 105 goals for East Perth in the WAFL on the back of his 13 games as well in the AFL for Richmond.

Give way to youth

"I don't want to stand in the way of some of younger guys at the club who are desperate to get an opportunity," he said.

"I have played my heart out for the East Perth Football Club but you have to realise that when your time comes, you have to move on.

"We don't play another match at home for six weeks and with Leederville Oval actually meaning a lot to me, because I have been involved playing here since I was 14, our game against Perth seemed the best time to go out even if I was playing reserves."

Oakley-Nicholls also admits the pain of the fact that racial taunts both from players on the field and supporters over the fence remain prominent at the semi-professional level in the WAFL.

He was involved in a much-talked about incident with a West Perth player during his career and he hoped the world would have moved on. But it hasn't and the recent AFL controversy with Adelaide's Eddie Betts only served to highlight that.

"The recent Eddie Betts situation shows that racism is still entrenched in football," he said.

"There is still an element in the crowds and on the field in the WAFL. Things are still said on the field and from over the fence that are unacceptable.

"Some people might think it is just banter, but there is only a fine line between that and things that are hurtful and damaging. I had a teammate at East Perth who is no longer playing football because of what was said to him on the field.

"When people are being turned away from football, it is clear that racism is still a problem. That is why I would like to see people in charge take a strong stance and make it clear that it is unacceptable."

Idris' future in the air



WHILE Jamal Idris's colourful National Rugby League (NRL) playing career hangs by a

thread, so too does the Wests Tigers' season.

Much of the club's focus is on Idris who is facing possible retirement due to a second ruptured ACL.

The 26-year-old will sit out the rest of the season after suffering the devastating knee injury on May 6 during a training mishap.

It's the same knee he injured during his time at Penrith, a blow which prompted him to walk away from the game and take an 18-month hiatus.

Facing his second knee reconstruction, coach Ivan Cleary said it wasn't yet clear if the former NSW and Australian representative would be forced to hang up his boots but he should know by this week.

"That'll be up to Jamal," Cleary said.

"You can't really talk about that at the moment – there's so much to digest; there's so much disappointment, and we need to find out medically around his recovery.

"We'll know a bit more about that next Tuesday when he has his next appointment. We're giving him a bit of space at the moment."

Idris was only five games into his rugby league return after taking time off to travel the world.

He had signed a cut-price deal with the Tigers and was attempting to rebuild his career.

The former Penrith star hid the news at a jersey reveal for Indigenous round last week, telling media he was excited to play in last Friday's clash against South Sydney.

"The hammy's fine – it's healed and it's happy days. I'm ready for Friday. It was always going to be a slow start for me considering I was out of the game for that long," Idris said. – AAP

Jamal Idris



Wells admits he arrived underdone



DANIEL Wells has grudgingly admitted what many already knew to be fact:

He wasn't in the best shape when he arrived at Collingwood.

The Pies raised eyebrows when they lured the talented but injury-prone midfielder from North Melbourne with a lucrative three-year deal at the end of last season.

Wells, who turned 32 in February, played 19 games for the Roos last year but was restricted to 12 games in the two years prior by a calf injury.

He suffered another calf injury soon after he arrived at Collingwood and only made his club debut in round five.

"There was a little bit in it," Wells said of speculation that he had arrived at his new club overweight.

"I had a couple of trips overseas and probably didn't have the opportunity to actually do much training.

"And I was a bit sore from finishing off that (2016) season. There's no excuses, every player needs to come back in good shape, but I suppose that's what the pre-season is for as well."

Wells denied he had arrived so badly underdone that he had let himself and his new teammates down.

"I wouldn't say it really went that far, but I came back and worked really hard to get back into good shape," Wells told Fox Footy's *On The Couch*.

Confident

"It doesn't take me long so I was pretty confident."

Wells departed North of his own volition, while Brent Harvey, Drew Petrie, Michael Firrito and Nick Dal Santo were sensationally moved on.

He denied the shock cull had

been a factor in his decision to seek a trade.

"There was a couple of things involved but there was nothing nasty about it," he said.

"I left the club on pretty good terms. Just a bit of a change, a good opportunity and also the three-year (contract) probably helped push me over the line.

"I think every player's got their own journey to partake in and I can't rely on other people to make my decisions. So it was purely something separate from those guys.

"It was a tough decision for the club, but one they probably had to make in hindsight." – AAP

Redfern girls dominate City selections



REFERN All Blacks players dominated the City Origin women's rugby league team which took on Country Origin in the inaugural NSW

Women's City-Country Shield at North Sydney Oval last Sunday.

The clash saw the continuation of the Country v City concept that that ended in the men's arena a week earlier at Mudgee.

The teams excluded those who represented the Australian Jillaroos in their win over the New Zealand Ferns a week earlier in Canberra.

The North Sydney match was a guide for selectors charged with picking the NSW Women's Interstate side against Queensland later in the year.

The 2017 Women's Country squad: 1 Isabelle Kelly (Berkeley Vale), 2 Rikeya Horne (Corrimal), 3 Jayme Fressard (Berkeley Vale), 4 Donna Sutton (North Newcastle), 5 Brittany Constable (Berkeley), 6 Talia Atfield (Bomaderry), 7 Kylie Hilder (North Newcastle), 8 Georgina Brooker (Corrimal), 9 Tammy Fletcher (Corrimal), 10 Jennaya Ottaway (Goulburn Workers), 11 Erin Blackwell (Helensburgh), 12 Phoebe Desmond (North Newcastle), 13 Margaret Watson

(North Newcastle), 14 Alicia-Kate Hawke (Corrimal), 15 Jade Etherden (Corrimal), 16 Jerry Burgmann (North Newcastle), 17 Amy Broadhead (North Newcastle), 18 Hollie Wheeler (North Newcastle), 19 Samantha Wood (Queanbeyan United), 20 Alicia Martin (North Newcastle).

Coach, Mick Young.

NSW Women's City squad: 1 Tahlia Hunter (Glenmore Park Brumbies), 2 Taleena Simon (Redfern All Blacks), 3 Nikia Davis-Welsh (Redfern All Blacks), 4 Karri Doyle (Redfern All Blacks), 5 Kate Mullaly (Cronulla-Caringbah Sharks), 6 Lavina Phillips (Redfern All Blacks), 7 Allana Ferguson (Cronulla-Caringbah

Sharks), 8 Eunice Grimes (Redfern All Blacks), 9 Rebecca Riley (Redfern All Blacks), 10 Ruby Ewe (Cronulla-Caringbah Sharks), 11 Talesha Quinn (Cronulla-Caringbah Sharks), 12 Jasmin Allende (Redfern All Blacks), 13 Nicole Backhouse (Forestville Ferrets), 14 Kayla Peck (Forestville Ferrets), 15 Vanessa Foliaki (Brisbane Easts), 16 Kaarla Cowan (Cronulla-Caringbah Sharks), 17 Botille Vette-Welsh (Cronulla-Caringbah Sharks), 18 Lisa Tauariki (Cronulla-Caringbah Sharks), 19 Kyara Nearn (Redfern All Blacks), 20 Ashlee Harrison (Penrith Panthers).

Coach, Chris Studdon.

Sumner's great start at Sturt

By PETER ARGENT



THERE is a perception that Byron Sumner is an enigmatic character, known for a precocious talent, but

unpredictable and sometimes not having made the most of his opportunities.

His Sydney Swans teammate and the Sturt premiership coach Martin Mattner said to Sumner he was prepared to see how he progressed over the 2016 pre-season following a stint where he played two years of community football.

"Byron asked if he could have a crack and we couldn't be happier with his application and preparation for the season," Mattner said.

"His strong preparation has transferred into strong performances over our opening handful of games.

"We had to push him through the midfield in the first two matches where he has performed well, but my preference would be to use him as that run-and-carry half-back, in an intercept type role."

Reaping benefits

The Double Blues and the SANFL state league are reaping the benefits of Sumner's hard work.

Sumner played his first SANFL football with Woodville West Torrens, including a SANFL reserves grand final for Eagles before being drafted by Sydney at pick number 54.

"I played my first league game with the Eagles, against Central District in 2009 when I was doing my Year 12 studies at Henley High," Sumner said.

Folklore has it that AFL superstar and Swans coach Paul Roos called Sumner one of the best natural talents he had seen after an internal trial that the

178cm, 78kg left-footer played in early in his tenure in the harbour city.

He played a single AFL game, coincidentally alongside Mattner in a draw at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) against Melbourne during round one of the 2011 season, still a teenager at the time, but never added to that tally. Later that season he was back in Adelaide, not having played any football.

In 2012 he forced his way into the Eagles senior side under Michael Godden.

Late in that season he ran out alongside his brother Tim when his younger sibling played his first SANFL league game ironically against Sturt at Peter Motley Oval, Unley.

He left the Eagles after 54 senior matches, but explained that he initially wanted to return to the Eagles and be a one-club player.

"I played the 2015 season with Gaza in the Amateur League under Bob Cross and last year went out to Jervois, in the River Murray competition, alongside my cousin, Owen Love, who I played with at Raukkan in the Aboriginal carnival previously," Sumner, who now has a two-year-old son Chays, said.

"Martin Mattner reached out to me and gave me this opportunity, which I appreciate.

"Now all I want to focus on is week-by-week playing consistent football and keeping my form up."

Now 25, despite two years in the less demanding community competitions, Sumner has not lost his trademark clean hands and silky skills.

Sumner, after a complex and complicated career that already has had plenty of peaks and troughs, could prove to be the best recruit in the SANFL this year.

After debuting under Ron Fuller back in 2009, Sumner is repaying the faith Martin Mattner showed in him.



Byron Sumner Picture: Peter Argent

Edwards to wear No 67 guernsey



RICHMOND forward Shane Edwards will honour a unifying moment in

Australian history by wearing the No 67 guernsey in this year's Dreamtime at the 'G match against Essendon.

The No 67 pays tribute to the 1967 Australian Referendum, which celebrates its 50th anniversary on the day of Richmond and Essendon's Sir Doug Nicholls Indigenous Round clash – Saturday, May 27.

On May 27, 1967, a federal referendum was held and Australians voted overwhelmingly in favour of counting Indigenous people in census figures.

The 1967 Referendum was a unifying moment in Australia's history, bringing Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians together. The 'yes' vote of 90.77% is the highest 'yes' vote ever recorded in an Australian referendum.

Edwards, who has played in eight Dreamtime at the 'G matches, said it was a privilege to honour Indigenous culture.

"I am proud to wear the No. 67 to commemorate such a significant year in our history," he said.

"The changes to the Constitution provided an important step forward for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and this is an opportunity to celebrate it."

Edwards is recovering from a hip injury, but is expected to be available for selection for the round 10 match.



Shane Edwards Picture: Peter Argent

Bourne's purple patch

By CHRIS PIKE



JACINTA Bourne is already a two-time championship winner in the West Australian State Basketball League, but she is in the best form of her career, having been given increased responsibility.

Bourne has been a mainstay of the Rockingham Flames in the WA State Basketball League (SBL) and was a key part of the championship-winning teams of 2014 and 2015.

But those teams were led by Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) stars Sami Whitcomb and Darcee Garbin, so the feats of Bourne in the victories were often overlooked in favour of her higher-profile teammates.

However, her coach Ryan Petrik always knew how important Bourne was to his team and also had no doubt that if he gave her more responsibility without those stars ahead of her, she could have an even greater impact.

That's exactly what has happened, with Bourne her team's standout player in the first six games of the season following the departures of Whitcomb and Garbin in 2017.

Bourne's numbers over the opening six games of the 2017 season have been remarkable and career-highs right across the board.

The dynamic guard is averaging 18.8 points. 9.7 rebounds and 3.8 assists a game as she enjoys the increased responsibility of being the team's No. 1 ball carrier and playmaker.

Petrik is happy to put his full faith in her as well and never doubted her talent.

"We've always known she is an elite rebounder for a guard, but again Darcee and Emma Cannon were gobbling all those up in the past," Petrik said.

"And our offence with that dribble-

drive to get your head to the rim, she might be the best in the league at that. There are very few guards who can go from first gear to fifth in 0.1 second like she can. She has a different gear of pace which is terrific for us."

While those on the outside might have not recognised fully how big a part Bourne played in Rockingham's success, Petrik always knew that her support enabled Whitcomb to perform the way she did that saw her become a WNBL star and now be getting her opportunity in the WNBA in America.

Having been behind some elite stars in recent years, Petrik is now glad to be giving Bourne the full chance to show what he is capable of.

Heavy lifting

"Whitcomb's best games for us were always when Jacinta Bourne was playing alongside her. Obviously, Sami is a superstar, no argument, but Jacinta Bourne was doing a lot of heavy lifting that no-one saw and she knows how to play in a role," Petrik said.

"She has been our third best player for five years straight and if it wasn't for Sam, Cannon and (Kaye) Tucker and Darcee, everyone would have known how good she was.

"But she has gone under the radar a bit because we've had megastars in our team in front of her. But at the start of this year there was no megastar in front of her and she showed what she can do."

Meanwhile, Jacinta's sister Talisia Bourne was there for the championships with Rockingham as well but decided she needed a change in 2017.

She has joined the Cockburn Cougars this season. So far, her team has had just the one win and appears destined to miss out on the play-offs, but Talisia is finding her feet and could become a key player with greater responsibility at her new club.



Jacinta Bourne



Talisia Bourne

Remote Area battle looms

By ALF WILSON



TORRES Strait Stingers will face tough opposition defending its title of champion



Remote Area Rugby League (RARL) side at the Skytrans Far North Queensland (FNQ)

Challenge.

The carnival will be held at Stan Williams Oval, Cairns, on June 17 and the other teams will be the Palm Island Barracudas, Northern Cape and Southern Cape.

After that carnival, a Northern United representative team will be picked to meet Queensland Outback at Barlow Park, Cairns, on July 15.

Torres Strait won the 2016 RARL FNQ Challenge and will again start favourites to go back to back.

The final points table last

year was Torres Strait Stingers 13.5, Palm Island Barracudas 11, Northern Cape 5, Southern Cape .05,

Palm Island and 2015 champions Northern Cape can be expected to field strong sides.

The Palm Island Barracudas team will include most of the players who were in the Skipjacks side that beat Army Thunder 26-20 in the Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield match at Townsville on April 22.

Northern and Southern Cape will have more players to pick from with the expanded Cape Cluster competition that started on May 13 having eight teams – two more than last year.

Southern Cape, which finished last at the 2016 FNQ Challenge, should also be stronger now that Kowanyama is back in the Cape Cluster.

Last year Torres Strait players dominated the player selection for Northern United who thrashed Outback 60-18 in Townsville.



Torres Strait Stingers and Palm island Barracudas get together after their clash at the 2016 FNQ Challenge.

Jumpers tell stories



ADELAIDE'S two Australian Football League (AFL) clubs have unveiled their 2017 Sir Doug

Nicholls Indigenous Round guernseys to be worn in the Round 10 games.

The Crows will play Fremantle under lights at the Adelaide Oval while Port Adelaide will be up against Geelong at Kardinia Park, Geelong.

Designed by accomplished Indigenous South Australian artist Allan Sumner, a descendant of the Ngarrindjeri, Kurna and Yankunytjatjara people, in collaboration with local Aboriginal business Ochre Dawn Creative Industries, the Crows' navy blue guernsey prominently displays the symbols of the warrior preparing for battle.

The title of the design is Kuwa Irrapina Tuwila nakurri-apinga, which means 'Awaken the Crow Warrior Spirit'. The aim of the guernsey is to inspire Crows players and stimulate their warrior spirit when they take the field against the Dockers on Saturday, May 27.

Two-time All Australian forward Eddie Betts is a man who loves playing in the Indigenous Round each year, embracing the opportunity to represent not only his family, but also the Indigenous people and culture.

"I absolutely love the design. Allan Sumner's done a great job



Adelaide Crows Indigenous players show off the Sir Doug Nicholls Indigenous Round jumper they will wear in round 10 against Fremantle, on May 27. From left: Ben Davis, Curtly Hampton, Eddie Betts, Charlie Cameron, Wayne Milera and Cam Ellis-Yolmen at Tjilbruke Monument, Kingston Park, South Australia. Picture: Adelaide Football Club

with it," Betts said.

"It's fantastic and when you hear the story, it speaks proudly about the Indigenous culture, where it comes from."

The Port Adelaide Indigenous Round jumper was co-designed by player Nathan Krakouer and Andrew Taylor.

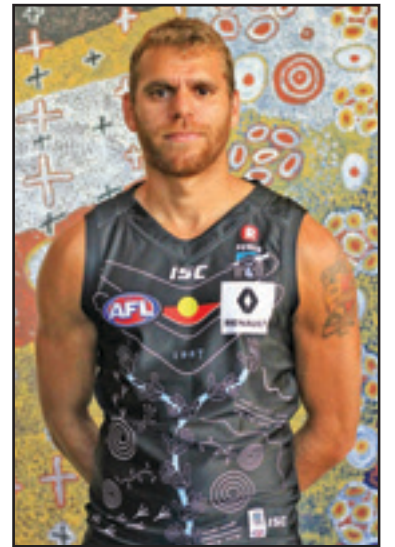
It tells a story about the journey

of the Power's Aboriginal players.

The front of the jumper features a boomerang motif including the Aboriginal flag, along with '1967' in recognition of the 50-year anniversary of the referendum to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australian citizens.

The boomerangs will also appear on the Power's shorts and socks.

The nine hands on the body of the jumper represent Krakouer, and fellow Indigenous players on the senior list – Chad Wingard, Karl Amon, Jarman Impey, Paddy Ryder, Jake Neade, Brendon Ah Chee, Sam Powell-Pepper and



Nathan Krakouer wears the Port Adelaide jumper he designed with Andrew Taylor. Picture: Peter Argent

Aidyn Johnson.

The animal tracks represent the cultural totems of the players.

The jumper will be worth against Geelong on Thursday, May 25, and its own Aboriginal cultural game in round 11 at Adelaide Oval against Hawthorn the following Thursday, June 1.

Krakouer is a member of the Minang language group of Western Australia and nephew of former North Melbourne champions from the 1980s – Jimmy and Phil Krakouer. He is cousin of former Tigers and Magpie forward Andrew.

– With Peter Argent

Cape Cluster rugby league revival

By ALF WILSON



A RECORD eight teams from remote Indigenous communities will contest the 2017 Cape Cluster rugby league competition.

New Queensland Rugby League (QRL) Cape York and Torres Strait Game development officer Rob Hodge, who replaced Sean Durant in the job, and Assistant Sivilsional Manager Robbie Moore toured Cape York centres Weipa, Napranum, Coen and Pormpuraaw in mid-April.

"The teams for the Cape Cluster will be Weipa Raiders, Coen, Aurukun, Napranum, Mapoon, Lockhart River, Pormpuraaw and Kowanyama," Hodge told the *Koori Mail*.

The competition was scheduled to start in Coen on May 13 with rounds one and two to be followed by rounds three and four at Weipa on June 3.

Last season, six teams were in the competition and those travelling for away matches had to travel long distances over mostly dirt roads.

New teams will be Pormpuraaw and Kowanyama and both have contested the competition in past seasons.

Lockhart River won their first Cluster premiership when they beat Weipa Raiders 24-10 before a big home crowd at home last August 6.

Kowanyama had been a powerhouse when they competed some years ago, making it three premierships in a row when they defeated Coen Colts 42-16 in

2016 Cluster premiers Lockhart River Scorpions. Picture: Christine Howes



the 2013 decider.

Hodge is passionate about assisting talented players in the Torres Strait, Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) and Cape York regions to enhance their skills.

He had visited Thursday Island, the outer islands and NPA as part of a previous job with the Children's Commission.

"There is a lot of talent running around in the Torres Strait, NPA and Cape York and I want to support the development of

these players and helping juniors is a big passion of mine," Hodge said.

The 44-year-old Hodge is a life member of Cairns Brothers Club and will be travelling to Sydney to complete his training for the position.

More visits planned

Hodge said he would be visiting the Torres Strait and NPA soon after that.

"The people we spoke to from some of the sides are keen, motivated and seem

very well organised," Hodge said.

"The roads are starting to dry up so teams can travel on them."

The Remote ZArea Rugby League (RARL) FNQ Challenge will again be held in Cairns in late June and last year's winner Torres Strait will face Palm island Barracudas and Northern and Southern Zone Cape York sides.

From that, a Northern United side will be picked to meet Queensland Outback at Cairns in July.

Pride and place

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

As we reflect on the importance of the National Rugby League (NRL) Indigenous Round, a couple of memories come to mind.

The first relates to the Welcome to Country game as part of the World Cup in 2008.

The team visited 'The Block' in Redfern and following a dinner we had a cultural yarn that was led by Billy Williams.

One of the most powerful moments of the evening was when some of the boys shared their personal stories and how for some of them the week was the opportunity for them to connect with their culture in a meaningful way for the first time.

It was an experience repeated before the first all Stars game with the likes of Johnathan Thurston, Greg Bird and others continuing their personal journeys of connection to culture.

Pride in culture

My second memory is of Sam Thaiday having an integral part in that camp in being open with the boys in sharing his pride in his Torres Strait Islander culture.

That is what makes the recent events around Sam's comments on *The Footy Show* so disappointing.

His comments attracted deserved criticism, with Sam also owning his error and suffering the consequences, including losing ambassador roles.

Sam would be the first to call out racist and sexist behaviour and he needed to be held to account.

But we should not question his true commitment to his Indigenous culture and heritage.

Including his family in his apology was heartfelt and I think we should accept it, learn and move on.

"I am proud of my Indigenous heritage," he wrote.

"I have two Indigenous daughters of my own. My joke was a poor attempt at humour

Sam Thaiday plays for Australia in the Anzac Test against New Zealand at Canberra on May 5. Picture: NRL Photos



with poorly chosen words.

"There is no place for racism in society. I take responsibility for my actions. It is not who I am and I apologise unreservedly."

And it was the importance of recognising the importance of culture and history that was properly celebrated in the Indigenous Round.

The celebration almost began a week earlier with the last Country side boasting six

'There's a lot of trouble back home. A lot of alcohol and drugs being used by the younger generation which is such a shame.'

– Rabbitohs forward Kyle Turner

Aboriginal players.

For many years Aboriginal players were seemingly shunned by Country selectors.

Rabbitohs forward Kyle Turner said this: "For me, the Country jersey is as important to our game as the Indigenous All Stars."

Which is some statement.

"They both mean as much to rugby league," Turner said.

"In each jersey, you're playing for your people.

"You're also aspiring to be role models for those the jersey represents ... to tell them 'you know, there's a pathway if you want to do better, want to be better'."

Yet just like the Country Origin concept, set to be killed off after the Mudgee game, the future of the indigenous All Stars is also constantly under threat — with the three key issues

seemingly money, a packed calendar and, er, money.

Yet Turner insists City-Country and All Stars create real change.

Turner regularly returns to his home town in western NSW to try and encourage teenagers to make the same life choices he did.

"There's a lot of trouble back home," he says. "A lot of alcohol and drugs being used by the younger generation which is such a shame."

"This is why the Country boys getting out to these towns, it means so much. I remember as a kid, you looked up to NRL players. You wanted to meet your heroes."

"No hero"

"So that's why I get home as much as I can. I'm no hero ... but I want to make a difference."

This is why the Indigenous Round holds great significance to many, but its meaning goes a lot further than just the Indigenous-inspired jerseys — it is about stories.

It prompts players and community members to reflect on family, togetherness and tradition.

With almost one-fifth of the 77 players that made their NRL debut in 2016 hailing from Indigenous backgrounds, that recognition is vital.

Titans halfback Ashley Taylor said the round should not just be important to players, but everyone in the entire Indigenous community.

"The clubs are giving a lot of recognition for our mob, our Elders and our past, we are living that through these jerseys," he said.

"To see the clubs getting dressed up means a lot to not just myself but I am sure to every other Indigenous person out there."

I was again given the privilege of designing the Titans jersey and it was great to see some of the current players also given that opportunity.

Newcastle players Dane Gagai and Jaelen Feeney co-designed the Knights' jumper, which displays their respective totems on the front.

Gagai's is the shovel-nose shark, while Feeney's is the goanna.

Despite being based in Newcastle since 2012, Gagai was born in Mackay, and his Torres Strait Islander heritage originates from his grandparents, who are from Badu and Yam Island.

The turtle on the front of the jersey represents his people.

"Everything on this jersey has a meaning behind it. That's what we wanted to do, we wanted to do this jersey proud," he said.

The back embodies six significant meeting places which represent the six surrounding Aboriginal land councils in the Newcastle area.

Gagai said a talk from my mate Dean Widders was an eye-opener for some of his Newcastle teammates.

"He came and talked about what this means to Indigenous people," he said.

"Some of the boys didn't know our history, like how much it meant to us when Kevin Rudd said sorry."

"You don't have to be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander to be proud of this beautiful culture."

That captures what the Indigenous Round should be all about.

Especially in a year where we celebrate milestones such as the 1967 Referendum and the Mabo land rights decision.

Let's continue to promote our culture — and enjoy our footy at the same time.

New Perth stadium to miss out on Ashes third Test



THE West Australian Cricket Association (WACA) Ground will

get one final Ashes hurrah after the new \$1.2 billion Perth Stadium lost its race to be ready in time to host Western Australia's showpiece Test this summer.

Cricket Australia was hopeful that the new 60,000-seat venue at Burswood would be completed ahead of time to host Australia's third Test against England, starting on December 14.

But the WA State Government confirmed last Wednesday that the Test would have to be played at the WACA Ground.

The Perth Scorchers' Big Bash League (BBL) and Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) fixtures will also have to be played at the WACA this summer.

Disappointed

Cricket Australia chief executive James Sutherland said he was disappointed when informed of the news about the Ashes Test.

But he's been told there's a strong chance the one-day international between Australia and England on January 28 will be played at the Perth Stadium.

As it stands, an Ed Sheeran concert on March 3 is the first official event listed for the stadium.

The venue will also host AFL matches from next season.

All blockbuster Tests and ODIs will be shifted to the new Perth Stadium once it's completed, with BBL fixtures also to be played there.

The WACA plans to turn itself into a boutique venue that will host smaller-drawing fixtures, as well as domestic cricket and possibly West Australian Football League (WAFL) football.

The WACA Ground is steeped in cricket history, with England and Australia facing off in the first Test there in 1970.

Overall, 43 Tests have been played at the WACA Ground, with England featuring in 13 of them.

Australia have won nine and drawn three of their 13 Tests against England at the WACA Ground.

England's only Test win there came in 1978.

The iconic pace and bounce of the WACA pitch has faded somewhat in recent years.

But the ground is still highly revered by players around the world. — AAP

Buddy's true value

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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I HAVE remained strangely silent about my beloved Swans in recent columns – and not just because I am a bad loser.

I have been waiting to see the spark to reignite the season's hopes for the team.

The opening losses from a team that made last year's grand final have been perplexing to say the least.

But a champion team does not lose its DNA overnight and the recent win over Brisbane gave me hope.

Still hope

A team like the Swans is capable of putting together a string of wins to balance these consecutive losses and despite history being against them, I have not given up hope of them making the finals.

There is no doubt Buddy Franklin needs to be a central figure in that recovery with his eight goals against the Lions showing us yet again what he is capable of.

Buddy has also attracted a lot of comment in relation to his value to the team and that his high price tag has affected the recruitment opportunities of the club.

But his performance against the Lions was testament to Franklin's star power; his performance outshone two players who passed 500 career goals in the same round.

Adelaide star Eddie Betts' big moment came when he scrubbed a soccered goal from point-blank range in Hobart and Richmond's Jack Riewoldt converted a set shot from 40m out at Etihad Stadium.

Prior to the game, my old coach Paul Roos was one commentator who attributed the big-money signing Buddy to Sydney's acute slide down the AFL ladder this season.

Roos gave a negative assessment of the Swans' list, claiming it lacks depth as Franklin's deal eats into the salary cap.

"If you go after a player like Buddy, your list becomes skinny," Roos said.

"The implications are if you go for a big star, your back end of players is going to be skinny with a lot of rookies."

Turn around

Premiership-winning coach Roos, who also blamed the Swans' poor season start on a limited pre-season for a number of key players, believes the club could turn around their fortunes in 2017.

"I'm confident with the Swans. They have to win 13-16 to make the eight but they're a team that could win six in a row – they've done it before," he said.

I can understand where Paul is coming from in terms of the long-term future of the list.

But the value of Franklin to the team now and to answering the current challenge cannot be underestimated.

Roos accepts that by



Lance Franklin kicks one of his eight goals against the Brisbane Lions at the Sydney Cricket Ground on May 7. Picture: AAP

acknowledging the team still has the capacity to make history by reaching finals football.

And last year's final series underlined that the games in September are the start of a whole new competition.

Franklin's game against the Lions showed just how important he is to the Swans.

Buddy kicked the highest individual score of the season and set the tone from a set shot inside the first minute.

While not back to their relentless best, it was clearly the best performance of the season by the Swans, although they were never tested by Brisbane.

Sydney coach John Longmire said his players were fantastic and celebrated the return of their ferocity for the contest, which was rarely seen through their six losses.

It was Franklin's first haul of more than four goals this season

and his biggest bag since he kicked nine against St Kilda in his 200th game in 2014.

"He played a fantastic game. He was really good," Longmire said.

"A number of our leaders and senior players who have copped some criticism were good.

"They are a pretty proud bunch and they set themselves to play really good and they haven't been able to deliver that to this point, and we did it today."

80-metre goal

The best of Franklin's bag was a remarkable kick on the run from close to 80m just before quarter-time.

"I knew he was going to kick it," said Lions coach Chris Fagan, who spent several seasons at Hawthorn with Franklin.

Franklin had five goals on the board by half-time, by which time

he had scored only six points less than the entire Brisbane team.

"Franklin was on fire, they were obviously really fired up for the game," Fagan said.

"There was a lot of press on the Swans this week and they responded like an experienced team would."

Fagan's use of the term 'experienced' underlines why we should not write off the Swans and Franklin.

This is an experienced team.

In Franklin they have a tried and true champion who can perform at the highest level.

Although they have been responsible for the position they are in, they are also capable of turning the whole situation around.

If they do, then Buddy's true value will be obvious to all.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

City claims last rights over Country



CITY held out Country to claim the final honours in the last annual fixture at

Mudgee on Sunday, May 7, running out 20-10 winners.

After trailing 14-6 with 25 minutes to go, Country second rower Adam Elliott put the home side back in the match when he crossed on the right edge in front of 8322 at Glen Willow Sports Complex.

But despite a weight of possession on City's line, Country were unable to pull off one final fairytale finish in the axed concept.

On one occasion, veteran Tariq Sims busted 50 metres down field and was tackled just metres from the line by City's Clinton Gutherson.

City's Bryce Cartwright then gave the game its last rights when he collected a loose ball to score under the posts.

Earlier, James Tamou gave City control of the match when he added to their 8-6 lead 10 minutes into the second half.

Tamou, who was easily the best of the Origin candidates with 177 metres, barged through two defenders from close to the line to claim the try.

City's win came despite officials having to delay their team naming earlier in the week following a number of withdrawals.

Country had a record six Indigenous players in their side: Michael Gordon, Brian Kelly, Cody Walker, Tyrone Roberts, Kyle Turner and Connor Watson.

Penrith Panther Tyrone Peachey was in the City side.



City's Tyrone Peachey is tackled while a Country defender ends up on his head. Picture: NRL

Marngrook celebrates Indigenous Round

ON the eve of the Australian Football League's (AFL's) Indigenous Round, NITV's Marngrook Footy Show will celebrate the contribution and achievements of Indigenous AFL players throughout the history of the game.

Marngrook hosts Grant Hansen and Gilbert McAdam will be joined on the panel by dual premiership player and trailblazer Michael Long, gamechanger and icon Nicky Winmar, and Indigenous legends Phil Krakour, Phil Egan and exciting 1980s superstar Les Bamblett.

Round 7 AFL Rising Star nomination and exciting young Carlton recruit Sam Petrevski-Seton, Essendon fan favourite Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti, and North Melbourne veteran Lindsay Thomas will also join the show and share their insights ahead of these important games.

Marngrook will air on NITV on Thursday, May 25 at 7.30pm (Channel 34 and Foxtel 144).



Simone Smith passes the ball for the Australian Rugby League Jillaroos against the New Zealand Ferns at Canberra on May 5. *Picture: NRL*

Simone shines for Jillaroos



THE Australian rugby league Jillaroos avenged last year's Test loss to the New Zealand Kiwi Ferns with a gritty 16-4 win in Canberra on May 5.

The Jillaroos continued their dominance of the Ferns from the Auckland Nines whitewash earlier in the year and turned the tables on last year's 26-16 loss by winning a bruising curtain-raiser to the Anzac Test.

A goal to Indigenous player Caitlin

Moran took the Jillaroos to a 12-4 half-time lead.

Australia were strong in defence, repelling the Ferns in a dour second half as the crowd built steadily ahead of the men's Test.

Jillaroos skipper Ruan Sims was named best afield after leading her side's pack through the middle in a tough encounter.

Uncapped youngsters Zahara Temara and Simone Smith were selected in the halves for the Jillaroos after regular

five-eighth Allana Ferguson was ruled out with a shoulder injury, while incumbent halfback Maddie Studdon was named on an extended bench.

Smith has made her mark since debuting for the Indigenous All Stars last year and now looks set to claim her first Test jersey after missing NSW Origin selection last year.

Another Indigenous player – Rebecca Young – was also in the Jillaroos squad.

Two other Indigenous players – Rebecca

Riley and Nakia Davis-Welsch were in the train-on squad, but were omitted from the final 18.

Simone Smith is having a wonderful year, having played for the Indigenous All Stars and now Australia.

She is also in the 2017 NSW State of Origin squad that will be cut ahead of the clash with Queensland in July.

She has also just completed the season with the Newcastle Knights in the inaugural NSW rugby league women's competition.

Junior Kangaroos make it a trifecta of wins over Kiwis



A FIRST-half domination set up the Junior Kangaroos' 46-22 thrashing of the Junior Kiwis in Canberra on May 5.

The Friday afternoon curtain-raiser to the Anzac Test was all but over at halftime after the Junior Kangaroos piled on six unanswered tries.

First-half doubles for Gold Coast Indigenous winger Tyronne Roberts-Davis and St George Illawarra's Reece Roberts helped the Australians to a 30-0 lead at the break.

They showed no signs of letting up in the second half and extended the margin to 40.

Melbourne halfback Brodie Croft, who is a potential replacement for the departing Cooper Cronk, was a stand-out performer for the Kangaroos and picked up the man of the match award.

With the game threatening to get embarrassing for the visitors, the Kiwis finally made it on the scoresheet with a try after 52 minutes.

Roberts-Davis was sent to the sin bin with a little more than 20 minutes to play and from the ensuing penalty Dane Akafolau crossed to reduce the deficit to 30.

Two late tries restored some pride for the Kiwis as they mounted a mini-fightback, but the first-half damage proved to be irreparable.

Brisbane Broncos player Gehamat Shebasaki, from the Torres Strait, was also in the Junior Kangaroos side.

The team included a host of National Rugby League (NRL) and National Youth Competition (NYC) players, bringing together an experienced side across the field.

Still time for Green and rugby league – Mundine



ANTHONY Mundine has made his most audacious claim yet, saying he could become the oldest rugby league player in

premiership history.

The boxer and former St George-Illawarra and NSW State of Origin player, who turns 42 at the end of the month, reckons he can set the record for being league's most senior player, surpassing Billy 'Bluey' Wilson, who retired in 1967 at the age of 40.

"I feel that good and that youthful," Mundine told AAP.

"If I can get anywhere up to the speed of what I used to be as a youngster, that could definitely be an option.

"I want to do things that have never been done. I want to make it possible."

Mundine said despite being out of the game for 17 years – having left the Dragons and quit rugby in 2000 to pursue a boxing career – it was all about having 'the speed, instinct and the football experience'.

"I believe I am capable of it," he said. "Obviously, I would like to go back to



Anthony Mundine looks perplexed after losing his last fight to Danny Green.

the Dragons but I don't know what their plans are. I will have to try and talk to them.

"But I am not really thinking of that right now. I just want to train my body and train my mind.

Wiser

"I am doing the things I used to do, but I am just doing them better because I am wiser."

But the two-times boxing world champion says any attempt to return won't come before a third bout with long-time rival Danny Green.

"I haven't hung the gloves up totally yet," Mundine said.

Mundine went down to Green in a

controversial points decision in Adelaide in February, Green squaring the ledger more than a decade after beating his fierce rival in Sydney in 2006.

Mundine's camp lodged an official appeal with the Australian National Boxing Federation in the hope of getting the result changed to 'no decision'.

But the former super-middleweight and middleweight world champion, who previously ruled out a third bout between the pair, says he is keen to settle the score once and for all.

"I am not sure what is happening with that (a rematch) but it could happen," Mundine said.

"If it does, I might have one more to finish as a winner."

He said he was back training once a day, five days a week with the hope of returning to the ring with Green at the end of the year.

"I would like it to happen this year, at the end of the year personally, but it depends on his (Green's) camp and his team," he said.

"I have shaken the cobwebs out, I feel good, I feel youthful and I feel I could do another five years if I really wanted to." – AAP

Race against time

Test injury puts Thurston in doubt for Origin



JOHNATHAN Thurston is in a race against time to be fit for State of Origin after North Queensland coach Paul Green confirmed a shoulder injury will sideline the halfback for three to six weeks.

It means the Cowboys superstar will need everything to go right in his rehabilitation to be fit for Origin I in Brisbane on May 31, having suffered a tear to the rotator cuff in his shoulder during the May 5 Anzac Test.

"There's no point speculating," Green told reporters in Townsville last Tuesday.

"Everyone gets excited if I say it's three weeks, (but) then it could be anywhere from three weeks to six weeks.

"It depends on how the shoulder responds.

"That's why particularly with a player like that, I don't want to get everyone talking too much until we get a bit closer."

The Cowboys issued a vague press release that did not place a timeframe on the injury, other than to say Thurston did not require surgery and that it wouldn't end his season.

Green said the 34-year-old was never in danger of missing the rest of the year.

"Whoever said it was season-ending was way off the mark to start with. That was never put forward to us, that was never

really a concern from my point," he said.

Queensland coach Kevin Walters has already declared he would give Thurston every chance to play in the Origin opener, but would consult with Thurston, halves partner Cooper Cronk and captain Cameron Smith before choosing a replacement.

Michael Morgan, Anthony Milford and Corey Norman are among the leading candidates should Thurston not recover in time.

The Anzac Test was Thurston's first match since suffering a calf injury in round six, which was the last time he played for the Cowboys.

Good healer

Green said he had no idea if Thurston would be right for Origin, but was hopeful his reputation as a "good healer" would mean a quicker recovery, with this his last year of representative football.

"He works hard, that's why he heals well. That's why people get back sooner rather than later," Green said.

Australia scored a comprehensive 30-12 defeat of New Zealand in the final Anzac Test on May 5, sounding a pre-World Cup warning to rival nations with the ease of their victory.

The win – on a night skipper Cameron Smith celebrated his 50th Test – was

soured by Thurston's shoulder injury and a possible fractured cheekbone to Josh Dugan and that could rule him out of State of Origin on May 31.

The Australians raced to a 30-0 lead before taking their foot off the pedal and allowing the Kiwis two consolation tries.

Almost one year after breaking a three-game losing streak against the Kiwis in Newcastle, a crowd of 18,535 watched the home side make it five straight wins against the world No 2.

Thurston set up two tries, while Blake Ferguson continued his Four Nations form with a game-high 214 metres.

Other Indigenous players in the side were prop Andrew Fifita, who was a late inclusion on the bench and then made the starting line-up, Sam Thaiday, and Will Chambers.

Smith knew during Melbourne's loss to Cronulla in last month's grand final "rematch" that Fifita was ready to return to the Kangaroos.

Smith said Fifita, who was eventually fined \$20,000 by the NRL and issued a breach notice for wearing a support message for one-punch killer Kieran Loveridge on his wrist strapping, had learned his lesson.

"That would've hurt missing out on that campaign because he played extremely well last year. But he's paid his dues now

and playing exceptional football again this season," Smith said.

Smith said he saw a change in Fifita during the Storm's tense loss to the Sharks, when Fifita carried the ball for 130 metres, broke four tackles and offloaded twice.

But it wasn't his numbers that Smith was most impressed by.

"We played against Cronulla this year already and I saw a change in his persona on the field, to be honest. All he was worried about was doing his job for his team and nothing else," he said.

"His focus was carrying the ball strong, which is his best asset, and getting his job done in defence.

"He wasn't worried about sledging or anything else outside of what he needed to do."

Fifita said he was packing his bags in preparation to join up with the Tongan camp when he got the call to tell him he would once again play for Australia.

"Once I heard that I was stoked," Fifita said.

"Don't get me wrong, I was quite proud to play for Tonga, but in saying that, I got the phone call for the Aussies and I took it with both hands.

"It's my dream and it was one of the goals on my checklist to get the green and gold jersey back." – *With AAP*



Steam rises off Andrew Fifita during the Anzac rugby league Test against New Zealand in Canberra on May 5.
Pictures: NRL



Johnathan Thurston sets up support in the Anzac Test.



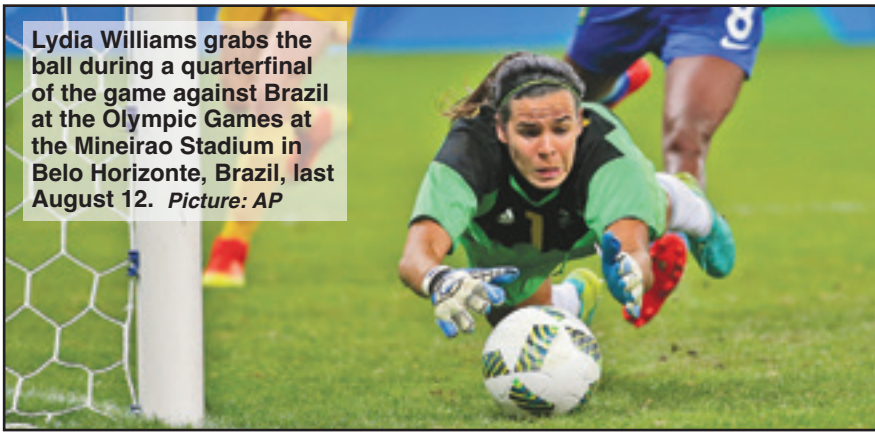
Sam Thaiday runs into open space in the Anzac Test.



Injured warrior Greg Inglis is part of the Australian coaching team on the sidelines during the Anzac Test.

Another award for goalkeeper Lydia Williams

Lydia Williams grabs the ball during a quarterfinal of the game against Brazil at the Olympic Games at the Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, last August 12. Picture: AP



MELBOURNE City goalkeeper Lydia Williams has been named Football Federation Australia's (FFA's) women's goalkeeper of the year.

Williams is the Australian Matildas' first choice goalkeeper.

The FFA A-League and W-League awards were presented in Sydney on May 1, with Milos Ninkovic being awarded the Johnny Warren Medal as all-conquering Sydney FC dominated the 2016-17 A-League awards.

Williams began her career with the Australian Institute of Sport in 2004 before

joining Canberra United in 2008.

She played with the Chicago Red Stars in 2009 and Pitea IF in 2012-13 before returning to Canberra United.

Then came campaigns with Western New York Flash and Washington Spirit in the US.

She spent the 2015-16 season back with Canberra United before making 15 appearances for the Houston Dash in 2016.

The same year she joined Melbourne City on loan from Houston.

Williams made 14 appearances for the Australian under-20 team and has now represented the Matildas in 60 games.

She was born in Katanning (WA) in 1988 to an Aboriginal father and US mother.

James's grand plan

By TONY WEBECK, Chief Queensland Correspondent, NRL.com



AT 21 years of age, he contributed to a DVD aimed at addressing and reducing suicide rates among Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander people and now Ryan James has revealed plans to further help Indigenous youth.

A proud descendant of the Bundjalung people of northern NSW, James wore specially designed boots representing the Tweed River and the NSW and Queensland borders that it shares for last weekend's Indigenous Round clash with the Melbourne Storm and also for this week's home game against Manly.

Ever cognisant of the role he can play as a person of influence in the Indigenous community, James first signed on as a Deadly Choices ambassador in 2012, completed a Bachelor of Business degree at Griffith University late last year and is now plotting an initiative to help young Indigenous footballers transition into NRL clubs more easily.

Separated

For every Ryan James and Johnathan Thurston, there are dozens of talented Indigenous boys who find being separated from their communities too difficult to cope with, which is why James wants to establish a home where Indigenous boys will feel comfortable and connected to others going through a similar experience.

Fortunate to have had a stable upbringing on the Gold Coast where he lived with his parents until a couple of years after making his NRL debut, James and former Titans teammate Greg Bird first discussed the idea of a share house for young Indigenous players four years ago and the club captain is eager to revisit the concept.

Believing it would be a valuable asset on the Gold Coast and in Sydney, James said that such an initiative with a live-in Indigenous Elder to offer support would make it much easier for talented Indigenous footballers to move



Gold Coast Titans players, from left, Nathan Peats, Tyrone Roberts (crouching), Tyronne Roberts-Davis, Ash Taylor, Ryan James and Chris Grevsmuhl wear their Indigenous Round jerseys while others promote the Indigenous Round.

away from home and find success in the NRL.

"I remember talking about this with Greg Bird probably four years ago and we had the plan to have some sort of house where we had an Elder in the house too to make it a lot easier on the kids," James told NRL.com.

"Me and 'Birdy' used to look at a fair few properties and I remember one popping up in Robina and thinking that it would be perfect.

"It was two houses and it would have been great to have something in place then, but I was only young and it was just talk at the time.

"I still think there is room for something like that in the NRL, to have someone at the club who works for the club and can live in a share house and have some of the Indigenous kids.

"If you have a kid moving in from a community out west that's

never been in the city, especially in Sydney, it's life-changing. To have some sort of support back home would make a big difference.

"Simple things like having a home-cooked meal and not having to do all your laundry and do everything yourself. Many of the kids go from doing not much at home to having to do everything and working a full-time job on top of that is just such a massive transition for Indigenous people.

"In Sydney, they could even play for different 20s teams or NRL teams and still live in the same house if they wanted. It would be great to see something like that come on board."

James' positive influence on the Gold Coast community and his deep attachment to the area made him an obvious choice to be named co-captain in 2017, an honour he now carries on his

shoulders alone.

When he came into the NRL squad midway through the 2010 season the Bilambil Jets junior was paired with Preston Campbell for his first away trip to face the Wests Tigers at Campbelltown.

Now a couple of months shy of his 26th birthday, James feels a great sense of responsibility to carry forward the example set by the likes of Campbell and Scott Prince and use his position to make a difference in the lives of others.

Hit home

"When you're playing footy, you're not thinking too much about the outside world, but once you get a bit older and start getting more responsibilities, it starts to hit home a little bit more," said James, who has a son Carter.

"(Working on the Deadly Choices video) was definitely an eye opener because you don't

realise how much happens. It's such a terrible thing to be a part of and be around but it's good to create awareness around it and use your image to help raise awareness.

"We've had guys who are second to none with their community work like Preston Campbell and Scott Prince and I've gone on massive road trips with them and seen first-hand what they've done in the community.

"I'm lucky that I've got a great support group. I've always had my parents, my wife Ana and Ana's parents around so I've always had people to lean on in time of need.

"I've been very fortunate in my life but a lot of these Indigenous kids move away from families and for those who don't have that support around them it's a bit hard."

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Indigenous NRL players in the jumpers that featured during last weekend's Indigenous Round: back row, from left, Matthew Allwood (Warriors), Shaun Hudson (Cowboys), Kyle Turner (Rabbitohs), Joel Thompson (Dragons), Dane Gagai (Knights), Jamal Fogarty (Eels), Josh Ado Carr (Storm), Jamal Idris (Tigers), Brian Kelly (Sea Eagles), Brent Naden (Raiders), Tyrone Phillips (Bulldogs); front, Nat Butcher (Roosters), Travis Waddell (Broncos), Ashley Taylor (Titans), Andrew Fifita (Sharks), Tyron Peachey (Panthers). Picture: NRL.com

Memorable weekend



FOR the first time, every National Rugby League (NRL) club wore Indigenous-inspired jerseys during last weekend's Indigenous Round.

A series of cultural performances, gift exchanges, a performance on-screen by Judith Durham and welcome-to-country ceremonies occurred at matches, with a theme of Recognition as the focal point.

Spreading the word

Past Indigenous legends Dean Widders and George Rose spent time with each club in the lead-up to the round, educating teams on the importance of the round and

history of rugby league amongst Indigenous communities.

The NRL continued its partnership with RECOGNISE throughout Indigenous Round, with support for the movement to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution and ensure there is no place for racial discrimination.

Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council Chairwoman Linda Burney said the round provided a continued opportunity to celebrate the unique bond between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and rugby league.

"Rugby league has been a leader in support and inclusion for all people over

many years and the game benefits greatly from the participation and engagement levels of Indigenous communities," Ms Burney said.

"As a rugby league fan, it is pleasing to be involved with a game that recognises and celebrates Indigenous peoples, not just during one round of the year, but throughout the year, on and off the field."

The 2017 Indigenous round also celebrated the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum to enable states and territories to make laws in support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to count them in the census, and the 25th anniversary of the 1992 High Court Mabo decision that recognised native title for

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NRL CEO Todd Greenberg said the level of participation amongst Indigenous players was increasing, with almost one-fifth of the 77 players that made their NRL debut in 2016 hailing from Indigenous backgrounds.

"We are committed to increasing participation levels and opportunities for Indigenous players at all levels and equally, we will continue to support Indigenous communities to thrive and achieve their potential in their work, study and home lives," Greenberg said.

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Mahalia Murphy to play domestic women's 7s



MAHALIA Murphy is to turn out for the University of Adelaide in a new national

women's 7s rugby union competition.

She will be joined in the University of Adelaide team by fellow Australian Sevens Olympic Games gold medallists Emma Tonegato and Evania Pelite.

Having already proven themselves on the international stage, the heroines of Rio will now look to promote the game back home by participating in a new domestic tournament in August and September.

The Olympians and top sevens players will be spread across eight university teams, from five states and territories.

"To go from training and playing alongside my Aussie sevens teammates to competing against them will be really tough, but we're all excited about the challenge," Australian women's sevens co-Captain Shannon

Parry said.

"With us all spread out amongst the teams, we'll be able to share our knowledge and experience with the next generation of players."

They will be playing in a four-round tournament with stops in Tasmania, NSW and Queensland.

"We're looking forward to playing around Australia. We've always wanted to have more opportunities to play at home," Olympic representative Evania Pelite told AAP.

Australian women's sevens coach Tim Walsh hoped the new competition would lure even more athletes from other sports.

"I strongly encourage athletes from any sport to get involved with the competition," Walsh said.

Most of the successful Olympic team was drawn from other sports.

"I didn't even know rugby for women existed five years ago," said Pelite, who represented Australia in touch football in 2013. – AAP

Goddard, Walker off to Georgia



INDIGENOUS players Harrison Goddard and Cody Walker have made the cut and are in the

Australian squad to tackle the World Rugby Under-20 Championships in Georgia in June.

The squad has been boosted by the inclusion of Aussie 7s and Super Rugby players.

Goddard is on the verge of making his Super Rugby debut with the Melbourne Rebels.

Australia will face off against Wales, Samoa and England in Pool A of the World Cup tournament.

Selectors originally chose a squad of 48 and that has now been cut to 26.

Coach Simon Cron said he was looking forward to getting the Super Rugby players involved in preparations as soon as possible.

"The Australian Sevens contingent still have a final two tournaments so those players will join us in Georgia," Cron said.

"They will all have high aerobic and anaerobic capacities which is essential during a World Cup campaign."

"Our performances against New Zealand, Samoa and Fiji highlighted a number of key areas

we need to work on in our sessions."

The squad came together at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra last Wednesday for a final camp before Australia heads to Tbilisi, Georgia for the tournament.

To increase playing depth and have players prepared if called on for injury cover, there will be a number of extended squad members who will attend the preparation camp in Canberra.

Cody Walker plays club rugby with Easts while Goddard, a Randwick player, is now with the Melbourne Rebels.

Porch, Pietsch in squad for Paris

JOHN Porch (Northern Suburbs, NSW) and Dylan Pietsch (Randwick) were in the Australian Men's Sevens team for the penultimate leg of rugby union's 2016-17 World Series, with coach Andy Friend making three changes for the Paris tournament that began last Saturday.

Youngster Pietsch returned to the starting XII after featuring as 13th man in Australia's fourth-place finish in Singapore.

Before Paris, Porch had seven caps for Australia and Pietsch three.

With just two rounds remaining on the HSBC Sevens World Series, Australia (94 points) were just outside the race for a top four finish, with the side in sixth position behind the USA (101 points) and New Zealand (110).

"Dylan Pietsch comes into the backline, another 18-year old into the starting 12 so a great experience for him as an up-and-coming player," Jenkins said ahead of the Paris tournament.

Indigenous man Jarred Hodges is part of the team management for the final two tournaments.

Evelyna took scenic route, but got there



SHE came, she saw, she stopped to take photos and admire the views... then Evelyna Dhamarrandji conquered one of the world's most scenic races – the Vancouver Marathon.

It was, quite simply, “awesome”, Dhamarrandji said.

“I was struggling with the hills on the course, then I had to stop to look at the scenery. It's the most beautiful run I've ever done.”

It was Dhamarrandji's third marathon and with a time of 6:12.17, it wasn't her fastest, but it was nonetheless a huge achievement for the 27-year-old mother of two who became the first Indigenous runner to run in a Canadian marathon.

“I'm still so excited,” Dhamarrandji said, a feeling shared by the several hundred supporters who have followed her journey since she joined the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) in 2013.

With New York City, Gold Coast and now Vancouver marathons under her belt, Dhamarrandji's influence has been far-reaching, from the running group she coaches in Galiwin'ku, on remote Elcho Island, to the strangers cheering “Go Aussie” as she ran in Vancouver, and the African runners who were surprised and impressed to meet Australia's first-ever Indigenous competitor at the event.

“So many people and such an international race,” Dhamarrandji said.

“And a friend of the Indigenous

Marathon Foundation (IMF) saw my singlet and came up to say hello.”

Dhamarrandji now plans to spend some time recovering at home in Galiwin'ku and is looking forward to showing her medal to her family.

“My body couldn't take much more, but I got to the finish line and I got my medal,” she said.

Indigenous Marathon Foundation Director Rob de Castella said he was so proud of Dhamarrandji, who demonstrated determination and resilience in making it to the Vancouver finish line.

Great achievement

“Running her third marathon is a great achievement. Any marathon is tough, but what has blown me away is that this proud Yolngu mother of two, from the tiny remote island community of Galiwin'ku, has organised it herself, funded it herself, and even taken her partner, who has never been overseas, all the way to Vancouver, then done all her own pre-race preparation and ran this marathon, all by herself,” de Castella said.

“It demonstrated the massive personal growth IMP has facilitated in this inspirational young and proud Aboriginal leader. This is what IMF is about.”

With Vancouver out of the way, Dhamarrandji now has her sights firmly set on the Melbourne marathon in October.

Her partner, inspired by what he has seen, has asked Dhamarrandji to train him for his first marathon. The ripples continue.



Evelyna Dhamarrandji shows off her medal after completing the Vancouver Marathon.



RECONCILIATION GOLF DAY

This event supports Reconciliation in the local Beenleigh area. Bringing together Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to celebrate Reconciliation through a charity golf day with proceeds going to local Aboriginal organisation Beenleigh Housing and Development Company.

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National carnival

New player plans rugby league extravaganza



Matt Rose is the convenor of the National Indigenous Rugby League Championships (NIRLC). He has had an association with Walgett at the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout and won the Knockout in 2010. He is a brother of former National Rugby League (NRL) star George Rose and has played for several clubs in country NSW.



A NEW national Indigenous rugby league carnival is being planned for Wollongong in October and is offering total prizemoney exceeding \$100,000.

Carnival convenor Matt Rose said the National Indigenous Rugby League Championships (NIRLC) would be held on October 21-22 at the Collegians Sports Centre, Wollongong, and would be open to open men's and women's and junior teams in under-10s, under-12s, under-14s and under-16s.

It will follow hard on the heels of Queensland's Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri carnival and the big NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival.

Rose said the NIRLC would be open to all Indigenous clubs, but winners of the Murri and NSW Knockout carnivals would receive automatic entry.

He said eight slots had been reserved for NSW clubs, four from Queensland and two from interstate.

This would remain the case

until September, when other slots would be thrown open.

Rose said the NIRLC should not be seen as trying to 'gatecrash' Indigenous rugby league — rather to complement the Arthur Beetson Murri and NSW Knockout carnivals.

"This is an opportunity for teams to come together on a national scale," he said.

He also said that future carnivals could be held at venues around Australia.

Ambassadors

NIRLC ambassadors Cody Walker and Bo de la Cruz said they were excited at the prospect about being able to play against the best Indigenous athletes in the country.

"It's great we now have the national championships on top of the Knockout (NSW) and Murri carnival (Qld)," South Sydney star Walker said.

"I'm really excited to be playing and looking forward to taking on teams from the other states."

De la Cruz said: "It's great that we have potentially the best

teams from around country going up against each other for the first time and it should be exciting in all competitions."

The NIRLC will have a knockout format and capped at 32 teams in the men's division and eight teams in the women's and junior divisions.

Rose told the *Koori Mail* the tournament had the endorsement of the Australian Rugby League's (ARL's) Indigenous Council.

He said cultural and other activities would be held in conjunction with the Wollongong carnival.

Wollongong had been chosen as the venue because of the facilities available.

The Collegians Sports Centre is the home ground of Collegians Rugby League Club. The centre boasts a 1250-seat grandstand and other sports facilities.

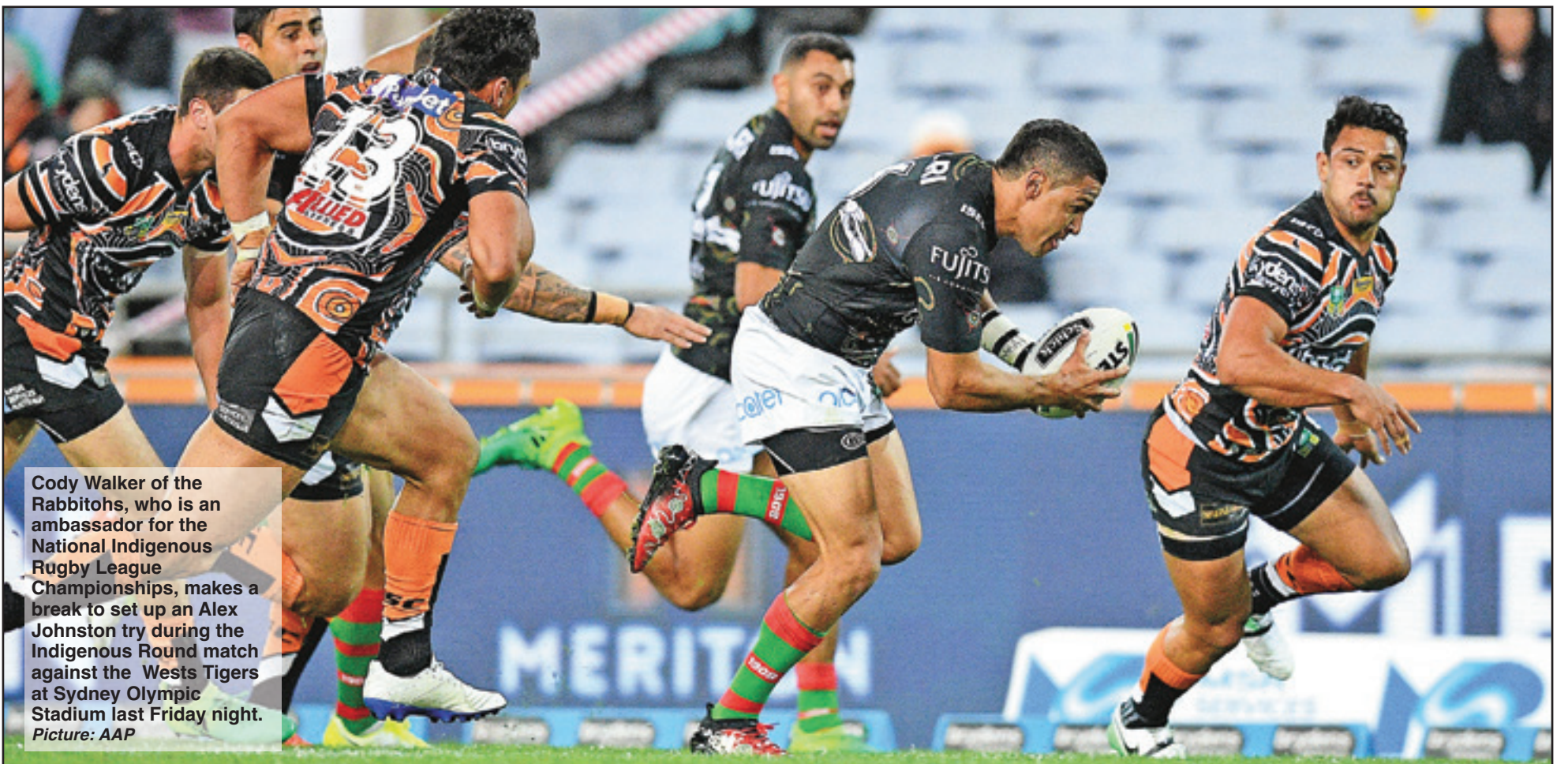
Rose said a total of seven football fields would be available.

He said a website would come online this week where people to get more information and nomination details.

Visit www.nirlc.com.au



Bo de la Cruz, along with Cody Walker, is an ambassador for the NIRLC.



Cody Walker of the Rabbitohs, who is an ambassador for the National Indigenous Rugby League Championships, makes a break to set up an Alex Johnston try during the Indigenous Round match against the Wests Tigers at Sydney Olympic Stadium last Friday night.
Picture: AAP

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