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## Native title warriors remembered



# Now we wait



INDIGENOUS Australians have spelled out what they want for the future in the Uluru Statement from the Heart which resulted from last month's Referendum Council

national convention.

But the Federal Government says it won't respond formally until it receives the report of the official Referendum Council, due by June 30.

That hasn't stopped Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce rejecting out of hand

# Federal Government yet to respond to Uluru Statement

any notion of a treaty or Makarrata Commission which has been proposed to supervise agreement-making between government and First Nations people. Indigenous MPs on both sides have said that while the Statement's goals are achievable, rushing into any referendum would not be advisable.

And in relation to the Statement, Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said "we are listening".

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar said that while the statement "carves out a path for change", there is still plenty of work to do.

"Taking stock of our achievements is worthless if not followed by meaningful action," she said.

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### **MY FAMILY** Barry Watson, Wergaia man, Victoria



HIS picture is of me and my wife Serai. She is from the Torres Strait, but we live in Logan, Queensland.

To me, family is the fabric that keeps everybody together, especially Indigenous

We've got a big role in our extended families as well as our immediate family everybody has their part to play.

We have five kids and nine grandkids spread all over Queensland, and we're a very multicultural family.

Sadly, we've lost one of our daughters and she had a little boy who now lives with his other grandmother.

One of the kids' partners is from Ghana, another is Samoan, and another one is Maori. We're a big mpb and have family members from all over, and we're proud of

We come together to celebrate birthdays and we often go and watch the grandkids

play football. A few of the grandkids have represented North Queensland or played for the state in football.

I played Australian rules football so sport has always been a big thing for our family. Our culture is also something that is important for us.

When the kids were little and they were teething we took them to a special aunty who would prick their gums to relieve the pressure on their teeth. That was a cultural practice from the Torres Strait that we did and I never had to walk the floor with any of the kids because of it.

I had a bit of a role in the 1960s when we used to march and protest for our rights.

The kids have started to take the activism on but I always said to them "you have to create your own destiny so you can be proud of who you are"

They're all proud of their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

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### **OUR CHILDREN**



A young Torres Strait Islander dancer participates in the Mabo Day celebrations at Musgrave Park, South Brisbane, on June 2. See our coverage on page 36.

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# Young 'MP' speaks her mind



YOUNG Perth woman Brianne Yarran wants the truth taught about Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander history in school curriculums.

And she is also passionate about the language of her Noongar people.

These were matters on her radar as one of 50 young people who made up this year's National Indigenous Youth Parliament (NIYP), held in Canberra.

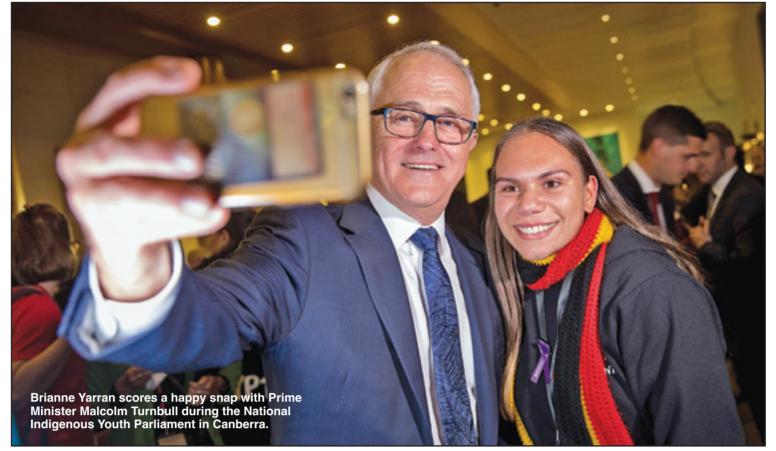
The NIYP participants rubbed shoulders with the likes of Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten during the just-finished gathering at Old Parliament House.

They debated various bills and made an adjournment speech (on topics of interest to them) in what was an eventful week-long program.

Ms Yarran, from the Perth suburb of Bennet Springs, spoke out about the issues affecting her community, and shared her grandmother's experience as a child of the Stolen Generation.

She said her first trip to Canberra and Old Parliament House, where the 1967 referendum giving rights to Indigenous Australians was approved, was a moving experience.

"It was really emotional and



tough because we have been faced with many historical places where things have changed," she said.

"It takes us back to a time where there were hardships, but as young politicians we can try to change what happened and move forward for the better of Australia."

Ms Yarran said this year's NAIDOC theme, Our Languages Matter, was "incredibly significant" to her. She told how her grandmother was placed in a mission and was not allowed to speak her native Noongar language because of laws at the time.

"I think it was a time where

the Noongar language kind of faded away," she said.

"A lot of non-Indigenous people have never heard the Noongar language, and when they hear it for the first time they think it's the most incredible thing in the world.

"It's my generation and the future generations that are

rebuilding the language and we are reteaching Indigenous people and also non-Indigenous people."

Ms Yarran praised her local schools was well as the City of Swan council in Perth for recognising and talking about important Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander events.

# Council vows to fight mine

By RUDI MAXWELL



WANGAN and Jagalingou Traditional Owners Council members have vowed to do everything in their power to stop Adani's proposed Carmichael coal mine on their country in Queensland,

despite the company claiming it would start pre-construction work on the project later this year.

Members of the W&J registered native title claimant are currently in the Federal Court seeking to strike out Adani's Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA).

An ILUA has been opposed by the native title claim group three times since 2012. The ILUA litigation includes four grounds and will be heard in March 2018.

The W&J council also has three other court actions in train against the proposed mine, in Queensland's Galilee basin.

But that didn't stop company chair Indian billionaire Gautam Adani announcing last week that Adani was forging ahead, to the approval of the Federal and Queensland governments.

The company also pre-empted changes to native title legislation, introduced by the Government in the wake of a Federal Court

decision earlier this year that held all members of the registered native title claimant had to sign an ILUA.

The ruling overturned an earlier decision, which found that an area ILUA could be registered if it had been signed by at least one member of the registered native title claimant group.

Last week, Federal Labor frontbencher Tim Hammond told a resources conference in Perth that the Opposition and the Government had come to a "settled position" on native title law changes, which were due to be debated in the Senate yesterday.

W&J youth spokesperson Murrawah Johnson told the *Koori Mail* that Adani has never really had the agreement they need to start construction.

#### "Not the case"

"They keep saying that they do but that's not the case, and for as long as the council continues to fight, they'll never get what they need," she said.

"It's been hard for us – because they are the instrument of the state, despite the fact that they're a foreign mining company. The law as it stands allows them, on behalf of the state, to do whatever they want to our people to get the decision they want.

"Aboriginal people across the country live

in a state of poverty. And it's really hard to ask poor and impoverished people to say no to the promise of money.

"But on three occasions we said no to Adani. The one occasion that they're claiming our people said yes, we know that they bussed in 200-plus people who have never previously identified as W&J to give that veneer of consent and to say yes, because they couldn't get it properly.

"I wish Australia looked at the situation more critically. That is not okay."

Ms Johnson said the Federal and State governments along with the mining industry had been pushing aggressively for the mine.

"The Attorney-General intervened in our court hearing. This is exceptional, extraordinary but also disgusting," she said.

"Where is the separation of powers? Are our people ever going to achieve justice when we have a far-right extremist conservative who will use his powers as Attorney-General to intervene and interfere in the so-called justice system and the legal system with the decisions that the courts are supposed to make?"

The dispute over the mine has caused rifts between traditional owners, with some in favour and others strongly opposed.

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# Call for two more SA authorities



THE South Australian Government is seeking expressions of interest for two more Aboriginal regional authorities. The state already

has three such groups – the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority, the Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association and the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation.

They have been established under the state's Aboriginal Regional Authority Policy, which the Government says is designed to establish a new relationship with Aboriginal South Australians.

The policy formally recognises Aboriginal organisations responsible for representing and advocating for their communities, driving regional priorities and economic growth, and working with government on key issues.

State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher welcomed the move.

"Recognition of the enduring cultural authority of Aboriginal groups who represent and advocate for their communities is an important part of SA's steps towards reconciliation with Aboriginal people," he said.

For more information on regional authorities, go to: http://statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/aboriginal-affairs/

## Water-wise in Halls Creek



HALLS Creek in the Kimberley uses the most water per person in Western Australia, so local Aboriginal

youths have made a hip hop music video to spread a water-wise message.

Water Corp and Indigenous Hip Hop Projects spent a week in Halls Creek creating the song Save the Water (Ngaba), complete with a film clip showing the area's natural scenery.

Halls Creek, with a population of 1500, is about 200km west of the Northern Territory border in the heart of the Kimberley, and its climate contributes to high water use as taking showers is an easy way for people to cool down.

Indigenous Hip Hop projects founder Dion Brownfield says about 30 young people were involved in creating the song. He said music is a powerful tool for education.

"It's arts for change, focusing on the strength of the young and the strength of Indigenous people," he said.
"We engage with kids in a

way they relate to; there's no doubt they love hip hop music

"It gives a voice to young people and remote communities."



Halls Creek Elder Pastor Donald Cox speaks at the end of the song, saying: "Hey vou Halls Creek mob. turn taps off when not in use. If you see a leaking tap or pipe in your community, then

make sure you report it."

Water Corp's Stuart Dyson said the project encouraged young people to express their connection to water and highlighted how important it was to save the resource.

Indigenous Hip Hop Projects has produced 300 songs nationally since 2005, and Mr Brownfield describes it as a new wave of health promotion and community service.

### Canada's PM wants Pope to apologise

**CANADA'S Prime Minister Justin** Trudeau has urged Pope Francis to visit Canada to apologise to indigenous peoples for the **Catholic Church's treatment** of Aboriginal children in schools it ran there.

Starting in the late 19th century, about 30% of children of Canada's native peoples, or about 150,000 children, were placed in what were known as 'residential schools' in a government attempt to strip them of their traditional cultures and ancestral languages.

For more than a century the schools were government-funded, but many were administered by Christian churches, mostly Roman Catholic.

"I told the Pope how important it is for Canadians to move forward on real reconciliation with the indigenous peoples and I highlighted how he could help by issuing an apology," Mr Trudeau, who is a Catholic, said after meeting the Pope.

He said he had invited the Argentine-born pontiff to make the apology in Canada.

Canada's Truth and **Reconciliation Commission said** in a 2015 report that the practice, which kept children from the First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples far from their parents, amounted to cultural genocide.

Many children were physically and sexually abused.

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# Action urged on costs of incarceration



KEEPING the grossly disproportionately high number of Indigenous

people in custody costs almost \$8 billion a year. And that is forecast to increase to \$20 billion by 2040 without immediate intervention.

These figures are part of a new report, 'Indigenous incarceration: Unlock the facts', by business consultant firm PWC released during National Reconciliation Week.

It has led to the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) calling for immediate action.

The PHAA – Australia's principal non-government organisation for public health in Australia - says moving toward the fulfilment of reconciliation goals requires urgent attention on the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in prisons.

The peak body says it's a major health justice issue costing billions each year

"The extreme social, health and economic inequalities experienced throughout our **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** communities and which reconciliation goals aim to alleviate will only persist and worsen with the continued failure to address the incarceration issue." - PHAA's Summer May Finlay



prisoners, their families and communities.

PHAA board member Summer May Finlay pulled no punches.

"We need to examine the causative factors which have resulted in the appalling numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people currently in custody, which means facing the deep and longstanding social inequalities and injustices experienced by all Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders," the Yorta Yorta woman said.

"The historic Uluru Statement from the Heart called for the full enshrinement of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

and harshly affecting Indigenous representative body in the Australian Constitution to allow for their self-determination and for a formal treaty process to be established.

> "In this same spirit we ask that the Government take immediate action against the unacceptable discrimination Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people currently face in our justice system.

The extreme social, health and economic inequalities experienced throughout our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and which reconciliation goals aim to alleviate will only persist and worsen with the continued failure to address the incarceration issue.'

# Report key to future

# Mixed reaction to Uluru Statement



INDIGENOUS
Australians are waiting
to find out what last
month's historic Uluru
Statement from the
Heart will mean.

The Statement was the culmination of a Referendum Council convention on constitutional reform, which more than 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegates attended.

It sets out a number of guiding principles, which delegates felt should be used to direct constitutional change. The recommendations include an Indigenous voice to Parliament, and a Makarrata Commission to facilitate agreement-making between Indigenous people and governments.

The Government has said it will wait until the formal report of the council is delivered to it – something

which must happen by June 30 – before it gives a response.

A response.
A number of
politicians, including
Aboriginal MPs Labor
frontbencher Linda
Burney and Indigenous
Health Minister Ken
Wyatt, have speculated
about the achievability of
the recommendations in
the statement.

Ms Burney said the suggestions were all possible, but noted that it was silent on scrapping ithe constitutional race power.

"I would advocate strongly that we do have to deal with the race powers because if we don't do that it could actually still give the Parliament the capacity to do away with a body of any sort within the Constitution," she said. "We don't want this process set back two or three generations; we want it to go forward."

Mr Wyatt was also confident that the recommendations could be achieved, but warned against rushing into a referendum.

"We need an awareness program that informs all Australians of the intent behind the set of words, what it means and that it's not enshrining special privileges but in fact recognising reality that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people lived on this continent long before settlement," he said.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said he was "excited about the statement", and looking forward to receiving the full report. He also cautioned politicians from speculating before reading the final document.

"I want to acknowledge the 250 delegates who travelled to Uluru and made a statement from the heart – this was a significant gathering and we are listening," he said.

But not everyone is so excited about the recommendations, with Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce saying an Indigenous voice to Parliament would not be supported by the Australian people. "If you come up with something we can't sell for the Australian people then we're not going to get anywhere," he said.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull also warned that Australians are "constitutionally conservative".

Greens MP Adam Bandt said it was time for a treaty in Australia.

"You only have to look across the ditch to New Zealand to see what a difference a treaty makes," he said.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders and peak bodies have also weighed in, with the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples endorsing the statement and putting its hand up to be the voice to Parliament.

"If properly resourced to give advice, monitor and evaluate government performance on

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues, Congress could operate as an independent advisory body to parliament," it said in a statement.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Social Justice Commissioner
June Oscar said that while the
statement "carves out a path for
change", there is still plenty of work to
do. "Taking stock of our achievements
is worthless if not followed by
meaningful action," she said.

"Nice words do not keep our kids at home, our people out of jail or address the yawning health gap between us and our fellow Australians.

"What Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are asking right now is for government to hear us, listen to what we are saying and then to engage with us in the right way."

Meanwhile, a group of delegates who walked out on talks at the Uluru convention have called a rally at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra on June 22. Sovereign Union has called the 'peaceful action' to oppose the constitutional reform agenda.

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## **Another Gab Titui win to Nancy Kiwat**



NANCY Kiwat
has taken out
her third
successive
Gab Titui
Indigenous Art
Award in the

Torres Strait. The Erub Arts artist took out the top honour with *Monument at Kemus Cove, Erub*, a large scale ghost net replica of the monument commemorating the arrival of the first missionaries on Erub in 1871.

This year's runner-up was Maria Ware, of Moa Art, for her ghost net work *Kai Kai Basket*.

The awards came as the

Gab Titui Cultural Centre on Thursday Island celebrated 10 years of the annual art award.

A total of 284 artists have entered more than 500 entries since the awards started in 2008.

This year's art award judge Tony Ellwood, the director of the National Gallery of Victoria, described Mrs Kiwat's work as unlike any he had seen produced in the Torres Strait.

"Nancy's work is original, confident, and technically very impressive," he said. Other Gab Titui award winners included Segar Passi (Mer) – best 2D work; Emma Gela (Erub Arts) – best 3D work; Yessie Mosby (Masig) – best cultural artefact; and Angela Torenbeek (St Paul's Community, Moa), best craft work.

The Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award entries are on display in the centre's Wabunaw Geth Gallery until July 28.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chairperson Napau Pedro Stephen praised Mrs Kiwat's award success as "nothing short of outstanding".

# More change on way for Native Title Act

By RUDI MAXWELL



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion announced at last week's National Native Title Conference in Townsville that he and Attorney-General

George Brandis were looking at more changes to the Native Title Act.

While changes to Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) provisions in the Act were due to be debated in the Senate yesterday (Tuesday), Senator Scullion said the Government was now ready to consider recommendations made by the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) in April 2015 and the December 2015 COAG Investigation into Indigenous land administration and use.

"We have already undertaken to the Native Title Council that we'll be consulting widely on all the matters in the ALRC report and it's not only about Aboriginal (people) and Torres Strait Islanders impacted in native title. It also impacts on other stakeholders, like pastoralists and fishers and others and we need to ensure we consult with them," he

"So, certainly, we'll be having a proper debate about all those recommendations."

The ALRC report made 30 recommendations for changing the Native Title Act, including recognising that traditional laws evolve and adapt; that claimants need no longer prove that traditional laws have



continued substantially uninterrupted since colonisation; and that that the definition of native title be amended to clarify that it is not necessary to establish that a society, united in and by its acknowledgment and observance of traditional laws and customs, has continued in existence since prior to colonisation.

Senator Scullion said there had been a "number of things" that had happened since the ALRC report was published two years ago. "One of them was the COAG land

reform report, which was in the middle of that," he said.

"There was some discussion about whether the Noongar stuff (changing the Act so that not all registered claimants have to sign an ILUA) should be included in all that.

#### "Formalised"

"We're saying now's the time to go and have something more formalised."

Senator Scullion conceded that two years was a long time to respond to a report.

"I acknowledge that sometimes the wheels of government turn ponderously and sometimes I'm as frustrated as anyone else,"

"But this is an important matter and I don't think it's reasonable to make the assumption that nothing was happening in that period of time.

Those reports were being absorbed. It's not like you go 'here's the report, out you go, have a consultation'. People have been really able to have a conversation about that."

In his speech at the conference, which was co-hosted by AIATSIS and the North Queensland Land Council, Senator Scullion said the number of determinations under the Native Title Act, 387, now outnumbers the number of claims registered, 245.

Senator Scullion also announced that the Federal Government is allocating \$20 million to support Indigenous people make use of their rights to freshwater and saltwater country.

"Sea country and freshwater country should be treated the same as land country and the opportunities to manage and economically benefit from your rights over water must be a priority," he said.

"Government should be supporting Indigenous fishing businesses, acquiring licences and taking advantage of your ownership of sea and freshwater.

'The Government has already contacted land councils seeking interest in accessing the funding and I look forward to working with vou over the coming months.'

# Commissioner says we need a government with courage

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar delivered the Mabo address at last week's National Native Title Conference in Townsville, linking Constitutional reform and a treaty with Australia's First Peoples to the "unfinished business of the 1967 Referendum and the Mabo decision".

Ms Oscar, a Bunuba (WA) woman, said it was her responsibility to monitor and report on the human rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including the Native Title Act.

She said the High Court's Mabo decision, handed down 25 years ago, had entrenched the rights of Indigenous people in law.

"It is only logical that we advance our rights to be constitutionally accepted so that we have a voice which will be heard forever," she said

The commissioner said last month's Uluru Statement delivered overwhelming support for substantial change to the Australian Constitution "because we as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples know that nice words do not get us very far. "We have ridden the waves of

and patience of our peoples." - Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar goodwill and hope of the 1967

and the early days of the Mabo decision," she said. "But we are practised in the experience that nice words do not keep our kids at home, our people out of jail or address the yawning

Referendum, the national Apology

health gap between us and our fellow Australians. "Only action can do that. We need a government who has the courage to take these (Uluru) proposals to a referendum and into the future with a Makarrata or

Treaty Commission. Ms Oscar said during the 25 years since the Mabo decision, Australia's First Peoples have borne a heavy personal cost in fighting for native title while watching governments continue to water down Indigenous rights.

"I don't believe that we should

underestimate the goodwill of our fellow

**Australians, nor the resolute determination** 

"It is sad for me to reflect on the efforts of so many of our old people who have made their cases over years, and even decades, but have never lived to see the settlement of their claims," she said

"This process, which places our claims within a long line and waiting list, does not appreciate the impact of all of those years and legal requirements on the human person. These processes become so disengaged with us as people and human beings and what we stand for and what we fight for.

"Many of us are managing all of these feelings and responsibilities to country alongside these complexities. So when we sit in native title meetings, sometimes it is hard for us to speak and the

words don't come because we are remembering people who were a part of the conversation when it first

"I understand how frustrating it is for all of us and the hurt and pain that traditional owners and native title holders feel. But we must not give up. We must have hope. We must continue."

Ms Oscar said unless there was "fundamental support" from Indigenous people for Constitutional change, it should not be taken to a referendum.

"Uluru delegates expressed diverse views, but there was consensus about the need for change, for the need to have greater control over our lives and for the long-held aspirations around treaty and a final settlement to be answered," she said.

'We know that treaties, as they exist in other countries, have not been the magic bullet for the Indigenous peoples of Canada, New Zealand or the United States. But having a requirement to consult with us on the nature and extent of these types of agreements can only enhance a treaty process. The Uluru Statement says that both goals are important for our peoples. And I agree.

"An Indigenous body gives us an opportunity to elevate our voices in a country where we are a minority and occupy a space on the fringe of government policy. A voice gives us the ability to address Parliament directly through our connections to our communities and regions.

"I don't believe that we should underestimate the goodwill of our fellow Australians, nor the resolute determination and patience of our

"We might be patient, but we also see the urgent need to address the situation facing our peoples today. We cannot wait another 50 years.'

Ms Oscar's speech received a standing ovation.

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# Mer remembers its native title warriors

#### By RUDI MAXWELL



ON June 3, 1992, the legal fiction of terra nullius (nobody's land) was finally overturned, after

five Meriam people won their case in the High Court. The case took 10 years and two of the plaintiffs died before the fight was won.

That case changed the landscape of Australian law and paved the way for native title across the country.

And the day it was decided is now known as Mabo Day, after the lead plaintiff, Eddie Koiki

On Mer (Murray Island), traditional owners used the 25th anniversary of their historic win to celebrate the fight of all five claimants – Eddie Koiki Mabo, James Rice, Celuia Mapo Salee, brothers Dave and Sam Passi, along with witnesses including Henry Kapere and their families.

At the graveside of Celuia Mapo Salee, the only female plaintiff, Father Ron Day spoke about the strength of unity, women and family.

"Without women there would be no civilisation. She gave Koiki the strength to be able to move forward," he said. "She is an important person in Koiki's life and in the life of native title.

"When we talk about Koiki challenging both governments, she was behind him.

"Koiki did not do it alone.

"Koiki by himself was too little for the government. But when he got together with James Rice, Celuia Mapo Salee, Dave Passi and Sam Passi, along with all the witnesses, they are strong.

"You might call it black power but it's not – it's human beings; that's where the power comes from."

In 1982, the five plaintiffs launched an action against the State of Queensland and the Commonwealth of Australia in the High Court, claiming 'native title' to the Murray Islands, Mer, Dauar and Waier.

But the Queensland Bjelke-Petersen Government hit back in 1985, attempting to circumvent the Meriam people's case before the court could rule by passing legislation retrospectively extinguishing the traditional owners' rights to their islands.

However, the Meriam plaintiffs successfully challenged the Queensland legislation under the Racial Discrimination Act in a High Court case that became known as Mabo (no 1).

After winning their first case, the Meriam plaintiffs were finally able to return to their original claim of native title.

The case presented by Eddie Mabo and the people of Mer successfully proved that Meriam custom and laws are



Meuram tribe members in the procession on Mer Island celebrate Mabo Day at the home of native title.



William Mabo, one of Eddie's grandchildren, spoke about his family.

fundamental to their traditional system of ownership and underpin their traditional rights and obligations in relation to land.

On the 25th anniversary of the Mabo decision, William Mabo, one of Eddie's grandsons, spoke on behalf of the family at his grandfather's graveside, which he and others renovated with help from a Commonwealth program. "It is an honour to be here and to recognise the important fight that my grandfather led," he said.

Senior Meriam Elder Alo Tapim said it was very important to pass knowledge on to the next generation so it would never be forgotten.

"Today we all came together, our cultural village was alive with dancing and music," he said. "It was a truly great day for

us, with a lot of families from the outer islands. That is how we do things here."

Mr Tapim said he was the first person on Mer to hear the news that the Mabo case had been successful, after answering one of the two phones on the island, in the Murray Island Council office, where he was the chief executive.

"I told the council. We had to go through protocols. Eddie Mabo said there was a system – and we recognised all these systems, so the councillors took it from there – and a few days after, there was a big celebration."

One of the lawyers involved in the case, Greg McIntyre, returned to Mer for the anniversary.

"1989 was the last time I was here on that very important occasion when the evidence was given by the Meriam people to support and to win this case," he

"The Meriam people are strong and resilient and I want to remind you what we fought for.

"What we fought for was the land held in accordance with your traditional laws, your traditional customs. And those lands are held by you, through your ancestors, family by family.

"And you need to be careful not to let these whitefellas put it over you with these new corporations, these new bodies. None of that changes that this land is your land, held by your custom. You need to train these corporations to follow that law and that custom and to recognise that they can't do things on your land.

"It belongs to Meriam families in accordance with Meriam law."



Our Mabo Day reports and pictures are on pages 34-37

# Arrests spark call for action



NOONGAR human rights lawyer Hannah McGlade is calling for urgent action after at least 30 men in the Pilbara region of Western Australia were

charged with child sex offences.

Dr McGlade, who chairs WA Aboriginal Family Law Services, said the State Government needs to revisit recommendations made a decade ago by the Gordon Inquiry into family violence and child abuse in Aboriginal communities

Reports say more than 30 men have been charged with almost 300 counts of child sex abuse following a nine-month police operation which covered a wide area including Roebourne, Wickham and Karratha.

Dr McGlade called for local action groups to be created to work with police, and the establishment of a WA Deputy Commissioner for Aboriginal Children, as recommended by retired Aboriginal magistrate Sue Gordon in the inquiry she chaired.

Dr McGlade said that to tackle the problem of child abuse there needs to be open discussion into the issue and

"The problem is, it's such an unpleasant topic," she told the Koori Mail. "The perpetrators use their power over the child to ensure they won't tell anyone. There's so much we could be doing that we're not.

"We need to include Aboriginal communities in the discussions to

develop plans to tackle child abuse."

A number of the Gordon inquiry's recommendations have been implemented, but Dr McGlade said its calls to focus on Aboriginal communities had been largely ignored by the WA Government.

She said not implementing all of the recommendations has had a "seriously wrong" impact on Aboriginal communities.

"Aboriginal children deserve much better than this lack of proper implementation of these recommendations," Dr McGlade said.

#### "At risk"

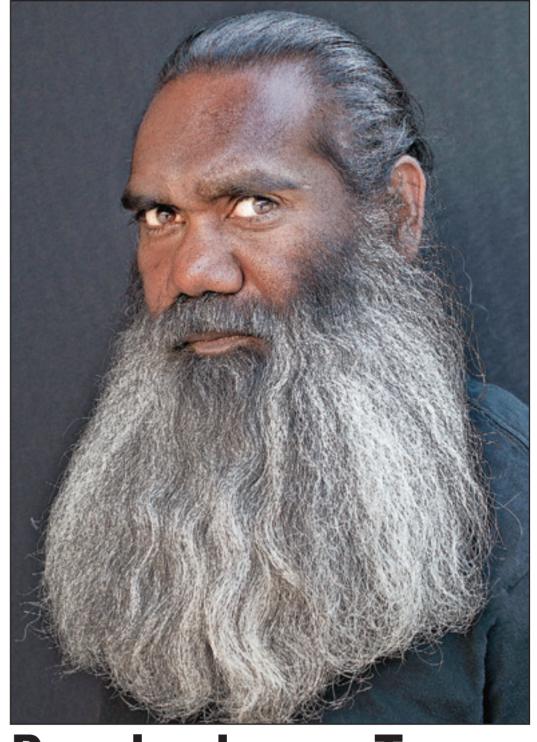
"The Government sidelined some very important recommendations. This has put women, children, and families at risk of abuse.

"We've had Governments apologise for their wrongdoings in the past but it is so difficult to get them to change their attitude. Aboriginal people need to be at the table on discussions about our communities."

Dr McGlade said there are serious flow-on effects, as well as immediate effects to children who have suffered abuse. "We often see children removed from families because of abuse," she said.

"They're often taken from their Aboriginal communities. Then there's a correlation between removal and later contact with the justice system.

"Until Aboriginal people's human rights are respected, these injustices



### **People choose Trevor** Jamieson's portrait



photograph of award-winning Aboriginal actor Trevor Jamieson has

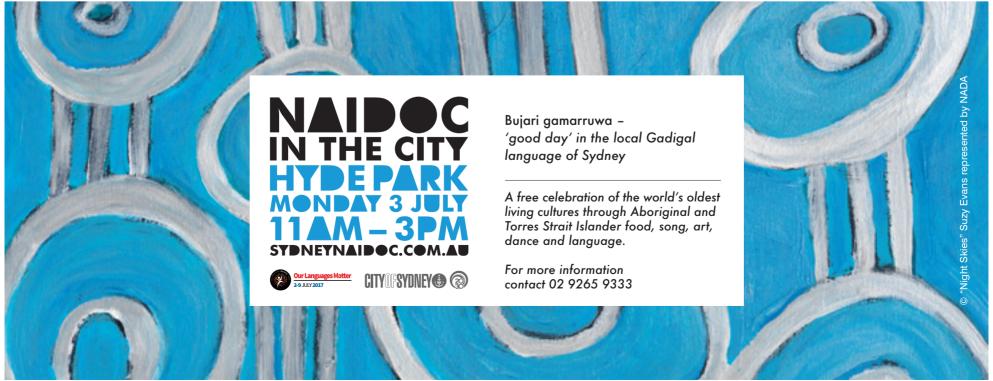
been named the People's Choice for the National Photographic Portrait Prize

2017. Brett Canet-Gibson's success with the striking portrait of Jamieson comes after he was highly commended for another entry in this year's awards. "What an honour," Canet-Gibson said of his latest award.

The National Photographic

Portrait Prize 2017 exhibition is on display at the Portrait Gallery in Canberra until June 18, when it will then go to the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre as the first stop on a national tour.

More details available at www.portrait.gov.au/



# journey continues



WAJUK, Balardung, Kija and Yulparitja

Clinton Pryor is more than eight months, 4000km and five pairs of shoes into his walk from Perth to Canberra.

He is making the trek to raise awareness of, and protest, the forced closure of Indigenous communities in Western Australia.

Last week, the 27-yearold made it to Victoria where he was joined by hundreds of supporters in Melbourne for a rally.

Mr Pryor is now having a short rest in Melbourne before continuing on to Sydney and his final destination of Canberra, where he expects to arrive in August.

Mr Pryor said Aboriginal Elders should be given full control of their communities.

"Elders look after the community, they put all our people in line," he said.

Mr Pryor was involved in protests on Matagarup (Heirisson Island) in Perth last year over the forced closure of WA



communities, when he decided to embark on foot to see Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

He said community life is important to him and his people.

"The Government has been slowly cutting off services in these communities, denying basic human rights like water.

"They are clearing people off land, so they can no longer care for country,

and it's all for mining companies to make a profit," he said.

Mr Pryor says he is yet to reach out to Mr Turnbull about meeting in Canberra, as he is worried the meeting will be to "take photos and look good".

Instead he hopes for a wider discussion and has invited leaders from the 20 to 30 communities he has visited to meet him in Canberra in August.

# Pryor in Victoria as A long way to go on health says minister



THERE'S good news – and bad news – in a major new

report on Indigenous health. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

Performance Framework 2017 report shows some positive results in health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

But Federal Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt, who released the report, said the "harsh reality is that there is still a long way to go"

"While the Government continues to invest substantially and works closely with communities in a wide range of Indigenous health programs and interventions that aim to improve Indigenous health and wellbeing, considerable challenges remain," he said.

"Addressing these challenges requires a whole-of-health-system response and a concerted effort from all levels of government."

Areas of improvement highlighted in the report include:

- decreases in deaths caused by circulatory disease (the most common cause of death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people);
- decreases in deaths caused by kidney disease;
  - a decrease in Indigenous smoking

rates, including smoking during pregnancy;

- a decrease in drinking at risky levels;
- a narrowing of the gap in Year 12 or equivalent attainment rate; and
- increases in the number of health assessments and chronic disease management services claimed through Medicare.
  - Areas of concern include:
- a widening of the gap for deaths related to selected chronic diseases, particularly cancer and end-stage kidney disease:
- a continuing higher burden of disease among First Australians (2.3 times the non-Indigenous rate);
- a significant increase in Indigenous suicide rates:
- high rates of people who are overweight or obese;
  - high rates of disability;
- high levels of undiagnosed high blood pressure:
- high blood sugar levels among those diagnosed with diabetes (indicating the condition is not well managed);
- high rates of discharge from hospital against medical advice; and
- less access to procedures in hospitals. The 2017 report was prepared by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet



### **Children sniffing aviation fuel**



**NORTHERN Territory** children are breaking into remote airstrips to sniff toxic aviation fuel in what has been labelled a public health crisis.

Health authorities

estimate about 100 youngsters from Elcho Island and nearby Indigenous communities are abusing the aeroplane fuel, known as Avgas. The bulk of sniffers are aged between 10 and 17

but there are reports of a handful of kids who are even younger.

The NT Government has provided \$70,000 for a guard dog and security officer to patrol the airport nightly.



The 2017 Northern Territory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner

#### **Excellence Awards**

The Department of Health is pleased to announce nominations are now open for the 2017 Northern Territory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner Excellence Awards.

There are four award categories open for nominations. These categories are: Remote, Urban, Specialist, and New Practitioner. The overall winner from these categories will be named the 'Legend' for 2017.

Nominations will close on Monday 26 June 2017.

For nomination forms and for more information go to:

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#### **Invitation to Register**

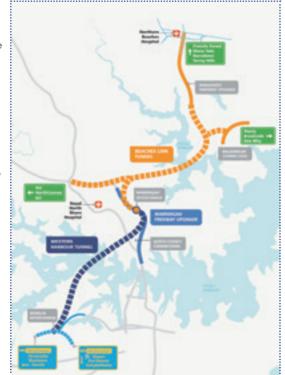
The NSW Government has announced the next stage of planning and the preferred route for the proposed Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link, Western Harbour Tunnel would run from WestConnex at Rozelle Interchange, cross beneath Sydney Harbour and link with the Warringah Freeway at North Sydney. The Beaches Link would run from the Balgowlah area cross under Middle Harbour and connect with the Warringah Freeway. Beaches Link includes eastwest links to the Gore Hill Freeway, providing much need connectivity between economic zones such as Macquarie Park and the Northern Beaches.

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups that hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link Project to register to be consulted.

The proposal is likely to be subject to assessment and approval under Part 5.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The purpose of this consultation is to inform the preparation of an Further information is provided on the following website www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/sydney-north/ western-harbour-tunnel-beaches-link/index.html.

The proposal may result in Roads and Maritime Services:

- Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 and/or
- Undertaking investigations in accordance with the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigations of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales
- Undertaking an environmental impact assessment under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.



To register your interest, please contact: Andrew Costello Jacobs Group Australia Level 7, 177 Pacific Highway NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2060 Email: andrew.costello@jacobs.com Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by Wednesday 28 June 2017.

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### **Models strut their** stuff at showcase



**INDIGENOUS** design and models were front and centre at the latest Regional Indigenous Fashion and Textile Showcase (RIFTS),

held in Cairns. Organised by Dawul Wuru, a traditional owner community organisation covering the area between Cairns and Port Douglas, RIFTS has been going for six years.

In that time more than 100 models and 26 designers have taken the opportunity to join in. RIFTS coordinator Bronwyn - she's a bit shy about using her surname - said the event was paid for by ticket sales and through in-kind support.

"Six years ago, the Dawul Wuru was approached by a member of the community who needed an Indigenous organisation to back her fashion idea. She pulled out, but we ran with it anyway," Bronwyn said.

"A lot of Indigenous people are involved in sports, health and teaching, but fashion is something totally different. Back in 2012 we only had five Indigenous designers so it's grown."

# **NSW** groups want action on licences



eligible Aboriginal people hold a driver licence compared with 70% of the wider

population, and one in 20 are in prison for a driving-related offence.

These statistics have driven legal and social service groups in NSW to call on the State Government to recognise and address the barriers Aboriginal people face in obtaining and retaining a driver licence.

The Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS), NSW Council of Social Services and The Law Society say the statistics highlight the need for 'end-to-end' support for Aboriginal people trying to obtain a licence.

The groups provided submissions to the Staysafe Inquiry into Driver Education, Training and Road Safety and say there must be properly resourced programs accessible to Indigenous people, including those in

ALS chief officer Lesley Turner said limited financial capacity, poorer literacy and numeracy skills and the current requirement of 120 logbook nours of supervised driving for learner drivers is resulting in an underrepresentation of Aboriginal people holding licences.

#### "Inequitable"

"This inequitable access to driver education and training only increases their chance of coming into contact with the criminal justice system and not receiving appropriate justice," he said.

NCOSS chief officer Tracy Howe said the solution to the problem of unlicensed driving already exists.

"Driving Change, a program run by community-based Aboriginal organisations, has been very effective in helping Aboriginal drive safely and legally," she said.



From left, Aunty Rebecca Green, Aunty Marion Close and Aunty Nancy Williams with

### Kids clean up with rap



**ABORIGINAL** students from Woodenbong Central School in far northern

NSW have used rap music to share a message about their community and caring for country.

Twenty students took part in a five-day workshop with Desert Pea Media to produce a rap song and video clip. Desert Pea Media's videos

have more than 1.4 million views on its YouTube channel.

Toby Finlayson, from Desert Pea Media, said the new song was a product of the young people.

"The process involves getting the students to identify the real issues in their lives and community, visioning the ideal for their community and then identifying how to create the path to reach their ideal reality," he said.

"The song is their words. It's their ideas and their story.

"Working with Muli Muli (near Woodenbong) has been a real honour for all of the team and we'd like to thank all of the Githabul people for having us on country.

The project was initiated by the Muli Muli Ladies Corporation and community, who are working with North East Waste on a project to clean up country.

# Commission told system not working



OUT-of-home-care living arrangements designed to protect children from harm instead can create an environment for offending, the Northern Territory child

protection royal commission has

Legal experts told the inquiry there's high crossover between the child welfare and juvenile detention systems, with kids in out-of-homecare moving down a path of crime at vastly disproportionate rates.

NSW Legal Aid Commission's Katrina Wong said youngsters in state care are more likely to be exposed to domestic violence, more likely to be long-term offenders from a younger age, and more likely to be abused or abuse others while locked up.

She said kids in care are also more likely to be hospitalised and die younger and have poor education outcomes. "Every measure of disadvantage and entanglement with the justice system, it's these kids," Ms Wong said.

Earlier, the inquiry heard the story of an Indigenous couple from a remote Territory community who for the past decade have been foster carers for five children who were taken from a family plagued by alcoholism and family violence.

The witnesses, known as CR and CZ, said kids are left traumatised after being "ripped away" from their communities without consultation and raised with no connection to their traditional identity.

#### "Culture is lost"

"A lot of kids will go into whitefella families ... and that whole culture is lost," CR said.

"Those songlines and storylines, if they're not carried on then they die out," CZ said.

The couple suggested the establishment of a specialist group of respected Elders to act as a go-between for families and the welfare system to encourage engagement and agency.

The inquiry will resume hearings in Darwin on June 19.



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# Tas 'rednecks' warned

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE head of Tasmania's Aboriginal Heritage Council (AHC) says "redneck attitudes" to his people's heritage are set to change with penalties for illegally

damaging it being increased to match those for other heritage.

The increased penalties are among amendments to the state's Aboriginal Relics Act passed by the Tasmanian Parliament.

When the amendments are enacted in August, companies face fines of up to \$1.57 million and individuals up to \$785,000 for deliberately harming Aboriginal heritage without a permit.

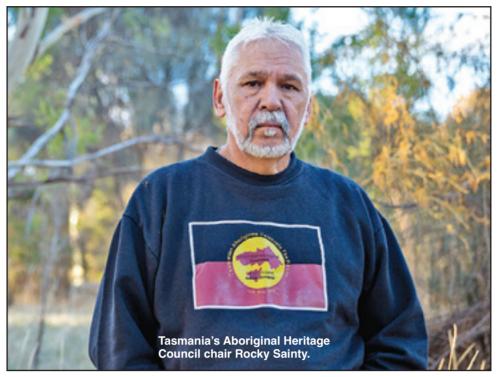
Other amendments included the removal of the year of Trukanini's death, 1876, as being a cut-off point for what is considered as Aboriginal heritage; the ignorance defence being replaced with scaled offences; the six-month time limit for starting prosecutions of offences has been extended to two years; the establishment of a statutory Aboriginal Heritage Council of Aboriginal people to advise the Minister; and a three-year timeframe for a further review of the Act.

Aboriginal Heritage Council chair Rocky Sainty said the days of offenders receiving a slap on the wrist are over.

"It's only going to take one or two to get nailed and their redneck attitude is going to change," the veteran heritage officer said.

"The community have been waiting for 40-odd years to get rid of this old, outdated and offensive piece of legislation.

"Offenders can no longer plead ignorance. We look forward to implementing the amendments and also starting to look at



the development of new legislation."

Despite Aboriginal heritage being vandalised and damaged countless times over the past 42 years, there have only ever been two successful prosecutions under the Aboriginal Relics Act 1975.

"The get out of jail card under the old Act was to plead ignorant. If you got a decent lawyer you plead ignorant, and everyone knew. It was there in black and white," Mr

He said the amendments would allow for

places like mutton bird sheds, cultural activity sites such as shell gathering places and important meeting places where people don't want development or tourism to be legally protected.

"It does not have to have material evidence. It can be spiritual and cultural connection to country," Mr Sainty said.

He said information on how to protect Aboriginal heritage during ground-disturbing activities will now be available from the 'dial before you dig' hotline.

"No more is Aboriginal heritage going to be put on the back burner," he said.

Mr Sainty said the Tasmanian Government has told the AHC that implementation of the amended legislation will be resourced.

The state Budget was released in late May, but when pressed for how much funding would be allocated the Tasmanian Government did not respond.

One hotspot where Aboriginal heritage is threatened is the state's north-west.

In 2014 the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) took the State Government to the Federal Court under the Environmental Protection Biodiversity and Conservation Act in a bid to keep closed off-road vehicle tracks through significant Aboriginal heritage.

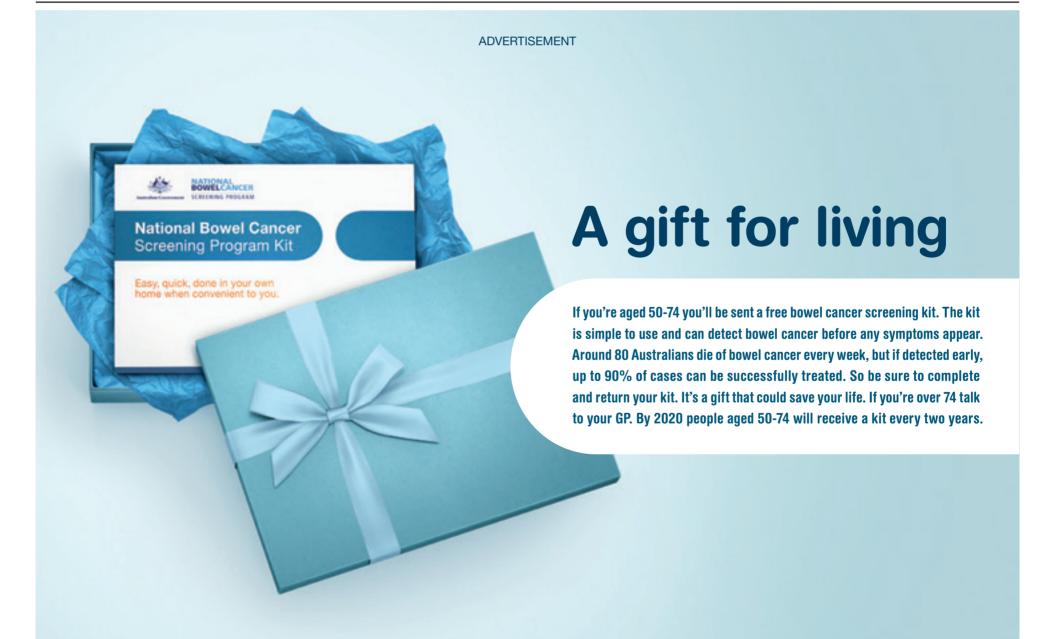
There has been no doubt in the community that reopening of the tracks was an election stunt to gain votes, with no regard for Aboriginal heritage protection.

The matter is still not finalised, with the court instructing the Tasmanian Government to refer the associated activates to the Federal Environment Minister.

A spokesperson for the Tasmanian Government said it is expected the matters will be referred by the end of the year, and appeared adamant that the tracks will be reopened. The spokesperson said two additional rangers will also be employed, including at least one Aboriginal person, before the opening of the tracks.

Mr Sainty said there needed to be a constant presence there to ensure ongoing destruction by recreational users, like trail bike riders and four-wheels-drivers, is patrolled.

Most of the amendments were welcomed by the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre.





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# High honour for Recognition for Butchulla Indigenous trio



Indigenous leaders in their fields were among the recipients of the second highest

award in the Queen's Birthday 2017 Honours List announced this week.

Indigenous health professional Ian Anderson, Tasmanian community figure Patricia (Patsy) Cameron, and Bangarra Dance Theatre artistic director Stephen Page all were named Officers of the Order of Australia (AO)

Prof Anderson received the award for his service to the Indigenous community in health equality, aged care, and education as an academic, researcher and medical practitioner

He is the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Equality Council chair, and a founding member of the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association

Dr Cameron received her award for work in Tasmania promoting educational



#### Ian Anderson

participation and achievement of Indigenous students, and preserving culture and traditional knowledge.

She was co-founder of the Tasmanian Regional Aboriginal Community Alliance and the Melythina Tiakana Warana Aboriginal Corporation as well as being the first Tasmanian representative on the National Aboriginal Education Committee.

Mr Page, the long-serving artistic director at Bangarra Dance Theatre, received his honour for his contribution to



#### **Patricia Cameron**

performing arts and contemporary dance, and presenting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts to the world.

He is a dancer, director and choreographer, and has been recognised with a number of awards including the 2016 NAIDOC lifetime achievement

Other Indigenous award recipients included actor Deborah Mailman, who was named a Member of the Order of Australia (AM). NSW/ACT Aboriginal Legal Service solicitor



#### **Stephen Page**

Philip Hamblin received the same award.

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) Indigenous recipients included Western Australian Elder Ruth Abdullah, NSW wrestler John Kinsela, Victorian Elder Edward Lovett and NSW rugby league coach Dallas Sinclair.

The honours recognise significant contributions across a range of fields, including professional endeavours, community work, the arts, and academia



A RENAMING of the Fraser Island section of the Great Sandy National Park will recognise the Butchulla people, Queensland National Parks Minister Steven Miles says.

Mr Miles said the Butchulla were Fraser Island's traditional owners and had native title rights over the island.

'We've moved to rename the Fraser Island section of the Great Sandy National Park to the 'K'gari (Fraser Island) section' to recognise the Butchulla People's traditional name for the island," he said.

The Butchulla People had their native title rights over the island confirmed in 2014 by the Federal Court.

### Life in jail for nurse killer



THE cold-blooded killer of APY Lands nurse Gayle Woodford has been jailed for life and must serve at least 32 years.

Dudley Davey, 35, pleaded guilty to both the rape and murder of the 56-year-old who was found buried in a shallow grave three days after she went missing from her home in Fregon, in South Australia's north, in March last year.

Mrs Woodford had lived and worked in Fregon for five years, and community leaders told the court that Davey would never be welcome back on SA's Aboriginal lands.

They said the crime had cast a "dark cloud" over the lands. - AAP

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# Media leaders converge



Delegates at the Converge Indigenous media summit in Alice Springs.



INDIGENOUS media representatives from across Australia gathered for Converge, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media summit, in Alice

Springs. The delegates came together to determine the direction needed to maintain and expand the Indigenous media industry.

Forum facilitator Dot West said it was great to see so many media organisations from across the country represented at Converge.

"Everyone worked together constructively towards building a new policy agenda and direction for our industry, showing how we can achieve unity through diversity," she said.

Converge was the first gathering for the Indigenous Remote Communications

Association (IRCA) in its new role as national peak body.

IRCA secretary Sylvia Tabua said Indigenous media is vital to communities.

"It keeps our languages strong, connects our communities and families and provides meaningful jobs and skills," she said.

"Our media creates and shares the stories, news and music we want to hear and provides a training ground for our young leaders."

Throughout the conference, pioneers of the industry were celebrated and acknowledged for their work over the past 40 years.

IRCA chairperson John 'Tadam' Lockyer said delegates were walking in the footsteps of the pioneers to ensure the industry continues to expand.

# Top reconciliation post for Mundine



KAREN Mundine will be Reconciliation Australia's new chief executive. She will take over the role from incumbent Justin Mohamed, who is leaving to pursue other ventures.

Ms Mundine has been with Reconciliation Australia since 2008, and has been deputy chief executive since 2014.

Co-chairs Tom Calma and Melinda Cilento said Ms Mundine was highly capable and well regarded in business, community and government circles.

## Former officers to face WA court



TWO former officers of the Murchison Region Aboriginal Corporation (MRAC) in Western Australia are due to face court next month. Former executive officer Ashley Taylor and former finance officer Abul Shahid will face

charges over payments totalling more than \$1.5 million which were not approved.

The Federal Court action, set to start on July 18, has been brought by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations.

## Two appointed as directors of IBA



WIRADJURI man Roy Ah See and Arrernte woman Kerrynne Liddle have been appointed as new directors of the Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) board.

Mr Ah-See, born and raised on Nanima Reserve, near Wellington, is chairperson of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.

Ms Liddle, born and raised in Alice Springs, now lives in Adelaide, and has had careers as a journalist, small business operator, resources industry leader and board director.

IBA chair Eddie Fry said Anthony Ashby has also been reappointed to the IBA board, and he thanked departing director Trish Angus for her service.

Our Business section is on page 43.

# Changes at the top for legal service



LESLEY Turner has been named new chief executive of the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT). An Arrernte man, Mr Turner has spent most of his

career working in senior executive roles in Aboriginal Affairs in NSW and the ACT.

ALS chairman Bunja Smith said Mr Turner will bring a wealth of leadership experience to the organisation.

The service has also welcomed two new board members, Peta MacGillivray and Keith Morgan.

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# New child safety plan welcomed



A NEW strategy to end the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care and improve their safety and wellbeing has

been welcomed by Indigenous campaigners. The strategy, Our Way, is a partnership between the Queensland government and Family Matters – a national campaign led by more than 150 Indigenous and other organisations around Australia.

Family Matters co-chair Natalie Lewis said the partnership approach between Indigenous people and government was a "deliberate and long overdue departure from business

"As a result of our open and honest engagement with the Queensland Government, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations are being empowered to craft a new narrative for the futures of our children, families and communities," she said.

"Queensland is now at the forefront of addressing the national crisis of disproportionate representation of

our kids in out-of-home care."

The Our Way strategy is part of a 20-year program and Minister for Child Safety Shannon Fentiman said the \$162.8 million in funding was just the first instalment.

"It was critical that action be taken to close the gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous children in a number of areas," she said.

#### "Support"

"Far too many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are still coming into contact with the child protection system. We need to support our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families so children can grow up safe and cared for surrounded by their own family, community and culture.

"Breaking the cycle of disadvantage is not something that can be achieved overnight, and we know it is vital we work in close partnership with local communities."

The partnership also includes a new action plan, Changing Tracks, the first to be delivered in the 20-year strategy



Leagues of their own: former greats NRL star Steve Renouf and AFL champion Gavin Wanganeen.

### **Deadly** choice by Port



Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia (AHCSA)

has teamed up with Port Adelaide Football Club in a program aimed at improving health in the state.

'Deadly Choices' aims to empower young Aboriginal people to make healthy choices for themselves and their families by focusing on chronic disease, tobacco cessation, leadership, nutrition, physical activity, harmful substances, healthy relationships and access to health checks.

Port Adelaide players, including former AFL star Gavin Wanganeen, will be ambassadors for the program.

Deadly Choices is based on the successful Queensland program produced in 2009 by the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health. It is also a major sponsor of the Brisbane Broncos NRL club.





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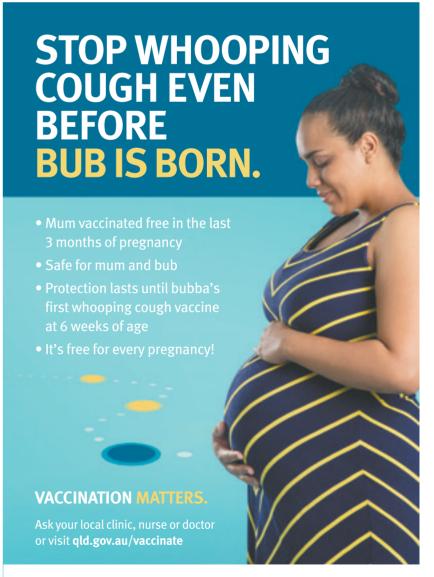
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# Communities get control of Qld stores



INDIGENOUS communities across far north Queensland are finally getting control of their local stores, as well as professional management.

After decades of struggling for change, stores at Woorabinda, Palm Island, Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw, Lockhart River and Doomadgee are, or soon will be, under the control of Indigenous people and independent management, rather than run by government.

It's come about with the establishment of Community Enterprise Queensland (CEQ) – what used to be known as IBIS in the Torres Strait – to manage the stores. The CEQ has an advisory board made up of local Indigenous representatives.

Chief executive Ian Copeland said CEQ was pleased to partner with local communities in operating their stores.

"We run CEQ as an enterprise in collaboration and consultation with all our traditional owners," he said.

Mr Copeland expected the stores to be under the CEQ umbrella by early next month, with Palm Island already on board.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, who

has been involved in the retail stores struggle since the early 1990s, welcomed the change.

"This is something Palm Island always wanted," he said. "We wanted the whole lot, but we came to the realisation you want to have people who know how to run supermarkets running supermarkets, not councils running them.

"I welcome the changeover.

"Community members have been appointed, but they also have skilled people and they're going to run the supermarkets.

#### "Immediate change"

"They've got the expertise, and that's why I think we saw an immediate change on shelving and shelf prices on Palm Island.

"This is the model, which will then become a community model, which will get our local people to shop locally then that brings more benefits."

Pormpuraaw Mayor Ralph Kendall agreed.

"I was blown away – I couldn't believe it. It looks like a supermarket now," he said of the local store.

"Just to see the people's faces the day of opening – it was unreal. Even the kids all had a ball."



### **TAFE** pair are winners



TWO
Indigenous
students have
received top
honours at the

2017 TAFE NSW Student Excellence Awards.

Isaiah Dawe, who received a Certificate III in Vocational and Study Pathways – IPROWD, was named Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander of the Year as well as TAFE NSW Student of the Year.

And Athena Mumbulla, who completed a Diploma of Library and Information Services, received the Service Industries George Giavis Award.

Mr Dawe is a Butchulla and

Garawa man who lived in 17 different foster homes and was separated from his sisters at a young age.

He thanked TAFE NSW for the opportunity to become involved in community initiatives such as the Clean Slate Without Prejudice and mentoring of young and at-risk Aboriginal children in the Redfern area of Sydney.

"It's very exciting and rewarding to be recognised for the work we do at TAFE NSW," he said.

"It is a great feeling to know that TAFE recognise our hard work and individual achievements and boost us towards our career goals."

Ms Mumbulla used her skills to help out with an Indigenous library information course, providing guidance on the subjects that should be included in it.

She said she enjoyed the environment at TAFE.

"I thrived in the interactive environment between class and teacher and found TAFE NSW to have a very supportive and community feel," she said.

Ms Mumbulla is now enrolled at the University of Sydney, studying a Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Indigenous Studies) degree.

### Danned Drinker Register

# The Banned Drinker Register returns 1 September 2017

Everybody in the Northern Territory will need to show photo ID to buy takeaway alcohol.

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- Australian or most international passports
- Evidence of Age Card
- Northern Territory Ochre Card
- Australia Post Keypass Card



The BDR will assist in reducing alcohol related harm to individuals, families and our community.

Problem drinkers will be banned from buying takeaway alcohol.

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A REPORT outlining community concerns and solutions in relation to the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in the

Australian Capital Territory justice system has been released.

It identifies actions to address the disproportionately high incarceration rate, including the need for:

- systemic change and education to address racism and inherent bias in the justice system;
- better investment in social support and health services to address underlying causes
- adequate resourcing and support for Indigenous-led initiatives; and
- leadership from government and management that enables all the above.

The report, from the ACT ATSI Elected Body (ATSIEB) and the ACT Council of Social Service Inc (ACTCOSS), was created at a forum commemorating the 25th anniversary of the release of the final report of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

ATSIEB chair Ross Fowler said the report highlights that more action is

"It makes a loud and clear call for the ACT Government to further support and resource diverse ATSI community programs and leaders working to address the social determinants of contact with the justice system and the care and protection system," he said.

# ACT justice report offers solutions Women prisoners Solutions subject of report



"skyrocketing" levels of Aboriginal women behind bars is a national

crisis being overlooked by all levels of Australian government, according to a new report.

The imprisonment rate of Indigenous women has risen nearly 250% since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, research by the Human Rights Law Centre (HRLC) and Change the Record reveals.

Aboriginal women make up about 34% of the female prison population but only 2% of Australia's adult female population.

Former prisoner turned advocate Vickie Roach spent many years in and out of the courts, children's homes and jails while struggling with addiction and abusive partners.

She says punitive approaches affect women and their children, with 80% of female Aboriginal inmates also mothers. It can have

#### **Recommendations to reduce** Indigenous female prisoner rates

- Fund community-led prevention and early intervention targeting domestic violence
- Review laws which disproportionately criminalise Aboriginal women
- Fully resource a national action plan to reduce indigenous overimprisonment and violence rates
- Permanently reverse planned funding cuts to Legal Aid
  - Overhaul police

devastating consequences

when kids are taken into child

protection. Stable housing is

lost and employment denied.

"You need to respect

women's dignity but in my

criminal justice system just

approaches that deal with

takes it away," Ms Roach said.

experience, so often the

education, training and recruitment practices

- Prioritise diversionary options at all stages of the criminal process
- Amend bail and sentencing laws and processes to ensure informed consideration is given to the impact of imprisonment on dependent children.

Source: Human Rights Law Centre and Change the Record

drugs, family violence, housing, loss of self-esteem.

culture." The report calls for systemwide change and outlines 18 recommendations to redress "racialised and gendered justice system outcomes".

disconnection from country and

Indigenous women need access to specialist, holistic and culturally safe services that address the root causes of incarceration, Change the Record Coalition co-chair Antoinette Braybrook says.

"Experiences of family violence contribute directly and indirectly to women's offending," she said.

The report calls for governments to move away from 'tough-on-crime' approaches and towards community-led, evidence-based solutions focused on prevention and diversion.

HRLC legal advocacy director Adrianne Walters said Indigenous women are also being denied bail and rehabilitative alternatives, particularly in regional and remote locations.

"Governments can act now to remove laws that disproportionately and unfairly criminalise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, like fine default imprisonment laws in Western Australia and paperless arrest laws in the Northern Territory,' she said.

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"What is needed are





# **WA** police reject Dhu action call



WESTERN Australian police will take no further action against officers who had adverse findings against them after a 22-yearold Aboriginal woman

died in custody in the Pilbara region, saying they have already been dealt with.

Ms Dhu, whose first name is not used for cultural reasons, complained she was unwell while locked up at South Hedland Police Station in August 2014 for unpaid fines, but some officers assumed she was faking or coming down from drugs. She died after being treated inhumanely.

The police statement came after the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA), acting for Ms Dhu's family, wrote to Police Minister Michelle Roberts seeking that the officers who treated her without proper care or dignity be dismissed or sanctioned.

They also want action against medical authorities involved.

Ms Dhu, arrested over unpaid fines, died in police custody from pneumonia and septicaemia after twice being discharged over two days from the

Port Hedland hospital while in custody. WA Coroner Ros Fogliani, who

conducted an inquest, concluded Ms Dhu had been treated inhumanely.

ALSWA chief executive Dennis Eggington said the Government should take action.

"There are still serious issues which need to be addressed urgently in relation to the appalling treatment that Ms Dhu received, not just from police, but also from medical staff at the Hedland Health Campus," he said.

In its letter rejected by police, the ALSWA said a properly conducted review of the evidence should properly lead to the dismissal of some police involved, while others should also receive disciplinary sanctions

The legal service has also written to WA Health Minister Roger Cook saying the family wanted to lodge a formal complaint about the medical staff at Hedland Health Campus involved in the 'care' of Ms Dhu.

"The fact of the matter is that Ms Dhu did not receive the same standard of care from medical staff or police, that would have been afforded to a non-Indigenous person, and this is unacceptable," Mr Eggington said.



Australian Women's 7s rugby union player Mahala Murphy joins students at Shalvey Public School, in Sydney's west, on June 1 to mark the one-year anniversary of the launch of the ARU's RAP. Picture: ARU Media

### **ARU scores with RAP**



launching its second Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) during

National Reconciliation Week in 2016 to commit to increasing Indigenous engagement in rugby, the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) has published its progress in the ARU Reconciliation Action Plan Progress Report.

The ARU's vision for reconciliation is to engage and work with Indigenous communities to foster positive relationships, promote healthy lifestyles and create genuine opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through rugby.

The priority for 2016-2017 was to establish and roll out Deadly7s, Australian Rugby's first Indigenous rugby program for primary school students. It is designed to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary school students across Australia with their first taste of

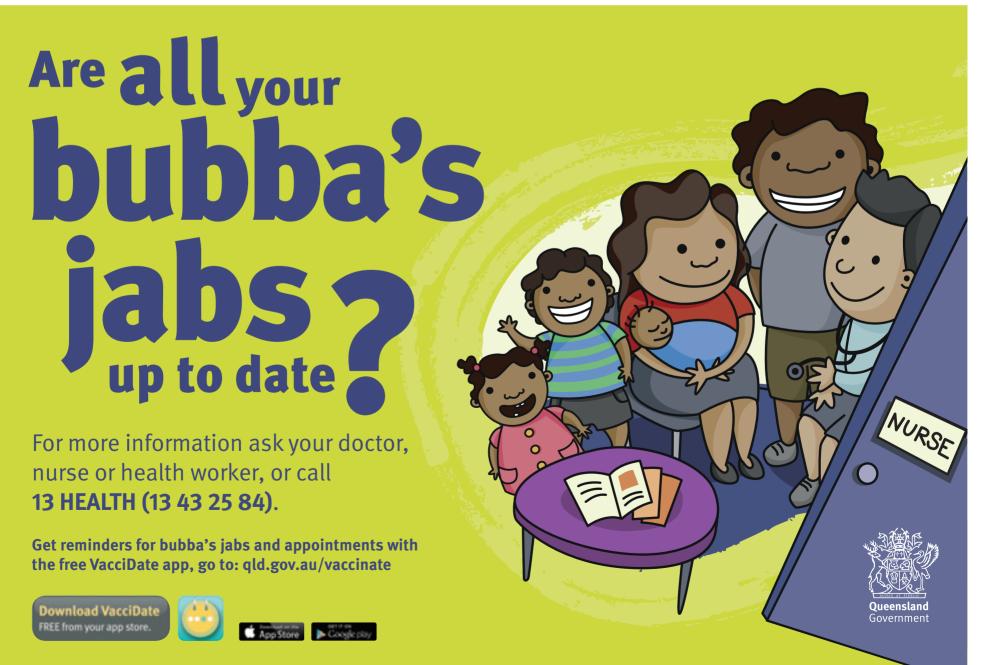
rugby, whilst also educating them about the importance of education and healthy lifestyles.

In total, more than 5000 primary school-aged boys and girls participated in the program in 2016. The numbers exceeded the ARU's own target of 400 Indigenous participants by year end.

The ARU says it will now focus on more opportunities for Indigenous youth, job opportunities and building on the Indigenous strategy.

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### 4 Quote



"A lot of women are too shame or too scared to speak up. But when they get together in that safe space it empowers them."

- SA Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation worker Fantasia Laughton

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## Listen to the right people, minister

EDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion says he's "excited" about the historic Uluru Statement from the Heart that came out of last month's Referendum Council convention.

So are we, Minister.

And Senator Scullion, who kindly described the convention as a "significant gathering", says "we are

We hope he's not talking about Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce.

The National Party leader, not known for his subtlety, said bluntly "it's not going to happen" when he heard about Statement calls for a constitutionally enshrined Indigenous body to influence policy in Canberra. Any idea of a Treaty was out, too.

We think Senator Scullion would be far better off listening to the likes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June

The Bunuba woman, widely praised for her fight to stop alcohol-related damage in Indigenous communities, won a standing ovation for her Mabo Address at the National Native Title Conference in Townsville.

Here's why.

"It's only logical that we advance our rights to be constitutionally accepted so that we have a voice which will be heard forever," she said.



Nice words, Ms Oscar said, do not get people very far.

"We are practised in the experience that nice words do not keep our kids at home, our people out of jail or address the yawning health gap between us and our fellow Australians," she said.

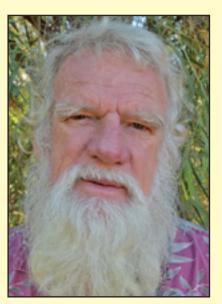
"Only action can do that. We need a government who has the courage to take these (Uluru Statement) proposals to a referendum and into the future with a Markarrata or Treaty Commission.

She went on: "I don't believe that we should underestimate the goodwill of our fellow Australians, nor the resolute determination and patience of our peoples.

"We might be patient, but we also see the urgent need to address the situation facing our peoples today. We cannot wait another 50 years (since the 1967 referendum)."

Did you hear that, Minister? And are you feeling courageous? We hope so.

# **A Yarn**



### **Bruce Pascoe**

#### **Author and Bunurong man** Living in **Victoria**

Favourite bush tucker? Bimbla (blood mussels).

Favourite other food? Roast pork.

Favourite drink? Boag's Draught (beer).

Favourite music? I'm listening to the Pigram Brothers, from Broome.

What are you reading? The Crying Place, a novel by Lia Hill.

**Favourite sport?** Cricket.

What are you watching? Birds. I'm always looking out for

**Favourite holiday destination?** Yuin country (south coast of NSW and north-east coast of Victoria).

What do you like in life? Family.

What don't you like?

Blackfellas fighting each other over native title.

Who would you most like to meet? Maureen Watson again. (She was an Aboriginal rights campaigner, as well as a world renowned actor, vocalist, writer, musician and storyteller, who died in 2009.)

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous Australians? I'd make sure the rest of Australia understood our history, and that we would all care for Mother Earth.

### Koori Mail – 100% Aboriginal-owned

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

#### Reflections

# The law Terr Janke

ERRI Janke first glimpsed the life of a lawyer through Atticus Finch, the main character in Harper Lee's book To Kill a Mockingbird.

After reading that novel about justice as a teen, she saw law as a means of achieving social

"I had no idea what a lawyer did," Ms Janke, a Wuthathi/ Meriam (Cape York and Torres Strait) woman, told the Koori Mail. "So I can't say it's been my biggest dream since I was a kid. My first glimpses of what a lawyer did I actually got from TV

"I was watching things like (TV program) LA Law, and people of colour were starting to come into those shows in the 1980s.

"I still love watching those law

It wasn't until Ms Janke was about 16 that she realised there was a great need for Indigenous

"I think that was about the age that I started to notice the disadvantage," she said.

"I had always felt it, but didn't have the means to describe it as a kid. At about eight years old, I was aware there was a difference in the way we're seen in society.

"By the time I was 16, I'd realised that I wanted to do

something about it. I wanted to work with Indigenous people.

"I had felt discrimination, and seen it in my family, and I thought I could do something to change

Ms Janke said she was also inspired by her older sister Toni to take up law.

"My sister was a huge influence to me in the first 20 years of my life," she said.

"She was doing law and so when I took it up we were doing it together. She was a very good

"She'd finished the course about four or five years after she started. She went to work in Cairns as a criminal lawyer.

"At about that time I dropped out of law. I just couldn't see where I was going to fit. My sister always wanted to help people so she was good at what she did."

#### Inspiration

After stopping her law degree, Ms Janke said she began working in the arts, which is where she found the inspiration to return to her study.

"Artists were being ripped off," she said. "I saw it as a real legal issue. The law assumed all cultural expression was the same, and if it didn't fit, it wasn't protected.



Now Ms Janke has been running her law firm, Terri Janke and Company, for 17 years. It specialises in commercial law, with a focus on Indigenous cultural and intellectual property.

Ms Janke herself has been recognised with a number of awards including NAIDOC Person of the Year in 2011, Indigenous Lawyer of the Year in 2013, and has been named in the Westpac AFR Top 100 Women of Influence.

"It's good to be reminded of your achievements," she said.

"I'm quite hard on myself

change in the intellectual property laws. Although I haven't achieved that, there has been a change in the way people look at intellectual property, and it has been picked up as an issue.

"The best way to look at it is in a proactive way.'

Ms Janke said that looking back on her beginnings, 17 years later she's glad she set up her own firm.

#### "Option"

"When I finished my degree I had the option to keep working for other law firms or to start my own," she said.

"It was very difficult sometimes, the way I did it. there were times I had no money and it was hard.

"But it has given me the chance to do law the way I want to and live how I want to live and help the people I want to help.

"It allows flexibility, but no less time is put into it than if I was working for another firm. I had to learn so much about being a business.

"In those early days I was set up in Redfern and I did a lot of pro bono (unpaid) work. I still do, but I had the first client, then the second, and people started to talk about the firm, so people started to come.

"We've just got stronger from there.



"In those early days I was set up in Redfern and I did a lot of pro bono (unpaid) work. I still do, but I had the first client, then the second, and people started to talk about the firm, so people started to come." - Sydney-based lawyer Terri Janke



# Sistas score pampering and support



MORE than 80 women enjoyed a little pampering during a Sista 2 Sista event focusing on family violence held in Ceduna, South Australia.

The women came together and enjoyed haircuts, manicures and massages, as well as speaking about family violence, all in a safe space.

The event was organised by Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation staff community engagement and client support worker Fantasia Laughton, legal administrator Keturah Coleman and general administrator Janell Mullan.

Ms Laughton said the Sista 2 Sista event is held twice a year, with the latest the biggest and best yet.

"Women come together to speak up about family violence or anything else that might be affecting them," she told the Koori Mail.

"We have guest speakers who come and talk to the ladies, but it's mostly about having an open forum."

Ms Laughton said it is important that Aboriginal women are given the opportunity to speak freely.

"This gives them the opportunity to stand together," she said.

"They get to come and speak freely and get pampered with haircuts and massages. It helps them to feel special."

Ms Laughton said she hopes the events keep expanding because it is important for every woman to feel supported.

"Having all those women come together, it shows there is support out there," she said. "A lot of women are too shame or too scared to speak up. But when they get together in that safe space it empowers them.

They can share their stories and





Lucky door prize winners Sita Peel Dodd and Rosalie Peel.

come up with ideas of how to eliminate domestic violence in our community.'

Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation is a free legal service that focuses on family law, child protection, victims of crime, family violence and intervention orders.

It has offices in Ceduna, Port Lincoln. and Port Augusta, all providing legal advice, information and referrals.

### **WA** information files transferred



PERSONAL files containing Aboriginal family information have been transferred from the Western Australia's Department for Child Protection and Family Support to the Department of Aboriginal Affairs' Aboriginal Family History Unit.

The transfer coincides with the 20th anniversary of the release of the National Inquiry into the 'Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families' report. It aligns with 23 of the 54 recommendations of the report.

This transfer is significant for Aboriginal people who have been impacted by past government policies, including the forced removal of Aboriginal children from their families and communities," WA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ben Wyatt said.

"Family history was lost as a result of these practices, and we now know that having an improved understanding of family history can provide an opportunity to heal and reconcile with the past. The Aboriginal Family History Unit can now help facilitate that."

More information at www.daa.wa.gov.au/ community-development/ahru/

### **Dodgy APY store** owner punished



A STORE owner on South Australia's APY Lands has had his State Government licence to trade cancelled after he was fined more than \$160,000 over a dodgy credit scheme. The Federal Court found that between 2010 and 2012, Lindsay

Kobelt, then owner of a general store at Mintabie, had used a 'book-up' system to withdraw almost \$1 million from the accounts of 85 customers who had been offered loans to buy second-hand cars.

SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher says the Government is also reviewing Kobelt's residential licence which allows him to live on the

### **Qld organisation** to target obesity



A SPECIAL organisation will be established to tackle obesity in Queensland, with a particular focus on reducing the rate of diabetes.

Health Minister Cameron Dick has introduced legislation to Parliament to set up the Healthy Futures

Commission, which will be funded with \$20 million over three years.

"At least 55% of that funding will be provided in grants to enable the commission to focus on targeted interventions and projects to enable children and families to make healthy choices," the minister said.

"We want to stop the next generation of Queenslanders developing chronic illness or becoming overweight or obese."

Mr Dick said groups which were at higher risk of obesity and related conditions, such as Indigenous communities and lower socio-economic areas, would be targeted.

#### **Nominations open** for national award



NOMINATIONS are now open for the 2018 Australian of the Year Awards.

The awards program relies on the public to submit nominations for people deserving of recognition. The categories available for

nominations are Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year and Australia's Local Hero.

Many Indigenous Australians have been honoured over the years, including footballer Adam Goodes, rights champion Mick Dodson and Olympic gold medallist Cathy Freeman.

Nominations close on August 6.

For details on how to nominate see australianoftheyear.org.au or call 1300 655 193 for assistance.

# YOUR SAY

Send your letters to any of the addresses listed in the panel on this page.

### Good way to make a difference

IT can be hard to stay positive when there is so much bad news in the media. But I want to remind you that we can all make a difference.

At Red Cross we will never give up on the power of people helping people and bringing more good to the world.

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We also see it in places like Indonesia, where access to clean water and better nutrition is helping villagers secure a healthier future for their children.

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Make a tax deductible donation to Red Cross before June 30 by visiting redcross.org.au/donatenow

> **JODY BROUN** Director, NSW and ACT **Australian Red Cross**

#### **Another** day at the job office

Do you have any Agility, Mr Cooper? Any Innovation?

Agility? Innovation? Well, there was this time years ago when I clocked up an extra game playing the Shaft pinball machine despite being distracted by a nice-lookin' sort beside me who was bumpin' & bashing the Kiss pinball machine until she scored two extra games & even though I knew she had a boyfriend I started getting real innovative by whackin' my machine with my legs like I was Bruce Lee until I got three extra games and so she starts tellin' me how much she likes my moves & could I teach her sometime, and naturally I offer her some hot chips & when "Night Fever" comes on the radio I start groovin' like John Travolta & even though I tear both hamstrings when I drop to the floor to do the splits, I somehow make it back up to show her this kick I saw in Shins of Fury and just as I bring my leg around, her boyfriend walks up behind her...

Man, I showed agility like you wouldn't believe when I hurdled three Space Invaders & two Pacman machines getting outta there, so yeah! Do I get the job?

> **Barry Cooper Orient Point, NSW**

#### Never **Acceptable**

**Domestic Abuse** at any time for any reason towards any person IS WRONG.

Domestic Violence Why would you? Abuse of family No matter how you look at it Is JUST PLAIN WRONG.

Abuse of your own kin Never was Never is Never will be Acceptable EVER.

> **Bruce Docker** Brisbane, Qld

# Working to address homelessness gap

THE May Federal Budget has been delivered. The Coalition will take action to ensure all Australians have more opportunities to own their own home or have access to affordable rental accommodation.

This does not tackle the ongoing issue of the growing homelessness crisis across our nation. However, the Government will provide \$375 million further funding over three years to providers of homelessness services to lessen

In Australia, one group of people in particular is disproportionately impacted by homelessness. These are a people who have been largely ignored by politicians, media and policy makers for too long.

But the facts remain stark - the rate of homelessness is four times higher for Indigenous Australians than for the other people.

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community accounts for just 2.5% of the country's entire population, yet makes up 9% of our total homeless population.

Even more concerning, while homelessness rates remained relatively unchanged for non-Indigenous people between 2001 and 2006, government statistics showed increasing homelessness rates for Indigenous Australians in most states and territories.

For Indigenous people of one of the world's wealthiest nations to be suffering such an unacceptable gap in living standards is beyond belief.

We need to consider how we got here. A decade ago, the Government embarked on major reforms to fix the Indigenous housing problem. It came after an independent review deemed then current policy - the

Community Housing and Infrastructure program administered by The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) - had failed Indigenous Australians.

Despite billions of dollars going into the program, many Indigenous Australians continued to live in unacceptably substandard housing and experience homelessness.

To fix the problem, the Government opted to let states and territories take over. It rolled out the Australian Remote Indigenous Accommodation (ARIA) program to transfer properties and organisations to state and territory housing authorities.

But that program too is now criticised as largely inefficient.

Many small Indigenous property holders were suspicious of having to hand over control to government authorities and simply didn't. As a result, many properties sit in limbo, falling deeper into disrepair as they miss out on funding for maintenance.

Greater Indigenous involvement is needed to understand and provide solutions to these

At the same time, there's been a serious lack of focus where it's most needed for the first people - that is, in urban Australia.

While the overwhelming focus of government attention and funding is on remote and regional Australia, 75% of the Indigenous population lives in cities. Data show Indigenous people are vastly overrepresented in public housing within urban areas.

Talk to Indigenous people, networks and tenant unions and the reasons will become clear. Indigenous Australians suffer enormous discrimination in Australia's private rental market. They tell a common story of making

appointments to view properties, only to be told they are no longer available when they arrive for the inspection.

Tackling discrimination is equally challenging – and can be uncomfortable – but is essential. We can begin to eliminate it from the private property market by taking a hard look at our tenancy laws and engaging with the real estate industry.

Business can play a key role in ending discrimination through leading reconciliation efforts. Indeed, we recently launched Community Sector Banking's new Reconciliation Action Plan, which outlines not just our vision for reconciliation, but concrete steps we will take alongside Indigenous people to help create a more equal future.

A key way we will do this is through engaging and supporting Indigenous businesses.

Leadership in reconciliation from the private property sector could go a long way in tackling Indigenous homelessness and other important

Ultimately, addressing Indigenous homelessness is vital to close the gaps between Indigenous and other people not only in living standards, but also in health, income and education, which we know can be greatly improved simply with access to secure housing.

Involvement of Indigenous people in decision making about issues that impact on them the most is of the utmost importance.

Together, we can all work towards closing the gaps that exist.

> **ANDREW CAIRNS Chief Executive Community Banking Sector**

## **Keeping Your Say short and sweet**

A BIG thanks to all of our readers for sending letters, poems and other feedback; we love hearing from you. You can help us by keeping your letters to 400 words or less and poems generally no more than 25 medium-length lines. This will increase your chances of being published.

Even if sent via email, all letters and poems must be accompanied by the author's full name, home town/city and state/territory, and a contact number so we can verify content. After that, we're happy to withhold names and addresses

We will publish 'Looking For' letters as long as they do not breach the privacy of individuals mentioned.

And we're happy to consider photos alongside letters – as long as they're of a high enough resolution and standard, and as long as copyright requirements are met. We accept no responsibility for returning original photos, so please send copies instead.

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# Their service remembered

By MALARNDIRRI McCARTHY\*

HE cemetery was much bigger than I imagined, and the graves were not in any orderly rows. There were large crosses, small crosses and statues of angels on headstones.

In this part of the cemetery, the grass was overgrown. In the middle stood a centuries-old church, now closed to visitors on this grey and chilly day in Bournemouth in the south of England.

The only neatly kept area was the war graves memorial section where more than 70 soldiers of World War I lay buried.

I came to pay my respects and to remember one soldier in particular.

But his grave was not here in the neatly laid rows. His grave was that of one of 100 or so service personnel, scattered amongst civilian graves in Bournemouth East

Private William Joseph Punch was an Aboriginal man who enlisted in Goulburn, NSW, in 1916 to go to war. The Australian War Memorial archives show his enlistment application listed labourer as his occupation and his skin colour was identified as black. He was a Queensland Murri, and a skilled horseman. Private Punch had received a good education and became known for his musical



Senator Malarndirri McCarthy at the grave in England of fallen Indigenous World War I soldier Private William Joseph Punch.

From the little I have read about him, Private Punch struck me as a bit of a character, someone with a sense of humour and who displayed a confidence and courage that comes from the deeply-held belief that anything is possible.

On April 14, 1916, he boarded

HMAT Ceramic in Sydney and sailed off to war, despite his own country denying him his citizenship

Private Punch fought in the 1st Australian Infantry Battalion, but on arrival in France he was moved to the 53rd Battalion. Just two days

into battle he was wounded in action on September 7, 1916, and transferred back to the 1st Battalion.

During this time back at the 1st Battalion, he lost his great coat which meant a further punishment of paying a fine for losing it. It was bitterly cold in the trenches, and soon Private Punch began to feel the painful effects of standing in freezing mud and icy water for long periods. He had to be evacuated to hospital suffering from trench foot.

In what can only be described as sheer determination and pride, he then returned to the front to fight a third time for his country.

But in April 1917 he was wounded once again, this time with a gunshot wound to his backside.

Private Punch was evacuated to a medical hospital in Bournemouth, England and finally contracted pneumonia and endocarditis. Four months later he was dead, aged 37.

After paying my respects to Private Punch's grave at Bournemouth, I journeyed by train to Southampton, to honour the memory of another Black Digger, Private Benjamin Combo.

Private Combo was also a skilled horseman and enlisted in Bendigo, Victoria, in 1915. He served for 19 days before his recruitment was cancelled because he was not of European descent.

He tried a second time to enlist,

in Albury, NSW, and explained why he was rejected in Bendigo. The Australian Imperial Force (AIF) staff in Albury chose to accept him despite his skin colour.

Private Combo sailed from Sydney Harbour on November 9, 1916, on HMAT Benalla with more than 1500 soldiers. The two-month sea journey would include South Africa, Sierra Leone and Senegal.

Sadly for Private Combo, illness struck, and he died of pneumonia two days after leaving Senegal. He was buried at sea.

His name is written on the Honour Roll in Hollybrook Cemetery, Southampton, England.

Thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people fought for Australia in many wars. Thousands more died in the Frontier Wars.

My learning from visiting the grave of Private Punch and the memorial of Private Combo is their incredible examples of resilience in the face of adversity, determination in moments of great uncertainty and forgiveness and love, for a nation and its people, in its time of deepest

Thoughts and prayers are with their families and the families of all who lost loved ones. Lest we Forget.

 Malarndirri McCarthy, a Yanyuwa woman, is a senator for

# Make it right and fair

N Anzac Day morning 2017, I gathered with a group of fellow Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service and exservice men and women on Anzac Parade in front of a truly special place, the Australian War Memorial.

It was the first time Indigenous Diggers were permitted the honour of leading the national Anzac parade.

For some people, this gesture was viewed as hollow symbolism that ignored the service and sacrifice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander warriors who fought and died in defence of their ancient land long before they ever stood in the shadow of the Union Jack.

To myself and others, however, the recognition meant so much more. It meant that the Black Diggers were no longer last, forgotten or hidden out of sight once the battle was over. They were finally being treated like their white mates. Like the national treasures they all are.

Many of these Diggers were the children and grandchildren of black diggers who served in the world wars and even as far back as the Boer War.

While the story of intergenerational military service spanning multiple generations of Australian families is well known to many, the common narrative of these Black Diggers is less so.

The stories of their treatment were overwhelmingly negative.

Australian War Memorial director Brendan Nelson points out that these Diggers enlisted despite unfair treatment: "Only four or five generations after the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788, living in a desperately unequal Australia. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

peoples enlisted to fight for the young nation that has taken so much from them, often denying their heritage to do so," he said.

Dr Nelson's words resonated. National treasures indeed.

It made me reflect on my own family, and how the story of Australia is so accurately mirrored in the stories of my two grandfathers.

One was a blackfella, the other a whitefella. Both served Australia during World War II.

George Scott Milling was born in Inglewood, Western Australia, in 1920 to Irish-Australian parents. His family migrated to Australia in the 1890s seeking new opportunities in a seemingly young country, a land of opportunity

The Millings were entrepreneurial. They took chances, worked hard and managed to create good lives for their families. They were good to Australia, and in turn, Australia was good to them.

During the war, George joined the Royal Australian Air Force and spent much of his time in Northern Australia working in aircraft maintenance and recoveries.

Like most servicemen of that time, following the war George was acknowledged for his service to his country, received his medals and was financially supported by the RSL to access a returned serviceman's home loan. The medals were symbolic recognition, and symbolism is important. The financial assistance was practical recognition, and this proved to be even more important.

George wisely used this benefit to buy a modest house in Dee Why on Sydney's Northern beaches, where he raised his young family. For the remainder of his life he made a career as an exploration driller,



#### **Adam Bray**

and as Sydney's house prices rose over the following decades it created a pool of wealth that benefitted the next generation of Millings.

Conversely, Bernard Robert Bray was born in Wowan, Queensland, in 1918 to Aboriginal parents. His family had lived on their traditional lands in the Dawson Valley region since time immemorial, until the arrival of European squatters in the mid-1800s.

He was a Yiman man and made a living as a stockman and ringbarker. He worked hard, but his success was limited by the colour of

What followed for Bernard's family was dispossession from their land, destruction of language, customs and culture, frontier violence, stolen wages and exclusion from mainstream society and economy over the

following century. Bernard was born under the Aboriginals Protection and Restriction of the Sale of Opium Act 1897 which handed the Chief Protector enormous control over almost all aspects of the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Queensland. The Act meant that Bernard was not afforded the social, economic and cultural freedoms that my other grandfather, George Milling, enjoyed.

Despite all this, when World War II came to Australia's doorstep, Bernard answered his country's call and joined the army. Soon after he found himself in New Guinea, repelling the advance of the Japanese forces.

When he returned home, however, he was never recognised for his service to his country. He never received his medals. He was never allowed into the RSLs - let alone financially supported by them. He received neither his due symbolic recognition, nor due practical recognition. He was not even formally counted as a citizen until the referendum in 1967.

Bernard died a broken man, feeling that Australia did not want him or his family to succeed. Unlike my white grandfather, who was able to hand down the profits of his serviceman's home loan to his descendants, my black grandfather had little to bequeath.

The difference in wealth and opportunity has carried on intergenerationally. The white part of my family is better educated, wealthier and healthier. The black side still struggles to access the same opportunities in education. property and employment.

These men were only two years apart in age, but they grew up in two very different Australias, and so did their families. Both men were worthy of respect and recognition - both symbolic and practical.

Both were worthy of gratitude, freedom, opportunity and support to carve out a good life in the lucky country. But only one was ever afforded it.

The story of my two grandfathers demonstrates the way in which past injustice has inter-generational impact.

The fact is, Parliament could make those unfair laws and policies because they were authorised to do so under a Constitution that did not, and still does not, recognise or protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander interests or guarantee them fair treatment.

Meaningful constitutional recognition must fix this. It is important for both symbolic and practical reasons.

Symbolically, constitutional recognition must recognise the rightful place of the First Nations of Australia. Practically, it must ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians will be treated more fairly than in the past.

I think of the struggles of those Black Diggers, the sacrifices they made and the lack of recognition they received, and I hope we can make things right and fair.

I hope Australia can muster the collective courage and maturity to deal with the ghosts of our past, and empower the First Nations' to take our rightful place in a fairer future.

We are worthy. We are ready.

 Adam Bray is a Yiman man from central Queensland, a Royal Australian Navy (RAN) veteran, and the senior adviser of Indigenous affairs at Telstra.

# The Uluru Statement...

ULIUS Caesar developed a 500year strategy of colonisation. The Romans realised you couldn't conquer a people over a generation - it takes generations.

The strategy in Britain begins with the killing/removing of the Druids, the keepers of ceremony and law when Romans invaded. This would leave a people questioning their faith, their organisational structures gone and having suffered devastation. You then replace these faith systems and structures with Roman education and a Roman way of life.

Sound familiar?

Universities even have a name for it: Ideological State Apparatuses. This is how the state/government/ country makes the individual in its own image. Each individual is regarded as a subject acquired within the structure of established social practices imposed on each individual

These social practices, determined by our education systems, laws, news and popular media shape the characteristics, influence and the limits of each individual. In our case as Aboriginal we become the colonised and the state the coloniser. These images are then reinforced alienating those who do not belong

So as an example: When a policeman stops you, asking your name, you immediately become transformed into a subject. This is what happened with the Bill Leak cartoon of a drunk Aboriginal father who had forgotten his son's name questioned by a police officer. As a people you are aware of being a subject and aware of the police, whether or not they are also Aboriginal, as having authority over

Leak was always reaffirming the Ideological State Apparatuses, years earlier drawing a cartoon of two Aboriginal men drinking – they were always drinking – as they read about John Howard's Northern Territory intervention in 2006. "Rape's out, bashing's out," the speech bubble read. "This could set our culture back by 2000 years!"

It's why after his death the conservatives treated him as a social justice hero, a social commentator that maintained their smug superiority and at the same time allowing them to laugh at our demise

This goes even further through class systems and barriers involving race and culture. As individuals we are already ideological subjects even before we are born. This is called cultural and social capital.

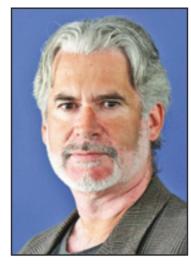
The closer you are to the values associated to the state, i.e. White Male Middle Class, the more you are likely to succeed. The further you are, i.e. Female, Black, Muslim, LBGT Aboriginal and/or lower class. the harder your obstacles in life will

There are of course those individuals who accept these obstacles, put their head down, roll up their sleeves and spend a life breaking down the barriers that were meant to exclude them. But for all these individuals there are those who remain in remote communities, separated from infrastructure, roads and schools living in third world poverty who continue to suffer.

It's why rather than learn about Budjaar or Wadhaagudjaaylwan as Maran dhinabarra (Ancestral beings) we instead teach strategies in surviving and/or the history of colonisation when studying Indigenous Knowledge courses within universities. Eighty thousand years of history is all but replaced with the last 200 years. It's to ensure we continue to break the link of who we really are and to confuse our value systems.

Its why, when discussing a Makarrata, Yaliwunga-ngaa or Treaty, discussion turns from the needs of Aboriginal people to whether or not the Government, in representing the needs of white middle class Australians, will accept it. Why? Because Ideological State Apparatuses have determined that Australia is not representative of an ancient black Indigenous culture, but instead a young and free Western white country built from colonisation.

We remain the outsiders in our own country. Case in point: Victoria was the first state to agree that Treaty was the way forward, but only



#### Woolombi **Waters**

after seeing Melbourne shut down over three times with tens of thousands gathering in the city centre. Other states soon followed and regional meetings were established to discuss constitutional reform, maintaining this momentum up until the significant meeting held in Uluru last fortnight.

As Referendum Council co-chair Pat Anderson said on ABC's Q&A, "The only gains we have ever made in this country as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been through our own activism.

Out of the Uluru meeting came the Makarrata statement and we were united as Aboriginal people in calling for a Treaty.

Then, just as quickly, mainstream media went into overdrive to undermine the process of collective meetings held in our community. It started with articles praising Noel Pearson as the architect and influence in what happened at Uluru. As Paul Kelly editor-at-large with The Australian wrote, "There are three big political steps involved in the Uluru Statement. First, under the influence of Noel Pearson the Indigenous majority has abandoned its insistence that a non-negotiable

condition of recognition be a constitutional ban on racial discrimination."

Kelly goes on to write further: "Pearson's success in securing the abandonment of this position is remarkable. He has worked with an array of constitutional lawyers, notably Greg Craven and Anne Twomey, and Liberal MP Julian Leeser, who has called the Uluru Statement the 'big breakthrough'.'

Karen Middleton, writing for the Saturday Paper, then picked up this relationship, insinuating that the Uluru statement "was drafted in consultation" by Noel Pearson by these same non-Indigenous "constitutional conservatives"

"... those discussions significantly influenced the direction of Australia's constitutional debate. They also set the parameters for what was considered at the recent landmark Indigenous convention at Uluru and directly shaped the statement that emerged", she wrote.

I wonder how such articles rest on the mind of Megan Davis who read the statement. Not only a professor and now pro vicechancellor at the University of NSW, but also a strong cultured Aboriginal and South Pacific Islander woman. A descendent of slavery via the Australian practice of 'blackbirding', a Cobble Cobble woman with ties to Cherbourg in Queensland who has maintained her roots to Eagleby, a bastion of Aboriginal public housing in Logan, Brisbane.

Any comment that suggests she was just citing words already constructed by non-Indigenous conservatives, a string puppet to Noel Pearson, is as demeaning as it is insulting. I watched Q&A and even Noel, so loved by white middle-class Australians, cited that Australia has deep structural problems within its governance that contribute to incarceration rates which are the highest in the world, our children still being taken and unjust practices that deny our full potential.

These are the statements we must draw on in moving forward. We cannot allow outsiders to navigate any division in our solidarity. If you

step back and consider what has happened with the momentum towards Aboriginal Treaty, the recent gatherings that took place around this country, the revitalisation of our dance ceremony language and culture in consideration of Julius Caesar's 500-year strategy of colonisation, we are actually winning.

From the Frontier Wars where warriors like Pemulwuy, Yagan and Dundalli sacrificed their lives, to 20th century social justice warriors like William Cooper, Doug Nicholls and Faith Bandler, together with community protests including the Canberra Tent Embassy the Bark Petitions, the Barunga Statement, the Larrakia Petition and more recently the closure of major cities throughout Australia, we continue to survive and celebrate our culture.

Never forget that for 200 years we first had to overcome the entrenched lie of terra nullius, a Latin expression deriving from Roman law meaning 'nobody's land'. Yes, that's right, suddenly my reference to Julius Ceaser isn't as abstract as it seems ... as we have overcome 200 years of denial that we were even here.

I had one of the most respected Elder women in Australia call me discussing the Uluru Statement at length. I asked if I could quote her and she laughed, declining the reference and saying she has spent more than enough years in the spotlight and was now enjoying her time away from public life.

What she did say to me was that we are and remain the oldest living culture on the face of the Earth, and for a short time, a blink in the eye for a culture 80,000 years old, our Songlines and Dreaming paths were shattered by the despair of colonisation, but slowly over the past seven generations we have started to put this scattered jigsaw back together.

That last piece my not be put in place during her or my generation, but eventually it will be put back in place. And this Uluru statement remains a large piece of that puzzle.

Dr Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail columnist



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#### Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

#### Notice of an Application for Registration as an Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant:

Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation 5 May 2017

Date received:

Public comments due: 14 July 2017 The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application from Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the hatched area shown on the accompanying map. If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural

heritage protection and management under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006. In determining whether to grant this application, the VAHC must consider:

whether the applicant is a native title party;

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

any other relevant matter

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

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat

I Treasury Place, East Melbourne VIC 3002 Email: vahc@dpc.vic.gov.au

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The proposed Marine Estate Management Regulation 2017, the Regulatory Impact Statement, a submission form and frequently asked questions are available from the marine estate website at www.marine.nsw.gov.au or from a local DPI Fisheries or Marine Parks Office.

Submissions on the proposed Regulation are invited and will be accepted up to 11:59pm on 9 July 2017. Submissions should be submitted via the

Marine Estate Management Regulation Submission **NSW DPI Fisheries** Locked Bag 1 Nelson Bay 2315 NSW

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### **Opinion**

# Don't rush on changes to Native Title Act

By TONY McAVOY

HE Native Title Amendment Bill 2017 presently before the Federal Parliament\* seeks to do three things. It seeks to give certainty to Indigenous land use agreements that have already been registered, it seeks to set up a simple mechanism for approval of ILUAs in the future, and it seeks to set up a process to register those ILUAs that are not yet registered.

The issues are further complicated because native title law has its own language. But it needs to be understood that native title rights are property rights, and because it was known when the Native Title Act was passed that it would take a long time to resolve the native title claims, an agreements process was established to allow government to grant interests over lands which were and are inconsistent with the native title rights, even though the relevant claims had not been

For instance, traditional owners of certain lands might have filed a native title application in the Federal Court in 2005, which has not yet been determined, and in 2015 Mining Company A applies to the Government for a mining lease. The Government cannot issue the mining lease until there is agreement from the traditional owners (an ILUA) or the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) as determined that the lease can be granted. Without a registered ILUA or decision of the NNTT any acts (such as issuing a mining lease) which affect the native title rights are unlawful. No different, you might think, to a shopping mall being built across your backyard without your consent.

It is also necessary to understand the history of ILUAs to understand what is being discussed in Parliament. On June 3, 1992, the Mabo decision was handed down by the High Court. In 1993, the Native Title Act passed through the Federal Parliament and became law.

In 1998, the Native Title Act was amended in accordance with the Howard 10-point plan Following the 1998 amendments, ILUAs proliferated. Even though there was not vet a decision from the court about how the applicant/registered claimants had to fulfil their responsibilities when signing an agreement, it was widely assumed that all the applicant/registered claimants had to sign an agreement for it to be registered as an ILUA. As it turns out, this interpretation of the Native Title Act was consistent with what the Full Court of the Federal Court found in the McGlade case in February this

However, in 2010 a single justice of the Federal Court found that as long as the applicant/ registered claimant was given authority by the whole of the claim group it did not matter whether the whole of the applicant/registered claimant group signed the agreement, it would still be a valid agreement and able to be registered by the NNTT as an ILUA. That case was QGC v Bygraves and although it could have been appealed, it was not.

From the time of the decision in QGC v Bygraves up until the decision in McGlade, lawyers, mining companies, claimants and land councils assumed that the NNTT would register ILUAs even though not all the applicant/ registered claimants had signed the agreement.

There is a further feature about native title claims that needs to be considered. Native title rights often do not belong to all the traditional owners in the same way across the whole of their lands. The best example of this is the One Claim in Cape York where many clans and nations have come together to make one claim to resolve all of the outstanding native title issues on the Cape York Peninsula.

Even though there is only one native title claim, each traditional owner group is the only ones that can make decisions about their country. Indeed, there are cases where the absence of differential rights as between different clans within a claim group has been criticised by the Federal Court as being consistent with a loss of law and custom.

In light of the history set out above, the logical and equitable solution to the various ramifications of the McGlade decision is as follows:

- All the agreements which were entered on the register of ILUAs kept by the NNTT prior to QGC v Bygraves (2010) are validated (confirmed as lawful);
- All the agreements entered on the register of ILUAs after QGC v Bygraves (in 2010) and before McGlade are capable of being validated subject to either: the consent of the parties, or on application from one of the parties and proof of substantial performance of the agreement (such as grant of the relevant mining lease).
- Any agreements entered into but not registered at the time of McGlade are not able to be registered unless they satisfy the post-McGlade amendments

The Native Title Amendment Bill 2017 proposes that future ILUAs be executed by a such number of the applicant/ registered claimants as authorised by the claim group or if no such applicant/registered claimant has been authorised to execute the ILUA then a majority of the people who make up the applicant/registered claimant. (By amendment of s 24 CD(2)(a)).

The problem with this approach is that in many native title claims, the claim groups have needed to ensure each family group or clan is represented within the applicant/registered claimant to protect the differential interests of that family or clan.

This is particularly so where one large family or clan outnumbers the other groups, as is often the

On the amendment Bill as presently drafted, that large family or clan or a group of families or clans could win a majority vote at a meeting to approve a mine, for instance, over the lands or waters of another clan or over sites for which another family has special rights and responsibilities.

Given the Federal Court acknowledges and insists upon evidence recording the differential interests of the clan groups in any native title claim area in order to recognise the existence of native title, the model of approval and execution of ILUAs proposed by the government undermines the native title rights the Act was established to protect.

The amendment of the Native Title Act requires a detailed and nuanced approach that protects rather than undermines the property rights of the various clans and families that make up each native title claim area. This must be done with care as the failure to get it right will permit the property rights and interests of particular families and clans to be extinguished or impaired without their consent.

I encourage MPs to take a deep breath, and come to terms with the fact that the property rights of Indigenous people all over Australia will be affected by the proposed amendment. This amendment should not be rushed in order to appease some other agenda.

We are entitled to expect to have our property rights respected. One only has to look in comparison at the length of time taken to determine whether negative gearing needs to be removed or adjusted as a taxation option on investment properties. That debate has gone on for

In this case, just as with the negative gearing, the world doesn't stop because the reforms are not made immediately, the existing system simply continues to operate. And in the case of the Adani mine, a further meeting would need to be called to authorise entry into the ILUA in accordance with the law as interpreted by the court in McGlade, or Adani can wait for the amendment process to run a respectful course.

I am a claimant in the Wangan and Jagalingou native tile claim. I am traditional owner of the lands on which the Adani mine is proposed to be built and I and my family, together with many other families, oppose the mine.

- Tony McAvoy is the first Indigenous Australian to be appointed Senior Counsel.
- This article first appeared in The Guardian Australia.
- \*The amendments to native title legislation were due to be debated in the Senate yesterday,



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# New hotel has many stories

By JILLIAN MUNDY



STORIES of Aboriginal 'characters' are among those featured at the flash MACq01

'story telling' hotel, which has opened on Hobart's waterfront.

Each of the 114 rooms in the hotel tells the story of a different person who has shaped the culture of Tasmania since invasion. Some are well known, others little known legends of their time, some from the past, other still living - from cricketer Ricky Ponting to publican, bouncer and brewery worker Fatty Appleton and Tasmanian Aboriginal chief Manalagena.

Other Aboriginal people to be featured are William Lanney (King Billy), Walter George Arthur, Woretemoeteryenner, Dolly Dalrymple Briggs, Trucanini and Fanny Cochrane Smith.

Greg Lehman, who was part of the team of writers and historical researchers and is descended from three of the Aboriginal 'characters', said the stories aim to reveal a human dimension as much as historical facts

For example, he said while



MACq01 hotel general manager Jake Smith is at the door of room 234, which celebrates the story of his ancestor Fanny Cochrane Smith.

many knew the story of what happened to William Lanney after his death, he wanted to showcase the story of his life.

Mr Lehman said the story of the mutilation of Lanney's corpse and trade of his body parts across the globe, under the guise of

science, was "a story of someone who had things done to him. It's not a story of who he was as a

"He was really well known and he was really popular, and really well respected," Mr Lehman said.

"He wasn't just this Aborigine who got cut up by Crowther, that's not his story, that's Crowther's story. He was known as one of the best whale spotters in the southern seas. He was a respected person.

"When you talk about Lanney like that, not just his story comes to life, but people come to life when they are hearing the story.

"If you just say a terrible thing, his head was cut off, people withdraw and they never connect with him as a real person. It's a great injustice to people.

"It's like Trucanini. She was so much more than a victim.'

MACq01 general manager Jake Smith was excited to find the story of Tasmanian Aborigine Fanny Cochrane Smith, from whom he is directly descended, was included.

He had incorporated her story into his job application, not knowing she was on the list of 'characters' to be celebrated.

"One of the first things I did was call my dad," Mr Smith said.

"He was really tickled to know she was part of the story that we are telling."

# Camps contract welcomed



ALICE Springs-based Tangentyere Council has welcomed the awarding of the new Town Camps tenancy management contract to the Central Australian Affordable Housing Company (CAAHC)

The NT Government move comes after ongoing concern by Tangentyere - the major service delivery agency for the 18 Housing Associations known as 'town camps' in Alice Springs – over the awarding of the contract to another company, Zodiac Business Services, last year by the former NT Government. Bess Price, the minister in the former government who awarded the contract, now works for Zodiac.

An independent audit found no evidence of foul play after investigating the contracts awarded by Ms Price, but the auditors found government workers failed to appropriately investigate an allegation of bias.

Tangentyere chief executive Walter Shaw said CAAHC was established nearly six years ago specifically to provide housing services to Town Camp residents and has grown as a successful provider of community housing in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.

"CAAHC successfully operated tenancy management before the contract was awarded to a non-Indigenous for-profit company by the previous Government at the beginning of 2016," he said.

But while welcoming the new contract, Mr Shaw said many concerns remained.

"While we have had a change of Government, we are still waiting for a change of approach and a clean sheet when it comes to management of Aboriginal housing in the NT," he said.

#### "Scrutiny"

"There are issues we hear from family and colleagues in remote communities about the operations and impact of the tenancy management contracts there and believe the awarding of contracts also need scrutiny.

"We have heard nothing from a \$2.3 million NT-wide review of Town Camps that was supposed to be completed in March.

"That fact is the public housing model has failed town campers. Aboriginal people are in some cases paying with their lives for the failed housing policies of successive Governments, with overcrowded and substandard housing pressures contributing to violence and impacting on the safety of women and children.

"It's past time for the NT and Federal governments to commit to implementing a new housing model that gives control and a voice back to Aboriginal tenants and, most importantly, scraps the subleases and gives us back our Town Camps.

"This is the only way we will have better housing and safer communities for our



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# Big month as Pormpuraaw spreads word

By CHRISTINE HOWES



DOMESTIC Violence Prevention Month (May) in the Cape York community of Pormpuraaw

featured a packed program of education, activities and remembrance.

The community's Pormpur Paathu Aboriginal Corporation (PPAC) joined with the local council, school and health services for a month-long program that included spearmaking, information and awareness, National Sorry Day commemorations, marches, bands, yarning circles, Mother's Day and the event with the biggest attendance of all – a candlelight vigil for those lost to family violence.

#### **Praise**

PPAC chair Elizabeth Norman, a Thaayorre Mungkan woman, praised 'DV' Month.

"I reckon it was good for the community and also for Pormpur Paanthu to come up with this idea of trying to promote awareness of domestic and family violence to our people," she said.

"It is everyone's business and we all should be aware of that and help each other in any way we can if someone is in a domestic and family violence situation.

"It's not our culture." Ms Norman said it had been a busy month.

"There were a lot of activities; it was the main focus of events for our people," she said.

"There was a lot of support in the community and other organisations were willing to



Carmel Ballie shares her message in Pormpuraaw.





Elizabeth Norman, left, and Meredith Arkwookerum.

help out in any way they could."

Community Justice Group member Kathy Shortjoe said the events had "been helpful".

"We had a busy month and all of the families were welcome to come up and enjoy themselves," she said.

"Domestic violence is not our culture; it's really bad." PPAC board member Meredith Arkwookerum said she was proud of herself and her community.

"I would like to say thank you to PPAC for having this event," she said.

"Getting our people to come together as one. PPAC started with two strong women. They are still here in the community and I'm proud of them."

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The South Australian Government is calling for Expressions of Interest from South Australian Aboriginal organisations to become an Aboriginal Regional Authority.

Up to two organisations will be recognised in 2017, with subsequent rounds to be announced. To access the 2017 Expression of Interest Form and Aboriginal Regional Authority Policy visit www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/ARA

#### Expressions of Interest must be received by 10am Monday 3 July 2017.

For more information please contact: Jade Mathewson, Policy Officer, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation on 08 8226 62204 or at jade.mathewson@sa.gov.au









### **Australian Government Productivity Commission**

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(Full-time or part-time)

The Productivity Commission is the Australian Government's independent research and advisory body on major economic, social and environmental policy issues affecting the welfare of Australians. The Commission has offices in Melbourne and Canberra.

The *Productivity Commission Act* 1998 provides for the Commission to comprise between four and eleven members, in addition to the Chair; some with specific expertise and experience (in social policy, environment and industry). With the Commission's enhanced role in Indigenous policy evaluation, the Commission is to include an additional Commissioner with relevant experience in Indigenous policy, as announced by the Prime Minister in his Closing the Gap Report Statement to Parliament and included in the 2017-18 Budget. A bill is to be introduced into the Parliament to include the additional Commissioner.

The Commissioner will oversee the Commission's work focusing agency attention on Indigenous policy evaluation. It is also intended that the Commissioner will participate in other inquiries of the Commission, if appointed on a full-time basis. Commissioners conduct inquiries, oversee research and preparation of reports, and make recommendations on public policy issues. Commissioners are based in either the Canberra or Melbourne office, in order to engage with Commission staff, but may also work remotely at times. Commissioners are expected to work closely with the Chair in the performance of inquiries or other activities of the Commission. (Further information about the Productivity Commission itself is available at www.pc.gov.au.)

Applications are invited from persons with extensive skills and experience in dealing with policies, programs and service delivery affecting Indigenous Australians, including involvement with Indigenous communities, who wish to be considered for appointment as a member of the Commission. Applicants should have a strong understanding of the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and good links to, and standing with, communities.

Subject to the passage of legislation by the Parliament, the appointment will be made by the Governor-General on the nomination of the Treasurer.

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Further information about the position, including selection criteria, is available from the Commission's website at http://www.pc.gov.au/careers . Should you wish to discuss details of the position confidentially, please contact the Chairman, Peter Harris, on (03) 9653 2291.

Applications are sought by 30 June 2017 and should be submitted via the Commission's website.

# Focus on 2017 National







Conference keynote speakers Professor Mick Dodson and Murrawah Johnson.





- delegates with keynote speaker Murrawah Johnson at the front.
  - Left: Gavin Bassani, Hans Pearson and Allan Creek, from the Cape York Land Council.
  - Below: Steven Kelly, Annette Kelly, Rita Roberts and Leon Kelly from Bundjalung of Byron Bay (Arakwal) **Aboriginal** Corporation.



# Native Title Conference



# Delegates pack out Townsville



Deborah Oakley, Rhodda Capewell and Margaret Ranger, from Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation.



Back, from left, AIATSIS staff Kayannie Denigan, Erin Wink, Narelle Rivers and Alana Harris. Front, from left, Adam Lees, from Woodside Energy, and his uncle Reg Williams, from Ipima Ikaya Aboriginal Corporation.



MORE than 800 people travelled to Townsville last week for the **AIATSIS National Native Title** Conference, which celebrated 25 years since the historic High Court Mabo decision and had the

theme 'Our land is our birth right'.

The conference was co-convened by the North Queensland Land Council on the traditional lands of the Gurambilbarra Wulgurukaba people.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) chief executive Craig Ritchie said the impact of the Mabo decision on Australian society was

"By acknowledging a wrong and seeking to make it right, the Mabo decision occupies a pivotal place in the Australian story and over the past 25 years, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have seized the opportunities the decision created," he said.

'This year's conference is an opportunity to reflect on the impact of the decision, and to honour those who fought for our rights and learn from those who are forging new paths

The conference featured a range of topics including making the most of the Indigenous estate, how Aboriginal corporations can access renewable energy, Indigenous water rights, opportunities for native title and a separate youth forum.



Gugu Yalanji man Terry O'Shane and NSWALC chair Roy Ah-See.



Stephen Kinnane, from AIATSIS, and Karajarri man Joe Edgar.



Raylene Button and Patrica Bodal, from Kariyarra Aboriginal Corporation, with Karen Hayes, from Thalanji Aboriginal Corporation.



Jirrbal Ngadjan sisters Michelle Ware and



Mary and Agnes Horope at their Indigenous arts and craft stall.

# Court's marriage stance backed



**INDIGENOUS** leaders behind the 2015 Uluru Bark Petition have hit out at what they say are vicious attacks on Australian tennis legend Margaret Court in her stand

over same-sex marriage.

Mrs Court, a church pastor in Perth, caused controversy when she voiced her opposition to same-sex marriage, which she said went against what is written

The 74-year-old also told a Christian radio station that transgender children were the work of the Devil and drew comparisons between the gay and LGBTI community and Hitler.

#### Controversy

The comments by the 24-time Grand Slam singles winner sparked a storm of controversy, with her being labelled a homophobe and a racist.

Elders involved with the bark petition

have supported Mrs Court in what they say is the traditional Aboriginal view on marriage. Written in 2015, the petition was signed by a delegation of Indigenous Australians opposing same-sex marriage.

Western Australian Elder Richard Evans said signatories were grateful for Mrs Court's support of marriage being between a man and a woman.

Pastor Peter Walker, from NSW, also spoke out.

"The sacred and traditional union

between man and woman is deeply part of our ancient and continuing culture across all of our communities," he said.

"Our fathers and mothers provide the foundation for those communities. Marriage can only be between a man and a woman.

"The Aboriginal people of Australia strongly reject any attempt to redefine the institution of marriage, and in doing so, we honour the sanctity of both the tradition of marriage and the spiritual implication of this



#### **General Manager, Programs & Partnerships Expressions of Interest**

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NCIE's current programs include Children's Services (After School and School Holiday), Talking About Tobacco Use (TATU); and Indigenous Digital Excellence (IDX).

Interested parties will have solid experience working with Aboriginal people, communities and organisations; strong business and people management skills; and partnership and stakeholder management skills and experience.

Expressions of Interest (outlining relevant skills and experience) close: Monday 10 July 2017

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Dr. Amber Logan, Psychologist, Kahungunu Maori -Indigenous Development Specialists (NZ) Rebecca Lang, CEO - Queensland Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies (QLD)

Dr. Kylie Lee, Deputy Director & Senior Lecturer, Addiction Medicine, University of Sydney

Wayne Mulvany, General Manager - Indigenous Wellbeing Centre (QLD) Will Mac Gregor, CEO - BushMob Aboriginal Corporation (NT)

Janette Young, Marketing & Communication Manager - Indigenous Wellbeing Centre (QLD)

James Fowles, Senior Manager, On The Line - Mens Australia (VIC)
Lee Lingwoodock, Senior Mental Health Worker - Indigenous Wellbeing Centre (QLD) Briana Lees, Psychologist & Researcher, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NSW)

Scott Wilson, Director - Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council Inc. (SA) Lee Hammond, Senior Community Worker, Indigenous Wellbeing Centre (QLD)

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21st-23rd August 2017 Stamford Plaza in Brisbane With inspiring First Nations keynote speakers namely:

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Olympic gold medallist Cathy Freeman with Indigenous students.

### Foundation celebrates



Foundation will celebrate its 10th anniversary this

year by holding running, walking and cycling events.

The foundation started providing educational support to children on Palm Island, north Queensland, and has now expanded to support four remote Indigenous communities across Queensland and the Northern

Funds raised from the running events will go to programs in the communities of Palm Island and

Woorabinda (Queensland) and Wurrumiyanga and Galiwinku (Northern Territory).

Foundation chief executive Jamie Howden said the anniversary is an exciting milestone for the organisation.

"It has been a very rewarding 10 years," he told the Koori Mail.

#### "Achieved"

"We can look back on our work and see that a lot of things have been achieved. We can look back with pride and feel positive about the impact we've made."

Mr Howden said the foundation worked with about 1600 Indigenous students.

"Our footprint has grown and that's a good sign," he said. "On Palm Island there has been a 350% increase in Year 12 completion and a huge increase in school attendance.

"There's been a positive change in the students as they gain confidence in themselves, overall."

Mr Howden said he'd like to think that in another 10 years the foundation will still be expanding.

"I'd like to see the framework expand," he said.

"We're so proud of how far we have come. The plan is to exist for the long-term because we a dealing with long-term issues."

# Fire initiative offers benefits



INDIGENOUS Australians in the Northern Territory are set to benefit from a \$34 million Indigenous firemanagement

initiative designed to improve the environment while creating jobs and supporting economic development.

The Savanna Fire Management (SFM) program is a partnership between the INPEXoperated Ichthys LNG Project and the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC).

The Ichthys project will fund annual instalments of about \$2 million through a trust to support

the SFM program for up to 20 years. Perpetual Trustee Company Ltd, as the appointed trustee, has engaged the ILC to manage and deliver the program.

Strategic burning early in the dry season when conditions are cool and grass has not yet dried off can help to prevent large wildfires that burn out of control late in the dry season. These hot fires damage the landscape and release high volumes of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere each year.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion praised the public-private partnership as "a real win for Indigenous Territorians".

The program will create jobs and business opportunities for regional communities. Importantly these are opportunities in carbon farming industries which are all about people caring for country," he

ILC chairman Eddie Fry said the program was an opportunity to shape the future of landscapescale fire management in the NT and make a difference in enabling Indigenous people to engage in the carbon economy.

The ILC sees carbon farming as a productive land use that can be combined with other, more traditional types of agribusiness,"

## Trio stamped as legends



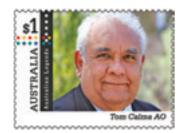
**THREE** distinguished Indigenous people are appearing on Australian

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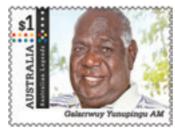
The awards recognise the



lifelong advocacy and leadership the legends have achieved for their communities

Prof Calma, of the Kungarakan people, is chancellor of the University of Canberra, a former Human Rights commissioner and ACT Australian of the Year.

Among her many



achievements, Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue, a Yankunytjatjara woman, was Australian of the Year in 1984 and is the only Aboriginal Australian to have addressed the United Nations General Assembly.

Dr Yunupingu, a member of the Gumati clan of the Yolngu people, has been a leader and land rights activist



and was named by the National Trust as an Australian Living National Treasure

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### **ASIC** alert over funeral insurance



AUSTRALIANS have been told that in some circumstances they would be better off opening a savings account than taking out funeral insurance. That's because they're likely to be paying more in premiums

than they are ever likely to receive from a payout.

The Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) conducted an industry review last year after it became concerned about the marketing of funeral insurance products.

While the industry has taken a number of steps to address those concerns, the commission continues to be worried about the targeting of Indigenous communities.

"It's extremely distressing ... it's shocking, absolutely shocking," ASIC chairman Greg Medcraft told a Senate hearing. - AAP

### Tamworth gets girls' academies



empowerment programs.

THE Girls Academy has been established at two sites in Tamworth, northern NSW.

Designed to support and empower Indigenous girls at high school, the academy is now operating at Tamworth

and Oxley high schools. The program works in a local school system to help girls to engage in education and pursue their goals through mentoring, sport, cultural and

It already operates at schools in Western Australia, the Northern Territory and NSW.

### **Goldfields title** claims finalised



TWO native title claims covering more than 13,600 square kilometres in the Goldfields region of Western Australia have been finalised.

The Tjiwarl and Tjiwarl #2 determinations were delivered at a hearing of the Federal Court at

Ngurlu Wiriwiri (Jones Creek), about 40km north of Leinster. The determinations take in land and waters between Wiluna and Leonora.

### Rugby body looks to reconciliation



THE Queensland Rugby Union (QRU) has launched its inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan.

QRU CEO Richard Barker said the creation of QRU's first RAP was a significant milestone in recognising the important contribution of

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to the past, present and future of the code in Queensland.

The QRU is associated with three Queensland Indigenous communities - Cherbourg, Woorabinda and Yarrabah - involving 26 schools and 85 participants.

### **Housing company** shows initiative



THE Aboriginal Housing Company (AHC) has launched an initiative called Leading the Way focusing on tertiary education, apprenticeships and employment for Indigenous

people. It will include scholarships, employment and apprenticeship opportunities as well as accommodation for students at the new Pemulwuy development in Redfern, Sydney.

AHC chairperson Alisi Tutuila said it is important to increase the focus on educational and employment opportunities for Indigenous people.

"Leading the Way will have pathways in place for people to either gain employment, an apprenticeship, or higher education," she said. More details at www.ahc.org.au/

### Palm Island to host didgeridoo record attempt

By ALF WILSON



**DIDGERIDOO** players from Indigenous communities around Australia have been invited to Palm Island, north Queensland, to be part of an attempt to break a world record. According to the Guinness Book

of World Records, the most participants in a didgeridoo ensemble was 238, at the Didge Fest UK in England.

At attempt to break the record will be held early next year during the centenary celebrations for the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire in north

Queensland. Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey is getting right behind the bid.

"The record should be held by an Australian Indigenous community and not in the United Kingdom," he said.

"We are calling on Aboriginal and any Torres Strait Islander didgeridoo players from around Australia to be part of this.

Palm Island has about 3500 residents, many of whom have family connections around the

Palm Island Centenary celebrations will be held from next March.

Pictured: Didgeridoo player Tyrone Yasserie Jnr on Palm Island.



# Concern aired over W iustice pla



NSW criminals who enter guilty pleas early on will get easier access to discounted sentences under new reforms being proposed by the NSW Government.

The move is part of a package of proposed changes to the state's criminal iustice system which also includes the abolition of suspended sentences.

While Attorney General Mark Speakman said the changes were about faster justice, Law Society of NSW president Pauline Wright believes the iustice reforms will do little to reduce record prison numbers and potentially exacerbate the disproportionate

number of Indigenous people in jails.

"Some of the new proposals could add rather than lessen burdens faced by the courts and the community," Ms Wright said. "Removing suspended sentences means more people could end up in jail.

#### "Hardest hit"

"The hardest hit will be people in regional areas where there are less community resources available for community sentencing options."

Ms Wright said alternatives to full-time imprisonment including supervised bonds, intensive correction orders and home detention were critical to reducing

prison populations and pressures on the criminal justice system.

"More funding is desperately needed for investment into effective communitybased sentencing options," she said.

"Instead of reducing court costs and delays, the proposed abolition of the committal process could increase the number of trials in the District Court and add to delays and costly trials.

Ms Wright said allowing simplified briefs could ultimately reduce the number of appropriate early guilty pleas.

"It is crucial the defence have a full brief of evidence at an early stage in order to assess the prosecution's case,"

### Mabo Day 2017

# Week-long celebrations





Aven Noah, Ned David, Kenny Bedford and Maluwap Nona at the Mabo celebrations on Mer island.



Music and dancing features during the procession on Mer.



Aven and Lillah Noah with Father Ron Day lay a wreath on the grave of key Mabo case witness Henry Kabere.



Canadian First Nations man Neil Sterrit lays a wreath on the grave of



Professor Marcia Langton, National Native Title Tribunal president Raelene Webb and Judy Ketchell are at the grave of native title claimant Celuia Mapo Salee.



Gaiba, Ganomi, Mary and Lillah enjoy the celebrations.



Cyril Stephen, Ricarda McKewen, Seri Stephen and Louisa Taylor-Ahmat.

# held on the home of Mabo



Family members and friends pay their respects to Eddie Koiki Mabo.

# Respects paid to claimants

ON Mabo Day, June 3, Mer Islanders, officials and other guests paid respects to all claimants in the historic High Court case that overturned the legal

fiction of terra nullius in 1992. Celebrations on Mer - the island in the Torres Strait that the Mabo case was fought over - were held over a week, beginning with a church service and including cultural

activities, a native title symposium and dancing.

On the day itself people visited the graves of the four deceased claimants, Eddie Koiki Mabo, Deacon Sam Passi, James Rice and Celuia Mapo Salee, along with key witness Henry Kabere, and paid respects to living claimant Reverend David Passi.

Following a flag-raising ceremony of the eight Meriam tribes, Ned David, chair of the Gur A Baradharaw Kod Torres Strait Sea and Land Council presented a resolution to Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion.

"On this the 25th anniversary of the Mabo decision and the eighth since the conference of (Torres Strait) councils, we, the people, are united in our determination to govern ourselves under our laws and customs," he said.

"And we call for June 3 to be a national public holiday.'



Senior Meriam Elder Alo Tapim lays a wreath on Deacon Sam Passi's grave.





Peyton, Gariam, Amy, Tiffany and Leah enjoy the celebrations on Mer in the Torres Strait.

### Mabo Day 2017



Torres Strait Islanders Dennis Passi, Doug Bong and Helen Sulley at Musgrave Park, Brisbane.



Eddie Mabo's daughter Celvia Mabo (centre) with Aboriginal land rights champion Vincent Lingiari's great grandchildren Rosie and Selma Smiler.

# Day celebration

# Celebration gathering in Brisbane



Arthelia Gibuma, Fred Sagigi, Oli Banu, Lila Auda, Jane Banu-Sagigi and Tania-Rose Gibuma

By KEIRA JENKINS



**COMMUNITY** members gathered in Brisbane on June 2 for a day of performance, workshops and stalls to celebrate

the 25th anniversary of the High Court's Mabo decision.

The city's Mabo Community Day drew a crowd to the Jagera Arts Centre at Musgrave Park in South Brisbane.

Performances from local dance troupe Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal Dancers as well as Kiai Mura Buai Dance Troupe from the Torres Strait and Bulu Kebile Dance Group from Townsville kept the crowd entertained.



Celvia Mabo, daughter of native title champion the late Eddie Mabo, said the 25th anniversary was an "emotional rollercoaster".

"It's being celebrated all over the country so it's a proud and wonderful feeling to know that," she told the Koori Mail.

"His story inspires me to fight for what I believe in too.'

Mer (Murray) Island Elder Dennis Passi said Mabo Day is a time to celebrate, but Indigenous people should not forget there is still oppression in communities.

"I was a witness to what Eddie Mabo did in 1992," he said.

"When he went to court he defeated terra nullius (the legal doctrine of empty land), but now we are still fighting to own our land."



Simah Banu, Patricia Banu and Joyce Auda.





Rupert Reuben and Jeffrey Ses enjoy the day.

#### Mabo Day 2017



# Busy in Townsville

By ALF WILSON



**THOUSANDS** turned out for the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Mabo High Court decision in Townsville. The north

Queensland city is home to many Torres Strait Islander people.

Celebrations started on June 2 at the city's Mabo monument with a welcome to country, laying of wreaths, performances and guest speakers.

Eddie Mabo's daughter Gail made an emotional speech which brought tears to many in the audience.

"It may be 25 years ago but feels like yesterday. My father left a great legacy," she said.

That was followed by a street march to the Perfume Gardens for Reconciliation in the Park festivities.

On June 3 an event at Jezzine Barracks on the Strand was attended by more than 3000 people.

Torres Strait Islander hip-hop artist Patrick Mau released his new song Koiki, based on a song Gail Mabo wrote in honour of her late father.

On the same day there was a Unity in Community expo and from 5.30pm there was an island night with feasting and performances.







Colourful Mabo Day celebrations at Townville's Central Park.



Komet Torres Strait Islander dancers Aigaris Day, Addie-May Day, Lahana Zaro and Emily Day.







# H CEV PD PROBLEM PROBL

Radical Son and band perform at the commemoration event.



Radical Son (David Leha), director and historian Frances Peters-Little, NCIE chief executive Kirstie Parker, 1967 Referendum campaigner Shirley Peisley and NCIE board member Kate Cam at the family event in Redfern.

# Event 50 years on at NCIE

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THE National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Sydney marked the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum with

a free community event during National Reconciliation Week.

On May 27, 1967, more than 90% of Australians voted 'yes' in a referendum to give the Federal Government the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be counted in

the census.
That day has become a high water mark for the determination of ordinary Australians to

seek positive change.
About 200 people came together at the NCIE 50 years on to remember the referendum, and the campaigners who made it happen, through stories, film, a timeline display, and music.

Display boards were based on research by Associate Professor Heidi Norman, from UTS, and images and material supplied by Tranby Co-operative.

The event opened with a conversation between NCIE chief executive Kirstie Parker and referendum campaigner Shirley Peisley.

Aunty Shirley spoke about her involvement in the campaign but stressed that the journey was as important as the result.

"Some people say it was a symbolic result but there's no doubting the

importance of the effects of the long campaign," she said.

"It really brought people together, we learned so much and it changed the way we went forward.

"It was also a women-run campaign. We were right there at the forefront and that was unusual for the time. Women all over the country worked hard in all aspects of the campaign."

Frances Peters-Little presented her 2007 documentary, VOTE YES for

Aborigines, and took questions from the audience.

"It's too easy for some people to say, look at this referendum, nothing really changed, but it's important to look beyond the result," she said.

"The result and the campaign itself opened a number of avenues for Aboriginal people to progress, to give them a new sense of hope, opportunity and freedom."

The 1967-inspired afternoon tea, curated by Aunty Beryl Van Oploo, provided a backdrop for catch-ups

and yarns about the referendum and the timeline displays.

Corned beef and pickles, curried egg, and devon and tomato sauce sandwiches were on the menu, along with jam tarts, gingernut biscuits and vol-au-vents.

Radical Son provided entertainment, performing songs including *Took the Children Away* and *A Change is Gonna Come*.



At the awards: from left, Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, Cairns Hockey Association's Jess and Lisa Fatnowna and Julie McNeil, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Mark Furner.



Rayleen Neal, Jeanette Singleton and Della Gibson at the presentation.

# Qld winners praised



A CAIRNS-based mentoring program that uses hockey to encourage young Indigenous women and girls to make positive life choices

is one of the winners of the Queensland Reconciliation Awards this year.

Program mentors Lisa and Jess Fatnowna said they are proud to have received the Community Award for the Cairns Hockey Association's Aspire to Be Deadly program.

Lisa said the program uses hockey to support young women and girls.

"It's important to get young Indigenous girls to come together and learn to work as a team," she said. "It's also important to get them to be healthy from a young age so they can continue that for the rest of their lives."

More than 30 Indigenous girls in north Queensland have taken part in the program.

The Puuya Foundation received the Premier's Reconciliation Award for its **Developing Everyday Leaders** program with Lockhart River Aboriginal Community.

The Foundation formed in 2008, concentrating on 'puuya' or 'heart' to empower leaders

within the local community.

The Business Award went to tourism company Woodward Family CaPTA Group.

CaPTA has been working to increase long-term Indigenous employment through training and employment programs throughout

#### **Education Award**

North Keppel Island **Environmental Education Centre** and Woppaburra traditional owners took out the Education Award.

The education centre and traditional owners have been working together since 2011 to deliver educational activities about Woppaburra culture to school students.

Cairns Indigenous Art Fair and Ports North won the Partnership Award for the annual Cairns Indigenous Art Fair.

The fair includes dance, film music, art, and markets each year.

Awards ambassador Johnathan Thurston congratulated all the award recipients

"It's inspiring to see the innovative approaches these organisations have taken toward fostering reconciliation, and I look forward to hearing more of their

positive and impactful outcomes in the future," he said.

**Queensland Premier** Annastacia Palaszczuk said the award recipients do amazing work in their communities.

'Congratulations to this year's winners for their significant contributions to promoting reconciliation in their communities," she said.

"It is inspiring to see the dedication of the many Queensland businesses organisations and educational institutions driving this important

The winning organisations each received \$5000 prizemoney.



Abigail Noli, Julie Leu and Brendan Leishaman, from Douglas Shire Council. Laurel Bray, Laurie Naden, Shawn Major, Samantha Eaton and Donna Mort.





Koori Mail general manager Naomi Moran, Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and business category award winners from the Woodward Family CaPTA Group.



Kerry Egerton Russel Beer, Janina Harding and Vanessa Gillen, part of the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair team.



# Gathering held on Wadjemup



MORE than 200 people have gathered on Wadjemup (Rottnest Island) off the coast from Perth for National Reconciliation Week.

The Rottnest Island Authority coordinated the event, which was

the first to be held on the island during Reconciliation Week.

A number of guest speakers, including Reconciliation WA Indigenous co-chair Carol Innes and Wadjemup Aboriginal Reference

Group member Lindsay Dean, talked about the history of Rottnest Island as an Aboriginal prison.

**Acting chief executive Michelle** Reynolds said the Rottnest Authority recognises the cultural

significance the island holds for Aboriginal people, and acknowledges the importance of engaging with the Aboriginal community, particularly during Reconciliation Week.

### March and more in **Perth**



MORE than 200 people marched on city streets in support of reconciliation and Indigenous recognition as

part of National Reconciliation Week (NRW) activities in Perth.

**WA Deputy Premier Roger** Cook and the Recognise campaign joint director Mark Yettica-Paulson also addressed an NRW breakfast held in Kings Park.

Mr Yettica-Paulson urged people to fight for a better

"I want us to do whatever is necessary that will help us move together better as Australians," he said.

"We have an opportunity to do something special, to be a decisive generation. To do something special in 2017 and 2018 that our children will be proud of.

"I'm looking forward to the day where we hand over some great things for future generations to carry on from us."

Pictured at right: People gather in Kings Park, and dancers at the event.









Enjoying the night: standing from left, Lawrence Mercy, Laurie Mercy, Norton Bolt, Amelia Bolt, Isaachar Hickling, and Eileen and Sarah Bolt and, sitting from left, Margaret Mercy, Tina Williams, Jacqueline Williams and Aunty Gwen Hickling. All pictures: Melissa Bolt

# Black and white ball in Casino



MORE than 200 people turned out in Casino, northern NSW, for

the community's Black and White Ball during National Reconciliation Week.

Organiser Paula Coghill said the event, supported by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the local Richmond Valley Council, was a great success.

"The community got right behind us, and we had people from across the region at what was a great night," she said.

Awards were presented at the event to Aunty Vivian Lambeth (Elder), Tara Freeburn (young person), Solomon Torrens and Zoe Williams (sport), Julie Collins (community achiever), Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation (innovation and leadership for business) and Charlie Caldwell (artist).



Ball organiser Paula Coghill.





Casino couple Steve and Angela Morrissey were among the more than 200 people, black and white, at the Casino ball.



Staff from the award-winning Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation in Casino.



Back from left: Leanne Torrens, Myra King and Aloma Torrens and, front from left, Lenkunya Hickling, Selina Hickling, Jenny Walker and Desiree Avery enjoying the night.



Community award winners at the ball with MCs Troy Freeburn and Troy Combo, and Richmond Valley Council Mayor Robert Mustow.



# Mabo Day at square in city



Day celebrations

Melbourne were held at Birrarung Marr (Federation Square) on June 4.

The event, organised by the **Koorie Heritage** Trust, included live entertainment, cooking demonstrations, and painting activities for children run by artist Clinton Nain.

**Performers included** the Liz Cavanagh Ensemble, Zenadth Kes Les, and the Maza Sisters.

Pictured: Luke Captain, of Zenadth Kes Les, left, and Liz Cavanagh on stage.







# Fitzroy event held at hub

ABORIGINAL Housing Victoria, children's rights organisation **SNAICC and Yarra Libraries** hosted a 'reconciliation on the rooftop' event at Bargoonga Nganin, in the Melbourne suburb of Fitzroy.

The event included performances from Indigenous dancers, a Welcome to Country by Uncle Colin Hunter, and didgeridoo performance from Robbie Bamblett.

**Aboriginal Housing Victoria community** engagement project officer Jo Thitchener said more than 100 people turned out for the event at the new community hub in North Fitzroy.

"It's important to stand together in solidarity and strong support of each other," she told the Koori Mail.

"We make sure to engage with the community on events like this. We come together and stand strong.

"This is how we can keep our culture strong and alive."

Pictured: Robbie Bamblett plays didgeridoo and, top, participants in reconciliation activities in Melbourne.

# Boomerang is powering

By KEIRA JENKINS



WIRADJURI man Tony Merritt has lived his whole life in Redfern, and three years

ago he decided to take a leap of faith and start a business in the Sydney suburb.

He was working as a roadside assistance officer at NSW Roads and Maritime, but left that job to go out on his own, selling and installing batteries for cars, boats, trucks and forklifts.

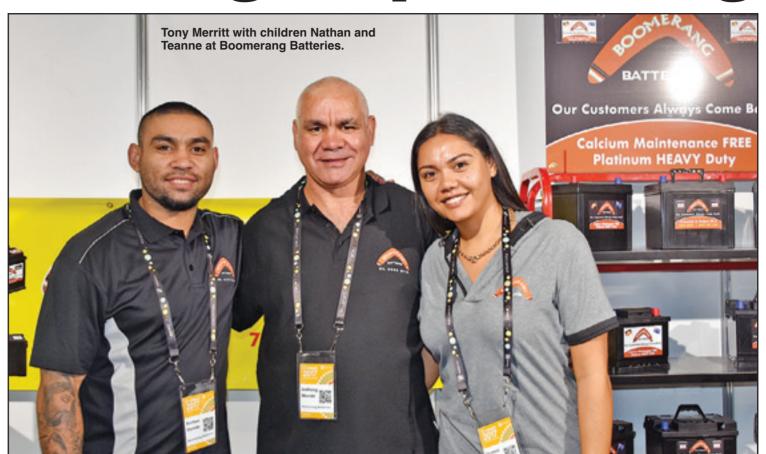
Now, Boomerang Batteries is well established and Mr Merritt said his company is making a name for itself.

"Business always goes up and down," he told the Koori Mail. "People will ring us when they need us. But now we've got a government agency on board. And we've got a council on board too, so that's pretty big."

While Boomerang Batteries is now getting some large commercial clients, Mr Merritt said he still focuses on the close-knit community in Redfern.

"We still do a bit of roadside assistance," he said. "We've got those bigger jobs, but we still do the little things too.'

Mr Merritt said that this year he attended his first Supply Nation Connect conference, and



it was a real learning experience.

"It was a big eye-opener," he said. "I met all sorts of people and other businesses. I was really impressed by it all.'

Mr Merritt said Boomerang Batteries is a family business, and he wouldn't have it any other way. His daughter Teanne and son Nathan

regularly help him with jobs. "I've got my kids there working," Mr Merritt said.

"It's good because we get to be together. Running a business is hard work so it's good to have your family with you.

"It means we get to spend time together as a family, even when we're working."

# Mid West business operators praised



SIX Western Australian Mid West Aboriginal business people have been praised for their efforts and passion at a graduation

ceremony in Geraldton.

The six received graduation certificates at the closing event of the WA Aboriginal Leadership Program. The ceremony was told how the inaugural program had given skills, confidence and motivation to the business

Indigenous Professional Services director and program Leader Kristal Kinsela congratulated the leaders and graduates.

"It's been a wonderful journey for these business leaders over the past few months. The community can rightly be proud of their achievements," she said.

Ms Kinsela, the NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year and an advocate for Indigenous business growth, has advised the Australian Government on policies to foster social inclusion and Indigenous economic independence.

She said the WA program would provide lasting benefits to



WA program participants and facilitators: back, Jennifer Clayton, Damien Chalk, Stacey Petersen, Kristal Kinsela and Orlando Fazzolari and, front, Gail Allison, Carole Minney and Bianca McNeair.

Indigenous businesses in the state, and to the wider community.

"It provides a proven and successful model for supporting Indigenous business growth in other regions within WA, and perhaps even throughout Australia," Ms Kinsela said.

The program comprised four

two-day sessions, with participants led through a range of activities designed to empower Aboriginal people to be resilient and capable business leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators who can support the development of emerging and existing local Aboriginal businesses.

Started in March, it was held in the WA Mid West towns of Morowa, Geraldton and Meekatharra.

Indigenous Professional Services (IPS), a majority Indigenous-owned business, has created the program for the Department of Regional Development (DRD).

#### Resources winners in Queensland



WINNERS in the Queensland resources sector's fourth annual Indigenous awards have been named. The Indigenous

Advocacy Award was shared by Incitec Pivot's Davina Shearer and Glencore's William Blackley.

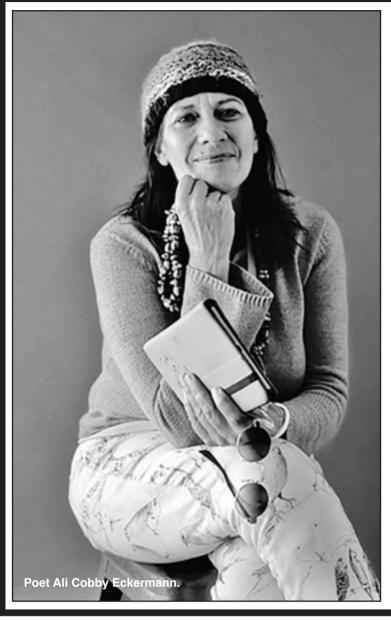
BHP Billiton's Theresa Saylor took out the Exceptional Indigenous Person Award in her role as an integrated remote operations centre controller.

Wonie Yusia, from Wavell State High School, and Kaitlyn Tobane, from Blackwater State High School, were joint winners in the new Exceptional Indigenous Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) Award.

The Best Company Indigenous Procurement Initiative Award went to Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council, BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance and BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal.

Rio Tinto Weipa won Best Company Indigenous **Employment and Training** Initiative, while Jetzak Media was named the Exceptional Indigenous Business.

**Queensland Resources** Council chief executive Ian Macfarlane said the awards provide the opportunity to showcase exceptional performance.



# Poetry singing in Ali's heart



ACCLAIMED poet Ali Cobby Eckermann has been awarded the inaugural Red Room Poetry

The fellowship aims to recognise the achievements and artistic goals of contemporary Australian poets.

Ms Eckermann will receive a \$5000 poetic stipend, a \$1000 commission to create a suite of poems inspired by an existing Red Room project, a two-week residency at Bundanon Trust, be paid to deliver poetic workshops, an opportunity to present a public address during the fellowship, and publication of her commissioned poems.

"It's a wonderful feeling," the Yankunytjatjara/Kokatha Kunga woman told the Koori Mail.

"I had done a lot of that writing during my time of self-discovery. It was very cathartic for me. Since meeting my family, life has

changed so much for me. "My poetry is profoundly

based in the strength of Aboriginal communities nationwide. There is strength in that we have survived."

Ms Eckermann said the fellowship will take her to the next stage of her life and career.

"The two-week residence at Bundanon Trust will give me time to pause and reflect in beautiful, peaceful country," she said.

"It's like a clinic for artists. We're thinking all the time. We're always looking forward. The fellowship will also open the opportunity to do workshops with kids and communities.

"That's a bit of a goal of mine. Your craft is often solitude. People don't really get to see it. It's not visible.

"The way the fellowship package is delivered will be huge for my presence."

Ms Eckermann was the Australian Poetry Ambassador to Ireland in 2013, winner of the

Kenneth Slessor Prize for Poetry and has recently won a Windham-Campbell Award from Yale University in the United States.

She was also the inaugural recipient of the Tungkunungka Pintyanthi Fellowship, has presented at the Christchurch World Festival in New York, and is a featured writer at this year's Sydney Writers' Festival.

"I always loved my English lessons in high school," Ms Eckermann said.

"That was one of the few places where my imagination was encouraged. I went on a bit of a hiatus from writing after the trauma of not being able to keep my son as a teenage mother.

"I took it back up again years later, after learning alongside my

"I fine-tuned my knowledge then. It was a safe, cultural environment to find myself in. It allowed me to grow into the person I was supposed to be."

# Jigamy on arts map



TWO cultural events that will put a regional town on the arts map are being planned for Jigamy, near Eden in southern NSW.

The Giiyong Writers' Forum on July 1 and 2 will see Aboriginal wordsmiths come together, including critically acclaimed playwright Jane Harrison, author Jared Thomas, and poet Ali Cobby Eckermann. On July 1, the authors will give presentations and readings from their work and take part in panel discussions. The following day includes a two-hour workshop covering fiction writing, poetry, writing for screen, playwriting and how to get published.

The forum encourages local writers to tell their stories and is open to anyone interested in exploring Aboriginal stories, issues and identity and developing their own writing.

The forum will be held at the Monaroo Bobbaroo Gudu Keeping Place and the Mamadja Community Centre.

An inaugural Giiyong Festival is also being planned at Jigamy for September 2018.

It will be the region's first multi-art festival celebrating traditional and contemporary Aboriginal culture through dance, art, literature, music, film, theatre, food, sport, workshops and cultural tours.

Giiyong means 'come to welcome' in Dhurga, the language local to the Eden and

Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council co-

ordinator Les Kosez, said the word reflects what the festival will represent.

"It's about all people coming together, celebrating our culture and sharing experiences," Mr Kosez said.

The festival will be produced by South East Arts, Twofold Aboriginal Corporation and Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council, with funding from Create NSW.

South East Arts manager Andrew Gray said the festival "will give more visibility to the Aboriginal history and culture of the south east and the talented Aboriginal artists and performers living in our region".

Twofold Aboriginal Corporation chief officer Chris Bird said the vision for the festival is to create an inclusive place where Aboriginal people of the Twofold Bay Region are proud of their heritage and are part of the local

"We want to end the cycle of poverty in our community and create a real future for our children," Mr Bird said.

"This festival will engender pride in the strong culture that exists here.

Many events have occurred at Jigamy since the 1970s and the Giiyong Festival will be an opportunity to showcase culture and talent from all over Australia and the Torres Strait, and will be the first all-encompassing Aboriginal festival for South East NSW."

For more information, visit www.southeastarts.org.au/giiyong



Euphemia Bostock and Blak Douglas officially open the exhibition.

# **Boomali ready** to boom again



A LARGE group turned out for the official opening of this year's Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative

Members Show.s

The exhibition, at Boomalli in Leichhardt in Sydney, continues until July 2. It showcases the diversity and creativity of Boomalli's artist

Those exhibiting include Nicole Renee Phillips, Jeffrey Samuels,

Arone Meeks, Euphemia Bostock, Graeme Walker, Gordon Hookey, Sharon Smith, Danielle Gorogo, Cassandra Jones, Deborah Taylor, Graham Toomey, Danny Eastwood, Aunty Marlene Hinch, Adrienne Duncan, Aunty May Hinch, Lola Binge, Alin Duncan, Shirley Amos, Charmaine Davis, Oral Roberts, Jai Walker, Sheryl Connors-Young, Joe Hurst and Blak Douglas.

For more details, go towww.boomalli.com.au

# Grooming a voice



WIRADJURI artist Amala Groom, has been elected unopposed as the first

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander director on the board of the National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA).

Groom's art practice is multi-disciplinary and project based, focusing on contemporary social and political commentary.

Amala Groom is a New South Wales-based conceptual artist whose practice is informed by Aboriginal ways of being.

"It is both an honour and a privilege to have been nominated to hold the first dedicated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander director's position on the NAVA board," she said.
"I bring to the role botl

"I bring to the role both my personal expertise as a practitioner and my background in Aboriginal political and legal advocacy.

"My voice is one of the many thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander visual artists, curators, writers, agents, academics and arts workers.

"I aim to work with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander visual arts community, as it is the collective voice that this role requires the mandate to be both culturally appropriate and representative."

NAVA is the national peak body protecting and promoting the professional interests of the Australian visual and media arts, craft and design sector.

Pictured: Amala Groom.



# Reading more into the backbone of identity



A SERIES of stories by Aboriginal authors and illustrators is being featured in new primary school teacher

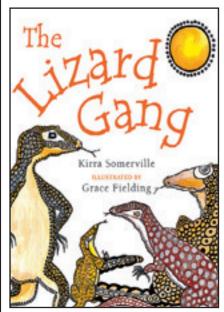
resources online at Reading Australia.

The new resources, created by Western Australian Indigenous publisher Magabala Books with Reading Australia, will help to bring the work of Indigenous authors into classrooms around the country.

Magabala Books publisher Rachel Bin Salleh said 15 resources are being developed, with the help of a \$33,550 grant from the Copyright Agency's cultural fund.

"There's a mix of traditional and contemporary stories," she told the *Koori Mail.* 

"We've got stories that have been



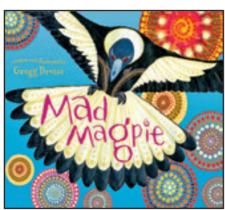
The Lizard Gang by Kirra Somerville, illustrated by Grace Fielding.

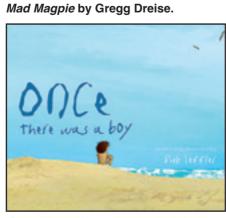
around for a long time – classics – that are in traditional forms. We've also got contemporary stories.

"Some of the contemporary stories are from Aboriginal storytellers but don't necessarily have Aboriginal themes but that doesn't make them any less of an Aboriginal story.

"We want to bust open some of the preconceived ideas of what Aboriginal people should be and write about."

The Reading Australia website provides guides for teachers to use the texts in their classrooms.





Once There Was a Boy by Dub Leffler.

Ms Bin Salleh said the most important thing about the books chosen is that they're "Aboriginal titles by Aboriginal people".

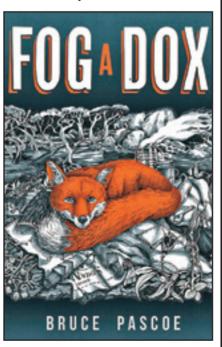
"We want to get as broad a range as possible for kids at all levels," she said

"This will help get an accurate representation of what cultural life is."

The Copyright Agency's chief officer Adam Suckling said he would love to see the program expanded into high schools as well.

"Indigenous Australian stories are an absolutely core part of Australia's national creative landscape and are an important curriculum priority for teachers," he said.

"Australian stories are the backbone of Australia's creative national identity."



Fog a Dox by Bruce Pascoe.

# Exploring heavenly rewards on earth



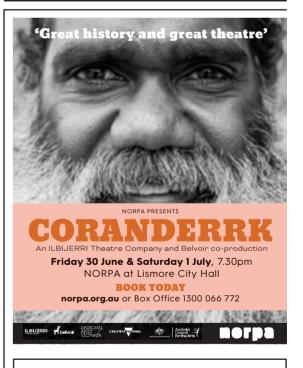
STUDENTS from the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) will have their mid-year showcase from June 21-23 at the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Art in Brisbane.

Over three nights, students will perform works under the banner of 'Heaven & Earth', exploring what happens when the 'Earth moves us to passion and makes promises of heavenly rewards — who will hold our hand and what will hold us back?'

ACPA chief officer Dimitri Kopanakis said the showcase allows students to experience performing in a professional venue.

"We provide an excellent vocational education that is industry-relevant, with a strong emphasis on public performances to build confidence," he said. "Our mid-year showcase is not only an opportunity for students' families to watch their progress, but also for ACPA's corporate and community supporters to see how they're helping our students to shine."

More details on the program at www.judithwrightcentre.com/event/heaven\_earth



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# Taking the next steps onward



MORE than 150 Indigenous school students have received scholarships for their leadership and academic achievements in a ceremony at the University of Southern Queensland's Springfield campus.

The scholarships were funded through the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF), which works with USQ to host the event as part of National Reconciliation Week.

USQ's Professor Stephen Winn welcomed hundreds of USQ staff, students, local Elders and community members to the gathering.

Prof Winn said 67 Indigenous students graduated from USQ in 2016, and 569 were currently enrolled, including Bachelor of Education student Zachariah Glover who was MC at the Springfield event

Mr Glover, a former QATSIF scholarship recipient, reflected on his personal journey and spoke about the value of finishing high school and starting tertiary education.

QATSIF director Professor Cindy Shannon thanked USQ for hosting the event. "It was a chance for everyone to reflect on past wrongs and to celebrate and encourage our future leaders to take the next steps towards reconciliation by building a better future for Indigenous Australians," she said.

QATSIF has awarded more than 3500 Queensland Certificate of Education scholarships to young Indigenous students in more than 230 high schools across the state.



QATSIF Professor Cindy Shannon, USQ Professor Stephen Winn, USQ Professor Tracey Bunda and USQ Manager Dr Roberta Greimel are with Springfield Central State High School students and QATSIF scholarship recipients Savannah Proud and Jordan Hall.



# Program is a first



THE University of Adelaide has launched a new program for Indigenous high school students aimed at helping

Year 12 and go on to study at

The Karnkanthi Indigenous Education Program, the first of its kind in Australia, has been developed for high-achieving Indigenous students in Years 11 and 12. The program runs with high school curriculums and is designed to provide students with academic development, cultural knowledge and perspectives as well as building resilience to overcome challenges.

Karnkanthi (pronounced 'Garnganthi') means 'lifting up' in Kaurna

The program is about ensuring young Indigenous people receive

the preparation they need to thrive during their final years of high school, and see a clear pathway into university," said Professor Shane Hearn, dean of Indigenous Research and Education Strategy at the University of Adelaide.

for many high-achieving Indigenous students, performance drops off in their senior years as everyday life becomes more challenging. They try to fit in with peers, they lose motivation, or because of society pressures and negative stereotyping.

"We want to highlight that there are a cohort of Indigenous students demonstrating excellence, who could be future PhD students, great school teachers, doctors, lawyers and strong community leaders.'

Students participating receive access to up to \$26,000 in private tutoring, a \$5000 student development scholarship; individually tailored academic,

personal and career development; a computer tablet; and financial support for travel and accommodation.

The program also works with families and communities of participants, to enhance their with their studies.

Another feature is experiential learning and development students are encouraged to participate in career-related experiences.

Hannah Brooks, 17, took part in a pilot of Karnkanthi earlier this year. Through the program she was able to go to Canberra to meet ministers in Parliament.

Hannah was one of 50 Indigenous students from across Australia chosen to go on the trip, where she was able to speak with politicians and meet young Indigenous people with similar career goals.

"It was great to meet

Indigenous people who want to follow the same path as me and who strive to do well," said Hannah, a member of the Wathaurong (from Geelong, Victoria) and Butchulla (Fraser Island - K'gari Queensland)

She joined the Karnkanthi pilot program after making the move from her high school to University Senior College.

Through the program Hannah says she has been able to access tutoring support, which has had a big impact on her results and confidence.

"Since starting the program and University Senior College, my grades have lifted and I feel more prepared to take on university next year," she said.

For more information on the Karnkanthi Indigenous Education Program see: www.adelaide.edu.au/ wirltu-yarlt

### **Canberra** university position for author



**AWARD-winning** author and social commentator **Anita Heiss has** 

joined the University of Canberra as a postdoctoral

The Wiradjuri woman has stepped into the newly created position set up by the University's **Ngunnawal Centre and** the Centre for Creative and Cultural Research (CCCR).

In her role, Dr Heiss will work to build knowledge and foster the appreciation of Indigenous studies and the cultural and social significance of writing.

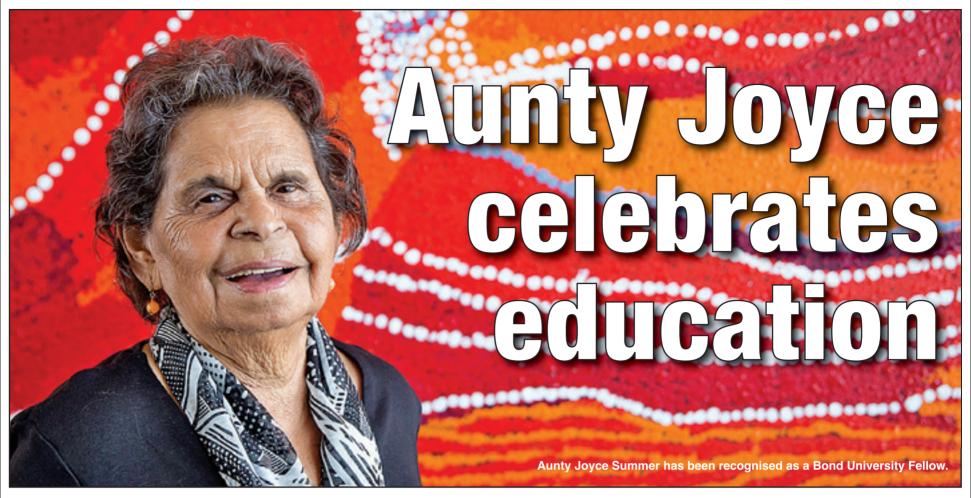
She will work closely with the university's Associate **Professor Tony Eaton on** exploring children's literature.

Dr Heiss, who has written and edited more than 15 books across genres, said she was thrilled to be joining the University of Canberra.

"I'm very proud and grateful to have this affiliation with the University of Canberra," Dr Heiss said.

"I think UC is a leader when it comes to Indigenous education.

"I know there are fantastic things going on there and I'm excited to be part of it."





AT the age of 68, **Aunty Joyce** Summers completed a degree in Indigenous Studies.

It's because of her passion for education that the Gold Coast Aboriginal Elder has been recognised as a Bond University Fellow.

Aunty Joyce received the honorary title from the Gold Coast-based university in

recognition of her significant contribution, particularly in the development of Bond's Nyombil Indigenous Support Centre.

Born on Ukerabah Island, an Aboriginal reserve on the Tweed River, Aunty Joyce was involved in the community fight to save the island from development, alongside her brother Cedric Morgan and the late Senator Neville Bonner, Australia's first Indigenous Member of Parliament.

She was chair of Gold Coast

City's NAIDOC celebrations in 2015 and has received a Premier's Award in recognition of her community work.

Aunty Joyce said she looked forward to continuing to work with Bond University and its growing Indigenous student

"I think it is wonderful that Bond has so many Indigenous students studying here, and such a high retention rate of these students," she said.

"I'm a humble person. You do

things out of the goodness of your heart and don't expect accolades, but I feel truly honoured to be recognised as a Fellow of Bond University."

Bond vice-chancellor Tim Brailsford said Aunty Joyce had been instrumental in the support and growth of the Nyombil centre, including mentoring Bond's Indigenous students.

"Aunty Joyce has helped establish many committees and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations on the

Gold Coast and is an advocate for the healing of relationships between Indigenous peoples and others through understanding and tolerance," he said. "She is committed to the advancement of Indigenous people and places a high value on the importance of education.

"She has always made herself available to the university, and indeed myself, to give spiritual advice and guidance on the ways and culture of Indigenous people."

# Scholarships set to delve into the heart



WESTERN Sydney University and GE Healthcare will offer a scholarship for Indigenous people looking to enrol in the university's Graduate Diploma of Cardiac Sonography.

Valued at \$10,000 a year over the two years of the degree, the scholarship will provide financial help for the students studying how to use ultrasound-acquired images to identify and measure heart disease.

School of Medicine dean Professor Annemarie Hennessy says the scholarship will provide much-needed assistance for Indigenous students who may otherwise lack the means to pursue tertiary education.

"Cardiovascular disease is a major cause of

death in Australia, and diagnosing and properly treating existing conditions will make a big difference to the health outcomes of the region, and also the nation," she said. "It is our hope these scholarship recipients will not only help combat cardiovascular disease in Australia, but also to one day become medical leaders in the community.'

GE Healthcare president Matt Tucker said there already was a higher than acceptable prevalence of Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) in ATSI communities.

"We hope that the skills learned at Western Sydney University bring a positive change to this situation," Mr Tucker said.

For more information, email scholarships@westernsydney.edu.au

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### Summer school on way



**APPLICATIONS** for the upcoming **ASSETS** summer

schools for **Indigenous Year 10 students** close this Friday (June 16). The ASSETS summer

schools, which focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects, will run in Adelaide, Newcastle and Townsville in December and January 2018. **ASSETS program** 

manager Jen Parsons said the nine-day residential schools focus on how STEM and Indigenous culture intertwine.

For more information or to apply visit www.csiro.au/en/Education/ Programs/

# Aunty Pam won't stop for cancer



**YORTA YORTA** woman Pam Pedersen. from

Melbourne, won't let anything get in the way of her busy, active lifestyle.

Not even a breast cancer diagnosis.

**Aunty Pam's doctor told** her she had breast cancer last year while she was in the midst of organising the AFL's Sir Doug Nicholls Indigenous round, which was named after her father.

"I was shocked," she told the Koori Mail.

"I said to my doctor I'm too busy for breast cancer. I've got no time to worry about that.

"Then when I found out the dates I was meant to start treatment I said it'll have to wait, because that's NAIDOC."

Aunty Pam is also a keen runner and said the diagnosis simply inspired her to train harder.

"I wanted to feel good so I trained right up until I started treatment," she said.

"I trained four to five times a week before the diagnosis so when I found out I trained even harder. I'm still training.

"I haven't been going as hard recently because I'm getting tired. I'm 74 years old. But I competed in my 20th Mother's Day Classic

**Aunty Pam decided when** she was 50 that she wanted to get active. She said she's never missed a Mother's Day Classic Run, and she doesn't plan to any time soon.

"I've been running ever since I decided to do something about my health," she said.

"I started on short distances, then I got to 10km, then up to 20km. Since the breast cancer I've slowed down a bit though.

My goal is to do the Blackmores Bridge Run in September, which is 10km. "I've been invited by the **Breast Cancer Network to** lead the run."

Aunty Pam is involved in many aspects of her community - volunteering, advocating, and telling her

She said she hopes her story of survival and healthy lifestyle change encourages others to make good decisions.

Aunty Pam said she wants to help other Aboriginal women who have survived or been diagnosed with breast cancer to feel supported.

'You don't see much about our people with cancer so I want them to know they are not alone," she said.

Aunty Pam said first and foremost, it is important to be happy, healthy and fit.

"You've got to look after yourself and eat healthy,' she said. "I try to be a role model in my community. I've got my local Aboriginal Health Service behind me, supporting me and that's also very important."



Aunty Pam ahead of her 20th Mother's Day Classic Run in Melbourne.

# Sights on smoking



MUCH more is needed to target smoking in Indigenous communities.

That's the message from Cancer Council Australia and the National Heart Foundation in the wake of World No Tobacco Day (May 31).

The organisations say tobacco is the number-one preventable cause of the life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and other Australians, with 20% of deaths in the Indigenous population caused by smoking.

Cancer Council chief officer Professor Sanchia Aranda said Indigenous Australians were three times more likely to die of preventable causes as non-Indigenous Australians, with smoking the number one reason for the disparity.

"Currently 39% of Indigenous Australians smoke, compared with 12.8% of the general Australian population. In remote communities, this rises to 60%.

Every year, World No Tobacco Day highlights the harms of tobacco and unifies nations to take action. Professor Aranda said this year's theme was 'Tobacco - a threat to development', and that that tobacco remained a serious threat to the development of Australia's Indigenous population.

"Australia is a relatively wetalthy country and a leader in tobacco control," Professor Aranda said.

### Deadly choices can be smoke-free

HE Institute for Urban Indigenous Health is continuing its mission to increase the number of smoke-free Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households in Queensland.

The institute's Deadly Places, Smoke-Free Spaces campaign encourages households to sign a pledge to declare their home, car and workplace deadly,

smoke-free spaces.
Institute chief executive Adrian Carson is keen to build on the impact he says the

'Environmental tobacco smoke poses considerable risk to those who come into contact with it," he said. "The Deadly Places, Smoke-Free Spaces campaign is educating



community about these risks and how to reduce them.

"The campaign has been tracking the number of Indigenous households in Queensland who have pledged to create Deadly, Smoke-Free Spaces, as twell as the number of individuals directly impacted by these commitments.

"We want even more

Indigenous people throughout south-east Queensland and across wider Queensland to benefit from establishing deadly, smoke-free spaces.

Rugby league great
Steve Renouf, a father of
four, says the campaign has played an important role in reducing the exposure that Indigenous people have to tobacco smoke.

"Smoking not only makes smokers sick, it can make their friends and family sick," he said.

smoke-free spaces should be a priority for our community, and this campaign makes it easy to do."

More details at www.deadlychoices.com.au

expectancy gap. "We have seen some improvements in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island smoking rates, which have dropped from almost 49% in 2002 to just under 39% "The Tackling Indigenous

Mr Swanson said

successive Australians governments had been

recognition of the

relationship between

smoking and the life

addressing the issue, but

more needed to be done in

Smoking program and its 'Don't Make Smokes your Story' campaigns are excellent government investments, but we need to do more to reach people in remote communities.

"We also need more funding for public education campaigns for the general community, which have been shown to benefit Indigenous

people in particular.

"For the general population, smoking is still the leading cause of preventable disease and death in Australia.

"World No Tobacco Day is a timely reminder that while Australia has come a long way when it comes to tobacco control - there is still so much more we can do, particularly for our Indigenous population.'

"However, the smoking rates and health outcomes in many Indigenous communities are comparable to some of the world's poorest nations.

"The developing world bears most of the disease burden from tobacco and is exploited by the tobacco industry.

National Heart Foundation tobacco control spokesperson Maurice Swanson said it was no coincidence that preventable death rates among Indigenous general population - just as smoking rates are. "Health disparities in Indigenous populations also relate to many other conditions associated with disadvantage. But if we could break the cycle of smoking, poor health and early death, we could make the greatest difference in closing the gap on life expectancy - and deliver additional benefits to health and wellbeing.'

Australians are three times those of the

# Working together in health



MILDURA will host the trial of an innovative model of providing mental health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

people who have come in contact with the criminal justice system.

Focusing on people with moderate to severe mental illness and disorders, the two-year collaborative project aims to reduce the number of repeat offenders by offering integrated services such as clinical mental health services, drug and alcohol counselling and case management.

Known as the Mildura Aboriginal Mental Health Consortium, the project aims to reduce the rate of recidivism by ensuring people get access to relevant services, rather than falling through the cracks or only accessing services in a crisis.

Led by the Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS), in partnership with the Mildura Base Hospital Mental Health Service and the Mallee Family Care Community Mental Health Support Services, the project has been designed to address a known gap in the region.

Mildura has an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population of 3.7% of the total population, compared to 0.7% for Victoria and in 2014-15 had the highest number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander offenders per Community Correctional Services location in Victoria.

Mildura has had a Koori Court since July 2005 and in August 2016 Mildura became one of only three regions with a



Outside the new SEWB Hub are MDAS social and emotional wellbeing team (front to back) Ross Hensgen, Des Smith, Mary Baker, Richard Vaughan, Darlene Thomas and Sue Irving

County Koori Court.

Mildura Base Hospital director of mental health services David Kirby said there is a poor uptake of mental health services by

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the region, except in crisis.

"This project provides the hospital with the opportunity to begin working with people earlier, before they reach crisis point and while they are being supported by MDAS," Mr Kirby said.

MDAS chief officer Rudy Kirby said these three mental health service providers each has a defined role and can now streamline their services to provide coordinated access to mental health support for those who need it, thanks to funding of \$935,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services.

As the lead agency, MDAS will employ project staff and be the key point of contact

The project will sit within the Social and Emotional Wellbeing/Mental Health Service with service delivery to be from the MDAS Wellbeing Hub located in Orange Avenue Mildura, where project staff will be based. Intake and referral processes will be undertaken by MDAS in cooperation with Mildura Base Hospital Mental Health

Mildura Base Hospital will provide clinical governance and oversight of the mental health assessment and treatment provided as part of the service model, with a Psychiatric Registrar to be contracted. The Aboriginal Health Unit at Mildura Base Hospital will also be a point of referral into this project for Aboriginal clients.

Mallee Family Care's Community Mental Health Support Services will provide referrals and bring a community-driven approach to the services.

Recruiting for positions is now under way, with the project to be operating later this year.



# Check your heart



TO celebrate Heart Week, the Pilbara Aboriginal Heart Health Program held an event at the Gurlu Gurlu Maya Centre in Roebourne.

The Pilbara Aboriginal Heart Health Program is delivered by the Heart Foundation, specifically designed to promote heart health in Aboriginal people

Roebourne people took part in education sessions about high blood pressure, walked around Roebourne Oval and shared their own journeys with

Beverley Taylor, from Roebourne, has suffered five heart attacks, and the first time it was her 12-year-old daughter who helped save her life.

"When I saw my mum in the backyard I didn't know what was wrong. She was not herself and she was sore so I took her to the hospital," Beverley's

Despite being just 12, Tessie drove her mother to the hospital where Beverley received medical attention quickly. "It's made me more serious about looking after my heart. It's important," Tessie said.

Beverley said she initially felt a tingling in her arm and realised she was having a heart attack.

"My daughter saved my life because she got me to the hospital so quick," she said. "They flew me straight to Perth and I had two stems put in because I had a blockage in my heart.

"I now have six stems and I've had five heart attacks since."

Beverley said her heart attacks were all caused by stress, a leading cause of heart attacks.

"I want people in the community to know you should always be healthy and get check-ups," she said

"When you have heart attacks it slows you down in life.'

Pilbara Aboriginal Heart Health Program's Monteza Heard said an active, healthy lifestyle can prevent heart problems, and she says 30 minutes of physical exercise a day and healthy eating are important.

"We are encouraging everybody to have regular health checks and that of course includes a blood pressure check," she said.

Heart attack symptoms can include neck pain, feeling tired, tingling sensations, pain in the jaw or back, feeling cold or clammy and dizziness and light headedness.

For more information go to heartfoundation.org.au

## **Returning to** country for dialysis



A NEW agreement between the Northern **Territory Government and Western Desert Dialysis (the Purple House)** will significantly improve the lives of many remote community with end-stage renal failure.

The agreement allows Western Desert Dialysis to operate the new dialysis units being built in the communities of Docker River, Papunya and Mount Liebig.

It has been hailed as a much-needed major step forward for people needing life-saving treatment.

"We are very excited about this opportunity for community-controlled dialysis at these sites, Western Desert Dialysis chief executive Sarah Brown, who was recently named Nurse of the Year, said.

'The families of dialysis patients have been advocating for these services for over a decade.

'This is welcome recognition from the NT Government that there are considerable advantages to helping people to return to country for dialysis.

'It means patients can be with family and remain a part of their communities rather than being forced to live in regional centres. It is also recognition of the significance of the work of Western Desert Dialysis."

NT Health Minister Natasha Fyles said dialysis on country is a major priority for remote communities and their leaders who see this as a critical service to ensure cultural continuity.

Western Desert Dialysis has a 12-year history providing services in central Australia and lobbied strongly for the Commonwealth funding used to build the three remote dialysis units.

"This partnership is great recognition of the work Western Desert Dialysis does in central Australia, work that has gained them national recognition for excellence in governance."

The dialysis units and dialysis nurse accommodation are expected to be completed later this year.

# ATONAL GALENDAR FORTNIGHTLY NATIONAL INDIGENOUS NEWSPAPER - 100% ABDRIGINAL-OWNED 100% SELF-FUNDING.



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/

Until July 16: Applications open for the ASSETS (Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Science and Technology) Program. ASSETS is part of a joint project by CSIRO and BHP Billiton Foundation which gives 105 Indigenous Year 10 students the opportunity to participate in allexpenses paid, nine-day summer school held in Townsville, Newcastle or Adelaide and on ongoing leadership and support program as they complete Years 12 and 12. Details: Ashleigh Fortington on 0472 840 155 or visit www.csiro.au/indigenous-ASSETS

Until July 7: Coranderrk 2017 National Tour. A co-production by Ilbijerri Theatre Company and Belvoir. Details: Full tour dates visit www.ilbijerri.com.au

#### **Victoria**

Until June 24: Footscray Art Prize exhibition. Showcasing works shortlisted for the major prize. Held at Footscray Community Arts Centre (Roslyn Smorgon Gallery and Gabriel Gallery), 45 Moreland Street, Footscray from Mon-Fri, 9.30am-5.00pm, Sat 10am-4pm. Details: (03) 9362 8888 or visit www.footscray.com

Until July 8: Christian Thompson: Ritual Intimacy exhibition. Held at Monash University Museum of Art (MUMA), Caulfield campus, Tue-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat, noon-5pm. Details: (03) 9905 4217 or visit www.monash.edu.au/muma

#### **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



Artists from South Australia's APY Art Centre Collective will be at the Blak Markets on July 2.

### **Blak Markets return to Barangaroo for NAIDOC**

THE Blak Markets will return to Barangaroo Reserve in Sydney for a special Aboriginal art market as part of NAIDOC celebrations.

Aboriginal artists from 11 remote Australian arts centres will bring their artworks, sculptures, textiles and accessories to Sydney for the market, from 11am-5pm on July 2.

There will be Tjanpi weaving workshops, as well as demonstrations of Rarrk painting and pandanus weaving.

Event organiser Lyndsay Urquhart, from First Hand Solutions, said it was an "exciting first" for the Blak Markets.

"It will be a rare opportunity for Sydneysiders to buy high quality Aboriginal art directly from a diverse range of artists from remote art centres across Australia," she said.

The open-air market will also feature more than 30 stalls; bush tucker cooking demonstrations by Indigiearth and Jody Orcher; live music by Jessie Lloyd and Emma Donovan, Jarjum, and Freshwater; Aboriginal dance performances by Thikkabilla (Dubbo), Yadhamayi (Central Coast), and Wagana (Greater Sydney); language and culture workshops; Aboriginal Cultural Tours of Barangaroo Reserve; and a Tribal Warrior tour to Goat Island.

The Blak Markets are organised by First Hand Solutions, an Aboriginal social enterprise dedicated to providing hands-on solutions to issues faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait

For more information about the NAIDOC Blak Markets at Barangaroo in the city, visit www.barangaroo.sydney

**Now Showing:** *Indigenous* Artworks from the Collection exhibition. A 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

Until June 18: Djuki Mala performance. Held at the Sydney Opera House. Cost: \$39.90 a person. Details: (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.sydneyoperahouse.com

Until June 18: Sydney Film Festival. The 64th Sydney Film Festival in partnership with Screen Australia's Indigenous Department continues support for First Nations storytelling from Australia and around the world. Tickets on sale now. Details: 1300 733 733 or visit off.org.au

Until June 23: Keeping It Real for the Youth Space! Activities include bike/scooter repairs, set-agoal, painting and drawing. Held at Suite 1/72 Conway Street, Lismore (back studio area) on Tue, Thurs and Fri from 10am-4pm. Details: Rekindling the Spirit on (02) 6622 5534.

Until June 25: Hot Brown Honey show. Held at the Sydney Opera House. Cost: \$45.90 a person. Details: (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.sydneyoperahouse.com

Until June 30: Impact touring exhibition. Examines the long-term effects and ongoing presence of colonisation on First Nation

communities in Australia and the Pacific region. Held at University of Technology Gallery, 702 Harris Street, Ultimo. Details: (02) 9514

Until July 2: Boomalli Members Show 2017. Showcasing the diversity and creativity of Boomalli's Artsist members.

Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, 55-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt from wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.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/visitus/exhibitions/

**Until September 22:** Entries open for the Grafton Regional Gallery's 2017 Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award.

Details: David Bancroft on (02) 66 0230 or 0429 104 118 or visit www.clarence.nsw.gov.au

June 16: Cooks River Culture and Country event. Celebrate Aboriginal stories and associations with the Cooks River through sharing traditional and contemporary knowledge.

Held at Addison Road Community Centre, Marrickville, from 9am-4pm. Free event, bookings are essential. Details: (02) 9748 9644 or visit www.culture\_country.eventbrite.

June 21: Ten Years' Resistance NT Intervention forum and discussion. Facilitated by Jeff McMullen, includes guest speakers. Held at Redfern Community Centre, 29-53 Hugo Street, Redfern from 6pm. Details: www.stoptheintervention.org

June 24: Stop the NT Intervention rally and march. Includes speakers from the Northern Territory. Meet at Archibald Fountain North end of Hyde Park and march to Redfern Park from 1.30pm. Details: Cathy on 0422 385 852 or visit

www.stoptheintervention.org

June 28, 29 and 30: NAISDA Dance production Ngangga Ya (Speaking to the Future). Three shows only. Held at The Art House, Wyong, from 8pm. Tickets: www.thearthousewyong.com.au Details: (02) 4335 1485

June 30-July 1: Coranderrk production. At a Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry in 1881; the men and women of the Coranderrk Aboriginal Reserve went head-tohead with the Aboriginal Protection Board. Show will be held at NORPA, Lismore City Hall, Bounty Street, Lismore from 7.30pm. Cost: \$20-\$55. Details: 1300 066 772 or visit ww.norpa.org.au

June 30-July 1: DirtyFeet's Out of the Studio, a dance platform for young choreographers and dancers to get their work out to audiences. Held at Shopfront Arts Co-op, 88 Carlton Parade, Carlton, NSW from 2pm and 7.30pm. Cost: \$10, \$15,

and \$20. To book tickets and for more information go to www.trybooking.com/PXQF

July 1-2: Giiyong Writers' Forum. A two-day forum celebrating Aboriginal writers and stories, showcasing the diverse nature of Indigenous writing within Australia. Held at Jigamy Farm, Eden, NSW from 9am-6pm. Details: South East Arts on (02) 6492 0711 or visit www.southeastarts.org.au/giiyong

July 7: Awabakal 40 Year Anniversary dinner. An opportunity to celebrate the milestone with the wider Awabakal community. Held at the Starlight Room, Wests New Lambton, Newcastle. Tickets are limited with bookings to the event now open. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.awabakal.org Details: Ashleigh Milne on (02) 4324 6962

#### Queensland

Until June 25: Cultural Collective: Looking Forward, Looking Back. Selected works from the Kenny Bedford collection, curated by Brian Robinson. Held at Tanks Art Centre (Tank 4), Cairns Regional Council, 46 Collins Ave, Edge Hill, Mon-Fri, 9am-4.30pm and Sat-Sun, 10am-2.30pm. Free. Details: Email kennybedford@hotmail.com

Until June 25: My Country, I Still Call Australia Home touring exhibition. It includes artworks from the Queensland Gallery of Modern Art's holding of Indigenous Australian painting, sculpture, fibre art, prints and photography, featuring more than 25 works by 20 artists. Held at Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland, Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm, Sun 9am-2pm. Free Admission. Details: (07) 3829 8899

Until June 25: Nandeebie Dreemz exhibition. Presents the work and stories of First Nations peoples from around the world. Held at Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland, Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm, Sun 9am-2pm. Free Admission. Details: (07) 3829

June 17: Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts open day. Held at Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Art, 420 Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane from 10am-1pm. Free. Details: (07) 3216 1490 or visit www.acpa.edu.au

#### **Western Australia**

**Until September 3:** Right Wrongs: 1967 Referendum - The WA Stories. Right Wrongs reimagines understanding of the 1967 referendum and its impact on wno 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**

August 8: Link-Up SA Family History Workshops 2017. Workshops are designed to help wait-listed clients of Link-Up SA and other interested people to begin researching their family history. Held at Nyunkuwarrin Yunti of SA Inc, 182-190 Wakefield Street, Adelaide. Details: Karen (08) 8406 1695.

# Time to track new paths



CAREERTRACKERS has signed a 10-year agreement with 10 universities as part of its University 10x10 Initiative, aiming to improve the education and job prospects for Indigenous students.

USQ's College of Indigenous Studies, Education and Research (CISER) is one of the organisations to sign the agreement with CareerTrackers, a national non-profit organisation.

CISER operational support manager Phillip Dreise said it was another example of USQ's dedication to promoting higher levels of participation in tertiary education.

"This is great for our students – even more support to assist them gain employment in their chosen field," he said.

The initiative aims to assist Indigenous students transitioning into university, supporting them with an internship with the intention of them entering the workforce after graduation.

A number of Indigenous students have already signed up to CareerTracker internships, with another group earmarked for next semester.

CareerTrackers works with Indigenous university students and private sector companies to create career pathways through structured internships.

It provides services to help students prepare for the workplace, including professional development training and creating a national network of Indigenous pre-professional university students.

For more information, visit www.usg.edu.au/ciser



# Finding the ways from school to work just got easier with NRL



SUPPORTING 500 Indigenous students a year to complete their studies and find jobs is the goal of

the National Rugby League (NRL) School to Work program.

The program, which began in 2012, has just received \$6.3 million in Federal Government funding to keep the program running until March 31, 2020.

The program works with Indigenous students in Years 11

and 12, helping them identify their career goals, complete high school and then transition into employment or further studies needed to help them achieve their ambitions.

NRL chief officer Todd Greenberg said the funding built on the NRL's strong track record of supporting First Australians into work.

"The NRL has the power to deliver change and there is no better example than the international award-winning School to Work program," Mr Greenberg said.

"School to Work has a 98% success rate of participants that finish high school transitioning into employment or further education.

"This funding will allow us to continue to deliver and grow the program in New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Queensland and Victoria.

Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Nigel Scullion sad the funding would allow the program to expand from assisting 250 students, to 500 students each year.

"This investment supports the Government's efforts to close the gap in education and employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, and our commitment to creating more opportunities for Australians to find jobs," Mr Scullion said.

Mr Greenberg said the NRL was proud to work in partnership with the Commonwealth

Government and use the league's loud voice and unique connection with Indigenous communities to deliver positive social change.

"The NRL and Commonwealth Government have a proud history of working together on initiatives that support Indigenous communities," he said.

"Whether it be the launch of NRL Cowboys House in Townsville, the Commonwealth Government's support of All Stars week or the NRL School to Work program."

# It's your guide to employment

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We're looking for all kinds of awesome, not just the experienced youth worker nuts. Youth or Disabilities worker sector practice is a bonus, not a necessity. What you must have is an ability to identify and navigate the complexities that influence people's lives and strive to improve equity for Aboriginal, Torres Strait and culturally linguistic young people.

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CLOSING DATE: 3pm, 16th June 2017

#### **COME ON YOU MOB HAVE A GO!**



#### **Senior Evaluator**

- Clerk Grade 9/10
- Temporary Full-time appointment for a period up to: 31 December 2018
- Position number and location: 198516 Bridge Street, Sydney

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), undertakes in-depth analysis of education programs and outcomes across early childhood, school, training and higher education to inform whole-of-government, evidence based decision making. Put simply, it seeks to find out what works best.

#### CESE's three main responsibilities are to:

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- collect essential education data and provide a one-stop shop for information needs a single access point to education data that has appropriate safeguards to protect data confidentiality and integrity.
- · build capacity across the whole education sector so that everyone can make better use of data and evidence.

More information about the Centre can be found at: (www.cese.nsw.gov.au).

#### About the role

The role will ensure Aboriginal cultural integrity and cultural requirements are met in the delivery of evaluation projects for major Government and departmental initiatives. The Senior Evaluator (Aboriginal) will liaise with internal and external stakeholders including Aboriginal communities, and in particular the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc., to promote the importance of evaluation and build the capacity for evaluation across the education sector in NSW.

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

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

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

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

#### Pre-screening questions:

- 1. Provide an example where you have led the implementation of a large evaluation or research project involving Aboriginal communities in which you managed stakeholder relationships, data collection and analysis and developed evaluation reports. (300 words)
- $2. \ \ Outline\ your\ experience\ in\ planning\ and\ developing\ evaluation\ or\ research\ frameworks\ that\ validated$ the authentic voice of the Aboriginal communities you engaged with. (300 words)

- Aboriginality
- Knowledge and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

#### **Applications Close: 28 June 2017**

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Human Resources - Mt Helen Campus

#### Part-time (0.6), continuing appointment.

You will be responsible for the implementation and day-to-day coordination of the University's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Employment Strategy, Policy and Procedure which is designed to attract ATSI people to access employment opportunities within the University and support, develop and retain current ATSI employees. You will also be responsible for advising Portfolios/Schools/Directorates on ATSI employment issues, marketing University vacancies to ATSI persons within the University's local communities and providing learning opportunities for University staff to better understand cultural and organisational sensitivities.

As the successful applicant, you will have a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of ATSI communities and cultures, including knowledge of the needs and aspirations of the Indigenous communities in relation to employment. You will also have demonstrated communication and interpersonal skills, including the ability to liaise and influence stakeholders from diverse professional backgrounds.

SALARY | \$64,270 to \$72,374 p.a. (pro-rata) plus 17% superannuation. Appointments will normally be at the base of the salary range.

In accordance with its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy, the University has designated this position as an Identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Position. Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE | Sunday, 2 July 2017.

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#### **Senior Project Officer Transitioning Aboriginal Children** to ACCO's Team



- Fixed term until 06 November 2018
- Full Time (76 hours per fortnight)
- Location: 50 Lonsdale Street. Melbourne VIC 3000
- \$90,890 to \$109, 969 plus superannuation

This is an exciting opportunity for a motivated person to work as part of a team and in partnership with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) to deliver on the government's commitment to Aboriginal self-determination and self-management, as outlined in the vision of the Aboriginal Children's Forum, Roadmap for Reform and Beyond Good Intentions statement. The position is located within a recently established team and is responsible for supporting ACCOs in Victoria to assume increased responsibility for vulnerable Aboriginal children including those in out-of-home care and the delivery of funded services. This is an eighteen month, fixed term opportunity to make a difference in the lives of Victorian Aboriginal children and young people, families and Aboriginal communities.

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- A person with strong relationship management and communication skills?
- Someone who has experience in delivering strategic projects?
- Knowledgeable and/or experienced in Victoria's statutory child protection system?

NB: this position is identified as designated role for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants only and is exempt under the Special Measures provision of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010.

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit; www.careers.vic.gov.au

or contact Beth Allen on (03) 9096 6189 Job Reference number: DHHS/CSPD/483813

Applications close: Midnight Wednesday 28 June 2017

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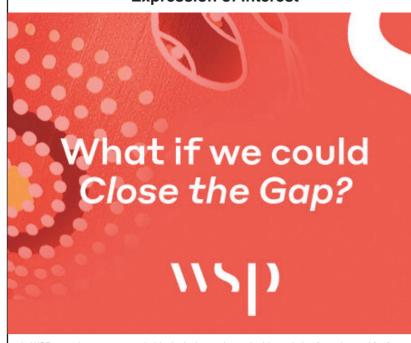
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If you would like to discuss this opportunity

iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 198516

#### **Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders: Expression of Interest**



At WSP we exist to create equitable, inclusive and sustainable societies for today and for future generations. In Australia, we acknowledge that our collaboration with communities includes the traditional land owners. We recognise the unique role that Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders play in Australia's heritage and our future.

We work with indigenous communities, Government and industry to create scale-change and that is our focus to 'Close the Gap'. As shared custodians of the built and natural environment, we can effect scale-change by addressing both indigenous participation in place-making and indigenous procurement in supply-chain management to create societies that are better aligned with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage.

We are taking action to create more opportunities in our business for indigenous Australians. We have roles ranging from under graduate level through to experienced consultants

We are proactively managing expressions of interest from suitably qualified candidates, through our Talent Team and local RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan) Champions. Please register you interest via our website and help to 'Close the Gap'. APPLY

With 36,000 talented people in more than 500 offices across 40 countries, we engineer projects that will help societies grow for lifetimes to come. At WSP we make extraordinary efforts to attract, develop, engage and retain the best professionals in our fields of expertise because this is what makes us great

Join us in doing purposeful, sustainable work that helps shape our communities and the future! Express your interest by clicking on the 'apply now' button. We will review all applications and be in touch to discuss suitable opportunities as they become available. Your application will be treated in strict confidence. APPLY NOW

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#### Postdoctoral Fellowship Melbourne Law School

Melbourne Law School (MLS) is Australia's first all-graduate law faculty. Melbourne Law School was the first faculty in Australia to teach law, and awarded this country's first law degrees.

#### About the role

Melbourne Law School (MLS) at the University of Melbourne, Australia's leading law school, invites applications from early career researchers across all sub-disciplines of law for a Melbourne Law School Postdoctoral Fellowship.

The MLS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is designed to support talented, recent doctoral graduates in law to establish and consolidate their research careers and contribute to the intellectually vibrant and research-intensive culture of Melbourne Law School

The fellowship provides an opportunity for dedicated research time within a supportive and collegial research environment. In addition, a small teaching component is an essential part of this program, thereby enabling the development of teaching skills and a teaching portfolio. The program provides research, teaching and academic career mentoring, and is designed to nurture the most promising early career researchers of any nationality in any area of law.

Fellowships will be awarded starting at Level A.6 in the University Salary Band (currently AUD87,415 plus a minimum 9.5% superannuation) with an additional AUD15.000 for project costs over the term of the 2 year fellowship

Indigenous Australians seeking support to apply for a vacancy are encouraged to contact the University by emailing their contact details and position number to law-hr@unimelb.edu.au

Applicants must review the Position Description in order to assess their eligibility to apply, to address the essential Selection Criteria and to obtain the Fellowship Key Responsibilities and Funding Conditions.

**Employment Type**: Full-time fixed term position for 2 years

**Salary**: AUD69,148\* – AUD93,830 p.a. (\*PhD Entry Level AUD87,415 p.a.) plus 9.5% superannuation

**Job No**: 0043369

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We are daringly disrupting the system and searching for like-minded renegades to join our ranks.

Transforming and empowering communities to enjoy longer, healthier lives is our mission

Sunshine Coast and Gympie are our playing fields and, positively passionate influencers are what we are looking for in our

Change-makers, risk-takers and status-quo-breakers must apply. No room here for screen-savers.

If you've got high-impact energy, suave side-steps to innovation and success and, have no aversion to flying head first into a new and exciting initiative, then join us in impacting the Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast and Gympie areas where families live, learn,

We're looking for all kinds of awesome, not just the experienced administration nuts. Administration or Business Support sector practice is a bonus, not a necessity. What you must have is an ability to identify and navigate the complexities that influence people's lives and strive to improve equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

#### Superpowers should include:

- 1. Doing good in the hood Your proven record of empowering communities rich in culture and diversity
- 2. Working together on and off the field Cape crusaders who can write up the game plan and get on great with the team, too.
- 3. Borderless thinking and creativity beyond the horizon Thought-challengers with dynamic and interdisciplinary skills.

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If you've got what it takes contact us for a selection criteria on (07) 5442 3992 or email bso@refocus.org.au and we'll shoot one to your inbox. A Key Selection Criteria must be received with your cover letter and resume or your application will be eliminated from the recruiting process.

CLOSING DATE: 3pm, 16th June 2017

#### **COME ON YOU MOB HAVE A GO!**



#### Leader, Community Engagement

- Clerk Grade 5/6
- Temporary Full-time Role up to: 29 June 2018
- Position number and location: 171971 Toomelah Public School

Total remuneration package: \$97,095 Package includes salary (\$79,384 - \$87,591), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Toomelah Public School is positioned in the heart of the Aboriginal community of Toomelah and sits alongside the Macintyre River on the NSW-QLD border. It is a Burrulbina Bamba (Strong & Smart) school with an enrolment of approximately 45 students, all of whom are Aboriginal. Toomelah Public School places an emphasis on providing students with a diverse range of learning experiences, and varied curriculum activities.

#### About the role

The position supports the implementation of strategic initiatives and programs in Connected Communities schools.

#### **Talent Pool**

A talent pool may be created through this recruitment process. A talent pool is a group of candidates who have undergone an assessment process and have identified suitable for this role or similar roles for a period of 12 months. Being part of a talent pool means that you may be considered for ongoing, temporary or term employment for a range of similar roles by submitting only one application. This offers exciting opportunities for you to gain a wide range of experiences to build your public

#### How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check. In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

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

#### Pre-screening questions:

- 1. Outline an example of a project that you have managed or have been significantly involved to improve outcomes for aboriginal people? 300 word maximum
- Outline examples of how you have linked with and consulted with the community 300 word maximum

#### **Essential Requirements:**

- Aboriginality
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal Education policies.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your

#### **Applications Close: 28 June 2017**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Margaret Sloan (Cobb) on (07) 4676 2223.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 171971





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- Commitment, enthusiasm and ability to provide exceptional levels of customer service with sensitivity to the needs of others.
- Accountability, integrity and honesty with the ability to maintain confidentiality of information
- Tertiary course or work experience in a relevant field, and / or VCE or equivalent.



www.magistratescourt.vic.gov.au Then visit www.careers.vic.gov.au to submit your resumé and the application form



**ACT Corrective Services Community Corrections Probation and Parole** 

#### **Aboriginal Client Support Officer**

**Administrative Services Officer Class 6** Salary Range: \$79,824 - \$91,356 (PN: 42733)

ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) for is seeking applications from highly motivated, values-driven professionals to join Community Corrections as their Aboriginal Client Support Officer (ACSO). This position provides a culturally sensitive service to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander offenders and clients, to ensure high level support.

You will provide advice to Probation and Parole Officers undertaking case management, in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients and communities. You will be required to attend interviews for offender case management, supervision, assessment and report purposes to ensure whether the offender would like the optional ACSO support to be available, and that the offender is comfortable with the process.

You will also build relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, stakeholders and other members of the community, improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander client relationships and trust, with Probation and Parole Officers and attend each ACT Circle Sentencing sitting to ensure quick responses to requests for assistance and advice.

To be successful in this role, you will be able to work collaboratively, compose and edit complex written material and demonstrate a high level of analytical and organisational skills. A capacity to meet deadlines is essential.

Contact Officer: Angela Brown (02) 6207 3994 angela.brown@act.gov.au

**Applications Close:** 23 June 2017

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#### **Administrative Officer**

Bega

Salary: \$27.90 - \$28.82 ph **Enquiries: Cara Steiner** 0429 468 090

**Closing Date:** 24 June 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 396062

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#### **Sexual Assault Counsellor**

Lemongrove Community Health Centre Primary Care & Community Health Permanent Full-Time Dependent on Qualifications Salary: \$75,109 - \$93,710 pa

Enquiries: Natasha McGing (02) 4734 2512

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#### **Closing Date:** 18 June 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 386844

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#### **ACT Corrective Services Custodial Operations**

#### **Trainee Correctional Officer**

#### **Correctional Officer Trainee**

Salary Range: \$44,421 (PN: 48809, Several)

ACT Corrective Services, Canberra, is looking for people with demonstrated life experience, personal integrity, self-confidence and exceptional communication skills to become Correctional Officers. An interest in community safety, the ability to operate effectively in a team, as well as having the capacity to deal with people from a wide range of cultures and backgrounds, is essential. We are keen to hear from women and from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Successful applicants will receive a training salary for the first 10 weeks (\$44,421). The starting salary following this training period will range between \$60,694 and \$72,377 per annum, plus superannuation and the potential for allowances. All of the training you will require to work as a Correctional Officer will be provided during the first 10 weeks of your employment. This includes everything from relevant legislation and policies, to report writing and dealing with challenging behaviours. You will complete the training with a genuine sense of accomplishment and confidence. You will also be supported to complete a fully funded, nationally recognised Certificate III in Correctional Practice during your first 12 months. Correctional Officers work across several work locations. Placement depends on operational requirements and each work location comprises different

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Applicants are required to submit five items: (1) ACT Government Application Cover Sheet; (2) statement addressing the selection criteria (no more than four pages); (3) a current resume; (4) the names and contact details of two referees; and (5) a copy of your Driver's Licence. Please ensure you submit all five items. Ideally, one of the referees should be a current supervisor. Candidates who are not currently working may use an immediate past supervisor. Candidates who are self-employed may use two customers to whom they have provided a service in the last 18 months. The recruitment process takes approximately three months. You will be notified if you do not progress from one stage to the next. There are four stages to this recruitment process: (1) initial application assessment; (2) psychometric (psychological aptitude) testing (please note, we are unable to provide feedback about the results of the psychometric test); (3) interview; and (4) referee assessment. Candidates who successfully complete each stage will undergo a medical assessment and a criminal history check and will be required to have a current Working with Vulnerable People Clearance upon commencement. Permanent and casual officers will be required to complete a Certificate III in Correctional Practice within the first 12 months. Current Correctional Officers of ACT Corrective Services will be required to undertake each stage of the recruitment process, including psychometric assessment; however, progression from one stage to the next is not assured and will depend on performance compared to all other candidates, including external candidates, assessed at each stage. To be eligible for permanent appointment, you must be an Australian citizen or a permanent resident of Australia (includes New Zealand citizens). For casual employment this is not a requirement. A current driver's licence is also required. Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011 may be required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable People registration refer to - <a href="https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a\_id/1804">https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a\_id/1804</a>.

Information Sessions: ACT Corrective Services will be hosting two information evenings for people interested in learning more about these opportunities. Senior ACT Correctives Services staff will team up with current Correctional Officers and staff from Community Corrections to talk about what it is like to work in a correctional environment. There will be plenty of opportunities to ask lots of questions. There will also be discreet opportunities to learn more about careers in corrections for women, young people and people from diverse backgrounds, as well as detail about the training. NORTHSIDE: 18:00pm - 19:30pm, Tuesday 13 June 2017, Canberra Labour Club, Belconnen. SOUTHSIDE: 18:00pm – 19:30pm, Tuesday 20 June 2017, Hellenic Club, Woden. REGISTRATION: You must register to attend one of the information evenings. Please telephone (02) 6205 1754 or email BSWDT@act.gov.au.

Note: Full-time and casual opportunities available. All positions are located in Canberra. For more information, please see the Frequently Asked Questions document available on the ACT Government jobs website. Applications close at 5pm on 30 June 2017.

Contact Officer: Megan Vincent (02) 6205 1754 bswdt@act.gov.au

Applications Close: 5:00pm 30 June 2017

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#### Aboriginal AOD Worker (Male)

- \* Live and work in Bega where you'll be surrounded by National Parks and only a 20 minute drive to the stunning Sapphire Coast!
- \* Attractive remuneration \$64,319 \$70,000 PLUS super, salary packaging options, mobile phone, and laptop!



Lyndon has a fantastic opportunity for a Male Aboriginal AOD Worker to join the Wandarma Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Service team in Bega, NSW on a full-time basis. In this role, you will be responsible for delivering drug and alcohol services and programs to Aboriginal individuals, families, groups and communities on the South Coast. Bring your understanding of service delivery approached for clients with mental health and substance abuse issues to this vibrant non-for-profit organisation. You will be joining a friendly, dose-knit team dedicated to the provision of high quality health care. This is you chance to make a real difference in the community and assist those affected by substance abuse!



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#### **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

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- To be known and accepted by the local Aboriginal community · Previous experience working in a Specialist Homelessness
- · 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

For questions and enquiries, please call 02 4732 2318 or email: ceoassistant@wcdvs.org.au

**CLOSING DATE: Friday 30th June 2017** 



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#### **CAREERS IN CHILD PROTECTION** SENIOR PRACTITIONER, FAMILY **SCOPING AND ENGAGEMENT**

**Department for Child Protection** 

Adelaide, CBD

Full-time, ongoing

Vac No: 2017-20777

\$77,752 - \$90,029 p.a. (AHP2)

The Senior Practitioner-Family Scoping is a role within the Department for Child Protection (DCP) and is accountable to the Supervisor Aboriginal Services for providing support to Aboriginal children, young people and their families.

The Senior Practitioner is responsible for scoping family and kin of Aboriginal children and young people who are at risk of entering the out of home care system or who are currently in commercial or residential care to transition back to family or kin. They are also responsible for ensuring scoping activities are of a high standard and quality and providing advice on scoping to the Family Scoping Team and other DCP staff.

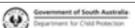
People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

For further information about the role and to submit your application please visit

www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/work-with-us

Enquiries to Ben Sanderson on (08) 8463 6186.

Applications close: 11pm, 23 June 2017







#### **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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#### HR Advisor (Identified)

- Juvenile Justice
- Department of Justice
- Temporary Full-Time (Initially 3 months)
- Clerk Grade 7/8 salary (\$90,215 \$99,862) plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading
- Location: Haberfield

The primary focus of the role is the design, development and delivery of community and/or custodial operational training programs and services, for the Division to contribute to the achievement of youth justice conferencing, custodial and community based services.

#### Applications Close: 18 June 2017 (11.59pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further William (Bill) Richards, Senior HR Advisor Operational Training on (02) 9797 3009 or at William.Richards@justice.nsw.gov.au

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 000058NF





#### Manager

#### **Transitioning Aboriginal Children** to ACCO's Team



Health and Human

- Fixed term until 17 October 2018
- Full Time (76 hours per fortnight)
- Location: 50 Lonsdale Street. Melbourne VIC 3000
- \$111,484 to \$149,188 plus superannuation

This is an exciting opportunity for a dynamic individual to work in partnership with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to deliver on the government's commitment to Aboriginal self-determination and self-management, as outlined in the vision of the Aboriginal Children's Forum, Roadmap for Reform and Beyond Good

The Manager will lead an established project team consisting of three project officers that will work along-side stakeholders to transition existing funding and initiatives for Aboriginal children in the child protection system from the department and Community Service Organisations (CSOs) to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs). Based in the department, the project will be overseen by an external governance group that includes the Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People and representatives from Aboriginal services.

This is fixed term opportunity to make a difference in the lives of Victorian Aboriginal children and young people, families and Aboriginal communities.

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- A strong people manager, with the ability to motivate staff in implementing strategic
- Experienced in working with Aboriginal organisations, particularly in the Victorian context?
- A good communicator, able to interact and negotiate with different types of people?
- Highly experienced in or knowledgeable about Victoria's statutory child protection

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit; www.careers.vic.gov.au

or contact Beth Allen on (03) 9096 6189

visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Job Reference number: DHHS/CSPD/477520

Applications close: Midnight Wednesday 28 June 2017

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#### Joint Management Coordinator (Aboriginal)

- Glenbrook
- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Vacancy Ref: 000059G5
- Employment Type: Temporary (1 role available)

Primary Purpose of the role: The Aboriginal Joint Management Coordinator, Greater Blue Mountains (JMC) will provide liaison, advice and support between the Boards of Management, the Gundungurra Indigenous Land Use Agreement Consultative Committee, Local Aboriginal Land Councils, the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), and other stakeholders to coordinate, develop and implement joint management programs across the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

**Note**: Please refer to the essential requirement in the role description.

Total Remuneration package: \$110,697 pa. Package includes salary (\$90,215 pa - \$99,862 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

#### **Applications Close:** Monday 19 June 2017 (11:59pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Jacqueline Reid on 0419 307 099.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 000059G5.



Health



#### **Senior Project Officer**

- West Division Health –
- Aboriginal Engagement Unit
- Salary Range \$90,890 \$109,969 + Superannuation
- Position is Ongoing/Full-time

Located in the West Division and reporting to the Manager, Aboriginal Engagement Unit, the Senior Project Officer has responsibility for supporting the work and priorities of the Unit and West Division Health, with a particular focus on improving health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal communities. The role includes undertaking complex writing tasks as well as leading on a variety of projects involving research and analysis on leading practice, improvement concepts and policy topics to support solutions development. The position will also be responsible for the implementation of the solutions supported by the West Division Executive. The role will also contribute considered expert impactful and incisive advice to diverse internal and external stakeholders, including the West Division Executive Team. This is an exciting opportunity to work in a dynamic and fast paced environment and would suit a proactive candidate who is driven to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal communities in the West Division.

- . An analytical and strategic thinker with the ability to think at both 'big picture' and 'detail' levels?
- Someone who is flexible forward thinker and able to identify and respond to new and emerging issues and changing priorities and demands?
- Someone with initiative and excellent conceptual, analytical, presentation and writing skills?
- A good problem solver who deals comfortably with complexity, ambiguity and

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit; www.careers.vic.gov.au

or telephone Mr Marcus Clarke on 0428 428 552

Job Reference number: DHHS/WWD/422115

Applications close: Midnight, Sunday 25 June 2017

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#### **Aboriginal Sexual Health Education Officer - PFT**

Classification: Aboriginal Health Worker Location: Homebush Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$50,349 - \$74,155 pa Enquiries: Jennifer Woodward (02) 9700 2166

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

#### Closing Date: 18 June 2017

commencement of the position.

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#### Casual Facilitator (Learn to Be Safe with Emmy and Friends)

Act for Kids is a prominent provider of free prevention, professional therapy and support services for children who have suffered abuse and support for families at risk. With over 20 centres nationally, we have supported thousands of children and their families for more than 28 years.

Learn to be safe with Emmy and friends is a series of evidenced based child-focused workshops that we deliver to children 5-7 years old in schools across Australia. The program is taught through weekly one hour workshops over five weeks to ensure kids understand and retain what they

In this casual Facilitator position you will promote, coordinate and deliver the Act for Kids' free universal Protective Behaviours program called Learn to Be Safe with Emmy and friends across primary schools in Cairns and surrounding suburbs. You will have a tertiary or partially completed degree in a relevant discipline (allied health, social work, human services, education) with an ability to coordinate the program delivery and resources at a local level. You will liaise with principals, early year's coordinators and teachers in relation to the program and deliver a program that maintains young children's enthusiasm throughout workshops.

To view the full position description, hourly rate and to submit a job application, please visit:

https://www.actforkids.com.au/careers.html

For more information contact Samantha Melching: samantham@actforkids.com.au or 0409 015 415.

Closing date: 23 June 2017



#### **Research and Policy Analyst**

- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Temporary Full-time appointment for a period up to: 31 December 2018
- Position number and location: 198699 Bridge Street, Sydney

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), undertakes in-depth analysis of education programs and outcomes across early childhood, school, training and higher education to inform whole-of-government, evidence based decision making. Put simply, it seeks to find out what works best.

#### CESE's three main responsibilities are to:

- provide data analysis, information and evaluation that improve effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of education programs and strategies.
- collect essential education data and provide a one-stop shop for information needs a single access point to education data that has appropriate safeguards to protect data confidentiality and integrity
- build capacity across the whole education sector so that everyone can make better use of data and evidence.

More information about the Centre can be found at: (www.cese.nsw.gov.au).

#### About the role

The role undertakes research and analysis to support the delivery of evaluation projects for major Government and departmental initiatives. Most of these evaluation projects will be conducted internally, with the team consisting of research and evaluation analysts and data analysts. Analysis is likely to include quantitative analysis of outcome data and survey data, as well as qualitative analysis of stakeholder interviews and group discussions.

#### How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

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

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

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

#### Pre-screening questions:

- 1. Outline your experience in engaging with Aboriginal stakeholders on a research or evaluation project which had implications for policy. (300 words).
- Please provide an example where you worked as part of a team to deliver a research or evaluation project involving Aboriginal communities. What strategies did you employ to ensure the success of the project? Please describe the research methods used and how you communicated the findings to a diverse audience. (300 words).

#### **Essential Requirements:**

- Aboriginality
- Knowledge and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

#### **Applications Close: 28 June 2017**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Andrew Griffiths on (02) 9561 1101.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 198699



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Bullingh Aboriginal Health Service (BAHS) has an exciting opportunity for a proactive and driven Female Aboriginal Health Worker to join their team based in Ballina, NSWI Reporting to the Clinical Services
Manager, you will work as part of the Aboriginal Health team, providing a range of clinical care support services, early intervention, and health promotional programs which enhance the health and well-being of clients and community in Ballina and the surrounding regions. You will be focused on the health of Aboriginal women, babies, and children. This is a fantastic role contributing to BAHS's ent to making a difference to health outcomes of the local community



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#### 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
- 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 30th June 2017

#### **Chief Executive Officer**

- Use your executive management experience to deliver quality healthcare services in Katherine!
- Amazing work/life balance, giving you the chance to explore the wondrous



Australian outback, as well as return home for the holidays!

Sunrise Health Service Aboriginal Corporation (SHSAC) now has an extremely rewarding opportunity for an experienced

Chief Executive Officer to join their dedicated, multidisciplinary team, on a full-time basis in Katherine, NT.

You will be responsible for the efficient delivery of health and related services to the Katherine East communities in accordance with SHSAC rules, policies, and procedures. You will also provide high level leadership, direction, management and coordination of the SHSAC activities through the Executive Management Team.

You will have a strong understanding of the key social determinants for Indigenous Australians and will have the ability to represent SHSAC at a local, regional, state, and national level.

Sunrise Health Service Aboriainal Corporation is seeking a self-motivated leader who displays strong interpersonal and problem solving skills. You will be passionate about the delivery of quality health services in the area and will enjoy working within a diverse community.

This is an influential 'hands-on-role', that offers you the opportunity to advance your career as part of a highly respected organisation. You will be rewarded with an attractive remuneration package negotiable with skills and experience. You will also receive 6 weeks leave, 2 weeks study leave, living payment allowance, and fully



Health Hunter New England Local Health District

#### **Aboriginal Counsellor**

Violence Prevention, Newcastle Enquiries: Lynne Cossar (02) 4915 1727 Reference Number: 396669

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

#### Dietitian

**Tamworth** 

Enquiries: Sophie Scott (02) 6767 8148 Reference Number: 392814

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.

#### **Allied Health Assistant** (New Directions)

Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enquiries: Sophie Scott (02) 6767 8148 Reference Number: 393403

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the

**Closing Date:** 25 June 2017

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#### POSITIONS VACANT

#### SCHOOL TO WORK PROGRAM



School to Work-The National Rugby League's international impact these issues have on Indigenous Australian societies award winning program is now into its fifth year and we are

The School To Work Program (S2W) is an education and employment program that utilises the positive profile of the game of Rugby League to support and encourage young Indigenous Australians to stay at school before transitioning into further education, training and/or employment.

This is a great opportunity for you to make a difference. Each role in the program is a three-year fixed term contract and roles are based at various locations across Australia. With a focus on expansion and reach we are looking to fill the following roles:

- · Project Officers x 6
- · Program Manager
- Business Development Officer
- Transition Officer

#### THE IDEAL CANDIDATES

Candidates will have experience in similar roles and working with Indigenous youth. You will have an understanding of the contemporary issues facing Indigenous Australians and the and cultures. You will posses' excellent communication skills (verbal and written) and have the ability to work independently and demonstrate initiative.

For detailed position information and locations please go to the NRL Careers page. If you believe you demonstrate the NRL's values of Excellence, Inclusiveness, Courage and Teamwork and are interested in these opportunities, please apply via the NRL Careers page or call the Indigenous Employment Manager on 02 9359 8570.

#### **NRL TALENT POOL**

The NRL Talent Pool is a pool of candidates who have applied for roles at the NRL and have been screened for skills, knowledge and experience. We aim to continue to grow our talent pool and share employment opportunities with our Indigenous communities. This gives candidates the opportunity to be considered for all roles at the NRL should you have the skills, knowledge or experience relative to our vacant positions. This should not discourage applicants directly applying for roles of interest

The NRL is an equal opportunity employer. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

### **KOORI EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS**

#### Aboriginal Case Manager

#### Loddon Mallee Region - Bendigo

- Engage with the Victorian Aboriginal (Koori) Community
- · Ongoing, full time opportunity based in Bendigo
- Salary range \$69,080 \$75,895 plus superannuation

#### To be successful in this role, you will have:

- · the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with members of the Victorian Koori Community
- an understanding of the Victorian Koori Community, both socially and culturally, and the issues impacting on it
- an understanding of, or experience in, effective case management practices including proactively managing risk of complex individuals
- an understanding of, or experience in, modelling pro-social behaviours, with the ability to motivate and influence individuals who are being case managed
- assertiveness and confidence in dealing with individuals exhibiting challenging behaviours.

For more information and to apply online, please visit correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au by Sunday, 25 June 2017.



#### Department of Justice and Regulation

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#### **WESTERN SYDNEY** UNIVERSITY



#### **School of Education**

#### Senior Lecturer

• Full-Time, Ongoing Position

• Bankstown Campus

This is an identified position and applicants must be an Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander person. Being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised under Section 14(D) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW.

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.

Western Sydney University is committed to the advancement of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Education as a key to the achievement of national reconciliation. While responsibility for the delivery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education is shared across Western Sydney University, the School of Education plays a role preparing Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Pre-service Teachers for 21st century schools. The School of Education at Western Sydney University takes pride in its research and teaching profile, which emphasises the relationship between theory, policy and practice with a futures-oriented focus. The School offers innovative graduate-entry teacher education programs in primary, secondary, early childhood and special education, as well as research and professional postgraduate programs in a number of specialist areas.

The School of Education is seeking to appoint a Senior Academic to work as part of the team required to develop and deliver academic units to pre-service teachers enrolled in the Bachelor of Education (Primary) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education. The successful applicant will be expected to take a leadership role in the contribution toward a range of academic activities including the coordination and teaching of units for students in the Bachelor of Education (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education - Primary) course. The position is primarily based at the Bankstown campus and will require strong connections to be made with the schools and communities with which the pre-service teachers in the program are located and, the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education.

For further details, please refer to the Position Description. Applicants will be shortlisted based on their responses to the selection criteria

Remuneration Package: Academic Level C \$140,594 to \$161,278 p.a (comprising Salary 118,924 to 136,602 p.a., 17% Superannuation and Leave Loading)

**Position Enquiries:** Associate Professor Mary Mooney, Deputy Dean on email: m.mooney@westernsydney.edu.au

Closing Date: 10 July 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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#### **CHILD & FAMILY WELLBEING** CASE MANAGER

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander People of all ages are strongly encouraged to apply

We are crafting a team of change-makers and we want you!



People who are crazy enough to want to change the world are the ones to do so. If you have just the right amount of crazy, lace up your boots and start wearing your undies on the outside (ok, maybe just lace up your boots) and join our revolutionary new

We are daringly disrupting the system and searching for like-minded renegades to join our ranks.

Transforming and empowering communities to enjoy longer, healthier lives is our mission

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Change-makers, risk-takers and status-quo-breakers must apply. No room here for screen-savers

If you've got high-impact energy, suave side-steps to innovation and success, and have no aversion to flying head first into a new and exciting initiative, then join us in impacting the Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast and Gympie areas where families live, learn,

We're looking for all kinds of awesome, not just the experienced administration nuts. Administration or Business Support sector practice is a bonus, not a necessity. What you must have is an ability to identify and navigate the complexities that influence people's lives and strive to improve equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families

- 1. Doing good in the hood Your proven record of empowering communities rich in culture and diversity
- 2. Working together on and off the field Cape crusaders who can write up the game plan and get on great with the team, too.
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CLOSING DATE: 3pm, 16th June 2017

#### **COME ON YOU MOB HAVE A GO!**



#### **Aboriginal Education and Engagement Officer**

- Senior Education Officer 2 (ETS)
- Temporary full-time role up for a period up to three (3) years
- Position number and location: 174265, Wagga Wagga

Total remuneration package valued to: \$146,478 pa. (salary \$132,141 pa.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing strategic support and advice to schools, educational services teams, school communities and key stakeholders on all aspects of Aboriginal education and engagement.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience within the K-12 range.
- Demonstrated commitment to participating in and managing accreditation processes
- Experience in leading curriculum implementation and demonstrated understanding of current trends, resources,
- quality teaching & assessment practice, relevant legislation and policies.

  Demonstrated ability to build the capacity of staff through the development and delivery of innovative programs and services that support Aboriginal education and engagement.
- Demonstrated ability to lead, develop, plan and implement strategic initiatives and innovative practices that support education change for improved student learning outcomes for Aboriginal students.
- Proven ability to liaise and negotiate with a range of stakeholders and work collaboratively within and across teams, with internal and external stakeholders, particularly with the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.
- High level written and oral communication and interpersonal skills and experience in the preparation of documents
- including briefings, reports and correspondence Demonstrated capacity to ensure that projects are delivered on time, within budget and in accordance with agreed
- quality standards. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies and the key deliverables and

collaborative actions of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education strategy Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/

working-with-children/working-with-children-check. In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment. Note: Under new provisions for permanent teachers taking up non-school based temporary appointments, the right of return to their substantive position has been extended to up to 3 years. Current Non School Based Teaching Service officers are advised that the 3 year right of return period is accumulative and is inclusive of both **higher duties** and/or

Note: Recent school based experience is either direct classroom teaching within the past three years or school executive experience within the past three years. Direct classroom teaching or school executive experience is full time service in a school based position in a departmental preschool, infants, primary, central/community, secondary, environmental education centre or special school for a continuous period of one (1) year. For more information please review Rules Oct 2015

Special Notes: It is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via Jobs.NSW. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted. Applicants must address their suitability to the selection

#### **Applications Close: 28 June 2017**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Lianne Singleton on 0429 360 302.

temporary periods of appointment in existing Non School Based positions

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 174265





#### Joint Management Coordinator (Aboriginal)

- Narooma
- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Vacancy Ref: 0000593C
- Ongoing (Full-Time)
- This is an identified position under Section 14D of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

**Duties:** The Joint Management Coordinator (JMC) will provide liaison, advice and support between the Boards of Management, Local Aboriginal Land Councils, the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), and other stakeholders to coordinate, develop and implement joint management programs.

**Total Remuneration package:** \$110,697 p.a. Package includes salary (\$90,215 p.a - \$99,862 p.a), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

#### **Applications Close:** Monday 3 July 2017 (11:59pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Rebecca Grumley (02) 4476 0832.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 0000593C.





#### **Child and Youth Protection Services**

**Child and Youth Protection Services/Practice and Performance Bimberi Youth Justice Centre** 

#### Cook

#### **General Service Officer Level 6**

Salary Range: \$54,949 - \$57,445 (PN: 00066)

Details: Bimberi Youth Justice Centre is a human rights compliant youth detention facility. The Centre provides safe and secure accommodation for young people between the ages of 10 and 21 years, who are remanded in custody or sentenced by the ACT Children's or Supreme Courts. The part-time Chef is responsible for the safe day to day operations of the Kitchen including assisting with the planning of menus, the preparation and serving of meals that are nutritionally balanced and meet the daily requirements of young people. This position involves shift work and would suit someone who doesn't mind working autonomously as part of their shift arrangements. This person would also have an affinity in working and interacting with vulnerable young people held in detention.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: A minimum of Certificate three in Commercial Cookery must be held. Applicants must possess a current driver's licence and Senior First Aid Certificate. Applicants will also be required to undergo psychometric testing as well as a medical assessment as part of the recruitment process. Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011 and a pre employment police check will be required for all applicants.

**Note:** This is a part-time position at 24 hours per week. The salary noted above will be pro rata for part-time hours.

Contact Officer: Kerrie Biddlecombe (02) 6207 3402

kerri.biddlecombe@act.gov.au

Applicants should note that a Joint Selection Committee (JSC) established in accordance with the collective/enterprise agreement provisions will assess all applications for this position.

For further information, please visit www.jobs.act.gov.au

**Applications Close:** 05 July 2017

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#### **Aboriginal Quitline Coordinator**

Medibank is delivering the best possible smoking cessation outcomes for Aboriginal clients in NSW and ACT on behalf of Quitline, the Cancer Institute of NSW and Healthdirect  $Australia. \ We \ have \ a \ dedicated \ team \ of \ counsellors \ who \ provide \ specific \ interventions \ such$ as delivering one off counselling, focusing on quit planning, supporting with quitting and providing strategies for relapse prevention.

In this Sydney based role, the Aboriginal Quitline Coordinator will promote the service &liaising with Aboriginal Health workers & key Aboriginal Health & Community Controlled Services to ensure strong partnerships. The role will have a distinct community focus and will be key in the promotion of the program amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

For more information about this role and what we are looking for, go to our website www.careers.medibank.com.au



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#### **Aboriginal Case Manager**

#### North West Metropolitan Area - Carlton

- · Engage with the Victorian Aboriginal (Koori) Community
- Ongoing, full time opportunity based in Carlton
- Salary range \$69,080 \$75,895 plus superannuation

#### To be successful in this role, you will have:

- · the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with members of the Victorian Koori Community
- an understanding of the Victorian Koori Community, both socially and culturally, and the issues impacting on it
- · an understanding of, or experience in, effective case management practices including proactively managing risk of complex individuals
- an understanding of, or experience in, modelling pro-social behaviours, with the ability to motivate and influence individuals who are being case managed
- assertiveness and confidence in dealing with individuals exhibiting challenging behaviours.

For more information, an information session will be held at the Carlton Justice Centre, Level 1, 444 Swanston Street, Carlton at 5:30pm, Wednesday 21 June 2017.

For more information and to apply online, please visit correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au by Sunday, 25 June 2017.



Department of Justice and Regulation

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#### **Historian - Aboriginal Affairs**

- Identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only
- Clerk Grade 9/10
- Ongoing
- Position number and location: 198771 Bridge Street, Sydney

Total remuneration package: \$125,620 Package includes salary (\$102,838 - \$113,324), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

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

 $From \ 2017, the \ NSW \ Government is implementing \ a \ range \ of \ Stolen \ Generations \ reparations \ initiatives \ in \ recognition$ of the enduring effects of past government practices in relation to the Stolen Generations. This included the wideranging control the Aborigines Projection Board (the Board) and Aborigines Welfare Board (AWB) had over the lives of Aboriginal people, including the power to remove children from their families and place them into care under the policy of assimilation. Under this response the NSW Government committed to improve access to the records of the Board, covering the period from 1883 and 1969, including contextualising the records.

#### About the role

The Historian contributes to research priorities determined by Stolen Generations survivors and Aboriginal communities more generally to bring alive the voices, experiences and history of Aboriginal people in NSW. The Historian manages specialised projects, provides high-quality expertise / advice, and collaborates with specialist agencies to improve access to non-sensitive records. The role also contributes to the broader Aboriginal Affairs Strategic Plan as required.

#### **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. The talent pool will be valia 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.

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw No paper based, email

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination

#### Pre-screening questions:

- Describe a project on which you have worked where you found the evidence or materials you were researching to be confronting or disturbing, detail how you were able to analyse that material with objectivity and sensitivity and place it within accurate and verifiable contexts. (300 word maximum)
- We are seeking to engage a historian who is experienced in working with Aboriginal people and communities. Describe a project on which you have worked in which you were to assist a community to determine its own historical research priorities and potential outcomes. Include an example of how you have assisted the translation of historical research, analysis and story-telling for different audiences? (300 word maximum)

#### **Essential Requirements:**

- Degree in a relevant discipline with a strong research component, including proven experience collecting and analysing historical research information from primary and secondary sources.
- Demonstrated abilities to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people and/or experience working with Aboriginal communities.
- Current Driver's License and willingness to undertake regional travel.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability

#### **Applications Close: 28 June 2017**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Rachel Ardler on (02) 9561 8180.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 198771.





#### Senior Field Officer (Aboriginal)

- Wollongbar
- Senior Field Officer Grade 1/2
- Vacancy Ref: 000057HW
- Temporary Full-Time (1 role available)
- Up to 6 months

This is an identified position under Section 14D of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Opportunity for candidates who have a cultural association with Bandjalang Aboriginal community.

Duties: Undertake works and maintenance programs and coordinate and supervise the work of Field Officers and contractors ensuring that work is undertaken efficiently and within budget and set time frames such as assist in the delivery of Region/Area initiatives which enhance and preserve natural and cultural heritage and resources as well as the provision of high quality and safe recreational facilities for the public.

Total Remuneration package. \$85,704 pa. Salary package includes base salary (\$63,152 pa - \$66,896 pa inclusive of annual leave loading), an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, and employer contributions to superannuation. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale.

**Applications Close:** Monday 19 June 2017 (11:59pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Matthew Wiseman 0429 447 286.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 000057HW.

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#### **Administration Support Officer** (Aboriginal)

- Wollongbar
- Clerk General Scale
- Vacancy Ref: 000057HM
- Temporary Full-Time (1 role available)
- Up to 6 months

This is an identified position under Section 14D of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Opportunity for candidates who have a cultural association with Bandjalang Aboriginal community.

**Duties:** Assists in the administrative activities of the work unit, provides customer services and acts as a point of contact for public enquiries.

Total Remuneration package. \$63,201 pa. Package includes salary (\$29,127pa - \$57,015 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

#### **Applications Close:** Tuesday 20 June 2017 (11:59pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Mark Pittavino (02) 6627 0220.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 000057HM.





#### Field Officer (Aboriginal)

- Wollongbar
- Field Officer Base Grade 1/2
- Vacancy Ref: 000057HY
- Temporary Full-Time (1 role available)
- Up to 6 months

This is an identified position under Section 14D of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Opportunity for candidates who have a cultural association with Bandjalang Aboriginal community.

**Duties:** Assists with construction, maintenance and improvements to park assets within NPWS parks and reserves, and the maintenance of heritage buildings and structures. Undertakes pest, weed and fire management activities, including those in remote areas. Operates and maintains plant and equipment.

Total Remuneration package: \$56,353 pa. Package includes salary (\$46,307 pa - \$50,837 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

#### **Applications Close:** Monday 19 June 2017 (11:59pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Matthew Wiseman on 0429 447 286.

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#### **Applications Close:** Wednesday 28 June 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Tracey Bosnich on (02) 9219 5863.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00005BTJ.



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Our current Supervisor is leaving to travel Australia and the world so we need an experienced Boarding Supervisor to provide afterschool, before school and overnight care in a small home-style residence. Be part of a strong team creating a home environment for 22 Indigenous students from remote and regional communities.

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#### Aboriginal Health Manager (Northern Sector)

Classification: Health Manager (State) Award / Health

Manager Level 3 Location: Dubbo

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$2,024.20 pw

Enquiries: Brendon Cutmore (02) 6330 5938 Email: brendon.cutmore@health.nsw.gov.au Reference Number: 396006

Closing Date: 23 June 2017

#### Aboriginal Health Practitioner (Mens' Business)

Classification: Aboriginal Health Practitioner Location: Dubbo

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$1,078 to \$1,421.20 pw Enquiries: Margo Gibbons (02) 6809 6505

Email: margo.gibbons@health.nsw.gov.au Reference Number: 396605

Closing Date: 3 July 2017

#### **Closing Dates:**

as above

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ne Aboriginal Family Practitioner - Family Scoping is a role within the Department for Child Protection (DCP) and is accountable to the Senior Practitioner - Family Scoping for providing support to Aboriginal children, young people and their families

The Aboriginal Family Practitioner – Family Scoping is responsible for scoping family and kin of Aboriginal children and young people who are at risk of entering the out of home care system or who are currently in commercial or residential care to transition back to family or kin.

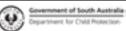
People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

For further information about the role and to submit your application please visit

www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/work-with-us Enquiries to Ben Sanderson on (08) 84636186

Applications close: 11pm, 23 June 2017









#### **Legal Aid**

#### **Legal Practice Support Clerk** (Aboriginal Targeted)

- Package up to \$81k (Clerk Grade 3/4)
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We are looking for motivated paralegals to support our teams of civil lawyers in Central Sydney and regional offices.

#### **Applications Close:** Wednesday 28 June 2016

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Jean-Anne Searson on (02) 4337 6615.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00005BVX.





#### Female Aboriginal Partnerships Liaison Located in Maitland, NSW

The Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) is currently seeking an Aboriginal Partnership Liaison (APL) in the Maitland area. The APL position helps protect, nurture and manage Aboriginal cultural heritage and significant sites on State Forests. The role is also responsible for building and maintaining mutually-beneficial partnerships with Aboriginal communities in order to collaborate and contribute to the development, implementation and review of business opportunities and other initiatives that maximise opportunities for Aboriginal communities to gain value from the forest estate. As a member of the Corporations Aboriginal Partnerships Team you will assist return community to the bush and to return bush resources and products to the community

> For further information please visit http://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/ or call John Shipp on 0437 879 096

#### The closing date for applications is 19 June 2017 Job Notes:

- · The successful applicant will be required to satisfactorily complete a medical examination which includes Drug and Alcohol screening and a Fitness Test (called the Task Based
- · Forestry Corporation considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) and also considers being a woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)



#### SYDNEY REGION ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation is a not-for-profit organisation providing services to Aboriginal people who are aged or with a disability living in the greater Sydney area, supporting them to live independently.

#### Marketing, Communications & **Linkages Specialist**

#### Temporary full-time position for 1 year.

This is an Indigenous Identified role only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

are currently seeking a Marketing, Communications & Linkages Specialist to connect with potential clients and key eternal stakeholders.

Your responsibilities will include sharing your strong product knowledge of SRAC and the services we deliver, and fostering ongoing relationships with government, business and local services. You will also advise on internal communications strategies to meet the company's business goals and objectives.

You must have experience in developing content in multiple forums including digital, video, public presentations and written materials.

The ideal applicant will have strong connections with Aboriginal community as well as an understanding of the complex needs of Aboriginal people with disabilities

Selection criteria can be obtained by emailing info@srac.ngo, or calling Kathy on 0401 336 669.

> APPLICATIONS CLOSE Monday 19 June 2017

For all your advertising needs email: advertising@koorimail.com or call 02 6622 2666



Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation is a not-for-profit organisation providing services to Aboriginal people who are aged or with a disability living in the greater Sydney area, supporting them to live independently.

#### **Aboriginal Mentor Program Coordinator**

The role of the Mentor Program Coordinator is to oversee the Aunts & Uncles Aboriginal Youth mentoring program, screening and matching suitable candidates and providing ongoing supervision and support of participants

The successful applicant will have strong connections with the local Aboriginal Community and have an understanding of the needs of young people with complex needs. with a background in community services, juvenile justice, disabilities or a related field of work.

This is an Indigenous Identified role only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This position will cover the Western Sydney area on a temporary full-time basis for I year. An eligibility list may be

For more information or to obtain an application package for this position, please call Kathy on 0401 336 669 or email to

Applicants must address the selection criteria and be willing to obtain a current police and working with children check to be considered for this position. We offer an attractive salary based on skills and experience and opportunity for ongoing training and development

APPLICATIONS CLOSE Monday 19 June 2017



#### ABORIGINAL CASE WORKER

#### The Organisation

Barnardos has a significant footprint in the ACT in the provision of services across the child, youth and family sector. Barnardos is the Lead Agency in the ACT Together Consortium, providing and coordinating Out of Home Care (OOHC) programs and services in addition to extensive family support and youth homelessness programs provided for Canberra Children's Family Centre.

#### The Role

The Barnardos Aboriginal Case Worker provides therapeutic informed case management to children and young people who are accessing the foster care service. The case worker ensures that the outcomes for the children and young people in the service are achieved and works alongside the carers and a number of other professionals to achieve this outcome. The role recruits, assesses and actively works towards retention for foster carers.

#### The Candidate

The ideal candidate will have a qualification in Social Work, Social Welfare or related area; previous experience working with children and families; understanding and knowledge of the therapeutic needs of children and young people who have suffered abuse and neglect; demonstrated experience in case management; sound knowledge of child protection and issues in relation to children at risk; demonstrated experience in engaging with the Aboriginal

Salary: \$61,898 - \$69,859 (Unpackaged no MV) Option to Package Salary (FBT) & Vehicle abrs considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification s 42 of the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT)

To find out more about the role please contact Anna Baines on 02 9218 2354 or anna@abrs.net.au

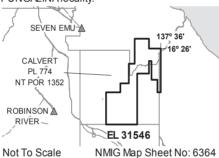
#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

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 to which this notice applies:

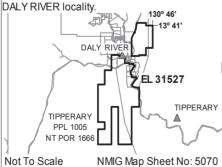
Exploration Licence 31546 sought by NORTHERN COBALT PTY LTD, ACN 617 789 732 over an area of 236 Blocks (777 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PUNGALINA locality.



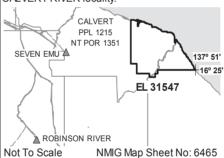
Exploration Licence 31549 sought by NORTHERN COBALT PTY LTD, ACN 617 789 732 over an area of 235 Blocks (739 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SELBY locality.

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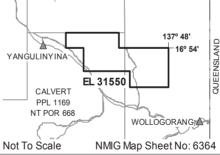
Exploration Licence 31527 sought by THUNDERBIRD METALS PTY LTD, ACN 608 077 345 over an area of 66 Blocks (203 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the



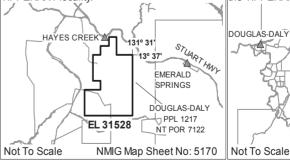
Exploration Licence 31547 sought by NORTHERN COBALT PTY LTD, ACN 617 789 732 over an area of 242 Blocks (752 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT RIVER locality.



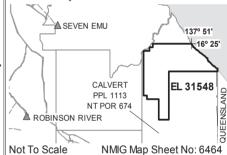
Exploration Licence 31550 sought by NORTHERN COBALT PTY LTD, ACN 617 789 732 over an area of 248 Blocks (815 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PUNGALINA locality.



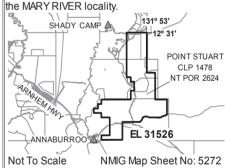
Exploration Licence 31528 sought by THUNDERBIRD METALS PTY LTD, ACN 608 077 345 over an area of 40 Blocks (134 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TIPPERARY locality.



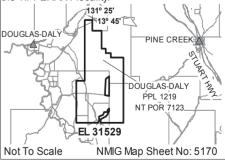
Exploration Licence 31548 sought by NORTHERN CORALT PTYLTD, ACN 617 789 732 over an area of 241 Blocks (773 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SELBY locality.



Exploration Licence 31526 sought by THUNDERBIRD METALS PTY LTD, ACN 608 077 345 over an area of 169 Blocks (564 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within



Exploration Licence 31529 sought by THUNDERBIRD METALS PTY LTD, ACN 608 077 345 over an area of 175 Blocks (561 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TIPPERARY locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the Mineral Titles Act authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT

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: 14 June 2017

### Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia



Notification day: 28 June 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 27 September 2017. After 27 September 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:** Rosita Shaw & Ors and State of Western Australia (Boorroola Moorrool Moorrool)

Federal Court File No: WAD598/2016

Date filed: 23 December 2016

 $\mbox{\bf Registration test status:} \mbox{ The Native Title Registrar has } \mbox{\it accepted} \mbox{ this application for registration.}$ 

**Description:** The application area covers about 1410 sq km, located in the vicinity of Derby.

Relevant LGA: Shire Of Derby-West Kimberley

For assistance and further information about this application, call Stacey Scott on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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**Application name:** Pine Hill West

Federal Court File No: NTD44/2016

Date filed: 2 February 2017

**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

**Description:** The agreement area covers about 1544 sq km approx. 137 km north west of Alice Springs, west of the Stuart Highway.

Relevant LGA: Central Desert Region.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Dianne Drake on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

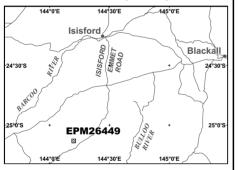
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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR MINERALS, MINING CLAIMS AND PRESCRIBED MINING CLAIMS AND RENEWAL OF MINING LEASES

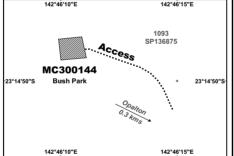
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of EPM26449, MC300144, PMC300146, PMC300147 and PMC300150 and the renewal of ML95003, ML95004 and ML95515 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Old).

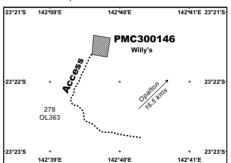
Exploration Permit 26449 sought by John Schwerin, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (12 km²) centred approximately 100 km South of Isisford, in the localities of the Barcoo Shire Council and Longreach Regional Council.



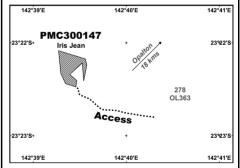
Mining Claim 300144 sought by Margaret Anne Geran (50%) and Aaron Bernard Grotjahn (50%), over an area of 840 m² centred approximately 0.3 km North West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



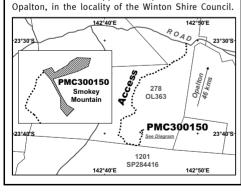
Prescribed Mining Claim 300146 sought by Jeanette Cant, over an area of 20 ha centred approximately 16.5 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



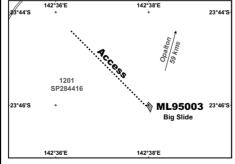
Prescribed Mining Claim 300147 sought by Jeanette Cant, over an area of 20 ha centred approximately 18 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



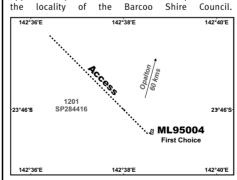
Prescribed Mining Claim 300150 sought by Phoenix Mining Pty Ltd, ACN 137 904 502, over an area of 7.8 ha centred approximately 46 km South of



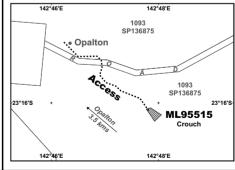
Mining Lease 95003 renewal sought by Martin Gerard Mitchell, over an area of 4 ha centred approximately 59 km South of Opalton, in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council.



Mining Lease 95004 renewal sought by Martin Gerard Mitchell, over an area of 2 ha centred approximately 60 km South of Opalton, in



Mining Lease 95515 renewal sought by Margaret Anne Geran (50%) and Aaron Bernard Grotjahn (50%), over an area of 9.8527 ha centred approximately 3.5 km South East of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



**Nature of Act(s):** The grant of the Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years. The grant or renewal of Mining Claims, Prescribed Mining Claims and Mining Leases under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Exploration Permit, Mining Claims, Prescribed Mining Claims and Mining Leases be granted or renewed subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant or renewal of the Exploration Permit, Mining Claims, Prescribed Mining Claims and Mining Leases, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permit, Mining Claim, Prescribed Mining Claim and Mining Lease Applications or Renewals may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources

and Mines, Mining Registrar Winton, Court House, Vindex Street, Winton, Queensland, 4735, Telephone: (07) 4657 1727.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant or renewal of Exploration Permits, Mining Claims, Prescribed Mining Claims and Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 5 July 2017



#### **WATERNSW**

#### UPPER NAMOI ZONE 7 YARRAMAN CREEK (EAST OF LAKE GORAN TO MOOKI RIVER) GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a (amendment to an existing) WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **FRANCIS EDWARD AND DIANE ELIZABETH ELSLEY** for One (1) additional Groundwater Work with a capacity of 63 Litres/sec on Lot 1 DP1083563 Parish of Springfield, County of Pottinger for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, P O Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 or customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection (A010067). Any queries please call 1300 662 077, Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

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#### **NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS**

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

ı	Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
ı	59/2183	AURICUP (ROTHSAY) PTY LTD	506478	51.69HA	79km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 116° 50' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
ı	70/4504	DORAL MINERAL SANDS PTY LTD	505694	59.59HA	8km N'ly of Harvey	Lat: 32° 58' S Long: 115° 55' E	HARVEY SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals

Notification day: 14 June 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 14 September 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 filling 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. 14 October 2017), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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#### **NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS**

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2483	CARBON MATERIALS AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	45BL	96km E'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 0' S Long: 124° 28' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2220	CAPITAL MINING LIMITED	70BL	164km NE'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 26° 54' S Long: 115° 33' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/909	SHUMWARI PTY LIMITED	22BL	26km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 19' S Long: 118° 6' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/924	SANDER, Thomas Peter	1BL	44km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 4' S Long: 118° 5' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	26/205	ABEH PTY LTD	4BL	15km N'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 4' S Long: 121° 42' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2585	WESTSIDE NICKEL PTY LTD	15BL	86km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 122° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2593	YELO RESOURCES PTY LTD	7BL	82km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 6' S Long: 122° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2680	CONNOR, Brendan Gabriel	3BL	84km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 122° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	29/1015 29/1016	PARKWAY MINERALS NL MGK RESOURCES PTY LTD	27BL 28BL	138km NW'ly of Menzies 73km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 11' S Long: 119° 44' E Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 120° 30' E	MENZIES SHIRE MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1134	OMNI PROJECTS PTY LTD	8BL	129km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 47' S Long: 120° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1313	ECHO RESOURCES LIMITED	19BL	73km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 24′ S Long: 121° 9′ E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3220	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	16BL	219km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 124° 49' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3228	GREATLAND PTY LTD	59BL	220km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 26° 17' S Long: 124° 3' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2023	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	1BL	47km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 122° 11' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/367	BAKER, Justin Glenn Alexander	1BL	42km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 121° 16' E	MENZIES SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	45/4848 45/4879	MACARTHUR LITHIUM PTY LTD	1BL 22BL	81km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 41′ S Long: 119° 11′ E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	45/4879 45/4900	FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD ATLAS IRON LIMITED	3BL	49km SW'ly of Marble Bar 12km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 21' S Long: 119° 19' E Lat: 21° 16' S Long: 119° 41' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1160	SPITFIRE AUSTRALIA (SWW) PTY LTD	4BL	116km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 13' S Long: 121° 10' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3575	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	8BL	42km N'ly of Newman	Lat: 22° 59' S Long: 119° 42' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3585	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	6BL	55km NW'ly of Newman	Lat: 22° 54' S Long: 119° 28' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3595-I	RIVA RESOURCES LIMITED	3BL	35km SW'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 50' S Long: 117° 29' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3640	SEREMIN PTY LTD	24BL	55km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 52' S Long: 117° 17' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3661	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	67BL	55km S'ly of Dampier	Lat: 21° 8' S Long: 116° 32' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	51/1809	DIVERSIFIED ASSET HOLDINGS PTY LTD	17BL	17km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 34' S Long: 118° 19' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1818	THE KOP VENTURES PTY LTD	41BL	34km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 53' S Long: 118° 37' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1824	DUKETON CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD RED FIELD PTY LTD	44BL 67BL	80km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 18' S Long: 117° 46' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	51/1828 52/3523	PURE MANGANESE PTY LTD	106BL	114km E'ly of Meekatharra 124km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 26° 27' S Long: 119° 37' E Lat: 24° 18' S Long: 117° 32' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3528	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	50BL	186km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 6' S Long: 119° 58' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3529	ACME PILBARA PTY LTD	6BL	53km E'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 26' S Long: 120° 14' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3532	CONSTRUCTION RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (WA) PTY LTD	4BL	15km E'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 24' S Long: 119° 52' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3533	GREENMOUNT RESOURCES PTY LTD	109BL	76km SE'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 40' S Long: 120° 23' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3535	KINGSREEF PTY LTD	14BL	72km SE'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 54' S Long: 120° 6' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3536	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	4BL	25km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 22' S Long: 119° 29' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3537	ACME PILBARA PTY LTD	4BL	42km E'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 26' S Long: 120° 8' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1926	SA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	1BL	65km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 4' S Long: 120° 29' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1934	ECHO RESOURCES LIMITED	52BL	17km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 41' S Long: 120° 58' E	WILUNA SHIRE WILUNA SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	70/4958	GREENWOOD RESOURCES PTY LTD	10BL	33km NE'ly of Katanning	Lat: 33° 27' S Long: 117° 46' E	DUMBLEYUNG SHIRE, KATANNING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4961	DORAL MINERAL SANDS PTY LTD	7BL	11km S'ly of Waroona	Lat: 32° 56' S Long: 115° 54' E	HARVEY SHIRE, WAROONA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4962	CONSTRUCTION RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (WA) PTY LTD	23BL	7km NW'ly of York	Lat: 31° 49' S Long: 116° 44' E	YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/591	FORRESTANIA PTY LTD	69BL	94km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 32° 45' S Long: 119° 49' E	KONDININ SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2435-I	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	3BL	76km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 13' S Long: 119° 8' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2442	CADRE RESOURCES PTY LTD	41BL	116km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 48' S Long: 119° 11' E	MENZIES SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2450	PARKWAY MINERALS NL	40BL	150km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 119° 17' E	MENZIES SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2451-2	PARKWAY MINERALS NL	105BL	156km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 24' S Long: 119° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5084	SARAG PTY LTD	96BL	35km S'ly of Halls Creek 35km E'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 32' S Long: 127° 36' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
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Exploration Licence		BARNES, Adrian Bennett	1BL	90km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 52' S Long: 127° 9' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		HIGGINS, Ryan	9.86HA	21km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 9' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		COOKE, Jessica May	242.30HA	6km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 32' S Long: 121° 33' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		SIMMONDS, Paul John	186.17HA	43km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 120° 53' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
		BOULDER INVESTMENTS GROUP PTY LTD				
Prospecting Licence		BOULDER INVESTMENTS GROUP PTY LTD	593.49HA	38km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 120° 52' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		CZAPLINSKI, Paul Edward	157.27HA	55km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 120° 50' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence Prospecting Licence		SARGENTSON, Paul John SARGENTSON, Paul John	7.31HA 14.93HA	70km NW'ly of Cue 70km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 117° 24' E Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 117° 25' E	CUE SHIRE CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		FICARRA RESOURCES PTY LTD	260.63HA	70km Ne'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 22' S Long: 117° 54' E	CUE SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	24/5200	AURUM FABRI PTY LTD	52.03HA	33km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 121° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence		SMITH, William John	93.42HA	40km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 20' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence		CHASSAING, Henri Vincent Andre	10.00HA	37km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 121° 16' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2361	DOBAJ, Elizabeth Virginia	196.49HA	43km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 121° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence		ARUMA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	120.95HA	38km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence		ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	290.54HA	41km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2320-S	DAWS, John William	9.63HA	39km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 33' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	20/1200 01 0	RENTON, Darrall James	20 00UV	76km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat. 200 20' C Lang. 1000 10' F	KALCOOD IE ROUI DED OTV
Prospecting Licence Prospecting Licence		PILKINGTON, Anthony Gerald ROBINSON, Leslie Vincent	28.88HA 18.93HA	110km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 122° 13' E Lat: 29° 46' S Long: 122° 10' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	38.87HA	67km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 40' S Long: 122° 19' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	94.62HA	68km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 51' S Long: 122° 13' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	25.36HA	63km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 52' S Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	215.94HA	64km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 54' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		BREWER, Gerard Victor	178.19HA	57km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 54' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1922	MILLENNIUM MINERALS LIMITED	4.86HA	18km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 52' S Long: 120° 17' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 14 June 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 14 September 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 filling 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. 14 October 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 GraticularBLock = 2.8 km²

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES - WATER**

#### PEEL ALLUVIUM WATER SOURCE

An application to amend Combined Approval 90CA814760 to add additional works (4). Bore on Lot 39 DP 877848 and 3 bores on Lot 3 794623 has been received from FARRER MEMORIAL

#### AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to PO Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection (A9960).

Any queries please call Chris Binks on 02 6763 1465.

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#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANTS OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

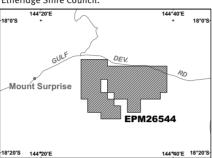
#### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grants of the Exploration Permits for Minerals shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

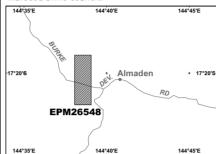
Exploration Permit 26543 sought by Gamboola Resources Ptv Ltd. ACN 610 450 809, over an area of 82 sub-blocks (270 km²), centred approximately 100 km West of Palmerville, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



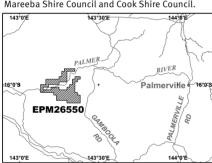
Exploration Permit 26544 sought by Lithium Australia NL. ACN 126 129 413, over an area of 81 sub-blocks (263 km²), centred approximately 24 km East of Mount Surprise, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.



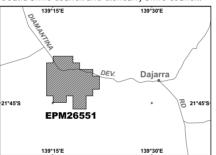
Exploration Permit 26548 sought by Tablelands IV EPM Ptv Ltd. ACN 619 095 037, over an area of 3 sub-blocks (10 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 4 km West of Almaden, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



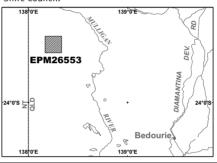
Exploration Permit 26550 sought by Gamboola Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 610 450 809, over an area of 86 sub-blocks (283 km²), centred approximately 85 km West of Palmerville, in the localities of the Mareeba Shire Council and Cook Shire Council



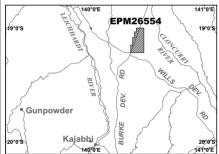
Exploration Permit 26551 sought by Centrex Phosphate Pty Ltd, ACN 132 019 357, over an area of 44 sub-blocks (140 km²), centred approximately 22 km West of Dajarra, in the localities of the Boulia Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council.



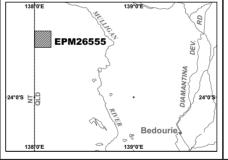
Exploration Permit 26553 sought by Golden Quest Pty Ltd, ACN 618 831 986, over an area of 100 subblocks (314 km²), centred approximately 160 km North West of Bedourie, in the locality of the Boulia Shire Council.



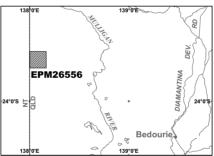
Exploration Permit 26554 sought by Mawson Canada Pty Ltd, ACN 617 551 667, over an area of 75 sub-blocks (242 km²), centred approximately 110 km North North East of Kajabbi, in the localities of the Cloncurry Shire Council and Carpentaria Shire Council.



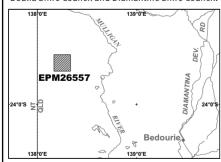
Exploration Permit 26555 sought by Golden Quest Pty Ltd, ACN 618 831 986, over an area of 100 subblocks (314 km²), centred approximately 175 km North West of Bedourie, in the locality of the Boulia



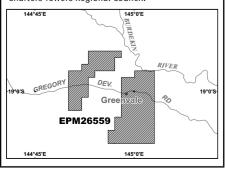
Exploration Permit 26556 sought by Golden Quest Pty Ltd, ACN 618 831 986, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (314 km²), centred approximately 165 km North West of Bedourie, in the localities of the Boulia Shire Council and Diamantine Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26557 sought by Golden Quest Pty Ltd, ACN 618 831 986, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (314 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 150 km North West of Bedourie, in the localities of the Boulia Shire Council and Diamantine Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26559 sought by Sconi Mining Operations Pty Ltd, ACN 614 910 191, over an area of 90 sub-blocks (291 km²), centred approximately 4 km West of Greenvale, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



**Nature of Act(s):** The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act* 1989 (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Level 4, William Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3199 8082, nativetitleservices@dnrm.qld.gov.au.

Notification Day: 5 July 2017



#### **WATERNSW**

#### **LUSKINTYRE WATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from KELLIE LYNNE PROCTOR for a 4 megalitre dam on Lot 1 DP 834279 for the stock and domestic use.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 2213, Dangar NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A010080)

Any queries please call (02) 4904 2511. Heather Dewson, Water Regulation Officer.

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#### **WATERNSW**

#### **KULNURA MANGROVE MOUNTAIN** WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from ANTHONY BUTTIGIEG AND MARY DORIS **BUTTIGIEG** for an approval for two existing bores and one new bore Lot 1 DP 121090 for industrial

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 2213, Dangar NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A10153)

Any queries, please call 02 4904 2511 Heather Dewson, Water Regulation Officer

#### **WATERNSW**

#### LIVERPOOL PLAINS FLOODPLAIN (UPPER YARRAMAN CREEK FMP)

An application for A NEW FLOOD WORK APPROVAL has been received from GEOFFREY AND SHARON BROWN for existing and proposed flood works on Lot 1 DP 1183363 and Lot 2 DP 628296 County of Pottinger, Parish of Springfield.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered writing customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au or WaterNSW P O Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection

Any queries please phone 1300 662 077, Tracev Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

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#### **WATERNSW**

#### **MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER** SOURCE

An amended application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS and WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from: MURRAY DARLING WETLANDS WORKING GROUP LIMITED to include an additional work to application A9119 as described below

1 x 300 mm pump on Frenchmans Creek on Lot 15 DP 191790 Parish of Wangumma, County of Tara. The purpose of the proposed works is for environmental rehabilitation of wetlands within Wingillie Station. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 363, Buronga, NSW, 2739 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of the objection.

Any queries, please call (03) 5051 6210, David Kernebone, Water Regulation Officer.

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#### **WATERNSW**

#### **UPPER NAMOI WATER SOURCE -**MACDONALD AND NAMOI RIVERS **MANAGEMENT ZONE**

An application for a (amendment to an existing) WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVALhas been received from WOOLCOTT GROUP PTY LTD for two additional 600mm mixed flow pumps with a maximum capacity of 1500 litres/sec for irrigation purposes on Lot 1 and Lot 2 DP1085369, Lot 2 DP602474, Lot 82 DP752201, Crown Road Adjacent (between) Lot 1 and Lot 2 DP1085369 and Crown Roads within Lot 2 DP602474 and Lot 82 DP752201. Parish of Veness, County of Darling.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, P O Box 550, 2340 Tamworth NSW customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection (A010074).

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

# **Barty into French doubles semis**



ASHLEIGH Barty and partner Casey Dellacqua had reached the semifinals of the women's doubles at the French Tennis Open at Roland Garros Stadium, Paris.

The unseeded Australians were to meet Czech Republic No 6 seeds Katerina Siniakova and Lucie Hradecka.

The Aussie pair advanced to the clay court semis after beating Zheng Saisai (China) and Irina-Camelia Begu (Romania) 6-3 6-4 in their quarterfinal last Wednesday.

They entered the round of 16 with a 7-6 (7-2) 6-4 win over Australian Daria Gavrilova and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (Russia).

Earlier, Barty was eliminated in the first round of the women's singles by American six seed Madison Kevs.

In the lead-up tournament to the French Open, Barty and Dellacqua won the women's doubles final at the Strasbourg International in France, beating Taiwanese sisters Chan Yungjan and Chan Hao-ching 6-4 6-2.

The women's singles in that tournament was an all-Australian affair, with Samantha Stosur beating Daria Gavrilova 5-7 6-4 6-3.

# Grant to go; ARLC shake-up likely



THE Australian Rugby League Commission (ARLC) will be on the search for a new chairman with John Grant announcing he won't re-apply for the role next February.

But Grant's decision to leave the penthouse is just the tip of the iceberg, with the ARLC set to undergo its biggest upheaval since its inception five years ago.

The eight-seat commission – down to six after the resignation of two members in February – could be increased to 10 this week when the NRL meets club chairs.

Former Queenslander of the Year and Indigenous education leader Prof Chris Sarra is a commissioner. With AAP

## **Hockey team sets** off without Mariah



MARIAH Williams is out of the Australian women's hockey team to play in the World League Semifinal in Belgium from June 21 to July 2.

The team left Australia last Sunday and will also play two matches against Holland.

Williams injured her adductor at training. The Belgium tournament is a qualifier for the World League Finals in Auckland (New Zealand) later this year and the World Cup in London in July, 2018. Williams represented Australia at the 2018 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro and also played for Australia in the Junior World Cup in Santiago (Chile) last year.

Originally from Parkes, Williams lived in Teralba, played for Souths in the Newcastle Premier League and went to Hunter Sports High. She debuted for the Hockeyrops at 17

# **Chambers re-signs** with Melbourne



THE Melbourne Storm have re-signed centre Will Chambers for another three National Rugby League (NRL) seasons.

Chambers, who played in Queensland's State of Origin I

loss to NSW on May 31, has spent his entire rugby league career at the Storm after debuting in 2007. He left the club at the end of the 2009 season to play rugby union for the Queensland Reds before returning to the Storm in 2012.

The 29-year-old has played 160 NRL games, winning a premiership in 2012. – AAP



Ashleigh Barty plays a forehand during the women's singles first round match against Madison Keys of the United States on day three of the 2017 French Open at Roland Garros on May 30. *Picture: Getty* 

#### DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) - WATER

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#### LOWER LACHLAN GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES** for three bores on the road reserve within Lot 4596 DP 767760, Lot 6492 DP 761320 & Lot 464 DP 761321, Parish of Kilfera, County of Manara for Industrial (road construction and dust suppression) purposes (Ref: A009923).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 717, Dubbo NSW 2830 within 28 days of publication of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 6841 7469, Alice Buckley, Water Regulation Officer.

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An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES for three bores on road reserve adjacent to Lot 3275 DP 765500 & Lot 844 DP 761944, Parishes of Salisbury, Mulga & Bulla Bulla, County of Rankin for Industrial (road construction and dust suppression) purposes (Ref: A009924).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460 within 28 days of publication of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call 6641 6500, Bart Kellett, Water Regulation Officer.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES – WATER

#### NSW GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN CENTRAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from YELTARA PROSPECTING & MINING CO PTY LTD for a new bore (purpose mining) to be located on ML1330 within Lot 1735 DP 763541, Parish of Orr, County

Objections to the granting of approval(s) must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of the date of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and must specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7429, Rachel Daly, Water Regulation Officer.

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#### WATERNSW

#### LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE GROUNDWATER DEEP SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK/USE APPROVAL has been received from BELSAL PTY LTD, BENSCRAPE PTY LTD, JOHN PETER SALVESTRO, VALDA MARIA SALVESTRO, DEAN SALVESTRO, KIARA SALVESTRO, ROBERT BELTRAME and KATE BELTRAME for an additional bore, on Lot 37 DP 756039 Parish Bringagee, County Sturt for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, LEETON NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your page and address and energify the grounds of objection (A010040)

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Any queries please call (02) 6951 2743, Angela Lepper, Water Regulation Officer.

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#### **WATERNSW**

#### ALSTONVILLE BASALT PLATEAU GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **GREGORY DAVID JONES AND KAREN SUZANNE JONES** for two existing bores on Lot 22 DP1059476 and Lot 2 DP771060 for irrigation use on Lot 22 DP1059476 and Lot 2 DP771060 (replacing existing approvals 30WA301211 and 30WA301779 – change in use)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A010062)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation

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# Memorable victory

The small defender has been

in strong WAFL form at Swans

where he is equally effective

opposition's most dangerous

forwards while also running out of

the back-line, and setting up play

Victoria might not have gone

purpose throughout the afternoon,

Then there was Kelly, who was

shutting down some of the

forward with a whole lot of

but Ugle did his job well and

finished the game with eight

possessions and three tackles.

one of the stars in the midfield.

The on-fire midfielder continued

his remarkable form with South

Fremantle by delivering another

24 possessions, nine inside-50

on his left foot.

By CHRIS PIKE



THE West Australian Football League (WAFL) defeated the Victorian Football League (VFL) to make history in the 2017 state game,

marking the first time that a senior West Australian side had beaten Victoria in Melbourne

The WAFL representative team that made history at Port Melbourne's North Port Oval included Tim Kelly, Kirk Ugle and Leroy Jetta. They will long remember their part in creating history

WA senior teams had previously played Victorian sides on 23 occasions in Melbourne dating back to 1904. The last appearance was a 119-point loss in 2007 at the same North Port Oval, but it was a very different story this time.

The debate around the strength of the VFL players aside from those on AFL lists is one to be had another day, but it was the WAFL side who delivered a performance to remember to come away with the 20.14 (134) to 10.11 (71) victory.

There were stars all over the ground in the 63-point win, including Ben Saunders who kicked six goals to win the Simpson Medal as the best player on the ground.

But Kelly, Jetta and Ugle all played significant parts in the

Jetta was representing the WAFL for the first time in his first



Kirk Ugle (No 1) joins in the post-match celebrations after the WAFL beat the VFL.

season back at Peel Thunder

following the 12-month ban in

Essendon supplements saga.

He had only joined Peel in 2015 following the end to his

as a small forward, kicking 23

goals in the opening nine

2016 after being caught up in the

career in the AFL at Essendon. He

started 2017 in tremendous form

Then in the state game, he

kicked two impressive goals from

at Swan Districts following a stint

with Collingwood in the AFL and

Ugle is in his fifth season back

four kicks to play his role in a

forward-line that was on fire.

was representing WA for the



Leroy Jetta, centre, savours the moment.



entries and seven tackles. Kelly was playing for WA for a second time, but it was his first time travelling and he enjoyed everything that went along with the experience.

"I've never been able to travel to play a game of footy before so it was a first-time experience for me and I enjoyed every bit of it," he said.

"I tried to stick to what I would normally do the day before the game and morning of the game, just to tick all those little boxes so I felt as comfortable as I could," Kelly said.

"We all knew that we were trying to make history by winning in Melbourne and that was built up

Tim Kelly was part of the history-making WAFL team.

more the closer the game got, but it was something we were all aware of and looking forward to

the chance to do. "It was really good play in a performance like that and I was really happy when the siren went just to know that we had made history. I thought everyone played well and I will always be proud to say that I was part of the first team to win in Melbourne.'

Kelly certainly had no trouble backing up his form from the state game, delivering 35 possessions and seven goals in South Fremantle's 146-point WA Day Foundation Derby win over East Fremantle. He surely will receive an AFL opportunity later this year.

### Siblings make mark in basketball



WEST Australian youngsters Aaron and Marshall Kearing are on the rise in basketball circles.

Older brother Aaron, who will turn 20 this year, is on a university scholarship at Footscray, Melbourne.

He is two metres tall and is in his second year at university, where he plays with University in the local under-20 competition and has been signed up by Whittlesea to play in the competition one level below the National Basketball League (NBL).

Younger brother Marshall attends Willeton High School in Perth and it getting all the

He turns 16 this month and is 1.93m tall and plays for Mandurah Magic in the under-15s, but is on the rookie list for the senior team.

In 2016 Marshall represented the WA Country Under-16s in Melbourne and this year he was selected in the WA under-18s Country team that played in the tournament in Townsville in the week

He has since been selected in the Aussie Prospects side to tour America in a tournament that is viewed by college scouts.

According to his proud grandfather Greg Narrier, that selection is a big thing because, apart from showing his talent, he will be in a learning environment.

Marshall also has been invited to be part of the Australian Institute of Sport program in Canberra, where he could receive a scholarship. It is an offer that Marshall and his family are weighing up.



**Marshall Kearing** 

#### **Brendan Doggett part** of cricket boot camp



SOME of Australia's emerging cricket stars, including Worimi man Brendan Doggett, were put to the test last week as part of the 2017 National Performance Squad Boot Camp.

The group trekked from Crackenback to Thredbo, completing a number of challenges along the way designed to test the players physically and mentally and to develop some of the values and traits required to be an Australian cricketer.

The camp is the initial component of this year's National Performance Squad program, before the squad returns to the Bupa National Cricket Centre in Brisbane this week to start a three-month cricket program. The boot camp in the Snowy Mountains and Canberra kick-started this year's program.

### Remote kids to descend on Alice Springs



A CHILDREN'S football carnival based on the Port Adelaide Football Club's Aboriginal Power Cup is to be held in Alice

Springs on Thursday, June 22, involving remote students from

Port Adelaide will send staff to the WillPOWER carnival to engage students in topics regarding leadership, respect, healthy choices and wellbeing.

The WillPOWER program is now being

delivered in the Maralinga and APY Lands as well as the Barkly region of the Northern Territory.

Port Adelaide spokesman Daniel Norton said that in 2017 the Power had 32 remote schools participating and more than 800 students enrolled in the program.

"We aim to improve students" attendance as part of the Remote Schools Attendance Strategy," Norton said.

The WillPOWER program has developed modules that are aligned with students' curriculum.

The Alice Springs carnival is reward for the students who have achieved their education requirements.

Nothern Territory schools taking part will be Alekarenge, Alpurrurulam, Ampilatwatia, Arlparra, Canteen Creek. Corella Creek, Elliot, Epenarra, Mungkarta, Mulga Bore, Murray Downs, Neutral Junction. Newcastle Waters. Rockhampton Downs, Stirling, Ti Tree, Tennant Creek PS, Tennant Creek HS, Willowra.

South Australian schools: Amata

Anangu, Fregon Anangu, Ernabella Anangu, Indulkana Anangu, Pipalyatjara Anangu, Mimili Anangu, Murputja Anangu, Kenmore Park Anangu, Oak Valley Aboriginal School, Yalata Aboriginal School, Crossways Lutheran School, Ceduna Area School, Koonibba Aboriginal

"Along with staff, we have former Port Adelaide AFL premiership players Byron Pickett and Peter Burgoyne attending, and former players Marlon Motlop and Wade Thompson," Norton said.

### **Marngrook** marks 10 years of TV



A HIGHLIGHT reel showcasing a decade of the Marngrook Footy Show will be aired on NITV on Thursday, June 22.

To mark the occasion, hosts Grant Hansen, Gilbert McAdam, Leila Gurruwiwi and Shelley Ware will be joined by past

panelists and guests in a special episode that celebrates the show's history and success.

Original Marngrook panelists Derek Kickett and Ronnie Burns will join Grant and Gilly on the desk, and the shows first ever guest - Nathan Lovett-Murray - will return.

Highlights over the 10 years include outdoor broadcasts in Alice Springs and Sydney, grand final shows at Federation Square, Etihad Stadium and The Forum Theatre, interviews with Buddy Franklin, Adam Goodes and Eddie Betts, plus commentary on issues that face the

Marngrook host Grant Hansen said: "I started the Marngrook Footy Show in 2007 because I wanted to create a platform to champion Indigenous achievement in the AFL.

"Over the past ten years we have created a truly unique football show that embraces diversity and celebrates the success of Indigenous footballers and the contribution they make to footy.

"I've been honoured to share the desk with so many legends of the game. We have a lot of fun making this show every week and I'm thankful to everyone who makes it so special.

To close its 10th birthday show soul-funk band the Dynamic Hepnotics will perform one of their 1980s hits. The 10th anniversary show will air at 7.30pm.

### Impeccable bloodlines



**BALLINA Coast High** School student Illarrah Roberts Hickling has been selected in the NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association 15s

touch football squad

Illarrah, who is in Year 9, also excels in athletics and plays netball, rugby union and basketball.

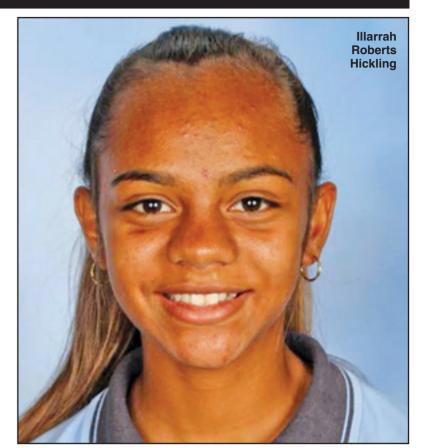
She will now attend the NSW all Schools Carnival at the Sydney Academy of Sports and Recreation, Narrabeen, on July 28-30.

Illarrah comes from a family that has had many representative honours - her great grandfather Richard Roberts Snr was selected by South Sydney before Clive Churchill, but turned down the offer to remain with his family.

She is also the niece of Gold Coast Titans National Rugby League (NRL) star Tyrone Roberts and cousin of the Brisbane Broncos' James Roberts and Manly's Brian

Illarrah is an outstanding athlete and has a personal best of 13.8 seconds in the 100 metres

Her mum Lenkunyar Hickling told the Koori Mail she was proud of Illarrah's achievements, as was her family in the Cabbage Tree Island/Ballina and Tabulam



# Changing of the guard

### RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON **CAMPBELL** 

IGHT or wrong, there has been a long-held perception that NSW rugby league selectors did not have great faith in Indigenous players performing at State of Origin

The dominance of Queensland over the past decade did not help this case given the likes of Thurston. Inglis, Hodges, Thaiday and many others were central players in the Maroons having bragging rights.

Despite the likes of GI and Willie Tonga having obvious links to NSW - or perhaps because of this fact - a large number of Koori rugby league fans became Murris during the

State of Origin game.

I have always argued that NSW selectors were more interested in size across the paddock which sometimes went against a number of the Aboriginal players.

But there is little doubt that a lot of talented Aboriginal players never got to pull on the Blue jersey.

I also think there has been a gradual shift in thinking since the introduction of the All Stars

The All Stars clash has not only given a number of our players the opportunity to prove themselves on a bigger stage, but has also given Laurie Daley the opportunity to assess them in an Origin-like environment leading into the game.

#### Catalyst

After the NSW's convincing win in the first game this year, many hope this will be the catalyst for a surge of Indigenous support south of the

Debutant hooker Nathan Peats, Blake Ferguson, Wade Graham, Andrew Fifita and Jack Bird made up a record five Indigenous players for the Blues.

"It's a record number of indigenous players in an NSW Origin side and I'm proud of that," said Daley.

"Indigenous players have such a rich history in our game. I am proud of my background and I know the five players are too."

Previous NSW sides on two occasions have included four players with Aboriginal heritage at one time.

'That represents almost 10

per cent of all NSW Origin players," rugby league statistician David Middleton

A passionate Peats said he didn't subscribe to the theory Aboriginal players didn't get picked for the Blues.

"NSW have always been bagged for not picking Indigenous players, but I'm not one of those people," Peats said.

"A lot of people from Sydney who are Aboriginal, they go for Queensland because NSW apparently never picked any.

"But, to be fair, players like Greg Inglis, and Justin Hodges, if they were from NSW, they would have been picked straight

"It's good to have five in the team, including the coach.

That makes it six. Hopefully now some of those people can swing back and start going for NSW once again.'

Middleton put the achievement in context.

"We were reminded in the recent NRL Indigenous round that the proportion of Indigenous players in the NRL and at Test level is significantly higher than the general population and this is another example," Middleton

#### **Started with Beetson**

"Queensland have led the way with Indigenous participation in State of Origin, stretching all the way back to game one in 1980 when Arthur Beetson captained the Maroons.

"A long list of talented Indigenous players have represented the Maroons, including Johnathan Thurston, Justin Hodges, Matt Bowen, Beetson, Will Chambers, John Doyle and Matt Sing.

But it is my good mate Owen Craigie who puts this in a whole new perspective.

"It's great to see. It just goes to show how many Indigenous players are playing in the NRL and to have them play at the highest level is also great to watch and it's a shame that Tyrone Peachey and James Roberts are not there," he said.

#### **Pinnacle**

"This is the pinnacle of rugby

"It's great to win a grand final, but to play at that origin level at a fast, intense, skilful game – it's every kid's dream to play Origin 'cos it's shown all over the world and it's marked for the calendar as an annual event, the three Origin games."

But just like the All Stars game, Craigie knows the impact of these guys playing Origin goes well beyond the game

"All these guys are at the very top and are role models," he

"Anything to inspire our people and to showcase that we've got all these Aboriginal players playing in both Origin camps. It just highlights that we are making progress and it will inspire the younger generation coming through.

"I suppose what people watching can take out of it is that anything is possible. And to give these kids something to dream about and to achieve.

"It's all about giving them something to dream about and

certainly when I was a young boy coming through, I always dreamed about playing Origin and there are more Aboriginal players now.

Back then, all we had was Ricky Walford.

"But it's great to show that the kids can now barrack for any team and there's a handful of Aboriginal players in both sides."

But Craigie more than others understands that it is just not talent that gets them there.

"It's very impressive what these guys do though. There's no other sport in the world that can do what these guys do to

"They train two or three times a day and then play on weekends and in the preseason, they have six weeks off. There's no other code on the planet that would be able to do what these guys do.

#### World class

"Just the physicality of it all and I suppose what certain players can do with their speed, their skill, their footwork, their kicking, their passing – it all adds up and it's just one of those things that you're gonna see things that you don't normally see because of the quality of the world-class players that are playing on this stage."

Nathan Peats dreamed of playing just one Origin game.

His performance in Brisbane ensured he will play plenty more.

There are plenty of kids in La Perouse where he coached who now believe that anything is possible.

That is both the beauty and the strength of our game.

# Names up in lights

#### Story and pictures by **ALF WILSON**



FORMER Australian professional welterweight and super middleweight boxing champion Neil Pattel and long-time Palm Island trainer Ray Dennis will be inducted into the Queensland Boxing

Hall of Fame.

Eighty-year-old Dennis and 60-year-old Townsville-based Pattel will travel to Yatala, just south of Brisbane, for the induction on July 16.

Dennis trained Pattel when Pattel was a rising amateur.

Aboriginal man Pattel was born at Winton, in the Queensland outback, and told the Koori Mail he was honoured to be recognised.

In 1976 in Sydney, Pattel beat Wally Carr on points to claim the Australian super middleweight title.

Two years later, Pattel won the national welterweight title against Mark Barnett at

"It is really good that myself and Ray will be recognised and will be a highlight along with my two Australian titles," Pattel

"People still come up to me in the street and call me champ and I have never got away from being a boxer."

Uncle Ray, as he is known affectionately on Palm Island and beyond, has trained boxers on the north

Queensland Aboriginal island community since 1999 - many of his fighters have won national, state and golden gloves

He has about 20 young male and some female fighters training at the Palm Island

Pensioner Dennis often has to dig into his own limited funds to help with things like food costs when he travels extensively with his troupe.

#### Travelled extensively

He has taken boxers to Mount Isa, Mackay, Babinda, Charters Towers, Rockhampton, Blackwater, Charters Towers, the Burdekin, Cairns, Emerald, Gordonvale, Parkes (NSW), Hobart (Tasmania), and Bendigo and Dandenong (Victoria) and many others places.

"Three months after I arrived on Palm, I took 11 fighters to a Proserpine tournament and 10 won," he said

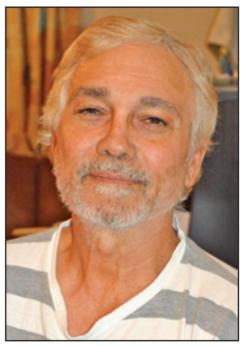
Before the boxers moved into the modern PCYC building, Dennis trained them in a tin shed on the island.

He has a proud history with Indigenous boxers since he started training at the Townsville Fitness Centre in 1967.

"At that time we were boxing under the North Queensland Boxing Association, that was part of the Australian Boxing Association," he said.

Dennis said he trained 15 Queensland champions, including Doug Sam, who had an impressive professional career.

Sam won 17 of his first 18 professional



#### **Neil Pattel**

fights and fought for the International Boxing Federation (IBF) world super middleweight title in January, 1987, losing on a TKO in the 15h round against Park Chong-pal in Seoul, South Korea.

Sam retired after 31 professional fights for 24 wins and seven losses.

Pattel made a comeback of sorts in early 2000 when he travelled to Hughenden and fought a town bully under



#### **Ray Dennis**

the big tent of a travelling boxing troupe. Pattel showed he still had class by knocking out his much taller opponent, even though he had a severe reach disadvantage. He also won a toughman contest in Townsville a decade ago.

Sunstate Amateur Boxing League president Scooter Hooper, who has a close association with Palm boxing, said the induction for both was well deserved.

# Jawai introduction a highlight

#### Story and picture by **ÁLF WILSON**



**CHAMPION** Cairns Taipans and former Perth Wildcats basketballer Nathan Jawai was honoured to meet Bonita Mabo, the widow of the late Eddie Mabo, for the first time.

Bamaga's Jawai is a famous basketballer who

has travelled the world playing the sport, including a stint in the **US National Basketball** Association (NBA)

The now 30-year-old and 209cm tall player is a power forward or centre and was drafted in 2008 at pick 41 by the Indiana Pacers, but was traded to the Toronto Raptors.

But his stint with the Raptors was interrupted by a heart

He made his debut against the Detroit Pistons on January 21, 2009, becoming the first Indigenous Australian to play in the NBA.

He was subsequently traded to the Dallas Mavericks and Minnesota Timberwolves.

In August, 2010, Jawai moved to Europe where he played in Serbia, Russia, Spain and Turkey.

He returned to Australia in 2015 where he has played



for the Perth Wildcats and the Cairns Taipans.

Jawai's introduction to Mrs Mabo was in Townsville on June 3 during the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Mabo High Court decision.

The two days of events celebrated the significance of the decision 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 land.

Mabo was a turning point for the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights, because it acknowledged their unique connection with the land. It also led to the Australian Parliament passing the Native Title Act 1993.

Mrs Mabo was sitting in an Indigenous Wealth Hub tent at Townsville's Jezzine Barracks where a big event was attended by more than 3000.

Mrs Mabo was happily fielding questions from people befofre Jawai came along. Jawai said he was delighted to have met Mrs Mabo.

"It was really an honour for me to meet Mrs Mabo and it has been a highlight for me," he

He said was looking forward to the next National Basketball League season with the Cairns Taipans.

# Mistresses of the Masters

By ALF WILSON



FOUR members of the Australian Indigenous women's basketball team that toured Canada and the west coast of the

USA in 1988 were part of the Deadly Divas side that won a gold medal at the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games in Cairns from May 25-28.

Priscilla West, Kay Zaro (nee Savage), Debbie Lui (nee Jose) and Velma Gara were integral members of the Deadly Divas side that included players of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and PNG descent.

The side nominated for the 45+ age group which had no other teams so they won gold by default.

But the multi-skilled women played against teams in the 35+, 40+ and 55+ and won all their games convincingly.

The team also included sisters Angela Reisener and Gladys Aitkens, of PNG descent, and Luen Sonogan (nee West), originally from Bowen.

Valerie Nancarrow (nee Ahwong) was also a member of the 1988 team but didn't go on the overseas tour due to family reasons.

Gara who is a former news editor of the Torres News paper on Thursday Island was delighted with the carnival.

Deadly Divas hadn't played together for about 20 years and the Masters was more than just about playing hoops - it was sisterhood, deep friendship and non-stop laughter, Ms Gara told the Koori Mail.

Nancarrow, West, Zaro, Lui, Gara and Aitkens have played for various State League basketball teams in Cairns, Townsville and Burdekin.

Nancarrow and Gara were teammates for the Lady Bullets in 1990. West was a development player for Lady Bullets the year before.

They are hoping to play again in two years at the 2019 Great Barrier Reef Masters Games.



From left: Luen Sonogan, Kay Zaro, Priscilla West, Debbie Lui, Valerie Nancarrow, Angela Reisener, Velma Gara, Gladys Aitken. Picture: submitted

#### Gardner sets off for World Cup



ASHLEIGH Gardner and the Australian women's cricket team left Australia last Saturday to take part in the International Cricket Council Women's World Cup in England and Wales.

Australia's quest for a record seventh World Cup will begin on June 26 against the West Indies at The County Ground Taunton.

Right-hand batter, right-arm offbreak bowler Gardner, who has been a regular fixture in the NSW women's team at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) for a number of seasons, made her international T-20 debut against New Zealand in



**Ashleigh Gardner** 

Melbourne last February and made her international one-day debut, also against New Zealand, in March in Mount Maunganui, NZ.

#### Muirhead quick to make his mark



LATE arrival Andrew Muirhead wasted little time in making his presence felt in the Super Rugby competition.

Queenslander Muirhead was a late call-up to the ACT

Brumbies team after a spate of injuries.

The product of the Lloyd MdDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) moved to Canberra

to see if he could make a name for himself in rugby union, and the call from Brumbies coach Stephen Larkham ahead of the Brumbies' game last month against Southern Kings at Nelson Mandela Stadium, Port Elizabeth.

Since then, the Brumbies scored six tries to two against the Argentinian Jaguares in Buenos



**Andy Muirhead** 

Aires, with replacement back Muirhead crossing twice in two minutes late in the game in just his second appearance.

Following on from the previous week's win over the Southern Kings in Port Elizabeth, the Brumbies returned with nine points from their

### Four girls off to softball Junior Worl



FOUR Aboriginal girls are in the Australian Junior Spirit under-19 team to contest the International Softball Federation (ISF) Junior Women's World

Championships in Florida, USA, in July.

Three of them - Montana Kearnes, Tarni Stepto and Kelsey Griffin – are from NSW and Tia Waters is from Queensland.

They make up 25% of the team. The price of representing their country does not come cheap - it will cost each of the girls \$10,000.

The Australian under-19s - formerly known as Aussie Pride - have had consistently strong results over the past 20 years and have competed in every World Championship since they began in 1981.

The most recent podium success for them came with their bronze medal at the ISF X Junior Women's World Championship in Canada in 2013.

Junior Spirit compete regularly on the international stage, their competition schedule includes ISF Junior Women's World Championships, International Youth Series and national tours.

As if it's not tough enough picking a team to represent Australia at a world championship, selectors for this year's event also had to compete with mother

The Junior Spirit team was named after

a selection tournament scheduled for Brisbane was wiped out by the torrential downpours brought about by cyclone Debbie further north.

"It was frustrating for everyone involved," coach Kerrie Porter lamented.

"Selectors had picked a 27-player squad, and the aim was to give them practice games against the Aussie Spirit and see how they performed under the pressure of such tough competition.

"But with all the rain, it became a timing issue. It was unreasonable to expect everyone involved to get together again in another time frame, so we had to rely on previous information to get the 27 down

"It wasn't an easy task, but everyone in the squad had played at the Nationals, so at least it was a level playing field.

"And at the end of the day, selectors have chosen a competitive, versatile team that I'm sure will do well in Florida.'

The Under-19 World Championship will be held in Clearwater, Florida, July 24-30.

The Junior Spirit players hold a predeparture camp to fine-tune their skills.

Before then, the players will continue their skills program and work on strength and conditioning.

The Australians leave on July 14 and will play practice games in Clearwater before the main event.

# Carnival powers ahead

#### By PETER ARGENT



THE Power Cup – Australia's longest-running joint football and education community program for Aboriginal students - has just celebrated its 10th anniversary.

The Power Cup, which falls under the umbrella of the Port Adelaide Football Club, is to promote academic participation, healthy lifestyles and cultural pride.

From Tuesday, May 30, until the finals - played as curtain-raisers to the Power-Hawks Australian Football League (AFL) clash at Adelaide Oval on June 1 -Port Adelaide hosted its 10th annual Aboriginal Power Cup.

Salisbury High won the boys' competition, defeating Central Yorke, while Port Augusta beat Riverland in the final of the girls' tournament.

"When the Aboriginal Power Cup began in 2008, we engaged with 126 students from six schools," Port Adelaide director of Aboriginal programs Paul Vandenbergh

"In the 10th edition, we had 380 secondary school students, from 52 schools, which were divided into 16 teams that participated in a two-day football carnival at Alberton Oval.

"It is extremely satisfying to be involved in a program that connects with the

#### Outstanding attendance

"While we ask for minimum of 80%, this year they achieved a record 94% attendance rate at school, which was outstanding.'

The Aboriginal Power Cup is an industry leader for community programs in

Since 2012, more than 90% of Aboriginal Power Cup participants have completed Year 12 studies.

"In our 10th Aboriginal Power Cup, we couldn't be more proud of what the kids have achieved this semester," Port Adelaide CEO Keith Thomas said.

"It's important to remember that this program isn't just about footy, it's about helping Aboriginal students in schools to participate in an empowering and effective program that promotes cultural and education outcomes that complements their primary curriculum," Mr Thomas said.



Wynona Fielding wins the ball.



Lesley Stratton has the ball on a string



Accacia Pride stands up in a tackle.



The Ah Chees: from left, mother Valerie, Power AFL player Brendon and participant Truan.



Power Cup management: from left, Kellie Graves, Marlon Motlop, Paul Vandenbergh, Wade Thompson.



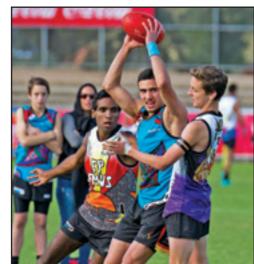
**Mercurial talent Rex** Davidson-Smith takes a brilliant contested mark.



Teammates Lucas Kirley and Frankie Wanganeen celebrate a goal.



Kobe Rankine, sibling of SANFL footballers Izak and Matt, brings down a strong



Izak Rankine takes a big mark.



The Sydney Swans' Lance Franklin leaps for the ball during the round-12 Australian Football League (AFL) match against the Western Bulldogs at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Franklin kicked 3.5. The inaccurate Swans easily beat the defending premiers 12.16 (88) to 6.6 (42) to partly offset their grand final loss to the Western Bulldogs last year. Picture: Getty



Andrew Fifita offloads for the Sharks as he is about to be tackled in the National Rugby League (NRL) round 14 game against the Melbourne Storm in Shark Park, Cronulla. The Storm won 18-13. Picture: Getty

# Weekend footy action Leading the way

By CHRIS PIKE



NARELLE Henry continues to be a basketball trail blazer in Western Australia, but she remains just as committed to helping anyone she comes in

contact with off the court as coaching

Henry is in her third season coaching at East Perth on the back of a playing-coach stint with the Perth Redbacks following a tremendous playing career.

That playing career saw Henry have a successful college career in the United States at High Point University before playing in the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) where she notched up 97 appearances with the Perth Lynx.

She also played 283 matches in the WA State Basketball League at the Redbacks and Eagles before stepping down after five years as playing-coach at Perth at the end of 2012. That included being named Coach of the Year in 2010. After a couple of years away from the SBL to focus on her work with the Girls Academy Program, where she is WA regional manager, she returned to coach the East Perth Eagles in 2015.

#### Big task

It was a big task too with the Eagles having won just three of their previous 44 games.

Two and-a-half seasons on, Henry still has her times being frustrated, but she can see the progress being made as she continues to break ground as one of just two female head coaches in the league, and the only male or female Indigenous head coach.

"It is a bit of a rollercoaster to be honest. The first year we were at a point where we were starting to learn how to win some games and we just missed out on finals," Henry said.

"Then last year we had probably the most horrendous series of events off the court and now this year we can start to progress forward. But it has been and quite possibly will continue to be a bit of a rollercoaster.

"Sometimes I feel like we are heading in the right direction, then other times I want to pull my hair out. But that also echoes the sentiments of the girls as well. The idea is that from this point forward I'm hopeful that we will have more ups than

One of Henry's success stories at the Eagles is Elainah Coffin. Having grown up not playing basketball, she is learning all the time, but her energy and intensity is something Henry feels her teammates can all feed off.

"Her energy is definitely infectious but one thing we do talk about is being accountable for what we bring to the group, and not allowing other people to carry us energy-wise," Henry said.

"Elly hasn't been a junior basketballer so she started really late and she's a good student. I like coaching people who are good students and who I don't have to say things twice to.

"Elly's got amazing passion and energy that she brings, and any time we don't have her, we have a tough time with those energy levels. Given the stage she's at in her career and with her game, she has been exceptional given she didn't have any junior basketball."

Henry remains passionate about basketball and would love to continue coaching at East Perth until some success comes the club's way.

But her No 1 commitment remains to the Girls Academy Program that now has almost 30 academies set up across the country having grown from the Role Models and Leaders program created by basketball legend Ricky Grace.

However, Henry wants to have an impact on people's lives whether it's through basketball or something else.

"It's something that I am very passionate about and my passion truly lies with understanding how the game can help a person in their lives. Winning is important obviously, but we do focus on those processes that can transfer to life off the floor as well," Henry said.

"I'm really passionate about that aspect and the girls learning the lessons they need through basketball. Your basketball career will be short, but it can set you up for life.

"As a junior I played basketball with Tanya Fisher and she was someone who taught me how to be a good team person, and how to be persistent and resilient.

"Those are the things that we learn from this unique opportunity and that's what I am passionate about.

"If we can get some of those processes in place, winning will take care of itself but there are some lessons bigger than on the court as



# Heaven and heartbreak

Story and pictures by PETER ARGENT



THERE were mixed emotions for the six Aboriginal talents in the 2017 South Australian National Football League (SANFL) under-16 grand final at Football Park last mlonth.

For Glenelg players Terrane Wilfred and Ricky O'Loughlin, it was the elation of premiership glory after a heart-stopping five-point win.

Despite all four of the Indigenous players for Woodville West Torrens - Kysaiah Pickett, Trent Burgovne, Decan Braun and Truan Ah Chee performing admirably, they experienced the agony of defeat.

The Eagles were two goals up at halftime and still led by the smallest margin in the final interval before Glenelg grabbed a handy two-goal lead.

#### Whoops!

Pickett kicked a critical goal to put the Eagles to within a straight kick, and then one of his teammates had a set shot within 25 metres to tie the scores, but he kicked into the man on the

"I said to the boys at halftime, we were on the back foot in a prize fight," Bay's coach Layne Trembath said.

"I thought our tackle count improved in the third quarter. It was an intriguing game between two tough and uncompromising teams

Trembath said Wilfred and O'Loughlin were

"Terrance is from the south east and is a speedy outside player with a penetrating kick," he

"Ricky plays locally with the Brighton **Bombers** 

"He is very strong at the contest, is a excellent mark and has good kicking skills."

For Woodville West Torrens coach Darren Hams, there were many positives, despite enduring a frustrating defeat.

Kysaiah Pickett was high among the best players and the other three Indigenous Eagles -Burgoyne, Ah Chee and Braun - were strong contributors.

"Fundamental errors and critical times were the difference in the end," Hams said.

"We missed opportunities shooting for goal, especially at big moments.

"After losing to our semifinal opponent Sturt, and Glenelg during the minor rounds, I felt we really lifted during the finals series.

"Kysaiah (Pickett) is a nephew of 2004 Norm Smith medallist Byron and comes from the Portland Football Club

"His composure with ball in hand and intensity at the contest was superb," Hams said.

"Decan (Braun) and Truan (Ah Chee), who is a younger brother of AFL listed players Brendon and Callum, played in defence.

"What is impressive about Decan's game was his ability to read the game and rebound from

"Truan had a huge role on Bay's big fella Will Gould, beating him early and forcing them to put him into ruck.

"Trent (Burgoyne) gave our team plenty of outside run and carry, playing off half forward.

"He's is the son of former Power premiership player Peter and the nephew of current Hawthorn veteran Shaun."

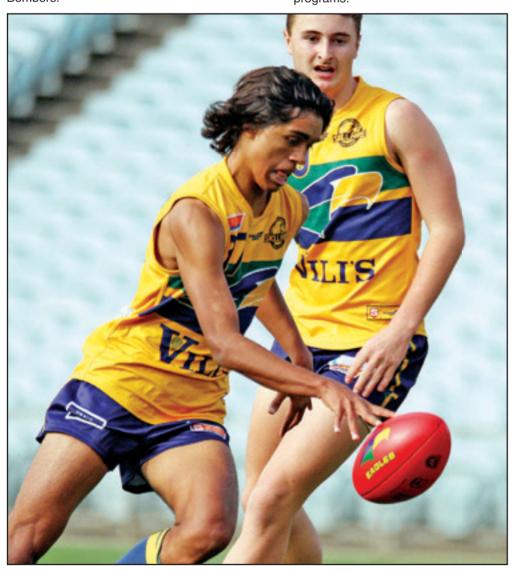
Glenelg have now won three SANFL under-16 titles since the program was restructured in 2009 to fall in line with other national state league programs



Terrance Wilfred, left, and Ricky O'Loughlin hold the grand final trophy and happily wear their medals. Pictures: Peter Argent



Kysaiah Pickett handballs for Woodville West Torrens.



Eagles player Trent Burgoyne has possession in the game against Glenelg.



The Eagles' Kysaiah Pickett, left, and Glenelg's Ricky O'Loughlin contest possession.

# A growing Giant

#### MAGIG<sup>9</sup>S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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N an earlier article, I wrote about Zac Williams as a young player from Country NSW who was a product of the Greater Western Sydney (GWS) Academy system.

I have watched his playing progress with interest and was pleased to see him rewarded with a new contract.

As important as this is, I have been even more pleased to see his emergence as a potential leader and took great pleasure from the way he involved himself in the Indigenous Round on the field and in the media.

As a young Indigenous man, he wrote of his understanding of the importance of the 1967 Referendum and why he was proud to wear the No 67 when he ran out against the West Coast Eagles in Perth.

Before the game, he reflected on its importance.

"I'm still shocked to think it was only 50 years ago that we were included in the census under plants and animals and not as people," he wrote.

"I'll be enormously proud to wear a special guernsey designed by Rheanna Lotter.

"It looks fantastic and tells the story of what happened half a century ago and what has happened since."

. Williams and others also had some special boots created by Luke Penrith who designed the previous GWS Indigenous jersey.

"He did a great job, so this year Nathan Wilson, Jeremy Finlayson and I asked if he could design some boots for us," Williams said.

"My boots tell the story about the journey I made from Narrandera to Sydney to play football — there are two pink circles that represent my mum



Joy and my sister Samantha.

"I have enormous respect for our artists and their talent. When I was living in Narrandera, I did a bit of painting with my pop.

"You have to be enormously patient and I'm not the best at

"My pop's name is Edward 'Smoky' Murray.

"He has been a great support for me through my career — he loves the footy and travels all over the country to watch the Giants play, usually with my

"I love having him at the games.'

Williams is not only proud of his pop and his family; he also

has the maturity to recognise the achievements of other players who have paved the way for his success.

"Shaun Burgoyne has been one of my favourites over the years. I followed him and his brother Peter when they were at Port Adelaide and what he has done at Hawthorn is fantastic," he said.

"He is a great leader." Williams captured the importance of having an Indigenous Round as part of the AFL calendar.

"It's important to share we can understand each other and this helps to close the gap with our culture," he said.

"This is a very big year for us with the 50-year anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and gives us the chance to promote its importance.

"Having the wider community learn about our history helps educate and bring us all closer together."

As mentioned earlier, Williams' emergence as one of the league's best young defenders was recognised with a new three-year contract.

He is one of the great success stories from the GWS Academy after being taken with pick 55 in the third round of the 2012 NAB AFL Rookie Draft.

Despite a sluggish start to his

career, he has been one of the club's most consistent players over the past season and a half.

He was the first of the Giants' academy graduates to play a senior game when he made his debut in round five, 2013, but managed just 19 games in the next two seasons.

Then something clicked in the second half of 2015 when he starred in the final nine games of the year as an attacking backman.

Williams backed that up with an outstanding 2016, averaging 20.7 possessions from 22 appearances off half-back and through the midfield to finish seventh in the best and fairest.

He is ecstatic to have his future secured until the end of 2020.

"Obviously, the Giants gave me my opportunity to play AFL when every other club overlooked me," he said.

"I'm happy here up in Sydney and I've made some really good friends here.

"I had a good year last year and we got to play in our first final and prelim final, so we're going in the right direction, so that was a major reason behind me re-signing with the club.

"There's no guarantees that we'll play finals again this year because the competition is so tough, but everything is looking upwards for us in the next few years."

#### Coach's snub

Williams said the reason for his breakthrough season last year was the influence of 2015 club champion and dual All Australian Heath Shaw, plus an early snub from coach Leon Cameron, who preferred Shaw, Nathan Wilson and Adam Kennedy as the Giants' small defenders in rounds one and

"I'd come off my first full pre-season and thought I was going all right, so I wasn't too happy missing out on the first two games. I was pretty flat," he said.

"But I took it on the chin and when I got my opportunity against the Swans in round three, I took it with both hands and didn't look back.

"Heath Shaw has played a big part in shaping my game style with the way he goes about it: I'm learning a lot from him and I think he's helped me a lot with how I've matured as a footballer."

Williams has not only matured as a footballer.

He is emerging as a potential leader within the game and a role model for future Indigenous players within the game.

Just like Shaun Burgoyne was to him.

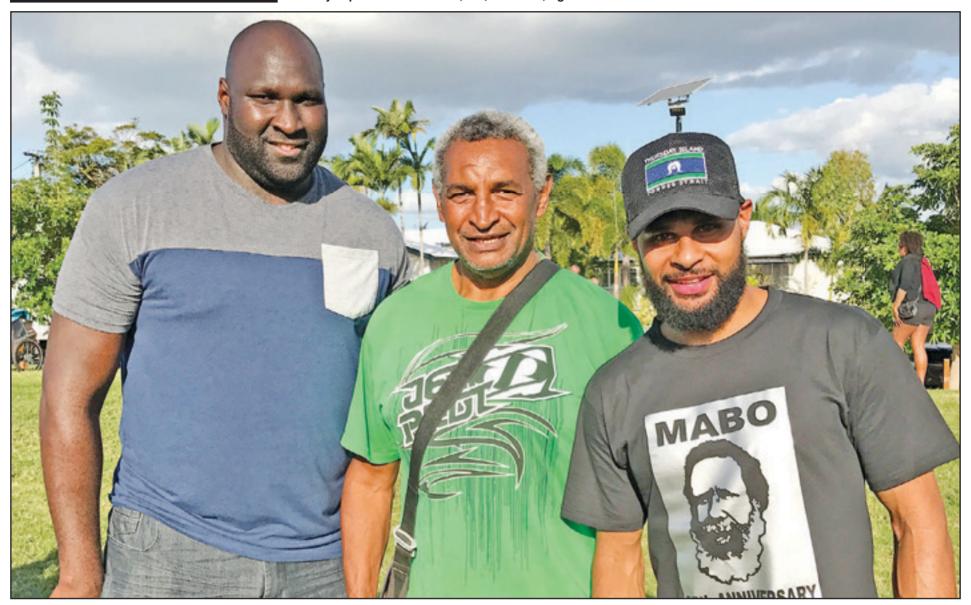
Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

### Morris' brush with fame



FORMER star rugby league and Australian rules player Morris Cloudy, of Darnley and Yam descent, recently had a brush with fame when he met Indigenous basketballers Patty Mills and Nathan Jawai. Cloudy was at Townsville's Jezzine Barracks Park as part of the two-day celebrations marking the 25th anniversary of the Mabo High Court decision. Mills flew in from the United States to be part of the celebrations. Cloudy said he was delighted to meet the champion basketballers. Mills plays in the US National Basketball Association (NBA), regarded as the pinnacle of world basktball, while Jawai, a

former NBA and European player, these days plies his trade in the Australian National Basketball League (NBL). Cloudy is pictured with Jawai, left, and Mills, right.



# Rugby players in demand



Maurice Longbottom plays for La Perouse in the 2016 Warruwi Ella 7s tournament at Coffs Harbour. He is one of three Indigenous players in the Australian rugby 7s squad.



DYLAN Pietsch has renewed his contract with the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) as a member of the Australian rugby 7s squad.

He joins other Indigenous players John Porch and Maurice Longbottom in the Australian 7s squad.

The Australian 7s last week announced they had secured the signatures of five future stars - one of them being Pietsch.

Pietsch has extended his deal until August 2019.

Coach Andy Friend said Pietsch had stepped up since making his debut in Wellington this year.

Longbottom has joined the Australians 7s after impressive recent performances, including starring at the Ella 7s tournament at Coffs Harbour.

He has a rugby league background and plays for La Perouse in the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.

Australian 7s coach Friend is building towards the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

"We will continue to lock in talent ahead of the World Series Dubai opener in December, but I'm also keeping one eye firmly fixed on giving more players opportunities in the off-season as we continue to grow the playing base," Friend

The Australian men's 7s finished sixth in the 2016-17 Sevens World Series, following a sixth-place finish in London last





- ABOVE: Dylan Pietsch is tackled by Jonmoon Han, of Japan, during the quarterfinal at the World Rugby 7s on May 14, 2017, in Paris. France. Picture: Getty
- LEFT: Dylan Pietsch, right, with fellow **Indigenous Australian** men's 7s player John Porch.





**MUTTHI** Mutthi brothers Bradley and Liam Holland-Smith take to the water to get their rush of

adrenaline - and they do it at great speed.

The Melbourne brothers are powerboat drivers and are ranked amongst the best in Australia in their respective classes.

Originally from Balranald, on the Murrumbidgee River, the brothers have been powerboat drivers since the age of 12.

Their first steps were tentative, driving boats powered by 15 horsepower outboard motors.

They have progress since then. Older brother Bradley, 26, an electrician by trade, drives in the Ozlite hydroplane class.

His boat is powered by a 1.6-litre Toyota engine, and according to Bradley, it is a relatively inexpensive boat.

Still, his boat averages speeds of 80-100km/h in racing conditions and has been clocked at 172km-h (107mph) while attempting an Australian speed record.

Liam, 21, a plumber, drives a mean and more expensive machine - a 6-litre Chevroletpowered engine in the 6-litre and Unlimited classes.

The boat was purchased from the United States and is the only hull of its kind in Australia.

Liam has won numerous championships and trophies this

In powerboat circles, his is regarded as the boat to beat and its speed ranges from 193-225km/h (120-140mph) in race conditions.

The brothers have just completed a hectic, but highly successful season for the HBR Racing Team. Their sport took them to Victoria, South Australia and NSW

Bradley Holland-Smith told the Koori Mail he and Laim were third-generation members of the family to be involved in powerboat racing.



The two Holland-Smith boats, Liam's 6-litre Unlimited at left, and Bradley's 1.6-litre Ozlite at right.



Liam is number one, winning the East



Bradley Holland-Smith is ready to race.







# Cometh the hour,



THEY couldn't take this one off Andrew Fifita. The **NSW** and Cronulla wrecking ball reinforced why he is fast building a reputation as one of the

National Rugby League's (NRL's) premier big-game players after turning in a barnstormer in the Blues' State of Origin I

After scoring one try, playing an important role in another two, running for more than 150 metres and busting seven tackles, the giant NSW prop was named man of the match in NSW's 28-4 victory at Lang Park on Wednesday, May 31.

The last time Fifita turned in a match-winning display in a big game, he was overlooked for the Clive Churchill Medal in the Sharks' grand final - despite scoring the match-winning try.

#### Man on a mission

Fifita stepped on to Lang Park on May 31 as a man on a mission to tick off the final item on his bucket list - an Origin series win.

After winning a premiership, a World Cup and cementing his spot in the Australian side, a series win with NSW is the only thing left for the 27-year-old western Sydney product to achieve in the

"This is what you live for - big games like these," Fifita said.

"It's the pinnacle. This is pretty much a trial match to be part of that World Cup squad.

"I thought I did my job, I got the starting gig I always wanted.

"It was a goal to start and, at the end of the day, I thought I did my state proud and my jersey proud."

From the opening whistle, Fifita got NSW on a roll.

He made several Queensland wouldbe tacklers, including Nate Myles and Matt Gillett, look very ordinary before passing inside for James Maloney to score the game's first try.

When he went off for a concussion test at the 22-minute mark, he had already run for 75m.

And when he was passed fit, he made a bullocking run with his first touch of the football that put Queensland on the back foot and opened up space for Mitchell Pearce to cross just before the break.

His 55th-minute try sealed the result and summed up NSW's night when

Justin O'Neill dropped the ball cold on his own goal line and the front-rower pounced to score and make it 22-4.

"He's shown in the past, especially in the grand final, he's really playing well in the big games," skipper Boyd Cordner

"He's always a relaxed character and the boys feed off that. He's a great player and he showed, with a couple of his plays that got us on the front foot, how damaging he can be."

#### **Provided the spark**

Only something special it seemed would inspire NSW to victory in the State of Origin series opener, even against a Queensland side without more than 100 Origin games' worth of experience.

But Fifita provided it, sparking the Blues with his man of the match effort in front of a 50,309-strong crowd.

It marked the Blues' biggest Origin win over Queensland in Brisbane, eclipsing their 32-10 game-three romp in 2005.

And it was the first time NSW had won a series opener since 2014 - the last year the Blues won the Origin trophy.

"We caught Queensland on an off night but we will take a lot of confidence out of that," NSW coach Laurie Daley said.

The Blues were installed as bookies favourites for game one in Brisbane for the first time since 2005 - and NSW didn't like it one bit.

Daley was still wary of a Queensland side embracing the underdog tag after losing Matt Scott (knee), Johnathan Thurston (shoulder), Billy Slater (overlooked), Greg Inglis (knee) and Corey Parker (retired).

And the Maroons blooded two rookies five-eighth Anthony Milford and prop Dylan Napa.

The Blues still knew they would need an X-factor to defeat a Queensland side celebrating skipper Cameron Smith's record 40th Origin.

Enter Fifita.

The Cronulla enforcer was unstoppable.

'We just couldn't seem to handle him tonight," Queensland coach Kevin Walters said.

"NSW just didn't give us anything. They played Origin style footy tonight and we didn't."

Game two is in Sydney next Wednesday night (June 21). - With AAP



**Thaiday** doesn't know of the ambush awaiting him and his Queensland teammates as he runs on to the field for game one of the State of Origin series. RIGHT: Will **Chambers tries** to fend off Josh Dugan in game one at Lang

LEFT: Sam



### Pain... what pain? - Peats

ATHAN Peats was so determined to play out his rugby league State of Origin debut, he battled through the pain of a badly corked thigh.

The Blues rookie No 9 was struggling in the second half after copping a Will Chambers knee to his leg.

NSW coach Laurie Daley was preparing to replace Peats with utility Jack Bird when it became obvious centre Josh Dugan, who had not played in a month, was out on his feet and needed a rest.

Peats refused to come off and delivered a message to Daley through the trainers that he was right to see out the 80

"For a guy on debut in the middle, I thought he was great," Daley said.

Asked if he ever contemplated coming to the bench, Peats said, "Nah. Nah. The first half was pretty solid. The ball was in play for 25 minutes or so.

"I was struggling in the second half. Everyone gets

corks. They're probably one of the worst non-serious injuries."

Peats was outstanding, delivering crisp service out of dummy-half, making a gamehigh 49 tackles and he now shapes as NSW's long-term

"I was really excited. It was everything I expected," Peats

"It was the toughest game I've ever played.

"In the first half, it was at an unbelievable speed. I'm just grateful to get through and hopefully I can get selected

#### Coach's tribute

Sydney Roosters coach Trent Robinson paid tribute to Peats for helping bring out the State of Origin best in Mitchell Pearce.

Robinson said Peats' influence on the result was

Playing his first game for NSW, Peats provided a precise and slick dummy-half service that got the Blues' potent attack moving

"Between Nathan Peats playing at hooker the way he did, and the way Mitchell and (five-eighth) Jimmy (Maloney) were allowed to run the play and play a really flat, aggressive style of running was good," Robinson said.

"When two halves score tries, it means that they're over the advantage line and they're playing some really good footy. I thought it was good, very impressive."

Robinson said he had no issue with the hit from Will Chambers that forced Pearce from the field.

Chambers escaped a ban, getting only a fine, after Storm officials picked up a loophole in the rules regarding the application of grade one high

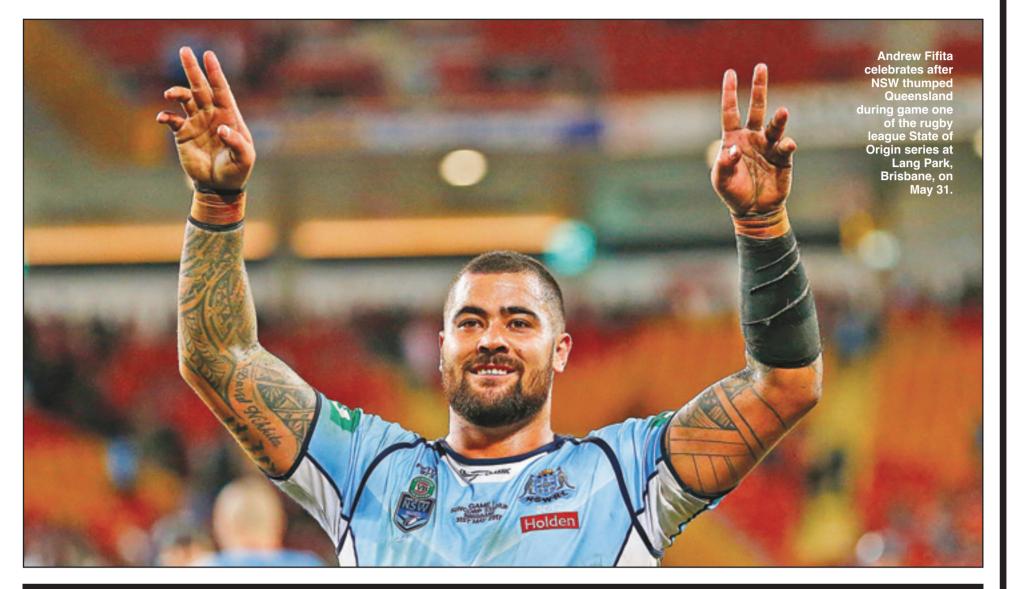
"I definitely don't think it was a shoulder charge.

"It was a high tackle and someone at Melbourne was slightly more intelligent than someone at the NRL to get it down to a fine," Robinson said.

• LEFT: **Nathan Peats** passes during game one of the State Of **Origin series** at Lang Park, Brisbane. • BELOW: **Nathan Peats** celebrates winning game one with his son. Pictures: Getty



# cometh the man



# One of the best, says Paul Gallen

ORMER NSW rugby league captain Paul Gallen has hailed Andrew Fifita's performance in the Blues' series-opening win as one of the finest by a front-rower in State of Origin history.

Fifita scored a try and set up another in the Blues' record victory at Lang Park, Brisbane, in an effort some have compared with rugby league Immortal Artie Beetson.

The Cronulla star finished the night with 168 metres from 15 carries, seven tackle busts and 20 out of 21 tackles to earn man-of-the-match honours over fullback James Tedesco.

"Tedesco was very good as well, but Fifita started it," Gallen said on Triple M's Dead Set Legends

"The way he started the match, the way he ran through them, offloaded, defended, I thought he was just outstanding. One of the best if not the best performance by a front-rower."

#### Discipline under control

Gallen, who this year made himself unavailable for Origin selection to focus on his NRL commitments at Cronulla, praised Fifita for overcoming his discipline issues at club level.

In his first run-on start for the Blues, the Kangaroos prop made no errors and gave away no penalties against the Maroons. "He makes mistakes trying too hard. He's almost 130 kilos, six-foot-three or four, and can run fast and step," Gallen said.

"When he just runs hard, he just finds the offload will come because they simply can't tackle him. Two to three blokes hang off him, he's got his arm free, comes up with a beautiful offload.

"When he comes into the run thinking about offloading first and trying to create something first, that's generally when he comes up with errors.

"I think (Blues coach Laurie Daley) had a word to him throughout the week and said, 'Mate, let's just keep it really simple. Run straight and hard first and if an offload comes, we'll do it."

Daley insisted it was too early for Fifita to be compared with Beetson, and urged his front-rower to repeat his heroics against the Maroons in game two tonight.

"Arthur was an Immortal," Daley said.
"Andrew has got a long way to go
before he reaches that status, but his
performance (against the Maroons) was
very good and we need him to be like
that for the rest of the series.

"A very good performance from Andrew, showed why he's one of the most destructive front-rowers in the game. "He was terrific for us and we need him to be like that again in game two." – AAP

### Thurston on track for Origin II

OACH Kevin Walters has left the door ajar for Billy Slater to be welcomed back into the Queensland line-up for State of Origin II and also indicated strongly that Johnathan Thurston will be passed fit to play.

Faced with having to win in Sydney to save the series, the Maroons coach said he was open to recalling the Melbourne veteran despite dumping him for the Origin I loss to NSW.

After back-to-back shoulder reconstructions, Slater – widely considered one of the great modern day fullbacks – was overlooked for game one in favour of Brisbane skipper Darius Boyd.

Walters is under pressure to make changes.

Walters rated North Queensland playmaker Thurston a 70% chance of resuming his place in the Queensland side after missing game one with a shoulder injury.

Thurston was replaced by Anthony Milford in the series opener and is racing the clock having not played since the May 5 Anzac Test in Canberra.

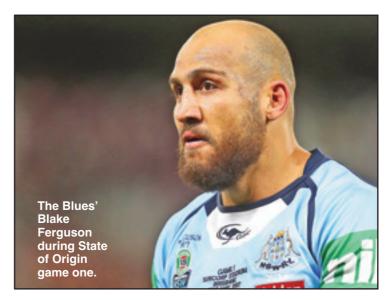
"He's not over the line as yet. He's got to do some more stuff around his rehabilitation in Townsville," Walters said.

Meanwhile, Queensland captain Cameron Smith reckons the Blues' Origin I win does not mean an end to the Queensland era of Origin domination.

Smith, who played his 40th Origin on May 31, says the challenge of keeping the series alive in Sydney next week is exciting, not daunting.

"It's one victory. I wouldn't call it a lot of momentum," Smith said after the Lang Park loss.

"It's one game, you know? It all starts again. – AAP



# 2014 winner returns



**OTIS Carey** (Coffs Harbour, NSW) claimed his second Australian Indigenous surfing title on

May 28 near Torquay, Victoria. Held in clean small waves at

the world famous Bells Beach home of the Wada Wurrung people - the event brought together the top Indigenous surfers from around the country.

Carey, the 2014 winner. showed his strength in the righthand waves, putting together multiple carves and turns in the final to best 14-year-old Finn Hill (Avoca, NSW).

Carey took the event with a heat total of 16.23 points (out of a possible 20) over Hill's 15.43 points.

"Its cool to win the event again, but for me the biggest thing is just being here at the event and having that sense of belonging to the community," Carey, a noted freestyler, said.

"It has been two years since I won my last one, and that is a true testament to how strong the field at this event is every year."

Hill made a strong comeback in the final minutes with a 9.50. however did not have a strong enough back up score to come out on top.

"Finn was surfing incredible," Carey said. "I have never seen him surf before, but he definitely has a bright future.'

Surfing in the open women, 15vear-old Summer Simon (Port

Kembla, NSW) claimed her third title in a row, showing class beyond her years.

Simon locked in a heat total of 18.50 points to finish ahead of Jasmine McCorquodale (Bateau Bay, NSW) on 13.04 points.

"I am just overwhelmed with the win," an elated Simon said.

"To get my highest ever heat total here in some great waves at Bells Beach is incredible.'

Third was Jarrah Clarke (La Perouse, NSW) on 9.93 points with Amber Harrison (Lakes Entrance, Vic) in fourth on 1.33

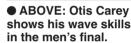
The longboard division was taken out by Tom Avery (Lismore, NSW) with Robbie Page (Kempsey, NSW) second and Rhys Collins (Red Hill, Vic) third and Jarrod Black (Torquay, Vic)

Former Pipe Master Robbie Page also took out the Masters men division. Rhys Collins was second, with Scott Winch (Wollongong, NSW) third and Mark Simon (Port Kembla, NSW) fourth.

The inaugural junior boys and girls divisions were also held, with Finn Hill winning the boys' final ahead of Taj Simon (Port Kembla, NSW). Rohnin Hanry-Micale (Bellambi, NSW) was third and Zach Molony (Killarney Vale, NSW) fourth.

Summer Simon also took out the junior girls Division ahead of Jasmine McCorquodale and Jarrah Clarke. Bohdi Simon (Port Kembla, NSW) and Amber Harrison placed in fourth and fifth.





LEFT: Oris Carey is carried to the podium after clinching the 2017 Australian Indiaenous surfina title for the second

BELOW: Lismore's Tom Avery walks the plank in the longboard





Winners. from left. Robbie Page (Masters), Summer Simon (open women and junior girls), Otis Carey (open men), Tom Avery (longboard) and Finn Hill (junior boys). Pictures: Elley Harrison



● LEFT: Longboard finalists, from left, **Rhys Collins** (third), Tom Avery (winner), Jarrod Black (fourth) and **Robbie Page** (second). RIGHT: Open champion Otis Carey with runnerup and junior boys champion Finn Hill.











### Tennis great: Name arena after Evonne



TENNIS great Martina Navratilova has suggested the Margaret Court Arena in Melbourne should be renamed the Evonne Goolagong Arena.

This follows the storm that erupted after Australian tennis great Margaret Court declared she would avoid flying with Qantas, where practical, because of Qantas' support for gay and transgender people.

Speaking to Vision Christian Radio, Court lamented "tennis is full of lesbians".

Navratilova, who won the Wimbledon singles crown nine times, believes seventime grand slam winner Goolagong was better suited to bear the name of the stadium which hosts the Australian Open each January.

"How much blood will be on Margaret's hands because kids will continue to get beaten for being different? This is not OK," Navratilova wrote in an open letter to Margaret Court Arena, published by Fairfax Media.

"Too many will die by suicide because of this kind of intolerance, this kind of bashing and yes, this kind of bullying. This is not OK.

"The platform people like Margaret Court use needs to be made smaller, not bigger.

"Which is why I think it's time to change your name. And I think the Evonne Goolagong Arena has a great ring to it.

"Now there is a person we can all celebrate"

Players at the French Open last week were largely critical of Christian pastor Court's position.

Gay Australian player and Ashleigh Bary's doubles playing partner Casey Dellacqua has spoken out against her family being targeted for criticism by Court in the past.

World men's No 1 Andy Murray said players would be offended by Court's outspokenness.

But he hoped the row came to a head before the Australian Open so the seasonopening major wasn't hijacked by the prospect of Margaret Court Arena boycotts.

Navratilova said she had "long ago forgiven" Court for her comments 27 years ago that being a lesbian made her a bad role model.

But "demonising" and denying LGBT people rights was unacceptable, she said.

Margaret Court (nee Smith) won three Wimbledon women's singles titles while Goolagong beat Court 6-4 6-1 in the 1971 final and beat Chris Evert-Lloyd 6-1 7-6 in 1980. – AAP





# Abby is off to World titles



NORTHERN Territorian Abby Cubillo is in the Australian team for basketball's Under-19 World Cup in Italy next month.

The 12-person team was announced at the conclusion of the final selection camp at Basketball Australia's Centre of Excellence (CoE).

The FIBA Under-19 World Cup will be held from July 22-30.

The Australian Gems advanced through the FIBA Oceania tournament late last year to qualify for the FIBA World Cup and 10 players who were present at the 107-52 gold medal victory over New Zealand will compete for the international title.

Cubillo is the only Territorian in the side that is dominated by Victoria, with six selections

Coach Dee Butler said selection was not easy.

"But we are excited about the depth and versatility of the team," she said.

"The team has a wealth of experience underpinned by their development at the CoE through their state-based high-performance programs while some have previous World Championship involvement."

#### **Under-17 champions**

That is exemplified by seven of the players, including Cubillo, who claimed Australia's first ever gold medal at the Under-17 World Championships last year, a tournament they went through undefeated.

"We are really looking forward to the exciting challenges in our pre-World cup tournament in France and then our

ultimate objective to medal at the World Cup in Italy," said Butler.

The Gems have been drawn into Group D for the tournament and will be aiming to get on the podium for the third straight time after winning bronze medals in 2015 and 2013 while they were also silver medalists in 1997 and gold medalists in 1993.

"We know that we will face strong opposition with a number of the European teams, and Japan and Korea as always will be highly skilled and extremely quick," Butler said

Australia will play Japan on July 22, Mexico on July 24, and Hungary on July 25

The round of 16 will begin on July 26, with quarterfinals on July 28, semifinals on July 29 and the bronze and gold medal games on July 30.

### Inglis takes first tentative steps back



SOUTH Sydney cocaptain Greg Inglis has appeared at Rabbitohs'

headquarters for the first time since checking himself into a mental health clinic with depression.

Inglis spent time with teammates last Tuesday morning before meeting the club's medical staff to resume his rehabilitation on his knee reconstruction.

His sighting at Redfern Oval will boost a South Sydney side who had lost seven of their past nine games and before last weekend, sat 13th on the National Rugby League (NRL) ladder.

Before last weekend, the Rabbitohs needed to win at least eight of their remaining 12 games to reach the traditional 28-point cutoff and feature in September action.

South Sydney players said their captain was in good spirits after taking time out to deal with depression.

The Rabbitohs have given Inglis all the space he needs since the injured Queensland Origin and Australian Test star checked himself into a mental

health clinic last month.

The club said Inglis had left the clinic and had been spending quality time with family before rejoining teammates at Redfern, where he will resume rehabilitation on his season-ending ACL injury.

"Obviously Greg has wanted some space ... he's in a great place and we're really looking forward to having him back around the club," stand-in captain Sam Burgess said ahead of Inglis' return.

"He's a huge part of the team and everyone has missed him."

Burgess himself had only

"very briefly" spoken to Inglis, but a number of senior players, including John Sutton, went to see him.

"I got out there and got to see the big fella," Sutton said.

"We just talked about guy stuff and a bit of footy, just hung out. It was good.

"He's in good spirits. Having him back will boost the camaraderie. He's a superstar of the game and a champion bloke."

The news comes days after the Rabbitohs denied speculation Inglis had requested a release from the club. – AAP

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#### **Ash Barty in Strasbourg** doubles win

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### New date for touch footy carnival



inaugural **National** Indigenous Touch Football

**Knockout Carnival has been** postponed until November.

Organisers originally said the carnival would be held at **Dubbo during the June long** weekend, but last week announced it now would be held at Caltex Park, Dubbo, on November 10-12.

It is being organised by the Wellington Aboriginal **Corporation Health** Service's (WACHS') Quit B Fit - Tackling Indigenous **Smoking Program and** Manly Warringah Sea Eagles in conjunction with NSW **Touch Football & Touch** Football Australia and **Dubbo Regional Council.** 

It is being touted as the first of its kind in Australia.

"The organising committee agreed to change the date and also review the registration and competitor criteria to encourage more registrations to ensure a highly successful event for Dubbo," said WACHS CEO Darren Ah See.

The Knockout will be open to men's, women's, mixed and junior grades, and will feature a prize pool of up to \$40,000 for winners and runners-up.

"The revised registration and competitor details will be available on the event's website and social media on July 1, 2017."

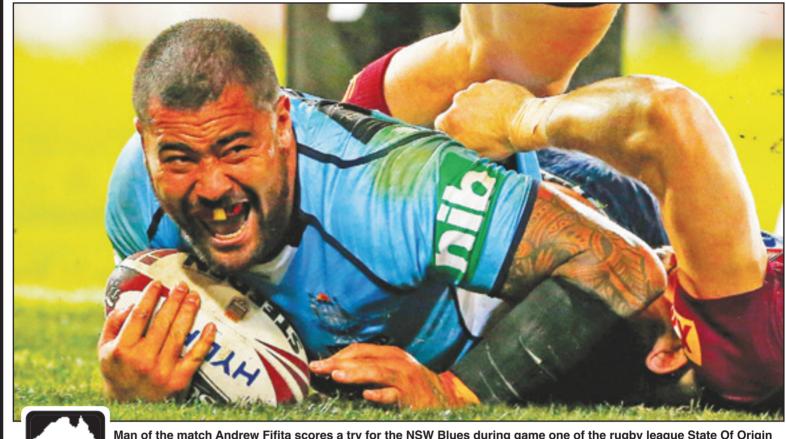
Mr Ah See has encouraged all interested players to get involved.

"We will be moving forward in November with our plans to host a health hub and kids activity/entertainment area at the Knockout to promote healthy living.

"We're also planning entertainment and an open mic session for amateur musicians to make the weekend a family fun-filled

For more information, visit the KO website www.indigenoustouchknock out.sportingpulse.net or follow @quitbfit on Facebook and #quitbfit on Twitter and Instagram.

### **Accolades galore for rampaging Fifita**



Man of the match Andrew Fifita scores a try for the NSW Blues during game one of the rugby league State Of Origin series against the Queensland Maroons at Lang Park, Brisbane, on Wednesday, May 31. Fifita's performance in that game has been described as one of the greatest in State of Origin history. Picture: Getty

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# ne of the best



THE 2017 Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Rugby League Carnival will be held at Redcliffe, near Brisbane, on September 20-

Dolphin Oval again will be the venue and registrations are open. Already 30 teams have nominated.

Carnival organiser Phil Reeves said this vear's event was expected to be one of the

It is expected that more than 60 teams in men's, women's and under-15s division will attend the biggest Indigenous sporting carnival in Queensland," he said.

The event is drug and alcohol-free, and sugar-free. It is the biggest sugar-free event in Australia and unique in the sports world.

Reeves said the carnival represented an innovative way to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to take responsibility for their health.

Every player is required to have a health check with their GP before taking to the field. Junior players must also have achieved a 90% school attendance rate to be eligible to play.

Brad Beetson, son of the late Arthur Beetson and board member of the Arthur Beetson Foundation, said his father would have been proud to see so many people taking part.

"Dad was absolutely passionate about young Australians, and particularly young Indigenous

Australians, achieving better health, education and welfare outcomes," Brad Beetson said.

"He would have been so pleased to see the huge number of teams travelling from all over Queensland to compete in the under-15s, men's and women's competitions."

Rugby league legend and Deadly Choices ambassador Steve Renouf said that the carnival was a key event for raising the representation of Indigenous players in the NRL.

"The Murri Rugby League Carnival is recognised as a showpiece of Indigenous sporting talent and it provides an environment that encourages community to take responsibility for looking after their health," he

#### Around the state

"We've got teams from all over Queensland, including from the Torres Strait, Mt Isa and the Gold Coast indicating their willingness to nominate for this year's event."

The carnival is supported by the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health's Deadly Choices

Institute for Urban Indigenous Health CEO Adrian Carson said the carnival was about much more than football and sport.

"With preventable chronic disease the major contributor to the gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Queenslanders, the carnival encourages and empowers our

people to take control of their health," he said.

Queensland Health has estimated the current life expectancy gap for Indigenous males at 10.8 years and 8.6 for Indigenous females.

National Rugby League (NRL) selectors will be paying close attention to all divisions.

Reeves said under-15s representatives would be eyed for selection for an upcoming tour and to join the 2018 under-16s Queensland Rugby League (QRL) Indigenous team. Players in the women's competition will have the opportunity to be selected for the NRL Women's All Stars development squad.

"At the recent Maroon Festival, QRL management stated that they see the Murri under-15s carnival as the start of the pathway which ultimately leads to future Origin players.

"We are proud the greatest of all Indigenous Sportsmen name is so closely associated with this pathway event," said Arthur Beetson Foundation chairman Steve Johnson.

"Without the support of the state and Commonwealth governments, Moreton Bay Regional Council and the Queensland Rugby League this event wouldn't achieve what it does in terms of making a real difference in the health, education and sporting outcomes for our Indigenous youth and at the same time remembering the legacy of Arthur Beetson."

Teams wanting to get all the information can go to www.murrirugbyleague.com.au

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