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Return of the Cleverman

Aboriginal superhero Koen West, played by Hunter Page-Lochard (pictured above), returns to ABC tomorrow night (Thursday) for the much-anticipated second season of *Cleverman*. See our report on page 5.

Violation, failure, disaster, waste...

10 years on, they're just some of the words being used to describe the NT Intervention



"YOU couldn't believe the damage they have done to us." That's how Yolngu Elder Reverend Dr Djiniyini Gondarra describes the effects of the Northern Territory Intervention on his people.

It was a decade ago this month that then Prime Minister John Howard, seizing on the Little Children are Sacred report on sexual abuse in the remote NT communities, declared there was a 'national emergency' in the NT and ordered the Intervention.

Measures ordered included compulsory income management and health checks for children, alcohol restrictions on Aboriginal land, linking welfare payments to children's attendance at school, compulsory acquisition

of townships, the scrapping of the permit system and other restrictions.

A decade on, Indigenous leaders have condemned the Intervention as a complete failure and disaster. National Aboriginal Community Controlled Aboriginal Health Organisation (NACCHO) chief executive Pat Turner told ABC radio that under the Intervention nothing had improved for Aboriginal people.

Luritja/Arrernte man Vince Forrester said the Intervention had taken away Aboriginal people's control.

Danila Dilba Health Service chief executive Olga Havnen said the vast majority of funds under the Intervention have been squandered.

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Rev Djiniyini Gondarra



NACCHO's Pat Turner

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My FAMILY Mislam Sam – Palm Island, Qld



● Above: Mislam Sam, third from right back row, with Grace Miller (front in yellow) and other family members.

FOUR generations of our family gathered in Townsville, north Queensland, for the surprise birthday party of my much-loved mother Retemoi Grace Miller.

It was held at the Seagulls Resort Conference Room and attended by more than 80 people.

Everyone on Palm Island knows mum as Grace and we wanted to give her a special 60th.

Her six children, including me, organised the event and my mother was joined by her older brother and former Palm Islander Aboriginal Shire councillor Zac Sam Snr and her baby sister Rannieta Johnson.

Also in attendance were more than 60 nephews, nieces, grandchildren and her only great grandchild, Mislam Sam III.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey was also there.

No one is more deserving than my mother. She has persevered through

the social problems that all mothers and grandmothers continually seem to face in an Indigenous community.

So this special occasion was about honouring her life and showing how much she means to all the family.

It's not unusual to find my mother up at 5am cleaning her yard or spring cleaning her house again. That's the kind of mother she is – always cleaning and always looking after her grown children and grandchildren.

All Grace's family gathered at the celebration had this special message for her: "Mum, you have suffered through your endearing and eternal love and now it's time to put yourself first."

We also have lots of relatives and friends living in the Torres Strait Islands and Northern Peninsula Area on the mainland in the far north of Queensland.

Share your family with our readers

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OUR CHILDREN



LOCAL children lead the way in the community march during the Barunga Festival at the Top End community near Katherine this month. See our coverage including more pictures on page 30. *Picture: Duane Preston*

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City gears up for NAIDOC



SYDNEYSIDERS have the opportunity to step inside a traditional gunya shelter, dance to live music and sample modern bush tucker in Hyde Park during NAIDOC Week.

The City of Sydney's annual NAIDOC in the City event, held from 11am-3pm on Monday, July 3, is a free celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

The theme of NAIDOC Week 2017 is 'our languages matter'.

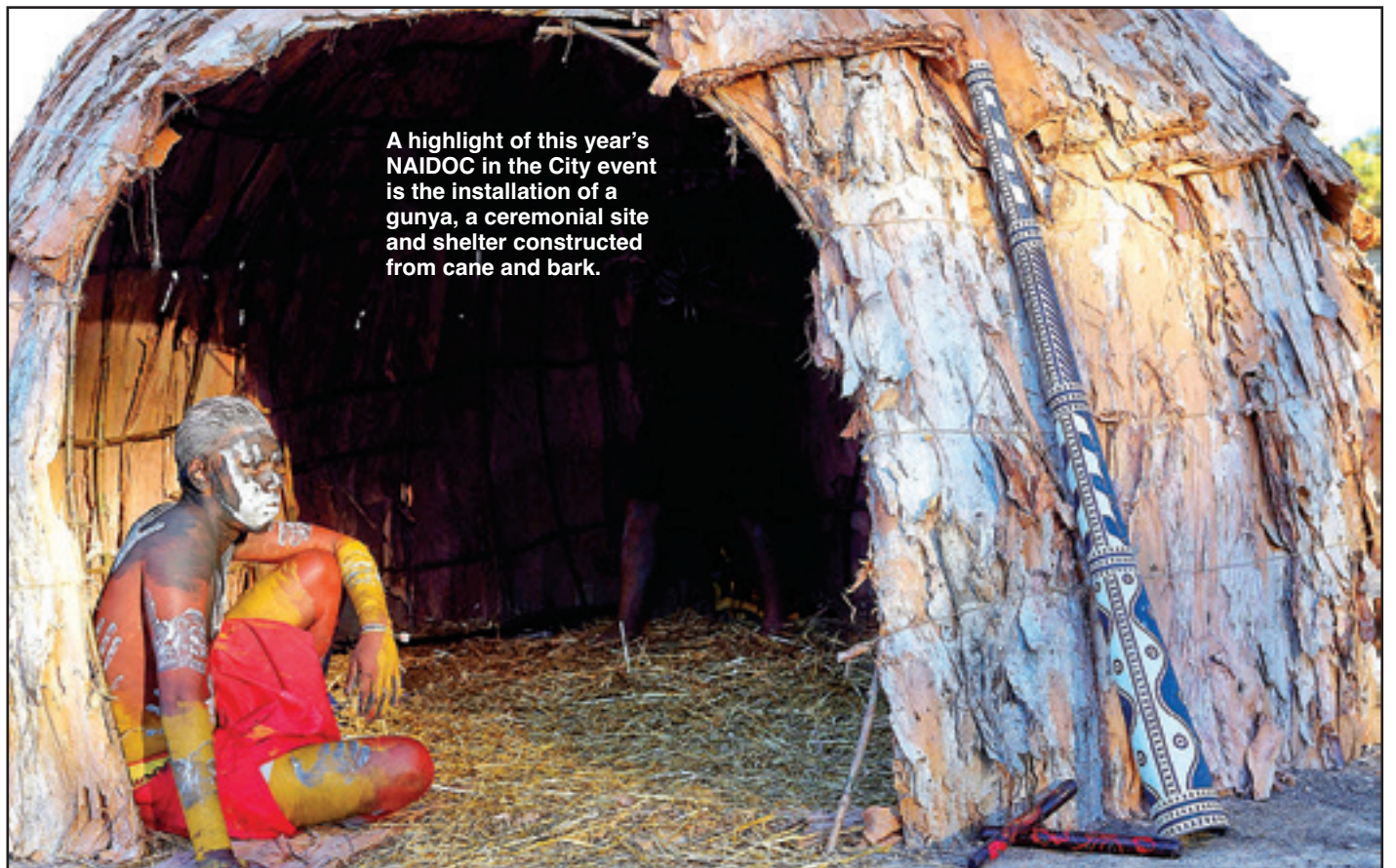
National NAIDOC Committee co-chair Anne Martin said languages are the breath of life for Indigenous peoples and the theme will raise awareness of the status and importance of Indigenous languages across the country.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait languages are not just a means of communication, they express knowledge about everything: law, geography, history, family and human relationships, philosophy, religion, anatomy, childcare, health, caring for country, astronomy, biology and food," she said.

"Each language is associated with an area of land and has a deep spiritual significance and it is through their own languages, that Indigenous nations maintain their connection with their ancestors, land and law."

A highlight of this year's NAIDOC in the City event is the installation of a gunya, a ceremonial site and shelter constructed from cane and bark. The gunya will be home to didgeridoo and dance workshops and storytelling sessions.

Kids can start their school holidays with



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a range of fun outdoor activities, from face painting and weaving, to sport and music.

The giant earth oven will be fired up once again, offering a delicious feast for everyone, while musicians and

dancers perform live on stage.

Children will enjoy a storytelling session at NAIDOC in the City with renowned Wiradjuri author Dr Anita Heiss.

There will also be a range of market

stalls showcasing arts and crafts, gourmet food, books and information.

NAIDOC Week runs from July 2-9.

● For more NAIDOC events, check out our national calendar, page 38-39

Vic Bill named in Woi-wurrung



FOR the first time a Victorian Parliamentary Bill has been also named in an Aboriginal language.

The *Yarra River Protection (Wilip-gin Birrarung murrn - Keep the Yarra alive) Bill* combines the wisdom of traditional owners with modern river management expertise.

Part of its preamble is written in Woi-wurrung, giving traditional owners a permanent voice in the governance and protection of the Birrarung (Yarra River).

Wurundjeri Elders joined Planning Minister Richard Wynne to introduce the Bill in Parliament last week, with Alice Kolasa, wrapped in a traditional possum skin cloak, introducing it.

In an Australian first, the Bill identifies the Birrarung and the many hundreds of parcels of public land it flows through as one living, integrated natural entity for protection and improvement.

"Today we gather proudly, on this historic occasion, not only for us the Woi-wurrung people but for all Victorian Aboriginal clans and the state of Victoria," Ms Kolasa said.

"Today a Bill comes before



Wurundjeri Elders Jacqui Wandin, Allan Wandin, Alice Kolasa, Gail Smith, Ron Jones and Colin Hunter in the Victorian Parliament House. Picture: Jim McFarlane, Victorian Government

the house to protect and recognise the uniqueness of the Birrarung. In our language, Woi-wurrung, this bill is called Wilip-gin Birrarung murrn, which means 'Keep the Birrarung alive'.

"The Birrarung has been central to our cultural, spiritual, social and economic wellbeing since the Dreaming. Our ancestors and the Birrarung shaped one another — living in

balance together for countless generations. The state now recognises something that we, as the First People, have always known: that the Birrarung is one integrated living entity."

Ms Kolasa paid tribute to Woi-wurrung ancestors and their fight for self-determination, including at Coranderrk and Healesville.

"When passed, this Bill will

guarantee that the Birrarung will be protected by law and benefit from the custodianship of a body known as the Birrarung Council," she said.

"As the First Nations people, our place in this new governance structure is also enshrined into law. Through this process the state has recognised the Woi-wurrung as the First People of the Birrarung."

Alice Rigney a true pioneer



KAURNA and Nurungga Aboriginal Nations Elder Alice Rigney had a lifelong dedication to teaching. Australia's first female Aboriginal school principal and the first Aboriginal person to join the professional ranks of the

South Australian Department of Education, Ms Rigney passed away just 24 hours after her husband Lester Rigney was buried on their country of birth at Point Pearce, on South Australia's Yorke Peninsula.

Ms Rigney was also a graduate and honorary doctor of the University of South Australia (UniSA), where flags flew at half mast in honour of her life.

UniSA vice chancellor Professor David Lloyd said Ms Rigney was a woman who had pursued education not only with a personal passion, but also with a deep commitment to its power to transform lives and change destinies.

"In following her dream to get and give education, Alice blazed a path for others to follow," Prof Lloyd said.

"Her career took her from teacher's aide in 1967, to school principal by 1997 when she retired and continued to contribute her wisdom and drive with enormous generosity."

After her teaching career, Ms Rigney took on significant roles in SA's Guardianship Board and Aboriginal Education, Training and Advisory Committee. She was also a national ambassador for the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training's National Indigenous English Literacy and Numeracy Strategy.

Ms Rigney's three children have all gone on to contribute to society — Professor Lester-Irabinna Rigney is Professor of Education at UniSA, Eileen Wanganeen followed her mother into teaching and education leadership, and Tracey Ritchie works as a principal Aboriginal consultant at the Department of Education and Child Development.

Her granddaughter Tarni Rigney, the third generation of Alice's family, is studying to be an early childhood teacher at UniSA.

Cleverman actor is powering in role

Company in search for illustrators

By RUDI MAXWELL



FOR young Aboriginal actor Hunter Page-Lochard, two of the most beautiful aspects of working on hit TV series *Cleverman* are that it

explores elements of Aboriginal culture and, despite the often dark storyline of the show, the cast and crew have become like a family.

As season two begins tomorrow (Thursday), Page-Lochard's character Koen is a leader who has been separated from his people – the humans and Hairypeople from the Zone. The only hope for peace is Koen realising the full potential of his Cleverman powers.

"It was great jumping back in to the skin of Koen, to see where he goes from where we left him at the end of season one," Page-Lochard told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's an awesome experience being able to delve deeper into a character.

"Making *Cleverman* is heaps of fun. One of the beautiful things I love about it is that the creators play around with aspects of Indigenous cultures.

"During season two we find out what the meaning of Koen's Cleverman powers actually is, what they represent and what they're used for.

"One of the things I really love about the show is that, while on the surface it's sci-fi, it's embedded in Aboriginal culture.

"People haven't really seen, as an audience, our folklore, or culture played out on the screen like this before."



Hunter Page-Lochard on the set of *Cleverman* in Sydney.

Page-Lochard, who has also recently been a part of the cast for *Wentworth* (an Australian drama set in a women's prison), is hoping *Cleverman* develops into a long-term program.

"We're very much a family. We established that in the first season and in the second just continued it," he said.

"I'm so lucky to work with such a great bunch of actors, like Deborah Mailman, Rob Collins, Frances O'Connor, Iain Glen and so many others, like Uncle Jack Charles in the first season."

And speaking of Iain Glen, the *Game of Thrones* star, Page-Lochard conceded he'd had a little fan moment early on. "You can't help it, but once you've realised that this guy is completely sworn to secrecy, you don't ask him about GoT – but we did get little

hints, like when he's not available, I wonder why – wonder where he is."

Page-Lochard said that while he expected *Cleverman* to be popular, he was shocked by the positive international response.

"So many people around the world saw it," he said. "It was interesting to see some African Americans relating their own struggles to it. For a lot of people around the world, not knowing Aboriginal history, our struggles or political situation, it was an eye-opener, which is interesting to say the least."

Ryan Griffen created *Cleverman* because he wanted to see an Aboriginal superhero on screen, and for Page-Lochard the role is something he values and cherishes.

Series two of *Cleverman* begins on ABC TV, 9.30pm Thursday, June 29.

MEDIA company IndigenousX is looking for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander comic illustrators whose work redefines how mob are represented in media and society.

The call-out coincides with the arrival of season two of TV's *Cleverman* series, and one illustrator will receive three mentorship sessions with *Cleverman* creator Ryan Griffen and Gestalt Comics editor-in-chief Wolf Bylsma.

Griffen says he's excited to see what talent is out there.

"*Cleverman* has always been about building black talent and empowering our people and to have the chance to do that with comics is amazing," he said.

"Our culture is built around the arts, and comics is just another way to express ourselves in a modern setting."

All entrants will have their work displayed on the IndigenousX website and social media channels.

The winning artist will also retain all rights to their work.

Bylsma said comics are the greatest storytelling medium in the world.

"Story is what drives us and provides each of us with a greater context to understand ourselves and each other," he said.

"Everyone has a story, and every storytelling voice is important. In Australia, we have a great many voices deserving of greater recognition, and Gestalt strives to ensure more of those voices are heard."

Submissions are open until July 6. For more details, visit <http://indigenousx.com.au/>



The cover of the first edition of *Cleverman*.

Parliament passes native title changes



CHANGES to the *Native Title Act* regarding Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) have

passed the Senate, after Labor supported the Government's amendments, meaning all the named applicants (usually one representative from each clan group) are no longer required to sign off on an ILUA.

The Government introduced the proposed changes to native title legislation earlier this year in response to a successful Federal Court challenge by four Noongar people in the McGlade case that ruled all native title claimants must sign off on an ILUA.

The amended Bill passed the Senate with Labor and crossbench support and then received final approval in the lower house.

The Greens opposed the changes, insisting they were being rushed through to appease Indian mining giant Adani, whose ILUA on

Wangan and Jagalingou land is the subject of four court actions, without proper consultation with traditional land owners.

The Senate vote effectively ended months of back and forth, after Labor and the Greens forced a Senate Inquiry into the legislation, which many traditional owners felt didn't allow sufficient time.

Labor has, at times, appeared to play both sides of the fence, with Leader Bill Shorten saying in April that "we don't think that native title should be a plaything to resolve the Adani investment", but then phoning Adani Australia to reassure them before debate had finished in the Senate.

Labor senator Pat Dodson said the changes would restore certainty to the native title system, insisting they were made after extensive consultation with Indigenous groups.

"Labor recognises that the Indigenous community is not united in its support for this Bill,"

he said in a statement.

Attorney-General George Brandis insisted the changes were widely supported by traditional owners, but could only say he had met with some representatives from the National Native Title Council.

"The people whose voices have been most loudly urging – indeed, beseeching – this Parliament to get on with it and pass this Bill are the traditional owners. That is what they have been saying," he told senators.

"They have been saying it unanimously through their representatives, the National Native Title Council, which, as I say, is the peak stakeholder body."

Strike out

Members of the Wangan and Jagalingou registered native title claimant are in the Federal Court seeking to strike out Adani's ILUA.

They argue passage of the Bill puts the interests of miners ahead of traditional owner land rights.

W&J Traditional Owners Council spokesperson Adrian Burragubba said Adani's problems were not solved by changing the legislation.

"The trial to decide the fate of Adani's supposed deal with the Wangan and Jagalingou Traditional Owners is scheduled for the Federal Court in March 2018," he said.

"Senator Brandis has been disingenuous in prosecuting his argument for these changes to native title laws, while the hands of native title bureaucrats and the mining lobby are all over the outcome.

"This swift overturning of a Federal Court decision, without adequate consultation with Indigenous people, was a significant move, not a mere technical consideration as the Turnbull Government has tried to make out.

"It is appalling and false for George Brandis to pretend that by holding a 'workshop' with the chief

executives of the native title service bodies, he has the unanimous agreement of traditional owners across Australia. No amount of claimed 'beseeching' by the head of the Native Title Council, Glen Kelly, can disguise this.

"The public were not properly informed about the Bill, and nor were Indigenous people around the country, who were not consulted and did not consent to these changes.

"We draw the line today. We declare our right to our land. There is no surrender. There is no land use agreement. We are the people from that land. We're the rightful traditional owners of Wangan and Jagalingou country, and we are in court to prove that others are usurping our rights."

The proposed ILUA between Adani and Wangan and Jagalingou people has caused conflict between claimants, with some in favour and some strongly against. – *With AAP*

First Tasmanians are the stars

By JILLIAN MUNDY



A NEW permanent exhibition at Launceston's Queen Victoria Museum and Art

Gallery, opening next week, will take visitors on a journey back through 40,000 years of Aboriginal history and culture in Tasmania – past ice ages and sea level rise to a time when the constellations in the night sky were in different alignments.

The First Tasmanians: Our Story, will be the first permanent exhibition exploring and presenting the culture and history of Tasmanian Aboriginal people in the museum, which opened in 1891.

"We've focused in on deep history. It's not about colonial history, or invasion," explained Greg Lehman, the project manager for the new exhibition.

He said it would help mainstream Tasmanians to understand that more than 95% of human history in the state was before European invasion.

"The majority of time that people were living in what is now called Tasmania was during the last ice age when temperatures were 8 to 12 degrees below what they are now," Mr Lehman said.

"The mountains were covered by icecaps, the valleys were filled with glaciers, it was a cold, dry environment, so much of the water in the planet was locked up in icecaps. It was a very different place.

"And our old fellas survived,



Exhibition project manager Greg Lehman, featured artist Rex Greeno, Aboriginal reference group member and cultural practitioner Lola Greeno and gallery director Richard Mulvaney.

they were the most southerly living people on the planet."

Mr Lehman hopes it will make people think about climate change, and that the current changes are only being accelerated by human activity.

"The climate has been radically different in the past. We

shouldn't take it for granted that it's going to stay the same as it is, because it never has. It will change."

Gallery director Richard Mulvaney said staff deliberately avoided 'contact' history so the new gallery would complement, rather than compete with, the

award-winning Aboriginal galleries at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, in Hobart, which cover invasion, the Black War in Tasmania and the Aboriginal political movement.

The First Tasmanians: Our Story features a huge projected simulation of the evolving night

sky, developed by astronomer Martin George.

When the *Koori Mail* visited, as finishing touches were being made, he pointed out that what is now known as the Southern Cross was quite a different formation 20,000 years ago, as Aboriginal people would have seen it.

Videos featuring interactive displays sitting alongside an array of cultural objects, some made specially for the exhibition, others collected over the past two centuries, including an historic collection of wooden artefacts and a basket made by Truganini.

"What we're trying to do is have history sitting along contemporary makers, talking about what they do, why knowledge from the past is important to today. We're trying to have collapsed time, the past and the present sitting there together," Mr Lehman said.

"We don't live in the past, but we are informed by the past. Our culture and identity draws on the past all the time."

The Launceston gallery plans to continually update and alter the exhibition, and to develop a complementary public program which will take visitors outside the building to the nearby Cataract Gorge.

The First Tasmanians: Our Story is at 2 Wellington Street, Launceston, and open to the public from Saturday, July 8, with a program of tours, demonstrations, panel discussions and performances on the day.

Kids still removed, commission hears



GENERATIONS of Aboriginal children are being removed from their families in the Northern Territory by a child protection system that equates the effects of absolute poverty with neglect, an inquiry has heard.

Larrakia Elder and social worker Dr Christine Fejo-King told the NT child protection royal commission that protection agencies are also relying on a Western family tree concept instead of the legislated principle of the extensive Aboriginal kinship system, leading to children being taken away instead of being cared for by their extended family.

It is causing as much grief and heartache as the Stolen Generations, she said.

"They're taking our children away," Dr Fejo-King, a third generation Stolen Generations member, said.

"They're bringing such grief and sorrow and heartache, the same as what happened when I was young and involved nearly

50 years ago. We're right back to that."

There is no bridge between Aboriginal people and the child protection system amid generations of mistrust, Dr Fejo-King told the royal commission sitting in Darwin.

"There are families now who are experiencing generations of their children taken away, so why should they trust the system?" she said, adding the only way to make a difference was to listen to Aboriginal people and change practices on the ground.

Dr Fejo-King accepted there are children who need to be removed from their families for their own safety.

"But in many instances what we see in the Northern Territory is absolute poverty and there's a difference between absolute poverty, which is often then equated to neglect, as opposed to actual life-threatening situations for that child as a result of the people that they're living with in an unsafe place," she said.

"If you don't tackle the poverty, you're always going to

be taking our kids away."

Josephine Crawshaw, the former chief executive of an Aboriginal child protection peak body, also criticised the criteria for removing a child based on neglect.

"If you wanted to apply that you'd have to take almost every Aboriginal child out of a remote community," she said.

Intervention

Noting the June 21 10th anniversary of the Federal Government's controversial Intervention in remote NT Aboriginal communities, Ms Crawshaw said: "Ten years ago today we had martial law in this country, on the civilians. Incredible."

The NT child protection royal commissioners questioned the "massive" amounts spent on private out-of-home care, with one company charging \$77,000 a month to run a group home for four children in Katherine.

"Can we really justify that to the taxpayer, \$77,000 a month for four children?" Royal Commissioner Mick Gooda asked.

Some private companies operating homes for children in the NT appear to be engaging in profiteering while Aboriginal kinship carers don't even get money for a loaf of bread, the inquiry heard.

The commission has heard \$5200 a month was spent on food, pocket money, clothing and sporting activities at the Safe Pathways facility in Katherine, while the amount charged to Territory Families also covered rent and staff wages.

"It was very difficult to come up with any responsive answer that doesn't say there is a lot of profiteering in this field," Royal Commissioner Margaret White said.

"I'm sorry to have to use that expression, but that's what these figures suggest to us."

Ms White, a former Supreme Court judge, said figures before the commission show it is much more expensive – "by a huge multiplier" – to place a child in out-of-home care than in foster or kinship care.

Dr Fejo-King said Aboriginal kinship carers get no money from

government for caring for children in their extended family.

"They give everyone else money to help support them when they take these children on, but because you're related in some way to this child you do it because of the goodness of your heart," she said.

"And you take that loaf of bread and instead of feeding five children with it you feed 10 children with one loaf of bread. And we're not going to give you another cent to buy another loaf of bread."

"Where is the equity in that? That needs to change."

Mr Gooda, a former Social Justice Commissioner, said a "minuscule" \$10 million was spent on foster care in 2014-15, compared with \$21 million for purchased home-based care (or day care), and \$27 million for residential care.

Former NT Department of Children and Families chief executive Clare Gardiner-Barnes said private placements had grown strongly, mainly because there was insufficient recruitment of foster carers and kinship carers. – AAP

10 years of failure and huge damage

Territory Intervention labelled a disaster



YOLNGU Elder Reverend Dr Djiniyini Gondarra believes 10 years of the Northern Territory Intervention is a decade too long.

"You couldn't believe the damage they have done to us," he said. "Everything was taken away. It's the same as what happened in the 1950s or '30s. Welfare mentality.

"Are we always going to be a puppet on a string for them? To stop them we need a people's movement. We are still a sovereign nation. We must come together and say no."

Rev Gondarra was one of numerous speakers at the StandUp2017 conference in Alice Springs last weekend, which focused on the effects of the Intervention.

Events protesting the Intervention were also held in Sydney and Melbourne and more are scheduled this week.

Ten years ago Liberal Prime Minister John Howard declared there was a "national emergency" in the Northern Territory and was unapologetic for his "interventionist" approach, which included compulsory income management and health checks for children, alcohol restrictions on Aboriginal land, linking welfare payments to children's attendance at school, compulsory acquisition of townships, the scrapping of the permit system and other restrictive measures.

Mr Howard and Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough were responding to the Little Children are Sacred report, which looked at sexual abuse in NT remote communities.

Ignored

They ignored almost every recommendation of the report and suspended the *Racial Discrimination Act* to introduce the Intervention.

Luritja/Arrernte man Vince Forrester told the Alice Springs conference that the Intervention had taken away Aboriginal people's control.

"They took our businesses and gave us the BasicsCard," he said.

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chairs Jackie Huggins and Rod Little said the Howard Government had introduced the Intervention as they desperately

searched for vote-winning announcements in the lead-up to an election they looked certain to lose.

"The program won bipartisan support and continued under a new name, Stronger Futures, when the government changed," Congress said.

"Closing the Gap targets were announced and hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent to improve the health, education, housing and employment status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people around the country, and especially those living in remote communities."

But, Congress – and many other Indigenous organisations – pointed out that the Intervention has been a spectacular failure. "We understand that there has not been a single prosecution for child sexual abuse as a result of these programs," they said, adding that some of the effects of the Intervention included:

- Aboriginal men have been stigmatised as drunken, irresponsible paedophiles.

- Communities have been weakened by the downgrading of local self-government.

- Tax payers are looking askance at the shocking waste of public monies on ineffective programs, for which many blame Aboriginal people.

- Most notably in the Northern Territory, but in the states as well, shocking abuses of Indigenous juveniles have been uncovered.

- Incarceration rates of Indigenous people have skyrocketed.

- United Nations representatives have issued reports critical of the Intervention.

- The 97 recommendations of the 2007 Ampe Akelyernemane Meke Mekarle (Little Children are Sacred) report have been ignored.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Aboriginal Health Organisation (NACCHO) chief executive Pat Turner told ABC radio that under the Intervention nothing had improved for Aboriginal people.

"It was a complete violation of the human rights of Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory," she said.

"Both sides of politics were responsible. So the legacy is that Aboriginal people were completely disempowered."

Danila Dilba Health Service chief executive Olga Havnen said the vast majority of funds under the Intervention have been squandered, and the system needs a complete overhaul to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal children and families.

She has called for a new 10-year plan that involves the Federal and NT governments, but most importantly has a strong ongoing role for Aboriginal people in its planning, oversight and implementation.

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Leah Purcell

Talented Purcell picks up award



ABORIGINAL director, writer and performer Leah Purcell has taken out this year's Sydney-UNESCO City of Film Award.

The \$10,000 prize is awarded annually by Create NSW to an outstanding NSW-based screen practitioner whose work stands for innovation, imagination and impact.

Purcell received the award at the 64th Sydney Film Festival.

In addition to the cash prize, Purcell has the opportunity to take a position at 'Charlie's', the hub for the Australian film-making community in the US city of Los Angeles.

Create NSW chief executive Michael Brealey praised Purcell as "one of our greatest talents".

"Leah is a trailblazer in every sense and her extraordinary career only

continues to grow in stature and range," he said.

It has been a stellar year for Purcell. Her adaptation of Henry Lawson's *The Drover's Wife*, in which she also starred, at Sydney's Belvoir Theatre won the Nick Enright Prize for Playwriting and was the first play to win the Book of the Year prize at the 2017 NSW Premier's Literary Awards, in addition to taking the Victorian Prize for Literature earlier in the year.

She was also nominated for an Australian Directors' Guild Award for her work directing *Cleverman*, and has also directed episodes of the TV series *The Secret Daughter* and *Redfern Now*.

In her 20-year-plus career, Purcell has appeared in films including *Last Cab to Darwin*, *Jindabyne* and *Somersault* and television series including *Black Comedy*, *Love Child*, *Police Rescue* and *House of Hancock*.

Qld rangers fired up



GIRRINGUN
Aboriginal Rangers are leading the way in improving habitat for the endangered mahogany glider in the Cardwell region of north Queensland.

Working with Terrain Natural Resource Management (NRM), Girringun rangers have completed two controlled hazard reduction and ecological burns.

The rangers have been involved in a number of burns, but this was their first time acting as lead agency.

Girringun incident controller Chris Muriata said it was a great opportunity to build experience and continue taking leading roles in fire management across the 1.2 million hectare Girringun Indigenous Protected Area lands.

"We're on Girramay country, which is my traditional land, and we're really happy that we've taken a leading role for these burns," he said.

"We accomplished what we set out to do, a nice cool burn in the timeframe we wanted. Hopefully it's the start of many more."

The cool burn left 'mosaic pockets' of vegetation, meaning some areas burned while others remained largely untouched.

Saplings that cause habitat thickening, particularly acacias and emergent rainforest trees, were scorched to the ideal 3m height level, while the



Girringun ranger Cindy-Lou Togo uses her drip torch at one of the burn sites in north Queensland.

canopy remained untouched.

This is a key action for improving the endangered mahogany glider's habitat.

Woody thickening reduces the

animal's ability to glide, and threatens necessary structures like hollows and the food sources required by the glider, making the habitat unviable.

Girringun rangers will conduct post-burn vegetation monitoring later this year.

Terrain NRM community partnership officer for the Herbert

region Jacqui Richards said fire-management activities had not been undertaken on the sites for close to 10 years, and there was a large amount of fuel on the ground.

"Tropical Cyclone Yasi has also gone through the area in that time, which increases the risk of destructive hot burns due to excess fuel," she said.

Terrain supported Girringun through the development of a burn plan safe method statement, which must be put up to the local fire authorities for permit consideration.

The plan was also reviewed by Queensland Parks and Wildlife and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services for feedback.

Ms Richards said that before lighting any burn there is a thorough planning process.

"A successful burn needs a good understanding of the site and the issues before you even think about igniting," she said.

"We visit the burn blocks several times to assess them, monitor the vegetation and different regional ecosystems, and then develop the plan accordingly.

"For example, a melaleuca swamp at one burn site was deliberately burned around because of the fire-sensitive species in there."

The burn was funded by the Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Mines.



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Killer album a long time coming



FOLLOWING his appearance at Splendour In The Grass next month, Dan Sultan's fourth album *Killer* will be released on July 28.

Sultan will also be touring the new album around Australia in September and October, when he'll be supported by a full band.

"It's a whole new show," the Arrernte/Gurindji performer said. "New music, new band, new vibe. I can't wait for everyone to see it."

Killer was recorded with producer and long-time collaborator Jan Skubiszewski in Melbourne.

Sultan's single from the *Killer* album, *Hold It Together*, is a personal story, and the new album introduces synthesisers, drum machines and gospel backing vocals.

"It's been a long process to make this album, looking back on it all," Sultan said.

"I've spent a long time working on this record.

"With the writing, it was all about evolving. I wasn't even necessarily thinking about the album as such, I was just writing for the sake of writing, and the album made itself known over time."

Hold It Together has already been played on Double J and Triple J, supported by ABC Local and community radio, and playlisted on Apple Music and Spotify.

Sultan's previous album *Blackbird* debuted at number four on the ARIA Albums Chart and is certified gold.

More information at www.dansultan.com



Dan Sultan. Picture: Luke Henery

Sniffing action call

Urgent review recommended by NT coroner



NORTHERN Territory health authorities failed to help a young Aboriginal man who died after 14 years of addiction to sniffing petrol and despite ongoing pleas for treatment, a coroner has found.

Judge Greg Cavanagh has recommended an urgent review into Health Department procedures following the death of Edward Laurie.

The 24-year-old had been sniffing since the age of 10 and was found dead in his home in the Aboriginal community of Bulla, 370km west of Katherine.

Judge Cavanagh said that from 2008 until Mr Laurie's death in 2015, doctors, nurses and police lodged 16 rehabilitation applications. "Seven of those were lodged in the last three weeks of his life," he said.

'Sniffing makes you shorter...'

"PETROL sniffing makes you shorter, and there's no way to catch up even after you stop sniffing." So says Professor Andrew Lawrence, of the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health.

He was speaking at the release of new research – a joint effort from the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health in Melbourne, Flinders University, Ninti One Ltd, Menzies School of Health Research and the University of Adelaide – which will help health workers determine whether teens are abusing inhalants.

Rose Crossin, a doctoral student at the Florey, and her supervisor Dr Jhodie Duncan, who heads the Florey's Inhalant Addiction Laboratory, analysed data collected from Indigenous males in the Northern Territory by a team from the Menzies School of Health Research.

The judge said the young man was "at risk of severe harm" yet the powers provided under the *Volatile Substance Abuse Prevention Act* for mandatory treatment orders were never used.

Mr Laurie, who suffered from anorexia and drug-induced psychoses, fell into a predictable "downward spiral" with multiple stints in prison as well as

hospital, Judge Cavanagh said.

At the age of 16 he spent more than a month in hospital after another sniffer threw petrol on him and set him alight, and he broke into houses and threatened people with knives in his search for fuel.

Less than a month before he died, police found Mr Laurie lying face down unconscious in a

Of the 118 males, 86 chronically inhaled petrol during their teenage years, starting at an average age of 13. The researchers followed these individuals for two years, analyzing data from a subset of 40 boys, of which 30 had sniffed petrol during their adolescence. All the young men had since remained abstinent, as confirmed by Aboriginal health workers and biochemical measurements.

The researchers found that sniffing petrol effectively pressed the pause button on growth trajectory. This meant that in the study, individuals who had a history of sniffing but were now abstinent were an average 6cm shorter than their non-sniffing mates from the same community.

The research also showed that normal weight gain was also affected in the study participants.

container of petrol, and he had previously been suffering seizures.

Mr Laurie had asked for help to quit but his family said he was too weak to undergo treatment voluntarily, and needed a mandatory court order.

About that time Health Department assessors considered closing Mr Laurie's case, claiming there was no rehabilitation centre

in the NT that would take him due to his history of violence.

But Judge Cavanagh stressed that aggression is a symptom of withdrawal from volatile substances and sufferers shouldn't be denied treatment on that basis.

"Such people need assistance, perhaps more than those that are compliant," he said.

"If there was not a ready treatment option, the department needed to find or create one."

Over a 51-month period, assessors did not follow protocol and ignored their duties to recommend intervention programs to the NT Chief Health Officer, Judge Cavanagh said.

While they appeared to be "compassionate professionals", there was an obvious lack of leadership and supervision, he said.

The Health Department plans to undertake a comprehensive review into procedures which should finish in seven months.

"In the meantime there is an immediate need to ensure that appropriate training and supervision is provided to the staff to ensure that there is compliance with (the law)," Judge Cavanagh said. – AAP



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Sitting are some of the descendants of the Palm Island 1957 strikers who gave firsthand accounts of the hardships. Queensland Deputy Premier Jackie Trad is among those standing.

Alliance will give voice to CDP workers

By ALF WILSON



THE First Nations Workers Alliance (FNWA), which will give a voice to workers under the Community Development

Program (CDP), has been launched in Townsville during an Indigenous Workers Conference.

The conference was held as part of a day of recognition for the seven workers who conducted a strike on Palm Island in 1957.

The CDP – a work for the dole scheme – covers about 33,000 unpaid workers of whom 80% are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

Australian Council of Trade Unions secretary Sally McManus said people under the CDP are forced to work long hours to receive welfare payments. “The CDP is discriminatory on the basis of race, and it places harsher conditions on its overwhelmingly Indigenous workforce than any unemployment program operating anywhere else in the country,” she said.

“For many people in the cities, for many politicians, these workers are out of sight and out of mind, but we want all of Australia to know what they are being subjected to, and that the union movement is deeply committed to ending this discriminatory policy.”

Ms McManus said the policy forces Indigenous people to work for no wages and treats them as second-class citizens.

“It’s no accident that we



Australian Council of Trade Unions secretary Sally McManus attends the workers conference with Patrick Neliman.

have launched the FNWA on the anniversary of the Palm Island Strike,” she said.

“While we’ve seen progress since 1957 we have a long way to go, and the FNWA will play a key role in pursuing progress for workers trapped in the CDP.”

Rights

It is 60 years since the strike of 1957, when Willie Thaiday, Albert Geia, Eric Lymburner, Sonny Sibley, Bill Congoo, George Watson and Gordon Tapau, who have all died, fought for justice, better conditions and rights for their people.

The seven were branded as

troublemakers and removed from Palm Island on June 14, 1957.

Before that, people of Palm Island waged a silent fight for better wages and living conditions.

As a result of a series of meetings protesting conditions, the seven men were singled out by authorities. They and their families were rounded up by police in the early hours of the morning, forcibly removed by gunpoint from their homes and banished from the Island.

On Palm they are known as the Magnificent Seven and monuments to each are in place along the Palm Island Esplanade.

Didgeridoo making key to Awabakal men's group

By BRITTA LYSTER



IN an initiative aimed at combating isolation and encouraging communication, mateship and linking local men with services in the Newcastle region, Awabakal Aboriginal Medical Service has launched a men's didgeridoo-making group.

About 20 men have already joined the group, with a goal of having more school students after a successful trial at a local high school some years ago.

Awabakal promotions manager Rod Smith has high hopes for the group.

He says that with a high rate of Indigenous suicide, and drugs and poor mental health also affecting Aboriginal men, promoting "male time" and allowing the men to form a bond and connection was vital.

"The key to this project is that we are coming together as Indigenous men and forming partnerships," Mr Smith said.

"We can rely on each other. We can bring to the group our sad times, our happy times and there is help and support here for one another on anything in a safe and confidential environment," he said.

Members of the group plan to showcase their work in a ceremony.

For more information on services, contact Awabakal on (02) 4918 6400.



Group member Steven Ryan plays the didgeridoo.

Praise for last of Mabo plaintiffs



THE last surviving member of the original plaintiffs in the historic Mabo court case, Father Dave Passi, passed away last week on Thursday Island.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch said it was a sad occasion, but the legacy he left was there for all to see during recent events to mark the 25th anniversary of the Mabo court case.

"The Mabo plaintiffs and eight tribes of Mer always knew the land and sea belonged to them," Senator Scullion said.

"Father Passi and his fellow plaintiffs began their fight for this recognition many years before the case commenced in court.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's rights and interests in land have today been formally recognised over more than 40% of Australia's land mass.

"This is in no small part a testament to the courage and determination of Father Passi and the four other plaintiffs who fought so

hard to have their land and sea rights acknowledged."

Mabo court case solicitor Greg McIntyre also paid tribute to Father Passi. "He will be remembered for bringing great moral authority to the claim and an understanding of how the Meriam people reconciled their traditional observance of Mabo's law with Christianity," he said.

Mr Entsch said he was saddened to hear the news of the passing of Father Passi.

"Inspiration"

"Father Passi has certainly been an inspiration to our people and to our nation. His positive legacy to the Torres Strait community will live on and he will always be remembered with a great deal of admiration and fondness by those who had the privilege of knowing him," he said.

Senator Scullion and Mr Entsch offered their deepest condolences to the Passi family, the Meriam people, Mer Gedkem Le (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation and the Torres Strait Islander community.

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Artists collect the shells for their necklaces along the coast of Tasmania.



Aunty Lola Greeno, Jeanette James, Aunty Corrie Fullard, Aunty Dulcie Greeno and Bronwyn McAnally continue the shell-stringing tradition.

Shell tradition lives on



TEN years ago there were only a handful of Elders in Tasmania who knew how to collect and arrange shells for the ancient craft of shell stringing.

These women approached the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) to help them teach their craft to a new generation, so the skill of making the shell necklaces would not die out.

The result has been the revival of the tradition, and the creation of the exhibition *Kanalaritja: An*

Unbroken String, which is touring museums around the country.

The exhibition includes necklaces that have been made through generations of craftswomen, ancient necklaces, and more contemporary pieces.

While the art had almost been lost under European settlement, the exhibition celebrates the resilience of the cultural practice.

Artist Jeanette James said some of her earliest memories are of collecting shells for necklaces.

"It was something we always did as a family," she said.

"There is an expectation for us, as a group of Aboriginal women responsible for maintaining such an important part of our culture for future generations, to follow cultural protocol: look after country, understand the environment and how to sustainably collect the shells and protect the seaweed beds.

"Quality"

"In honour of the Elder stringers uphold the quality of work; it reflects on all of us."

Artist Liz Tew said she was

inspired to learn the art since no one in her family had learned it for many generations.

"I feel proud that my family can once again continue this tradition," she said. "I collected the shells from beaches on (Tasmania's) north east, on our ancestors' country.

"When I'm out collecting the connection I feel is hard to put into words. My mind slows down, I feel calm and content, a sense of belonging to my country, continuing my culture that has endured for so long."

The exhibition is at Museum Victoria in Melbourne this month, then will go to the National Museum of Australia in Canberra on August 10.

It will tour Albany and Geraldton in Western Australia, visit Tandanya in Adelaide, the Northern Centre for Contemporary Art in Darwin, then Toowoomba (Queensland), Grafton (NSW), Blacktown Arts Centre in Sydney before returning to Tasmania in June 2019.

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Blind aiming for network

By LIINA FLYNN



GRAFTON high school student May Reilly is working out a route to school she can safely walk each day, but until that happens, her aunty drives her. The 14-year-old Bundjalung girl who has been blind from birth told the *Koori Mail* she would like to have more resources available to help her overcome life's daily challenges.

"If there were tactile indicators at street crossings I could tell if there's a ramp there or not," she said.

May has been selected for the NSW state swimming squad and hopes to attend the Paralympics one day. She's also a keen musician and wants to be a music teacher.

"Just because you can't see doesn't mean you can't do things," she said.

May also wants changes in the system to better support blind and visually impaired people. That's why she attended the inaugural Aboriginal Blind Persons Gathering in Sydney recently, to discuss the formation of a national Aboriginal blind persons network.

"If we can create a network of Indigenous people who have vision impairment, we can support each other and know there are other people out there," she said.

The gathering was organised



May Reilly, left, and First Peoples Disability Network chief executive Damian Griffis and deputy chief executive June Reimer.

by the First Peoples Disability Network (FPDN) in partnership with Blind Citizens Australia. About 30 people attended, from centres including Tennant Creek, Grafton, Coffs Harbour and western Sydney.

FPDN chief executive Damian Griffis said forming an Aboriginal blind persons network would create a voice that could be heard across Australia about the ongoing issues that affect blind people.

"We have high rates of vision impairment in the Indigenous community," he said. "We don't have a strong enough voice, especially in the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

"We are concerned that NDIS is

not reaching the most vulnerable of all our people with disabilities. There are at least 60,000 people eligible for the NDIS, but the Government doesn't understand that figure and there's not enough recognition about the real problems that affect Aboriginal people."

Waiting

Mr Griffis said some young people who are blind or vision impaired have been waiting for a year or more to get access to simple support.

"That's not good enough," he said. "We are hearing more and more stories like this.

"There's an 11-year-old blind

girl who also needs a mobility trike and can't get access to one. While she's waiting her muscles are deteriorating and she's getting worse."

Mr Griffis said more investment in local communities was needed, so that more people could support their fellow community members.

"It's about recognising that people are assets, but that they lack resources, like all-terrain vehicles and footpaths to help people get around their communities," he said.

Mr Griffis said an Aboriginal blind persons network would develop a 10-point plan to ensure needs are met.

"We have the answers and we

need to resource our communities," he said.

"One of the most important points is that many Aboriginal people don't identify as a person with a disability. Our languages often don't have words for it.

"The NDIS is supposed to be about self-determination, so we need to create that within our communities now too.

"Creating this network is important. Aboriginal blind people can come together to connect, share their unique experiences and to learn about a range of support that may be available to them, and to work together to identify priorities for Aboriginal blind people."



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Badimaya language preserved



ONE of the last fluent Badimaya (Western Australia) language speakers, 82-year-old Gami (Pop) Ollie George, has had some of his

language preserved in a book of art and stories.

The book, written in both Badimaya and English languages, was launched by Geraldton Bundiyarra-Irra Wangga Language Centre, involving the efforts of linguists, artists and local language speakers.

Nganang Badimaya Wangga: Yarns with Gami Ollie George – a collection of yarns about growing up on Badimaya country is illustrated by Badimaya and Yamaji artists and started as an idea from linguists Rosie Sitorus and James Bednall.

Language centre coordinator Jenni Kniveton-Gregory said the linguists spent hours working with Mr George on translating his stories of growing up and of life on some of WA's outback pastoral stations and they realised that it could be the heart of something "bigger and special".

A number of the stories are accompanied by colourful paintings produced by Badimaya and some Yamaji artists, including Leeann Merritt and Nadine Taylor who came together in workshops held in Geraldton and Mount Magnet to create pieces that



Linguists James Bednall and Rosie Sitorus have a chat with Badimaya Elder Ollie George in 2015.

reflect Mr George's life stories.

The book was launched at Kirkalocka Station, where Mr George grew up, and the paintings are on exhibition at Geraldton Regional Art Gallery.

Mr George is also a finalist in the 2017 NAIDOC Elder of the Year awards, with this year's theme being Our Languages Matter. He will be in Cairns for the event on July 1, accompanied

by his grandson Warren Walsh and Warren's wife, Mary.

Mr George was born on Pullagaroo Station (160km south of Mt Magnet near Paynes Find) in 1934. His grandparents raised him on Kirkalocka Station and he spent much of his early life growing up on pastoral stations across the Murchison.

He grew up to be a skilled horseman and stockman.

Mr George has retained a strong connection with his Badimaya culture and language and has been an advocate for his language and a driving force behind its documentation and preservation.

He has worked with many linguists, anthropologists, historians and researchers to document and preserve his extensive knowledge of the

Badimaya language, country and cultural traditions.

Funding for the project was contributed through the Federal Government's Indigenous Languages and Arts Program and the City of Greater Geraldton. This program is supported by the Departments of Culture and the Arts and Regional Development, Royalties for Regions and Country Arts WA.

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FASD toll highlighted by project



FINDINGS from a recent project in the Fitzroy Valley of Western Australia show 19% of 108 children aged seven to nine had been previously diagnosed with a Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

Within the study, 55% of mothers reported drinking alcohol during pregnancy and of these, 87% said they drank at high levels.

All but two of the assessed children were Aboriginal.

According to teacher reports, children with FASD were 12 times more likely to talk about killing themselves, 21 times more likely to have academic failure, and 10 times more likely to have attention problems.

Researchers noted three main kinds of behavioural problems in children with FASD: 'Internalising' behaviours such as anxiety, withdrawal or depression; 'externalising' behaviours, such as aggression and delinquency; and other problems, such as problems with social skills, thought processing and attention.

Sydney University's Tracey Tsang, who led the study, said the findings highlight the need for support for families, carers and teachers to

handle the behavioural and mental health problems in children with FASD.

"This is particularly challenging in remote and disadvantaged communities," she said. "Our results emphasise that health professionals must consider coexisting behavioural and mental health problems in children with FASD."

"Early access to appropriate child psychology and psychiatry services is paramount."

Problems

The study's senior author, Elizabeth Elliott, from Sydney University, said in addition to difficult behaviours, children with FASD have learning, developmental and physical problems.

"FASD is preventable and we must educate young women about the harms of alcohol use in pregnancy," she said.

In contrast to teacher ratings, parent-reported behaviour was not significantly different between children with and without FASD.

Fitzroy Valley's Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre chief executive Emily Carter said the resource centre is helping families deal with behavioural issues in FASD through introducing the Positive Parenting Program in the region.

Makarrata is Garma theme



Boys dance at last year's Garma festival in Gulkula, north-east Arnhem Land.



MAKARRATA will be the central theme for this year's Garma festival, organised by the Youth Yindi Foundation (YYF).

The idea of makarrata – a word meaning coming together, or healing – has been brought to national attention following the recent historic gathering of Indigenous leaders at Uluru. Leaders who released the Uluru Statement from the Heart have called for a

Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between government and First Nations and truth-telling about Australia's history.

YYF chief executive Denise Bowden said the notion of a makarrata has been given fresh impetus. "The principles of makarrata outlined by YYF chairman Dr Galarwuy Yunupingu at last year's Garma have guided the discussion around constitutional recognition and related issues, and offer a

framework for the next stage of that process," she said.

"The road ahead won't be easy, but this has the potential to be a real game-changer. Reconciliation won't end with a single act or gesture, but we have to keep working together and there has to be give and take on both sides of the fence."

The 19th annual Garma festival of Indigenous culture will be held from August 4-7 near Gove in north-east Arnhem Land.

More details at www.garma.com.au

Inquiry into WA Aboriginal trust



AN inquiry will be held into the management of an Aboriginal trust that has claims to areas in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

WA Attorney General John Quigley has appointed deputy state counsel Alan Sefton to conduct the inquiry into the Njamal People's Trust following allegations the disbursement of funds and management are not in line with the trust deed.

The deed instructs funds are to be used for relieving poverty, sickness, distress, misfortune and destitution. If any breaches are found, Mr Quigley can apply to the WA Supreme Court for orders or, in the most extreme case, the removal of a trustee.

Mr Quigley said Mr Sefton would have wide statutory powers to examine the charitable trust.

"This includes the powers to call for all books, papers and documents in relation to the trust, and require every trustee and individual acting or having any concern in the management of the administration of the trust to answer all questions and provide assistance," he said. – AAP

Violet Bulger's life celebrated



VIOLET'S Park in Canberra now has a commemorative artwork which celebrates the life of Ngunnawal woman Violet Bulger.

Ms Bulger was one of the first Aboriginal children to be forcibly removed from her family, by missionaries in 1909, and was denied the right to visit her family until she was 21. She returned to the community and married in 1925.

ACT Heritage Minister Mick Gentleman encourages people to visit Violet's Park in Ngunnawal, off Marungul Avenue, to learn about Violet Bulger's life and appreciate all she did for this community and her legacy.

The art project was undertaken by the Tuggeranong Arts Centre, which worked with sculptor Tony Steel and emerging Aboriginal artist Brett Carpenter, as the result of an ACT Heritage grant.

More funding for interpreters



THE Federal Government is providing the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) with an additional \$1.6 million to expand its Indigenous

Interpreting Project. Indigenous language interpreters play an essential role in ensuring people have access to a fair legal system, as well as government and community services.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said 11% of First Australians spoke an Indigenous language as their main language at home, and that there was a clear need for widely available interpreting services.

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From left, Richard, Dmitri, Agnes, Jimi, Petharie and Conwell Bani. Picture: David Kelly

His name is Jimi Bani...

"Sewngapa. Ina Ngoelmun Gidha."
(Welcome. This is our story.)



IN A new theatrical piece *My Name is Jimi*, actor and storyteller Jimi Bani (*Mabo, The Straits, Redfern Now*) shares the story of his family and his place of home,

Mabuiag Island in the Torres Strait. It unfolds through music, dance, stand-up and fireside storytelling, with four generations of one family on the stage. Jimi's grandmother Petharie, mother Agnes, son Dmitri and brothers Conwell and Richard Bani come together to share yarns of totems, traditions and memories.

Drawing directly on the lived experiences of the Bani family and their role as leaders of the Wagadagam tribe of Mabuiag Island, the stories span the generations.

Bani jokes in three languages with his grandmother, and then tortures his son with spontaneous break-dancing.

My Name is Jimi was created with Jason Klarwein.

"The story actually began with Ahdi Dimple Bani, Jimi's father, the eighth chief of Wagadagam in European recorded history," he said. "He passed away during the creating of this play, with Jimi now the bastion of the story, the new keeper of the chord of Wagadagam culture and, soon, the ninth chief."

"I cannot really recall a play like *My Name is Jimi*. Sure there are works it can be related to, but what audiences will see, experience, feel and celebrate on stage is only a sliver of what is happening culturally within this extraordinary family. It is truly a unique theatrical experience."

Jimi Bani said sharing the stage with his family and sharing his story with audiences was a tribute to his father's passion for keeping traditions alive.

"With my father's guidance, this is the story of a small community of people clinging tightly to each other, and fighting to protect what really matters, in the whirling chaos of a rapidly changing world," he said.

"Hopeful"

"It's funny and challenging. It's inclusive and it's honest. Most of all, it's hopeful."

"There are few Torres Strait Island-led productions in the Australian theatrical canon, and even fewer make it to major state theatre companies – we say esso (thank you) to Queensland Theatre for allowing us to tell our story, and in doing so, pass our traditions to our audiences in the hope they will stand as bastions of our culture beside us."

My Name is Jimi will show at the Cairns Centre of Contemporary Arts from July 12-15, before going to the Queensland Theatre in Brisbane from July 22-August 13.

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Town camp women call for support



ABORIGINAL women from Alice Springs town camps are calling on Australians to recognise and support their efforts to make their families and communities safer.

Women from the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group say they are frustrated by the "increasing invisibility" of Aboriginal women despite the high rates of domestic violence they face.

Group coordinator Shirleen Campbell said women from town camps were tired of being overlooked and not heard by the wider community on issues such as family violence.

"Too many women continue to be hurt and killed and we are sick of it," she said.

"We have been working for more than two years to help reduce and prevent family and

domestic violence. I know this group of strong women has done and will keep doing some great work, but we are frustrated by the continued violence and the way Aboriginal women victims are sometimes ignored, especially by media.

"We feel like we are invisible and we are sick of it. We decided to turn our frustration and sadness over recent violent incidents into something we hope will encourage the wider community to support us.

"We are planning a women's action on Tuesday, July 11, in Alice Springs to highlight the Aboriginal women and children and families who are living with, injured by or dying because of violence. We want to honour and remember them and make sure they are seen as real people – not just statistics.

"We will be marching to the court house lawns, where we want to plant symbolic flowers

representing all these women and to make them real and visible.

"We will then march on to Anzac Oval, where support services will have stands and information and everyone can talk and remember and spend time with their kids and families.

"We are asking Alice Springs and people all around Australia to stand with us women, support our voice and hear our stories.

"Don't let Aboriginal women experiencing domestic violence be invisible.

"The Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group would like to invite everyone in Alice Springs to join the march on July 11. If you can't join in person, you can show your support on the Facebook Page Tangentyere-Women Alice Springs and Twitter #standwithuswomen #istandwithyou."



Helen Gillen from the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group urges everyone to #standwithuswomen.

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Tour operator in battle



RUNNING tours in a national park just got harder for Paakantji man Graham Clarke.

Mr Clarke, from western NSW, has started a GoFundMe campaign in a bid to save his business Harry Nanya Tours, which takes people to the World Heritage listed Mungo National Park.

After spending the past 20 years establishing his company, the business ran into trouble after NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) began its own 'Discovery Tours' in the same area.

Mr Clarke said because NPWS was offering the same tours at cheaper rates, his business was at risk.

He told the *Koori Mail* he felt as if the hard work he had put into establishing Harry Nanya Tours was disregarded.

"My rights are being violated," Mr Clarke said.

"I've had NITV and ABC's *Landline* do stories on my business. I've been to many ministers and government departments and they told me no one could help.

"I wrote to Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and outlined all the layers of what's happened and I haven't had any response."



Tour operator Graham Clarke at Mungo National Park in south-western NSW.

Mr Clarke said he was unable to compete with the tours run by NPWS, especially because he had extra costs – like park fees – that NPWS, as the licence holder, did not have to pay.

He had to cut staff and Mr Clarke and his partner are now running the Mildura-based

business between the two of them.

Mr Clarke said it has been six years since he started his fight against NPWS to get his business back on track.

He said he had to shut the tour company for a month because of the physical and emotional toll running the tours with so few staff

had on him and his partner.

Mr Clarke hopes the GoFundMe page will not just help get his business back on track, but will allow his story to be heard at a national level.

"I haven't got an income at the moment," he said. "After six years of fighting against government

departments and getting nowhere, I'm tired. It's heartbreaking to see what this has done to my business and my hard work.

"I don't want Harry Nanya Tours to collapse. I need help to get it back to business. I want the younger generation to take over."

There are two young people in particular that Mr Clarke has in mind for the job, his niece Elisha Mangal and her partner Corey Payne.

Mr Clarke said they have a wealth of experience that make them perfect for the job.

He said that with someone else running the day tours, he would be able to come up with more unique tours and packages.

"I should be setting up specialty tours," he said.

"And the younger generation are full of great ideas. If we can get them to do the daily running that means I can do more creative packages like debates with scientists."

Mr Clarke claimed it's not just his business being affected by NPWS tours, saying he knew of other Aboriginal tour companies facing similar troubles.

"It comes back to native title," he said. "The Government says Aboriginal people need to have self-determination, so why do they interfere and put their big bureaucratic walls up when we try?"

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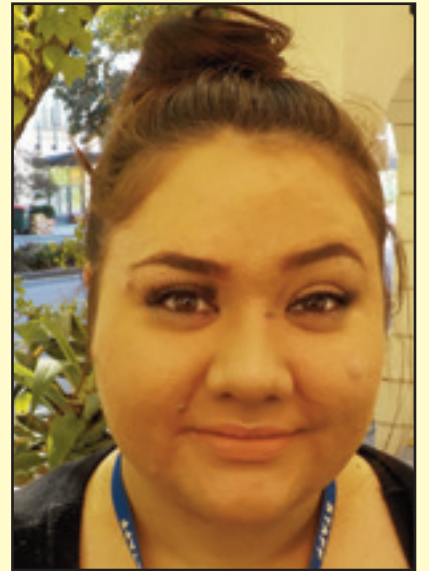
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A Yarn With...



Chelsea Clarke-Johnstone

Narrunga woman, Point Pearce, South Australia

Favourite bush tucker?
Fish.

Favourite other food?
Sushi.

Favourite drink?
West End beer.

Favourite holiday destination?
Lebanon. I'm interested in all things Arabic.

What are you reading?
Crime stories.

Favourite sport?
AFL. I'm an Adelaide Crows supporter.

What are you watching?
Netflix. I really enjoy *Sons of Anarchy*.

Who would you most like to meet?
There's a lot of people, but if I had to choose one it would be the great US President Abraham Lincoln.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Friends.

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous Australians?
I'd ensure we are all more united. There needs to be more Indigenous events and organisations so we can all come together.

Quote



"If you don't tackle the poverty, you're always going to be taking our kids away."

— Larrakia Elder and social worker Dr Christine Fejo-King speaking at the NT child protection royal commission

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Unquote

Wind back this social disaster

It has been 10 years since Prime Minister John Howard declared a 'national emergency' in the Northern Territory and launched the Intervention. By any measure it's been a disaster from the start.

Fired up by an ignorant mainstream media, Howard misused the Little Children are Sacred report to justify suspending the *Racial Discrimination Act* and the *Anti-Discrimination Act* in what, surely, looks like a cynical attempt to win votes at the expense of Aboriginal people in the NT.

The Little Children are Sacred is actually an extremely comprehensive report into sexual abuse of Aboriginal children in remote communities in the NT and makes a series of recommendations, all of which are built on the idea that good policy for Aboriginal people actually involves Aboriginal people at every stage.

The Intervention took away Aboriginal people's control over many aspects of their lives, including requiring compulsory health checks for children, quarantining of welfare payments, compulsory acquisition of townships and the scrapping of the permit system.

And after 10 years of the Intervention – and staring down the barrel of at least another five, thanks to Labor's extension under Stronger Futures – what difference has it made?

Review after review of the effects of the legislation have concluded that income management, measures to address alcohol consumption and the



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School Enrolment and Attendance through Welfare Reform Measure (SEAM, where Aboriginal people's welfare payments are linked to their children's attendance at school) are ineffective, breach international conventions on human rights and do more harm.

Pat Anderson, one of the authors of Little Children are Sacred and now Lowitja Institute chief executive, has previously made the point that one of the most important determinants of health is control. "Practically, this means any policy aimed at reducing the disadvantage of our communities must ask itself how it will increase the ability of Aboriginal people, families and communities to take control over their own lives," she said in 2011.

The Intervention did exactly the opposite. And has had detrimental effects on communities that were already vulnerable.

Ten years for a damaging social experiment is far too long and the Government needs to wind it back now.

Little children are sacred – but they continue to suffer when their families are targeted and disempowered by government.

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Eileen Brooks with the memorial plaque of her father the late Walter 'Jackie' Brooks at The Gully, near Katoomba, NSW.

Bittersweet story of footy star's daughter

By KEIRA JENKINS

IT was three years ago that Eileen Brooks traced her family history back to champion Aboriginal rugby league player Walter 'Jackie' Brooks.

She said she's still coming to terms with finding out she was one of the many Indigenous children taken from their families as part of the Stolen Generations.

Ms Brooks grew up in a foster home in St Mary's, western Sydney, not knowing her family history, or even that she was Aboriginal.

She said that as a child, and sometimes even now, she has nightmares.

"I always wondered about the nightmares I had," she said.

"I have nightmares about being taken. In my dream I'm taken by witches and sometimes I wake up crying my eyes out."

Ms Brooks said the first contact she had with her biological family was seeing a woman at the train station who she now knows was her mother.

"This woman said to me, 'I'm your Mum' and I freaked out," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I bolted – I was only about 15. I went home and told my foster father. I was freaking out."

It was when Ms Brooks' son Jay noticed that his mother's birth certificate had the surname 'Brooks' not 'Lane', which Ms Brooks said was what she always believed her last



"A good man": The late Walter 'Jackie' Brooks.

name to be, that the next chapter in finding her family began to unfold.

"Jay was asking questions and I told him I just didn't know," she said.

"He looked on Google and found some family on Facebook. That's when he found my Dad. I was so amazed, so happy, but I was so heartbroken."

"Dad was a great Aboriginal football (rugby league) player. He was a special man."

After realising she was the youngest daughter of Walter Brooks, Ms Brooks turned to meeting the family members she could find.

"They'd been looking for us kids for years," she said.

"The historians had written so much about Dad and they were trying to find where we were."

"Eventually I found out that the year I was born was the year the Gully Aboriginal community in Katoomba in the

Blue Mountains, where my Dad lived, was bulldozed.

"Jay became quite close to one of the historians who was really helping him to trace the history."

Ms Brooks said while she is pleased that she has been reconnected with her history, it has been a hard and painful journey.

"I've met my beautiful cousins, but I'm sad that I've missed so much of their life," she said.

"I'm like a spook that turned up out of nowhere after all these years so they were all a bit shocked. They all thought I had to be dead."

"It's been so bittersweet. I still can't understand it all, I should have been given back to my dad – he was a good man."



Mervyn Bishop's famous image of Prime Minister Gough Whitlam pouring soil into the hands of traditional land owner Vincent Lingiari, Northern Territory, 1975.



Mervyn Bishop's 1968 image of world boxing champion Lionel Rose.

Mervyn Bishop, the exhibition



ABORIGINAL photographer Merv Bishop's picture of Prime Minister Gough Whitlam pouring earth into the hand of Gurindji Elder Vincent Lingiari is one of the most famous photographs in Australia.

The photo is one of many in a new exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW, simply titled *Mervyn Bishop*.

Alongside the works from the gallery's collection, material from the artist's personal photographic archive is on display via a curated slideshow.

Selected from an archive of more than 8000 images, most of which have never before been seen in public, the slideshow features images taken over the past 60 years affording an insight into Bishop's life and work.

In 1963 Mervyn Bishop left his home town of Brewarrina in north-west NSW, venturing to Sydney where he successfully

applied for a cadetship at the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

He became Australia's first Aboriginal press photographer and in 1971 won the News Photographer of the Year Award with his front-page picture, *Life and Death Dash 1971*.

Bishop went on to work at the Department of Aboriginal Affairs in Canberra in 1974, where he covered major developments in Aboriginal communities throughout Australia.

This included his iconic image from 1975 when Mr Whitlam handed Mr Lingiari the deeds to Wave Hill station.

Mervyn Bishop said he is thrilled to have his work showcased at the gallery.

"Exhibiting at the gallery is definitely a career highlight for me," he said.

"I have been taking pictures for some time and realising this exhibition is very much a part of my life and my dreaming.

"The show is a collection of my

memories of meeting people, bringing together images from my personal archives alongside photographs I took on jobs."

Photographs by Bishop of defining moments in Australia's political and social history, personal images of family and friends, and intimate portraits of members of the Aboriginal community all feature in *Mervyn Bishop*.

The exhibition also showcases a collection of cameras used to capture now iconic images, along with those Bishop experimented with as a young photographer growing up in Brewarrina.

The gallery is also hosting a slide night with Uncle Merv on Wednesday, July 5, and a talk about Mr Bishop's work by director Warwick Thornton, who worked closely with him on the films *Payback* (1996) and *Photographic Memory* (1999), which documents Bishop's own life and work, on Wednesday, July 12.



Mervyn Bishop's 1973 image of Roslyn Watson.



Mervyn Bishop's 1975 image of children playing in the river at Mumeke.



Cousins Ralph and Jim rowing at Brewarrina, Mervyn Bishop's home town, in 1966.



On page 24, columnist Nyunggai Warren Mundine tells why he believes constitutional recognition isn't needed.

No reconciliation over Wadjemup

ROTTNEST Island Deaths Group Aboriginal Corporation (RIDGAC) is duty bound to refute your recent story, (Gathering held on Wadjemup, *Koori Mail*, June 14) regarding 'reconciliation'. We maintain that this article is not representative of non-government cultural Aboriginal views.

Government-appointed Reconciliation West Australia, under Carol Innes, and the Government-appointed Aboriginal Reference Group, headed by Lindsay Dean, had no right, culturally or otherwise, to misrepresent the position of Aboriginal people of Western Australia by arranging such an event.

Earlier this year RIDGAC met with WA Tourism Minister Paul Papalia, who has authority over Wadjemup (Rottnest Island). Mr Papalia guaranteed that RIDGAC would not be left out of any decision-making process.

This has not happened.

Rottnest Island Authority chief executive Michelle Reynolds guaranteed that any such event would be extremely low key as RIDGAC refused to be any part of so-called reconciliation.

We feel that we have been misled and due respect has not been shown to the statewide cultural meetings of 1994.

This article in the *Koori Mail* is another attempt by government and government-backed forces to further disempower RIDGAC. About 75 people are shown in the photo and the majority are government workers and agents who have been set up to override business on the Island.

RIDGAC represents Aboriginal nations from throughout WA and was founded for the protection and preservation of Aboriginal history and sacred places on Wadjemup. We have been fighting for recognition and respect for our ancestors in the culturally appropriate way.

It was RIDGAC who brought the issues of the horrors and the suffering of our ancestors to the attention of government and the public.

It was RIDGAC who organised the statewide meetings in 1994 to help resolve how and what should happen on Wadjemup. It was at these meetings that RIDGAC was appointed as the caretakers and custodians

of all Aboriginal issues on Wadjemup.

For decades the Government has not followed Aboriginal lore and cultural process. Instead, the WA Government continues to dominate what happens at sacred places on Wadjemup, such as the burial ground of Aboriginal lore men.

The sacred burial ground is men's business and even this cultural requirement is being ignored and/or misrepresented.

The WA Government has introduced the so-called Aboriginal Reference Group and the non-Aboriginal Rottnest Foundation together with the Rottnest Island Authority (RIA) to override and dominate RIDGAC.

Companies have been allowed to dig in and around the burial ground and paths have been placed on the grounds for the benefit of non-Aboriginal people. The Government is

RIDGAC is sick and tired of the Government and its agencies attempting to turn the genocidal acts and the suffering of our ancestors into a tourist attraction.

Wadjemup is already the white man's playground, where our ancestors were enslaved, suffered, executed and buried.

There can be no reconciliation.

It is still not understood that there must be appropriate ways of showing respect and dignity to the suffering and genocidal acts that resulted in the incarceration of our warriors who were brutalised by the British military during the Frontier Wars.

It must be recognised that the incarceration and murder of our leaders was instrumental in the taking of Aboriginal sacred lands and waterways.

We ask non-Aboriginal people to see these sacred places on Wadjemup and Wadjemup itself in the same light as the death camps of Auschwitz (concentration camp in Poland), the increasing awareness of the tragedy of the 'Trails of Tears' in North America, the respect that is shown to Robben Island, South Africa, in the fight for justice by people of colour.

We would like non-Aboriginal Australians to view Wadjemup the same as they do Anzac Cove in Turkey.

These were our warriors who fought, were enslaved, suffered and died for their country and for their people and for us, and all future generations.

Finally, RIDGAC is duty bound by our lore, customs and traditions and must be able to carry out protection and preservation of all Aboriginal history on Wadjemup.

Governments must stop refusing to give us self-determination and control over highly sacred, spiritual and cultural issues.

May the Spiritual Dreaming protect them always!

IVA HAYWARD-JACKSON
Director, Rottnest Island Deaths Group
Aboriginal Corporation

Our sincere apologies for publishing the story. We will be more careful in future. — Editor

RIDGAC is sick and tired of the Government and its agencies attempting to turn the genocidal acts and the suffering of our ancestors into a tourist attraction.

now attempting to activate their stage two, which involves tampering on top of the burial ground itself.

It is the view of RIDGAC that the burial ground should remain a sacred area that is fenced off and cleaned up in a culturally appropriate manner for the benefit of Aboriginal visitors to the Island.

Instead, we have the RIA, the Aboriginal Reference Group and the Rottnest Foundation attempting to turn it into a tourist attraction. We do not deem these ideas appropriate, culturally or otherwise.

RIDGAC has requested the Government hand over the Quod Old Gaol so that we may use that building as a place of education for people to learn the truth of our history and for Aboriginal people to have a place to exhibit their culture.



Letter-writer Sherry Murray.

A sound future awaits Sherry

MY name is Sherry Murray. I am 39 years old, I have three brothers and one sister and five nephews. I grew up in Collarenebbri (NSW). I attended Walgett Public and Collarenebbri High schools and left in 1997. Since 2004 I have lived in Tamworth.

I attended the Brisbane Championship Swimming Competition in 1991.

I have been involved with Community Development Education Program (CDEP), I was employed with the Aboriginal land council and with the Aboriginal Employment Strategy.

I was born deaf. In 2012 I attended the Australian Deaf Games and played in the netball competition. I also attended the World Deaf Golf Tournament.

I recently came to Newcastle for the first time and I love this town. I would like to live here. John Hunter Hospital is so big, it gave me a shock.

Last month I had surgery and received a cochlear implant.

Dr Kelvin Kong was my surgeon and he is the best. He is one of only a few Aboriginal surgeons in Australia. I very much look forward to the day when I will be able to hear like other people.

I would like to meet more deaf people and hear their story. I can sign very fast.

I am a Canterbury Bulldogs NRL supporter and cheer on the Morris twins. They are too deadly!

I like reading books, biographies and true stories.

My favourite TV show is *Home and Away*. My dream is to be on the *Home and Away* set to watch the filming and meet the actors.

I am a happy person and have a positive outlook on life. I love my mobile phone and texting. My phone is my lifeline. It means so much to me and if lost is equal to losing a limb, as it keeps me connected to my friends, the news, and the world.

I am looking forward to my future of being able to hear all the wonders in the world.

Thank you for listening to my story.

SHERRY MURRAY

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We don't need Recognition

CONSTITUTIONAL recognition of Indigenous people all began with (former prime minister) John Howard.

He proposed it twice. The first in a Constitutional 'preamble' included in the failed Republic referendum in 1999.

The second was before the 2007 election when he promised a referendum on constitutional recognition.

The Howard Government met its end at that election, but the idea didn't. It was picked up by the Rudd/Gillard/Rudd Government and the Abbott/Turnbull Government and continues to receive bipartisan support – in principle, that is, because no referendum question was ever settled and there've been all kinds of proposals.

Last month more than 250 Indigenous delegates, drawn from community dialogues held across Australia, met at Uluru to bring it all to a head.

When Howard proposed recognition he almost certainly meant a symbolic and legally meaningless acknowledgement. The prime ministers who followed probably had similar expectations.

But a poetic preamble has never held appeal to Indigenous people and was rejected by the Uluru delegates.

The Uluru Statement makes two proposals.

One is there be 'a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution'. The statement doesn't detail what

this means, but the idea comes from a model proposed by the Cape York Institute of a representative body enshrined in the Constitution to table advice in Parliament on 'matters relating to' Indigenous people and requiring both houses of Parliament to consider the advice in debating those laws.

I've always disagreed with this proposal and still do.

Will this representative body table advice on every law before Parliament? What about laws on welfare, the environment, tax, mining or the Budget?

Every Australian law affects Indigenous people. They also impact every other Australian. Why should Indigenous people have a constitutional voice other Australians don't have on laws that affect everyone? There's the 'No' case right there.

Perhaps the body will be restricted to advising on laws that affect Indigenous people specifically. The *Native Title Act* is one example.

But the Keating Government negotiated extensively with Indigenous people when preparing that legislation, far more than a constitutionally enshrined body would be entitled to. Governments always do. A 'First Nations voice' is a solution looking for a problem.

This idea is sold as conservative because Parliament could ignore its advice. So on the one hand it's restricted because Indigenous people don't have a voice, but on the other it's conservative



Nyunggai Warren Mundine

because government doesn't have to listen to it.

I also have zero confidence the High Court, if not now but in 20, 50 or 100 years, would look at this body and say it means nothing. It's a radical amendment, if not for its intent but for its potential.

The second proposal in the Uluru Statement is for agreements – treaties – between governments and First Nation groups with a 'Makarrata

Commission' to supervise the agreement-making process.

I've always supported treaties between governments and Indigenous First Nations.

I use the plural deliberately. In Australian politics people talk about a treaty between Indigenous people as a whole and the government. This idea has never got anywhere and never will.

No one speaks for Indigenous people as a single group. Even if government offered a treaty and identified someone to sign it, Indigenous people wouldn't recognise it.

We identify with our nation group – our mob.

I'm Bundjalung. I'd only recognise a treaty between a government and the Bundjalung nation.

I've proposed the government offer each First Nation a treaty recognising them as traditional owners of their land and sea and concluding any native title claims over those areas.

There should be an established governing body for each nation group representing it on matters specific to the group: to hold any native title, land and other assets, to be the responsible body for cultural and heritage rights and language.

Only members of a nation should be members of its governance body using an objective, transparent test for membership.

Having a single, authorised and identified representative body for

each First Nation also provides certainty for organisations needing to deal with Indigenous people on projects on traditional lands.

This isn't about sovereignty or creating ceded areas of Australia. And it shouldn't be about managing areas of life that affect all Australian people – like health care, municipal services, or welfare.

It's a streamlined, uniform governance system for matters and decisions unique to a First Nation group that are currently managed through various different structures.

Although this seems more radical, it's actually happening now. Native title groups already enter into agreements with governments which, once registered, bind all members of the group, even those who didn't personally sign it. These are, in a sense, a form of treaty.

What's more, we don't need a constitutional amendment to implement it. Governments can do it now.

The Uluru Statement made two proposals. One is a 'top-down' lawyers' proposal that will certainly fail. The other is a grassroots proposal with overwhelming Indigenous support that could be implemented without the need for any referendum.

I'm calling time on 10 years of discussion on constitutional recognition. We don't need it.

● *Nyunggai Warren Mundine AO is chair of the Yaabubii Institute for Disruptive Thinking.*

There must be respect

WE are still waiting for a formal response to the Uluru Statement from either major political party.

Both the Prime Minister and the Opposition Leader were pretty quick to speak to Indian mining company Adani regarding fear that native title issues could halt their proposed coal mine in Queensland. But a national gathering of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to discuss a way forward for this country and we can barely get a word out of them.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull did warn some weeks ago that Australians were "constitutionally conservative"; Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said we should "all just relax and wait" and Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce said "it's not going to happen".

All these comments were made some weeks ago. Since that time it has, sadly, been ignored. This is a strategy: take the Uluru Statement off the national agenda, wait for momentum to die down and simply release statements that Australians won't agree, they are too conservative and it has no chance of getting up.

To those who say that any form of treaty is divisive, I ask you this: A treaty is an agreement between two or more parties – so how can an agreement be divisive? The very definition of agreement is bringing people together, not dividing them.

Australia is already divided. The gaps in education, incarceration, housing and life expectancy highlight deep structural problems associated to our present way of life.

So refusing to accept any gesture

to come to the table and discuss an agreement with Aboriginal people is actually maintaining deep-rooted divisions that already exist, not keeping people together.

As the Human Rights Commission said after the Uluru Statement, "We fail to take into account the views of our First Peoples. Our political systems and institutions remain inadequate at providing them with a voice in the matters that affect their lives, futures and communities."

Non-Indigenous Australians can't simply just shake their heads and say, "No, we disagree."

Referendum Council co-chair Pat Anderson recently said: "We are voiceless and powerless in our own lands. This is our country. We have been here 60,000 years. There has to be substantive change, structural change that will make a difference. We have been asking for this since 1840 and nobody listens and hears us. I don't understand that."

"What is it that we're saying that you can't understand?"

As blackfellas we feel physically and emotionally exhausted having to repeat ourselves over and over. And frustration with our disempowerment continues. The source of that frustration is continually being ignored within our own country.

Colonisation almost killed us, with nearly 95% of the population killed out, as we went from over one million to just under 100,000 by the time of federation. Mission management – to save a 'dying race' – and assimilation instead became slave labour and stolen children.

Segregation and apartheid just



Woolombi Waters

built our political resolve and created division.

More recently, punitive headline measures to cut welfare and 'get our kids to school' have created the highest incarceration rates of any one people in the world, a new Stolen Generation and increased suicide rates.

The one thing that hasn't been tried in all this time is a return to traditional Aboriginal governance and kinship systems that would respect autonomy within the many Aboriginal nations within Australia in the formation of a treaty.

As stated by my cousin Ruby Wharton, a founding member of

Warriors for Aboriginal Resistance, on her Facebook page, "When will the rest of this country stop thinking that Aboriginal people are fighting for equality? We are not African American. We are not asking for civil rights. We are demanding our birth rights. Being Aboriginal means we have a responsibility to care for the land we come from and what we are fighting for is our rights to country. We aren't asking to be welcomed into your 'civilisation' with open arms and acceptance; get it right."

In the words of Michael Mansell, why not "re-establish a national Aboriginal body, give it a guaranteed revenue base and let it take over the government function of coordinating programs; provide designated seats in the Senate; ensure that the loss of native title attracts compensation (other land or money) and give discrete Aboriginal communities local government powers to do more than just collect the garbage. Move aside, government, and let Aboriginal people take back the reins."

The 1963 Bark Petition was presented to the Federal Parliament in an attempt to get the recognition of our legal system and self-governance prior to colonisation. But even though the petition was successful to a degree in that it did lead to a royal commission and land rights, it was never fully accepted.

Instead, land rights came in under a foreign law, where the whole process of control was given to land councils, funded by government, which eroded Indigenous customary obligation. So when a second bark petition was handed to Prime

Minister John Howard in 1998 he was able to completely ignore it and it now collects dust somewhere in Canberra as people argue that we no longer have retained connection to our own organisational structures.

When you become refuse of the sins of the past, lying at the bottom rung of any social ladder, you become a rubbish tip to the poisons of society and you collect all its waste. This is what we have become as Aboriginal people, as white Australians try and wash their hands of their own sins, as they close their eyes to their own abuse and denial and instead position the problems associated with our decline back on Aboriginal people.

Of course we suffer from substance abuse, sexual abuse and crime more than other Australians. We are the ones who carry the legacy of their lies, denial and guilt as they try to build a society that was created on the back of slaves and stolen Aboriginal lands.

Whether or not we have a treaty, we don't need others' permission to heal ourselves. We never did.

But what a treaty does is provides acknowledgment. It stops Aboriginal people constantly having to make amends.

We are getting sicker, having to carry the pain of two cultures, while the other takes no responsibility or acknowledgement of the past.

This is our opportunity to heal that past, but there must be respect, and respect means our being listened to in our own land.

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

This is an edited version of *Indigenous Resurgence: Political Self-Regard and Relations with Mainstream Australia*, a report written by five people* working with the Brisbane Aboriginal community.

ABORIGINAL political systems and governance derive from our ancient connection to our lands.

Through long occupation and ownership, we developed sophisticated systems of law and a custodial ethic governing our relation to land. Our shared cosmology tells us that people come into being through countries that are alive and sentient.

Country holds the continuing presence of ancestors and the Dreaming, the system, both rigorous and poetic, for supporting an ordered and ethical existence. Through our political systems and law we inherited responsibilities and obligations relating to each other and our countries. This provided for how we lived, what we believed, the structuring of society, culture, our kinship and our ownership of our land.

In recent times everything about who and what we are has been disrupted. As a result of colonial invasion and the exploitation of our lands, we have been confronted with gross disregard.

We were provoked by approaches to people and country that are an affront to our law and morality. We were antagonised by occupation of our ancient lands, the abuse of our principles of obligation and responsibility, and of our customs and culture. We were forced to endure the abuse of our dignity and humanity.

Though our resistance was strong, the power of the colonisers overwhelmed our people. In the decades that followed, our discontent and challenges have often fallen on deaf colonial ears. We have grappled with depredations and iniquities through colonising frameworks of protection and segregation, assimilation, self-determination, and new paternalism.

The continuing pattern of our struggle is multifaceted, but is also fundamentally unbalanced.

Imbalance arises partly because our political systems have been badly damaged through

Reworking the relationship

genocidal policies and practices. It is exacerbated, and persists, because the state has wilfully rebuffed us and our offers to negotiate, and because Australians have not been able to understand and respect us and our social and political systems.

But we, too, are part of this imbalance. In our efforts we have had to rely upon the ideas and systems of the colonials that have become the contemporary Australian state and its forms of governance. We have sought citizenship, recognition, and self-determination. Through these and other notions we have achieved some rights and progress, but these have been secured on the terms of the Australian state.

We have pursued our goals through legislation administered in colonial law and through the political ideas of the coloniser. For this reason, Aboriginal organisations usually end up administering and giving effect to government policy, from health to child protection to native title. In this way the colonisers organise our solutions for us.

Our political efforts are often remarkable given our circumstances, but we fall down when we allow ourselves to be compromised by operating on colonial terms.

We are not suggesting that total isolation or exclusivity is an option. Engagement with mainstream Australia and Australians is crucial. Since invasion this has been the key relationship defining our lives, and it will continue to be so. And while the institutional relationship with Australians often appears very

difficult, the story is not wholly negative. Australians are our family members, our friends, and our allies. We also borrow from the coloniser and, with careful work, can do so while retaining our principles, dignity, and terms of reference.

However, our relationship with the mainstream has been run on Australian terms, and has been based on conversion rather than a conversation. Australians have not met us halfway in conversation but have instead extended their sympathies and asserted their jurisdiction in ways that continue to encircle us. Their sympathies and jurisdiction channel our agency in the dual role of captives and captors – we demand our rights in white terms and then impose these rights on our people.

When we participate in this relationship by allowing our solutions to be organised for us, we are ourselves are part of conversion. We allow ourselves to be compromised rather than making a compromise.

When we look to our systems, Aboriginal protocols dictate that you cannot assert your own cultural baggage upon others. Our protocols do not allow us to apply our terms of reference when we are in someone else's country. In our systems, one has to understand oneself enough and become adult enough to engage the other rather than to seek to impose one's own views upon them. It is time that we reasserted this diplomatic way of being, to remind Australians that they are in our countries, and to show them what dignified and

appropriate behaviour between civilised peoples looks like.

If we want to be Original Peoples then we must accept our obligations to country and each other, and our law, morality and political systems, and bring that to bear in the relationships amongst ourselves and with mainstream Australians. We must enable ourselves to represent the principles of our originality.

In reworking the relationship with mainstream Australia there are issues for us, as Aboriginal people, that we need to urgently and exclusively address to determine our priorities, options and preferred solutions. We must detach as much as possible from colonial administration to reconsider our relationship to each other to clarify the sources and basis of our self-value, governance, and political and cultural systems through Aboriginal rather than mainstream Australian terms of reference. This will require time, resources and devotion.

Our responsibility is to represent and enliven our principles, especially regarding our political systems and relation to country, as the basis for a conversation between two peoples and a changed relationship with Australians. The associated work, which is happening throughout Australia, arises spontaneously through country and among us.

We are beginning this work in our region in partnership with academics at the School of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Queensland. This partnership represents a foundational meeting point, because it recognises that Aboriginal people developed a political philosophy thousands of years before other peoples began reflecting about politics and such a philosophy cannot be subsumed by white Australian or European knowledge.

Such exchange is vitally necessary to revitalise our law, morality and political systems, and to develop a balanced relationship with mainstream Australians.

* Dale Ruska (Goenpul), Morgan Brigg (Duggai – Kombumerri term for whites), Mary Graham (Kombumerri), Lyndon Murphy (Jiniburra), and Alex Bond (Kabi kabi).

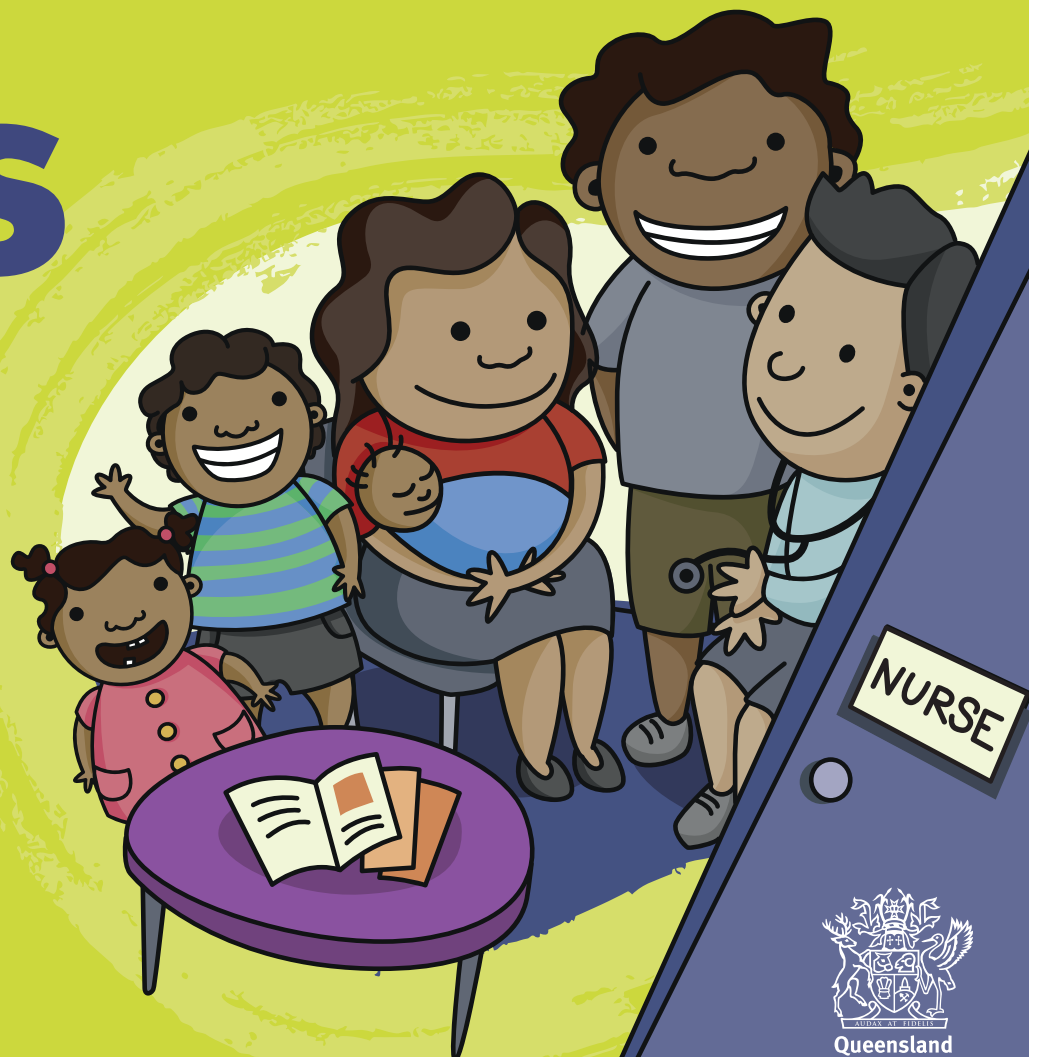
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Yarrabah stand against traders



RESIDENTS at Yarrabah have made a stand against dishonest traders by displaying 'do not knock' stickers on their homes.

The north Queensland Aboriginal community now also has roadside signage warning door-to-door traders not to trade unlawfully.

The signs are part of the 'Do Not Knock informed communities' program, which has now expanded to Yarrabah, near Cairns, after a similar pilot program in Wujal Wujal proved successful last year.

The signage reminds door-to-door traders to act in accordance with the Australian consumer law and that they must not approach houses displaying do-not-knock notices.

The program also aims to minimise consumer harm by informing Yarrabah residents of their consumer rights.

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Mayor Ross Andrews said previously door-to-door traders had preyed on Yarrabah residents by signing them up for overpriced goods or services they couldn't access or didn't need or want.

"Both the program and signage sends

a strong message from the Yarrabah community that we will not stand for unlawful conduct from door-to-door traders and we will stand together as a community to protect our friends and families," he said.

Targets

Fair Trading executive director Brian Bauer said Indigenous communities, particularly in remote areas, have been the targets of dishonest traders.

While door-to-door sales are not illegal, the law sets out rules and obligations that must be followed, including providing

consumers clear written contracts, giving a 10 business day cooling-off period, abiding by permitted hours of trade and not approaching any residence displaying a do-not-knock notice.

Free 'do-not-knock' stickers or signs are available from the Fair Trading and ICAN.

The program and signage is a joint initiative between the council, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, the Queensland Office of Fair Trading and the Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN).

Heritage Act 1977

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Cook Park, Orange

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 12 July 2017.

Enquiries to Natalie Blake on (02) 9873 8576 or natalie.blake@environment.nsw.gov.au

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Aboriginal Heritage Batemans Bay Bridge

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for the proposed new Batemans Bay Bridge to register to be consulted.

To register your interest, please contact:
Paul Vecovski, Project Manager
Phone: 1800 870 119

Email: batemansbaybridge@rms.nsw.gov.au
Mail: Batemans Bay Bridge Project team,
Roads and Maritime Services,
6/90 Crown Street
Wollongong NSW 2500

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by Wednesday 12 July 2017.

Roads and Maritime Services is investigating options of a new bridge over the Clyde River at Batemans Bay.

To view a map of the study area please email batemansbaybridge@rms.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 870 119

The proposal may result in the 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 in NSW 2010, and/or
- Undertaking an environmental impact assessment under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

For more information: 1800 870 119.

Seafood focus of talks



THE potential benefits of a single Torres Strait seafood brand have been

discussed at a workshop held on Thursday Island.

Run by Jayne Gallagher and Emily Mantilla from Honey and Fox Pty Ltd, the workshop identified some of the features of the supply chain of various seafood products and barriers to profitability for commercial ventures.

Workshop participants – fishers, fish processors and community representatives – acknowledged that the event was the first step to achieving greater unity and collaboration in exporting fisheries products from the Torres Strait.

Torres Strait Regional Authority chairperson Napau Pedro Stephen said it was an important step in starting a conversation about the



Participants attend the Torres Strait seafood workshop on Thursday Island.

opportunities available to the region in the exporting and branding of seafood product.

"We hope this research will identify the legislative, administrative and infrastructure requirements for direct export from the Torres Strait, and the key export market opportunities that

could be met by Torres Strait-derived products," he said.

"It will also look to identify unique marketing strategies that may provide opportunities to improve the profitability of fishing operations, having a positive socioeconomic flow-on effect to the

people of the region and our communities."

The project is expected to progress over the next 18 months and align with other initiatives of the TSRA Fisheries Program in achieving improved wealth of Torres Strait Islander people of the region from the region's fisheries resources.

Naomi Mayers' work rewarded



Dr Naomi Mayers



THERE are not many people who have founded a musical group, more than one ground-breaking health service and have been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia, but that's just what Dr Naomi Mayers has done.

For the Yorta Yorta/Wiradjuri woman's lifetime of work delivering and transforming Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care, the University of Sydney has awarded her a Doctor of Letters (honoris causa).

As well as being one of the founders of the Aboriginal Medical Service in Redfern and the Medical Research Council of NSW, Dr Mayers was also a founding member of *The Sapphires* – the all-Aboriginal music group from country Victoria that formed the basis of the 2012 film of the same name.

Dr Mayers was presented with the honour during a graduation ceremony in Sydney, where she acknowledged the importance of

collaboration and persistence in achieving change. "We've come a long way since the Aboriginal medical service first opened its doors, thanks to the efforts of so many people," she said.

"Of course there remains much work to be done and I urge the younger generations to continue fighting to close the gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes."

Forefront of change

An advocate, leader and reformer, Dr Mayers has been at the forefront of change in health service provision to Indigenous communities at local, state and national levels for more than 40 years.

She was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in 1984 in recognition of her services to the community, and holds a doctorate in Aboriginal affairs from Tranby Aboriginal College in Sydney.

Watarrka park protected



Kings Canyon is part of Watarrka National Park in central Australia.



TRADITIONAL owners of the Northern Territory's Watarrka National Park, which includes Kings

Canyon, are celebrating after the land was ruled off limits for mining and fracking.

The Central Land Council says the traditional owners have found out the NT Government has declared a mineral and petroleum reserve over the park.

CLC director David Ross says the group has rallied against mining on their land for the past 15 years and opposed two exploration permit applications for the park in 2012.

"It just goes to show what can be achieved with a persistent, patient and united campaign," he said.

Mr Ross commended the NT Government for taking a different approach to protecting the park from the previous Country Liberal Government, which refused to grant ongoing protection.

"It's great to see that the (Michael) Gunner Government is fair dinkum about correcting the mistakes of the past," he said.

An application for the park to be protected under the *Federal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act* also remains in place, and it is being assessed for National Heritage Listing. – AAP

Land returned to traditional owners



MORE than 560 hectares of land has been handed back to traditional owners in north Queensland. The title deeds to six parcels of land between Mackay, Charters Towers and Townsville were handed over to the Birriah people in Townsville.

Birriah Aboriginal Corporation director Carolyn Kemp said Aboriginal freehold ownership meant Birriah people would have the opportunity to have control over what happened on their land. "The benefits will provide Birriah people with many opportunities for self-management, preservation, protection and development," she said.

Coin, stamp mark historic events



A COMMEMORATIVE 50 cent coin and an Australia Post stamp have been released to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum allowing Indigenous people to be counted in the census, and 25 years since the Mabo High Court decision resulting in native title.

The coin features the artwork of Boneta-Marie Mabo, granddaughter of Eddie Mabo. The image is a portrait of Eddie Mabo with the Torres Strait Islander flag, and a depiction of the 1967 referendum flyer with the Aboriginal flag.

The stamp design is by Goreng Goreng woman Rachael Sarra, a graphic designer at Indigenous creative agency Galimbaa. She has depicted the unifying ambition and optimism of the 1967 referendum through the merging of two fingerprints in a colourful design.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion unveiled the coin and stamp with surviving 1967 referendum campaigners, Mabo decision plaintiffs and their families at Old Parliament House, Canberra.

New youth centre in heart of Alice



A NEW youth outreach centre will be established in Alice Springs' town centre to provide support and services for young people. Northern Territory Families Minister Dale Wakefield said youth outreach workers will operate from the site.

"Our 13 new youth outreach workers and support staff will be based in the new youth outreach centre, providing a purpose-built space to support young people and offer a safe, friendly environment for youth," she said.

The outreach centre, on the corner of Railway Terrace and Wills Terrace, will have safe meeting rooms, open-plan office space and some recreational areas.

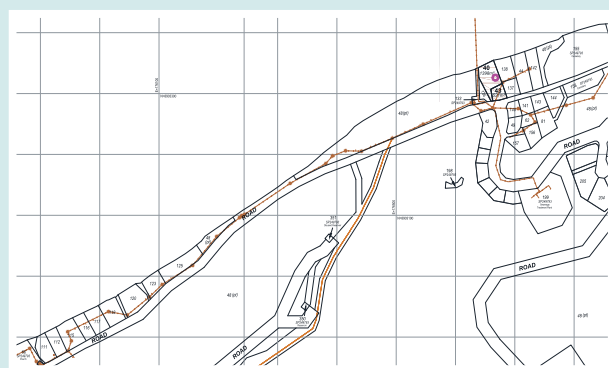
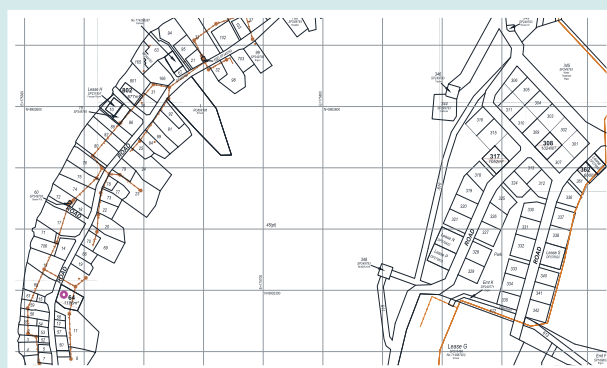
SOCIAL HOUSING INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT

Expression of Interest for all Meriam Traditional Land Owners

Mer Gedkem Le (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC ICN 3282 ("MGL") is asking Meriam traditional land owners of lots 40, 43, 64, 308, 317, 362 and 804 coloured in red on the maps below to contact Mr Aven S Noah on 0458 125 111 or disputes@mergedkemle.org.au by 5pm Monday 24 July 2017.

The Department of Housing and Public Works wants to build 4 new social houses on Mer. To do this the Department needs a 40 year lease over each of these areas and needs native title consent under an Indigenous Land Use Agreement ("ILUA").

MGL needs to identify the Meriam Traditional Land Owners of these lots. They will ask if the Meriam traditional land owner agrees and consent to a lease for 40 years to be given to the Department of Housing and Public Works. They must then ask them if they agree and consent for a new social house to be built on their land. If agreed MGL will then work with the Department of Housing and Public Works and Torres Strait Island Regional Council to make sure the tenant for each of those lots is done in accordance with Alian Kastom.



TRADITIONAL OWNERSHIP DISPUTE

Expression of Interest for all Meriam Traditional Land Owners

MGL is also seeking expressions of interest for all Meriam Traditional Land Owners for lots 322 (lease N) and 323 (lease P) in the blue areas on the map below. Both of these areas were included in the previous social housing ILUA. However a dispute about traditional ownership has come up. In order to sort out this dispute MGL is seeking expressions of interest from any other Meriam Traditional Land Owners for these lots to also contact Mr Aven S Noah on 0458 125 111 or disputes@mergedkemle.org.au by 5pm Monday 24 July 2017.



RASA educator is playing her part



SENIOR
Aboriginal
educator
Sarah
Decrea, from
Relationships
Australia

South Australia (RASA), has been presented with the NAPCAN Play Your Part South Australia Individual Award.

Ms Decrea was acknowledged for her work in RASA's Indigenous Children and Schooling Program, Ngartuitya.

Her colleagues say Ms Decrea, a Torres Strait Islander woman, exemplifies the message of 'Play Your Part' through her personal involvement in her community.

Ms Decrea has redesigned a number of RASA children's programs to be culturally appropriate and accessible to Aboriginal families in the Playford region of Adelaide.

Alongside these programs she has developed 'Working Better with Nunga Kids', a professional development training day.

Ms Decrea said the key to 'getting it right' in the early years of a child's life is culture. "A lot of us know about how important the first three years are, but when we talk about 'getting it right from the start', the First Nations People, my people, got it right from the start," she said.



RASA educator Sarah Decrea with her award.

"When there is trauma, there has to be healing. And it's a time for healing for my people.

"Which means it's time for people to embrace what we knew. It's time for people to come and learn from us, what kept us so strong.

"I'd like to thank all of those strong people in my life, who taught me to be safe in culture.

"They taught me that there was a knowledge

there that was older and stronger than what we learned in university.

"It's an ancient knowledge that we have been trying to give to people for a very long time, but have been rejected.

"When we look at these studies and we talk about finding a 'new' way, I don't think we need to find a new way – we need to reconnect to an old way, and that's our way."

Journalist off to top US school



MURUWARI man Allan Clarke has received the inaugural scholarship from Dart Centre Asia Pacific to attend the Columbia University Graduate

School of Journalism in the United States. He will be taking part in the three-week intensive Investigative Journalism Summer School in New York.

The scholarship will cover his tuition fees, flights and accommodation for the duration of the course.

Mr Clarke grew up in Bourke, western NSW, and was inspired to take up journalism as a way to change negative reporting he was seeing about his community.

"I was about 11 or 12 years old and I remember Bourke was being slammed in the media as some kind of 'ghetto'," he told the *Koori Mail*. "I knew my community wasn't like that. I became fascinated with the way the media can skew things and realised why there was so much racism towards my people.

"People read the papers that just present one side of the community. They focus on the negative. I was fascinated by the power these papers had.

"I didn't think I was very smart, and I was terrible at school. But I ended up at UTS studying journalism because the Indigenous Education Unit, Jumbunna,

was so supportive of me."

Since then, Mr Clarke has worked at Buzzfeed, ABC and SBS and is currently a presenter for NITV's *The Point*.

He participated in a Dart Centre retreat for journalists, where the focus was trauma-aware journalism.

Mr Clarke said he's wanted to study at Columbia since he was a young journalist.

"It's an incredible feeling," he said. "My two goals as a young journalist were to

be able to study at Columbia and to be nominated for a Walkley.

"To be asked to study at Columbia is a dream come true; it's just such an incredible opportunity. I'll be the first Australian to attend the course, let alone the first Aboriginal man."

Mr Clarke said he'll be learning from some of the most renowned journalists in the world during the course.

"These are professional journalists at a world-famous journalism school. We'll be learning from each other as well as learning

from the course.

"I'm excited to meet other professional journalists from all over the world.

"I just can't believe it. Last year I was nominated for a Walkley, and even though I didn't win it was such an incredible moment for me, and this is another incredible opportunity."



Journalist Allan Clarke.



Dr Anthony Murray

In our Reflections piece from our May 31 edition, 'Doctor stands tall with surgeon goal', the *Koori Mail* mistakenly referred to Dr Anthony Murray, pictured left, by the incorrect first name 'David'.

Our apologies for the mistake to Dr Anthony Murray and his family.

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Newcastle Reservoirs Site

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Liverpool Courthouse (Former) and Potential Archaeological Site, Liverpool

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Congress wants action on issues



IT has been more than a year since Aboriginal leaders launched the Redfern Statement, which asked governments to engage with Indigenous

people in a meaningful and constructive way to deal with the health and social issues in First Nations communities.

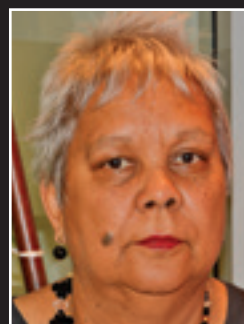
National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chairs Jackie Huggins and Rod Little said Australia is failing to meet the Close the Gap targets.

"We are after an improved relationship with federal, state and territory governments," they said.

"We acknowledge the work that has been done to date, however, we can no longer afford to wait a generation for the change that is necessary now for our people.

"Far too many First Peoples attend funerals of young and middle-aged people.

"This is because the Government's Closing the Gap targets are failing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander



"We are after an improved relationship with federal, state and territory governments."

– Congress co-chairs Jackie Huggins and Rod Little



people, as shown by the latest 2017 report."

Dr Huggins and Mr Little said the Redfern Statement outlines how the reports released since 1992 called for reconciliation-based truth telling and creating a just relationship between Indigenous and other Australians.

"The Redfern Statement was initially created as an election manifesto but our determination now is for it to become a roadmap for positive and effective

engagement between Aboriginal peoples and governments," they said.

"The Federal Government and each of the state and territory governments, share responsibility to right this nation's past injustices.

"The current Government has an unprecedented nation-building opportunity to meaningfully address Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disadvantage.

"They have the mandate to act."



With the new bus are students Edward Curley and Charlie Comeagain with Geraldton Sporting Aboriginal Corporation project officer Adrian Bartlett and program coordinator Gordon Clinch.

Geraldton bus welcomed



TRAVELLING to events just got easier for Aboriginal people in Geraldton, Western Australia, thanks to the Geraldton Sporting Aboriginal Corporation's purchase of a 14-seater commuter bus.

A Federal Government grant, help from the WA Centre for Rural Health (WACRH), and some generous donations helped make the bus a reality.

Corporation project officer

Adrian Bartlett said the bus will be used to take people to a variety of programs for all ages, such as school breakfast programs, surfing, talent programs, wildflower drives for seniors, sport matches locally and to Perth.

The funding came together after corporation chair and WACRH employee Lenny Papertalk attended a National Poche Network meeting for Indigenous health in Melbourne. During a lunchtime conversation with Kay van Norton Poche, the

co-founder of the Poche Centres, Mr Papertalk spoke about the need for a bus to help ensure Aboriginal children could take part in sporting activities.

Ms van Norton Poche was so impressed she pulled out her cheque book and made a personal donation to set the wheels in motion.

A successful grant submission to the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund and a co-funding arrangement with WACRH in Geraldton sealed the deal.

50,000 years and counting



ABORIGINAL people lived along Australia's coast about 50,000 years ago, archaeologists have again confirmed, after discovering dietary remains on an island off Western Australia.

The remains in a cave on Barrow Island, about 50km off the Pilbara coast, provide the earliest evidence of the coastal occupation of Australia, says Professor Peter Veth, the study's lead archaeologist from the University of WA.

"We've actually got very firm evidence of people living on the coast that we didn't have before," he said. "The cave was used predominantly as a hunting shelter about 50,000 and 30,000 years ago before becoming a residential base for family groups

about 10,000 years ago."

Prof Veth said the occupation of coastal Australia had previously been dated to about 40,000 years ago.

"A third of the continent has been flooded since the last ice age and we reasonably expect the earliest evidence of occupation to be under water," he said.

Researchers from Australia and the United States found well-preserved remains of animals including shellfish and kangaroos in the limestone cave on Barrow Island.

Between 2013 and 2015, the team used what's known as the luminescence technique, which dates the last time that sediment surrounding the remains was exposed to sunlight.

Prof Veth said this showed the remains were between 46,000 and 51,000 years old. — AAP

Chelsea's dream ready to blossom



GAMILAROI woman Chelsea Trindall-Scott is well on her way to achieving her dream of becoming a florist.

Ms Trindall-Scott said she struggled at school because her pursuits were more creatively inclined, so when she saw a course for floristry on the Sydney TAFE website, she knew it was for her.

Now having completed her floristry course, Ms Trindall-Scott is beginning to take design classes, and will soon start a business course, hoping to one day run her own florist shop.

Ms Trindall-Scott said when she found the floristry course she thought it would be interesting, but when she got to the class she found it was better than she could have imagined.

"It's not just about picking flowers and putting them together," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's very complex. We learnt about making bouquets, corsages, corporate arrangements and more.

"I was really most interested in the wedding work."

Ms Trindall-Scott said her design course is teaching her photography skills as well as giving her the tools to create things like business brochures.

She said she hopes the business course she'll soon undertake will round off all those skills to give her a start in running her shop.



Chelsea Trindall-Scott wears one of her floral creations.

But Ms Trindall-Scott said she couldn't have made it without the help of her Aboriginal education liaison officer at school, and the Gamarada Aboriginal Unit at TAFE.

"I really struggled at school," she said.

"I almost dropped out. My Aboriginal liaison said to me, 'You may not like it at school but it's best to stay and finish and look for something you really love to do when you finish.'

"I also had lots of help from the Aboriginal unit at TAFE. Without them, I don't know how I could have done it."

Ms Trindall-Scott said her advice to other young Aboriginal students would be to not let things get them down.

"There are other ways of getting into what you love," she said.

"There is something for everyone. Even if you struggle at school, there'll be something for you out there."



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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 (NSW)

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Will Mac Gregor, CEO - BushMob Aboriginal Corporation (NT)

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Briana Lees, Psychologist & Researcher, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NSW)

Scott Wilson, Director - Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council Inc. (SA)

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2017 Barunga Festival



Children play on the historic 1904 steam engine painted with Aboriginal motifs at Barunga.



Justine Clarke performs with Barunga School children singing songs in local creole.



The White Cockatoo Dancers and songmen perform at Barunga.



Pulumpa Power plays the Crows in the Barunga women's softball semifinal. Pulumpa went on to win the grand final.



There was plenty of exciting action in the Australian rules football games at the festival.

Sport and music on packed program

Pictures by DUANE PRESTON



THE Barunga Festival, held near Katherine in the Northern Territory earlier this month, offered a broad program of music, sport, traditional arts and cultural activities.

Basketball, football and softball competitions attracted competitors from far and wide including other states, and offered the local teams a chance to experience fierce competition at a higher level in their chosen sport.

And with a top-drawer musical line-up, cultural workshops and tours of the local area by local school kids, the more than 4000 festival goers had plenty of activities to choose from.

Kakadu's Black Rock Band won the inaugural George Rurrumbu Burarrawanga Award for best community band. The award pays

tribute to Mr Burarrawanga, the lead singer of Warumpi Band, from Papunya.

Black Rock Band, an emerging group out of Kakadu/West Arnhem, draws on deep musical family history from the Territory's Top End. Incorporating traditional and contemporary styles, the group meshes cultural depth with a driving rock style, singing in Kunwinjku and English.

Cultural richness

Lead singer Richie Guymala said the band sings about family members' cultural richness as well as contemporary social and political issues that reflect First Nation experiences.

"When I was young, that old man (George Rurrumbu Burarrawanga), now, he was a big inspiration for me," he said.

"Thank you to his family, to Skinnyfish (music organisation) and Barunga."

Emotions high as CaPTA Group wins top Qld award

By KEIRA JENKINS



MORE than 20 years ago Pip and Charles Woodward started the Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience in Cairns, as part of their company, the CaPTA Group.

This month they received the Queensland Reconciliation Award for Business for their spearheading of Indigenous tourism and Indigenous employment.

CaPTA Group sales and marketing executive Willie Enoch-Tranby said the award caused a mixture of emotions.

"It was a mixture of happiness, gratitude, confirmation, encouragement, recognition, and sadness," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"Charles Woodward, husband of Pip Woodward and owner of the CaPTA Group, passed away a few weeks prior to this award.

"Also, the award is a representation of hard work, understanding of Indigenous culture and communication."

Mr Enoch-Tranby started with CaPTA in 1995, when he was 13, as a dancer on weekends and school holidays. He left when he finished high school to play rugby league, but returned to his home of Cairns, and to CaPTA, which had expanded to four parks and two tours.

"We provide rainforest, Indigenous and wildlife experiences to international and domestic travellers while promoting Australia, Queensland and the far north as business and leisure destinations," Mr Enoch-Tranby said.

"Indigenous experience is high on travellers' agendas, which is evident in all Tourism Australia's campaigns, and I



Cairns-based CaPTA Group's Willie Enoch-Tranby, Charles Woodward, Pip Woodward and Louis Enoch-Tranby.

feel privileged and honoured marketing our culture and experiences internationally and domestically."

Mr Enoch-Tranby said many staff members have been with CaPTA Group more than a decade, including his father.

"I have family connections through my father Willie Enoch who has been there for 17-plus years," he said.

"He is also the current Guinness Book of Records holder for throwing a spear, aided with a woomera – 147 metres."

Chamber hears of Indigenous expansion

By REBECCA HARCOURT



AS an Aboriginal man in business, Message Stick Group chief officer Michael McLeod thought he was a trail blazer when he was starting off 14 years ago.

There were few Indigenous businesses working with business in the corporate sector and he wondered, 'How do you engage in the business sector?'

He then founded Supply Nation (formerly AIMSC) in 2009 to increase visibility and opportunities for Indigenous business.

"No Indigenous business is asking for a handout, they're seeking the opportunity to be at the table, to be in the running to win the business," he said.

Mr McLeod brought his experiences in business to the recent Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce discussion about the continued mobilisation and growth of the Indigenous business sector across Australia.

"There has been a 300% growth in Indigenous business and the corporate sector has been a major player," he said.

Supply Nation chief officer Laura Berry said that through the Federal Government's Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP), in the past 18 months \$407 million has been awarded in contracts to 708 separate Indigenous businesses.

"Whatever Industry you are in, there are Indigenous businesses operating," she said.

"We are dismantling stereotypical ideas and deficit models about Indigenous businesses or people."

Indigenous Defences Consortium (IDC) chief officer Adam Goodes also took part in the discussion about the growth of the Indigenous business sector.

"Huge opportunities"

"There are huge opportunities through innovation and technology to build Indigenous business and upskill employment capabilities," he said. "We aim to take on major contracts as part of the Defence portfolio over the next 10 years."

Mr Goodes says he is keen to nurture the talent of younger Indigenous people so they are motivated to build their capabilities and qualifications and be the leaders who are shaping and determining new innovative developments. He is partnering with universities as well as fostering opportunities with Indigenous high school students.

"For those of us working with Indigenous students in high school, TAFE and universities, we can vouch for our Indigenous students' capabilities, motivated by their peers and greater public visibility of Indigenous role models who are drawing on their ingenuity, cultural identities, tenacity, acumen and resilience to embrace and succeed across so many diverse fields," he said.

"There are so many opportunities for Indigenous students to work within industry whilst they're studying and more opportunities for their futures in Indigenous business."

Discussion panel moderator Sam Bickless, from Gilbert & Tobin, said the increased engagement with Indigenous people and businesses "positively impacts us all, professionally and personally".

"There is a roadmap for success," he said.

"It comes from our ancestors. Who wouldn't want to embrace these opportunities and to learn alongside the oldest continuous culture on Earth?"

"There are so many ways to meaningfully engage. Let's all take the next step."

Irranda working on expansion



RECENTLY launched Indigenous business Irranda Holdings has joined forces with long-established

air-conditioning ducting and sheet metal fabrication firm Action Sheet Metal.

Irranda owner Colin Rogan Jnr, from Darwin, has been working for the past two years with Action Sheet Metal owner Harry Maschke on Thermobreak, a new kind of air-conditioning unit.

Mr Rogan said Thermobreak costs less than other air-conditioning units and is eco-friendly. "The big thing with the product is that it's going to save dollars; it brings down the overall cost of a project," he said.



Irranda Holdings staff and work experience students.

"This could be used in government buildings, schools, you name it, as opposed to the metal cushion head box that they currently use."

Mr Rogan said that Thermobreaks are already being

used by the private sector and are now being installed at the new Gateway Shopping Centre in Darwin.

He said Irranda also provides economic benefits to the community through Indigenous

employment, student work experience, pathways, and opportunities for at-risk youth.

Irranda is working on securing major contracts, and aiming to join forces with other businesses. It has received expressions of interest from industry professionals in Cairns.

"I've got five Indigenous employees ready to go, and we're already talking to another Indigenous business about partnering to do an installation as well," Mr Rogan said.

"Apart from looking at the market in Cairns, we're also aiming at putting a foot offshore in the export market to Singapore and East Timor, which will be great for bringing much-needed long-term dollars and employment into the Northern Territory's economic outlook."



Isaac Drandic

Queensland Theatre position for Drandic



DIRECTOR of *Coranderrk* and award-winning actor Isaac Drandic is the new resident dramaturg at Queensland Theatre.

As a dramaturg, Mr Drandic will take on the professional role of researching and developing plays, and working with playwrights and directors in the theatre's programming department.

Drandic, who will be based in Cairns, said it was a privilege to be part of the Queensland Theatre team in the far north and to work with artistic director Sam Strong.

He will work on pieces including *My Name is Jimi*, *The Longest Minute* and *The Murder of Nellie Duffy* and he will join the judging panel for the 2018-19 Queensland Premier's Drama Award.

"With the focus on celebrating diverse voices on the future of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander theatre, there isn't a better job anywhere in the country," he said.

"Passionate"

"This trailblazing vision and commitment toward the growth of our industry is something I'm very passionate about. My base in far north Queensland (Cairns) on Yidinji country – the land of my children's great grandmother – is simmering with creativity and rich with untapped stories that reflect the heart of our nation."

Drandic trained in the Aboriginal Theatre course at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, and made his professional acting debut in *One Destiny* by Black Swan State Theatre Company in 2001. He has been the associate director of Ilbjerri Theatre Company and resident artist at Playwriting Australia.

He was also the recipient of the Victorian Indigenous Performing Arts Award in the category of Uncle Jack Charles Award 2008, recognising 'Best achievement by a Victorian theatre practitioner' and was recently nominated for a 2016 Green Room award in the Independent Theatre category for direction of *Blood on the Dance Floor* which won most outstanding independent theatre production.



Wagana Dancers are off to Canada



THE Blue Mountains-based Wagana Dancers will perform at this year's World Indigenous People's Conference on Education (WIPCE) in Toronto, Canada.

Wagana artistic director Jo Clancy, performer Becky Chatfield and two of Wagana's youngest dancers, Regina and Phoenix Tempest, will represent the company at the major education gathering.

Next month's trip comes after Wagana performed in Hawaii during March and a visit by Ms Clancy to Scotland, where she spent three weeks running a contemporary Aboriginal dance workshop program for children and young people.

Wagana will also share Wiradjuri and Darug language through song and dance at a 'NAIDOC Under the Stars' event in Katoomba this Friday (June 30).

● **Pictured left: Wagana Dancers Becky Chatfield, Jo Clancy and Regina and Phoenix Tempest.**

Exhibition will rekindle stories



Perth exhibition special guest Gina Williams.



PORTRAITS that honour Noongar Elders, handmade dolls capturing Noongar birthing experiences and photographs, films and recordings of stories of Noongar life will feature in a new exhibition in Perth to be opened during NAIDOC Week. *Rekindling Stories on Country – there are many ways to tell a story...* is being presented by CAN (Community Arts Transforms) with Art On The Move and the City of Perth Winter Arts Season.

The exhibition brings together a mixture of artforms that explore the art of storytelling.

Award-winning performer Gina Williams will be special guest at the opening on July 4.

Williams and musician Guy Ghouse will perform songs in Noongar in honour of this year's NAIDOC theme Our Languages Matter.

Both have formed a creative partnership with CAN for a new music/language program. Details of the new program, Lullabies, will be revealed at the opening.

The NAIDOC celebrations will also include a free weaving workshop hosted by Sharyn Egan.

The exhibition, at City Art Space Gallery in Northbridge Piazza, will run from July 3-14.



Culture is Life ambassadors for reconciliation Thomas Busby and Jeremy Marou.

Busby Marou reconciliation ambassadors



WHEN Thomas Busby and Jeremy Marou met in Rockhampton 10 years ago, they bonded over their mutual love of music.

Now they're travelling the country together, promoting their new album *Postcards from the Shell House* as musical duo Busby Marou.

They said they've been playing to a number of sold-out venues across the country. But Marou, a Torres Strait Islander man, told the *Koori Mail* it still doesn't feel like the band is "that big a deal".

"We've been doing it for a long time," he said. "I still live in Rockhampton. We both come from big families up there so they keep us grounded."

Although music is first and foremost for Busby Marou, the pair has recently embarked on more political pursuits, becoming ambassadors for Culture is Life's reconciliation campaign.

Busby said this was the first time they'd acted as ambassadors for a cause.

"We're not political in our songs or in our performances," he said.

"But when Reconciliation Week came around, that was the first time we stepped into a more political position."

"We're just two good mates – one of us is a blackfella, and one of us is a whitefella – but we worked out that we're a classic example of what reconciliation is."

Busby said they took on being ambassadors for Culture is Life's 'Are We Ready?' campaign because they realised what an example of reconciliation Busby Marou was.

"Jeremy is well-loved wherever we go. He's a Torres Strait Islander, but that's not the only reason; he's an awesome guitarist," Busby said.

"When people come to see our performances they don't see us as a blackfella and a whitefella, they see us as musicians, and that's how reconciliation should be taken on."

"A lot of people could learn from our example."

Culture is Life is a not-for-profit organisations that aims to support Indigenous-led solutions to prevent youth suicide.

Collection is all about women



A NEW collection of stories by Indigenous women from across Australia has been released by Magabala Books. *Us Women, Our Ways, Our World* presents the viewpoints of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women on the importance of family, identity, and Australia's colonial history.

Editor and contributor to the book Pat Dudgeon said the book came out of a realisation that there was a lack of Aboriginal women's voices in writings about Indigenous women. "There are four editors – me, Jeannie Herbert, Jill Milroy and Darlene Oxenham – and we each reached out to our networks to find contributors," Professor Dudgeon told the *Koori Mail*.

"There's a mix of academic works and more personalised narratives in the book. I really love how both these different styles have come together."

"This book has been years in the process. I'm proud of it because it is a book by Indigenous women, about Indigenous women."

The themes of the book are obvious: the significance of mothers and grandmothers; connection to history and country; and the idea of collaboration and

sharing. But Prof Dudgeon said the recurring themes were not a purposeful technique, but instead "speak to where Indigenous women are coming from".

"Our connection to our ancestors is important, and this book really puts that into context," she said.

"We noticed that these themes were prominent when we were editing the stories. We're proud that we've got such a diverse range of voices, but we are

"Our connection to our ancestors is important, and this book really puts that into context."
– Book editor Professor Pat Dudgeon

connected by the things that are important to us.

"We've got all sorts of women included in the book. We didn't mean for there to be 'key themes'. We didn't seek that out, but our lineage is what helps us find our position in the world."

The editors and authors of the book are all well-known academics and leaders in their communities and professional fields, including Dawn Bessarab, MaryAnn Bin-Sallik, Nerida Blair, Lyn Henderson-Yates, Shirley Harris, Cheryl Kickett-

Tucker, Ambelin Kwaymullina, Vanessa Lee, Tjalamina Mia, Sandy O'Sullivan, Mary Terszak, Irene Watson and Joan Winch.

Prof Dudgeon said with such an influential list of contributors, she expects the book to be of great use as a textbook for Indigenous studies.

"It's real stories that talk about the policies and theories from someone's perspective," she said.

"What these women have gone through is personal. It's unique that way. These stories are reaching out to touch the heart."

"They share so much of themselves and we've got such a diversity of stories."

Despite each woman's different personal histories and diverse locations, they have come together to create something about their identities as Indigenous women.

Prof Dudgeon said each story is a 'unique gem' in itself, but they meld together to show the world what it is to be an Indigenous woman.

"Personal narrative plays a really important part in this collection," she said.

"Those personal stories have an important place in the book, beside the theory, grounding the academic with the personal."

Kimberley art will be heart of exhibition



KIMBERLEY Aboriginal arts centres are working on new collaborative pieces which will form the heart of an Aboriginal art exhibition to go on display at the Art Gallery of Western Australia in 2018.

These artworks and the exhibition will mark the culmination of the gallery's six-year Desert River Sea project. Under the project, artists from eight Kimberley art centres will each submit a collaborative work for the exhibition, reflecting the diversity of influences and art practice across the Kimberley.

Desert River Sea has included field research and community consultation, with the Broome-based team making regular field trips to the Kimberley art centres, interviewing, recording and talking to Aboriginal artists.

The gallery's Desert River Sea team says the collaborative approach has driven the project's success.

"It allows greater participation and opportunities for intergenerational teaching, often resulting in artworks which hold particular sociocultural and/or historical significance," said Philippa Jahn, who has worked with the project.

"It is this insight that has guided the gallery's direction in seeking works of a predominantly collaborative nature."

Desert River Sea: the exhibition is scheduled to be on display at the Art Gallery of WA at the end of 2018. A major publication will also accompany it.



Indigenous STEM students Sharni Cox and Greta Stephenson with the CSIRO's Carol Rance.

STEM winners will engineer bright futures

By KEIRA JENKINS



AFTER winning the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Student

Award at the inaugural Indigenous STEM Awards, Greta Stephenson and Sharni Cox attended the International Science and Engineering Fair in the US city of Los Angeles.

The two are among the group of award-winners who have been recognised for their efforts to introduce STEM education programs in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and start careers in the STEM industries.

Ms Cox, now studying a Bachelor of Business and Science at the University of Tasmania, said the LA fair, which she attended as part of her award, was more than she could have expected.

"It was way bigger than I thought it would be," she said.

"We went as student observers so we got to look around and talk to all the students who had brought the projects they'd been working on to the fair.

"There were 14-year-olds there who were already doing amazing things. It was just incredible."

Ms Cox said it was "strange but amazing" to think that the young people at that fair were the future innovators in the STEM industries.

"Those kids could be my future employer," she said.

"That's crazy. I don't think I realised how big science was until I went to the science fair. It's really put everything into perspective for me and cemented what I want to do."

And what Ms Cox wants to do is science communications – presenting science-related information to make it accessible to the public.

She said Indigenous people have been using science for thousands of years, so it makes sense for a large number of Aboriginal students to be interested in STEM.

"We've been implementing a lot of science in our thousands of years of existence," she said.

"We know that knowledge has been passed through our communities. Now we're learning how modern science works with our traditional science."

At 86, he's a master



Uncle Dennis Seymour, left, and fellow Indigenous graduate artist Mick Harding.



GROWING up in Queensland, Uncle Edward (Dennis) Seymour used to sit with two other Aboriginal boys and play 'dots' at school.

His teachers believed that he couldn't be educated because of his Aboriginal heritage.

Six years ago Mr Seymour set out to prove them wrong, and now, at the age of 86, he has graduated with a Master's in Visual Arts from Federation University in Victoria.

"I'd been painting for about 50 years but when people asked me where I'd learnt, I'd say I taught myself and I lost a bit of confidence," the Nurrangga man told the *Koori Mail*.

"Now I've got the degree, I feel like I can teach others.

"That was the reason I did it. I've been

helping people for years, and now I feel I'm qualified for it."

Mr Seymour said attending TAFE and then continuing on to do his master's at Federation University was a "great experience".

"There was me and another Aboriginal man doing the course. There were a couple of women too, and I made some great friends," he said. "We had plenty of help in the course, with mentors and support."

Mr Seymour said he hopes his story will inspire others to rise above the racism they have faced in their lives.

"If you're told you're stupid for many years that challenges you," he said.

"But challenges can be overcome. Aboriginal people are intelligent and we deserve an education."

Big year at Batchelor



THE achievements of students from the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education were celebrated at the

organisation's colourful graduation ceremony, held on June 15.

A total of 313 individual graduates received 350 awards at the Batchelor Campus, south of Darwin. They came from 79 communities across four states and territories, with most students hailing from the Northern Territory and many of them from remote communities.

Certificates presented ranged from VET Certificate I through to a doctorate.

This year's graduating group, the majority of whom were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, is among the largest the Batchelor Institute has had in its 40-plus-year history of providing Indigenous education in the NT.



Student Naomi Rosas receives her Certificate IV from Batchelor Institute Council chairperson Professor Mark Rose.

Batchelor also celebrated a record number of completions for 2016, with 1000 students finishing their qualifications.

In a graduation ceremony highlight, Jennifer Rita Fraser was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy in Indigenous Knowledges.

Each year, special awards are sponsored in recognition of

students' outstanding achievements in their fields.

The Department of Trade, Business and Innovation VET Award went to Karen Rogers, from Ngukurr (NT).

The *Koori Mail* Award, presented by general manager Naomi Moran, went to Daniel Wilson from Sawtell (NSW), recognising his outstanding achievements as a student enrolled in broadcasting or media studies.

The Harry Wilson Memorial Award went to Rita Oui, from Kuranda (Qld). This award is sponsored by the Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association (TEABBA) in recognition of an outstanding student in the Certificate III Media course.

Valerie Wunungmurra, from Nhulunbuy (NT), won the NBC Consultants Award, in recognition of the most outstanding student who has completed a Certificate in Business.



The latest IPROWD graduates with NSW police and officials.

Closer to joining the force



ELEVEN young Aboriginal students have graduated from the Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery (IPROWD) program at TAFE NSW Kurri Kurri.

The graduating Aboriginal students, from Newcastle, Port Stephens, the Lower Hunter and Mid-North Coast regions, are part of more than 100 students who are a step closer to joining the NSW Police Force.

Aboriginal leaders attended the event along with senior NSW Police officials, representatives from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, teachers, mentors, family and friends.

IPROWD student Cassie Johnston, a Gamilaroi woman, received the 2017 Peter Gibbs Award for her leadership and dedication to her chosen career path. The award is named after Mr Gibbs who was instrumental in developing the IPROWD

program in an effort to enhance police and Indigenous community relations after his sister Fiona Gibbs died in police custody in 1997.

IPROWD students graduate with a Certificate III in Vocational and Study Pathways that covers Aboriginal studies, police studies, communication, computer skills, numeracy and literacy as well as excursions to sites including the NSW Police Academy, in Goulburn.

Agreement reached on Kormilda



ONE of Australia's leading schools has reached an agreement to acquire the troubled Kormilda College, in Darwin. An agreement has been signed between

Haileybury and the Kormilda College board to acquire the Kormilda site and begin operations from next year.

Haileybury is an elite college with well-established international relationships. It has four campuses in Victoria and one in Beijing, China.

Northern Territory Education Minister Eva Lawler said the agreement was supported by the NT and Federal governments.

"We believe that this is a fantastic result that will provide certainty for the Kormilda College community and a bright future for its students," she said.

The agreement is subject to a due diligence period to end on August 31.

The school will continue to operate as Kormilda College for the remainder of the school year under the management of Haileybury.

It is anticipated that the college will begin official operations as Haileybury Rendall School at the start of 2018, with Haileybury senior vice principal Craig Glass to take up the position of principal.

Concern over Gonski plan

By KEIRA JENKINS



PARENTS of students at Catholic schools in the ACT are worried about

what the Federal Government's Gonski 2.0 proposal will mean for their children.

ACT Barnados Mother of the Year Selina Walker said that under the proposal, ACT Catholic schools face a funding cut, and parents will have to pay more in fees.

Just over 300 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children attend ACT Catholic schools.

Ms Walker said the funding cuts will mean some parents won't be able to afford to send their children to these schools.

"Some parents are working two jobs just to send their kids to school," the Ngunnawal woman told the *Koori Mail*.

"The funding cuts will mean that these kids will have to go to public schools, and the public system just doesn't work for some kids.

"Racism is alive and well in the ACT, and I chose to send my godson to a Catholic school because of its no-tolerance approach to bullying."

Federal Education Minister Simon Birmingham sent letters to a number of schools in the



Canberra mother Selina Walker says she is concerned about funding cuts to Catholic schools.

ACT warning of funding cuts.

St Mary MacKillop College was told it would have a cut of 0.8% – a decrease of \$4,608,900 over the next 10 years.

There are 53 Indigenous students at St Mary MacKillop, and principal Michael Lee said events like NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week are important to the school community. "I wouldn't want to end programs for Indigenous students or water down the school experience for students," he said.

"But these funding cuts might

mean less assemblies for events like NAIDOC and Sorry Day. Students might miss out on these important social events."

Mr Lee said the reality is that some parents may have to pull their children out of Catholic schools. "It's a very real possibility that fees could go up in the schools that are hit by these funding cuts and families on low incomes won't be able to afford them," he said.

"The Government is selling Gonski 2.0 as fair, but in the ACT that certainly does not seem to be the case."

Ms Walker said that even for the students who continue at Catholic schools, their education will be affected.

"With less Indigenous students at the school, this will have a big impact on the kids there," she said.

"Our mob rally together. There's safety in numbers, especially for the kids at boarding school. We help each other.

"Some of the kids may have to go back to their communities if their parents can't afford to pay more fees."

Ms Walker said this issue was about more than race or religion.

"It's about the education of our kids," she said. "They've taken away our choice."

Community Research Scholarship

Are you working on data collection or helping out with research projects but don't have any credentials?

Have you supported research projects and would like formal recognition?

Each scholarship will provide:

- > 1:1 mentor for study and recognized prior learning
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- > Career and education planning

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For further information please contact the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health (Sydney)

call (02) 9114 0829 email poche.admin@sydney.edu.au



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Apunipima welcomes school's resource donation



THE Cairns School of Distance Education has donated more than 30 boxes of resources to Apunipima Cape York Health Council to distribute throughout Cape York communities as part of the its 'Free Little Library' initiative.

The resources will be an engagement tool to interact with children in the Cape to promote the importance of early literacy.

Apunipima team leader Amanda Wilson welcomed the donation. "Literacy is a strong predictor of health outcomes and as a health organisation we recognise the importance of developing a love of reading in the early years to promote better literacy and health later in life," she said.

"This generous donation will be much appreciated by families in Cape York."

The donation includes a variety of educational books, games and puzzles for children of all ages.

● **Pictured right: Apunipima staff check out some of the donated books.**



Wyatt says deal will streamline funding



FEDERAL Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt says a new funding agreement will

streamline the provision of \$20 million a year in health service support through the National Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisation (NACCHO).

He says the unified funding arrangements will allow the Commonwealth to work better with Australia's peak Indigenous community health organisation.

"Under the agreement, NACCHO will receive the funding and will form a collaborative network with its state and territory counterpart organisations to finance and support local health services," he said.

"The agreement provides the network with funding certainty, allowing organisations to plan for the future and improve their effectiveness."

Mr Wyatt said the agreement was focused on

"This new approach will allow service providers to access the assistance they need to enable them to deliver crucial, quality care to their clients."



outcomes, allowing service funding to be administered through an Aboriginal-controlled agency.

"I have been hearing from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about the kind of care they want, and this agreement will help deliver it," he said.

"We know that strong, Aboriginal-administered care plays a pivotal role in improving health outcomes, but it can face challenges supplying services on the

ground. This new approach will allow service providers to access the assistance they need to enable them to deliver crucial, quality care to their clients."

Mr Wyatt said the new network would also ensure Indigenous voices are heard at all levels of health administration.

"The aim is to streamline funding and communication, to continue our shared commitment to closing the gap," he said.

Free soap to fight trachoma



FREE soap will be offered to communities in the Kimberley, Pilbara, Mid-West and Goldfields regions to help reduce the incidence of trachoma and other diseases in regional Western Australia.

The Squeaky Clean Kids program will provide more than 200,000 bars of soap to 63 Aboriginal communities at risk of trachoma or trachoma resurgence, and promote hygiene messages there and in local schools.

Australia is the only developed country with trachoma, a bacterial infection which causes inflammation of the inside of the eyelid, that if left untreated, can cause scarring and blindness.

Trachoma is spread through contact with eye and nasal discharge of an infected person. There are no

obvious symptoms of trachoma in its early stages, which is why prevention methods are so important.

The WA Trachoma Control Program has been effective in reducing trachoma prevalence in these communities from 24% in 2006 to 2.6% in 2015, and the Squeaky Clean Kids program aims to help reduce this further.

Soap for this program has been donated by SoapAid, an Australian not-for-profit organisation that collects, sorts, cleans and reprocesses soap from hotels into new bars.

The WA Country Health Service has partnered with SoapAid, the Department of Health's Environmental Health Directorate, the Aboriginal Health Council of WA, regional Aboriginal corporations, regional schools and local governments, to deliver the program in the four health regions.

Kim's a nurse with a mission



INDIGENOUS registered nurse and midwife Kim Henschke has made it her mission to encourage other Indigenous people to take up a career in health.

The University of Southern Queensland (USQ) graduate and primary health centre manager who works on the Tiwi Islands believes increasing the number of Indigenous health professionals would boost health outcomes for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"At an early age I noticed a difference in health outcomes and the lack of health care access that Indigenous people received," she said.

"I also noticed during my training and nursing education the lack of Indigenous nursing students and how this was contributing to poor health outcomes."

Master

A descendant of the Waanyi and Butchulla people, the mother of five and grandmother of six graduated from USQ last month with a Master of Science (Research) degree.

Her research topic was on the experiences of Indigenous nursing students at a tertiary institution, which she says is of major significance due to the need to build an Indigenous healthcare workforce.

Mrs Henschke said the aim of the study was to improve the



Registered nurse Kim Henschke celebrates her recent graduation with family at the University of Southern Queensland.

education experiences of Indigenous nursing students by identifying strategies to improve retention and completion rates to ensure there are enough Indigenous healthcare workers for the future.

"Approximately only one-third of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander students complete nursing degrees, compared with two-thirds of non-Indigenous students," she said.

"My study allowed me to gain insight into the experiences of Indigenous nursing students with the aim of identifying strategies to improve retention

and completion rates."

Mrs Henschke now holds two university qualifications from USQ – a Graduate Diploma of Health (Rural and Remote Health) and now her Master of Science (Research).

She works as the primary health centre manager at the

Julanimawu Health Centre on Bathurst Island.

"I feel equipped to tackle anything with the knowledge I have gained to improve policy making and looking at strategies to best support Indigenous men and women who would like to attend tertiary study," she said.

Cancer costs years of life



CANCER costs Australians more years of life than any other disease, according to a new analysis.

A report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) shows while its burden has lessened, cancer has the biggest impact on the nation's health, accounting for one-fifth of the burden.

"This is calculated in terms of years of life lost due to early death from cancer, as well as the years of healthy life lost due to living with the disease," AIHW spokesperson Michelle Gourley said.

While other conditions, such as cardiovascular disease, are more common and cause a greater number of deaths, cancer results in more years of life lost due to deaths occurring in younger age groups.

The report, based on 2011 data, shows five types of cancer – lung, bowel, breast, prostate and pancreatic – accounted for almost half of the disease's burden.

"Overall, the burden from cancer lessened between 2003 and 2011 – down by 10% – and this same

Indigenous Australians experienced a cancer burden 1.7 times that of other Australians, the analysis showed.

The gap was particularly notable when it came to lung cancer, Ms Gourley said.

Indigenous males had 2.3 times the lung cancer burden of other males, and for Indigenous females the rate was 2.6 times.

Australians in remote and lower socio-economic areas also faced greater cancer burden than other Australians. In particular, people in the lowest

socio-economic group experienced burden from lung cancer at almost twice the rate of the highest socio-economic group.

"Notably, almost a quarter (22%) of the total cancer burden can be attributed to tobacco use," Ms Gourley said.

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pattern was seen across most individual cancer types," Ms Gourley said.

However, this was not true for all population groups, with the cancer burden for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians worsening since 2003.

ANU will offer health places



THE Australian National University (ANU) will offer new ways for rural and Indigenous students to become doctors and health professionals.

From next year, the ANU Medical School will offer a new Bachelor of Health Science program, with designated places for rural and Indigenous students.

The degree is designed to help address the shortage of health professionals in rural and Indigenous communities, and will set a minimum 15 of the 50 domestic places for rural and Indigenous students.

ANU Medical School associate dean (medical education) Associate Professor David Kramer said the degree aimed to produce graduates who wanted a career in health, health research or health professional education.

"As Australia's national university, we want to ensure we have a strong representation of graduates from all parts of Australia, including rural areas and Indigenous communities," he said.

"Our new pathway will make it possible for talented rural and Indigenous students to consider medicine as a career through the ANU Doctor of Medicine and Surgery."

The degree will draw from ANU strengths in medical education, biomedical science, population health, psychology, social sciences and public policy to prepare graduates for careers in medicine, allied health and health-related professions.

ANU Medical School, through its Rural Clinical School, has been training students in regional NSW for the past 11 years.

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.

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. 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 July 8: *Christian Thompson: Ritual Intimacy* exhibition. Held at Monash University Museum of Art, Caulfield campus, Tue-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat, noon-5pm. Details: (03) 9905 4217 or visit www.monash.edu.au/muma

Until July 16: *Heart is a Wasteland*. Combining theatre, film and live music in a portrait of two travellers. Held at Beckett Theatre, The Coopers Malthouse, Southbank. Cost: \$35-\$69. Details: www.footscrayarts.com/event/heart-wasteland/

Until July 29: *Scattered Tribes: Healing Through Kinship* exhibition. Works by Bardi/Jawi and Karajarri artist Ngardarb Riches. Held at Roslyn Smorgon Gallery, Footscray Community Arts Centre, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm and Sat, 10am-4pm. Details: (03) 9362 888 or visit www.footscrayarts.com/events/

Until July 30: *The Blak Matriarchy* exhibition. By artists The Real Black Tingz (Ganbi Briggs x Arika Waulu), an exhibition to reflect on the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum. Held at the Koori Heritage Trust, Federation Square. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.kooriheritagetrust.com

July 3: NAIDOC Week flag-raising event at Footscray Town Hall from 2.30-3.30pm Details: email diversity@maribynong.gov.au

July 3: Our Languages Matter NAIDOC event. Held at Melbourne Museum Theatre, Lower Ground Level, 11 Nicholson Street, Carlton from noon-1.30pm. Free, bookings essential through eventbrite.com.au Details: (03) 9600 3811.

July 3: NAIDOC banner making. Kids are invited to contribute to making a large banner and also make their own banner. Session one open to everyone from 10am-noon; session two is for community only from 1-3pm. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square. Bookings essential on (03) 8662 6336 or visit www.kooriheritagetrust.com

July 6: T-shirt printing for NAIDOC. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, from 10.30am-12.30pm. Cost: \$10 a child. Bookings essential on (03) 8662 6336 or visit www.kooriheritagetrust.com

July 7: NAIDOC march and community weaving circle. Starting at Victorian Aboriginal Health Service and finishing at Federation Square. 10.00am for pre-march festival, and march from 11.45am, and a weaving circle at 2pm. Details: (03) 8662 6336 for visit www.kooriheritagetrust.com

July 11: *Film Real: Black Screen*. The National Film and Sound Archive's Blackscreen



Mi-Kaisha Masella will perform at Klub Koori on July 6.

Klub Koori back at Carriageworks



GUMBAYNGGIRR and Dungari woman Casey Donovan will be one of the all-female headlining performers at this year's Klub Koori on July 6.

Klub Koori, returning to Carriageworks in Sydney during NAIDOC Week, also features live music performances from Sydney-based artist Jess Beck of indie/pop band Pirra; electronic-folk singer-songwriter-producer Thayli and 16-year-old singer Mi-Kaisha Masella. Masella is a singer/songwriter of

Tongan and Dharaumbal Murri heritage who plays the piano and performs her own compositions.

Klub Koori is a regular event produced by Sydney's only Aboriginal community radio station, Koori Radio 93.7FM, in partnership with Carriageworks.

It celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

The event will be broadcast live on Koori Radio 93.7FM and streamed via www.kooriradio.com. Tickets cost \$15 and can be bought online at <http://carriageworks.com.au/>

program. Held at Basement Theatre, Footscray Community Arts Centre from 6.30pm. Free, booking required at trybooking.com Details: (03) 9362 8888.

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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. Held at Rekindling The Spirit, Lismore, Monday and Wednesday, 11am-2pm. Details: (02) 6622 5534.

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 30: *Impact* touring exhibition. Examines the long-term effects and ongoing

presence of colonisation on First Nations communities in Australia and the Pacific. Held at UTS Gallery, 702 Harris Street, Ultimo. Details: (02) 9514 1652.

Until July 2: Boomalli Members Show 2017. Showcasing the diversity and creativity of Boomalli's members. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, Leichhardt, Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

Until July 2: Call for expressions of interests from local Aboriginal artists for Gnibi College and Southern Cross University Library NAIDOC art exhibition to be held from July 17-August 4. Details: Sheldon Harrington – sheldon.harrington@scu.edu.au, Maureen Bezanson – maureen.bezanson@scu.edu.au or Virginia Ingham – virginia.ingham@scu.edu.au

Until July 16: *Indigenous Australians at War from the Boer War to Present* exhibition. Held at the National Archives of Australia, Canberra. Details: (02) 6212 3934 or visit www.naa.gov.au/visit-us/exhibitions/

Until July 23: *Evolution: Torres Strait Masks* display. An exhibition of 12 masks and related materials celebrating the Torres Strait. Held at the National Museum of Australia, Canberra, daily from 9am-5pm. Free. Details: 1800 026 132 or visit www.nma.gov.au

Until July 29: *ArtExpress* exhibition of outstanding works by 2016 Higher School Certificate visual arts students from schools in NSW. Held 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 July 29: *Still in my Mind: Gurindji Location, Experience and Visuality* exhibition. Considers the impact of the Gurindji Walk-Off in 1966, features photographs, paintings and a multi-channel video installation. Held at UNSW Galleries, Paddington, Sydney, Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm. Details: (02) 8963 0888.

Until July 31: *Learning from Country: The Papunya School Book of Country and History to Australians All* exhibition. Explores how the book was produced. Held at the exhibition Space, Level 2, Fisher Library, University of Sydney, Camperdown. Free. Details: Annika Dean on (02) 8627 5464.

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 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.theartshousewyong.com.au Details: (02) 4335 1485.

June 29-July 22: Bangarra's *Bennelong* performance. Celebrates the life and legacy of Wollawarre Bennelong. Held at Sydney Opera House. Details: (02) 9250 7777, or email bookings@sydneyoperahouse.com or visit www.sydneyoperahouse.com

June 30-July 1: *Coranderrk* production. At a Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry in 1881, the men and women of the Coranderrk Aboriginal Reserve went head-to-head with the Aboriginal Protection Board. Show will be held at Norpa, Lismore City Hall, Lismore, from 7.30pm. Cost: \$20-\$55. Details: 1300 066 772 or visit www.norpa.org.au

June 30-July 1: DirtyFeet's *Out of the Studio*, a dance platform for young choreographers and dancers. Held at Shopfront Arts Co-op, 88 Carlton Parade, Carlton, 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, from 9am-6pm. Details: South East Arts on (02) 6492 0711 or visit www.southeastarts.org.au/giiyong

July 1-8: Ballina NAIDOC Week celebrations. Includes cultural festival, art exhibition, NAIDOC walk and flag-raising, family day, and more. Details: Bunjum team on (02) 6686 5644 or 6681 1540.

July 2-7: Tweed Heads NAIDOC Week celebrations. Includes flag-raising, church service, cultural day, curry night, Elders lunch, sports day and health expo, street march, and more. Details: (07) 5524 2275 or (07) 5536 1763.

July 3: Casino NAIDOC Week celebrations. March from Graham Place to Colley Park Casino from 10am. Details: (02) 6662 6286 or email ceo@cblc.com.au

July 3: NAIDOC in the City annual event. A free celebration of Indigenous cultures includes held in Hyde Park, Sydney, from 11am. Full program visit whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au Details: (02) 9288 5875.

July 4: Visit NSW Parliament during NAIDOC. An event for children and families, includes storytelling, Dharawal language workshop, arts and crafts, and more. Held at Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney from 10am-3.30pm. Details: (02) 9230 2047 or email dos.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au

July 4: 10th Arakwal NAIDOC film screening. Short films include *Welcome to*

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Country, Vote Yes, Black Cook, Corey The Warrior and Servant or Slave. Held at The Byron Theatre, Byron Community Centre, 69 Jonson Street, Byron Bay, from 6.30pm. Tickets: \$10/\$8 con at www.byroncentre.com.au and at door. Details: 0414 779 881 or visit www.iQ.org.au

July 5: NAIDOC Family Fun Day. Held at Barker Park, cnr Ithome Street and Warner Avenue, Wyong, from 9am-3pm. Details: Jodi Shannon on (02) 4351 2930 or email darkinjung@dlalc.org.au

July 6: Klub Koori NAIDOC celebration. Featuring all female lineup including Casey Donovan, Jess Beck, Mi-Kaisha Masella and Thaylia. Held at Carriageworks, 245 Wilson Street, Eveleigh, from 7pm. Cost: \$15 a person. Details: (02) 8571 9099 or visit www.kooriradio.com

July 6: Clarence Valley NAIDOC Family Fun Day. Held at Grafton Showgrounds from 10am-2pm. Details: Kerry Innes on (02) 6642 8391.

July 6: Baabayn NAIDOC event. Held at Rutherglen Community Centre, 24 Anderson Avenue, Blackett from 10.30am-3.30pm. Details: www.baabayn.org.au

July 7: NAIDOC Family Golf Day. Held at Wyong Golf Club, 319 Pacific Highway, Wyong from 7am. Cost: Adults \$50, children U/16 \$30. Places are limited. Details: Jodi Shannon on (02) 4351 2930 or email darkinjung@dlalc.org.au

July 7: Sydney NAIDOC After Party. Entertainment by DJ Tiket, DJ Peter Gunz and DJ A-Cuz. Held at Agincourt Hotel, 871 George Street, Central in Sydney from 9.45pm-4am. Cost: \$20 a person. Details: email dreamtimeevents@gmail.com

July 7: Inner City NAIDOC Family Sport Day. Includes over-35 install, youth activities and sports and games, Elders lunch, NAIDOC languages tent, live music and performances and more.

Held at National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE), Redfern, from noon-6pm. Details: (02) 9046 7800 or visit www.ncie.org.au

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. More information and tickets at tickets.www.awabakal.org Details: Ashleigh Milne on (02) 4324 6962.

July 8: *Dreamtime Trails* exhibition opening. Held at Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre, 170 Red Rock Road, Corindi Beach, from 10am-4pm. details: (032) 66407 104 or email galler@yarrawarra.com.au

July 20: *Ngalingah Mijung Dubais Love and Power* exhibition. Showcasing natural dyes, basket weaving, screen prints and more. Held at YWCA, 101a Rous Road, Goonellabah, from 10am-3pm. Details: Aunty Mim on 0499 901 682.

Western Australia

Until September 3: *Right Wrongs: 1967 Referendum – The WA Stories.* This exhibition reimagines understanding of the 1967 referendum and its impact on who we are, and what we can become, through the voices and stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Held at the State Library of WA, Mon-Thur, 9am-8pm, Fri, 9am-5.30pm and Sat-Sun, 10am-5.30pm.

July 2-August 20: *When the Sky Fell: Legacies of the 1967 Referendum* exhibition. Held at Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts, Perth Cultural Centre, Northbridge. Opening celebration on July 2 from 2-4pm. Details: Kirby Bonita on 0421 762 985.

July 3-14: *Rekindling Stories on Country* exhibition, bringing together a mix of artforms that explore the art of storytelling.

Held at City Art Space Gallery, Northbridge Piazza, daily from 10am-4pm. Free. Details: (08) 9226 2422.



Wiradjuri writer, teacher and academic Dr Jeanine Leane is the keynote speaker at the Giiyong Writers' Forum on July 1-2.

Writing focus of two-day forum



A TWO-DAY forum celebrating Aboriginal writers and stories will be held at Jigamy (Eden, southern NSW) on July 1-2. The Giiyong Writers' Forum aims to explore and showcase the diverse nature of Indigenous writing and encourage local writers to tell their stories, as well as building a new audience for future events at Jigamy, particularly the Giiyong Festival set for September next year.

The writers' forum will be at the Monaroo Bobberru Gudu Keeping Place. It is open to anyone interested in exploring Aboriginal stories, issues and identity and offers an opportunity for people interested in developing their own writing skills.

On July 1, some of Australia's

leading Aboriginal 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 Giiyong Writers' Forum is one of three lead-up events to the Giiyong Festival set for September next year, which is being tagged as the first all-encompassing Aboriginal cultural festival for south-east NSW.

It is being produced by South East Arts in collaboration with Twofold Aboriginal Corporation and Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council.

More details on the events at www.southeastarts.org.au/giiyong or telephone South East Arts on (02) 6492 0711.

July 5: NAIDOC Week Story Time. Little ones will learn about history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through song, language and stories. Held at The Story Place Gallery, State Library of WA, Perth from 10.30am-11.30am. Free. Details: Karen Farmer on (08) 9427 3173.

July 5: NAIDOC Week event *Karla Wongi – Fire Talking*. An evening of Indigenous language and Dreamtime stories with Wardandi Elders Bill and Nina Webb.

Held at Pullman Bunker Bay Resort, 42 Bunker Bay Road, Naturaliste from 5-6pm. Pre-booking is essential on (08) 9756 9106 or email H8775@accor.com

July 6: Mowanjum Anniversary Festival. Celebrating 20 years of traditional story, song and dance.

A celebration of Indigenous cultural life, though traditional story, song and dance tagged by a range of cultural artists and performers from across the Kimberley region. Held at Mowanjum Art and Centre on the Gibb River Road (12km from Derby).

Tickets at the gate \$20 adult, \$10 children. Details: Peter Croll on (08) 9191 1008 or visit www.mowanjumarts.com/festival

July 8: Gooloolup NAIDOC Week celebration. Held at Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts, Northbridge, from 10am-5pm. Details: Kirby Bonita on 0421 762 985.

South Australia

July 3: Introduction to Kurna Language NAIDOC event. Learn about Kurna culture. Held at Living Kauna Cultural centre, Warriparinga Way (off Sturt Road) Bedford Park from 10am-3pm. Details: (08) 8357 5900.

July 3: Mount Gambier NAIDOC Week community march. Includes flag-raising, march, NAIDOC awards ceremony and community lunch from 10.30am-1.30pm. Flag-raising starts at 10.30am at the Cave Gardens, march down main street to Mt Gambier and ending at Pangula Mannamurna Aboriginal Corporation. Details: (08) 8724 7270.

August 8: Link-Up SA family history workshops, 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.

Tasmania

July 3: Flag-raising ceremony at piyura kitina (Risdon Cove) followed by lunch at the Pyramids from 11.30am. Details: (03) 6234 0700 or 1800 132 260.

July 4: On Country Trip. Leaving piyura kitina at 10am. Details: Sharnie on (03) 6234 0700 or 1800 132 260.

July 5: Netball challenge, North vs South Launceston from 11.30am. Details: Sara on (03) 6234 0700 or 1800 132 260.

July 6: Community breakfast at piyura kitina (Risdon Cove) from 7.30. Details: (03) 6234 0700 or 1800 132 260.

July 6: Family Disco. Held at piyura kitina from 5.30pm-7.30pm. Details: (03) 6234 0700 or 1800 132 260.

July 7: NAIDOC Ball. Held at Luxbet Racing Centre, Mowbray, from 7pm. Supper provided. \$10 entry fee. Details: (03) 6234 0700 or 1800 132 260.

Northern Territory

July 11: Tangentyere Women's Action Against Violence Event. Join the march to the courthouse to plant symbolic flowers then following on to Anzac Oval, Alice Springs, where support services will have stands and information. Details: Mandy Taylor on 0414 634 159.

July 14-15: Walking With Spirits returns to Beswick Falls. The weekend event features musical talent, dance and weaving workshops, art and food, cultural museum tours and more. For full program details at www.djipinarts.org.au

Queensland

Until July 2: Applications/expressions of interest for Walking the Yolngu Road II 2017: Learning the Secrets of Mata Mata and surrounds. Full Details: www.isx.org.au

July 4: Caboolture NAIDOC Week Family Fun Day. Held at St Columban's College, 100 McKean Street, Caboolture from 10am-2pm. Details: Renee Simon on (07) 3139 3231.

July 2-August 13: *Ruby and Hunter: Caludia Moodoonuthi* exhibition. Inspired by Claudia's two dogs, Ruby and Hunter, Moodoonuthi honours her people's relationship with dingoes. Held at Redland Art Gallery, 95-97 Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm and Sun 9am-2pm. Details: (07) 3829 8899 or visit www.artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au

July 3 - August 11: NAIDOC Week Freshwater Saltwater 2017 exhibition and opening. Held at Umi Arts Galleries, 335 Sheridan Street, North Cairns, open weekdays from 10am-4pm. Official opening on July 6 from 6pm. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or visit www.umiarts.com.au

July 7: Musgrave Park NAIDOC Family Fun Day. Held at Musgrave Park, South Brisbane, from 9am-5pm. Details: 0434 545 475 or visit www.musgraveprkddf.com

July 7: First Nations Foundation: Big Super Day Out. Helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reconnect with their superannuation. Held at Musgrave Park Family Fun Day, South Brisbane, from 9am-3pm. Details: Emma McCashney on (03) 9670 5904 or Sarah Goodwin on 0401 769 296.

July 12-15: *My Name is Jimi* theatrical performance. Tells the story of Jimi Bani and his family and his home – Mabuigai Island. Held at Centre of Contemporary Arts, 96 Abbott Street, Cairns. Tickets: centre-of-contemporary-arts-cairns.com.au Details: (07) 4088 1010.

July 14-16: Cairns Indigenous Art Fair. A three-day event celebrating Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, music, dance, performance and fashion. For full program and tickets, visit www.ciaf.com.au Details: (07) 4050 7712.

Matthew goes above and beyond



FORMER trainee Matthew Keevil has overcome some of life's toughest hurdles to get to where he is today.

After completing his AFL SportsReady traineeship, the Gamilaroi and Wiradjuri man scored a fulltime job with AFL NSW/ACT as the Indigenous and development program officer and is motivating other young people in his community.

"I love being a leader within my community and inspiring other young people with the story I have," he said.

"I grew up facing many hardships but thanks to my mentors I was pushed on the right path and I'm living my dream career."

During his high school

years, Mr Keevil was part of the AFL Indigenous Academies with AFL NSW/ACT where he met his mentor, Luke Penrith, who was the manager of the program.

"I formed a close bond with Luke, he encouraged me to further my studies and do a traineeship, and after I weighed up the benefits I took on the opportunity and agreed to study a Certificate III in Sport and Recreation," he said.

Mr Keevil started his traineeship in 2013 guided by Andrew Craig, AFL SportsReady NSW/ACT state manager who was a field officer at the time.

While studying, Mr Keevil continued to work at AFL NSW/ACT as a trainee.

"AFL NSW/ACT is an incredible organisation. They not only skilled me up for the



Matthew Keevil, left, with his AFL SportsReady mentor and NSW state manager Andrew Craig.

industry they also gave me a range of opportunities to help me with my own personal development," he said.

"I felt extremely supported. Everyone really

cares about you. They want the absolute best for you in regards to your career and wellbeing.

"I was encouraged to go even further and complete a

second traineeship, this time studying a Certificate IV in Business. It made me feel like they really wanted the best outcome for me.

"After I completed my traineeship with AFL SportsReady my host employer AFL NSW/ACT offered me fulltime employment. They had no vacant positions at the time, so they restructured and made a completely new role for me."

In his role, Mr Keevil works with seven partner high schools in Western Sydney, mentoring young Indigenous people during their schooling and helping them prepare for life after school. He also assists the Indigenous AFL Programs team organise and run workshops.

"I love being pushed in the deep end because I

know it will only benefit me in the long run even though I might be nervous at the time," he said.

"I love that I'm being skilled whilst making money and I love that I have certificates to say I have knowledge and practice in these areas which will help me with future job prospects.

"Now, if I hear any young Indigenous males and females say they can't do it, I let them know that anything is possible and I if I can pick myself up and overcome the challenges I faced then so can they."

Matthew has become an integral part of the AFL NSW/ACT team and this year won the AFL SportsReady NSW Host Plus Rising Star Award, which recognises a trainee who has gone above and beyond in their workplace.

All-female milestone



FORTESCUE Metals Group's Vocational Training and Employment Centre (VTEC) has celebrated a milestone, with the graduation of the program's first all-female class.

The nine female trainees from the South Hedland centre in Western Australia will join eight other graduates from Roebourne to start their careers at Fortescue's Christmas Creek and Solomon operations.

Fortescue chief executive Nev Power said workplace diversity, including gender and Aboriginal diversity, was a critical element of Fortescue's success.

"At Fortescue, we believe in providing people with the opportunity to grow professionally and personally and we know how important it is to provide Aboriginal Australians, both men and women, with sustainable career opportunities," he said.

"We are proud to offer a number of training pathways that align with our long-standing belief that the



Fortescue chief executive Nev Power and Fortescue staff with the South Hedland VTEC course graduates.

best way to end Aboriginal disadvantage is by providing opportunity through training and employment."

New graduate and single mother Narelle Dhu said she was looking

forward to starting her new position at Christmas Creek.

"I know other single mothers who are already part of the Fortescue family and they gave me the determination to give it a go and

to push me towards a better future for me and my daughter," she said.

"It has been a long journey to make it here but it really has been life-changing.

"If it wasn't for the support of my

family, I would not be graduating."

Fortescue says that once on site, graduates will continue to receive mentoring and support from Aboriginal development coordinators.

It's your guide to employment

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Careers with Queensland Health

Mental Health, Social and Emotional Wellbeing Clinician

Queensland Forensic Mental Health Service, Metro North Mental Health, 270 Roma Street, Brisbane, and a correctional centre in the Greater Brisbane area, Metro North Hospital and Health Service.

Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community Mental Health, Social and Emotional Wellbeing Clinician – Queensland Forensic Mental Health Service, Metro North Mental Health, 270 Roma Street, Brisbane and a Men’s Correctional Centre in South East Queensland, Australia. Remuneration value up to \$8551 per month, comprising salary between \$2345.40 – \$3447.20 per fortnight, employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (HP3) (Temporary full time, up to June 2018, with the possibility of extension. Applications will remain current for the duration of the vacancy). Job Ad Reference: MH244025. It is a condition of employment for this role for the employee to be, and remain, vaccinated against the following vaccine preventable diseases during their employment: measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chicken pox), pertussis (whooping cough) and Hepatitis B

Duties / Abilities: To provide culturally sensitive mental health and social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men residing in a Men’s Correctional Centre in South East Queensland, their family and community. This position provides consultation, advice and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and men in custody who have, or are suspected of having a mental health and social and emotional wellbeing need.

Enquiries: Penny Dale (07) 3837 5820.
Job Ad Reference: MH244025
Online applications: www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au
Closing Date: Friday, 30 June 2017.

You can apply online at www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job.
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Careers with Queensland Health

Mental Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing Officer

Forensic Mental Health, Indigenous Mental Health Intervention Project team, 270 Roma Street, Brisbane and a Men’s Correctional Centre in South East Queensland, Metro North Hospital and Health Service.

Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community Remuneration value up to \$7365 p.m., comprising salary between \$2816.20 – \$2969.00 p.f., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (006) (Temporary full time position up to June 2018, with the possibility of extension. Applications will remain current for 12 months) It is a condition of employment for this role for the employee to be, and remain, vaccinated against the following vaccine preventable diseases during their employment: measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chicken pox), pertussis (whooping cough) and Hepatitis B

Duties / Abilities: Provide culturally sensitive social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men with mental health and social and emotional wellbeing issues residing in a Men’s Correctional Centre in South East Queensland, their families and community. This also includes working as a member of a mental health multidisciplinary team in the provision of co-case management, care coordination, assessment support, referrals and advice to staff on social and cultural aspects of transition and post release support.

Enquiries: Penny Dale (07) 3837 5820.
Job Ad Reference: MH244192
Online applications: www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au
Closing Date: Friday, 30 June 2017.

You can apply online at www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

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You will be a high-performing 2017 final year undergraduate or postgraduate student, or have recently graduated (within two years). Engineering graduates from Petroleum, Chemical, Mechanical, or Electrical disciplines or science graduates from Geology, Geoscience or Geophysics are encouraged to apply. We are also seeking Digital Technology graduates for exciting new opportunities in our innovation hub, Project X.

You will have the ability to adapt to change, have a focus on continuous improvement and efficiency, effective interpersonal skills and ideally have exposure to leadership through extra-curricular activities. You must hold the right to work in Australia to be eligible for this opportunity. We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds.

For more information please visit
www.originenergy.com.au/about/careers.html

Applications close Sunday, 16 July 2017.





Police & Justice



General Administrative Support Officer

- **Aboriginal Targeted Position**
- **Albury Local Area Command, Albury**
- **Clerk Grade 1/2**
- **Temporary Full-Time up to 12 months**
- **I Work for NSW Requisition No.00005968**

Salary Package: \$72,164 pa. **Salary:** \$60,154 – \$65,396 pa. Package includes annual salary, employer’s contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The General Administrative Support Officer provides support within the Local Area Command focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force.

The General Administrative Support Officer also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support at various NSW Police Force locations, including within the Court Process Office.

Job Notes:

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only, in accordance with the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy and in accordance with Part 5, Clause 26 of the NSW Government Sector Employment Rules 2014.

- **Applicants must** hold a current driver’s licence with no traffic offences recorded on their driving history within the last six (6) months.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with Flexible Rostering Guidelines. The position will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours on weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.
- The successful applicant will also be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement and will be required to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed.
- For assistance in completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check, Security Clearance or Information Sessions, please contact the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257 or via email hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications Close: Sunday 16 July 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Jo-Anne Cormie, Acting Local Area Manager on (02) 6023 9206.

For the Selection Criteria, a downloadable position description & information package and to apply, please go to *I Work for NSW* iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for Requisition Numbers 00005968.





ACT Government

Justice and Community Safety

ACT Corrective Services Offender Services & Corrections Programs Throughcare

Throughcare Transition Officer

Administrative Services Officer Class 5 Salary Range: \$74,081 - \$78,415 (PN: 11241, several)

A career opportunity has arisen in ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) for highly motivated, values-driven professionals to join the Throughcare team as Transition Officer. The Throughcare Unit is a project under implementation by ACT Corrective Services. The Unit is tasked with supporting ex-detainees from the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) (ACT Prison) who are returning to the ACT Community for up to 12 months post release. The primary function of the Throughcare Initiative is to reduce the likelihood of reoffending through coordinating existing supports and services to assist ex-detainees integrate into the community as positive contributors. The successful applicants will be expected to demonstrate strong administrative capability, have the ability to think and act in a busy operational environment and possess excellent interpersonal, organisational and communication skills necessary to build rapport with a diverse range of stakeholders. The successful applicants will work under the direction and supervision of the Throughcare Unit Coordinator and will provide Throughcare liaison support to the client’s lead case manager and the client. As such, the successful applicants will need to display an ability to work comfortably with offenders. These positions will be primarily located within the community; with requirement to regularly attend the AMC and other community services locations.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011 is required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable People registration refer to - https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804. Familiarity with computer based applications would be an advantage. Eligible persons may be required to undergo a Police Check. A current driver’s licence is essential.

Contact Officer: Anna Kirkham (02) 6205 4818 anna.kirkham@act.gov.au
Applications Close: 19 July 2017

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GUREHLGAM

ABN: 91 103 222 411
Is recruiting for the revamped

Indigenous Youth and Families program

Youth Case Worker and Program assistant

Gurehlgam has been contracted by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PMC) to deliver the Indigenous Youth and Families Program in Grafton and South Grafton during the 2017 to 2018 financial year with possible extensions to June 2019.

The prime focus of the program is to work with other key service providers to foster hope in those young Aboriginal people at risk of self harm.

To achieve this goal, Gurehlgam is seeking to employ an experienced and qualified case worker and a support worker. Both are identified positions based in Grafton.

ABOUT GUREHLGAM

Gurehlgam is an Aboriginal owned and run NFP organisation managing a number of community sector programs on the North and Mid North Coast of NSW. See www.gurehlgam.com.au for a full picture. Our main office is in Victoria Street. Gurehlgam is governed by a Board of senior Aboriginal people.

THE PROGRAM

Will work with a number of other community sector organisations and government agencies in the Valley to identify Aboriginal youth at risk and provide on going case support. The program will provide a culturally suitable environment and understanding

THE CASE WORKER

- Requires an experienced Aboriginal case worker to work within a culturally safe environment.
- Offers an opportunity to make a difference to young lives
- Is a level 4 SCHCADS award position plus superannuation, ERO and salary packaging benefits.
- Is a full time, fixed term position.

THE PROGRAM ASSISTANT

- Requires a person with the ability to connect to young Aboriginal people and their networks.
- Offers an opportunity to make a difference to young lives
- Is a level 1 or 2 SCHCADS award position depending on experience plus superannuation, ERO and salary packaging benefits.
- Is a 30 hour a week, fixed term position.



For full details, contact the manager at
manager@gurehlgam.com.au or by phone on 0266428677

Applications close July 14th, 2017



Careers with Queensland Health

Cultural Practices Program Facilitators

Education, Training and Research Services, Bundaberg and Hervey Bay Hospitals.

Remuneration value up to \$44,189 p.a. which may include employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (AO4) (Two temporary part time positions available up to 17th June 2018 with the possibility of an extension, 38 hrs p.f.) (Applications will remain current for twelve months)

Duties / Abilities: Support the delivery and implementation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice Program in Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service. Assist to improving the capability of staff, contributing to positive health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Enquiries: Cathryn Niblett (07) 4184 1870

Job Ad Reference: H1706WB243088

Application Kit: (07) 4150 2066 or www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Wednesday, 5 July 2017

You can apply online at www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE COUNCIL

The National Native Title Council (NNTC) is the peak body of Native Title Representative Bodies & Native Title Service Providers from around Australia and aims to provide a national voice for them on matters of national significance affecting the native title rights of aboriginal and Torres Strait Island People.

This CEO opportunity has arisen for a leader with outstanding strategic and advocacy skills to be the national representative of the organisation. You will be responsible for high level external stakeholder relationships including all levels of government and will add value by creating or strengthening your existing networks within the native title rights sector. This role will require a certain amount of time in Canberra so there is flexibility around the location of the successful candidate.

Required from you will be outstanding advocacy skills within the land rights space and strong general management experience with a proven ability to manage effectively at an executive level. This will include proven change management skills which are an essential element to this role.

Please send an application with covering letter addressing the above criteria to sueb@bwsrecruitment.com.au or call Sue Braithwaite at Becks Wiggins Stokes Recruitment in Melbourne for further information on 03 9699 2880.



Police & Justice



Administrative Support Officer

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- Human Resources Command, Parramatta
- Clerk Grade 3/4
- Permanent Full-Time
- *I Work for NSW* Requisition No.00005C52

Salary Package: \$81,256. **Salary:** \$67,248 - \$73,635. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Administrative Support Officer provides administrative and support services to facilitate the operation of the command/business unit.

Job Notes:

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only, in accordance with the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy and in accordance with Part 5, Clause 26 of the NSW Government Sector Employment Rules 2014.

An information session for this position will be held at Police Headquarters, 1 Charles Street, Parramatta, on Wednesday 5 July 2017 at 6pm. For further information about the information session please email the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit at hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au or contact Georgina Munro (02) 8835 6257.

The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement and will be required to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed.

For further assistance with completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check and Security Clearance, **please contact Georgina Munro in the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257** or via email hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications Close: Sunday 9 July 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Michelle Field, Review Coordinator (02) 8835 8238 or Georgina Munro, Aboriginal Employment Coordinator (02) 8835 6257.

For the target questions, a downloadable role description, and information package and to apply, please go to *I Work for NSW* (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00005C52.

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Career Opportunity



**Safety | Our People | Teamwork
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Indigenous Operations and Maintenance Traineeship

Goulburn Valley Water (GVW) provides quality water and wastewater services to 54 towns in North Central Victoria. Our core purpose is to deliver safe, reliable and affordable water services to residential, commercial and industrial customers.

Start your career in the water industry, completing a nationally recognised qualification – and be paid for it!

We are seeking applicants of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent to undertake a 12 month traineeship in the field of Operations and Maintenance, based in Shepparton.

In this role you will learn what is involved in maintaining the Corporation's water and wastewater reticulation systems and associated assets to satisfy our customer service standards.

You will have

- A willingness to learn about the water industry, take direction and apply enthusiasm to the role
- The ability and passion to work as part of a team
- Ability to demonstrate and display GVW Values – Service Excellence, Open Communication, Our People, Teamwork, Safety
- Absolute commitment to Occupational Health and Safety
- Confidence to communicate with a range of people via various methods
- Self-motivation with an ambition to succeed
- Basic computer skills
- Probationary Drivers Licence

Salary

- Classification GVW2 – commencing at \$47,707 (% applied according to age)
- 9.5% Superannuation
- Fully funded qualification – Cert 3 in Water Operations

Trainee Benefits

- Earn while you learn
- Obtain on the job training and essential work experience
- Be supported every step of the way

With an experienced mentor to support and guide you through, our aim is to see you succeed and confidently grow in a personal and professional sense.

Eligibility

To be eligible for an indigenous traineeship, applicants must:

- Be of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;
- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander;

Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position. This action constitutes a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (VIC)

For further information on this opportunity please contact Christina Bassani on 58 324 846

Applications close 5pm, Friday 7 July 2017.

Applicants must provide a cover letter, current resume and address each question within the Indigenous Operations & Maintenance Traineeship Application Guide, available on our website, to be considered for an interview.

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**Careers with
Queensland
Health**

Senior Mental Health Worker (Social and Emotional Wellbeing)

Forensic Mental Health, Indigenous Mental Health Intervention Project Team, Metro North Mental Health, 270 Roma Street, Brisbane and a Men's Correctional Centre in South East Queensland, Australia.

Remuneration value up to AUD\$8110.25 p.m., comprising salary between AUD\$3114.20 - \$3269.50 p.f., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (007) (Temporary full time up to 30 June 2018 with possibility of extension. Applications will remain current for the duration of the vacancy). It is a condition of employment for this role for the employee to be, and remain, vaccinated against the following vaccine preventable diseases during their employment: measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chicken pox), pertussis (whooping cough) and Hepatitis B

Duties / Abilities: To provide high level culturally sensitive social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men with mental health and social and emotional wellbeing issues residing in a Men's Correctional Centre in South East Queensland, their families and community. This also includes working as a member of a mental health multidisciplinary team in the provision of co-case management, care coordination, assessments, interventions, and direct therapeutic and cultural support to clients, family and other stakeholders.

Enquiries: Penny Dale +61 7 3837 5820.
Job Ad Reference: MH243904
Online applications: www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au
Closing Date: Friday, 30 June 2017.

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Careers In Child Protection SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER, INTENSIVE PLACEMENT SUPPORT TEAM

DEPARTMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION

ADELAIDE CBD

ONGOING (PERMANENT)

VAC NO: 2017-21104

AHP2 \$77,752 - \$90,029 p.a.

The Senior Social Worker is a role within the Department for Child Protection and is accountable to the Manager, Residential Care for providing high quality and effective social work service to respond to the needs of children in a timely manner and within statutory guidelines. You will be assessing the needs of children and planning and delivering focussed intervention to safeguard children and promote positive outcomes.

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/working-with-us

Enquiries to: Charlotte Watson (08) 8226 6492,

Email: Charlotte.Watson@sa.gov.au

Applications close 11pm Monday 3 July 2017

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Government of South Australia
Department for Child Protection

BOGAL LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Exciting Management Role
(Salary up to \$60K plus Salary Sacrifice benefits)

Are you looking for an exciting new challenge and have a desire to work directly with community members in a rewarding and fulfilling career?

The Bogal Local Aboriginal Land Council (BLALC) are searching for an experienced and committed Manager who can take the organisation in a positive direction and accomplish a number of key projects that will secure the financial future of the BLALC. This role requires a person with key organisation and planning skills and an ability to multi task. You will be surrounded by a supportive and committed Board and Membership and have access to great salary benefits including salary sacrificing. The BLALC is a large land owner and has potential in terms of economic and social development opportunities.

For information on the position and to obtain a recruitment package please contact the contact officer Wes Fernando on 0266591204 or wesley.fernando@alc.org.au or William Drew bujalungw@gmail.com to obtain further information.

Applications marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Contact Officer
Po Box 1912, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450
or emailed to above address.

Applications close: 14th July 2017



Exciting Management Role with Great Benefits!!!

(Salary up to \$75K plus Salary Sacrifice benefits)

Are you looking for an exciting new challenge and have a desire to work directly with community members in a rewarding and fulfilling career. The Forster Local Aboriginal Land Council (FLALC) is searching for an experienced and committed Manager who can take the organisation in a positive direction and accomplish a number of key projects that will secure the financial future of the FLALC. This role requires a person with key organisation and planning skills and an ability to multi task. You will be surrounded by a supportive and committed Board and Membership and have access to great salary benefits including salary sacrificing. The FLALC are one of the region's largest land owners and have unlimited potential in terms of economic and social development opportunities. For information on the position and to obtain a recruitment package please contact the contact officer Rowan Lisson on (02) 6659 1213 or rowan.lisson@alc.org.au to obtain further information.

Applications marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Contact Officer
PO Box 1912, Coffs Harbour, NSW 2450 or
e-mailed to above address.

Applications close: Friday 14th July 2017



**Police
& Justice**



NSW Police Force Administrative Assistant

- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- Education & Training Command, Parramatta
- Clerk Grade 1/2
- Temporary Full-Time up to 2 Years
- Requisition No.00005D7T

Salary Package: \$72,164. **Salary:** \$60,154 - \$65,396 pa. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Administrative Assistant provides administrative support services to staff and other team members to enable the efficient operation of the command/business unit.

Job Notes:

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only, in accordance with the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy and in accordance with Part 5, Clause 26 of the NSW Government Sector Employment Rules 2014.

An information session for this position will be held at Police Headquarters, 1 Charles Street, Parramatta, on Wednesday 5 July 2017 at 6pm. For further information about the information session please email the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit at haboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au or contact Georgina Munro (02) 8835 6257.

This position is a **temporary employment/appointment** under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the *Police Act 1990* for up to 2 years.

It is a requirement to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed. The successful applicant will also be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement. For further assistance with completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check and Security Clearance, **please contact Georgina Munro in the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257** or via email haboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the *I Work for NSW* website (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au).

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Applications Close: Sunday 9 July 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Matt Heysmand, Chief Inspector on (02) 8835 6777.

For the selection criteria, a downloadable position description, and information package and to apply, please go to I Work for NSW (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00005D7T.

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Public Advocate and Children and Young People Commissioner

Senior Advocate, Children and Young People

Senior Officer Grade C

Salary Range: \$100,462 - \$108,140 (PN: 24908)

The Public Advocate and Children and Young People Commissioner is seeking an experienced, motivated and passionate person to join our business unit as a Senior Advocate at the Senior Officer Grade C level. Duties of the Senior Advocate (Children and Young People) include advocating for the rights of children and young people at both individual and systemic levels; investigating concerns from children and young people about the provision of services for their protection; supporting and fostering the establishment and provision of services and facilities for children and young people; and monitoring the provision of services for the protection of children and young people. Key priorities in this area include pursuing better outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people and addressing their over-representation in care and protection services (inclusive of youth justice); upholding the rights of children and young people in youth justice detention; promoting improvements in child safe practice in organisations; ending violence against children and young people; and promoting children and young people's safety and wellbeing including through evidence-based decision-making frameworks for child protection practice. Please see the role description for a full list of duties and responsibilities, and the selection criteria for the role. The ACT Human Rights Commission recruits for diversity. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people with disability are encouraged to apply. If you are a person with a disability and would like assistance to apply for this position please contact the contact officer for this position.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Prior to commencing this role, a current registration issued under the Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011 is required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable People registration refer to - https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804. Tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline such as social work, human services, psychology, and/or related disciplines are mandatory. Extensive experience in social work, psychology, behavioural sciences or relevant disciplines, in combination with other relevant qualifications and/or experience as well as an understanding of human rights principles and frameworks would be highly desirable.

Contact Officer: Jodie Griffiths-Cook (02) 6205 2222
jodie.griffiths-cook@act.gov.au

Applications Close: 19 July 2017

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General Manager, Programs & Partnerships Expressions of Interest Sought

The General Manager, Programs & Partnerships ensures the NCIE's programs are innovative, responsive to community, and financially and organisationally sustainable; and that our community, corporate and philanthropic partnerships and relationships are sound, secure and beneficial.

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

For details visit: ncie.org.au/about/our-jobs

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

AlfredHealth

Alfred Health is a leader in health care delivery, improvement, research and education. We are the main provider of health services to people living in the inner southeast suburbs of Melbourne, from ambulatory, to inpatient and home and community based services.

The 2017 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Enrolled Nurse Cadetship Program offers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Enrolled Nurse students studying the diploma of nursing course, a chance to complete their studies whilst being employed part time at Alfred Health.

The cadetship at Alfred Health focuses on helping the cadets develop aspects of nursing and employment such as:

- Interaction with staff and patients
- Time Management
- Problem Solving
- Teamwork
- Self confidence
- Develop organisational ability
- Communication and listening skills
- Willingness to learn and take on new responsibilities
- Personal and professional attitude
- Consolidate skills through practice

While completing the work placements, the Cadets will perform nursing tasks under the supervision of an Registered Nurse appropriate to their scope of practice.

Eligibility criteria

- Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- You must be completing your Diploma of Nursing full time
- Are able to participate in an Enrolled Nursing placement within a Victorian public hospital
- Maintaining a passing grade in all subjects

- Have completed your first clinical placement; and /or within your second half of the first year of the Diploma of Nursing; or the first half of the second and final year of the Diploma of Nursing.

For further information If you would be interested or would like further information regarding the Aboriginal Enrolled Nurse Cadetship please feel free to contact Danielle Najm (Manager, Nursing Education) via email or on 9076 02389

APPLY NOW!!

Alfred Health is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to attracting and retaining a diverse workforce that reflects the community we serve. Applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged.

For further information If you would be interested or would like further information regarding the Aboriginal Enrolled Nurse Cadetship please feel free to contact:

Danielle Najm
(Manager, Nursing Education) via email
(D.Najm@alfred.org.au) or on 9076 02389

Website: www.alfredhealth.org.au



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VAC NO: 2017-20822

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As the Supervisor within DCP you will be accountable to the Manager, Residential Care for the effective management of a residential care setting. Providing leadership, supervision and development of the workgroup. Facilitating the development, delivery and maintenance of programs which assist the care and welfare of children and young people.

There are multiple ongoing vacancies available.

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/working-with-us

Enquiries to: Human Resources (08) 8226 2959,
email: DCPRecruitment@sa.gov.au

Applications close 11pm Wednesday 5 July 2017



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Part time

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Enquiries to: Marika Jackomos, Manager, Aboriginal Programs, 8458 4398 or mjackomos@mercy.com.au

Quote Ref No: MHW 57

Applications close:
Sunday 16 July 2017



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Family & Community Services



Casework Support Worker Ongoing Positions



Exciting opportunities available now to support Aboriginal children and families!

We want to improve outcomes for Aboriginal children and families and need more Aboriginal staff who have an understanding of and a connection to Aboriginal culture to do this work effectively.

If you've thought about a career in child protection then Casework Support Worker could be the entry role for you.

As a Casework Support Worker you will directly support the day to day work of Caseworkers and contribute to keeping children, young people and families' safe, by undertaking tasks which support case planning and documentation, referrals and appointments and day to day team priorities. This is your chance to support our caseworkers and make a real difference in children's lives.

We are now recruiting for Casework Support Worker positions at Family & Community Services in your area. You will need relevant community services experience and/or a TAFE Diploma.

We'll offer training and support, flexible working conditions and a competitive salary and the chance to work in an area that makes a real and positive contribution to children's lives.

People from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and multicultural backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Our Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

FACS is committed to building a workplace culture that values diversity and inclusion. We actively promote the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people with disability, LGBTI and other diversity groups.

FACS encourages applications from people with disability and will provide reasonable adjustments in our recruitment processes and in the workplace.

If you need an adjustment in the recruitment process, please call or email the contact person listed above, and also advise us of your preferred method of communication.

Thank you for your interest in this role.

Applications Close:
16 July 2017 (11.59pm)

Applications must be lodged electronically.
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Job Reference Number 00005CTW

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CAREERS AT CSU

Student Liaison Officer (Indigenous)

- Full Time, Fixed Term (until December 2020)
- Out of hours and weekend work occasionally required
- Level 6 – \$74,278 to \$80,422 p.a (Plus 17% Superannuation)
- Goulburn

Staff in the *Office for Students* work collaboratively with Faculties and Divisions to enhance students' University experience. We recognise that successful transition into University depends upon a holistic approach involving academic and social integration. Through inclusive practices we build aspiration levels for Higher Education, enhance participation in chosen courses of study and enable people to make smooth transitions into University and into the workforce.

The Inclusion team critically informs our practice with students from a diverse range of backgrounds. In particular, this team facilitates the adoption of inclusive practice for all students and informs practice for specific student groups (e.g. Indigenous, students with disabilities and students who are Lesbian, Gay or Transgender).

Within the Inclusion team, the Indigenous Student Centres facilitate Indigenous students' experience of CSU. Practice excellence is the key to these Centres facilitating positive Indigenous student experiences that enhance students' capacity to succeed. The Centres engage with all Indigenous students irrespective of their mode of study (i.e. Online, blended on-campus) and across six locations: Albury Wodonga, Bathurst, Dubbo, Goulburn, Port Macquarie and Wagga Wagga. The Indigenous Student Liaison Officer, under the direction of the Manager, Indigenous Student Centres, will be responsible for the implementation and evaluation of a range of services, provided in an inclusive and holistic approach, to enhance student experience.

Employment is conditional upon satisfying and maintain a Professional Suitability Check.

Applicants are expected to apply online and address the selection criteria listed in the position description.

Applications close: 17 July 2017

This is an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander position under section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977

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DEPARTMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION
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VAC NO: 2017-21127
\$67,635 - \$70,762 p.a. (OPS4)

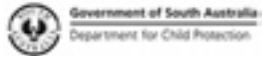
The Senior Youth Worker is an operational role within the Intensive Placement Support (IPS) team and is accountable to the Supervisor for providing best practice advice to carers and youth workers in the direct care of children and young people in out of home care.

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:
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Enquiries to: Charlotte Watson, Ph: (08) 8226 6492
Applications close Monday, 3rd of July at 11pm

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Health
Mid North Coast
Local Health District

**Early Intervention Drug & Alcohol
Service AHW Non Graduate
Temporary Full-Time**

Location: Coffs Harbour
Enquiries: Linda Fawcett (02) 6656 7933
linda.fawcett@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Reference Number: 396526
Closing Date: 6 July 2017

**Registered Nurse
Aboriginal Chronic Care**

This is an Aboriginal Identified position
Location: Kempsey
Enquiries: Michael Rohr 0439 882 759
michael.rohr@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Reference Number: 399516
Closing Date: 5 July 2017

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ABORIGINAL CASE WORKER

The Organisation
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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 Community.

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.



Education

Aboriginal Education and Engagement Officer

- **Senior Education Officer 1 (ETS)**
- **Temporary full-time appointment up to 3 years from entry on duty**
- **Position number and location: 174271 - Batemans Bay or Queanbeyan (Negotiable)**

Total remuneration package valued to: \$135,149 pa. (salary \$112,614 - \$121,921) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About the role: Providing high level support and advice to schools, educational services teams and key stakeholders in the implementation of strategies relating to Aboriginal education and engagement.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience within the K-12 range.
- Demonstrated commitment to participating in accreditation processes.
- Demonstrated ability to develop and deliver professional development programs for teachers that supports Aboriginal education and engagement.
- Capacity to innovate, problem solve and develop creative solutions to emerging issues with a focus on improving Aboriginal student outcomes.
- High level written and oral communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to maintain accurate and comprehensive written records.
- Demonstrated capacity to work collaboratively and liaise and negotiate with key stakeholders including Aboriginal communities and the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.
- Proven successful experience in the planning, design, development, budgeting and evaluation of quality Aboriginal education programs.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies and the key deliverables and collaborative actions of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education strategy.

Please address the selection criteria in relation to the Statement of Duties for the position in your application. Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check. In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Under new provisions for permanent teachers taking up non-school based temporary appointments, the right of return to their substantive position has been extended to up to 3 years.

The maximum continuous period of time in temporary **Non School Based Teaching Service appointments at-level is for 3 years (cumulatively)**. Successful applicants currently employed in an SEO1 (ETS), SEO2 (ETS) or PEO (ETS), who still meet the definition of recent school based experience (where it is required in the advertisement) and apply for a position at the same level, will be offered the new at-level position for the remaining balance of their existing period(s) of appointment (being a cumulative period in any at-level positions, inclusive of higher duties and/or temporary appointments to a maximum of 3 years).

Note: Recent school based experience is either direct classroom teaching within the past three years or school executive experience within the past three years. Direct classroom teaching or school executive experience is full time service in a school based position in a departmental preschool, infants, primary, central/community, secondary, environmental education centre or special school for a continuous period of one (1) year. For more information please review **Rules Oct 2015**.

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

Applications Close: 12 July 2017

For further information please contact Ben Ballard on (02) 6200 5011.

**Applications must be lodged electronically.
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NATSIHWA
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Health Worker Association

POLICY OFFICER

The Policy Officer coordinates and undertakes policy development, providing analysis/review and advice, to support Organisational and/or Government policy initiatives and commitments.

Broadly, the position:

- Undertakes research and analysis, reviewing alternatives in relation to policy deliverables, to contribute to the policy process and to inform decision making;
- Provides a range of project management and support services, including preparation of discussion papers, briefs, submissions, progress and annual reports;
- Contributes to the development and delivery of policy initiatives whilst preparing and reviewing policy advice to ensure alignment with NATSIHWA's policy and strategic directions and priorities;
- Undertakes communication with key stakeholders and coordinates working groups, committee meetings, and stakeholder consultations to support engagement as well as policy development and implementation;
- Collates information for reporting, monitoring and evaluation purposes to contribute to the achievement of policy outcomes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners on a national basis.

The position will work closely and in partnership with other national peak bodies, RTO's and relevant external stakeholders to progress NATSIHWA priorities, including to enable, attract and retain growth in a sustainability Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners workforce.

Line management
The Policy Officer reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer.

Special conditions
This is a Canberra-based position

Primary responsibilities include;

1. On behalf of the CEO and membership, interpret National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan and other relevant documents and develop policy responses as required.
2. Health Plan and other relevant documents and develop policy responses as required.
3. Identify and pursue opportunities for cooperation and collaboration with relevant stakeholders on initiatives aligned with NATSIHWA priorities.
4. Assist with implementation of advocacy and promotion strategies in line with NATSIHWA priorities.
5. Represent NATSIHWA on external working groups, committees, forums or events as delegated, and report on the outcomes.
6. Support the development and implementation of the NATSIHWA three-year Strategic Plan, Annual Activity Plan, Annual Report and Evaluation Strategies.
7. Support the development and implementation of the NATSIHWA Communication Strategy.
8. Assist in identifying and implementing self-generating funding initiatives to support NATSIHWA's sustainability into the future.

Person specification

- Demonstrated ability to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and their leaders, respecting cultural values and ways of doing business.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing, to a wide range of audiences on a range of sensitive and complex issues, especially with regard to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- The ability to interpret and identify key information within policy and other relevant publications relevant to the sector and its members.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with various audiences and across a range of approaches.
- Demonstrated ability to work as a member of a team, identify performance outcomes, plan activities and set priorities to achieve agreed objectives and meet timelines.
- Demonstrated ability to appropriately exercise initiative and judgement, and recognise, mitigate and resolve conflict.
- As part of a small, dynamic team have the ability to think independently to influence change for the sector.
- Proven ability to work independently under broad direction.
- Experience
- Experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, organisations and communities in the health sector.
- Experience in the use of information technology, including word processing packages, electronic mail, databases, spread-sheets and PowerPoint presentations.

To apply please contact sao@natsihwa.org.au for a position description.

Closing date: 14/7/2017

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Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders: Expression of Interest

What if we could Close the Gap?

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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 your interest via our website and help to 'Close the Gap'. APPLY

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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

WSP supports a diverse and inclusive work environment as well as equal employment opportunities. We encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and people of culturally diverse backgrounds to apply.



Careers with Queensland Health

Psychologist or Social Worker or Occupational Therapist Senior (Mental Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing Clinician)

Forensic Mental Health, Indigenous Mental Health Intervention Project team, 270 Roma Street, Brisbane and a Men's Correctional Centre in South East Queensland, Metro North Hospital and Health Service

Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Remuneration value up to \$10150 p.m., comprising salary between \$3802.50 - \$4091.70 p.f., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (HP4) (Temporary full time position up to June 2018, with the possibility of extension. Applications will remain current for 12 months) It is a condition of employment for this role for the employee to be, and remain, vaccinated against the following vaccine preventable diseases during their employment: measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chicken pox), pertussis (whooping cough) and Hepatitis B

Duties / Abilities: Provide high level culturally sensitive mental health and social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing consultation, advice and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men residing in a Men's Correctional Centre in South East Queensland, their family and community. This includes responsibility for direct clinical coordination, clinical care, assessment, interventions and treatment, care coordination, transitional planning and community liaison and network development. This position provides high level leadership and liaises with all relevant clinical and non-clinical stakeholders within the correctional environment and clinical and non-clinical workers in the community to coordinate a holistic approach to wellbeing.

Enquiries: Penny Dale (07) 3837 5820.

Job Ad Reference: MH244235

Online applications: www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

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Ballina or Grafton based

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Alcohol and Other Drug Program Case Manager

Murrumbidgee Regional Area

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The Position

Provide assessment, case management, counselling and support services to assist clients and their family/friends to improve outcomes and reduce harm associated with AOD use

Develop effective working relationships with the local Aboriginal health and community services, employment and vocational educational providers and deliver services from a variety of health premises

Promote and contribute to a continuous quality improvement and safety framework

This is an Aboriginal Identified position. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

More information can be found at:

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Opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Child Protection



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Protecting our most vulnerable children from harm is one of the most important jobs you can do. YOU can help rewrite tomorrow, one child at a time.

Skills and Experience

We are looking for qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social work, psychology, community services and welfare graduates and experienced child protection and child and family welfare professionals to join us.

Working in your team as a child protection or advanced child protection practitioner, you will:

- manage your own cases
- conduct risk assessments, and
- undertake problem solving while managing complex cases and at times present matters to the Children's Court of Victoria.

Are you experienced in mental health, education or considering a return to child protection practice? We would love to hear from you!

As a senior practitioner or team manager, you will support the development of child protection practitioners, whilst demonstrating expertise in case practice and supervision.

You will also engage in learning and development to support you in this challenging and rewarding role.

The Department of Health & Human Services is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people employed with the department.

The Department have identified roles that Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply as these positions are exempt under the Special Measure Provision, Section 12(1) of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* (Vic)

Salary

- Child Protection Practitioner (CPP3) \$62,535 to \$75,930
- Advanced Child Protection Practitioner (CPP4) \$77,418 to \$87,838
- Team Manager and Senior Child Protection Practitioner (CPP5) \$89,327 to \$108,078

There are various positions available across Victoria's metropolitan and rural areas.

To view these, please go to www.dhs.vic.gov.au/childprotectionjobs

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

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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?***

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- Great career opportunities

Aboriginal Caseworkers must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

More information available www.facs.nsw.gov.au/careers/caseworker

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Aboriginal Care Facilitator, Integrated Chronic Care Program Western Sydney

Classification: Clinical Nurse Specialist Grade 2
Location: Blacktown
Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time
Enquiries: Jo Medlin, 0434 565 839
Email: Joanne.Medlin@health.nsw.gov.au

**Closing Date:
19 July 2017**

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Aboriginal Community Mental Health Clinician

Permanent Full-Time
Enquiries: Suzanne Faraj
0413 777 607

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Senior Policy Advisor, Child & Family, Sydney

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As our Senior Policy Advisor, you will lead the development of a robust evidence base to inform advocacy efforts and provide recommendations promoting positive change for children and their families.

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Administrative Support Officer Aboriginal Affairs

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply
- Clerk Grade 3/4
- Ongoing and Temporary roles available
- Position number and location: 180959, 198953, 198954 - Bridge Street, Sydney

Total remuneration package: \$81,624 Package includes salary (\$67,248 - \$73,635), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Aboriginal Affairs works with Aboriginal communities to promote social, economic and cultural well-being; we implement OCHRE (Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility and Empower), the NSW Government's community focused plan for Aboriginal affairs, establish partnerships for economic development, support effective Aboriginal governance and strengthen cultural identity and language. Aboriginal Affairs is a small agency, with over 50% of staff identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

About the roles

Are you interested in joining Aboriginal Affairs as an Administrative Support Officer in Sydney to manage efficient and reliable administrative services?

We are looking for people who can:

1. Manage conflicting priorities whilst maintaining attention to detail.
2. Proactively follow through a variety of work tasks to their satisfactory conclusion.
3. Build relationships through good communication and adapt to changing situations.
4. Use administrative expertise to keep track of deadlines, purchasing and other key information on behalf of the team.
5. Understand the importance of appropriate protocols and sensitivities related to working with Aboriginal people.

Aboriginal Affairs has Administrative Support Officer roles available in the following teams in Bridge Street, Sydney;

- Business Strategy - role number 180959, ongoing role.
- Regional Coordination - role number 198954, two year temporary role.
- Community & Economic Development - role number 198953, ongoing role.

The capabilities are the same for all roles and your application will be considered for positions in all three teams. A talent pool will be created for any future vacancies in a 12 month period.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

To learn more about the work that Aboriginal Affairs does please visit: www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au

Please note that candidates called for interview will be required to complete an online assessment.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online by visiting iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keywords: 180959, 198953, 198954.

On the iworkfor.nsw website you can view the role description, more information about the teams, how to apply and who to contact if you have any questions.

In your online application, please include;

- Answers to the pre-screening questions (maximum 300 words).
- A covering letter (maximum of 2 pages).
- Your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of Aboriginal Affairs.
- 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.

Applications Close: 9 July 2017

Applicants can contact the Hiring Manager Nicola Callaghan on (02) 9561 8569.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search term Aboriginal Affairs

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Location: Lismore.

Contact: Kylie Jacky on (02) 6626 3700 or via email kylie.jacky@ngunyarjarjum.com

Information Packages: Must be obtained prior to submission of the application and is available on request by contacting the office on (02) 6626 3700.

Details of an information session will be included in the information package.

Send Applications to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 580, Lismore NSW 2480.

Closing Date: 5pm Friday 14th July 2017



Health
Southern NSW
Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Worker

Location: Goulburn

Salary: \$25.39 to \$37.40 ph

Enquiries: Rick Shipp (02) 4827 3913

Reference Number: 398118

Social Worker - New Directions Mothers & Babies

Location: Moruya, Batemans Bay and Narooma

Social Worker, Level 3

Salary: \$46.90 to \$48.47 ph

Enquiries: Shirlena Rutten (02) 4474 1988

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8 July 2017**

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Registered Nurse Integrated Chronic Care for Aboriginal People Program

Location: Newcastle

Enquiries: Susan Williams (02) 4924 2552

Reference ID: 398237

Closing date: 5 July 2017

Enrolled Nurse

Location: John Hunter Hospital New Lambton

Enquiries: Chris Sharkey (02) 4921 4477

Reference Number: 397039

Closing Date: 18 July 2017

These are identified Aboriginal Positions. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

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Listed above**

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School of Social Sciences and Psychology

Lecturer in Community and Social Development

- Ref No. 917/17
- Penrith Campus
- Full-Time, Fixed-Term Position until July 2018

The School of Social Sciences and Psychology is seeking to appoint a Lecturer in Community and Social Development to contribute to the delivery of the Bachelor of Community and Social Development, until July 2018.

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As such, the successful applicant will be required to make a substantial contribution to the teaching of the Bachelor of Community and Social Development and create and nurture a culture of excellence for student learning and develop innovative approaches to student learning.

For further information and to apply online, please refer to the Western Sydney University website.

Remuneration Package: Academic Level B \$108,318 to \$127,809 p.a. (Comprising Salary \$97,723 to \$115,393 p.a., plus Superannuation as applicable and Leave Loading.)

Position Enquiries: Professor Jim Iffe, Professor of Social Work, j.iffe@westernsydney.edu.au (02) 9685 9774

Closing Date: 16 July 2017

This is an identified position and applicants must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. Being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised under Section 14(D) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW.

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Aboriginal Affairs

Aboriginal Affairs is looking for three experienced senior officers to work full-time, in temporary (2 years) and ongoing roles, in our Sydney office.

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

Aboriginal Affairs NSW is proud to be a leader in Aboriginal employment and development. Over 50 per cent of staff across the agency, including senior leadership, identify as Aboriginal. We are also committed to providing a culturally safe and supportive workplace for all staff. Our agency works very closely with Aboriginal communities across NSW, and our staffing reflects the diversity of these communities.

The positions

Senior Project Officer - Regional Co-ordination (role number - 178554)

The Senior Project Officer supports the Director in the operation of the Regional Coordination Directorate. The successful candidate will work as part of a team with four Regional Managers, with other teams in the agency, and with external stakeholders, in the operation of Aboriginal Affairs' regional activities.

Senior Project Officer - Cross-Agency Collaboration (role number - 199335)

The Senior Project Officer supports the Executive team to develop and maintain strong working relationships with relevant divisions across all NSW Government Clusters to enable a coordinated approach to Aboriginal Affairs' reform agenda. The position also supports the Executive team to publicly report on progress against key reforms such as OCHRE, including Solution Brokerage.

Senior Policy Officer - Ministerial advice and Parliamentary Services, Identified* (role number - 199336)

The Senior Policy Officer supports the Executive team to deliver quality and timely advice to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs through systems that support quality control and adherence to deadlines. The position also supports the Executive team to monitor and report on progress against key corporate and Government commitments including the implementation of recommendations to Parliamentary Inquiries and the agency's Strategic Plan.

**Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander candidates are eligible to apply for this Identified role.*

For more information

Additional information about these positions, including Role Descriptions, is available at iworkfor.nsw please search in keyword using the relevant role number listed above or 'Aboriginal Affairs'.

An Information Session regarding these positions is to be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 12 July 2017 at 35 Bridge St, Sydney. Enter from the Department of Education entrance on Farrer Place (Young Street) Sydney. Applicants are asked to email their intention to attend to david.butler60@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au

Candidates can apply for one or more of these positions.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander candidates are encouraged to apply for all three positions.

Applications Close: 16 July 2017

Applicants can contact the Hiring Manager at brenda.love@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search term Aboriginal Affairs

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Disability Advocacy NSW have a number of positions vacant throughout NSW.

Disability Advocacy NSW (DA) www.da.org.au is part of Advocacy Law Alliance Inc. (ALA) www.advocacylaw.org.au, which is a non-profit organisation. The Mid North Coast Community Legal Centre (MNCCLC) www.mncclc.org.au is another program which operates under ALA. The service has a number of offices across NSW and employs over 35 staff to provide non legal advocacy (DA) for people with disability; and legal advocacy (MNCCLC) to disadvantaged groups.

You can also view us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/DisabilityAdvocacyNSW and Twitter: [http://twitter.com/advocacynsw](https://twitter.com/advocacynsw) for up to date information on Disability Advocacy NSW.

The positions vacant include;

NDIS Appeals Officer / Advocate positions are vacant in Broken Hill, Nepean (Parramatta Office), Coffs Harbour and Dubbo. These roles are paid under the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Service (SCHADS) Award between pay point 4.1 (\$63,987.26) and pay point 4.4 (\$69,579.02) dependent on relevant experience to the role at 38 hours per week. Please contact Ms Darcy Burgess at hr@da.org.au for the relevant position description and selection criteria.

DA NSW also have two additional new roles that will work out of our Hunter office in Newcastle West. The positions vacant are;

Receptionist This role will be paid (SCHADS) Award at Pay Point 2.1 (\$51,926.56) at 38 hours per week.

Intake Officer This role will be paid (SCHADS) Award at Pay Point 4.1 (\$63,987.26) at 38 hours per week. Please contact Ms Darcy Burgess at hr@da.org.au for the relevant position description and selection criteria.

All applications must be forwarded to Ms Darcy Burgess at hr@da.org.au and include a cover letter, selection criteria, resume and two current referees. Applications that do not address the above mentioned requirements will not be considered.

Applications close
5.00 pm Wednesday 19th July 2017.



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You will have previous experience in drug and alcohol, Aboriginal health, health management or equivalent. You will also hold a relevant tertiary qualification and have demonstrated experience in managing human resources, resident service delivery, financial operations and administrative requirements in a similar setting.

Orana is seeking a self-motivated leader who has the ability to work with clients suffering from mental illness and addiction. As such you will need to have exceptional interpersonal skills.

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Education Aboriginal Affairs



Project Officer – Aboriginal Affairs

- Identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only
- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Ongoing and Temporary roles available
- Position number and location: 178643, 178644 and 198948 - Coffs Harbour

Total remuneration package: \$110,697 Package includes salary (\$90,215 - \$99,862), 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, implementing OCHRE, the NSW Government's community focused plan for Aboriginal affairs. Aboriginal Affairs works with communities to establish partnerships for economic development, support effective Aboriginal governance and strengthen cultural identity and language.

A significant number of staff at Aboriginal Affairs NSW identify as Aboriginal. Our Head of Agency is Aboriginal, as are many of our senior managers. Over 50 per cent of staff across the agency, and 80 per cent of regional staff, identify as Aboriginal. Our agency works very closely with Aboriginal communities across NSW so it's important that our staff include people from those communities.

Aboriginal Affairs is seeking experienced Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander project officers for ongoing and temporary project officer roles to 30 June 2018, in the Greater Northern Region, located in Coffs Harbour.

About the role

The Project Officer role works as part of a team, based in Coffs Harbour, in partnership with Aboriginal community governance bodies, government agencies, and the private and not for profit sectors, to support the social, economic and cultural development of local Aboriginal communities. The role works collaboratively to continue the OCHRE conversation, by improving information flows, implementing projects and building capacity amongst Aboriginal governance bodies to achieve outcomes for local Aboriginal communities.

An Information Session regarding this role is to be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 12 July, 2017 at 17 Duke Street, Coffs Harbour. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend the session. *Attendees are asked to email their intended attendance to vicki.t.power@det.nsw.edu.au*

Applicants who are unable to attend and require further information, can contact Claude McDermott, Regional Manager, Greater Northern Region, on 0491 220 645 and leaving a message.

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.

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.

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

Pre-screening questions:

1. Explain your experience working with Aboriginal people, and/or Aboriginal communities. What have you learnt and how would you apply these learnings to this role? (300 words).
2. This role often requires managing relationships with a number of stakeholders, whose own priorities and expectations may not coincide with your own priorities. Please provide an example of where you have had to influence others to achieve your outcome and keep the integrity of the interpersonal relations intact. (300 words).

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality (i.e. for identified roles).
- Current Driver's License and willingness to undertake regional travel.
- Demonstrated appropriate cultural capability regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the approach and outcomes of daily activities.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Applications Close: 16 July 2017

For further information please contact Claude McDermott (02) 5622 8869.

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for Reference Numbers 178643, 178644, 198948

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Health Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network

Aboriginal Health Worker – Primary Health Care (Aboriginal Identified)

Classification: Aboriginal Health Education Officer Non Grade
Location: Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network, Silverwater Correctional Complex
Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time
Salary: \$49,121.00 - \$72,346.00 pa
Reference Number: 399097

Closing Date: 2 July 2017

Aboriginal Health Worker – Primary Health (Aboriginal Identified) – PFT

Classification: Aboriginal Health Worker
Location: Silverwater Correctional Complex Womens Clinic, Emu Plains, South Windsor Dillwynia Correctional Centre Clinic
Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time
Salary: \$50,349.00 - \$74,155.00 pa
Reference Number: 399126

Closing Date: 9 July 2017

Enquiries: Leo De Jesus (02) 9700 2233
Email: cornelio.dejesus@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

Aboriginal Mental Health Clinical Leader (HM2)

Classification: Health Manager Level 2
Location: Homebush
Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time
Salary: \$90,827 - \$107,728 pa
Enquiries: Katya Issa 0456 882 251
Reference Number: 401058

Closing Date: 5 July 2017

These are dedicated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander positions. Applicants must be able to prove Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act*. JH&FMHN deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginal status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or prior to commencement of the position.

Closing Date: see above

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Koorie Engagement Support Officer – ES 1.4

Salary Range: \$75 510 to \$89 022

1 Ongoing Position – Barwon Area

1 Fixed Term Position – Barwon Area

South-Western Victoria Region

The Victorian Department of Education & Training is seeking two suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to work in South-Western Victoria Region as Koorie Engagement Support Officers. The positions are for the Barwon Area. Successful applicants will be part of the regional Koorie Education Workforce and will work as part of an Area team to support schools and early childhood services in their designated area.

Successful applicants are responsible for the implementation of Marrung the Aboriginal Education Strategy. The role includes facilitating and supporting the delivery of programs for Koorie children and young people from early childhood to school completion. Successful applicants should possess strong leadership skills to ensure the successful delivery of educational support services. They will be required to provide advice to schools, kindergartens, families and the Koorie community on strategies for improving educational outcomes for Koorie children and young people.

Applicants must have a high level of understanding of Koorie education and community needs, and knowledge of Koorie culture. Suitable qualifications are desirable.

This role is an identified position and is available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. **VCAT exemption # A195/2009**

Applicants are encouraged to apply on-line via the Recruitment Online website at **www.education.vic.gov.au/schooljobs**

Please refer to position numbers – 1087454 - 1087455

Applications close **6th July 2017**

Contact Sandra Brogden, for further position information.

brogden.sandra.m@edumail.vic.gov.au **Ph: 0417 855 334 or 5225 1093**



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Indigenous Throughcare Transition Officer

Administrative Services Officer Class 5

Salary Range: \$74,081 - \$78,415 (PN: 43422)

A career opportunity has arisen in ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) for a highly motivated, values-driven professional to join the Throughcare team as an Indigenous Throughcare Transition Officer. The Throughcare Unit is a project under implementation by ACT Corrective Services. The Unit is tasked with supporting ex-detainees from the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) (ACT Prison) who are returning to the ACT Community for up to 12 months post release. The primary function of the Throughcare Initiative is to reduce the likelihood of reoffending through coordinating existing supports and services to assist ex-detainees integrate into the community as positive contributors. The successful applicant will be expected to demonstrate strong administrative capability, have the ability to think and act in a busy operational environment and possess excellent interpersonal, organisational and communication skills necessary to build rapport with a diverse range of stakeholders. The successful applicant will work under the direction and supervision of the Throughcare Unit Coordinator and will provide Throughcare liaison support to the client's lead case manager and the client. As such, the successful applicant will need to display an ability to work comfortably with offenders. This position will be primarily located within the community; with requirement to regularly attend the AMC and other community services locations.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011* is required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable People registration refer to - https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander ancestry is considered essential (s42, *Discrimination Act 1991*). Understanding of and sensitivity to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural issues and issues relevant to other minority groups is essential. Familiarity with computer based applications would be an advantage. Eligible persons may be required to undergo a Police Check. A current driver's licence is essential.

Contact Officer: Anna Kirkham (02) 6205 4818 anna.kirkham@act.gov.au

Applications Close: 19 July 2017

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VAC NO: 2017-20819

OPS4 (\$67,635 – \$70,762 p.a)

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There are multiple ongoing vacancies available.

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:

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Applications close 11pm Wednesday 5 July 2017

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**Police
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NSW Police Force General Administrative Support Officer

- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- Sydney City Local Area Command, Sydney CBD
- Clerk Grade 1/2
- Permanent Full-Time
- *I Work for NSW* Requisition No.00005D70

Salary Package: \$72,164 pa. **Salary:** \$60,154 - \$65,396 pa. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The General Administrative Support Officer provides support within the Sydney City Local Area Command focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force.

The General Administrative Support Officer also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support at various NSW Police Force locations, including within the Court Process Office.

Job Notes:

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only, in accordance with the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy and in accordance with Part 5, Clause 26 of the NSW Government Sector Employment Rules 2014.

An information session for this position will be held at Police Headquarters, 1 Charles Street, Parramatta, on Wednesday 5 July 2017 at 6pm. For further information about the information session please email the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit at hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au or contact Georgina Munro on (02) 8835 6257.

This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with Flexible Rostering Guidelines. The position will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours on weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.

It is a requirement to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed. The successful applicant will also be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement. For further assistance with completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check and Security Clearance, **please contact Georgina Munro in the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257 or via email hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au**

Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the *I Work for NSW* website (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au)

Applications Close: Sunday 9 July 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Michael Shea, Local Area Manager on (02) 9265 6420.

For the selection criteria, a downloadable position description, and information package and to apply, please go to *I Work for NSW* (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00005D70.

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NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE, MURRAY RIVER

An application for an AMENDED COMBINED (WORKS AND USE) APPROVAL has been received from **SPUD NOMINEES PTY LTD** for a new floating pontoon structure with two 300mm axial pumps on Lot A DP420480 for irrigation purposes on Lot A DP420480 and Lot 4 DP59936.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 829, Albury NSW 2640, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A009998).

Any queries please call (02) 6024 8852, David Finnimore, Water Regulation Officer.

A07692

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) - WATER

LACHLAN FOLD BELT MDB GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL under *section 92 of the Water Management Act, 2000* has been received from **CSIRO** for a new bore located on Lot 9 DP 1227823, Parish of Boorowa, County of King (Ref: A010066).

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7469, Alice Buckley, Water Regulation Officer.

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WATERNSW

LIVERPOOL PLAINS FLOODPLAIN

An application for a new flood work approval has been received from **ROBERT AND VALLI DAVIDSON, SAMUEL AND CARMEL HEATHCOTE** for an existing flood work on Lots 63, 64, 65, 66 and 67 DP 755484, Lot 1 DP 591320, Lot 1 DP 1200203, Lots 21 and 22 DP 607035 and Crown Road, County of Pottinger, Parish of Calala.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to 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. (A009649)

Any queries please phone 1300 662 077, Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

A07691

WATERNSW

LOWER MACQUARIE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **JACK EDWARD MCCUTCHEON** for one groundwater bore to be located on Lot 1 of DP 580621, Parish of Backwater, County of Narromine, for the purpose of irrigation on the said land portion.

Objections to the granting of the above approvals must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 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. (A010132). Any queries please call 1300 662 077. Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation (North).

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Notice of applications for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 12 July 2017

These are applications by native title claim groups which are asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE, QLD, 4003 **on or before 11 October 2017**. After **11 October 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 any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.



Application name: Bernard Richard Charlie & Ors on behalf of the Northern Peninsula Sea Claim Group v State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD114/2017

Date filed: 27 February 2017

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **not accepted** this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description: The agreement area covers about 7394 sq km of the Gulf of Carpentaria extending approx. 80km westward from the mouth of the Skardon River, following the coast north to a point approx. 10km west of Bamaga.

Relevant LGA: Cook Shire Council & Torres Shire Council.



Application name: Bernard Richard Charlie & Ors on behalf of the North Eastern Peninsula Sea Claim Group v State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD115/2017

Date filed: 27 February 2017

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **not accepted** this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description: The agreement area covers about 18,500 sq km of the Coral Sea extending approx. 130 km eastward from Captain Billy Landing, following the coast north to a point approx. 10km west of Bamaga.

Relevant LGA: Cook Shire Council & Torres Shire Council.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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NOTICE OF INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (ILUA) AUTHORISATION MEETING

Date and Time: **Monday, 24 July 2017 (half-day)**
11:30am arrival and lunch
1:00pm start - 5:00pm

Tuesday, 25 July 2017
9:30am – 12:30pm

Place: **The Sturt Club, Broken Hill**
321 Blende St
Broken Hill NSW 2880

NTSCORP Limited, the native title service provider for NSW, is convening a meeting to authorise an Indigenous Land Use Agreement ('**ILUA**') in accordance with the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). The proposed ILUA relates to the following parcels of land; Lot 3445 DP 765734 and Lot 4143 DP 766648 ('**Yobel Station**') and Lot 3728 DP 766141 ('**Weinteriga Station**').

The ILUA is proposed to be between the Registered Native Title Claimant in the Barkandji Traditional Owners native title determination application (NSD6084/1998) on behalf of the Barkandji Traditional Owners native title claim group, the Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council, the Attorney General of New South Wales and the Barkandji Native Title Claim Group Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (ICN 4740).

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The following people are invited to attend the meeting to authorise the proposed ILUA:

Members of the Barkandji Traditional Owners native title determination application (NSD6084/1998) being Aboriginal people who are descendants of:

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| • Manfred Mary / Mary Johnson / Mary Brodie | • Harry Mitchell | • Judy Quayle |
| • Manfred Tommy | • Daniel McGregor | • Nancy Watts |
| • Louisa Brown | • Lucy Benson | • Topsy Crowe |
| • Cuthero Jack Brown | • Jack "Doctor" Benson | • Alec Bridge |
| • Susan Webster also known as Annie Webster | • Crancey | • Olive Barton |
| • Bill Webster | • Jack Tyler | • Margaret Payne |
| • Harry Whyman | • Taylor Matjulum Gibson | • Kitty Knight |
| • Kate Whyman | • Tottie Gibson | • Jacky Knight |
| • Louisa McLean | • Kutyi | • Matilda Murray |
| • Alec McLean | • Cate Newton /Maggie Tyler | • Paddy Black |
| • Sarah Cabbage | • Albert Bates | • Hero Black |
| • Nganya | • Fanny Bates | • Tall Boy Keegan |
| | • Yancannia Kitty | • Kitty Keegan |
| | | • Fanny Buugali Williams |

and persons adopted into the families of those persons who identify as, and are accepted as, members of the Barkandji and Malyangapa People in accordance with Barkandji and Malyangapa traditional laws and customs (and the biological descendants of any such adopted persons),

and

any other Aboriginal people who assert native title rights and interests in the areas described in this notice and proposed to be subject to the ILUA.

MAP OF THE ILUA AREA

The area proposed to be subject to the ILUA is Lot 3445 DP 765734 and Lot 4143 DP 766648 ('**Yobel Station**') and Lot 3728 DP 766141 ('**Weinteriga Station**') which are shown in bold black line and with hatching in the map below. The parcels are all subject to the Barkandji Traditional Owners native title determination application (NSD6084/1998).



AGENDA FOR THIS AUTHORISATION MEETING:

1. Discuss the background and the purpose of the proposed ILUA and the status of the Barkandji # 8 native title determination application.
2. Confirm the decision-making process for the authorisation of the ILUA
3. Consider and make decisions in relation to the authorisation of the ILUA
4. Any other business

BACKGROUND TO PROPOSED ILUA:

The proposed ILUA relates to negotiations between Barkandji Traditional Owners and the Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council ('**Wilcannia LALC**') regarding the Yobel and Weinteriga Station parcels described in this notice. The proposed ILUA is an agreement between the parties which would allow Barkandji Traditional Owners' native title rights and interests to be recognised over Yobel and Weinteriga Stations, whilst also ensuring Wilcannia LALC has the opportunity in the future to convert the Western Land Lease parcels within Yobel and Weinteriga Station into freehold interests.

Please contact NTSCORP to confirm your attendance by **Wednesday, 19 July 2017**. Mileage assistance and accommodation will also be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP Limited's policies. **Please note that accommodation will be provided based on completed meeting registration forms received or confirmed details by telephone.**

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO NTSCORP ON 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188 or FAX (02) 9310 4177.



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
36/869	CARNEGIE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	505647	41.16HA	68km N'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 20' S Long: 120° 55' E	LEONORA SHIRE
36/869	CARNEGIE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	505655	115.54HA	68km N'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 20' S Long: 120° 55' E	LEONORA SHIRE
36/870	CARNEGIE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	505939	19.93HA	66km N'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 21' S Long: 120° 55' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/1161	INDEPENDENCE JAGUAR PTY LTD	504401	23.62HA	47km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 25' S Long: 121° 11' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/1189	INDEPENDENCE JAGUAR PROJECT PTY LTD	504402	21.72HA	53km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 25' S Long: 121° 10' E	LEONORA SHIRE
38/2666	DUKETON MINING LTD	505588	9.60HA	55km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 53' S Long: 122° 19' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3052	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	505281	89.09HA	4km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3095	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	503685	199.52HA	24km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 36' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3127	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	505791	7.97HA	11km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3127	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	505792	9.31HA	11km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3138	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	503754	133.82HA	82km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 38' S Long: 122° 9' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3144	BARNES, Adrian Bennett	507020	9.88HA	72km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 121° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
	BARNES, Gregory Bennett					
40/316	A & C MINING INVESTMENT PTY LTD	507053	21.22HA	50km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 121° 26' E	MENZIES SHIRE
45/4462	DUKETON CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	505097	180.17HA	16km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 27° 7' S Long: 119° 52' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
45/4462	DUKETON CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	505108	180.16HA	16km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 8' S Long: 119° 52' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
45/4462	DUKETON CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	505109	165.12HA	16km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 8' S Long: 119° 53' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 28 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 **28 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 filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 28 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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MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER
WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **KYLE RUSSELL HOUSTON SMITH** to increase the existing pumping capacity, Lot 70/756769, Parish Maude, County Waradgery.

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 156, LEETON NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection. (A0010197). Any queries, please call (02) 6951 2607, Phillip Killen, Water Regulation Officer.

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WATERNSW

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP
GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **GLEN & ELSA AVENTI** for a bore, for irrigation purposes on Lot 61 DP 751721 (Camarooka/Cooper)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156 Leeton 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A010229)

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

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2487	ELDERBERRY RESOURCES PTY LTD	21BL	107km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 17° 24' S Long: 124° 58' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2740-I	MARDIE MINERALS PTY LTD	22BL	60km NW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 115° 57' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	08/2836-I	MARDIE MINERALS PTY LTD	200BL	55km NW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 24' S Long: 115° 51' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	09/2221	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LTD	18BL	133km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 4' S Long: 116° 47' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2222	ASKINS, Paul Winston	24BL	174km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 35' S Long: 116° 50' E	MURCHISON SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
		ANDREW DRUMMOND & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD				
Exploration Licence	09/2227	SERENA MINERALS PTY LTD	1BL	77km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 37' S Long: 115° 48' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2228	SERENA MINERALS PTY LTD	2BL	81km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 36' S Long: 115° 51' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2229	SERENA MINERALS PTY LTD	3BL	79km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 39' S Long: 115° 51' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1585	GREEN, Brent Earl	4BL	38km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 120° 50' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1596	BOADICEA RESOURCES LTD	70BL	56km SW'ly of Widgeemooltha	Lat: 31° 42' S Long: 121° 2' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/906	CAPITAL MINING LIMITED	16BL	23km W'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 22' S Long: 117° 39' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2694	ANDERSON, Robert John	29BL	84km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 122° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
		BRADY, Peter Samuel Henry				
Exploration Licence	31/1151	STRADA D'ORO PTY LTD	1BL	110km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 44' S Long: 122° 10' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/900	ECHO RESOURCES LIMITED	37BL	50km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 36' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/904	STRADA D'ORO PTY LTD	9BL	72km N'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 18' S Long: 120° 55' E	LEONORA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3221	WAHOO DRILLING PTY LTD	16BL	114km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 24' S Long: 123° 57' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/365	APOLLO MINING PTY LTD	50BL	33km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 121° 34' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4632-I	CENTRAL PILBARA NORTH IRON ORE PTY LTD	10BL	94km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 5' S Long: 119° 13' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4891	GOLDSTONE HOLDINGS PTY LTD	175BL	152km SE'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 56' S Long: 122° 53' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4907	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	11BL	47km NW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 48' S Long: 119° 31' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4909	ACME PILBARA PTY LTD	16BL	81km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 9' S Long: 118° 58' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3170-I	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	34BL	95km NW'ly of Newman	Lat: 22° 34' S Long: 119° 22' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3446-I	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	8BL	63km NE'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 15' S Long: 118° 11' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3674	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	6BL	37km SW'ly of Dampier	Lat: 20° 54' S Long: 116° 28' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	47/3691	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	2BL	63km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 52' S Long: 117° 10' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3692	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	2BL	56km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 54' S Long: 117° 14' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3693	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	3BL	59km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 50' S Long: 117° 14' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3694	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	8BL	45km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 50' S Long: 117° 23' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3695	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	23BL	46km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 54' S Long: 117° 21' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3696	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	30BL	38km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 54' S Long: 117° 29' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1822	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	9BL	91km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 32' S Long: 119° 24' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1825	TALISMAN MINING LIMITED	3BL	119km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 46' S Long: 119° 16' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1826	TALISMAN MINING LIMITED	1BL	116km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 47' S Long: 119° 14' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1830	AURIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD	1BL	15km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 40' S Long: 118° 22' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3510	OMNI PROJECTS PTY LTD	17BL	87km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 49' S Long: 118° 40' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3511	ANDERSON, Jozef Lee	4BL	147km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 38' S Long: 117° 29' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3530	TALISMAN MINING LIMITED	1BL	123km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 44' S Long: 119° 17' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3499	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	54BL	173km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 8' S Long: 120° 13' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4953	BLACKWOOD, Lois Deborah	70BL	31km E'ly of Morawa	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 116° 19' E	MORAWA SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4963	MATLOCK GEOLOGICAL SERVICES PTY LTD	1BL	34km SE'ly of Bunbury	Lat: 33° 36' S Long: 115° 49' E	DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4964	MATLOCK GEOLOGICAL SERVICES PTY LTD	14BL	3km SE'ly of Nannup	Lat: 34° 0' S Long: 115° 47' E	NANNUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4965	CONSTRUCTION RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (WA) PTY LTD	22BL	14km E'ly of York	Lat: 31° 53' S Long: 116° 55' E	YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4966	CONSTRUCTION RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (WA) PTY LTD	8BL	14km NE'ly of York	Lat: 31° 48' S Long: 116° 53' E	YORK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6153-4	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	309.65HA	20km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 121° 27' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3055-6	COEN, Andrew Roy	387.38HA	53km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 120° 53' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
		VULETA, Adrian				
Prospecting Licence	21/753	SANDER, Thomas Peter	69.55HA	5km SW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 27' S Long: 117° 50' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	21/756	WESTERN MINING PTY LTD	195.02HA	11km SW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 30' S Long: 117° 49' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	26/4268	ST IVES GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	124.96HA	10km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 8' S Long: 121° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4280	ABEH PTY LTD	124.25HA	18km N'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 121° 42' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4282-3	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	226.92HA	22km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 121° 29' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2321	PEET, Nathan Evald	9.94HA	15km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 33' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
		NAAKE, Mathew Lee				
Prospecting Licence	29/2414	DALLA COSTA, Melville Raymond	147.75HA	0km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 121° 2' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2113	STRADA D'ORO PTY LTD	122.52HA	109km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 39' S Long: 122° 9' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2114	KRPEZ, Michael Daniel	180.96HA	125km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 46' S Long: 122° 19' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8936	CREW, Ross Frederick	58.20HA	40km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 38' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8937	FREWEN, Deane Robert	199.55HA	61km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 17' S Long: 121° 8' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8938-46	NAVIGATOR MINING PTY LTD	1624.73HA	30km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 121° 38' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8947	NAVIGATOR MINING PTY LTD	190.38HA	30km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 121° 37' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8948-64	KIN MINING NL	3367.25HA	20km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 30' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4347-9	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	392.27HA	5km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 34' S Long: 122° 25' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4401	GRUYERE MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	36.41HA	94km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 5' S Long: 123° 50' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
		GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED				
Prospecting Licence	38/4407	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	40.44HA	24km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 122° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5669	MATSA GOLD PTY LTD	12.70HA	79km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 122° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5670	MATSA GOLD PTY LTD	11.43HA	77km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 122° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5800-3	MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	631.79HA	44km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 121° 46' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1451 & 40/1453	PEET, Nathan Evald	207.18HA	38km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 121° 22' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3013	AURIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD	182.10HA	14km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 40' S Long: 118° 23' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2133	FI JOINT VENTURE PTY LTD	34.13HA	19km NE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 12' S Long: 116° 48' E	YALGOO SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 28 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 **28 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 filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 28 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 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

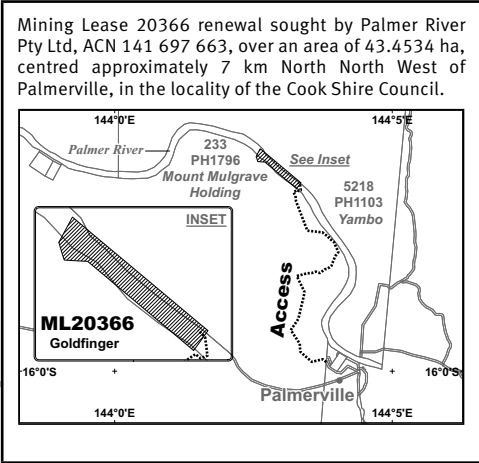
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL OF A MINING LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of the Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld)



Nature of Act(s): The renewal of the Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be renewed by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal of the Mining Lease, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease Application may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Mineral Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland 4810, Telephone: (07) 4447 9230, or email MineralHub@dnrm.qld.gov.au

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a “native title party” is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

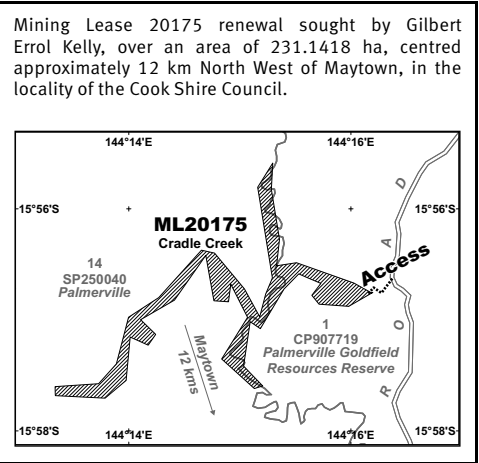
Notification Day: 26 July 2017



NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL OF A MINING LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of the Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld)



Nature of Act(s): The renewal of the Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be renewed by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal of the Mining Lease, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease Application may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Mineral Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland 4810, Telephone: (07) 4447 9230, or email MineralHub@dnrm.qld.gov.au

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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: 26th July 2017



BARKANDJI TRADITIONAL OWNERS NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP: AUTHORISATION MEETING TO AUTHORISE A CONSENT DETERMINATION OF NATIVE TITLE

Date and Time: Wednesday, 26 July 2017 (half-day)
9:30am – 12:00pm

Place: The Sturt Club, Broken Hill
321 Blende St
Broken Hill NSW 2880

NOTE: NTSCORP Limited will be holding two ILUA Authorisation Meetings at the same venue on the two days before this meeting.

NTSCORP Limited, the legal representative for the Barkandji Traditional Owners in relation to their native title determination application (Federal Court proceedings NSD6084/1998) (the ‘Barkandji #8 Native Title Claim’), is convening a meeting in Broken Hill for all members of the Barkandji #8 Native Title Claim for the purposes of authorising a consent determination of native title.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Members of the Barkandji Traditional Owners native title determination application (NSD6084/1998) being Aboriginal people who are descendants of:

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| • Manfred Mary / Mary Johnson | • Harry Mitchell | • Nancy Watts |
| • Manfred Tommy | • Daniel McGregor | • Topsy Crowe |
| • Louisa Brown | • Lucy Benson | • Alec Bridge |
| • Cuthero Jack Brown | • Jack “Doctor” Benson | • Olive Barton |
| • Susan Webster also known as Annie Webster | • Crancey | • Margaret Payne |
| • Bill Webster | • Jack Tyler | • Kitty Knight |
| • Harry Whyman | • Taylor Matjulum Gibson | • Jacky Knight |
| • Kate Whyman | • Tottie Gibson | • Matilda Murray |
| • Louisa McLean | • Kutyi | • Paddy Black |
| • Alec McLean | • Cate Newton /Maggie Tyler | • Hero Black |
| • Sarah Cabbage | • Albert Bates | • Tall Boy Keegan |
| • Nganya | • Fanny Bates | • Kitty Keegan |
| | • Yancannia Kitty | • Fanny Buugali Williams |
| | • Judy Quayle | |

and persons adopted into the families of those persons who identify as, and are accepted as, members of the Barkandji and Malyangapa People in accordance with Barkandji and Malyangapa traditional laws and customs (and the biological descendants of any such adopted persons)

BACKGROUND TO MEETING

On 16 June 2015, her Honour Justice Jagot made a determination of native title in relation to the vast majority of the area subject to the Barkandji #8 Native Title Claim, however there were some areas which were not determined because the parties asked them to be excluded for legal reasons (‘excluded parcels’).

On 24 June 2016 the members of the Barkandji #8 Native Title Claim held an authorisation meeting in Broken Hill at which they passed resolutions withdrawing their native title claim over some of the excluded areas, and authorising a determination of some of the excluded parcels. There are a number parcels still subject to the Barkandji #8 Native Title Claim which the claim group needs to discuss in order to finalise the claim.

WHERE IS THE PROPOSED CONSENT DETERMINATION?

This authorisation meeting is to authorise a consent determination of native title over the following remaining parcels in the Barkandji #8 Native Title Claim. The remaining parcels which will be discussed at the meeting are listed in the table below are located in and around around **Buronga, Gol Gol, Tentham Cliffs, Wentworth, Appin Station, Weinteriga Station, Yobel Station, Lake Leaghur and Menindee.**

Lot 7329 DP 1195006	Lot 32 DP 756936	Lot 60 DP 43577
Lot 7330 DP 1195006	Lot 4 DP 579216	Lot 3 DP 1084410
SP38548	Lot 4 DP 733472	Lot 1030 DP 762245
Lot 1 DP 1163941	Lot 54 DP 756936	Lot 3 DP 1181476
Lot 1 DP 1194853	Lot 588 DP 756961	Lot 3 DP 576696
Lot 1 DP 831423	Lot 591 DP 756961	Lot 3 DP 776526
Lot 19 DP 735559	Lot 594 DP 756961	Lot 31 DP 756936
Lot 4769 DP 767984;	Lot 355 DP 761037	Lot 2211 DP 764218
Lot 4 DP 754390	Lot B DP 438726	Lot 6 DP 754390
Lot A 438726	Lot 1 DP 754372	Lot 3728 DP 766141
Lot 3445 DP 765734	Lot 4143 DP 766648	

The AGENDA for the meeting is:

1. To provide a background and an update on the proposed consent determination;
2. To confirm the decision making process for the authorisation of the proposed consent determination;
3. To consider and make decisions in relation to the authorisation of the proposed consent determination recognising Barkandji Traditional Owners’ native title rights and interests;
4. To consider and make decisions about nominating and authorising Barkandji Native Title Group Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC to act as trustee for Barkandji Traditional Owners to hold the Barkandji and Malyngapa People’s native title rights and interests in relation to all remaining parcels subject to the Barkandji #8 Native Title Claim;
5. Any other business as determined by Barkandji Traditional Owners.

Confirming your attendance

Mileage assistance and accommodation will also be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP’s policies. Please note that accommodation will be provided based on completed meeting registration forms received or confirmed details by telephone.

Please confirm your attendance at this meeting by contacting NTSCORP on **Freecall 1800 111 844** or **(02) 9310 3188** by no later than **Wednesday, 19 July 2017** so that all relevant arrangements can be made.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	15/1836	FOCUS MINERALS LTD FOCUS OPERATIONS PTY LTD	13.02HA	4km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 121° 12' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	47/1531	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	6972.87HA	67km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 12' S Long: 116° 33' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	80/634	MCKINTOSH RESOURCES PTY LTD	245.74HA	75km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 36' S Long: 127° 57' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Mining Lease	80/635	MCKINTOSH RESOURCES PTY LTD	191.80HA	74km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 36' S Long: 127° 55' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 28 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 **28 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 filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 28 October 2017**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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NOTICE OF ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION

TEA GARDENS

Environmental Resources Management Pty Ltd, on behalf of Tattersall Lander Pty Ltd, is proposing to undertake an Indigenous Cultural Heritage Assessment associated with a small modification to the approved Riverside Tea Gardens development. This project will also include an updated Cultural Heritage Management Plan to include the revised development footprint. The focus of this heritage assessment will be the additional 5.83 ha of land in the south west of the development footprint, off Myall Quays Boulevard.

Local Aboriginal parties wishing to be consulted for this assessment are invited to register a written expression of their interest by 12 July 2017.



Please respond in writing to:

Attn: Joanne Woodhouse
Environmental Resources
Management Australia
PO Box 803
Newcastle NSW 2300
Or email to
joanne.woodhouse@erm.com



NOTICE OF INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (ILUA) AUTHORISATION MEETING

Date and Time: Tuesday, 25 July 2017
1:00pm – 5:00pm

Place: The Sturt Club, Broken Hill
321 Blende St
Broken Hill NSW 2880

NTSCORP Limited, the native title service provider for NSW, is convening a meeting to authorise an Indigenous Land Use Agreement ('**ILUA**') in accordance with the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). The proposed ILUA relates to the following parcels of land; Lot 4769 DP 767984; Lot 355 DP 761037; Lot 2211 DP 764218; Lot 1 DP 754372; Lot 4 DP 754390; Lot B DP 438726; Lot 6 DP 754390; Lot A 438726 ('**Appin Station**').

The ILUA is proposed to be between the Registered Native Title Claimant in the Barkandji Traditional Owners native title determination application (NSD6084/1998) on behalf of the Barkandji Traditional Owners native title claim group, the Menindee Local Aboriginal Land Council, the Attorney General of New South Wales and the Barkandji Native Title Claim Group Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (ICN 4740).

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The following people are invited to attend the meeting to authorise the proposed ILUA:

Members of the Barkandji Traditional Owners native title determination application (NSD6084/1998) being Aboriginal people who are descendants of:

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| • Manfred Mary / Mary Johnson / Mary Brodie | • Harry Mitchell | • Nancy Watts |
| • Manfred Tommy | • Daniel McGregor | • Topsy Crowe |
| • Louisa Brown | • Lucy Benson | • Alec Bridge |
| • Cuthero Jack Brown | • Jack "Doctor" Benson | • Olive Barton |
| • Susan Webster also known as Annie Webster | • Crancey | • Margaret Payne |
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| | • Judy Quayle | |

and persons adopted into the families of those persons who identify as, and are accepted as, members of the Barkandji and Malyangapa People in accordance with Barkandji and Malyangapa traditional laws and customs (and the biological descendants of any such adopted persons),

and any other Aboriginal people who assert native title rights and interests in the areas described in this notice and proposed to be subject to the ILUA.



MAP OF THE ILUA AREA

The area proposed to be subject to the ILUA is Appin Station, being the following parcels, which are shown in bold black line and with hatching in the map below: Lot 4769 DP 767984; Lot 355 DP 761037; Lot 2211 DP 764218; Lot 1 DP 754372; Lot 4 DP 754390; Lot B DP 438726; Lot 6 DP 754390; Lot A 438726. The parcels are all subject to the Barkandji Traditional Owners native title determination application (NSD6084/1998).

AGENDA FOR THIS AUTHORISATION MEETING:

1. Discuss the background and the purpose of the proposed ILUA and the status of the Barkandji # 8 native title determination application.
2. Confirm the decision-making process for the authorisation of the ILUA
3. Consider and make decisions in relation to the authorisation of the ILUA
4. Any other business

BACKGROUND TO PROPOSED ILUA:

The proposed ILUA relates to negotiations between Barkandji Traditional Owners and the Menindee Local Aboriginal Land Council ('**Menindee LALC**') regarding the Appin Station parcels described in this notice. The proposed ILUA is an agreement between the parties which would allow Barkandji Traditional Owners' native title rights and interests to be recognised over Appin Station, whilst also ensuring Menindee LALC has the opportunity in the future to convert the Western Land Lease parcels within Appin Station into freehold interests.

Please contact NTSCORP to confirm your attendance by **Wednesday, 19 July 2017**. Mileage assistance and accommodation will also be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP Limited's policies. **Please note that accommodation will be provided based on completed meeting registration forms received or confirmed details by telephone.**

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO NTSCORP ON 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188 or FAX (02) 9310 4177.



PUBLIC NOTICE

NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

South Australian Native Title Services Ltd (SANTS) invites all Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka native title holders (the Proposed native title claim group) as described below to attend a meeting to authorise two native title determination applications (the authorisation meeting) depicted on the map as Part 1 and Part 2 at the time and location below;

Under the traditional laws and customs of the Yandruwandha and Yawarrawarrka People, the Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka Native Title Holders are those living Aboriginal people who identify as, and are recognised by other Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka Native Title Holders as Yandruwandha or Yawarrawarrka (or both), because:

(a) he or she is biologically descended from one or more of the following Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka apical ancestors:

- (i) Annie (born at Cordillo Downs), mother of Archie Guttie;
- (ii) Clara Nirpinni, mother of Frank Booth and Alice Miller (nee Booth);
- (iii) Cora the mother of Bob Parker and Nellie Parker;
- (iv) The parents of Flash Ted Bikehandle and Flash Tommy;
- (v) Kimi (born at Innamincka) and his wife;
- (vi) Maramundu Jack "The Ripper" Parker;
- (vii) Caroline (born at Cordillo Downs) the mother of Mary Stafford (nee Moore), Jack Moore, Charlie Moore, female twins (Winifred and Freida) and Albert Moore;
- (viii) Brothers Walter Harris(on) and Dick Harrison;
- (ix) The parents of Lilly (whose married name is Parker) and her sister Kathlene (whose married name is George);
- (x) Annie and her husband, who are the parents of Coongie Maggie (born at Coongie Lakes in South Australia);
- (xi) The parents of the sibling set – Billy Parker, Jessy Parker, Peter "Petekin" Parker, and Paddy Parker;
- (xii) The parents of sibling set – Mertty George and Mertty Johnny and Mertty Mick;
- (xiii) Larriken Mick.

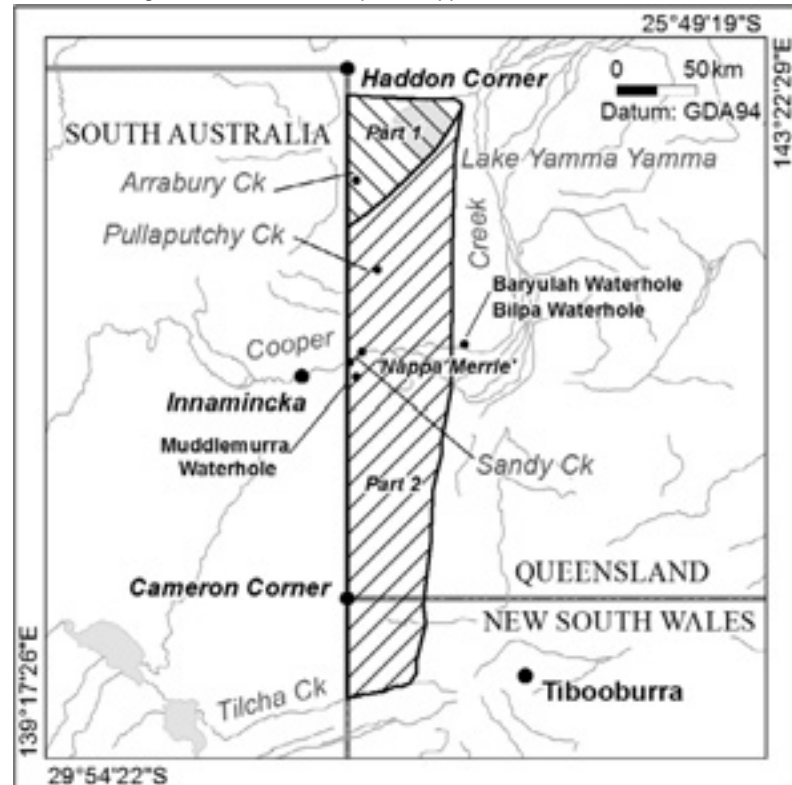
Date: July 26, 2017

Venue: Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide SA 5000

Time: 10am

The Purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Authorise the making of native title determination applications on behalf of the proposed native title claim group over the land and waters marked on the map as Part 1 and Part 2 below.
2. Authorise the Applicants to make the proposed applications and deal with all matters arising in relation to them under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).
3. Make decisions about directing and supervising the applicants in the performance of their duties;
4. Authorising the native title rights and interests to be claimed under the Proposed Applications;
5. Deciding on names for the Proposed Applications.



All members of the proposed native title claim groups are invited to contact SANTS on 08 810 2800 to register their attendance at the Authorisation meeting. Some limited assistance including accommodation and transport will be available for the meeting and lunch and refreshments will be available during the day.

Ash Gardner blossoms

By AISHWARYA KUMAR,
ESPN in Bristol, Connecticut



ASHLEIGH Gardner was walking into the Melbourne Cricket Ground in February when it hit her: She was finally making her international debut for

Australia Women. In 50 years, no one like her had done what she was about to do.

The 19-year-old pressed her palms together to soothe her nerves and watched as former Australia fast bowler Jason Gillespie walked toward her. In his hand was a bright yellow Australia cap. He handed it to her and said, "Great work on becoming an Australian cricketer."

Gardner flashed a broad smile as she took the cap from the most popular indigenous Australian to play the game.

"I made it," she thought to herself.

The yellow cap represented more than just Gardner's arrival to the national team. She also became the first Indigenous woman to play for Australia since 1958. There are so few because of low exposure to the sport, the high costs of playing, and other difficulties that come with being an indigenous sportswoman. Before Gardner – whose heritage is Muruwari, an Aboriginal tribe from northern NSW – only one other Indigenous woman, Faith Thomas, had played for the national team in its 83-year history.

Gardner will now represent her country in the Women's World Cup as the first female indigenous Australian to play in a World Cup.

When Gardner was six years old, she started playing cricket in her backyard with her older brother, Aaron. Noticing her talent, Gardner's father Jim signed her up to play for Riversby Workers Cricket Club, a local boys' team in NSW. She played for the club for seven years before getting picked for the under-12, under-15 and under-18 girls' teams, and eventually represented her state team, NSW Breakers, with whom she still plays. She is also with Sydney Sixers in the Women's Big Bash League.

A few years ago, Gardner was a shy teenager trying to learn as much about the

sport as she could from the sidelines.

Today, with help from mentors and fellow Australian cricketers, including Rachael Haynes, Ellyse Perry and Alyssa Healy, she has matured into a strong and confident adult. She now gives presentations in front of hundreds of children about team-building and leadership skills in schools across Australia, and she is the inspiration for numerous athletes – particularly females – in her community to take up sport on a more competitive level.

"Ash is a really proud Indigenous Australian," Haynes said, "and that's really important to her, and it's great to have that diversity within a team, but also within a sport as well."

The 2016-17 season has been memorable for Gardner. After her T20 debut for Australia in February, she earned her One Day International cap against New Zealand.

Her performances in the Women's Big Bash League – she scored 414 runs and took 10 wickets – earned her the Rebel Young Gun award.

In the process, she helped Sixers win the second season of the tournament. She also led NSW to first place in the domestic Australian tournament.

Even with the frenzy of league and domestic competition, she hasn't strayed from her roots.

She captained the first Australian Indigenous women's team to tour India, and also played in the annual Imparja Cup – the National Indigenous Cricket Championships.

Still, something had to give in Gardner's life. Out of high school, the NSW cricket program set her up with a gardening apprenticeship, as a curator.

But in October last, when demands for cricket ramped up, she found it difficult to do both, work and train. She ultimately decided to focus on cricket full-time, which had worked out perfectly for her, Breakers coach Joanne Broadbent said.

Not long after, the Australian selectors noticed Gardner's breakthrough season and added her name to the World Cup roster.

Gardner credits her resilience for helping her survive the year – and perform



Debutant Ashleigh Gardner receives her Australian cap from Jason Gillespie before the first women's international T20 match against New Zealand at the Melbourne Cricket Ground last February 17. *Picture: Getty*

well under pressure.

"Cricket's a funny game where you can get five ducks and you need to be ready for the sixth game to hopefully not do that again," she said.

"Especially being an allrounder, I need to be bowling and batting in most games, so if I am having a bad day with one, I need to be ready to bounce back and hopefully do the other skill really well. That's the key thing I've tried to do over the past year."

A solid batsman at No 3, Gardner also evolved into a useful spin bowler, which has made her an asset for all of her teams. Broadbent called her "a player with a great gut instinct". When she was on tour in Sri Lanka, the opposition needed three runs off the last over, and instead of choosing a front-line bowler to bowl the over, Gardner decided to bowl herself.

Her team pulled off a victory.

Gardner's coaches and teammates also applaud her dedication to improving. Once, during a Breakers training session, she was trying to mix things up with her bowling.

Broadbent saw her struggle for a while and then watched her walk away with a determined look.

Gardner continued running in to bowl by herself. She then noticed her mistake when she happened to look at her action in a mirror perched at the side of the field.

"A player being able to help coach themselves is pretty much the best thing that you can see," Broadbent said.

Playing for different teams has also helped Gardner evolve: She knows when she has to lead – and follow.

With Australia, she follows in the footsteps of Healy and Perry, but during the Imparja Cup, she gives directions to her teammates.

Come the World Cup, she is ready to take on the responsibility that comes with playing for the defending world champions.

Her aim for this World Cup is to play in as many matches as possible and contribute with bat and ball.

"To win the World Cup would be incredible," she said.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 12 July 2017



National
Native Title
Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, Brisbane QLD 4003 on or before **11 October 2017**. After **11 October 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: Quandamooka Coast Claim

Federal Court File No: QUD126/2017

Date filed: 8 March 2017

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.

Description: The application area covers about 530 sq km, extending from Russell Island in the south to north of Mud Island in Moreton Bay. The western extent is bounded by the North Redland Catchment and encompasses the locality of Capalaba and Wynnum Ck, and the eastern limit of the claim is bordered by North Stradbroke Island.

Relevant LGA: Brisbane City Council & Redland City Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Maree Otto on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Rugby boots, runners get new lease on life



AUSTRALIAN rugby union men's and women's sevens teams have donated 35 pairs of boots and five pairs of runners that are earmarked for people in the Torres Strait. The shoes are superfluous to the sevens' needs and will be despatched to the Torres Strait. The picture shows Australian Women's Sevens players with some of the boots.

Apunipima backs basketballers



Apunipima Cape York Health Council acting CEO Paula Arnol signs the sponsorship deal with Indigenous All Stars basketball coach Joel Khalu.



APUNIPIMA Cape York Health Council has announced it will sponsor the Australian Indigenous All-Stars men's basketball team for the second year running.

As the 2017 naming sponsors, Apunipima will work with the All-Stars to promote their local campaigns – 'Don't Make Smokes Your Story' and 'Sugary Drinks Proper No Good – Drink More Water Youfla' – across Cape York communities.

Apunipima Acting CEO Paula Arnol is excited for the organisation to again be sponsoring the All-Stars.

"The athletes are good role models as they promote healthy lifestyles which fits in well with our two current social marketing campaigns," she said.

The sponsorship will allow the national representative side to travel to Canada later this year to compete in the World Indigenous

Basketball Challenge.

All-Stars coach Joel Khalu said the Indigenous All Stars were thrilled to be renewing this partnership with Apunipima.

"We are very proud to be associated with Apunipima and are honoured to help endorse the positive messages they promote and the outstanding work they do in Cape York communities," he said.

"Without their support, we wouldn't be travelling to Canada for the World Indigenous Basketball Challenge in August, so we are definitely grateful."

Khalu said it was a big year for ahead with World Championships in Vancouver and then the Trans-Tasman series against the New Zealand Maori National team later in the year.

"The All-Stars will also be competing in the fourth annual Trans-Tasman Series against the New Zealand Maori men's team in Cairns later this year," he said.

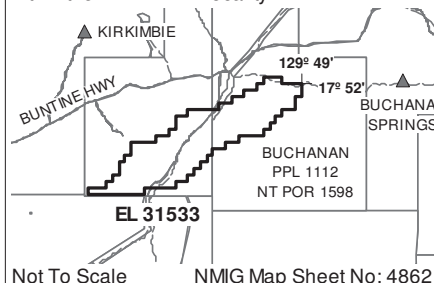
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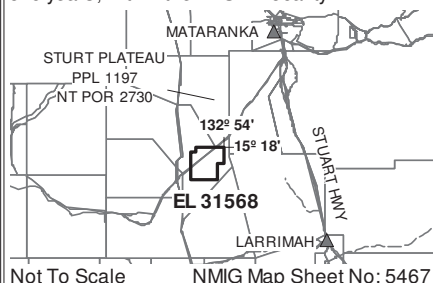
The Honourable Kenneth Edward Vowles MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry and Resources, C/- Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

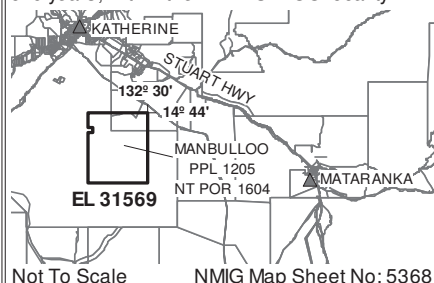
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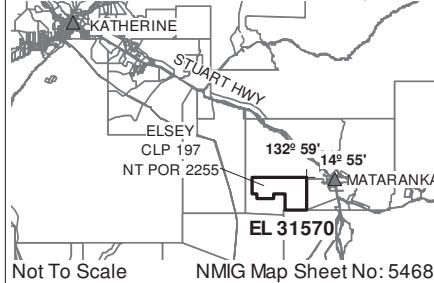
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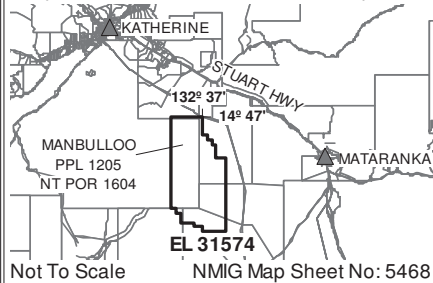
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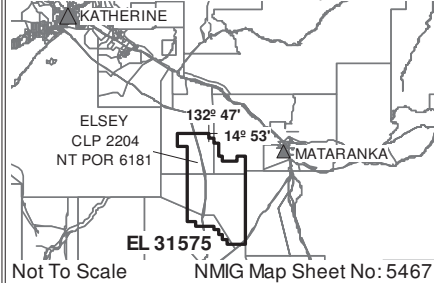
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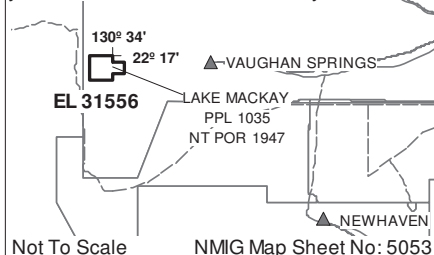
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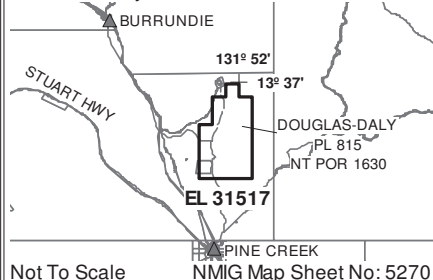
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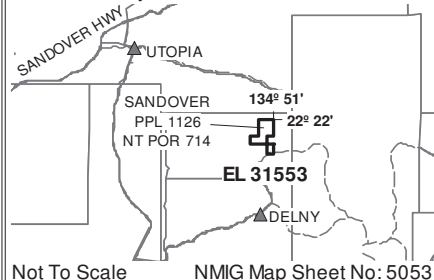
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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 28 June 2017

Disappointing entries for Island of Origin

By ALF WILSON



WESTERN Connection – with players from Badu, Moa and Mabuag – beat Warraber side Surumau Gladiators 26-22 in an entertaining grand final of the 2017 Island of Origin

carnival.

It was run by the Kulpiyam Y&S Inc and held at Badus Joe Mairu Memorial Oval on June 16-17.

Four sides participated which was a bit disappointing, but this was due to other events held on same weekend such as the RARL challenge in Cairns.

Despite this, one of the organising committee Jermaine Reuben said the crowds were good.

The other teams were Badu United and Paga Panthers and there was also junior under 10 and 12 matches.

At the end of the qualifying matches Western Connection led the points table from Paga Panthers, Surumau Gladiators and Badu United.



Members of winning team Western Connection: from left, Ivan Matasia, Adrian Akiba and Lewis Whap (captain).

Burgoyne urged to stay

HAWTHORN stalwart Shaun Burgoyne is being urged to extend his Australian Football League (AFL) career next season by coach Alastair Clarkson.

Burgoyne turned in another stellar display last Thursday night, helping Hawthorn shock ladder leaders Adelaide by 14 points.

The 332-gamer kicked the match-sealing goal and another in a slick 26-disposal performance which again leaves Clarkson in awe.

Clarkson recruited Burgoyne from Port Adelaide in 2010.

"I hope he just keeps on going because he's a ripper.

"He's a great role model for his teammates and our footy club and he doesn't look like he's slowing down." – AAP

Matt Hodgson to quit

By CHRIS PIKE



MATT Hodgson has been synonymous with the Western Force as a foundation player

and as he announces his retirement from the game, he desperately hopes to see the Super Rugby franchise survive beyond his tenure.

Hodgson was part of the Force squad formed in 2006 when the club entered the Super Rugby competition and has remained a focal point of the Perth-based franchise.

He is without question the club's greatest player, longest servant and favourite son, and his remarkable career at the Force also led to him playing 11 Test matches for the Australian Wallabies.

But his body has been through the wars and given the position he plays as a flanker and the physicality he has dished out and endured over the past decade, it is time to hang up his boots.

Two more games

Hodgson remains the Force's inspirational captain, but he has announced that he will be retiring following the end of the 2017 season which means he has two games remaining. Both will be at home against the Melbourne Rebels and NSW Waratahs.

While it has always appeared likely that Hodgson would be retiring following this season, it didn't mean it was an easy decision, especially to tell his



Wallaby captain Matt Hodgson raises the Killick Cup after the Australians' victory over the Barbarians for the Killick Cup at Twickenham Stadium, London, on November 1, 2014. *Picture: Getty*

teammates.

"It was actually a pretty difficult decision. I have been thinking about it most of the year, but having the week off gave me the chance to come to a decision to go out on my own terms and accord. I'm looking forward to those last two games to try and

finish on a big note," Hodgson said.

"It was pretty hard telling them that the end for me was near. But the best thing about it and why I've done it this way is because now for the last two games we can just go out there and enjoy ourselves.

"I think I've been around long enough where it was a bit of a shock to some of my teammates, but they understand the decision and I think they are going to enjoy these last two games. It gives us something to play for with two big games against the Rebels and 'Tahs."

Hodgson has played 139 matches in Super Rugby for the Force and while his career looks set to finish on 141 following his last two games, he is desperate for the club to have plenty more to take part in.

Providing the Force still exists, Hodgson will move into a coaching role in 2018, but that remains a big if.

Either the Force or Rebels will be disbanded ahead of the 2018 Super Rugby season and it would be a devastating blow for Hodgson if his club folded at the same time he retired.

"It has been the toughest year in rugby that I've dealt with for a number of reasons. A lot of the off-field stuff has overshadowed what we've been doing on the field," he said.

"That has been disappointing, but if we didn't have such a strong group here, I think things could have splintered.

"That's a big effort from the boys to stay strong and I'm looking forward to finishing off the season and my career at home."

While Hodgson is the heart and soul of the Force, he couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity the club has provided him over the past 12 years.

"I'm just one cog in the wheel of this club. I wouldn't do what I do if I didn't love the club and the people around me," Hodgson said.

"I'm just lucky and fortunate enough to have been around for so long which is why I'm so associated with the club. But it wouldn't have all worked if everyone didn't do their part."

Barty falls short in doubles final



ASH Barty and partner Casey Dellacqua fell short in their bid for a French Open title, losing the women's doubles final in straight sets

at Roland Garros Stadium, Paris, on June 11.

Barty and Dellacqua were beaten 6-2 6-1 by top seeds Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Lucie Safarova, who also won the 2016 US Open and the Australian Open earlier this year and are one Grand Slam away from holding all four majors at the same time.

The Australian duo, who were bidding for their first grand slam title together, struggled for the majority of the hour-long contest after their serve was broken three times in each set.

Mattek-Sands, however, praised her opponents, who had dropped just one set on their way to the final.

"You guys have done a great job and you're an awesome team," the 32-year-old said.

"I'm sure we're gonna be facing you again soon."

The Australian pair reached three grand slam finals together in 2013 without taking home the trophy and were unable to end their long wait in Paris.

They had extended their clay court



Ashleigh Barty reaches for a forehand during her quarterfinal loss to top seed Johanna Konta, of Great Britain, during day five of the Nottingham Open at the Nottingham Tennis Centre on June 16. *Picture: Getty*

winning streak to nine matches with a 7-5 4-6 6-3 semifinal victory over Czech sixth seeds Lucie Hradecka and Katerina Siniakova to become the first all-Australian women's pairing to make the title match at Roland Garros in 46 years.

The pair were the first Australians to

make the women's doubles final since 1971, and had been aiming to emulate Margaret Court and Judy Tegart, who were the last Australians to win the women's doubles final at the French Open in 1966.

It is a year since Barty, a former junior Wimbledon winner, returned from

a sabbatical that included a stint playing cricket in Australia.

Following the French Open, Barty turned up at the Nottingham Open on Friday, June 16, where she advanced as far as the quarterfinals before being beaten 6-3 7-6 in the women's singles by UK top seed Johanna Konta.

She then entered the Birmingham Classic, where she beat Marketa Vondrousova (Czech Republic) 7-5 7-6 in the round of 32 in the women's singles in the run-up to Wimbledon.

Ranked 77

She then beat another Czech, eighth-seeded Barbora Strycova, 3-6 6-3 6-1 in the round of 16. Strycova has been ranked as high as 16 in Women's Tennis Association (WTA) singles and currently is ranked 22.

Barty has a WTA ranking of 77.

Her quarterfinal opponent was to be 25-year-old Italian Camila Giorgi.

In the women's doubles at Birmingham, she and Casey Dellacqua (fourth seeds) beat Katerina Siniakova (Czech Republic) and Daria Gavrilova (Australia) 7-5 6-1 in the round of 16.

They then beat the unseeded Dominika Cibulkova (Slovakia) and Garbine Muguruza (Spain) 6-3 6-1 to enter the semifinals.

— With ABC/Reuters/Graham Hunt

Olympians recognised



THE spirit of the Olympic movement was alive and well in Sydney last Friday when the

Australian Olympic Committee hosted a 'Reception for Indigenous Olympic Athlete Recognition' at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE).

A perfect tie-in to International Olympic Day, a world-wide celebration of the Olympic movement, the ceremony included the recognition of 10 Indigenous athletes who competed at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, who were added to the honour board of Australian Indigenous Olympians.

Three of those athletes – Kyah Simon (Football), John Porch (Rugby 7s) and Joel Swift (Water polo) – were present at last Friday's ceremony.

"It was a really special moment, seeing my name up on that wall," said Simon, who was part of the women's football team that finished seventh at the 2016 Games.

"I am incredibly proud of my Indigenous heritage and today, particularly being that it was Olympic Day, was a great opportunity to acknowledge not only my roots, but those of my fellow Indigenous Olympians.

"I hope that more and more young kids come into the NCIE from whatever community they are from, see the names on this wall and aspire to have theirs up there as well."

Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) CEO Matt Carroll acknowledged the importance of Indigenous athletes within the Olympic movement with a total of 51 donning the Australian uniform at the Summer Olympic Games.

"Olympians hold a special place in the Australian community –



Rio Olympians, from left, water polo player Joel Swift, Matildas soccer striker Kyah Simon and Australian Sevens rugby player John Porch stand in front of the honour board of Australian Indigenous Olympians at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Sydney.

leading by example they set standards demonstrating that hard work and commitment can lead to success," Carroll said.

"The AOC greatly appreciates the NCIE for prominently displaying the honour board along with the Paralympian's board, for the community and visitors to see year-round and hopefully inspire Indigenous youth to strive and persevere for their own journey."

Also acknowledged at Friday's celebrations was four-times Olympian and world champion Rob

de Castella who was awarded the IOC's 'Sport Beyond Borders' trophy for his work with the Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF).

De Castella founded the IMF in 2010 and has since used his sport of marathon to change lives, promoting healthy and active lifestyles throughout indigenous communities.

"Since IMF began in 2010, it has highlighted to me the power that sport has to inspire people who can make a real and significant

difference to some of the major issues we face today," said de Castella.

In its seven-year existence, the IMF has produced 65 graduates, finding as de Castella describes "ordinary non-sports people who do the extraordinary, but use running to drive the change".

The 51 Indigenous athletes (38 men and 13 women) who have represented Australia at the Olympic Games have contributed to 12 medals in Australia's Olympic history.

A final part of last Friday's ceremony saw Simon, Porch and Swift return an artwork, created by NCIE students and artist Dennis Golding, which hung in the Athletes HUB in the Australian section of the Rio Olympic Village.

For NCIE CEO Kirstie Parker, receiving this artwork was a memorable moment, on behalf of the NCIE. "We are extremely proud to be able to welcome home from Rio the artwork painted by our talented children as part of our school programs," Parker said.

120 turn out for run around the rock



MORE than 120 runners from 19 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

communities were represented in the sixth annual National Deadly Fun Run Championships at Uluru, in the Northern Territory.

There were 3km and 5km fun runs at Yulara in the morning of June 17 and a relay race around Uluru in the afternoon.

Indigenous Marathon Foundation director Rob de Castella said the level of energy and enthusiasm among participants of all ages was testament to the growing popularity of walking and running groups in Indigenous communities across Australia.

"This weekend has been an amazing celebration of our country's rich and diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultures and spirit, held at the symbolic heart of our country," he said.

"It's also a powerful acknowledgment of the 125 community champions selected from the thousands of Indigenous runners participating in our

Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) Deadly Fun Run series across the country.

"With teams made up of four champions from each community, who have all demonstrated commitment, effort, contribution and school attendance, this event has grown from a handful of teams and runners in 2012 to this massive celebration and festival."

The event's popularity saw new categories added this year, with ages of participants ranging from 62-year-old John Rankine, of the Southern SA Deadly Runners, to eight-year-old age-group champion Keira Manning, of Kakadu.

The team from Port Macquarie, established this year by the Indigenous Marathon Project's first-ever graduate, Charlie Maher, took out the title of community champions, with a strong effort from Zane Sparke, who was selected for the championships before discovering he'd also been chosen for the 2017 IMP (New York Marathon) squad.

Tennant Creek came in second place, while the young team from Mimili, SA, ran a close third.

The communities involved were Cairns, Thursday Island, Mornington Island (Queensland), Queanbeyan, Port Macquarie,

Sydney, Western Sydney (NSW), Canberra (ACT), Amata, Mimili, Aldinga/Southern SA, Murraylands (SA), Heywood

(Victoria), Broome (WA), Galiwinku, Tennant Creek, Yipirinya, Alkamilya, Yulara and Kakadu (NT).



They're off in one of the fun runs at Uluru.

Ryding the storm

Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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PADDY Ryder knows all about adversity. As he celebrates his 200th game in the Australian Football League (AFL), he can look back at the supplements scandal at Essendon and his being the target of racism earlier this year and know that he has emerged as a stronger person.

He is also arguably a better player with his form this season being outstanding.

His own words capture the essence of what he went through and how he came through the other side.

"In all honesty, I would have laughed at someone if they had told me I would play 200 AFL games at the start of my career, but my journey hasn't come without its bumps along the way," he said before the game. "Having to sit on the sidelines last year was difficult — I went through so many ups and downs.

Difficult

"There were more down times than anything else and it was difficult to get through the year.

"I guess when you have footy taken away from you like that, you love it even more.

"But I was lucky enough to have a lot of support around me from my family and friends as well as the club. It was probably the toughest year of my life from all perspectives.

"I'm just glad I had a lot of good people around me to help me get through it."

The suspension tested him and his family, but it also allowed him to get physically fitter than ever before.

"The first half of the ban was sort of just to rest up," Ryder said. "My first year here at Port Adelaide I had a few niggles.

"It was a good opportunity to really rest those up.

"They've disappeared so when you look at it from that



Paddy Ryder jumps over Fremantle's Aaron Sandilands.
Picture: Peter Argent

point of view, it has helped my football and my body."

He's never enjoyed his football more than this season.

"This year, for myself, is a highlight after coming back from last year," Ryder said.

"To be able to come back and turn myself into a consistent player for the football club is what I've always strived for and I'm achieving that this year."

Ryder has entered season 2017 with a more defined role in the ruck and a fresh appreciation of footy, giving way to some career best form.

Consistently rated among the league's best ruckmen and, according to the versatile milestone man, he's a ruckman first and foremost.

"Kenny (Port Adelaide coach Hinkley) gave me the word last year. Once he told me that, it drove me to get to the position where I am today," Ryder said.

"I think that's a big part of why I'm playing good football this year ... that's my role in the team.

"I've always believed that's the best role for myself and it's showing this year."

Brendon Lade remembers Paddy Ryder as an upstart ruckman who jumped high and strong, and knew little else about him.

Lade retired as a player at the end of 2009 when Ryder had finished his fourth season at Essendon and his first as Essendon's No 1 ruckman.

Lade left for Richmond to coach and returned to Port Adelaide at the end of last season as the rucks coach, when he and Ryder were reacquainted.

His first impression of Ryder came on the night Ryder — along with all of the current and former Essendon players — had his drugs suspensions lifted. It was November 13, 2016.

"Whatever night it was, he wasn't allowed to be at the footy club until midnight and he rocked up that night and went into the club just to get back into the groove," Lade said.

Keen

"I think he did a weights sessions as well. That's how keen he was to get back among it all.

"It just showed how much footy means to him, how much it means to Indigenous people as well. He was lost for a year. He didn't know what to do, and for him to be able to come back into a footy club, get back in with the boys, meant the world to him.

"His first month of training was unbelievable. He was crisp,

clean, ready to go and we had to hold him back."

"It's his use around the ground, his hitouts to our mids.

"Ebert and Wines have had their best years probably of their careers. Powell-Pepper comes in and has done well. We've seen Wingard go through the midfield. Those four especially have reaped the benefits of Paddy winning some good hitouts.

"And I don't think it's just about winning hitouts. It's about nullifying the opposition; how dominant their ruckman can be.

"He provides for us and the boys just love him. Mate, he's one of those blokes you're drawn to and you can't really get enough of him.

"He doesn't say a hell of a lot. He's a quiet person, but the boys are drawn to him."

Lade believes Ryder should be strongly in the discussion when All-Australian selectors meet this week or next.

"Stats will say he's not, but I think he's the best tap ruckman because he can hit the ball anywhere and at any length. He's got a better array than other ruckman," Lade said.

"What's really impressed me, and I can't take any credit, but he can ruck against a Sam Jacobs or an Aaron Sandilands

and do really well, and then can ruck against a Stef Martin, who is the same height, and do exactly the same thing.

"It's a hard craft to learn. It's a natural instinct and he has that natural instinct.

"For him, it's a real balance in the air. You see it with his marking as well. He's always floating, but he's always in the perfect position to mark the ball. He doesn't always mark it, and he doesn't win all the hitouts, but what you find with him, is just the balance."

Ryder said teaching the young ones was the key to success for real change in Indigenous communities.

Ryder is also kicking goals off the field being involved in a number of the club's Indigenous programs with a focus on developing leadership.

"To identify the kids who can lead change and improve their communities, then providing an ongoing commitment to them is what is needed," he said.

"You have to engage them. Football brings everyone together."

Ryder has joined an elite group of players and is deserving of every success that comes his way.

Until Next time... Keep Dreaming!

Greatest of all time

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

THE news that Johnathan Thurston has been ruled out of the deciding Origin match in what was to be his final appearance for the Maroons is devastating news for all true rugby league fans.

It must be crushing news for JT as it also rules out his ambitions to lead the Cowboys to their second title this year and to be part of a final campaign in an Australian jersey in the World Cup.

JT deserved the potential of a victorious send-off in front of the

Queensland faithful, but if Sydney was his farewell, it was a performance worthy of the champion.

The stage was set for a hero to emerge from the pack.

A 10-point comeback was needed with the end of an era at stake.

The chance to win it was in front of a packed-out stadium and a sea of baying blue wigs.

That was the scene confronting perhaps the greatest player of the modern era in Johnathan Thurston.

Phil 'Gus' Gould made that assessment of JT after last week's thrilling win when he dubbed Thurston as "the greatest player I have ever seen".

And he made that statement sitting next to Andrew 'Joey' Johns – a handy player in his day!

Toughness

But the accolades for Thurston were not just based on his skills and attacking brilliance.

They focused on his mental and physical toughness and his ability to rise to the occasion when his team needed him.

Even the winning conversion required nerves of steel, but you could sense that JT was destined to land it.

But JT revealed that he was human like the rest of us when he described his nervousness as he mentally prepared to kick the goal.

"There were nerves there. There were nerves," he said immediately after the game.

But then he spoke to every young kid in the backyard at home who dreams of winning a game in similar circumstances.

"They're the moments that you live for.

"I was just going through my process of what I do, keeping calm, making sure I stuck to the process that I do a thousand times before, keep my head down and strike through the ball. "Straight through!"

Pain aside

JT put the pain and pressure to one side to rise to the occasion with the ball sailing between the posts to secure the winning points for Queensland in an 18-16 win over the Blues to level the series.

"That's what Origin is all about: All the little moments come down to those big moments," he said.

"We had a couple of repeat sets on our own line. We defended that, kept pushing them away, turning them away.

"We got some good field position towards the back end of the second half, and we were able to get away with it."

As always, JT tried to deflect attention from himself.

He reserved special praise for Origin teammates Dylan Napa and Josh 'the Moose' McGuire.

"I really enjoy playing with

Napps. He really stood up for us tonight. Kick returns, he was the first one back there, taking it off. A massive effort from a front rower," Thurston said.

"Moose in our middle third was really good tonight. We really plugged it in that second half. NSW caught us napping there a couple of times in the first half and got us."

Queensland were already primed to send JT out a winner in the decider.

I somehow feel their motivation may now be even greater if you read Cameron Smith's words after the game in this new context.

"I'd be lying if I said there isn't a bit of motivation to do that given what JT has done for this team and for our state," Smith said.

"To be honest, it will be quite an emotional week for the Queensland team – one of our legends is finishing up.

"We can use that as a positive if we want to.

"We need to contain it and not let it get out of control, which is quite easy to do.

"Knowing JT, he will want everyone to focus on doing well and having a strong performance to give ourselves a chance of playing well in the big one."

Smith described Thurston as perhaps the toughest and best of all players to pull on a jersey.

"He's one of the greatest players to play our game, if not

the greatest," Smith said.

"When you see guys out there still willing to put their bodies in front of guys in a blue jumper when they shouldn't be on the field, it makes you want to do the same thing.

"He's the greatest player I've ever played with and probably ever will be.

"He deserves all the credit he gets, he's a real warrior. One of the smallest blokes to ever play our game but possibly one of the toughest, I reckon."

In recent times I have spoken about treasuring the remaining opportunities to watch the likes of JT, Greg Inglis, Sam Thaiday and Justin Hodges play.

Icons

They are not only Indigenous greats – they are icons of our game.

JT's absence may make it a little easier for me to cheer for the Blues in the final game, but I am sure the crowd will give him a rousing reception and the team will be even more determined to win for their champion.

I cannot wait to see a fit and healthy JT return to the field for the Cowboys next year.

My ultimate dream for him, however, is to see him pull on the Indigenous All Stars jersey one more time in 2019 for his final game at the elite level.

But more on that in the future. For the moment... bring on the decider!

Ebonie shines on international stage



YOUNG Ballina girl Ebonie Cooper has returned from Bangkok where she represented Australia at the International Federation

for Intellectual Disability Sport (INAS) Global Games.

She performed well in javelin discus and shot put, reached the final in 100m, where she finished sixth.

She was part of the Australian 4x100m relay team that picked up the bronze medal.

Ebonie travelled to Canberra in late December to attend the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships and is the current Australian All Schools 800m champion.

At the same meet she also won silver in the long jump and discus.

In Sydney in March, Ebonie competed in Australian Junior Athletic Championships where she finished second in the 800m and third in the long jump.

The *Koori Mail* has previously featured Ebonie as a multi-talented athlete with an amazing future, making the most of limited opportunities.

Much of her training is done on local beaches, where a washed-up plank acts as a take-off board for long jump and triple jump, and another piece of driftwood can be a baton for relay changes.

A weighty beach pebble can be the

shot Ebonie uses to hone her shot put skills.

A relatively straight tree branch can be a makeshift javelin.

Her coaching staff, consisting of her grandfather and grandmother David and Wendy Kapeen, told the *Koori Mail* last year they were overawed when they saw specialist coaches advising other athletes at the 2016 NSW Combined High Schools State Championship carnival in Sydney where Ebonie was competing.

For the Kapeens – proud Bundjalung people – their knowledge of athletics came from watching TV.

Standout performer

Ebonie, a student at Ballina Coast High School (formerly Ballina High School), was a winner of a 2016 NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association annual Blues award.

At a presentation ceremony held in Sydney in early December, Ebonie was a standout performer in athletics-para.

A 'blue' is the highest sports award handed out by the state sporting body.

The INAS Global Games are the world's largest elite sporting event for athletes with an intellectual disability and features competition in athletics, swimming, table tennis, rowing, basketball, futsal, tennis, taekwondo and cycling.

The 2019 INAS Games are to be held in Brisbane.



Ebonie Cooper
Picture: Graham Hunt

NPA, TS dominate

By ALF WILSON



NORTHERN Peninsula Area (NPA) and Torres Strait players have dominated selections for the Northern United side to meet Queensland Outback at Barlow Park, Cairns, on July 16 as a curtain-raiser to the Cowboys-

South Sydney National Rugby League (NRL) clash.

Palm Island's Roy Prior has been named United coach and the assistant coach is Robert Yorkston, from Bamaga.

The trainer is Terry Abednego and team manager Frank Loban, both from Thursday Island.

The team was picked after the Remote Area Rugby League (RARL) Far North Queensland (FNQ) Challenge in Cairns on June 17 that was won by the Robert Yorkston-coached NPA.

Eight players from NPA, four each from Torres Stingers and Palm Island Barracudas, and two from Southern Cape are in the 18 man squad.

Torres Strait Stingers, Palm Island Barracudas, Northern Cape and Southern Cape were the other teams in Cairns carnival.

The NPA team was selected from players at Bamaga, Injunoo, New Mapoon, Umagico and Seisia.

Northern Cape fielded a team with a big forward pack while Southern Cape had a smaller front six and fast backs.

The sides were picked after the first four rounds of the Cape

Cluster competition.

Northern Cape consisted of players from Weipa Raiders, Napranum Twals, Mapoon Magpies and Aurukun Kang Kang.

Southern Cape was picked from Lockhart River Scorpions, Coen Colts, Kowanyama and Pormpuraaw.

Coach happy

A delighted NPA coach Robert Yorkston from Bamaga told the *Koori Mail* he was proud of his boys.

Final points were: NPA 19, Palm Island Barracudas 12, Northern Cape 9.50, Torres Strait Stingers 8.5, Southern Cape 1.

Northern United side to meet Queensland Outback: 1 Isaiah Wigness (Torres), 2 Gabriel Eseli (NPA), 3, Benny Macumboy (Southern Cape - Lockhart River), 4 Windsor Bowie (NPA), 5 Abung David (Torres), 6 Mickey Pablo (NPA), 7 Darryl Pearson (Palm Island), 8 Trevor Nona (NPA), 9 Ronald Woosup (NPA), 10 Joiiji Dabea (Palm Island), 11 Raoul Miller (Palm Island), 12 Charlie Sagigi (NPA), 13 Remus Phineasa (Torres), 14 Zengrey Nona (NPA), 15 Gabriel Bon (Torres), 16 Wilfred Bowie (NPA), 17 Genami Geia (Palm Island), 18 Dominic Macumboy (Southern-Lockhart), Shadows: Backs - Tabua Woosup, Ryan Madua, Miles Kerindun (Northern Cape), Forwards - Samson Zitha (Torres), Shaquel Adidi-Nixon (Northern Cape).

Coach, Roy Prior (Palm Island); assistant coach, Robert Yorkston (NPA); trainer, Terry Abednego (Torres); manager, Frank Loban (Torres); trainer, Deb Gallop (Cairns).



● ABOVE: The winning team NPA with coach Robert Yorkston back row left.



● LEFT: A Torres Stingers player makes a break against the Barracudas.

● BELOW: Big Barracudas forward Joiiji Dabea is about to score a try against Torres Stingers in game one.



Runners-up Palm Island Barracudas.



The Torres Strait Stingers.



The Northern Cape side.



The Southern Cape side.



Bennell in the frame to return this year



FREMANTLE haven't given up hope of Harley Bennell returning this Australian Football League (AFL) season after a series of issues on and off the field.

The 24-year-old has proven to be a spectacular trade bust for Fremantle, with persistent calf injuries keeping him from playing a game for the Dockers since joining them from Gold Coast at the end of 2015.

He has also faced scrutiny for a number of off-field misdemeanours and was recently ordered by the Dockers to undergo counselling.

But the 2010 No 2 draft pick – a hugely-talented midfielder at his best – has returned to training with the Dockers' main group, and teammate Lachie Neale believes he's a solid chance of playing at some point this year.

"I think we are a really good chance," Neale told Fox Footy.

"Harley's obviously working his

way through his rehab program after his latest setback.

"But from all reports he's coming along really well and it would be awesome to see him out there with us because we know what a talent and how good a player he is."

Fined, counselled

Bennell was fined \$10,000 – half of which was suspended for 12 months – and forced to undergo counselling following his bizarre behaviour while watching

a WAFL game last month.

The 24-year-old twice interrupted the three-quarter time huddle of the match between Peel Thunder and Swan Districts to speak to his cousin Traye Bennell.

Bennell was also kicked off a Gold Coast-bound flight before it departed in April because he was intoxicated.

The Dockers are likely to tread cautiously with Bennell's recovery but he could make a WAFL appearance within the

next week or two.

Neale said the Dockers had rallied behind Bennell and made sure to support him every way they could in a bid to keep his spirits up.

"He's obviously been in rehab for a long time now and it's never easy, and no one likes to see guys spend long periods of time in there," he said.

"But to his credit, he's worked extremely hard once again and he's looking really fit and ready to go soon." – AAP

Anyone for golf?



THE Aboriginal community of Yalata – 986km from Adelaide, and 250km from Ceduna, its closest main town, isn't flushed with entertainment options, but it does have its own golf course.

The local Yalata Anangu school community recently built a four-hole course from scratch for the whole community to enjoy.

For many, it was the first time they had hit a golf ball, but the kids are showing they are fast learners.

The course was created using gypsum – a soft sulphate mineral – to create the putting greens, tin cans for the holes and pins made from pieces of bamboo.

The vision of developing a course on the school's grounds came from teacher and MyGolf school ambassador Greg Seiffert.

Healthy, positive

He wanted to give his students a chance to learn a great sport that was healthy and positive as well as having a connection to the environment. He introduced his students to golf by taking them to a nearby oval to hit some balls and "they absolutely loved it", he said.

"I am doing this because I have found that the kids really love playing golf," said Seiffert.

"Such opportunities for organised sport and construction were rare in Yalata.

"As I was with the senior students over at the oval hitting balls, I noticed how much fun they were having, so I came up with the idea of putting a few holes around the school oval to give them a challenge." This small idea turned into one that the whole school community rallied behind.

Over the weeks, Seiffert would get each of the four classes to help him build the course, and has also incorporated it as a project for the senior students who have assisted in drawing up the course design. "We now have a four-hole course. Two holes are about 145m, which will be par-fours and the other two are about 90m, which are our par-threes," Seiffert said.

"The school will hold the inaugural Yalata Open later this year and you never know, we may discover the next Jason Day or Adam Scott.

So what's next at Yalata?

Seiffert is already planning to create a mini golf course at the school.



Yalata Anangu School teacher and MyGolf school ambassador Greg Seiffert checks out the putting action on the 'green'.



Yalata Anangu School students and community members gather on one of the gypsum 'greens' at the school's golf course.

Indigenous kids encouraged to enter golf tournament



FOR the first time, an Indigenous representative team will have the chance compete in the Pacific School Games in Adelaide from December 3-8. Golf Australia and the

Professional Golfers Association (PGA) of Australia have created the 12 and under team to give more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children the opportunity to display their

golfing skills at an international event against other state/territory and country teams.

The team will consist of eight boys and four girls from across

the country.

To nominate to be part of a tgeam or for further information, contact Shaun Hickman at Golf Australia via email shaun@golf.org.au

Best of enemies

By PETER ARGENT



FAMOUS Aboriginal Aussie football families include names like Krakouer, Motlop, Burgoyne, Davey and the Matera.

Another family to keep an eye on over the next couple of years is the Lochowiak clan from Adelaide.

Mihail, the older of siblings, and Anzac faced off against each other in the initial hit-out of the state under-17 and South Australian under-16s talent programs in a clash at Football Park on Friday, June 16.

Anzac Lochowiak played in the Sturt Under-16s this year, and alongside his brother at Rostrevor College in their First XVIII independent schools competition.

"It was the first time we played against each other," Anzac, who turned 16 on June 4, told the *Koori Mail*.

"Mihail gave me some ideas about what my state under-16s coach Darel Hart is like and having Mihail play for SA last year, certainly has helped my belief to make it.

"I'm still in Year 10, but was lucky enough to play alongside Mihail in the Rostrevor First XVIII."

The younger brother certainly had an impact in his inaugural match at that level, slotting through a major with his first kick and finishing with seven-goal haul on debut against St Peters College.

While a Crows fan, Anzac's



Brothers Anzac, left, and Mihail Lochowiak. Picture: Peter Argent

favourite AFL footballer is former Hawthorn and now Sydney Swans champion, Lance 'Buddy' Franklin.

A 185cm, 83 kg forward/midfielder, Anzac is a member of the Croweaters' under-16s program and is keen to follow in Mihail's footsteps and be a member of a championship winning side.

Mihail Lochowiak has been playing in the Rostrevor first XVIII for the past three years, mainly as a midfielder/defender.

"I first played with the Firsts

in Year 10," Mihail said.

"Our under-16s side last year went through the national championships undefeated.

"The first game at Football Park was pretty close against Western Australia.

"Then we went to Queensland where we defeated Victorian Country and Victorian Metro.

"Anzac will enjoy the same experience this year."

"After finishing Year 12, I would like to become a professional sportsman and also

go to university.

"I barrack for Port Adelaide, but also like the way Charlie Cameron plays his football."

Games in Perth

The Lochowiak brothers travelled to Perth last weekend, but with different teams.

Mihail played in a one-off under-17s 'Futures Game' at Lathlain Park against Western Australia, while Anzac was in the opening round of the National Under-16s Championships against the

Sandgroppers at Leederville Oval, with both games played last Saturday, June 24.

Respected Sturt football manager David Oatey said Anzac lived in the zone, but Mihail was initially purchased by Norwood, but the Double Blues swapped a player to see him return to Unley.

"Mihail is a hard-bodied half back flanker," Oatey said.

"He has good speed, is strong at the contest and stays on line.

"I'd expect he'd develop into a rebounding 'run and carry' defender.

"Anzac is a different type of player.

"He has sticky fingers, being a strong catch and kick.

"We see him developing into a medium lead-up forward.

"A younger brother Jacob is already into our development programs."

Father John Lochowiak, a footballer and rugby union player of some note, who played in the Central Australian Football League with Pioneer Eagles and South Alice Springs, said Mihail and Anzac also played with the Flying Boomerangs.

"Jacob is now 13, while his sister Mabel-Jean is 11 and plays netball and basketball," John Lochowiak said.

"Our youngest, Jackson, is six and already playing with Payneham Norwood Union at community level.

"His mother (Laiya) and I love the children's involvement in sport, although it can be hectic at times."

Milera a true Rising Star

By PETER ARGENT



FOR Wayne Milera Jnr, winning his Australian Football League (AFL) Rising Star nomination in the Sir Doug Nicholls

Indigenous Round added to the excitement of playing on the dedicated weekend that celebrated Indigenous culture.

"This is a significant round for me and my people, so it is pretty special to grab this accolade," Milera told the *Koori Mail*.

"Having a strong brotherhood of Aboriginal lads at the Crows definitely helps cope with the rigours and demands of AFL football.

"You feel more comfortable and there is that connection through our heritage.

"The boys have made it an easy transition for me, adjusting to the commitments and life of an AFL footballer.

"I love it.

"Curtly (Hampton) and I are pretty close and I also stayed with

Charlie Cameron for a while when I came to the club."

In just his 17th senior appearance Milera played a significant role in the Adelaide Crows' emphatic 100-point victory over Fremantle at South Australia's home of sport, the picturesque Adelaide Oval.

He collected 16 disposals and his defensive intent was displayed as well, laying four tackles in wet and slippery conditions.

"I do try and pride myself with my skills in the wet," Milera said.

"It is about adapting to the conditions."

Wearing boots hand-painted by a local Aboriginal artist, the silky-skilled forward kicked three goals in an equal career-high performance in front of goal.

Milera also kicked three goals in his sixth senior game, against the Gold Coast at Carrara last winter.

The 184cm, 80 kg half forward/midfielder is calm and composed in traffic, with the 19-year-old able to create time and space with minimum fuss.

Milera said his father Wayne Snr

had been a significant influence and mentor along his journey.

"Dad fostered my love of the game," Milera Jnr said.

"I followed him to the football since I've been a little tacker.

"Central District talent manger Scott Stevens guided me through the under-age development programs into senior footy.

"At the Crows, 'Campo' (Scott Camporeale) is my midfield coach and David Teague is my forward coach.

"Both of them have been important as well."

Milera, the Crows' inaugural selection and the 11th pick overall in the 2015 AFL Draft, has committed to the club until the end of the 2020 campaign.

Milera made his AFL debut for the Crows in round one of the 2016 season against the North Melbourne at the Docklands Stadium.

He said he did not set himself goals – just to play as much football as he could.

Away from football, Milera is working towards a junior- and middle-school teaching degree.



Wayne Milera
Picture: Peter Argent

Thurston out for season



JOHNATHAN Thurston's hopes of a State of Origin farewell are officially over, with the North Queensland halfback ruled out for the rest of the National Rugby League (NRL) season with a shoulder injury.

A shattered Thurston will undergo surgery on his right rotator cuff after scans revealed multiple injuries in his shoulder after last Wednesday night's 18-16 Queensland State of Origin win in Sydney.

The injury will also all but certainly end his Kangaroos career, with the champion playmaker admitting turning out in the end-of-year World Cup before his representative retirement was no longer a reality.

"It's pretty shattering," Thurston said. "I got the scan and the news isn't good."

"I thought I might be able to pump one or two more games out. But the medical advice I've been given is if you want to live a healthy life after football, it's best to

get this done now."

The news caps off a disastrous year for the four-time Dally M Medallist.

The 34-year-old injured his calf in the Cowboys' round six loss to the Wests Tigers in early April, and was forced to race the clock to be fit for May's Anzac Test.

He then injured his shoulder in that match, and only made his return for the Cowboys in the week before he went into camp for Origin II.

But Cowboys coach Paul Green insisted on Friday they had not rushed the 299-game NRL veteran back early.

Passed markers

"At that stage when we did decide that he was physically right to play, he passed all medical markers in terms of strength, stability in the shoulder," Green said.

"There was always a risk of him re-injuring it, everyone knew that at the start."

"The nature of the initial injury wasn't such that we thought he needed surgery there and then."

"But given what's happened on

Wednesday night has made it worse.

There is really no other option at this stage."

In Origin II last Wednesday at Sydney Olympic Park, Thurston played on after he suffered the blow late in the first half when he made a tackle on Blues forward Tyson Frizell, as he hoped it was only a muscle cork. He eventually went on to kick the match-winning goal from the sideline, keeping the Maroons' hopes of an 11th series victory in 12 years alive.

But the Queensland and Kangaroos veteran said he would not entertain the thought of extending his representative career into next season, where he is still contracted to the Cowboys.

"It's a decision that I've made," he said.

"I wanted to finish on a high this year with representative football. I'm comfortable with that decision I've made to retire from rep football."

Thurston produced one of the all-time great Origin performances last Wednesday night, playing through the pain of a busted shoulder to break NSW's hearts with a clutch sideline conversion,

sealing a famous two-point win.

Maroons skipper Cameron Smith marvelled at Thurston's resilience, saying he was sometimes amazed at his ability to take the field.

"He's got nearly every joint in his body strapped up tight," Smith said. "He's a warrior isn't he? Some of the things he's gone through in his career and still to be able to play at this level is incredible."

"He took a couple of whacks at training. I don't know how he's still able to get up for these matches sometimes."

Finds a way

"His body is not 100%; there's no doubt about that. He finds a way to get up for these games and make things happen."

Queensland have vowed to win the Origin decider for the retiring Thurston.

"I'd be lying if I said there's not a little bit of motivation to do that, given what JT has done for this team and our state," Smith said. —AAP

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Johnathan Thurston celebrates his match-winning acute-angle conversion during Origin II at Sydney Olympic Park. Pictures: Getty



Dane Gagai scores the try that levelled the scores in Origin II at Sydney Olympic Park last Wednesday night. Johnathan Thurston converted the try to give the Maroons an 18-16 win.



Johnathan Thurston and Will Chambers celebrate the Maroons victory.



Dane Gagai scores the first of his two tries.



Andrew Fifita of the Blues is confronted by Josh McGuire. The big NSW prop was a marked man after his Origin I heroics in Brisbane.

Six great Johnathan Thurston moments in Origin rugby league

SIX of the best Johnathan Thurston Origin moments:

- 2005, Game I, Suncorp Stadium — On his Origin debut, Thurston kicked a field goal to pull Queensland level 20-all in the 77th minute and sending the game into overtime. A try from Matthew Bowen gave the Maroons the win.

- 2006, Game III, Melbourne

- Queensland were down 14-4 with under 10 minutes to go when Thurston broke the line and set up Brent Tate, who charged 60 metres to the try line. The try sparked a Maroons comeback to take the series and begin eight years of Queensland dominance.

- 2008, Game III, Stadium Australia — With the sides level 10-all and under 14 minutes to go,

Thurston took on the NSW defence from his own half, throwing a dummy before setting up Billy Slater for the series-winning try.

- 2012, Game III, ANZ Stadium — In 21 seconds Thurston evaded a tackle on his own 20-metre line, bolted 35 metres before sparking a move that would eventually see him

score from a Corey Parker offload one tackle later. He then stepped up to convert and pull Queensland level in a man-of-the-match performance which sealed the series.

- 2015, Game III, Suncorp Stadium — It was far from a close match but it was Thurston's nine goals from nine attempts, three try assists and involvement in five

line breaks which drove the 52-6 series deciding win.

- 2017, Game II, ANZ Stadium — In his last Origin run Thurston battled a shoulder injury nearly the entire game but the limp left arm didn't stop him taking all three sideline conversions, including the decisive final kick which gave Queensland the 18-16 victory. —AAP

Big pay rise for players



AUSTRALIAN Football League (AFL) clubs and out-of-contract players can look forward to a bumper

October.

Australia's top cricketers cannot look with any confidence beyond July 1.

The AFL players' six-year \$1.84-billion pay deal unveiled last Tuesday is in stark contrast to the heated pay talks between Cricket Australia and its players.

Australian cricket's current pay deal expires on June 30 and neither party is backing down.

The AFL, of course, had its own problems before the league and the players association presented a united front at last week's announcement.

In early February, Collingwood captain Scott Pendlebury said if players association boss Paul Marsh asked him to lead a sit-down protest at a pre-season game, he would do so.

For now, the big difference between the AFL and cricket is that the league and its players found common ground.

What it means is that this year's post-season AFL trade period is certain to be a frenzy.

A key feature of the new deal is a whopping, front-loaded pay increase of 20%, effective immediately.

That means players coming out of contract this year are set for big pay increases and clubs will have much deeper war chests for recruiting drives.

Huge deals

Top players are certain to secure million-dollar deals.

Excluding rookies, the average AFL player wage jumps from \$309,000 last year to \$371,000.

The salary cap increases from \$10.37 million a club to \$12.4 million. Several Victorian clubs are trying to entice emerging GWS midfielder Josh Kelly back to his home state with massive offers.

Adelaide pair Mitch McGovern and Jake Lever, Gold Coast co-captain Steven May, Essendon players including full-forward Joe Daniher and Richmond forward Daniel Rioli are also coming out of contract.

"The players have had a win and got what they want ... that is fair and ties them in a partnership sense to the success of our game," AFL chief Gillon McLachlan told reporters in Adelaide last week.

"And we have got we what we



Players like Richmond forward Daniel Rioli (above) are coming off contract at the end of this season and are in line to be the big winners in the latest pay agreement.

Picture: Peter Argent

want, which is industry protection and flexibility, and ensures that our game goes ahead over the next 100 years."

For the first time, AFL players' wages will be tied to industry revenue.

Cricket Australia (CA) is in the midst of heated pay talks with players, who are desperate to maintain the revenue-sharing model that has shaped their salaries for 20 years.

The current CA deal expires on June 30 and both parties have declared they won't back down.

"This (AFL) model is very different to cricket's and in important respects is much closer to the modified model that CA has proposed," a CA spokesperson said of the AFL agreement.

AFL Players Association president Matthew Pavlich said the pay deal was "a fantastic outcome and something that we were steadfast on achieving". - AAP

Damien Hooper won the 'Most Promising New Talent In Sport' at the 2012 Deadly Awards at the Sydney Opera House. Picture: Getty



Road to redemption faces stiffest test



DAMIEN Hooper's road to recovery after his shock 21-second knockout loss in November, 2014, looks to be back on course as he seeks to claim the vacant

International Boxing Federation (IBF) Australasian light-heavyweight title in Lang Park, Brisbane, on Sunday, July 2.

Queenslander Hooper also will be fighting for the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) International light-heavyweight title.

He will be up against Umar Salamov, 23, who is unbeaten in 19 fights.

The Russian-born American from Las Vegas, Nevada, has won 14 of his fights by knockout.

All of his fights bar his most recent have

been in Russia and Ukraine. His last fight was in New Zealand, where he won the vacant WBO International and IBF East-West Europe light-heavyweight titles.

Salamov has a global ranking of 17 and a Russian ranking of five.

Former Australian amateur champion Hooper, from Dalby, has won 12 of his 13 fights - eight by KO.

He has strung together three points wins since his shock first round loss to stand-in opponent Rob Powdrill in Brisbane in 2014.

Hooper has a global ranking of 77 and an Australian ranking of two.

The Hooper-Salamov fight is on the undercard of the Jeff Horn-Manny Pacquiao World welterweight title fight at Lang Park. - Graham Hunt

Robbie adds another page



1988 Pipeline Masters champion and multiple Australian Indigenous titleholder Robbie Page (Verges Creek) put on a dominant display of powerful rail surfing in the over-45 men's division to attain the highest total in a heat, scoring 17.00 out of a possible 20 points. He went on to win the over-50 title and was runner-up in the over-45 final.

Picture: Ethan Smith/Surfing NSW



KEMPSEY surfing legend Robbie Page won the over-50 crown and finished second in the over-45 division at the NSW Surfmasters shortboard titles at North Boomerang Beach, Great Lakes, on Sunday, June 18.

Four new NSW shortboard champions were crowned after a day of difficult windswept conditions.

In what was a tight final between multi-division finalists, Scott Schindler (Sawtell) found form in the junky conditions to claim the over-45 men's title.

Schindler took a solid portion of the final to find form, only posting small

scores until the final minutes when he found a much-needed 7.17 wave score to give him an edge against fellow event standout Robbie Page (Verges Creek) who finished second.

Page, the 1988 Pipeline Masters champion and multiple Australian Indigenous titleholder, managed to go one step further and claim the title in the

over-50 mens, dominating the line-up with an impressive 16.33 heat total.

Page appeared to be on-song over the duration of the event, rarely falling and making light work of tricky sections.

Page's rivals were left in his wake.

This was the sixth year running the NSW Surfmasters was held in the Great Lakes region.

Volunteers get to work



WALLABY legends Gary Ella, Nick Farr-Jones, Simon Poidevin and Brendan Nasser were in Sydney to farewell eight young Indigenous Australians as they departed for South

Africa to undertake a volunteer project with a remote community.

The group is taking part in the Classic Wallabies Indigenous Exchange (CWIE) program, a Federal Government-funded initiative that provides young Indigenous Australians with life-changing experiences through volunteering – living and working on community projects overseas.

The volunteers are working alongside a local school community in the Hoedspruit region of South Africa to create an eco village in just five weeks, building a large vegetable garden and refurbishing classrooms for conservation-based lessons.

The CWIE South Africa program was established in 2014.

The Classic Wallabies are committed to supporting the CWIE program to provide Indigenous youth with experiences and opportunities they experienced.

The program aims to encourage Indigenous young people to explore social, cultural, sporting and academic experiences.

Queenslander Kevin Yeh Yow was a CWIE participant in 2016 and this year is back as the

program team leader. His time on the program gave him new understanding of how communities can work together to get an outcome.

"The biggest impact for me was the hard work ethic that the students, parents, teachers and community members showed throughout this journey," Hey How said before his departure.

"I was able to take that home and give back to my community in the same way, if not better.

"My time on the program will always be one of the highlights of my life."

Northern Territorian Elliana Lawson is new to the program.

As an NITV journalist, she says she is passionate about sharing Indigenous Australians' stories and cultural knowledge with the local community in South Africa.

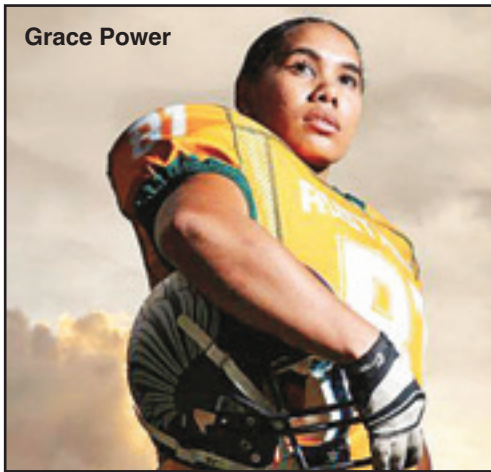
"We are both resilient peoples, and I think there is so much to learn from each other to become stronger together," she said of the program. "Through this overseas exchange, I believe I will not only become a better storyteller for our mob, but also a stronger leader for our young ones."

An initiative of the Eidos Institute, the CWIE is a leadership program for Indigenous Australians. The CWIE South Africa program is part of the Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID) program, funded by the Australian Government. It is delivered in partnership with the Classic Wallabies and AVID.



These young Indigenous Australians are now in South Africa, where they are volunteering in establishing an eco village. Back row, from left, Amy Skeen, Connor Diffey, Ngaire East, Amba-Rose Atkinson, Elliana Lawford; front, Kevin Yeh Yow, Salote Bovoro and Pamela Bowden O'Leary.

Grace Power



Amazing Grace a trailblazer in minority sport



INDIGENOUS gridiron player Grace Power, 21, is in Canada representing the Australian Outbacks at the International Federation of American Football (IFAF) Women's World Championships.

Power is a receptionist at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service (Brisbane) clinic in Northgate.

She is the first Indigenous woman to make the Australian gridiron team.

Her ambition is to play for the Chicago Force women's football team – the leading women's American football team in the USA.

"To represent my country and my culture this year at the IFAF Women's World Championship in Canada is a great honour and a dream come true," Power said.

The tournament began on June 24 and ends on June 30.

The six-team event features the top female players from around the world. Participating nations are the United States, the reigning and two-time women's World gold medallist, the respective gold and silver European championship medallists Finland and Great Britain, as well as Australia, Mexico, and Canada.

Following a gruelling national selection process where squads were reduced from 150 to 52, Power was a standout.

To prepare for the Canadian tournament, Power spent time with Australian American footballer Jesse Williams.

Power originally came from Bowen, moving to Brisbane about four years ago and has been in current job for about 12 months.

She started playing gridiron just over two years ago after being introduced to it by a friend.

The Australian Outbacks set up a Go Fund Me page to help cover player travel expenses. All of the travel squad including players, coaches and support staff are paying their own way.

The tournament is being held in Langley, British Columbia.

This is the first time the Australian Outbacks have competed on the world stage.

American football clubs for women in Australia began just seven years ago.



ASHLEIGH Gardner looks set to play a big part in Australia's bid to retain the International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's World Cup, which began on June 26.

The Indigenous star from Sydney's west featured in Australia's opening warm-up games in England.

Australia's quest for a record seventh World Cup began on June 26 against the West Indies at The County Ground, Taunton.

In the Aussies' first warm-up game against New Zealand at the Ageas Bowl Nursery Ground, Southampton, Gardner finished with 2-25 as Australia powered to a 46-run win.

Scores: Australia 287, New Zealand 241.

A century to all-rounder Ellyse Perry steered the Australians to victory.

The spin trio of Gardner (2-25), Amanda-Jade Wellington (3-47) and Kristen Beams (2-36) spun their way through the NZ middle order.

A sensational century from Elyse Villani steered the Australians to a 103-run win over South Africa in their second warm-up match at Oakham School.

Defending a strong total of 5-324, Australia made a perfect start when one of the South African openers was out without scoring.

A steady flow of wickets made sure Australia stayed in the box seat.

The Proteas were restricted to 221.

Jess Jonassen (3-29) and Belinda Vakarewa (2-34) finished with multiple wickets, while Ellyse Perry (1-35), Megan Schutt (1-46), Gardner (1-15) and Sarah Aley (1-37) finished with wickets.

After losing the toss and being sent into bat, Australia stumbled to 3-40, but recovered to pass the 300-mark.

The Australians completed a dominant eight-wicket win in their final ICC Women's World Cup warm-up match against Pakistan in Leicester.

Pakistan was dismissed for 156 and Australia replied with 2-159, reaching the total off just 23.2 overs.

Gardner bowled six overs and

finished with 0-25 in Pakistan's innings and did not bat in Australia's innings.

Gardner is the first Indigenous Australian to play international one-day and T20 cricket and looks set to become the second Indigenous Australian woman to play Test cricket following in the footsteps of South Australian Faith Thomas.

Trailblazer Thomas

Thomas, the first Aboriginal woman to be picked for any Australian sporting team, opened the bowling in the Melbourne Test in the 1958 Ashes series.

Thomas once said she learned to bowl her lethal yorkers by "chuckin' rocks at galahs".

"Kids these days have toys. We had nothing. We lived near a creek. There were plenty of rocks and plenty of galahs in those trees," she said of her childhood near Quorn, in the South Australian Flinders Ranges.

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Ash Gardner plays a front-foot drive in the opening warm-up game against New Zealand in England.

Australia part of international men's and women's competitions



AUSTRALIAN men's and women's hockey teams the Kookaburras and Hockeyroos are

to take part in Hockey Pro League – a global competition starting in January 2019.

It will involve a total of 144 home and away games played in national stadiums week-in week-out and going through to June.

The was endorsed by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) after a meeting

in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The Australian men are ranked second in the world and the Hockeyroos are ranked fourth.

The competition will bring together the nine best men's and women's teams from around the world.

The Australian men will face Argentina, Belgium, England/Great Britain, Germany, India, Netherlands, New Zealand and Pakistan in the new league, with Pakistan playing their home matches in Scotland.

The Oceania champions and

current World Cup holders will be keen to reassert themselves as the premier hockey powerhouse in the world after they slipped from the top of the FIH Hero World Rankings in January this year for the first time since January 2014.

Proud history

The Kookaburras have been one of the most successful teams in recent times, making an aggressive, high-tempo style of play very much their own. Over the period from 2004 to the present day, Australia's men's

team have won one gold and two bronze Olympic medals; one silver and two gold Hockey World Cup medals; seven Hockey Champions Trophy gold medals and remain unbeaten in the Oceania Cup.

Australia's women's team are also Oceania Champions and have a long history of success on the international stage.

The Hockeyroos team that won back-to-back Olympic titles in 1996 and 2000 were revered as the best women's hockey team of all time and remained as the

number one ranked team in the world from the mid-1980s to 2000.

Since the Sydney Olympics, the Hockeyroos have not won an Olympic or Hockey World Cup gold.

Indigenous players Brooke Peris and Mariah Williams are members of the Australian Hockeyroos.

Australia's women's team will be up against Argentina, China, England/Great Britain, Germany, India, The Netherlands, New Zealand and USA.



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Qld faces Origin III without JT



IT was the news that every Queenslander was dreading: Johnathan Thurston is out of rugby league's State of Origin decider at Lang Park, Brisbane, on July 12, and his 2017 National Rugby League season is over.

Thurston battled with injury through Queensland's Origin II win, kicking the winning conversion in the Maroons' 18-16 win over NSW in Sydney last week.
● **RIGHT:** Queensland captain Cameron Smith shares a moment with Thurston after the Maroons squared the State of Origin series in Sydney last Wednesday night. A wounded Thurston bravely battled on and kicked the match-winning goal after Dane Gagai tied the scores with his second try just before full-time. *Picture: Getty*
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Off to Canada



THE Australian Indigenous Basketball All Stars have announced their 10-player roster for the 2017 World Indigenous Basketball Challenge (WIBC) in

Canada from August 9-12.

The team, made up of Australia's premier Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander basketball talent, will be embarking on their first trip to the WIBC.

The All Stars will join 15 other invited men's sides in Vancouver, doing battle over four-days for the title as the world's number one Indigenous basketball nation.

Headlining the All Stars will be former National Basketball League standout Tyson Demos, who will make his second appearance with the representative side. The 28-year old helped lead the team to victory in last year's Trans-Tasman series against the Maori national team in New Zealand.

Demos will be joined by Torres Strait Islander livewire guard Curt Ah Wang. The 238-game, 13-season Queensland Basketball League veteran recently won his fourth QBL title with the Cairns Marlins and will rejoin the Indigenous squad after last playing for the All Stars in 2014.

Also chosen were Aaron Bin Tahal (Cairns), Denzel Kennedy (Cairns), Jarrod



After taking out the 2016 Trans-Tasman Series in New Zealand, the Australian Indigenous All Stars will shift their focus to the 2017 World Indigenous Basketball Challenge. Picture: Salt Photographics NZ

Hampton (Canberra), Marshall Ware (Cairns), Reece Craigie (Sydney), Tidjane Diop (Mackay), Verle Williams Jnr (Brisbane) and Zachariah Bourne (Gold Coast).

"We're excited about this talented group

of players and their potential to do very well in Canada," All Stars coach Joel Khalu said.

"We're missing a couple of our regular faces, guys like Deba George and the Cedar brothers (Chris and Michael), who,

due to their Australian domestic playing commitments, were unavailable.

"However, we're confident the players that have been identified can step up as needed.

Plenty of experience

"All of the players picked have competed for the Australian Indigenous All Stars in Trans-Tasman campaigns at some stage throughout the past three years, so are familiar with our style of play and what we want to achieve at both ends of the floor.

"Winning the WIBC is going to be a massive challenge, but we're looking forward to getting over to Vancouver in August and giving it our absolute best crack."

The Australian Indigenous All Stars will have a two-day training camp in Brisbane on August 5-6, before departing for Vancouver on August 7. The team's first game of the WIBC will be on Wednesday, August 9.

Supporters can keep up to date with all Australian Indigenous basketball events by following the official AIB Facebook page www.facebook.com/OZIndigenousBasketball/

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