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Showing that NAIDOC spirit at this year's Adelaide street march: from left, Ella Russo, Hannah Brooks, Linda Windunna, Teegan Hart, Rosemary Wanganeen and Corinne Williams. Picture: Peter Argent

NAIDOC spirit



Basketballer Patrick Mills was named this year's national NAIDOC Person of the Year.

Celebrations held around the country



THE times might be challenging, but that didn't stop tens of thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people celebrating NAIDOC Week this month.

This year's focal city was Cairns, north Queensland, where a veritable who's who of Indigenous Australia turned out

for the National NAIDOC Ball.

They saw some of our very best honoured, including this year's Person of the Year, basketballer Patrick Mills, who has just signed a multi-million-dollar deal to play in the United States, and Perth-based community worker Di Ryder, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Noongar woman Dianne Ryder took out the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award.

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My FAMILY Kayshan Berger – Nowra, NSW



MY new bub Nylah is like a famous baby because she was born on July 2, the first day of this year's NAIDOC Week celebration.

She came a day early so it's pretty special. As we all know, NAIDOC is the one time of the year when we Kooris get together and have a nice time.

I'm 25 and the youngest in my family, and I'm the first to have a baby.

I wanted to start having a family early because I've got two great nanas and a pop left and I wanted them to see her grow up.

When Nylah was born, my partner Reuben was in the room with me and so was his mum and my mum Michelle, and I squeezed Reuben's fingers so hard.

Reuben is working five days a week

now and when he comes home he wants to cuddle and stay up all night with Nylah.

I've only got one brother and sister, but Reuben has a big family. His mum had seven kids. I don't know how she did it.

I think we'll all get together now bub is born. We're all so excited. We usually spend birthdays together. All the family was at my house last year.

Now we are parents ourselves, we are on a new journey and I hope to have more kids later, but I'll give it a couple of years.

You change your entire life for family. It's a new step in life. If you didn't have a family, you'd have no support and you'd feel lost, with no-one to turn to in emergencies.

I go to my mum and dad's house when I need something, and they look after me.

I want my daughter to grow up and have success in the future – make sure she stays on at school and university, to have a good life, get a job and the things she needs.

● Pictured left: Kayshan Berger with her partner Reuben Williams and their baby Nylah.

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OUR CHILDREN



Narnoo and Neveah, from the Sunshine Coast, performed in the welcoming ceremony for NAIDOC Week at Musgrave Park, Brisbane. More pictures, page 37

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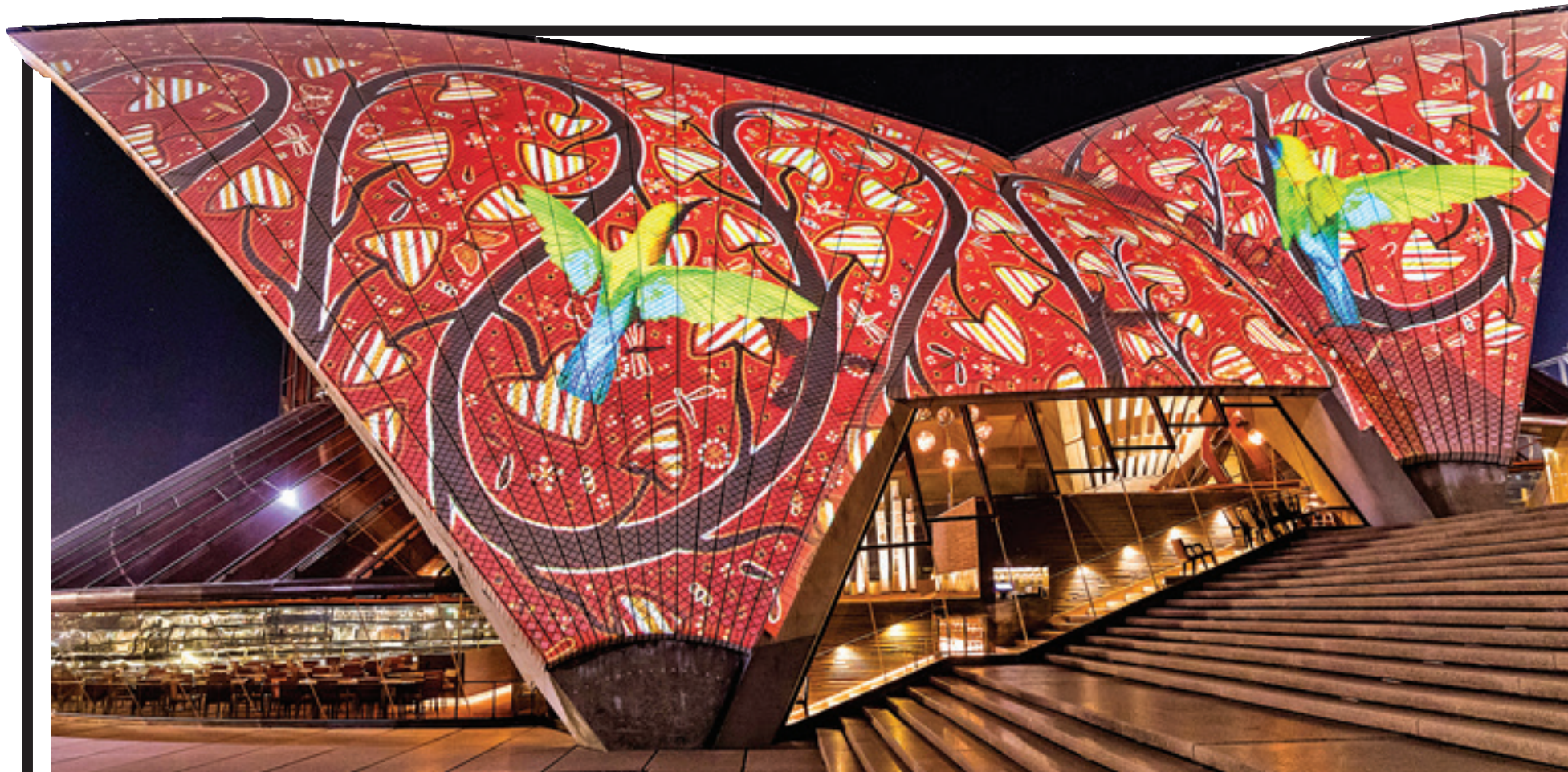
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EVERY evening on sunset and at 7pm, the sails of the Sydney Opera House at Bennelong Point have become a canvas for a seven-minute animation (pictured above) celebrating Indigenous Australian history.

The animated projection, called *Badu Gili* – meaning ‘water light’ in the language of local traditional owners, the Gadigal people – explores ancient stories on a site that has been gathering place for community, ceremony and storytelling for thousands of years.

Stories explored on sails of Sydney Opera House

Bundjalung woman Rhoda Roberts is head of First Nations programming at the Opera House and has curated the installation, which combines the work of five First Nations artists – Jenuarrie (Judith

Warrie), Frances Belle Parker, Alick Tipoti and the late Lin Onus and Minnie Pwerle. “*Badu Gili* uses contemporary artworks and new media to celebrate time-honoured stories of seasonal change in flora and

fauna,” Ms Roberts said. “It combines music and images to create a gateway to Australia’s First Nations history and culture for the 8.2 million people who visit the Opera House each year.”

Badu Gili builds on *Songlines*, a visual narrative project curated by Ms Roberts as part of the 2016 Vivid Sydney festival which projected First Nations stories of the land and sky onto the Opera House sails.

Badu Gili is a free experience that takes place daily at sunset and is best viewed from the Opera House podium at the top of the Monumental Steps.

Commission hearings end



THE Northern Territory child protection and detention royal commission has wrapped up nine months of hearings.

But much work remains if the inquiry is to help children in crisis.

The \$54 million inquiry has travelled from Top End island communities to the red centre collecting harrowing stories.

“Witnesses opened up to us some intimate parts of their lives, their struggles, and their challenges,” an emotional royal commissioner Mick Gooda said.

“But we also heard stories of resilience, where, out of some of the most dire circumstances, are families, children and young people who tell us they see a brighter future.”

The commission heard from current and former youth prison detainees, and the guards accused of abusing them.

It traced the evolution of Dylan Voller – one of the teenagers whose treatment behind bars sparked the inquiry – from troubled inmate to rehabilitated rights advocate.

The 19-year-old claimed he was starved and denied toilet access, while others were held in isolation for up to 20 days.

The facts:

Some facts about the NT royal commission.

- \$54 million spent, jointly funded by federal and NT governments.
- Final report on September 30, 2017.
- Over 210 people testified.
- More than 480 witness statements, and 300 written submissions from organisations.
- Visited 25 communities.
- 43 site visits.
- Toured seven other jurisdictions.
- NT has the nation's highest rate of young people in detention and child protection services, by a wide margin.
- 94% of kids locked up and 89% in care are Aboriginal.
- The number of youngsters entering both detention and out-of-home care has doubled in the past decade.

Former NT chief minister Adam Giles struggled to remember many details when pressed on funding requests to address overcrowding in jails, inadequate infrastructure and ill-trained staff.

Former Country Liberals

Party Government corrections minister John Elferink, who was sacked after footage of boys being tear gassed at Don Dale Detention Centre was aired on national television, also took the stand.

Kids in the protection system testified, and family members spoke of a second Stolen Generation of Aboriginal children being forcibly taken away from their culture and communities.

Mr Gooda and co-commissioner Margaret White traversed the country and flew to New Zealand to examine other models of juvenile justice and child welfare, drawing on the views of international experts, frontline workers, judges and Aboriginal Elders.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull called for the probe to examine the two interlinked systems over the past 10 years, but the inquiry soon found more than 50 relevant reviews had already been undertaken.

A final report will be released on September 30, more than a year after the inquiry was established.

An interim report made no recommendations or findings but stated the youth detention system is broken and likely to leave kids more damaged than when they entered. – AAP

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He's our very own Ninja Warrior



**INDIGENOUS
Marathon
Project (IMP)
2013 graduate
Jack Wilson
(pictured left)**

last Sunday appeared in the opening segment of the new Channel 9 reality TV show, *Australian Ninja Warrior*.

The Kalkadoon man, 24, from Mount Isa, north-west Queensland, ran in the 2013 New York Marathon, clocking 3:14:49.

Since then, he has further developed his passion for fitness, in particular calisthenics, which put him in a strong position to take up the ninja challenge.

Four-time Olympian and director of the Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) Rob de Castella said he continued to be impressed by Wilson's commitment to improving the lives of his family, friends and the wider Indigenous community by using his own story to make good health a priority.

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Bran Nue Dae writer passes



JIMMY Chi, the acclaimed Aboriginal playwright, musician and composer who penned the musical *Bran Nue Dae*, which Rachel Perkins adapted into a popular film in 2009 featuring Jessica Mauboy, Ernie Dingo and Deborah Mailman, has died in hospital aged 69.

Mr Chi died peacefully at Broome Health Campus, his family said.

"Jimmy is much loved by his family, friends and the Broome community," they said in a statement. "He was a brilliantly intelligent man who had a wicked sense of humour and time for everybody."

"He was more than an artist for Australia, he was a family man."

Born in 1948 to a Scottish-Bardi Aboriginal mother and Chinese-Japanese father, he was widely celebrated for his work as a musician, playwright and composer.

At the age of 21 he was in a car accident that left him unconscious for three weeks.

He then began creating

original music and co-wrote the song *Bran Nue Dae* in 1977.

The songs of the Kuckles band led to the musical *Bran Nue Dae*, which took six years to bring to the stage.

It is a coming-of-age story about a Bardi boy, who is expelled from school in Perth and takes a road trip home to Broome, which becomes a journey exploring his heritage.

He also wrote the musical satire *Corrugation Road* about an Aboriginal

for *Bran Nue Dae* in 1991.

In 1997, he won the Australia Council for the Arts' Red Ochre Award for lifetime achievement of an Indigenous artist.

Mr Chi received a Deadly Sounds National Indigenous Music Award in 1999 and an Australian Centenary Medal in 2000.

He was also made a WA State Living Treasure in 2004 for his contribution to performing arts as a playwright, musician, creator of landmark Indigenous

theatre and ambassador for cultural diversity in Broome.

Writer Reg Cribb, who worked on the screenplay for *Bran Nue Dae*, said Mr Chi had taught him about "honesty and generosity of spirit in writing".

"He knew exactly who he was, where he was from and what he wanted to

say," Mr Cribb wrote. "There's nothing I would rather be than to be an Aborigine." When a chorus line of all-singing, all-dancing young Aboriginal boys fill a theatre with this mantra, well, you just wanted to join in!"

Mr Chi is survived by his three children and long-term partner. — *With AAP*



There's nothing I would rather be than to be an Aborigine: the chorus line of all-singing, all-dancing Aboriginal boys in the film *Bran Nue Day*.

schizophrenic patient in a hospital, which was inspired by his own battle with mental illness.

In 1990, he received a Human Rights Award for contributing to the understanding of human rights issues in Australia, and received the WA Premier's book award

Cairns Art Fair ready to star



ARTIST Gail Mabo has created an exhibition for the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) inspired by her father native title

campaigner Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo and his connection to the stars.

"I was inspired by the fact that two years ago the Sydney Observatory named a star after Dad for his contribution to land rights," she said.

The star, named Koiki, sits prominently in the heart of the Southern Cross and larger Torres Strait Islander constellation of Tagai.

Taking cues from imagery supplied by NASA showing Koiki's position in the sky at a set time, on the third day of each month, for a six-month period (when Koiki is visible in the southern hemisphere), Mabo has woven a series of ropes using coconut fibre with shells collected from her father's Mer Island homeland.

Ms Mabo said that in Torres Strait Islander culture the stars are important for navigation and time keeping.

"When Pacific Islanders travelled between islands they would use these ropes with knots, bamboo and shells to guide them through changing ocean currents," she said.

"Tagai guides us, tell us when



Artist Gail Mabo has created an exhibition honouring her father Eddie Mabo and his connection to the stars, land and sea that will be unveiled at this year's Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF).

it's time to plant, to harvest, when turtles are mating and the best time to collect seafood."

Mabo's exhibition will occupy an entire wall of Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal shed three and

forms part of CIAF's Family Values exhibition from July 14-16.

Programmed in CIAF Conversations under the title 'Reflections', Gail Mabo will be

speaking about her father at CIAF on Friday, July 14, at 9.30am and again at her stand in the art fair on July 15, at 10.30am.

CIAF general manager

Vanessa Gillen said one of the most important innovations in this year's festival was the introduction of art awards.

"Part of the aim is to provide a platform for Queensland Indigenous artists, to support better skills, more sales, more recognition, so by creating art awards it incentivises artists to step up another level to compete," she said.

"The fashion is always a big highlight for lots of people, and we have 10 designers this year, mostly new designers. The Gabori sisters, from Mornington Island, are part of a dress project, where they designed and painted dresses.

"There are lots of exhibitions all over town and great music. Djuki Mala are playing in the park on Saturday night along with Queensland dance groups.

"CIAF conversations on the main stage should be another interesting event. One of the topics this year is fake art, and we'll have a panel with lawyer Terri Janke, arts curator Rhoda Roberts and artist Judy Watson.

"One of the essential parts of CIAF is to make sure all the art is high quality and authentic. It's a core part of who we are."

CIAF opens this Thursday, July 13, and runs until Sunday, July 16.

For more information, visit www.ciaf.com.au

Inquest starts into Kimberley suicides



AN inquest into 13 suicides in the Kimberley by Aboriginal young people between November 2012 and March last year, has begun in Perth. Five of the cases were children aged between 10 and 13.

Many of the deceased had been exposed to alcohol abuse and domestic violence and did not have any contact with mental health or counselling services.

Counsel assisting the coroner Philip Urquhart said the cases were heartbreaking. It was unacceptable that youth suicide in Indigenous communities had reached such disturbing proportions in a developed nation, he said.

There had been more than 700 recommendations and actions arising from 40 inquiries into Aboriginal youth suicide and related factors, such as family violence and child abuse, over the past 14 years and yet the problem remained.

Mr Urquhart suggested a radical change in approach was needed.

"Why has it got to this?" he asked. "Is it because the recommendations from the past have been implemented and are not working? Is it because

recommendations haven't been implemented? If that is so, is it because of a lack of resources? Or a lack of motivation by governments?

"If there ever was a time for change, it is now."

The inquest will also hear how Aboriginal communities experience extremely high levels of bereavement stress and has already touched on the tragic death of a 23-year-old man who had lost five family members in five years before he took his own life.

"Imitation and what is called contagion can be contributors to Aboriginal youth suicide," Mr Urquhart said.

Bardi woman Patricia Dudgeon, a psychologist and academic, said forced removals from families and communities, paternalism, the belated recognition of Aboriginal people as citizens, poverty and ongoing racism had all affected Indigenous wellbeing. There were no simple solutions, she said.

"If you treat people as second-rate citizens and you knock the stuffing out of them for generations and generations, there will be consequences," Prof Dudgeon said.

Nyungar man and academic Ted Wilkes said Elders held great concerns for youth.

Do you need some help?

Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline (13 11 14) or Suicide Call Back Service (1300 659 467) or Kids Helpline (young people aged 5-25) on 1800 55 1800 78.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support services can be found at www.naccho.org.au or www.sewbmh.org.au or www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au

But Professor Wilkes said he didn't know if such tragic cases were becoming more prevalent as data was being analysed more now than in the past.

Prof Wilkes told the WA Coroner's Court that drugs and alcohol weren't the reason children were cutting their lives short.

Rather, they were using substances to medicate

themselves and escape from deeper social problems.

"These young kids are using it to escape from something horrific that has happened to them, that is happening to them," Prof Wilkes said.

He said children who had been sexually abused were particularly vulnerable. "It's got to stop. Youth suicide is connected to horrible realities and that's one of them."

Professor Judy Atkinson, a Jiman/Bundjalung woman with expertise in trauma, was asked whether building a boarding school in WA's Kimberley region for traumatised, underprivileged and at-risk Aboriginal children could be part of a solution. "I endorse that in a very solid way," she said.

She said it didn't have to be enormously expensive and was a better alternative to foster care, which was costly.

Prof Atkinson said many grandmothers who had to care for their grandchildren wanted them to "go south" to a boarding school, so they would likely welcome a local facility, which would keep children close to their family and community.

Such a school would ideally further the students' connection to their culture and include therapeutic elements to help them heal from traumas, she said.

The inquest has already heard the children who took their own lives underperformed academically as they struggled with problems such as domestic violence, sexual abuse and alcohol and drug abuse.

Prof Atkinson said she expected the children would give their consent if they weren't too far from home. "We had kids elect to go to school once they found school was a fun place to be," she said.

"Children want to be where it's exciting to learn, to grow."

To get a child out of a bad situation, however, an order by the state may be necessary, she said.

One of the 13 cases, a 12-year-old boy who had observed domestic violence, took his own life about a fortnight before he was due to start at a boarding school in Victoria on a full scholarship and it is not known whether that influenced his self-harm.

Prof Atkinson said it may have been the idea of going somewhere unfamiliar that overwhelmed him, but the situation he was living in may also have been overwhelming.

"If it was in the Kimberley, he might not have been so frightened," she said.

The inquest will include hearings in Broome, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek and Kununurra, and visits to Aboriginal communities. —AAP

Final report handed to Turnbull, Shorten



THE Referendum Council has presented its final report to the Prime Minister and Opposition Leader, following on from a series of community consultations on constitutional reform. The report has been provided in-confidence to Malcolm Turnbull and Bill Shorten, but Referendum Council co-chair Pat Anderson said the council wants the recommendations

made public as soon as possible.

"Our consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples culminated in the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which has informed our advice along with all the other input received over the past six months," she said.

"We would like to thank the thousands of Australians who participated in this process and provided their views."

Referendum Council co-chair Mark

Leibler said the report provides guidance on how to continue to "grow as a nation and ensure better outcomes for all".

"Our terms of reference charged us with conducting a comprehensive national consultation on constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and providing guidance on the next steps towards constitutional reform," he said.

"We are confident the report reflects the

views of those who contributed to this process, particularly the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who took part in the dialogues around the country."

Neither Mr Turnbull nor Mr Shorten's office responded to questions regarding when they will comment on the report or release it to the public.

● **Tent Embassy rejects Uluru Statement, page 24.**



TSRA rangers Young Billy, Alice Manas and Mahomet Ahmat tag a young turtle.

Rangers helping to protect turtles



IN response to increasing threats marine turtles face in the Torres Strait, local rangers

and their communities have taken on a vital monitoring role.

For at least 20 years, the number of green turtle hatchlings has been low, and population numbers are expected to drop further. The eggs are not surviving to hatch as a result of flooding from tidal waters and other factors, and Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) rangers are working with traditional owners and external partners to help ensure turtles continue to be present and abundant in the Torres Strait for future generations.

TSRA chair Napau Pedro Stephen said the Torres Strait is an important foraging ground for green turtles, with large and healthy seagrass meadows providing them with abundant food.

Several species of turtles nest on the islands of the Torres Strait. There are large numbers of green turtle nesting beaches within the Kemer Kemer Meriam Nation (eastern islands), and Australia's largest number of remaining hawksbill turtle nesting



TSRA rangers Ted Whap and David Garama measure a turtle as part of their monitoring role.

beaches are within the Kulkalgal Nation (central islands).

"The continued observation of these turtles is made all the more important because of the new threats they face for survival," Mr Stephen said.

"Climate change is negatively impacting marine turtles. The increasing temperature is resulting in mainly female turtles being born, reducing the number of males in the population. Increases in sea level and the occurrence and severity of storms are deteriorating foraging grounds and nesting beaches.

"The TSRA's marine

turtle monitoring project is an integral part of the community based dugong and turtle management plans, as it aims to collaborate with traditional owners in identifying threats to marine turtles and manage these threats where appropriate and possible."

Mr Stephen said Raine Island was the world's largest green turtle rookery and the future of the turtle population depended on the outcomes of new adaptive management initiatives implemented there.

"Sand redistribution has increased green turtle hatchling success," he said.



STORIES of children being locked up, hog-tied and sedated while in youth detention have been exposed after previously censored information from an

official report was revealed.

The uncensored version of the Independent Review of Youth Detention report was released by the Queensland Government recently, revealing the abuses took place at Cleveland Youth Detention Centre in Townsville. This adds to the litany of abuses of children in detention around Australia, including the Northern Territory's Don Dale and Victoria's Barwon prison.

Amnesty International Australia

Indigenous rights campaigner Roxanne Moore said Australia urgently needs a national approach to stop abuse of children in youth detention.

"These findings paint a grim picture of the abuse that children suffer – particularly Indigenous children – in Queensland's youth detention," she said.

Many of the incidents related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, who are 27 times more likely to be detained than other children in Queensland.

The report cites several instances in 2013 when Cleveland staff 'hog-tied' children at risk of self-harm, in order to sedate them.

In the hog-tie position, staff cuffed children's hands and ankles while they lay on the floor. Their hands and feet were then linked together behind their back. Sometimes children were also put in a helmet.

"It's sickening that successive Queensland governments allowed detention staff to hog-tie then sedate vulnerable kids. It's cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, in violation of international law," Ms Moore said.

"Three oversight bodies were made aware of this practice over several years, and all allowed it to

continue. Queensland must make sure abuses never happen again, by immediately putting in place a completely independent Inspector of Custodial Services.

"These violations add to the mountain of evidence of abuse of children in detention around Australia. It's clear we need a federal overhaul to protect all children in the justice system, and Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull must commit to a national action plan on youth justice.

"This review has confirmed the urgency for all 60 of the 17-year-olds in adult prisons to be transferred out immediately. There must be bipartisan commitment so these horrors don't happen again."

The Queensland Government has adopted all the

Review's recommendations, including prohibiting hog-tying.

Other worrying findings include:

- excessive use of force, unnecessary use of solitary confinement, and broken complaint and investigative procedures, including missing CCTV footage;

- inappropriate use of restraints, including on an Indigenous boy who was held on the ground and handcuffed in front of

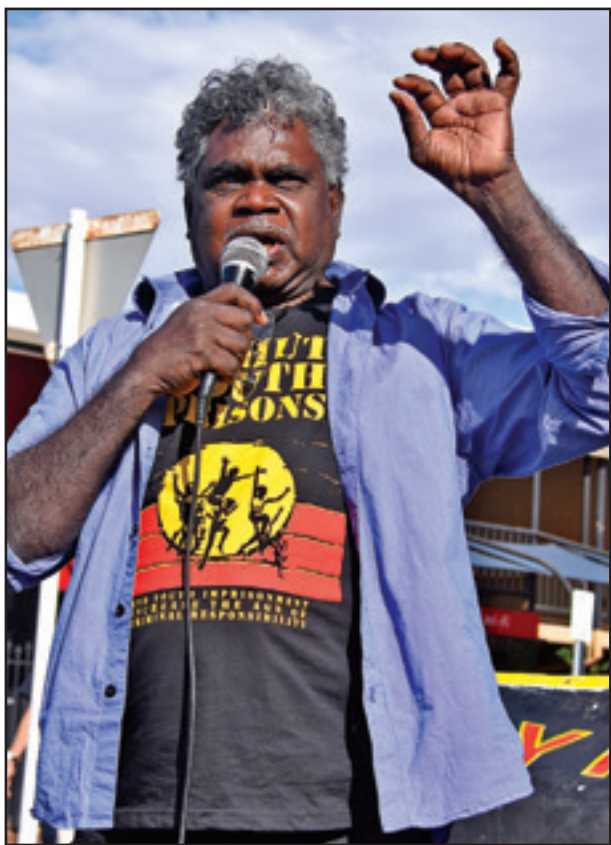
Elders during NAIDOC Week celebrations;

- staff punished children by putting them in solitary confinement, using restraints, and depriving them of food, drink and prescribed medications;

- a boy's clothes were cut off with a knife and he was left naked in solitary confinement. The incident was found to be excessive use of force and to breach the principles of the *Youth Justice Act 1992 (Qld)*; and

- the "unfair, unjust and unreasonable" treatment of a 17-year-old in an adult prison, who was put in restraints and a helmet after repeatedly pressing an intercom button.

"These violations add to the mountain of evidence of abuse of children in detention around Australia. It's clear we need a federal overhaul to protect all children in the justice system ..."



NT independent MP Yingiya Mark Guyula speaks at the rally in Alice Springs.



Kirra Voller reads the statement from Stand Up 2017. The Reverend Djiniyini Gondarra is at left.

Protesters demand end to interference

By RUDI MAXWELL



"TEN years too long. Stop the Intervention!"

On the 10th anniversary of the Northern Territory Intervention, Arrernte women led a march through Mbantua (Alice Springs) protesting the interference of the state at the expense of Aboriginal people's human rights, health and wellbeing. The march came as the final action after a three-day summit, Stand Up 2017, attended by activists from around the country to talk about the harm the Intervention has done to Aboriginal people and the road ahead.

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, compulsory 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 a raft of other restrictive measures.

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

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

Despite numerous reports showing the Intervention had achieved almost none of its stated aims and was doing harm – both from within government and independent sources – five years later, in 2012, the Labor Gillard Government extended the



Arrernte woman Alison Furber speaks out.



Vickie Roach and Dylan Voller in Alice Springs.

Intervention for another 10 years under the Stronger Futures for the NT legislation.

Arrernte woman Alison Furber – who spoke first in language, then in

English – said a decade of failed policy that harmed her people was more than enough.

"We want to make our own decisions," she said.

"Our way, controlled by us.

"And in the Northern Territory we need bilingual schools so our kids aren't punished for speaking their own languages."

Arrernte woman Natasha Craigie-Braun said the Intervention had caused enormous harm.

"How dare they paint our Aboriginal men as abusers," she said. "Why was there military everywhere?"

"We all have to come together."

Sister and brother Kirra and Dylan Voller both addressed the rally. Dylan is one of the Aboriginal boys who was violently abused by guards in Don Dale Youth Detention. He was released recently.

His sister Kirra has become one of the strongest voices against overincarceration of young Aboriginal people.

Kirra read out the statement from Stand Up 2017, which called for:

- a repeal of the Intervention laws, including Stronger Futures;
- a return to community governance;
- more opportunities for people on homelands;
- proper investment in housing to address overcrowding;
- bilingual education;
- no more fines for parents whose children don't attend school;
- closure of youth detention centres in favour of community-based programs;
- jobs programs and a closure of the Federal Government's Community Development Program (CDP, a work for the dole scheme);
- scrapping of income management;
- an urgent return of the children taken away from family and community under the Intervention; and
- Treaty.

Yolngu Elder Reverend Dr Djiniyini Gondarra said there needed to be proper dialogue between Australian governments and First Nations people.

"No more kissing the Government's shoes," he said.

40/10 anniversary celebration



Taldium 'Chocko' Edwards, Keith Randall and Les 'Ducky' Norris reminisce over photos in the special anniversary Stars booklet.

300 turn out for ball in Fitzroy

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Fitzroy Stars Football and Netball Club celebrated its 40/10 anniversary in style with a gala ball in Fitzroy, Melbourne, last week.

It has been 40 years since their first A grade premiership and 10 years since the club has been back in competition after a 13-year hiatus.

More than 300 people celebrated the players, supporters, good times and struggles of the club that has been referred to as the 'United Nations of Football'.

The club was founded in 1973 when players from Wesgarth and Young Fitzroy Christian Workers Football Club teamed up. Most of the founding members were Greek and Italian immigrants, and Aboriginal people. The following year the club attracted a lot of Koorie players and started drawing bigger crowds.

The Stars first ran on to the ground in Geelong jumpers scooped up at a sale price and made history by being the first team to reach the grand final in their first year with the Melbourne Metropolitan League, in C grade. The following year they won the flag, and by the next season they had made their way to A grade.

Speakers at the celebration paid tribute to players and spectators through the club's history, told stories of pride, passion and struggle, and spoke of the importance of the club to the Aboriginal community.

Former player Alf Bamblett Jnr compared playing with the Stars to being in a corroboree: "It was about representing our mob."

He said it was a place he learnt to be a man and a place to find support.

Club president Esme Bamblett said the Stars have become part of the heart and soul of the Koorie community. These days the team colours are red, black and yellow.

"The Stars have brought families and communities together," Ms Bamblett said. "Through the Stars we have come together as players, as volunteers, as staff and as supporters."

"All of us who have supported the Stars in whatever capacity have given the club love, our hope and our will to succeed."

"We come to watch athletic prowess and competitive spirit, but in the end it's much more than that; it's the being together and celebrating each other as a community that matters." On a Thursday night, up to 300 people gather at the Stars' home ground at the Aborigines Advancement League for training.

To top off the night, a \$250,000 commitment from the Victorian Government to help build a cultural and sports centre on Melbourne's largest Aboriginal-owned tract of land – the home of the Aboriginal Advancement League and the Stars – was announced at the ball.



Some current Fitzroy Stars players.



Nikki Penrith, Faye Carter, Graham Atkinson and Jnaallii Penrith.



Phil Cooper, Wayne Muir, Lionel Bamblett and Muriel Bamblett at the celebration.



Rachel and Matt Seadon, Millie Telford, Coree Thorpe and David Welsh.



Stars players Thomas Higgins and Clinton Edwards, and supporter Ralph Bamblett.



Phillip Egan, Kaelun Brown, Graham Norris, Keith Morgan and Max Maynard.

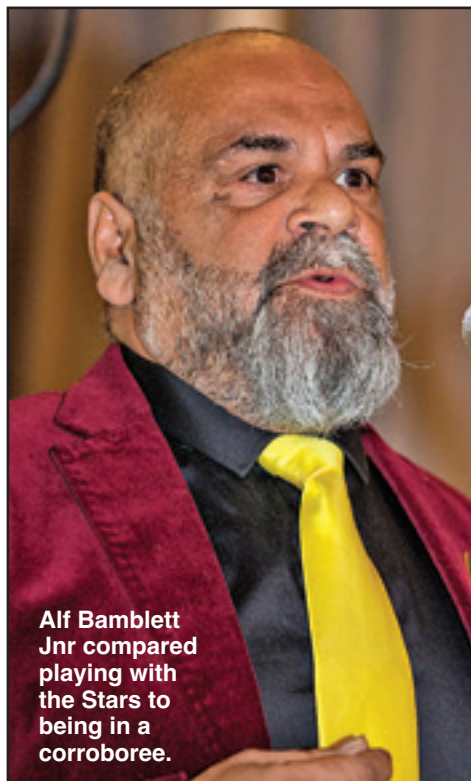


Porsha, Victoria and Alli-Jade Atkinson and Miranda Edwards are set to party.



Fitzroy Stars chief executive, president and coach Simon Minton-Connell, Esme Bamblett and Jason Mifsud.

for Fitzroy Stars sports club



Alf Bamblett Jr compared playing with the Stars to being in a corroboree.



Some of the original (founding) players and Aboriginal players from the earlier years: Stephen Ellas, Sam Marasco, Greg Lovett, Frank Marganis and Robert Bamblett.



Stars netballers and footballers' wives – Jess Bamblett, Thelma Norris, Rikki Bamblett, Courtney Potter and Rebecca Welsh.



1984 Stars premiership player Elvis Yarran and wife Mary, from Western Australia.



● Above: Dell Colban, Helen Archibald, Deidri King with Lowana Moore and Troy Austin who were key organisers of the gala night.

● Right: Some of the new Fitzroy Stars generation: Luke McKeown urges the club to win a flag, as Peter Hood, Coree Thorpe and Caleb Brown look on.



Community stalwart Kutch Edwards speaks of the family and community spirit of the Fitzroy Stars.



Loyal Stars supporter Narelle Slater adds her signature to a document of community support for the development of the Koorie Community Cultural and Sporting Hub planned for Melbourne.

Massacre sites on map



MORE than 150 massacres of Aboriginal people during the Frontier Wars have been documented in an online digital map, created by University of Newcastle researchers.

The online tool records the massacre site locations, details of the massacres and sources corroborating evidence of them.

Developed by Newcastle University historian Conjoint Professor Lyndall Ryan, the map is seen as a significant step in recognising violence in Australia's history.

"The biggest argument in the scholarship of massacre is 'How do we know it happened?'" she said.

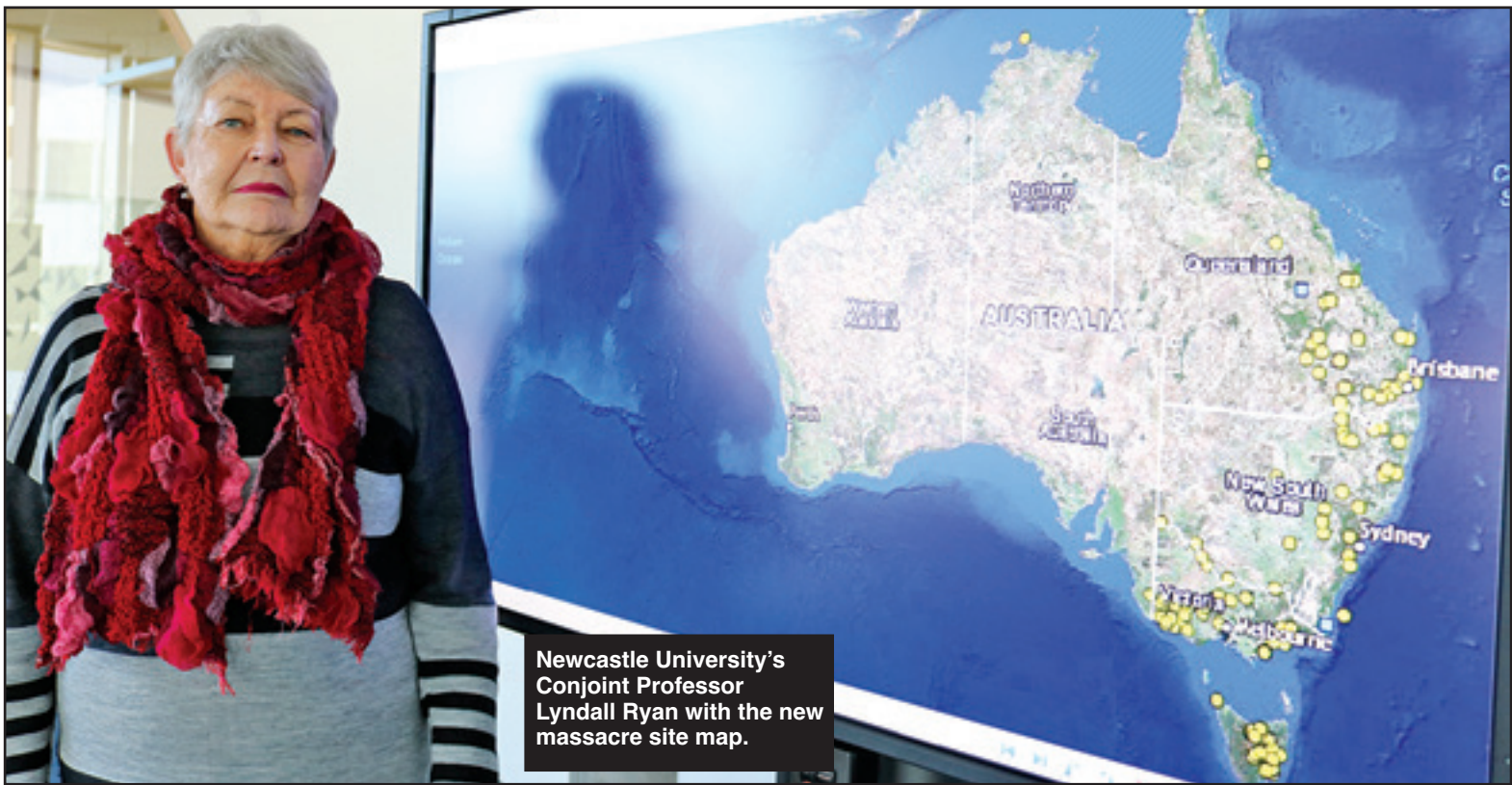
"Most massacres took place in secret and were designed to not be discovered, so finding evidence of them is a major challenge.

"This digital tool brings significant historical information out of the depths of archives, bringing it to life in an accessible and visual format.

"With this map we've developed a template to identify massacres and a process to corroborate disparate sources. They include settler diaries, newspaper reports, Aboriginal evidence and archives from state and federal repositories.

"The map pulls the sources together to form a coherent list of frontier massacres spanning 80 years across Eastern Australia."

The four-year process to map the frontier massacres in Eastern



Australia from was funded by a grant from the Australian Research Council, investigating violence on the Australian colonial frontier from 1788-1960.

Prof Ryan said there were similar maps online but this was the first to detail the sources of evidence of the massacres and would be a useful tool for history students, scholars and the public.

"So far we have mapped

Tasmania, Victoria, most of NSW and Queensland and have about 150 massacres listed at present. It's likely to end up being more than 200 across an 80-year period from settlement to 1872 as we progress," she said.

"There were more than 60 massacres in Victoria across 15 years; and 30 massacres along the NSW/Queensland border between 1840 to 1850. The map shows

there were very intense periods of violence in particular regions. We are still working on mapping the rest of Australia and hope to have that complete within two years."

The map is available at <https://c21ch.newcastle.edu.au/colonialmassacres>.

The website is also a contact point to contribute information people may have about massacres.

The field of massacre scholarship has only emerged in the past 15 years.

"In Australia very few perpetrators were brought to justice," Prof Ryan said.

"I'm a historian so it's not my intention to bring people to justice with this map. However, we do know the impact of massacre reverberates across the generations."

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The logo of the Queensland Government, featuring the state crest and the text "Queensland Government".

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You can't beat bush foods



FEMALE bush food harvesters from nine remote Territory communities

met for the first time in the Utopia region to share their experiences and learn about the wider bush food industry from traders, entrepreneurs, researchers and public servants.

The 35 Ayawarr and Anmatyerr-speakers who gathered at Arlparra community for a week in June have been described as the backbone of Australia's bush food industry because they have collected and sold seeds and fruit from their country for more than 40 years.

Demand for their wild harvest, which is used to make foods such as pickles and biscuits and to revegetate former mining sites, outstrips supply.

The NT Government and the Central Land Council teamed up with Batchelor Institute of Tertiary Education and Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation to find out what the women need to grow their industry.

"It is good to meet together here, all the seed collectors," Daisy Brumby [not her real name] said, a



Female bush food harvesters gather in the Utopia region. Inset: The fruits of the bush food harvest.

harvester from Ampilatwatja.

"We feel proud. We will get our story out to people who live a long way from here."

Veteran bush foods caterer Rayleen Brown from Alice Springs has helped to link the women to the wider industry. Ms Brown said it is important for industry figures to understand and support the women.

"I've learnt so much this week," she said.

"This workshop has needed to happen for a very long time. We need to hear about how they feel to be part of this growing industry. What do they need? What are their concerns? Do they want help to continue this wonderful work that they are doing?"

While the wild harvesters

may be the first and truest primary producers, they can't do it all on their own.

The women called for support for cultural burn regimes that maintain seed and fruit production, for more knowledge about how product prices are calculated and how to best clean and prepare their product.

They see better communication with traders,

wholesalers, food manufacturers, supermarkets and shoppers as a key to growing their opportunities.

"These women are often invisible or ignored," Ms Brown said.

"Customers are not aware of their hard work. They don't just collect for income. They love their country, culture and foods. You feel the love and care. Each seed and fruit is

hand-picked. They provide products that can't be matched by horticultural harvest."

Ampilatwatja woman Rosie Mulligan said she loves to collect the seeds.

"I do it on weekends, after my work in the clinic," she said.

"We go far away. It is hard work to collect seeds. It is good work."

Not content to just follow in the footsteps of their ancestors themselves, the harvesters used the workshop as a chance to pass on knowledge to students from Arlparra school.

"We went looking for bush potato, showing the school kids. It is good for school kids to learn. The kids need to learn," Ms Mulligan said.

On the women's wish lists are multi-media resources and support for the next generation of harvesters, including wild harvesting in community work program, the sale of bush foods in stores and nutrition programs.

They plan another workshop when the next wattle seed crop is ready.

(The harvesters' names have been changed to protect them from unethical traders.)

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The women will join more than 600 remarkable women named in the Honour Roll since it began in 2001.

Nominations from women across all industries and fields of endeavour are encouraged, including women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, Aboriginal communities, women with a disability and young, regional and rural women.

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The **Koori Mail** is looking for an intern to join our editorial team in August!

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see page 61 for details



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Exploration Licence Number 8323, Act 1992

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

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of Minister's Consent to prospect on native title land.

Exploration Licence No 8323 currently consists of an area of 60 units situated approximately 14 Kilometres north east of the town of Orange, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

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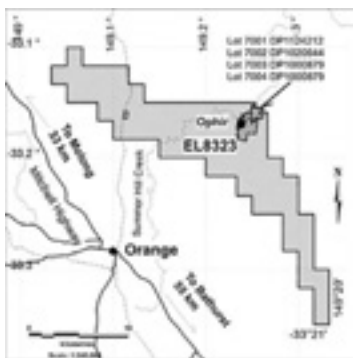
Minister for Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Angela Green, Titles Services, NSW Department of Planning and Environment, (02) 4931 6674.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **26 July 2017**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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How further information about the act can be obtained:
Further information may be obtained from Angela Green, Department of Environment and Planning (02) 4931 6424.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee

Call for Nominations

Nominations are invited for the appointment of members to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee. The Committee advises the Minister for the Environment and the Chief Executive of the Office of Environment and Heritage on matters relating to the identification, assessment and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW.

Nominations are invited to fill three current vacancies and create a list of alternates for future vacancies.

The nominees must be appointed from the following:

- an Aboriginal elders group and/or
- current registered native title claimants and/or
- Aboriginal owners listed on the Register, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.

Committee members must have experience in Aboriginal cultural heritage matters in their local community and an understanding of cultural heritage management issues. As far as practicable, the composition of the committee needs to have a gender balance and include members who represent a range of cultural areas across NSW. Representatives from the far west or north western NSW are strongly encouraged to apply.

Please note - nominations will not be accepted unless you include the nominee's written consent to be nominated for the committee.

To obtain an application kit or to lodge your application please contact:

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Team Leader, Secretariat
Heritage Division
Office of Environment and Heritage
Locked Bag 5020 PARRAMATTA NSW 2124
Phone: (02) 9873 8500
Email enquiries: achac.secretariat@environment.nsw.gov.au
Web: www.environment.nsw.gov.au

Applications will not be accepted after **Friday 11 August 11:59pm**.

For more information: visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au

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Simone Edwards, the owner of Prosperity Designz in Innisfail, showcases her kaftans with five generations of women at the NAIDOC high tea in Cairns.

NAIDOC high tea popular



CAIRNS woman Donna Corrie organised a special NAIDOC high tea in her home city for more than 200 guests.

Ms Corrie, who owns Dee's Department, Grooming and Self Care, said the aim of the event was to showcase the accomplishments of inspiring local women who have graduated from her program, as well as local businesses.

"We wanted to provide women of all ages and backgrounds an experience of elegant afternoon dining with friends, work colleagues, distinguished guests, members of Parliament, and entrepreneurs," she said.

"The event enabled women from all corners of Australia to be empowered and inspired by other women of influence.

"The event provided a platform for women to be inspired and inspire others, as well as experiencing a day of elegance simply because they deserve it. Everyone looked absolutely stunning."



Djapagungi Aboriginal Dance Group performer Amelio Newbury entertains at the high tea in Cairns.

The program included entertainment by the Boigu Island Dance Group and the Djapagungi Aboriginal Dance Group, a performance from Hassan Bin Tahal, a Torres Strait Islander Elder who owns Zenadth Kes Karate School, and fashion from Simone Edwards, from Prosperity Designz in Innisfail, and Cheryl Creed, of Murrii Quu.

"My team of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

women excelled on the day by working the floor and putting huge hours into the planning and preparations for the event," Ms Corrie said.

"I would like to acknowledge Nancy Samuel, Shehana Friday, Tamara Mast, Ursula Stafford, Noelene Kynuna and Sylvia Barlow for their dedication and commitment."

● **Major NAIDOC events around the country, pages 28-42, and more next edition.**



Dee's Department, Grooming and Self Care owner Donna Corrie, Senator Claire Moore, Keresela Elaisa and Shakir Vaughns at the high tea. Pictures: Blue Click Photography

Event fosters hope for kids



A LANDMARK event held by Fostering NSW in Sydney has considered the

future of Aboriginal children who are not able to live safely with their families.

Aboriginal child welfare experts, Stolen Generations survivors, foster carers, caseworkers and community leaders came together for the 'Keeping Aboriginal Children Safe On Country and In Culture' discussion, held 20 years after the handing down of the landmark Bringing Them Home report.

The Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec) and the Association of Children's Welfare Agencies (ACWA) partnered for the event, which discussed the current trend in escalating numbers of Aboriginal children entering care, including those being placed with non-Aboriginal carers.

Also discussed was the need for community healing, and the role of community connection in providing identity, belonging and wellbeing for Aboriginal children.

Latest Australian Institute of Health and Welfare figures indicate that about 40% of the 16,800 Aboriginal children in out-of-home care nationally are in NSW. The participants identified key principles that lay out a strong foundation for a call for action to care for Aboriginal children



Vicki Barton, of AbSec, and Uncle Michael Welsch, of the Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation.

within the safety of culture.

ACWA chief executive Andrew McCallum said the ongoing shortage of Aboriginal foster carers means many of these children are being placed outside of their own communities, often leaving them disconnected from their culture and heritage and important relationships.

"It is important for Aboriginal children to know who they are and

to maintain ties to their country and culture," he said.

"While the focus should always be on keeping children at home with their own families wherever possible, there will always be situations where it is in the child's best interest to live elsewhere for a time.

"In these cases, if no family members can be found to care for them, then the next best



Association of Children's Welfare Agencies chief executive Andrew McCallum and Marcia Ella-Duncan.

alternative is for the child to be placed with an Aboriginal foster carer, and in their own community.

"Tragically, as we all know, the number of Aboriginal children entering care continues to skyrocket, which means we need more Aboriginal people than ever to come forward to care, nurture and keep the cultural heritage of these children alive."

The event included a screening

of the commissioned documentary *For the Kids*, which shows the story of Aboriginal foster parents, Eddie and Rose Vale, and the Dalai Dreamers footy team's preparation for the Kids in Care Cup Aboriginal Rugby League knockout competition.

To find out more about becoming an Aboriginal foster carer, visit fosteringnsw.com.au or call 1800 236 783.

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Image: Courtesy of 2016 WMBB Summer Program Visual Arts students.

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NSW Environmental Trust Protecting Our Places Grants

Grants are available for Aboriginal community groups and organisations throughout NSW for projects that assist Aboriginal communities to protect, conserve and restore cultural landscapes and waterways that are of importance to local Aboriginal communities.

Grants of up to \$65,000 over three years are available.

Applications close at 3pm on 4 September 2017.

Contact the Trust: For further information please visit environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au or contact the Trust on (02) 8837 6093 or email info@environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au

The Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme

The Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme opened on 1 July 2017. If you are a person who was removed by or committed into the care of the Aborigines Welfare Board before 20 March 1969 you may be eligible to make a claim under this Scheme.

To find out more information, including how to make an application go to: www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/stolen-generations or call 1800 019 998.

Aboriginal Heritage Capacity Upgrade Project, Bridge over Karuah River, Monkerai NSW

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places the Capacity Upgrade Project for the Bridge over Karuah River at Monkerai NSW, to register to be consulted.

To register your interest, please contact:
Matthew Kelleher
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Level 10, 25 Bligh Street
Sydney NSW 2000
matthew.kelleher@knconsult.com.au

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by 28 July 2016.

Roads and Maritime Services proposes to upgrade the existing bridge over Karuah River at Monkerai, within the Mid Coast Local Government Area. The proposed works would involve upgrading the existing bridge to meet current regulatory limits for general access trucks and operability standards for long term network requirements.

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.

AHC charity initiative is off and running



THE first
Aboriginal
and Torres
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Islander

cultural race day event at the Royal Randwick Turf Club in Sydney has attracted more than 300 people.

Community members and Elders from the Redfern and La Perouse communities, sponsors and guests came together to support and raise awareness of a new charity initiative of the Aboriginal Housing Company (AHC).

Called, LeadingThe Way, the initiative will have a primary focus on education, apprenticeships and employment for the Indigenous community.

AHC chair Alisi Tutuila said the core focus was to encourage Indigenous people to enhance their career paths by offering assistance, scholarships, foundational studies, apprenticeships, and student accommodation at the Pemulwuy project, the redevelopment of The Block in Redfern.

"We're extremely proud about what this fund stands for and we're thrilled to have received an abundance of support," she said.

Bidjigal Elder and entertainer Uncle Vic Simms opened the day on the racetrack with a welcome to country.

The event was hosted by TV and radio commentator Brad Cooke, and event



One of the seven unique racing silks designed by Aboriginal artists and worn by jockeys during the race day at Randwick.



AHC staff and officials with Heavenly Anna, who won the Pemulwuy Handicap.

highlights included traditional Aboriginal dances.

Seven unique silks designed by Aboriginal

artists were worn by jockeys and then auctioned off in the afternoon.

The horse Heavenly

Anna, whose jockey wore the specially designed silks won race six – The Pemulwuy Handicap.

Legal groups criticise CDP



THE Federal Government's work-for-the-dole scheme is denying Aboriginal people in remote communities basic rights, equal

treatment and fair payment for work, legal and human rights advocates have told a Senate inquiry.

The Government is revamping its controversial Community Development Program (CDP), which covers about 35,000 people, mostly from Aboriginal communities.

The North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) and the Human Rights Law Centre (HRLC) have highlighted the "inherent discrimination" of the social security program in separate submissions to a Senate committee.

Remote participants must do 25 hours of 'work-like' activities a week to receive welfare payments, which is up to three

times more than the requirement for unemployed people living in towns.

HRLC legal advocacy director Adrienne Walters said that over the course of a year, they're also paid substantially less per hour than participants in non-Indigenous majority urban areas. "This looks very much like a racially discriminatory government program," she said.

"Disengage"

"Money is being poured into a program that is strangling opportunities for community-led employment creation and community development, and seeing families go hungry and young people disengage."

The Turnbull Government has come under fire for issuing more than 200,000 fines to CDP workers who breached their requirements since the program began in July 2015.

NAAJA senior lawyer Harley Dannatt

said CDP workers were about 20 times more likely to be financially penalised compared with those in the non-remote job-seeker program.

"People have told us about not being able to do everything that the Government demands of them, about having payments cut for eight weeks, and about the hardship this causes their children and families," she said.

"People want to work and they want to be employed to work, rather than receiving below-minimum wage payments through this discriminatory program."

Recently, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said 90% of sanctions were waived instantly and repeated that Aboriginal people didn't want "sit-down money".

A consultation process for a new model is under way, with changes expected to come into force by the end of the year. – AAP

UN is urged to support nuclear ban



YANKUNY-TJATJARA woman Karina Lester addressed the United Nations in New York last

month, urging that an historic nuclear weapons ban treaty recognises the disproportionate impact of nuclear testing on indigenous peoples worldwide.

Ms Lester's father, Yami Lester, was blinded by the British nuclear tests at Maralinga and Emu Field in the 1950s.

Her call came on a National Day of Action when Ban the Bomb protests were held across Australia. Ms Lester called for indigenous groups across the world to work together.

"Your work on this treaty is an historic opportunity towards ensuring that there are no new victims of nuclear weapons," Ms Lester said.

Australia is boycotting the UN treaty talks, at the behest of the United States, despite its own people having experienced the devastation of nuclear tests.

A number of governments

have voiced support for including a paragraph in the preamble of the treaty recognising the disproportionate impact of nuclear testing on indigenous peoples around the world.

The paragraph reads: "In pursuit of ever-deadlier weapons of mass destruction, the authorities have subjected our peoples to epidemics of cancers, chronic diseases and congenital abnormalities.

'Guinea pigs'

"They have treated us as 'guinea pigs', in some cases denying us access to adequate medical care and even our own medical records.

"Our suffering cannot be undone. Our lands can never be fully restored. Some of our customs will never be revived and will forever remain disrupted. But we hope that, in this new treaty to ban nuclear weapons, governments will at last acknowledge and make reparations for the harm inflicted upon Indigenous peoples, communities, lands and sea."

Nyoongar funny man racing off to Europe



AN apprentice chef, a miner and a TV reporter walk into a bar. What emerges is a stand-up comic, and now Nyoongar man Craig

Quartermaine is taking his show *Race Off* to the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland.

Moving from the shrinking mining and media industries to an even smaller one is paying off for the 35-year-old Quartermaine, who's forging a name for himself on the international stage.

Perth-based Quartermaine is again teaming up with his Caucasian 'Yoda', Brendon Burns, for their new show, which will run at the Edinburgh Festival in August before going to Finland and Croatia.

It's a stark contrast to Quartermaine's day job as the Western Australian correspondent for NITV, his second broadcasting position, which came after an "unstimulating career" in the mining industry.

It often sees him covering issues like the Stolen Generations, before the comedian hits the stage just a few hours later.

The pair couldn't be more different. "He's (Brendon's) everything I hated – private school boy, encouraged to be creative. My background was 'get a job'," Quartermaine said.

"Ordinarily we wouldn't hang out. Stand-up brought us together."



Stand-up comedian Craig Quartermaine.

Quartermaine says he's learnt a lot from Burns, an award-winning comic of 25 years who was supportive when Quartermaine started out in the funny business three years ago.

Equally, Burns has been challenged by his apprentice, who feels he picked up the microphone at the right time in his life.

"Brendon is a lunatic but he knows what he's doing up there," Quartermaine said. "Had I been younger, I probably wouldn't have had the anger.

"I'm probably mauling this quote, but when the student is ready, the teacher will appear."

Quartermaine says he was sceptical about Burns' intentions at first, concerned he was "looking for an Aboriginal comedian".

"I'm not going to be your little pet.' I said that to him," he said. "I hate being the black oracle in the office or friendships."

Quartermaine, a *Raw Comedy* finalist who was also once a chef's apprentice, lists his comedic influences as Dave Chappelle and Chris Rock, and recalls secretly listening to Eddie Murphy's R-rated 1983 TV special

Delirious on his cousin's teddy bear tape deck in their Kununurra home as a formative experience.

"I was six years old and wasn't meant to be listening to it," he said. – AAP

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MY NAME IS JIMI

Students show their skills



RECYCLING is a subject not often given due attention in remote parts of the Northern Territory, but students from Borroloola School are working with Roper Gulf

Regional Council to highlight the issue. The students have unveiled 12 mesh recycling baskets which were installed by the council in time for the 2017 Borroloola Show.

Borroloola School trade trainer Peter Tornaros said the students had embraced the opportunity to develop their fabrication skills on a project that benefitted the community.

"A great need was discovered for materials to be recycled, so the school

has worked with the council to design and manufacture the baskets, which have been put around Borroloola," he said.

"The project has helped instruct the students in the safe use of hand tools and welders, and they have taken great pride that something they have created will help to push the community in the direction of a recycling mindset."

With a 186,000 square kilometre local government area, Roper River Council is pushing for viable rubbish recovery programs and Mayor Tony Jack praised the school for its support of the council's plan to minimise the amount of recyclable materials being sent to waste management facilities across the region.



Roper Gulf Regional Council area manager Janeen Bulsey with Borroloola School principal Max Agnew, trade trainer Peter Tornaros and students with their newly fabricated recycling baskets.

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Council formed to stand up for kids



THE Noongar Child Protection Council has been formed to 'stand up for our kids'. It was formed after a series of workshops to ensure that the rights of all Aboriginal children in Noongar Country (Western Australia) are protected and that kids are connected to families, community, culture and country.

NCPC convener Dawn Wallam said there is overwhelming evidence about the trauma associated with neglect and abuse, out-of-home care and the resulting disconnection from family and culture.

"The NCPC believe that all Aboriginal children and their families have a right to grow, learn and thrive surrounded by love, culture and connected communities," she said.

The NCPC is supported by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support and the WA Council of Social Services.

College breached consumer law



A NSW training college engaged in unconscionable conduct by targeting the vulnerable in disadvantaged communities and encouraging them to sign up for its courses, the Federal Court has found.

Unique International College, which is based in Granville in Sydney's west, was also found to have breached Australian Consumer Law when it made false or misleading representations targeting students living in former Aboriginal missions in Bourke, Wagga Wagga, Walgett and Taree.

The college used door-to-door sales tactics between 2014 and 2015 to sign people up for its VET FEE-HELP courses that cost between \$10,000 and \$25,000, Justice Nye Perram said in his judgment. — AAP

Elcho fuel sniffers younger than 10



A HANDFUL of children aged under 10 are among a group of Northern Territory children sniffing toxic aviation fuel, some of whom have blood lead levels 17 times above the safe rate.

In May, the ABC revealed about 100 kids from Elcho Island were breaking into remote airstrips to steal in the aeroplane fuel known as Avgas in north-east Arnhem Land.

The bulk of sniffers are aged between 10 and 17, but a handful of children are even younger.

Since April, health authorities have tested 178 youngsters from several remote Aboriginal communities, identifying elevated blood lead levels in 154 cases.

"The highest has been 17 times above what we would consider to be acceptable. The average is between five and six times," NT Centre for Disease Control acting director Charles Douglas told the ABC.

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Wiradjuri man and musical theatre student Jarrod Draper.

Stage set for this achiever



WIRADJURI man Jarrod Draper has an impressive list of personal achievements and being the first Aboriginal musical theatre student to attend the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) is just one of them.

Mr Draper, from central NSW, is currently in the second year of his musical theatre course, and he has received the 2017 Edith Cowan University (ECU) Vice-Chancellor's Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship, worth \$2500 a semester until the completion of his degree.

Mr Draper said studying at WAAPA was a dream come true. "Being the first Indigenous man to be accepted into the musical theatre course at WAAPA is my biggest personal achievement," he said.

At age 15, Mr Draper left home to attend boarding school, where his talents

shone on and off the stage. He attracted lead roles in the school productions, won several theatre awards, sang solo at the Empire State Building in New York and scored 100% in music in the Higher School Certificate.

He also represented his school and town at state level in swimming, football, basketball and soccer.

Mr Draper said he hoped that through his achievements and by studying at WAAPA he could have a positive impact on others who want to make a career in their own field.

"Encouraged"

"I have always been encouraged by my parents to follow my dreams and be proud of my Indigenous heritage," he said.

"Encouraging and promoting education within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is important because education creates empowerment.

"Education makes us all equal and opens up

unbelievable and achievable opportunities, such as attending WAAPA."

Mr Draper wants to be the best at his craft, and to do this he needs to stay fit, focused and healthy and that's where he said his scholarship will help.

"The scholarship will assist me financially and relieve some of the pressure associated with the demands of musical theatre," he said.

"I have goals of performing on Broadway and with the skills and training I'll acquire at WAAPA, plus my own hard work, determination and dedication, I have no doubt I can achieve them.

"When you're doing something you love it just seems to make sense and come with ease."

Selection for the ECU Vice-Chancellor's Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship is based on academic merit and demonstrated leadership and contribution to the Indigenous community.

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'Heroes' star in short films



TO celebrate NAIDOC Week, national not-for-profit organisation Show Me The Way (SMTW) launched the DVD *My Story Matters* at the State Library of NSW.

The DVD features six short films showcasing unsung heroes in Indigenous communities. The films were created by First Nations students during SMTW film workshops.

Bundjalung man and SMTW chair Wayne McEwen said that over the past 11 years, the organisation had helped make more than 50 films, which are held by the State Library. "We really encourage schools and libraries to access the stories," he said.

"They are about people in community as role models and mentors, and the films are produced by school kids. They narrate them and hone their skills in production.



A group attends the launch of *My Story Matters* by not-for-profit organisation Show Me The Way at the State Library of NSW. SMTW graduate Tiarnah Class is front left.

"Our mob can relate to stuff visually. We played a couple of videos the other day at the launch and everyone was excited by the visual aspect."

The Show Me The Way program aims to empower Aboriginal students to stay at school and study while remaining culturally relevant.

Students learn to see the relevance of education while being mentored by workplace role models.

"The students can develop their career and ask questions and get advice," Mr McEwen said.

"They find a lot of personal growth and can continue in business if that's their passion.

Learning becomes a two-way journey for the mentor and the student.

"Some of the learning partners involved with the program have conversations about their own mistakes with the young people and help them at the start of their career. They talk about education,

life and work, dispelling myths around gender."

Noonuccal woman Tiarnah Class, a SMTW graduate who now works with Westpac, spoke of how the program had changed her life.

"In 2011 and 2012, I participated in the Show Me The Way program doing a school-based traineeship with Westpac," she said. "It helped me because it's not every day young Indigenous people get the opportunity to get traineeships in banks or traineeships at all.

"During the program, I was supported every step of the way. Weekly, I had one-on-one time with a Westpac mentor to progress my skills within the bank and the consistent guidance and knowledge about our identities and our Aboriginal backgrounds."

Mr McEwen said SMTW is funded by donations and he hoped that sales of the DVDs through libraries will help to fund programs.

The *Koori Mail* is a media partner of Show Me The Way.

WA Water Corp funding grants



PROJECTS aimed at improving Aboriginal employment, health and wellbeing and protecting wildlife have received funding through the Western Australia Water Corporation's West Kimberley Community Grants Scheme.

The community grants scheme is designed to empower communities to identify solutions to issues at a grassroots level.

WA Water Minister Dave Kelly said the grants scheme is a win-win situation for the environment and the community.

"This year, the community will benefit by receiving \$50,226 in funds for projects to improve Aboriginal employment, health and wellbeing, education and culture," he said.

For more information, visit www.watercorporation.com.au

Colonial history play this month



TRIBUNAL, a performance about Australia's colonial history, will be staged at Arts House Melbourne on July 20-23.

The play tells the story of Indigenous Australians and draws parallels between their experiences and those of newly-arrived refugees.

Indigenous Elders, artists, human rights activists, refugees, lawyers and young leaders will come together to create an 'Australian Truth and Reconciliation Tribunal' from the show.

More details at www.artshouse.com.au/

Walkers re-enact Woorabinda trek



MORE than 100 people re-enacted a 270km trek from Taroom to Woorabinda to mark the anniversary of the long walk made by Aboriginal people 90 years ago.

The walkers set out on June 28 from Taroom, 290km west of Maryborough, to Woorabinda, more than 270km to the north.

The trek began with a healing ceremony on Bundulla Station, the site of the former Taroom Aboriginal Settlement, which was closed in 1927 because of the threat of flooding from a nearby irrigation scheme.

Inhabitants at the time were forced to move to what is now Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire, 170km south-west of Rockhampton. Most of them walked.



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- work collaboratively and professionally as part of diverse teams
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- Law

We actively encourage applications from people with disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Eligibility

To be a part of the NDIA Graduate Program you must also meet the following criteria:

- Have completed a minimum of an Australian recognised bachelor degree in the last two years (i.e. between January 2016 and January 2018). You can apply while still studying as long as you will have graduated prior to commencing in the graduate program.
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- Appropriate working with children and/or vulnerable people checks may need to be undertaken as per State Legislation.

How to apply

Apply via the NDIA's Job website page www.ndis.gov.au

Applications close as of Sunday 23 July 2017 at 11.30pm AEST.

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Where can I find more information?

NDIA Website

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Yorta Yorta/Wemba
Wemba/Wergai man,
originally from
Shepparton

Favourite bush tucker?
Murray Cod.

Favourite other food?
French food.

Favourite drink?
Shiraz from Coonawarra, SA.

Favourite music?
The Beatles and Cat Stevens.

Favourite sport?
Aussie Rules – Richmond Tigers.

What are you reading?
The Munich Agreement – Before World War II (non-fiction).

Favourite holiday destination?
Hawaii.

What do you like in life?
Family, good company and good wine.

What don't you like?
Pretentiousness.

Which black or indigenous person would you most like to meet?
Nelson Mandela again.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Charlie Perkins, Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King.

What is your ultimate goal?
Happiness.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?
Treaty.

Quote



“When you’re doing something you love it just seems to make sense and come with ease.”

– Western Australian
Academy of Performing Arts
achiever Jarrod Draper

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Unquote

Our languages really do matter

BIG congrats to all the NAIDOC winners around the country, from each local government area to the states and territories and, of course, our national NAIDOC award winners.

How good is NAIDOC Week?

It's a great opportunity to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, achievement and resilience and to share with the rest of the country.

We have so many wonderful NAIDOC photos sent to us here at the *Koori Mail* that we'll be spreading them out over a couple of editions so we can publish as many as possible.

And, from what we've seen, this year's theme of 'Our languages matter' was heartily embraced.

There are so many good new programs embracing and reconnecting people with language. And heaps of deadly books being published in language and also kriol.

It's heartening to see and hear some of our musicians releasing more songs in their own languages and apps being developed across the country to use technology to protect, promote and teach Indigenous languages.

And every time you hear a welcome to country in the language of that country it means something special: Against the odds, against the attempts



OUR SAY

of the invaders, that language has survived.

NAIDOC Week is also a fantastic opportunity to catch up with family and friends and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to share their pride in culture with the rest of the community.

As Bundjalung man Lester Moran said at one of the events in Ballina, northern NSW: "NAIDOC is who we are. It's a celebration of our culture and history that we're proud to share with the wider community – it's for everyone to celebrate."

We know Indigenous communities have problems.

But how good is it to just take a moment and say, 'Here's some of the wonderful things our wonderful people do.'

'Our languages matter' – and so do the achievements of our people, no matter how small or big. As does marking those achievements.

So big thanks all you mob – and happy NAIDOC Week!

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Hero to his people and community



WALK around Coober Pedy and it soon becomes obvious why Dean Walker was named South Australia's Local Hero in the 2014 Australian of the Year awards. It seems just about every local – black and white – in the northern SA centre knows and respects him.

He really is something of a local hero to many in the opal mining town, especially in the extensive Aboriginal community on Antakirinja Matu-Yanunytjatjara country, which takes in Coober Pedy.

It's a rare thing for an Aboriginal man, especially so for one who works for the police as a community constable.

But it's a reputation of which Senior Community Constable

Walker, as he is officially known, is more than proud.

"It's good to work on my country and help my people, as well as others," he tells the *Koori Mail*.

"And it's something I expect to be doing for quite a while yet."

Dean Walker was born in the early 1970s and raised in Port Augusta, SA, before leaving school and returning to his country to work on cattle stations.

With wife Janice Bailes he returned to Port Augusta in the early 1990s, welcomed sons Keonie and Evan, and continued in a variety of jobs – including stay-at-home dad – before seeing

a police community constable role advertised in 2004.

"I applied, was accepted and spent three months at the SA Police Academy," he said.

"I was the only Aboriginal person there. The police were

Augusta, transferring to Oodnadatta and then moving to Coober Pedy in 2009.

He now works there as a leader with other community officers, helping to establish links between police and the

Aboriginal community around Coober Pedy and Oodnadatta.

"It's a good job," he says.

"I feel I'm making a difference and, like the other community police,

being a role model for the community."

Proud of his people and his culture, Const Walker also serves on the board of several local organisations.

And he has followed in the

footsteps of his highly-regarded father Robin by taking on the presidency of the Coober Pedy Saints Football Club.

"It's not been easy, but the football club is something the community here gets right behind," Deano, as he's widely known, said.

"It's too important to let go."

As for the future, Const Walker is keen to stay on country and continue helping his people.

He's been working with the community on plans to establish a diversion scheme to help local Aboriginal youths in strife with the law.

"It's needed here, and it's something that has the potential to make a difference to our mob and the community," he said.

"There are a few things. We'll see what happens."

"I feel I'm making a difference and, like the other community police, being a role model for the community."

really good, but I missed my family and my mob. It was a long three months, but I'm glad I stuck it out."

After graduation, the newly minted Community Constable Walker was appointed to Port

2017 Alice Springs Beanie Festival



Rebecca Wilyuka wears her ducks beanie.



Warlpiri artist Julie Napaljarri Kitson, from Titjikala, with her award-winning beanies.

500 makers show skills



Kirsten Yates gets a lesson in felting from Julie Napaljarri Kitson.



ANOTHER colourful and creative Beanie Festival has wrapped up in Alice Springs. Festival organisers said 500 beanie-makers, including many Aboriginal artists, had shared in \$178,000 worth of sales.

Aboriginal artists from the Titjikala Art Centre showed their techniques for making felt beanies and also took out several prizes in the competition, including people's choice for an incredibly complex creation of felted goannas.

Rebecca Wilyuka said even seemingly complicated designs like her beanie with tiny ducks weren't hard to make once you understood the proper felting techniques.

"I just came up with the idea and made it in less than a day," she said.

And for those living in Port Pirie, South Australia, an exhibition of some of the beanies is opening this week at the Port Pirie Regional Gallery, running until August 27.



Jacinta Myers and Joyce Yama create beanies at the Beanie Festival.



Nita Ferguson with the top of an emu beanie she is making, including with feathers.



Rene Douglas shows the first part of making a felt beanie.

Where do we go from here?

AS one of about 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegates to attend the Referendum Council Constitutional Recognition Conference in Uluru, 50 years after the 1967 referendum, 25 years after the Mabo High Court decision and 20 years on from the Bringing Them Home report, the weight of expectations at this historic event was in parts intense, but with a feeling of unease and despair that we are being politically distracted.

As delegates we took our roles very seriously whilst carrying the burden, views, opinions and expectations of our peoples and families. Those same expectations had to be overlaid with the views of our peoples from all parts of the national compass on very deeply complex and vexing issues all within the individual/group's cultural, social, economic framework of basic human rights.

The conference was made all the more complex by the fact that there are different views among First Nations people as to whether constitutional recognition is a goal worth aiming for. Many First Nations people want, first and foremost, recognition of their people's sovereignty and first laws. Many people advocating for sovereignty reject any notion of having constitutional 'recognition' of First Nations peoples in a colonial legal system that has tried to override their laws, culture and way of life. For many First Nations people, the creation of a treaty is the most important objective.

Those of us participating in the conference were aware of these differing views, and saw our role as keeping all conversations and processes open. The key issues we were addressing at the conference were:

- the need to create a statement of acknowledgement concerning Indigenous Australians which could be included in the introduction or preamble to the Constitution;
- whether we should advocate for a new power for the Commonwealth Parliament to make laws applying specifically to Indigenous Australians, in place of the existing 'race' power;
- removal of section 25 of the Constitution, which refers to the possibility of any State discrimination against racial groups in voting laws (provisions regarding races disqualified from voting) and the questions of a constitutional prohibition against racial discrimination;



The Koori Mail's front page coverage from the Recognition conference at Uluru.

- the need for an Indigenous voice to advise the Commonwealth Parliament in making decisions that affect the First Nations; and
- a constitutional provision for agreement or treaties with Indigenous Australians.

The outcomes of the conference included:

- recommendations about the need for constitutional reform, to empower people and take our rightful place in our own country and provide for positive making of laws for us as First Nations peoples;
- creating a voice to parliament, an elected body that sits alongside parliament and becomes a voice on policies and legislative matters that affect First Nations people. This voice is to be one of the changes that should be enshrined and protected by the Constitution; and
- recommendations to create a Makarrata Commission that will have roles of oversight of agreement making and truth telling and, most importantly, the protection of our sovereignty and our sovereign or supreme rights.

These outcomes are reflected in the 'Uluru Statement From The Heart', which outlines what we believe are our future directions as a nation. In simple terms, what First Nations people are saying is: You should not have discussions about us without us.

We face the harsh reality that constitutional change may be needed to protect us, our rights and interests and our cultural values. Without securing appropriate constitutional amendments, the government of the day will always be able to undo any gains we may make through agreements or legislation.

The question now is: Where to from here? What change is needed, and is constitutional reform actually a distraction from the reality of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia? These questions speak to questions around real structural reform of the colonial system that continues to paralyse our people, and override our basic human rights. These and many more questions must be addressed, and these issues will take time, leadership and wisdom from us all.

One thing is certain out of all these discussions – we can't continue with the status quo that continues to destroy Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's lives.

Governments cannot continue with undelivered and recycled rhetoric, standing behind the acts of symbolism and feigning empathy to mask their poor record for Closing the Gap.

This is not stopping the overrepresentation of our children dying of preventable diseases and poor services, the overrepresentation of our people being incarcerated, young people taking their own lives through despair, social and cultural demonisation, paralysing poverty, employment and lack of options and opportunities.

All of these 'symptoms' are caused by the reality of existing colonial structures – and we must unpack these structures so that everyone understands them.

I don't want the need for constitutional reform to distract us all from the harsh reality of everyday issues of very basic survival for my people. But further discussions and conversations are needed to address these core legal and constitutional issues.

As Nelson Mandela put it, "Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity; it is an act of justice. It is the protection of fundamental human rights, the right to dignity and a decent life."

ROSS (TIMMULBAR) WILLIAMS
Brisbane, Qld

POETRY

Past It

And as soon as
I get in the taxi at
Central Railway
Station
the fella says where
are
you from and he
didn't even
wait a couple of
minutes
to ask the question
like
they did back in the
80s
and even though I'm
tempted to say my
Mum
is from Bangladesh
and my Dad is from
Puerto Rico and my
dog
is from Italy I just look
the lad square
in the eyes
and say:
I'm a Koori from the
south coast and we
were the first people
in this country
and if you
knew anything about
history then...

But then he breaks
into a laugh and
tells me
he's a Koori
from down
the south coast as
well and
was mucking about
when he
asked me the
question and
did I hear about what
happened
to so-and-so, but I'm
so shocked
by his reply I don't
say anything
because I'd been
practising my
"Response to a Nosy
Taxi Driver"
speech in my mind
since Bomaderry
and now it's
completely useless!
So I just sit back
and bathe in
the sweet knowledge
that
I'm past it, past it,
man.
Past it by a good mile.

BARRY COOPER
Orient Point, NSW

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Shaping up to the truth

SO once again Australians are celebrating their deep denial of the truth, this time in regards to the Jeff Horn fight against Manny Pacquiao.

I can't bring myself to write that Jeff Horn 'won' the fight because quite simply he didn't, but, just like the Green-Mundine, fight earlier in the year no one cares.

And Aussies are running around patting each other on the back filled with pride because of yet another great white hope: Jeff Horn, the secondary school teacher from Logan.

Pacquiao's trainer, Freddie Roach, has called for one of the judges from the fight to be investigated over her controversial scoring. Waleska Roldan scored the fight 117-111 in Horn's favour as part of a unanimous decision, with the other two judges scoring it 115-113. This was despite post-fight stats revealing Pacquiao's absolute dominance of the fight.

Pacquiao threw a total of 573 punches, landing 182. In comparison, Horn threw a ridiculous 625, only landing 92, which shows he was swinging widely and hitting mostly air. Pacquiao threw 193 jabs and landed 59, and 380 power punches, landing 123. Horn threw 197 jabs, only landing 19, and 428 power punches, only landing 73.

What made it worse was that

Horn's face was badly swollen, and he was bleeding around his right eye, which was closing up. The ref even came to Horn's corner after the ninth round and told Horn that if he didn't show that he had the ability to defend himself the fight would have to be called off.

The only reason Pacquiao had any blood was that he was head-butted twice, with the fight having to be stopped.

Remember the outrage in Australia when Anthony Mundine accidentally head-butted Green, but now the same offence twice falls on deaf ears.

Other criticism aimed at Horn outside of Australia was that he fought dirty, including claims he was punching illegally in the clinch.

The real problem, and this spills outside of the fight, is that with Australians in such denial you can't even discuss what happened without evoking a strong emotional response.

This makes it difficult to discuss many issues, particularly regarding our history. People just are not interested in the truth.

US sports media exploded immediately. Boxing expert Teddy Atlas was fuming, claiming Horn was gifted the fight. "They gave a win, a huge win, to the local kid for trying hard," he yelled. "You're not supposed to get it for trying hard.



Woolombi Waters

You're supposed to get it for winning."

ESPN reporter TJ Quinn was equally outraged, claiming Horn won because the fight was held on his home turf. "No way in hell Horn won unanimously," he tweeted. "Ridiculous."

FOX Sports reporter Dieter Kurtenbach was even more critical, labelling the fight "rigged".

Boxing legend Lennox Lewis tweeted: "Horn was very game but I'm hard pressed to see how he could have won that fight by any stretch."

As to be expected, twitter and social media went into frenzy and some of the biggest names in the world got involved. Sports stars and Hollywood superstars like Samuel L Jackson took to Twitter to vent their anger. "Uhhh... can U Say Bull****?!! Manny got f****," Jackson wrote.

The after-fight incident when Horn tried to call out Floyd Mayweather was also severely criticised. Only in Australia would we have a little white boy after being gifted a fight he had lost then insult one of the greatest black athletes to ever walk the planet – arguably the greatest pound-for-pound boxer in history.

Horn called out Mayweather in a bizarre post-fight sledge, challenging him while he's preparing to fight UFC lightweight champion Conor McGregor, asking if Mayweather wanted "the walking stick or gloves" before telling him to "come have a real fight".

So how does this happen?

The answer is complex.

Arguably, what we are witnessing is a toxic combination of white fragility, a form of white supremacy where white privilege

allows people to not even consider historical or current context, in a period of what is being referred to as 'post-truth'.

White fragility leads to feelings of insecurity, defensiveness, even threat. It creates a backlash against those perceived as 'other'. It also assumes that the white middle class experience is universal – and, on a more sinister level, it prevents honest dialogue on important issues, like Black Lives Matter, Black Deaths in Custody and Australia's new stolen generation.

The situation is a result of hard-line austerity, war and globalisation coupled with a new hybrid media dominated by reality TV and a dumbed-down political class. Social media and filter bubbles. Combined with overt nationalism, white fragility appeals in a post-truth world where emotion overrides facts and history is ignored.

Examples are the view of Australian history that denies conflict and invasion in favour of peaceful settlement, which blackfellas know is simply untrue; and the heated debate surrounding celebrating Australia Day on the date that Europeans arrived.

It makes ideas of social justice, truth and recognition so difficult when the deception is so obvious.

● Dr Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail correspondent.

Statement rejected

This statement was prepared at the Sacred Fire, Aboriginal Embassy, Canberra, by the Walkout Collective – the First Nations representatives who walked out in protest from the National Constitutional Convention on May 24, and participants of the First Nations Rise Up meeting held at the Aboriginal Embassy on June 24-25.

WE, the First Nations people who gathered at the Sacred Fire of the Aboriginal Embassy on June 24-25, reject the 'Uluru Statement from the Heart' and its guiding principles.

The Uluru Statement is a reflection of the corrupt proceedings of the Referendum Council's regional dialogues and the National Constitutional Convention, held at the Ayers Rock Resort near Uluru, Northern Territory, from May 23-26.

We assert that all First Nations have retained law, language, land, culture, governance and the ability to enter into international relations on this island continent now known as Australia. Our law continues to be the continental common law of the land. We live under the duress of a cold war of attrition and continuing genocide perpetrated by the Commonwealth of Australia, governing in right of the Crown of the United Kingdom.

We oppose the power of the British colonial Commonwealth of Australia which continues to illegally occupy our lands, territories, waters and airways.

We are aware that the United Nations understands Australia's illegal status as a UN Member State and has instructed the Australian Government to decolonise from Britain. However, our First Nations pre-existing and continuing sovereignty is blocking them, as confirmed in 2010 by the UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD). CERD advised the Australian Government of the need to reset its relationship with First Nations by way of Treaty/ies.

We assert that the Commonwealth, State

and Territory Constitutions do not have a constitutional head of power to pass any laws which affect, impact, or diminish the continental sovereignty of First Nations and Peoples. This is the reason why the Commonwealth, via Prime Minister and Cabinet's Referendum Council, is so intent to coerce our people and manufacture consent for the colonial power to govern First Nations Peoples in right of the Crown of the United Kingdom.

The great First Nations chant of 'Sovereignty Never Ceded' is being challenged and betrayed by treasonous agents of the coloniser. It is being orchestrated behind the scenes by puppeteers, including but not limited to, the co-chair of the Referendum Council, Mark Leibler, who supports military occupation.

We are not Australian citizens. We are outside of the Australian Constitution as 'aliens' to its governance. At present, the Commonwealth Government of Australia allegedly acquired the right, by way of the 1967 constitutional referendum, to pass 'special measure' laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as an alien race, outside of the Australian citizenry, by evoking the race power of Section 51 Subsection 26.

We demand that the Commonwealth Government desist from its deceitful intent to usurp our sovereignty through a war of stealth, by resetting the invaders' relationship with Sovereign First Nations, without identifying the terms of its agenda. This is both immoral and unethical. It is indeed an act of war, being publicly spun as a 'well overdue obligation' on the part of the invader state to incorporate the invaded Sovereign First Nations' inhabitants into Australia's colonial Constitution.

In this way, the Commonwealth will create a specific head of power to pass laws with respect to Sovereign First Nations and assimilate our people into the invader's Constitution by the acquiescence and/or surrender of our inherent sovereign rights,

which clears the way for Australia to decolonise from the Crown of the United Kingdom.

Only one pathway for the referendum was argued by the National Constitutional Convention: that of First Nations' inclusion in the Constitution. All other options were gagged. Wrong way legal advice was endorsed by the Referendum Council to fool our people into believing that inclusion into the Constitution would not impact on our inherent pre-existing sovereign rights.

Also, to have a 'voice' and a 'national advisory organisation' does not require a referendum.

No genuine mandate to make decisions on behalf of First Nations belonged to the majority of participants at the National Constitutional Convention. The 12 regional dialogues were closed invitation-only meetings, from which 10 'delegates' were 'elected' to make up 60% of the 'delegates' at the convention. Once the Referendum Council and its organisers, the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Studies (AIATSIS), realised they had lost the numbers for constitutional inclusion, an executive decision was made by the powers that be to stack the National Constitutional Convention with their paid staff and facilitators, whom they called 'delegates'. This created a major conflict of interest.

Additionally, 20% of the participants at the convention came from organisations that had already been held to ransom to promote the agenda of the Recognise campaign and the Referendum Council in order to continue receiving government funding. A further 20% were individuals selected by government as 'delegates'.

The Referendum Council refused all recording of the National Constitution Convention to maintain the veil of secrecy, in order to protect Point 10 of the Guiding Principles to the 'Uluru Statement', which states: 'Does not interfere with current and future legal arrangements.' In this sentence,

the treasonous compromise to maintain the status quo is spelt out clearly.

The proposed Makarrata agreement-making is about domestic contracts, which will keep First Nations under a colonial constitution's head of power. The deep meaning of Makarrata is misunderstood as it is a complex and high-level ceremony, which can result in the death of the guilty party and/or blood-letting, and is designed to restore social harmony once the wrong has been dealt with. In the 1980s the Makarrata terminology was strongly rejected by Central Desert communities during the National Aboriginal Conference (NAC) Treaty consultation process.

We support the demand for truth before Treaty/Treaties in a truth and justice process, which exposes the crimes perpetrated by the past and ongoing genocide and gross violations of human rights of First Nations peoples in Australia. This will confirm the British and Australians have, and are, benefitting from the proceeds of horrendous crimes against the innocent.

We are developing agreements between families and clans, which lead to sovereign Treaties between First Nations that are independent from the illegal occupying colonial power ruling in right of the Crown.

Turning the 'Aboriginal Embassy into stone' is the worst form of appropriation of the spearhead of the sovereignty movement. The Aboriginal Embassy maintains the resistance to the invading power.

We call on all sovereign First Nations peoples across the country to engage with the mainstream public to establish a national process, which culminates in the rewriting of a new and modern constitution for a republic. This must be underpinned by First Nations sovereignty of the ancient continental common law established by Tjurkurpa, Goomarra, also known as the law of natural creation.

We respect the rights of Mother Earth as fundamentally integral to the wellbeing of humanity.

Taking to the field in white



THE Family Violence Legal service Aboriginal Corporation in Ceduna, South Australia, has sponsored a

White Ribbon Round for the Far West Football League.

Legal administrator Keturah Coleman said the event was held to help men engage with standing up to domestic violence.

"Everything we had done so far was for women," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"So we thought why not host something for the men through

what they love – football – and it was really successful.

"We thought if we get men involved in the discussion, we're targeting everyone, and they all know about domestic violence."

The football matches between Koonibba and Ceduna, and Western United versus Thevenard were played with white footballs, while players were wearing white armbands.

Ahead of the football matches White Ribbon ambassador Ivan Phillips visited the football clubs.

Ms Coleman said the men now want him to come back and speak to them about his

motorbike tour around Australia, advocating for the White Ribbon cause.

"We were very happy with the outcome," she said.

"The men really engaged with Ivan when he was talking to them.

"It was very powerful."

Ms Coleman said she hopes next year the event will be 'bigger and better'.

"We want to get the netball clubs involved as well as the football so we can get more people out," she said.

"We had a really good turn out this year but we just want it to keep getting bigger."



Ready for footy: Richard Peel, Peter Thompson, White Ribbon ambassador Ivan Phillips, Charlie Coleman and Michael Newchurch.

Emerging as the new arts curator



APPLICATIONS are now open for the Macquarie Group First Nations Emerging Curator Award.

The Award will provide work and development opportunities for a First Nations emerging visual arts curator, as part of a new partnership between the Macquarie Group Foundation and the Australia Council for the Arts.

The successful curator will receive \$15,000 and the opportunity to curate a new exhibition in 2018, mentored by the Macquarie Group Collection Director and Curatorial Consultant and participate in professional development opportunities nationally and internationally with the Australia Council.

Applications are open until Sunday July 30. For information visit www.australiacouncil.gov.au.

Grants to protect places now open



ABORIGINAL organisations are encouraged to apply for grant funding of up to \$65,000 under the new Protecting Our Places grant program from the NSW

Environmental Trust.

NSW Office of Environment and Heritage acting chief officer Michael Wright said the aim of the grant program is to empower Aboriginal community groups to protect, conserve and restore cultural landscapes and waterways that are of importance to local Aboriginal communities.

"The grant program provides opportunities for organisations to undertake projects that contribute to ongoing sustainable management of significant Aboriginal cultural landscapes in NSW," he said.

"It also provides opportunities for grantees to build the capacity of their organisation as each successful grantee now has access to additional funding for organisational capacity building and mentoring support."

Applications are open until September 4. For more information, visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/pop.htm

NDIS travels to WA communities



THE National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is now operating in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions and people with disability are called to connect with local co-ordinators and test their eligibility for support and services.

The NDIS helps people with disability and about 540 people are accessing support in this region, with these numbers expected to double. The NDIS will operate from eight offices in the region and local co-ordinators will visit remote communities, including Balgo and Kalumburu. Currently, 18 staff are working in the region.

Funding has been provided to a number of organisations, including Far North Community Services, to provide information on preparing for the NDIS.

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Muriel (Melay) Jacobs from the traditional countries of Wik Mungkun and Thayoor, Darney Island, shows one of her designs.

Youth helped to take step



ARTIST Muriel (Melay) Jacobs has immersed herself on a spiritual journey and created a

symbolic artwork connecting her to her Indigenous culture.

Ms Jacobs is one of six young artists from across Queensland who took part in the Next Step After Care cultural and artistic retreat on Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah). For three days, the young artists took their own spiritual journeys and created artworks that spoke of a sense of identity, place and being.

Next Step After Care provides people aged 15 to 21 with support to build independent life after foster care and out-of-home care arrangements. Through practical advice and support, the initiative helps young people move towards independent living.

It is a collaboration between Life Without Barriers, Uniting Care Community, CREATE Foundation, Youth Empowered Towards Independence, Integrated Family and Youth Services and the South Burnett Community Training Centre.

Life Without Barriers chief officer Claire Robb said the

retreat was an extension to its work with the community, as part of formal and informal pathways to listen to young Indigenous people.

“Our young artists have created artworks that we hope will resonate with the young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who might need Next Step’s assistance,” she said.

“We want to help them shape their future in practical ways.”

Next Step After Care covers about two-thirds of people aged 15 to 21 leaving care, but there is a lower representation with Indigenous young people.

“Concerning”

“This low representation is concerning as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people make up 42% of those individuals currently living in out-of-home care in Queensland,” Ms Robb said.

“Making one’s way in the world independently is a big step for any person, but it is significantly harder for young people facing the challenges of life following transition from out-of-home and foster care.”

More than 1500 young people have used Next Step After Care

services for access to advice and support with accommodation and food, transport, home furnishings and household basics, reconnecting with family, friends, community and building relationships, education, resumes, training and job-readiness, health and social and emotional wellbeing appointments and counselling.

Community facilitator Nicole Muller said young people accessing services can seek one-off assistance, or ask for tailored advice and information, or set-up ongoing or one-on-one support when they need it.

“We can even help organise identification documents, Medicare, birth certificates and driver’s licences,” she said.

“We also have resources available that can be used to buy things like household items such as a fridge, washing machine, baby’s cot and pram for example. But most importantly it provides an ear to listen to young people.”

Next Step After Care services are available through Uniting Care Community’s 24-hour call or text line on 1800 639 878, or by visiting www.nextstepaftercare.com.au

Heritage Act 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council of NSW maintains the State Heritage Register which is a list of places of particular importance to the people of NSW, including Aboriginal and other heritage.

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of the following places on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of their heritage significance.

Warringah Civic Centre Precinct, Dee Why

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 9 August 2017. Enquiries to Senthil Kasiannan on (02) 9873 8621 or senthilpavai.kasiannan@environment.nsw.gov.au

1915 Picnic Train Attack & White Rocks Reserve, Broken Hill

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The Heritage Council of NSW is considering whether to recommend the curtilage extension for the place below on the State Heritage Register.

Varroville, Varroville (SHR. No. 00737)

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

For more information: Further details on the nominated places can be viewed at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/NominationsOfStateHeritageRegister.aspx

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Families torn apart claim



AS the Australian Government campaigns for a seat on the United Nations Human Rights Council, Indigenous families are being torn apart by punitive laws and a lack of investment in community-based prevention programs, Change the Record and the Human Rights Law Centre say.

In a statement to the Human Rights Council, the organisations called on the world's peak human rights body to hold Australia to promises to promote the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander women and reduce imprisonment rates.

The statement says women's imprisonment rates across Australia have soared in recent years and authorities are locking up Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women at 21 times the rate of other women.

Change the Record Coalition co-chair Antoinette Braybrook said most Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in prison are mothers and most are survivors of violence.

"Trauma and harm resulting from family violence contributes to women's offending," she said.

"Locking women up in prison causes devastating and long-term upheaval – broken families, children moved into child protection, housing lost, and future employment denied.

"If we are to see a reduction in women's offending rates, governments across Australia must work with and invest in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations that work with our women to stop violence and support families."

Change the Record has called for the development of a national action plan and for the Federal Government to incorporate

specific justice targets into the Closing the Gap framework, in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Human Rights Law Centre legal advocacy director Adrienne Walters said Australian governments must act now to remove unfair laws that disproportionately criminalise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

"Two UN experts on Indigenous rights and violence against women visited Australia this year," she said.

"Both raised concern about punitive laws and disadvantage

which contribute to the over-imprisonment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

"The Government has already made promises to the Human Rights Council; it's now time to start delivering on them."

The Australian Government's human rights record was reviewed at the Human Rights Council in 2011 and in 2015. Both times it was criticised about the discrimination and disadvantage experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and the Government agreed to a number of recommendations.



Captain's Flat RFS crew leader Steve Hodgman and Mogo LALC environmental ranger Sharee Nye control the burn.

Fire sparks hope for rare orchid



HOPES for a rare orchid species to bloom have been

rekindled after a cultural burn took place south of Queanbeyan in NSW.

Rangers from Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) reconnected to country as they undertook the burn to control weeds, reinvigorate the landscape and help save the threatened orchid species.

Linda Carlson, from the Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council, said young Aboriginal people taking part were trained in fire management and were taught the importance of traditional land-management practices.

"The rangers loved the camaraderie of working together and reviving Indigenous land practices," she said.

"This brings a strong spiritual, cultural and heritage connection and a

welcome return to looking after country."

The cultural or ecological burning on country is part of the Hotspots Fire project, a joint initiative between the land council, Rural Fire Service (RFS), Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OE0H).

Rob Armstrong, from OE0H, said the strategic use of fire at the site may spark germination for the rare orchid and temporarily reduce surrounding vegetation that competes with the orchid for light and nutrients.

"The orchid has not been seen at this particular site for more than 10 years," he said. "Like many small orchid populations it has not recovered very well from the millennium drought.

"This burn is really our last-ditch effort to boost the recovery of this species and by teaming up with the LALC we have also

created an opportunity for young Aboriginal people to get on country and undertake traditional fire management."

Phil Paterson, from the RFS, said the Hotspots project is about equipping land managers to participate in fire management for biodiversity conservation and risk management.

"Whether you're a ranger, a private landholder or land management agency, it's all about working together," he said.

"We had a shared ecological objective for this burn which was to help save this species, but it was also a chance to get together, share and learn from each other."

The burn was one of many species recovery actions that are part of the NSW Government's Saving our Species project which aims to secure the state's threatened species in the wild for the next 100 years.



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Funding is from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme, Catchment Action NSW, Hunter Catchment Contributions and Hunter Water Corporation.

Eligibility criteria, priority areas and guidelines apply. Applications close at **midnight 28 August 2017**.

Note: grant applications require assistance from Hunter Local Land Services before they can be submitted.

Requests for assistance must be lodged by 1 August 2017.

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The NAIDOC march down King William Street.

Many events in SA capital



IN Adelaide dozens of events were staged to celebrate NAIDOC Week, including the annual march from Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square) to Parliament House, a family fun day, the launch of a public artwork in Reconciliation Plaza and free activities in Rundle Mall.

Kaurna Elder Frank Wanganeen was named the Premier's NAIDOC Award winner for 2017, while the late

Dr Alice Rigney was honoured with a posthumous award.

Mr Wanganeen, a passionate cultural educator, has made a significant contribution to the lives of Aboriginal South Australians through his commitment to reconciliation, social justice, and the preservation of Kaurna heritage, culture and language.

Dr Rigney was recognised for her important legacy as the first female Aboriginal school principal in Australia.

The inaugural Dr Alice Rigney Prize, which recognises an Aboriginal young person excelling in education, was also announced in Dr Rigney's honour. Premier Jay Weatherill congratulated Kaurna Plains School Year 11 student Tayla Karpany as the inaugural recipient.

Mr Wanganeen's and Dr Rigney's contributions, particularly their strong leadership in relation to Aboriginal culture and language, reflect this year's NAIDOC theme 'Our Languages Matter.'



Lorraine Buckskin and Crystal Sumner.



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Leearnah Wanganeen, Teresa Wanganeen, Keishale Rigney and Kyia Miller.



Jaketa Wanganeen and Shaneia Reid.



Dorothy Sumner, from Gawler.



Rigby Barnes, Wade Thompson, Paul Vandenbergh, Marlon Motlop and Brodie Martin at the Adelaide march.



Doug Milera, from Tauondi Aboriginal College, with Tash Chisholm, from the SA Department of Education and Child Development.



The Gondwana Aboriginal Children's Choir sings at the NAIDOC National Awards ceremony.

What a night



THIS Year's NAIDOC National Award winners were honoured at the Cairns Convention Centre in front of about 1000 officials and guests.

Basketball star Patrick Mills was named Person of the Year, while Nyoongar woman Dianne Ryder took the Lifetime Achievement Award.

National NAIDOC Committee co-chair Benjamin Mitchell congratulated all the winners. (See them all on pages 40-42.)

"It is inspiring to see the tireless work

being done by so many talented and dedicated individuals to benefit themselves, their communities and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across our land," he said.

Hannah Hollis and Luke Carroll hosted the evening, which featured performers from all over the country including the Gondwana Children's Choir, Torres Strait Islander dance group Gerib Sik and teen superstar Isaiah Firebrace.

Next year's National NAIDOC Awards ceremony will be held in Sydney.



The Naygawig Gigi (Northern Thunder) dance troupe from Bamaga, in far north Queensland, performs at the ball in Cairns.



NAIDOC National Ball MCs Luke Carroll and Hannah Hollis announce Sydney as host city for next year's NAIDOC night of nights.



Berthalia Reuben, Matari McColl, Jason McColl, and Judy Bridges.



Jaide Stubs, Hayley Saunders, Ayla Nean and Justin Nean.



Luke Currie-Richardson, Maliyaan Compton, Jacqui Conforth and Tristan Field at NAIDOC in the City.



Maree Walford, Meriki Hill, Donna Morley and Kim Hill.



Don Howell, Allan Davis, Malcolm MacColl, Mick Doolan, Chris and Stephanie Duckett.



Slipped on Stereo was among the acts at NAIDOC in the City.



Rudi Bremer and Kerry Toomey.



Chef Mark Olive gives a cooking demonstration.



APY Art Collective (South Australia) artists Iliwanti Ken, Tjunkaya Tjapya and Mary Pan attend the Sydney event.



Isaac Bamblett, Deslyn Marsh and Tyrrell Corby.



Electric Fields



NAISDA dancers perform at the children's culture tent.

Thousands at event in park

By KEIRA JENKINS



THOUSANDS of people visited Hyde Park in Sydney for live music, dancing, bush tucker sampling and a huge celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture during NAIDOC Week.

This year, a gunya – a traditional shelter – was installed in the park with visitors able to step inside throughout NAIDOC Week.

The giant earth oven provided a free feast for everyone who gathered for the event.

Market stalls showcased arts, crafts, gourmet food, books and information. All the while, performances from Emily

Wurramara, Electric Fields, and the Muggera Dancers kept the crowd entertained.

Cooking demonstrations by renowned Aboriginal chef Mark Olive encouraged people from all over to try native Australian foods.

The kids' zone boasted face painting, weaving workshops, art and music activities, and games.



Emily Wurramara smiles on the Sydney stage.



Rhonda Beale and Christine Smith.



Anthony Galluzzo, Glen Cook, Nancy Penfold, Charline Emzin-Boyd, Russell Hannery and Belinda Ndegwa.



Charleen Williams and Caleena Sainsbury.



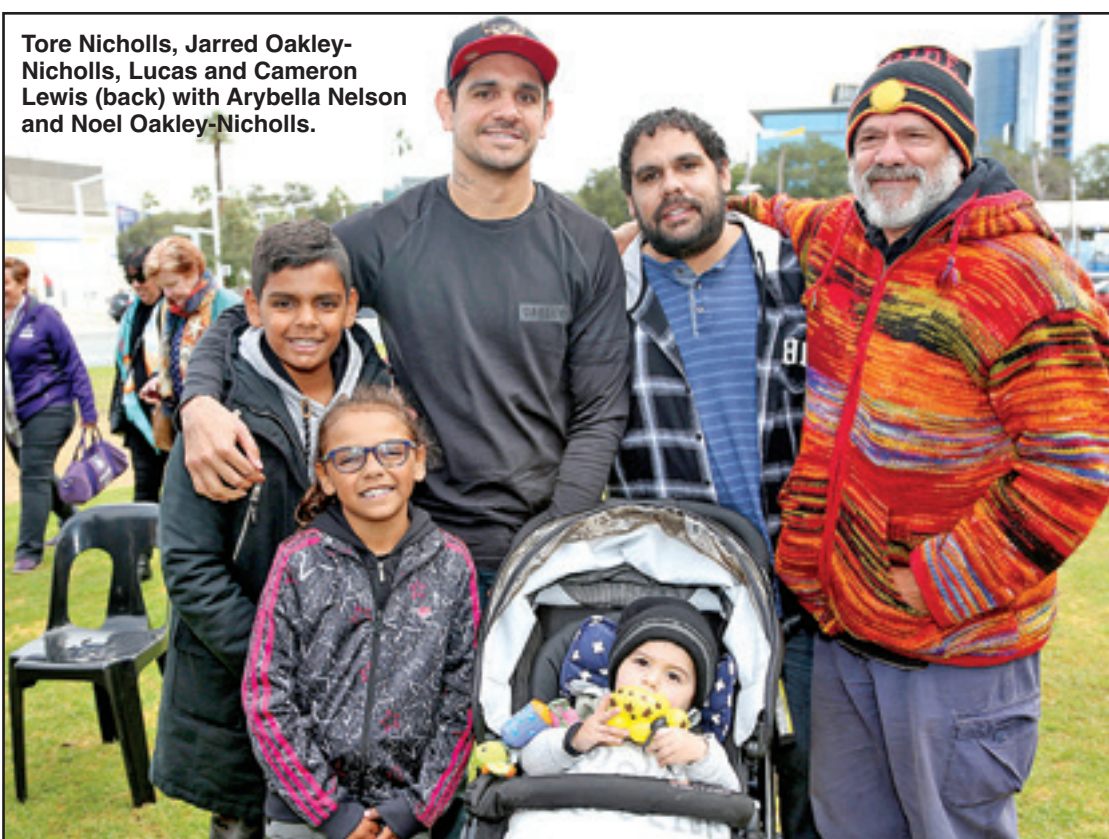
Perth Elder Marie Taylor delivers the NAIDOC welcome to country. All pictures by Tash Gillespie



Deanne Fitzgerald (middle) with The Merindas, Candice Lorrae and Kristel Kickett.



The Kart Koort Wiern Netball team at the NAIDOC Netball Carnival.



Tore Nicholls, Jarred Oakley-Nicholls, Lucas and Cameron Lewis (back) with Arybella Nelson and Noel Oakley-Nicholls.



Tyrese Miller with his parents Melanie and Glen.



Sonia Stephen, Robyn Templeton and Christine Ross at the Perth NAIDOC opening ceremony.



Midland NAIDOC Sportsperson of the Year Maddison Ugle with sponsor Jenni Brodie representing Mission Australia.



A giant inflatable ear created by the Aboriginal Health Council of WA proves popular.



Mungart Yongah Dance Group celebrates the start of NAIDOC Week in Perth.

Busy program in WA capital



WITH the wet weather holding off, more than 1500 people turned out to celebrate the start of NAIDOC Week at Elizabeth Quays, Perth.

A warm welcome was provided by Elders Dr Simon Forrest and Marie Taylor along with dancers from the Mungart Yongah dance group, setting the scene for a fantastic week of culture and celebration and language with all events incorporating the 'Our Languages Matter' theme.

Many community events were held throughout the week in Perth.

Mirraboooka and Midland NAIDOC community events featured annual award ceremonies, honouring local people for their work and dedication in their community. And the NAIDOC Family Fun Day held in Ashfield included the Deadly Jobs Expo tent, an initiative to showcase potential careers.

Several NAIDOC balls were held this year, including the Moorditj Kooritj Ball, the Southwest Ball and the Chevron NAIDOC Perth Ball.

Sport was once again highlighted, with the NAIDOC Netball carnival held on the wettest day of the week. It didn't stop a record-breaking 114 teams competing for the medals.

A new addition to NAIDOC program this year came from Basketball WA. A three-day basketball carnival rounded out NAIDOC Week in Perth with many teams competing at the Bendat Stadium in Floreat. The junior carnival was held on Friday with the seniors playing across the weekend.



Matthew King and Rishelle Hume with their children Dakota, Jackson and Indianna.



Rodney Cox, Pat Smith and Graham Cox enjoying NAIDOC Week.



Midland NAIDOC MC Annette Panaia and 2017 NAIDOC National Lifetime Achievement Award winner Di Ryder.



Dave and Cheryl Smith with their bony mate.



Carol Brewster-Miche and Ella at the Perth NAIDOC opening ceremony.



Lilly Gogos performs.



Delores Garlett and NAIDOC Perth chairperson Glenda Kickett.



Friends Alex Splitt, Phillip Murray, Indi Clarke and Mr NAIDOC Will Austin.



Paula Crilly with daughters Tahlia Murray-Crilly (front), Michelle Crilly, who was nominated for Miss NAIDOC, and Michelle's boyfriend Brandon Walters, from Melbourne.



NAIDOC award nominees Hollie Johnson, Jika Lovett and Kimberly Lovegrove.



Miss NAIDOC runner-up Ruby Herrmann.



NAIDOC judges Lesley Jackson, Simon Flag and Michael Graham deliberate on who will be Miss and Mr NAIDOC.



Mr NAIDOC runner-up Michael Lovett-Oliver.



Mr NAIDOC nominee Steven Glasby-Ellis.



Ronnie and Lynette George accepted the NAIDOC Sportsperson Award on behalf of their daughter, Mikayla, an aerial skier who was in the United States. They are pictured here with Auntie Pam Pedersen.



Miss and Mr NAIDOC Victoria Natarsha Bamblett and Will Austin.

Vic achievers recognised

By JILLIAN MUNDY



AUNTY Rieo Ellis was amongst those honoured with NAIDOC awards in Victoria this year.

The Jinibara/Bundjalung/Wakka Wakka (NSW/Qld) woman was named patron of NAIDOC at a ceremony at Charcoal Lane Restaurant in Fitzroy on the eve of NAIDOC Week.

In a moving and at times comical acceptance speech, Aunty Rieo said the Aboriginal community in Victoria has embraced her since she moved there more than 40 years ago, and that all the young Miss and Mr NAIDOC nominees who delivered speeches at the ceremony were inspirational.

"I see a good change coming," she said, referring to the nominees.

Aunty Rieo encouraged people to keep their love for NAIDOC and passion for their culture and people.

The award acknowledges Aboriginal community members for their personal and/or professional achievement, and, as patron, Aunty Rieo will be a support and cultural and personal mentor to younger award winners.

Gunditjmara man Will Austin, from Daylesford, and Yorta Yorta/Gunai Kurnai/Warlpiri woman Natarsha Bamblett, from Shepparton, were named Mr and Miss NAIDOC, from a nominated pool of nine young Aboriginal leaders from across Victoria.

Ruby Herrmann and Michael Lovett-Oliver were runners-up.

The patron, Miss and Mr NAIDOC were kept busy representing their community and speaking at leading NAIDOC events throughout the week, including a rally through the streets of Melbourne and attending the Victorian NAIDOC Ball.

Victorian NAIDOC committee



Aunty Rieo Ellis was named Victorian NAIDOC patron.

chair Lidia Thorpe said the awards created a lot of excitement, especially with younger people, and requests for Mr and Miss NAIDOC to speak at NAIDOC events started rolling in weeks before the announcements.

"Celebrities"

"They actually become celebrities," she said. "And they've got to lead by example."

"Until NAIDOC 2018 they are it."

Champion gymnast-cum-trapolinist-cum-aerial skier, Mikayla George, 17, was named 2017 NAIDOC Sportsperson.

Ms Thorpe also announced that a

statewide peak body for Aboriginal sport in Victoria, to be called the First Peoples Sports Foundation, would be up and running this year.

The awards ceremony was held at Charcoal Lane in Fitzroy, a Mission Australia social enterprise restaurant that provides guidance and opportunity to young people, many of whom are Aboriginal, and in need of a fresh start in life.

From 1973 to 1992 the building was home to the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service and even before that Charcoal Lane, the location of a briquette factory in the Fitzroy-Collingwood, was a gathering place for Aboriginal people.



Victorian NAIDOC committee member and MC Darren Turner and chairperson Lidia Thorpe.



Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Di Kerr speaks at the awards.

Cultural experience at Tjapukai



Ian Mitchell, Bob Blair and Scott Young.



Mervyn Eades gets painted up at Tjapukai.

By KEIRA JENKINS



MORE than 100 people turned out to celebrate the beginning of NAIDOC Week at Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park in Cairns. The Tjapukai Dancers performed for the crowd, and there were dancers from the Torres Strait. Barry Hunter and his son Barry Jnr welcomed people to country.

Guests were able to experience part of Tjapukai's cultural experience and treated to drinks and canapes.

The event was hosted by AIATSIS, the Healing Foundation, Indigenous Business Australia, NITV and the Federal Government.



Sylvia Tabua and Jan Cattoni at Tjapukai.



Mark Bennie, Anita Heiss and Jason Ardler in Cairns.



Steven Oliver and Rosie Whitehead.

Busy in Townsville

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander languages were celebrated at this year's NAIDOC events in Townsville, which attracted large crowds.

The theme for this year's events was 'Our Languages Matter'. The aim was to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water, and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.

The official launch and flag raising in Townsville was held at Jezzine Barracks.

Tasmanian Aboriginal lawyer and activist Michael Mansell gave a lecture on treaty and self-determination at the CQ University campus on July 4.

The following day the NAIDOC breakfast was held, and Townsville Hospital also hosted a community event and lunch.

At the hospital, Elder Alec Illin told the large audience it was important Indigenous people spoke their own language.

"Every year we have fewer Elders and we must help out the ones who are still with us," he said.

The community street march on July 7 was followed by a 'Deadly Day Out' at Riverway.

Townsville Correctional Centre hosted events from July 10-14.



Liela Murison, Diana Ross, Ronald Major and Kevin Major in Townsville.



Trasman Johnny, 13, with Deon Ned and Janine Johnny, all from Doomadgee.



Torres Strait Islanders Sam Sailor (Erub) and Francis Tapim (Mer).



Members of the group 2 Jam Deadly: Trevor Prior Jnr, Trevor Prior Snr and Nathaniel Surha.

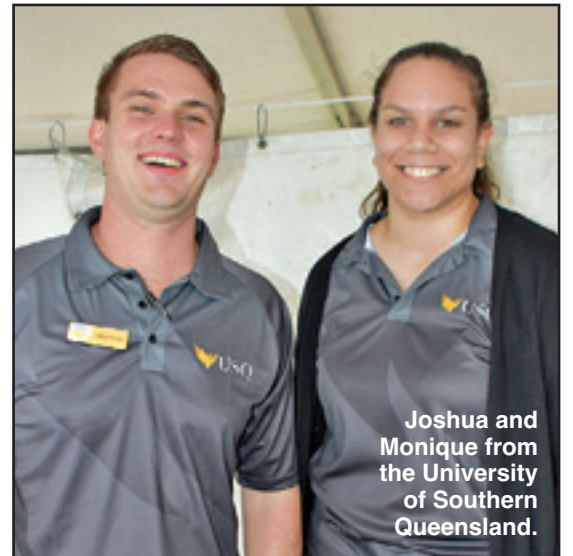


Australian Catholic University Brisbane students and Weemala Indigenous Higher Education Unit staff at Musgrave Park.

Musgrave Park draws a crowd



Steven Renouf and Matt Ebbage, from Aurizon. All pictures by Tegan King



Joshua and Monique from the University of Southern Queensland.



Nikea, Jay and Sharna on hand at the Queensland Ambulance Service stall.



RAINY weather didn't dampen the spirits of hundreds of people at the NAIDOC family fun day at Musgrave Park, south Brisbane. With an Elders' tent, free kids' rides and activities, traditional and contemporary dances, face-painting and more, the event had something for everyone.

A highlight was the unveiling of the winning design for the new memorial recognising Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dedicated Memorial Qld co-chair Lorraine Hatton said the memorial will be installed permanently in Brisbane's Anzac Square.

"It is important for recognising the sacrifices and contributions made by Indigenous people, and their stories," she said.



Aunty Jan Boota with Tyirra.



Kylie, Ravina and Uncle George at Musgrave Park.



Michael, Rhys, Sharon and Adrian from the Queensland Police Service.



Jordon Hegarty and friends, of Brisbane.



Piper Hall, Nia Martin, River Hall and Kady Martin enjoy the NAIDOC Family Day in Canberra.



Johnny Huckle performs for the crowd.



Renee Smith and Noelene Morrison.



Dean and Trudy Smith.



Gail Neuss and Anthony Longbottom.

Canberra Uni hosts family day

By KEIRA JENKINS



HUNDREDS converged on the University of Canberra on July 2 for the national capital's NAIDOC Family Day.

Performances from Kevin Kropinyeri, Roland Brown, Minning Minni Kaiwarrine Cultural Dance Group, Belinda White Duo, Johnny Huckle, Monica Moore and the Cherry Pickers, Dale Huddleston, and Rachel Armstrong kept the crowd entertained.

Children enjoyed free rides, face painting and other activities,

while adults visited the arts, crafts and information stalls.

University of Canberra dean of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership and strategy Peter Radoll said the university was pleased to hold the event as a way of engaging with the local community.

"We wanted to host it here as a way of demystifying university for young people," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"The weather has been perfect. The performances have been brilliant. We're so pleased that so many people have come.

"The university really got behind hosting this event."



Alyce Nerritt, Joseph Kapeen Jnr and Joseph Kapeen Snr with Norah and Nick Hawley attend the Canberra family day.



Kelani, Anthony and Melissa Nerritt.



Harry Williams and Shaye Graham.



Debbie Staier and Greg Narrier.



Mahalia Boskob and Bobbie Minniecon.

Celebration held in Lismore



Wyrallah Road Public School students perform a dance.



COMMUNITY members, school students, local Elders and businesses gathered at the Lismore showground, northern NSW, to celebrate NAIDOC Week. The day included information stalls, activities for kids, food stalls, and a talent showcase by the local schools.

Gilbert Laurie welcomed people to country and talked about the history of the show ground where the event was held.

Local school students danced, sang and played didgeridoo to entertain the crowd.



Deadly Banahm dancers celebrate culture at Lismore NAIDOC day.



Coraki's Russell Kapeen.



Rebecca Keed and Neil Davie.

Ballina men step up



Neil Spencer, Ricky Cook, Bill Smith, Chris Smith and Laura Nobel in Ballina.



LESTER Moran, from Bunjum Aboriginal Corporation in Ballina, couldn't have been prouder of the young fellas from their men's group during NAIDOC Week. "Our men's group gets together and talks about domestic violence, drugs and alcohol and how they affect our community," he said at the family event in Missingham Park.

"And our young men decided that, too often, our women do all

the work, so they wanted to give something back and organised today's NAIDOC event. They volunteered, and all the bands offered entertainment for free.

"I'm enormously proud of our young blokes for stepping up to the mark and accepting the responsibility they need to in order to become leaders.

"NAIDOC is who we are. It's a celebration of our culture and history that we're proud to share with the wider community – it's for everyone to celebrate."



Solid Mob team members Gail Turnbull, Tamika Olive, Debbie Wright and Rae Moylan.



Lester Moran and Michael Roberts at the Ballina NAIDOC event.

SOME of Indigenous Australia's very best were winners at this year's NAIDOC National Awards, presented in Cairns, north Queensland. Following is a profile on each of the recipients.

Apprentice of the Year – Sharee Yamashita: Sharee Yamashita is a young Thanki woman from Thursday Island who has recently completed her electrical apprenticeship while managing the responsibilities of a young family.

She is now a fulltime employee working with Rio Tinto in Weipa on the Cape York Peninsula.

Ms Yamashita has overcome many obstacles on her journey and says her determination has been inspired by many people, including her father.

Her success in her apprenticeship has increased her confidence and she is keen to share her journey to inspire others.

Ms Yamashita's success in a male-dominated industry makes her an important role model for other young Indigenous women.

Her goal is to help other young people to create opportunities and succeed in their chosen careers.

Artist of the Year – Elverina Johnson: Elverina Johnson is a Gurugulu and Indinji Gimuy woman from Yarrabah in far north Queensland and one of Australia's leading Indigenous artists.

With creative talents spanning the spectrum of visual and performing arts, Ms Johnson has been involved in the arts industry for more than 30 years as a singer, songwriter, playwright, actor, photographer and artist.

She believes that the arts can empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and restore a genuine sense of pride in culture and communities.

She works with youth and Elders alike to promote cultural respect and integrity.

Ms Johnson volunteers her time to address critical social issues affecting the lives of people in Indigenous communities, living true to her family name – Bunya Badjil – which means 'good woman'.

Caring for Country – Minjerribah Moorgumpin Elders in Council: The Minjerribah Moorgumpin Elders in Council Aboriginal Corporation in Queensland was created to record and teach people about caring for country for future generations.

Members represent the descendants of the Nooncul, Ngiugi and Goenpul people of North Stradbroke (Minjerribah), Moreton (Moorgumpin) and the Moreton Bay (Quandamooka) islands.

Each year the Elders deliver cultural education services to about 6000 participants. They teach knowledge of local languages, bush plants, and environmental management skills that they learned growing up.

As well as education, the Elders are preserving a regional ecosystem, which includes significant vegetation and habitats.

The Elders have been involved in cultural heritage assessments, the publication of books about flora, bush tucker and medicinal plants of Stradbroke Island, and the re-introduction of local language to younger generations, through publications of the Jandai Language Dictionary.

Female Elder of the Year – Faye Carr: Faye Carr is a Yuggera Elder from Ipswich in Queensland, who has overcome a tough childhood to become a strong advocate and leader in her community.

Passionate about sharing her culture and knowledge with her community, Ms Carr has been contributing to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people since the 1960s.

She was involved in establishing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service, the Kambu Progress Association and the Kambu Aboriginal and Islander Health



The winners of the 2017 NAIDOC Awards: back from left, Caring for Country Award recipient Lyn Shipway, Artist of the Year Elverina Johnson, Apprentice of the Year Sharee Yamashita, Scholar of the Year James Charles, Benny Mills with the Person of the Year Award on behalf of his son Patrick, NAIDOC Poster winner Joanne Cassidy; front, Caring for Country award recipient Merle Dippel, Female Elder of the Year Faye Carr, Male Elder of the Year Alex 'Ollie' George, Lifetime Achiever Dianne Ryder, Sportsperson of the Year Amanda Reid and Youth of the Year Latia Schefe.

Service to deliver important legal, housing, recreational and health services to Ipswich and broader Queensland.

Among many accolades, Ms Carr was honoured with Ipswich Citizen of the Year in 2016.

Always an advocate for her people, Ms Carr recently met with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and other key stakeholders to raise awareness about the impacts of domestic violence on women and families.

Male Elder of the Year – Alex 'Ollie' George: Ollie George is a Badimaya Elder from Western Australia, who has worked since the early 1990s to preserve his mother tongue Badimaya. He has taught Badimaya at the school

in his home town of Mount Magnet and works with community members to create language materials and resources.

He has recorded hundreds of hours of Badimaya language, much of it by himself.

Since 2012, Mr George has worked to produce seven publications in Badimaya, has been featured in two 'Indigenous Community Stories' by the Film and TV Institute of WA.

He is the primary consultant on several projects on Badimaya language and country.

Mr George is now completing Nganang Badimaya Wangga, a project based on 24 yarns he tells about life

growing up on his country, learning language from old people, and the cultural and historical legacy of the Badimaya people.

Lifetime Achievement Award – Dianne Ryder:

Dianne Ryder is a Nyoongar woman from Western Australia, with a reputation for her contribution to family, community and country.

After school, Ms Ryder embarked on a 21-year career in the Army and in 1990 she was awarded the Army Australia Day Medallion.

Since leaving the Army, Ms Ryder has worked as a community outreach worker in Sydney and Perth.

She is president of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans Association of WA and she is heavily involved with the Indigenous Veterans Memorial Service.

Her contribution and involvement with her community has led to her being sought out to share her wisdom with government departments and politicians.

In 2015, Ms Ryder was nominated for Australian of the Year and for the Prime Minister's Advisory Council on Mental Health.

Ms Ryder's favourite saying is 'just imagine', where she challenges everyone to consider how they can improve outcomes for Indigenous people.

Person of the Year – Patrick Mills: Patrick Mills is a Muralag man from the Torres Strait, Ynunga man from South Australia and sporting legend.

A National Basketball Association (NBA) champion in the United States and a three-time Olympian, Mr Mills is a member of the San Antonio Spurs, who famously won the 2014 NBA Championship.

He is the first Indigenous player to represent Australia in men's basketball at three consecutive Olympic Games and is preparing for his record fourth games in Tokyo.

He is the youngest player to represent Australia in men's basketball and he holds the Olympic record for being the overall highest points scorer at the London Olympics in 2012. Mr Mills has won many awards including ACT Young Australian of the Year in 2015 and ACT Sports Male Athlete of the Year in 2016.

He uses his international profile to promote and use awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and often takes time to share parts of his language with his teammates.

A strong role model, Mr Mills' goal is to be an ambassador for Indigenous people and continue educating the world about his culture.

Scholar of the Year – James Charles: James Charles is a Kurna man from Adelaide, South Australia, and is currently working at Charles Sturt University as a lecturer in podiatry.

He graduated from the University of SA in podiatry, completed his master's, recently completed his PhD, and his research is being published in peer review journals.

Dr Charles is passionate about providing podiatry services to the Indigenous community and believes that foot health is undervalued.

He has worked for many years at leading universities, educating on providing culturally appropriate health care.

In 2008, Dr Charles undertook a two-year chairmanship of the newly formed Indigenous Allied Health Network, an organisation he helped to build.

Dr Charles has raised significant funds for the Rotary Indigenous Health Fund to provide scholarships for Indigenous students.

Sportsperson of the Year – Amanda Reid: Amanda Reid is a Gurinagi and Wamba Wamba woman from Sydney and an accomplished Indigenous Paralympic athlete. She is both the first Aboriginal cyclist to compete at the Paralympics and won silver at Rio 2016.

Ms Reid is the current UCI Para World Cycling Champion in the 3000m pursuit and the 500m time trial, breaking the Paralympic record in Rio.

Previously an Australia Day ambassador and currently delivering presentations in local schools, Ms Reid is an inspirational role model.

She mentors young athletes with a disability as well as Aboriginal youth in care, and plans to increase her community work to prove that people with disability can achieve in their community. Ms Reid lives every day by her mantra: 'Dream it, believe it and you will be it.'

Youth of the Year – Latia Schefe: Latia Schefe is a young Yuggera woman from Brisbane, who overcame serious illness and adversity to become a strong role model among her peers.

Diagnosed with neuroblastoma cancer when she was just six years old, Ms Schefe endured multiple operations, chemotherapy and the loss of a kidney.

Despite her hardships, Ms Schefe went on to complete Year 12 and in her final year was named the Indigenous Student of the Year. She stands out as a very promising future leader, participating in a biking program, which fixes old bikes for people with disability, and coordinating local NAIDOC celebrations.

For her future, Ms Schefe wants to join the police force, or drive the giant trucks in the mining industry.



Shennae Neal, Benjamin Johnson, Joel Johnson and Marata Neal attend the ball in Cairns.



Lyn Yeatman, Dorita Wilson, Lucy Rodgers, and Lyn Rosser.



Nyree and Dale Gertz, with Jenni Allie.



Sandra, Steve, Noni and Bill Widders are ready for a big night of celebration.



The Sounds of AustraNeisia Choir is on stage at the National NAIDOC Ball in Cairns.



The Wuba Dance Troupe entertains at the ball.



Chastyn Bowen, Sharee Yamashita, and Ugarie Mene at the national ball.



Diana and Kieran Chilcott, with Angie Akee.



Ian Zaro has the message stick naming Sydney as 2018 ball host city.



Kayla Rosser, Marissa Nona, Semara Jose, and Gail Mitchell.



Greg Vanderbluym, Kylie Arlidge, and Nona Nona.



Cairns Elder Jeanette Singleton gives the welcome to country.



Troy Agombar and Leilani Binjudo.



Brooke Patten, Bilawara Lee, Ian Gibson and Kim Robertson.



Areti Metuamate, Jonathan Newchurch and Natasha Martin.



The Gerib Sik Dance Troupe performs.

Diversity growing in industry



EIGHT Indigenous-owned businesses have signed MOUs

(Memorandums of Understanding) with Lendlease during NAIDOC Week, indicating their agreement to participate in its GyMEA Indigenous Supplier Diversity Program. The program aims to provide long-term support for small to medium Indigenous businesses, enabling them to significantly "scale and stretch" their operations over a five-year period.

The GyMEA program has been developed to support the emerging voice of Indigenous businesses which are driving a business culture that promotes equality, flexibility, wellness and respect of land and environment. Lendlease will work with selected suppliers beyond project-to-project contract relationships, to develop longer-term partnerships that will drive social and economic outcomes for them and the wider community.

The program also aligns



Representatives from the Lendlease Indigenous Supplier Diversity Program with their business partners.

with the intent of the Federal Government's Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP) and with Supply Nation (Indigenous supplier directory) and forms a core pillar of Lendlease's updated Elevate Reconciliation Action Plan, released in November 2016.

Lendlease is one of only 20 companies to achieve this level of plan development and the GyMEA program is a leader in the Indigenous supplier diversity space.

Lendlease group executive Indigenous engagement & RAP, Cath Brokenborough said

Lendlease has been discussing the development of this program with Supply Nation for a couple of years.

"We recognise the Indigenous business sector is still emerging and needs hands-on support to increase the number and

scale of suppliers," she said. "By working with the selected suppliers in this way we can more meaningfully support their growth and the growth of the sector in general."

The first group of suppliers participating in the program reflects a diverse

industry and geographic spread.

One supplier is Kennelly Constructions, which operates in New South Wales, Queensland and Northern Territory.

Kennelly's managing director, Shane Kennelly said the experience of working with Lendlease was very positive.

"Being a part of the discussions and developing how to measure and monitor the success of an Indigenous business – including the flow-on effects to employees and the community – has been a great outcome," he said,

The GyMEA program builds on Lendlease's broader Indigenous procurement program to increase business with Indigenous suppliers. There are currently 37.

"The program is a step towards Lendlease's goal of activating a vibrant Indigenous business ecosystem that benefits from partnerships between government, community and corporates, nurturing Indigenous businesses during their lifecycles," Ms Brokenborough said.

Curijo celebrates the long journey



CANBERRA-based business Curijo has celebrated its second birthday

with staff, clients and supporters coming together to mark the milestone.

Chief executive, and one of the founding partners of Curijo, Belinda Kendall said she was very proud of all the business had achieved over the past two years.

"It's been a long road," the Worimi, Barkindji, Wailwan and Wiradjuri woman said.

"We started a new business from nothing. Now I have high hopes for what we can achieve. It's been a learning experience for all of the partners.

"None of us had been business owners before we started this. It's been a great journey."

Curijo specialises in delivering professional services in a culturally safe way, including cultural services, audit and assurance, business services and strategy and change.

Ms Kendall said the partners originally came together after seeing a need to increase positive outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in



Curijo partners Belinda Kendall, Tina McGhie and Darren Schaeffer.

professional services.

"One of our plans is to develop a young Aboriginal accountant," she said.

"We have nine staff at the moment and well over half are Indigenous employees. We're also 67% Indigenous owned.

"Our aim is to increase employment and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

Curijo also used their birthday celebrations to announce that they had been

Supply Nation certified, which Ms Kendall said is an exciting new development for the business.

"There's so many great Indigenous businesses out there and we're hoping they will come to the forefront," she said. "We're after long-term outcomes and that means long-term employment for our people and businesses that are going to be in communities, and work with communities for the long run."

As for the next few years, Ms Kendall said Curijo is just going to continue to grow and achieve its goals.

"We're primarily Indigenous owned so training and employment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is a big goal for us," she said.

"We're also hoping to score some bigger contracts over the next few years. We're all hard-working people. If we're going to do something, we expect it done right."

TSRA calls for more creativity



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) is calling for business applications for the second phase of the Torres Strait Regional Economic Investment Strategy (REIS) for Arts and Creative Industries.

The REIS Arts and Creative Industries Business Growth Package (BGP), is intended to support Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal entrepreneurs or businesses in the Torres Strait region to start or grow a commercially viable business.

This package is for businesses that rely on creativity as their primary source of value, this includes those seeking to build a business based on traditional arts and culture, as well as those looking to develop other creative businesses.

The Arts and Creative Industries includes six main segments of creative commercial activity, including music, visual and performing arts, film, TV and radio, writing and publishing, software and digital content, advertising and marketing, architecture and design.

TSRA chair Mr Napau Pedro Stephen said delivering targeted assistance to businesses in the Torres Strait region is one of the key priorities for the organisation.

Enquiries about applying for the Business Growth Package Funding (Arts & Creative Industries) should be emailed to economic@tsra.gov.au.

AILC students graduate in Canberra



STUDENTS from across the country have graduated in Canberra from the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre's (AILC) Certificates II and IV in Indigenous Leadership.

The courses are designed to give students a range of skills aimed at expanding their leadership capacity.

The Certificate II in Indigenous Leadership introduces the key elements of Indigenous leadership in Australia, while the Certificate IV builds on existing developed leadership skills.

AILC says these skills are important in Canberra, allowing recipients to develop the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2015-18, which "outlines a

vision of equitable outcomes for Indigenous people and organisations developing the opportunities, knowledge and skills to build an empowered, resilient and sustainable future".

It says the ACT Government's own Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership and scholarships grants demonstrate a commitment to building

such skills and supporting leaders.

Applications for the current round of the grants close on July 21. More details are available through the new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander portal, www.strongfamilies.act.gov.au

For more information on the AILC and the range of courses on offer, visit <http://ailc.org.au/>

'Identity Matters' for Qld Catholic students



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Catholic school students from across Queensland

have been participating in 'Identity Matters' this month.

The song-making project targeting identity has been run in Toowoomba, Rockhampton, Townsville and Brisbane.

In Toowoomba, students from St Saviour's, St Joseph's, St Thomas More's and St Ursula's colleges and the Youth and Community Learning Centre worked with singer-songwriter Josh Arnold to produce a song about identity.

Mr Arnold said he was "blown away" by the "positivity and passion" the students held about their culture and the workshops.

"It was a great opportunity for the students to experience and share their language and traditions," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"It was an amazing experience. I was really moved by the students. As the kids built their confidence they were loving it too.

"It was a very emotional experience. I think that made



Josh Arnold is with students who participated in 'Identity Matters' at Toowoomba.

it very powerful. It was nice for me too, as a non-Indigenous person, to bridge the gap I had in my knowledge about what it means to be an Indigenous young person."

Toowoomba Catholic Schools Aboriginal advisor Josh Waters said the three-day workshop provided a space for conversation about identity and how the students can connect with that through song.

"The students have said it was a great opportunity to have a discussion about identity," he said.

"A lot of the students said they felt like it was a good way to connect to their culture where previously they hadn't had the opportunity to relate to it."

The students song *In Two Worlds* was professionally recorded, and a music video to accompany the track was filmed.

The songs are a celebration of identity but education officials also hoped they will assist school staff and students increase their awareness and understanding of what it means to be a young

Indigenous person.

Mr Waters said the songs will be crucial to teachers.

"A lot of teachers don't have any idea what it is like to be an Aboriginal student at school," he said.

"We want this to encourage the school environment to be more inclusive and relatable to Indigenous students because that has an impact on these students' educational pathways, cultural pathways, and their overall wellbeing.

"It's the students who are the people that matter at the end of the day."



Scholarship recipient Paris Mordecai.

Scholarship offers many pathways



UNIVERSITY of Melbourne student Paris Mordecai has received the KPMG Indigenous Pathway Scholarship.

The Wadjabul woman, from Lismore in northern NSW, said the scholarship will provide her with pathways to gain experience and career opportunities, while supporting her through a Bachelor of Arts course.

KPMG is a network of firms which provide audit, tax and advisory services across industry, government and not-for-profit sectors.

"There's assistance with any study or accommodation needs but there's also the opportunity for an internship, which I think I'll be doing for six weeks over next summer," Ms Mordecai told the *Koori Mail*.

"The good thing is I can do the internship anywhere within the KPMG organisation, so I think I'll look at human rights and social impact, which is how big companies affect communities they operate in, and their impact on the environment too."

Surprised

Ms Mordecai said she was surprised, and a little overwhelmed, to receive the scholarship.

"I couldn't believe it," she said. "I never knew where I might take my degree, so the scholarship has shown me a pathway that I hadn't considered taking yet."

"I may not have ever considered a human rights and social impact pathway if not for this opportunity."

KPMG Indigenous employment consultant Andrew Olsen said he was thrilled to award the scholarship to Ms Mordecai.

"When a 20-year-old walks into a room and they are confident, you know that the next generation of Indigenous leaders are safe," he said. "They're confident, educated and they are going to do amazing things."

"In some way we play a small part in changing people's lives. The scholarship is a foundation for recipients to build on."

"The future is really bright for Paris."

Kinder campaign being extended



THE Victorian Government is extending a campaign to increase the number of Koorie children attending

kindergartens. The Koorie Kids Shine at Kindergarten campaign is designed to reinforce to Indigenous families that it is never too late to enrol their children and ensure they benefit from learning programs in the two years before school.

Families and Children Minister Jenny Mikakos said Koorie kindergarten participation rates reached record levels last year, following the campaign launch

in 2015 as well as a number of initiatives supporting Koorie education through the Marrung – Aboriginal Education Plan 2016-2026.

"This is about closing the gap and ensuring more Koorie kids go to kinder, stay in kinder and get the best possible start in life," she said.

"Progress"

"We're seeing real progress on improving the participation of Koorie kids in kindergarten, and programs like Koorie Kids Shine are helping deliver more inclusive and quality services."

Koorie kindergarten participation rates for four-year-olds reached 90.5% in 2016, up from 79.6% in 2014. Three-year-olds' participation rates rose to 48.8% in 2016, up from 37.1% in 2014.

The Government says this year's campaign will include new improved promotional materials and a focus on targeting key events.

It says research shows that children who have a stimulating, supportive and healthy start to life are more likely to do well later in life, and children who attend kinder score between 10 and 20 points higher on NAPLAN tests.

Taste of engineering for students



YOUNG Indigenous students from across Australia have spent a day at RMIT in Victoria learning about engineering.

The Year 10, 11 and 12 students were taking part in the second annual week-long Victorian Indigenous Engineering Winter School (VIEWS), run by RMIT, the University of Melbourne, Swinburne University and Monash University.

VIEWS aims to encourage an interest and passion for engineering through hands-on activities.

RMIT hosted the first day of the program.

Dr Matthew Currell, from RMIT's School of Engineering, said the students spent the day on cultural and group activities.

"Over the five days, students will get an insight into what it's like to study and work in engineering," he said.

"They'll visit four university campuses and meet staff and students from engineering programs.

"The students have the opportunity to learn about

different pathways into engineering and hear first-hand inspirational stories from Indigenous engineers and engineering students.

"By the end, the students will have an appreciation of what an engineer does and how they can impact society and improve the lives of people."

Dr Currell said the students spent time at RMIT's Ngarara Willim Centre, visited the Advanced Manufacturing Precinct and participated in a group bridge building challenge.

Important

Senior manager for RMIT's Ngarara Willim Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, Stacey Campton, said it was important that the university showed young Indigenous people with an interest in engineering what careers were available, and what degrees and pathways would move them towards their dream career.

"We want to see more Indigenous students on our campuses and this program gives them a taste of what they can get from uni," she said.



Indigenous students take part in the Victorian Indigenous Engineering Winter School at RMIT, Melbourne.

Our children are missing out – report



CHILDREN in Australia's most remote regions are being left behind when it comes to

education amid a "staggering divide" between the haves and have-nots, a report says.

The Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre report says it is clear many of today's young children will not receive a fair go in accessing education opportunities, for no other reasons than family background, demographic characteristics and geography.

The divide between the most and least disadvantaged areas is a sobering reminder of the level of inequality that still exists, with many children falling far behind in educational access, performance and outcomes, the report authors said.

"Our findings show that the most disadvantaged students are averaging half the NAPLAN scores in reading, writing and numeracy as those in the least disadvantaged areas," BCEC's Professor Alan Duncan said.

The most disadvantaged areas are in Australia's very remote regions spanning the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia, where there is a dominant Indigenous population.

But pockets of disadvantage are also evident on the fringes of the state capital cities, the BCEC's new index of educational disadvantage shows.

The most disadvantaged 10% of children in Canberra are no more disadvantaged than the most advantaged 10% of children in the Northern Territory, the report said.

Critical

Prof Duncan said the transition from preschool to primary school is critical, with the report calling for more to be done to ensure those in most need of early childhood education are accessing at least the prescribed 15 hours of preschool a week.

BCEC's Associate Professor Rebecca Cassells said nearly half of young people in the most disadvantaged areas are not studying until they are 17,

compared with just 2.5% in the least disadvantaged areas.

She said the gap in attendance rates between Aboriginal and other students remains constant throughout primary school but deteriorates rapidly once high school starts up to Year 10.

The report authors found government funding, particularly at a state level, appeared to be reasonably well targeted relative to need. But they said the current debate on needs-based funding is missing a clear understanding of the extent to which the funding being proposed under Gonski 2.0 would lead to improvements in educational outcomes.

Prof Duncan said funding is not the magic bullet in narrowing the education gap in Australia.

"To reduce inequality requires so much more in the way that teaching is delivered, the way that students are engaged, the opportunities that they have after school and the partnerships between the education sector and community and business, to make sure that aspirations are raised for all," he said. — AAP

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New Perth exhibition explores referendum



When the Sky Fell curator Clothilde Bullen.



THE Aboriginal Arts Hub of Western Australia and the Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts (PICA) are presenting a new exhibition titled *When the Sky Fell*. The exhibition

acknowledges and celebrates the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, bringing together 26 artists who have documented the effect the landmark decision had on their country.

The exhibition, launched this month to coincide with NAIDOC Week, will run until August 20.

Curator Clothilde Bullen said she jumped at the chance to be part of the exhibition because there was "little else marking the referendum's anniversary" in Western Australia.

"I thought this was a great opportunity to do something, because the other major visual arts centres were doing very little to acknowledge the referendum," the Wardandi and Yamatji woman told the *Koori Mail*.

"When I started to talk to people about the referendum I realised that although it was a very symbolic and important moment there were also a lot of negatives

that came about in the aftermath of the change.

"So the exhibition became more about how the referendum wasn't awesome for everyone. Sometimes there was not even any change on the grassroots level.

"Pivotal moment"

"The name *When the Sky Fell* is a representation of that – the pivotal moment that has little impact on the ground.

"People made such a big deal out of the referendum.

"It was a political turning point, but at

the time people here couldn't see how it was affecting them on the ground.

"People were running around like Chicken Little, saying 'the sky is falling', but it was a bit of a non-event on a grassroots level.

"There was a big song and dance about it. It was significant; it was the most people who had voted 'yes' in a referendum, but it all came to very little.

"I think that it being a non-event, it forced people to engage more with activism and become more political, and that came out of it."

More details at www.pica.org.au/

Toad, Mole and co at Darebin



DAREBIN Arts' Loud Mouth and La Boite Theatre Company will present the

classic *The Wind in the Willows* at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre in Melbourne on July 14 and 15.

Author Kenneth Grahame's tale of four woodland creatures has been given a fresh update for Australian audiences by the award-winning writer and director team of Maxine Mellor (a winner of the Queensland Premier's Drama Award) and Kat Henry.

This version of *The Wind in the Willows* is a one-man show, with Shaka Cook (who appeared in *Jasper Jones* and *Black Diggers*) playing all the characters.

The Pilbara-born Cook said he enjoyed the challenge of playing the classic's main characters Toad, Ratty, Badger and Mole.

"Taking on every role is fun, exciting and fast-paced," the Innawonga (WA) man said.

The show debuted at Brisbane's Roundhouse Theatre and will be in Melbourne as part of a national tour.

More details and performance times at www.darebinarts.com.au/



Shaka Cook as he appears in *The Wind in the Willows*.

Deadly hearts

By KEIRA JENKINS

INDIGENOUS musicians are celebrating music, culture and identity on a new album *Deadly Hearts*, which was released for NAIDOC Week.

Twelve young musicians have recreated the song that “spoke strongest to them about growing up an Indigenous Australian”. Jimblah, Birdz, Robbie Miller, Dhapanbal Yunupingu, Apakattjah, Benny Walker, Philly, Kuren, Emily Wurramara, Yirmal, Daen and Gawurra all feature on the album, which pays homage to songs that hold a place in their hearts.

Miller has reimagined *Solid Rock*, by rock band Goanna, into a “more emotional folk song”.

“I chose it because it’s about a connection to the land, and that really resonates with me,” he told the *Koori Mail*. “I spent three weeks singing it over and over, and I had seven different demos, but one day I just started playing some chords and I got it.”

Miller said it was “positive” to be chosen alongside the other young musicians to be part of the album.

“It’s nice to know that someone would think about you when they’re putting together a list of young Indigenous artists,” he said.

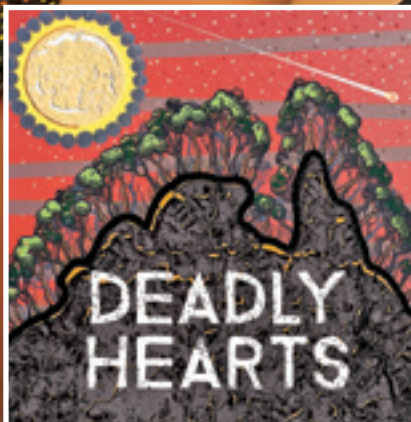
“I’m sure the other musicians feel the same. We can all be a bit in our own bubble making music, and it’s nice to know that you’re being noticed outside of that.”

Miller said he was proud to be featured on the album, and able to showcase something that is important to him.

“It’s great to celebrate our culture,” he said.

“It’s great to say this is our culture. Whatever brings Indigenous culture to the forefront, that’s important.”

● Pictured are performer Emily Wurramara and, inset, the album cover.



Troy
Jungaji
Brady

Brady and Morris are sharing joy and song



INDIGENOUS artists Shellie Morris and Troy Jungaji Brady say they will celebrate language, song

and joy in their new show *GuGu Miliyawutj* – where the freshwater meets the saltwater.

Fresh from touring the United States and Canada with the Black Arm Band earlier this year, the pair have joined forces for performances in Queensland and NSW.

The show will focus on the journeys of Morris and Brady, who have travelled the world singing and sharing culture.

Both work in communities to help empower young people through songwriting and music.

Morris, a Yanyuwa and Wardaman woman who sings in 17 Aboriginal languages – many considered ‘sleeping’ – is a former NT Australian of the Year and NAIDOC Artist of the Year.

“A gift”

“Being able to sing in Aboriginal languages and share with people my journey of connection and belonging is a gift,” the multi-award-winning Morris said.

“I would say: *Go Malthu ngarraku Luku-dhinthu wangayina. Martji ngali rrambangina*, which in Yolngu Matha translates to: You are welcome to follow my footsteps home. Come with me on this journey.”

Brady sings in the language of his freshwater people, the GuGu Yalanji of far north Queensland.

“For me, carrying the spear and being able to hand it on to my boys is key to my work,” he said.

“I have been handed the cultural spear by my old people and it’s my responsibility to keep these fires burning, to keep the stories, art, language, song and dance alive.

“As Bama (rainforest people) we have always done this orally through our voices and Shellie and I now bring this to the table in a contemporary setting.”

GuGu Miliyawutj is at the Majestic Theatre, Pomona, Qld (July 29), Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, (August 12), Illawarra Folk Club, NSW (August 18); and Milton Theatre, Milton, NSW (August 19).

Naomi's *Temptation*



BRISBANE-BASED singer, songwriter and performer Naomi Summers called on her university connections to

produce her debut EP *My Temptation*.

The CQUniversity Bachelor of Music graduate performs vocals on the EP, recording with fellow graduates Manduway Dutton (keyboard) and Nathaniel Andrew (guitar/bass), and lecturer Peter McKenzie (saxophone and flute).

The band was rounded out by Vincent Perry on drums and backing vocalists Waveney Yasso and Hilary Harrison.

Another CQUni graduate, Luke McIntosh, joined the backing band to play bass for the live launch performance.

The EP was recorded in the studios of the Aboriginal Centre of Performing Arts (ACPA).



Nathaniel Andrew, Manduway Dutton, Naomi Summers and Luke McIntosh at the launch of the EP.

Summers said she has made lifelong networks with people at CQUniversity.

“It’s reassuring knowing that the people I look up to are willing to help me pursue my dreams,” she said.

Summers said her musical influences are Alicia Keys, Ella Fitzgerald, Natalie Cole, Lianne La Havas, Michael Jackson and Ray Charles, to name a few.

In recent years she has performed at the G20 Summit in

Brisbane, the Adelaide Fringe Festival with the *Supreme Dreams* tribute show, the Royal International Nova Scotia Tattoo, and in ACPA’s production of *Blak Electric* at QPAC.

Certificate IV in Oral Health Promotion graduate Falou (Paul) Talbot.



Smiles aplenty as first Poche Centre students graduate



THE first intake of students in the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health's scholarship program have just graduated.

Eleven Aboriginal cadets from across NSW received a Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice, a registered qualification through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

"This is the first time we've offered this unique program that enables students in rural areas to undertake intensive theory during block lessons and learn their practice skills on the job," Poche Centre for Indigenous Health at the University of Sydney director Kylie Gwynne said.

"Part of our strategy is to provide clinical training for local Aboriginal people, so

they're able to return home and be the health experts in their own communities.

"We're so proud of all our students, and can't wait to see what they decide to do next and all they accomplish."

Falou (Paul) Talbot has now qualified as a dental technician having obtained a Certificate IV in Oral Health Promotion following earlier completion of a Certificate III in Dental Assisting. He took part in the Dental Technology Scholarship Program, a collaboration between the Poche Centre, NSW Health, NSW Dental Council and the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District.

"Awesome"

"I feel awesome," Mr Talbot said of his achievement.

"To have finally finished after two long years of hard work, it has really paid off. I'm hoping to go on to train as a

dental prosthetist and in the meantime I'll work on Poche's denture clinic."

The denture clinic forms part of the Poche Centre's award-winning mobile oral health services. A van kitted out with dental laboratory facilities travels through regional NSW centres – including Mr Talbot's home town of Boggabilla – fitting and supplying up to 12 sets of dentures in four days to people living in rural and remote Aboriginal communities.

"Paul Talbot is the first recipient of our cadetship and completed his course with great dedication and outstanding marks," Ms Gwynne said.

"We are tremendously proud to know and work alongside him and we know he will continue to make a real difference in Aboriginal health."

More are seeking help for drug use



MORE Australians are undergoing treatment for drug use, with a rising number seeking help due to amphetamines,

according to a new report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). The report 'Alcohol and other drug treatment services in Australia 2015-16' also shows Indigenous people remain overrepresented among treatment clients.

The report says about 134,000 Australians received drug treatment in 2015-16, equating to around one in 180 people.

"Nationally, alcohol remained the most common drug people sought treatment for, although a growing proportion of clients sought help due to amphetamine use," AIHW spokesperson Matthew James said.

About 32% of all drug treatment episodes were due to alcohol in 2015-16, down from 46% in 2011-12.

Over the same five-year period, the proportion due to amphetamines more than doubled – from 11% to 23% – while the proportion due to cannabis remained relatively unchanged, from 22% to 23%.

"The actual number of treatment episodes for amphetamines rose from around 16,900 in 2011-12 to 46,400 in 2015-16 – a 175% increase," Mr James said.

The number of treatment episodes for cannabis also rose, up by 40%. Heroin and alcohol treatment episodes fell, by 15% and 6% respectively.

"Across most states and territories, alcohol was also the most common drug for which people sought treatment, but in South Australia and Western Australia, it was amphetamines, and in Queensland it was cannabis," Mr James said.

The report shows that males continue to be more likely to seek treatment than females, and that Indigenous Australians remain overrepresented among treatment clients. Despite making up less than 3% of the Australian population, 14% of clients were Indigenous.

Overall, more than a quarter (28%) of clients were aged 20 to 29, down from about one-third (32%) 10 years earlier.

"The reverse was seen for clients aged 40 and over, with the proportion rising from 27% to 32% over the same period," Mr James said.

Program targets syphilis



THE South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute's (SAHMRI) Infection and Immunity Theme has launched a new program to combat the

spread of syphilis in remote Indigenous communities.

The campaign 'Young, Deadly, Syphilis Free' is designed to educate young Indigenous people who live in remote communities about the importance of being tested for syphilis, a sexually transmitted infection that when left untreated can have devastating effects.

The project, funded by the Federal Health Department, aims to ensure more Indigenous young people are tested for the disease.

Since 2011 there has been a sustained outbreak of contagious syphilis in remote areas of central Australia, mainly in those aged 15 to 35. The number of confirmed cases is now more

than 1400, including four neonatal deaths and several other cases of congenital syphilis. Health authorities say syphilis continues to spread into new areas.

The campaign will involve healthcare services and providers through the use of supporting resources and education materials, such as videos, posters and animations. The project will also trial

social media ambassadors, who will be young people from remote communities working to help spread the campaign and its objectives.

SAHMRI's Associate Professor James Ward said education and awareness about syphilis transmission

and its consequences is vital. "This multifaceted approach to educate young people is well overdue," he said.

"The resources that have been developed and focus-tested with young people will go a very long way in improving outcome."

"This multifaceted approach to educate young people is well overdue."

Program aids men's health

By KEIRA JENKINS



THE New Endings Men's Health Program has been supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men through their 'health journey' in central Queensland.

The program, based in Rockhampton, works with men to get their Medicare form 715 health checks as well as setting goals to live healthy lifestyles, focusing on heart health, diabetes, hepatitis awareness, and drug and alcohol rehabilitation. It also provides cultural guidance and helps those leaving prison.

Program coordinator John Solar said the program covers everything from getting the men to Brisbane to see specialists to assisting them with housing applications.

"It's culturally appropriate, that's the main thing," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's men's business, their health. There's a shame that goes with going to even a health clinic. That's especially true if you're looking for help with drugs and alcohol.

"There's such a stigma and shame about 'you drink too much, you've been to prison'. Men have been a little bit forgotten when it comes to health and wellbeing.

"There's a lot of misunderstanding when it comes to their health and there's a fear of presenting to a doctor because they don't want to be diagnosed with prostate cancer or something."

Mr Solar said there was also a wariness of 'the system', especially among men who had come into contact with the criminal justice system.

"They carry that burden in themselves of that often negative interaction with the system," he said.

"There's also intergenerational trauma or if someone has suffered at the hands of the system in their early years.



New Endings Men's Health Program coordinator John Solar, centre, with Jeff Smith and Phillip Alberts.

"It doesn't have to be direct to them. Even if it was their parents or an uncle, culturally, we take on their burden too and grieve with them."

But Mr Solar said New Endings is about men taking ownership of their health in a way that they can be supported.

"We have group circles where the men can talk," he said. "A lot of the stories, they can all relate to each other. We call them sacred discussions because they're just between us.

"Identity is a big issue, and prison too.

It's become like a modern-day initiation, going to prison, but that's not our culture.

"We support these men to 'walk between two worlds' – their cultural world and the white man's world."

Breaking the cycle

New Endings is about creating a new story for the younger generations, and breaking the cycle of incarceration that young Indigenous men often face.

Mr Solar said there is also a focus on connecting to culture and living in the now.

"We do back-to-country cultural camps too," he said.

"We go hunting, prepare a meal, have a yarn. We get the young ones involved as well. We can talk about anything; the discussions are open.

"There's no real support like that for men in central Queensland. The aim is to get these men out on country to relax.

"You can see at the start they're so stressed. Then you can see their whole body relax, their shoulders drop. They're thinking about the moment."

Consortium to help close gap



A CONSORTIUM bringing together Aboriginal community-controlled health services and leading medical researchers will spearhead efforts to close the health gap in central Australia.

Eleven organisations have united to form the new Central Australia Academic Health Science Centre (CAAHSC).

CAAHSC has just been accredited by the National Health and Medical Research Council as one of Australia's first Centres for Innovation in Regional Health. It will receive \$222,000 in seed funding from the Medical Research Future Fund's Rapid Applied Research Translation Program.

The partners in CAAHSC have identified five research priorities, all focused on comprehensive primary health care. They are:

- chronic conditions;
- health determinants and risk factors;
- health services research;
- policy research and evaluation; and
- workforce and capacity building.

Federal Indigenous Health Minister Ken

Wyatt described the centre as "a hub of hope for the future".

"Its unique make-up, led by the Aboriginal community controlled health service sector, is a step in the right direction that I believe will show the way in Indigenous health improvement," he said.

"Aboriginal leadership is fundamental to success in this field, and this also applies to quickly translating research into results on the ground.

"Appropriate"

"It's appropriate that Aboriginal people take ownership of research and review of programs and services for Aboriginal health, as well as the design and development of improvements."

The CAAHSC partners include:

- Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory, the peak body for Aboriginal community controlled health services in the NT;
- Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute, Australia's premier research institute focused on cardiovascular disease, diabetes and related disorders;

- Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation, the largest Aboriginal community controlled health service in the Northern Territory;
- Central Australia Health Services, which provides primary and tertiary health services across Central Australia;
- Charles Darwin University, the only university with its base in the NT;
- Flinders University, including its Centre for Remote Health and the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health and Wellbeing;
- Menzies School of Health Research, specialising in Indigenous and tropic health research. Menzies is a body corporate of the NT Government, and is a school in Charles Darwin University's Institute of Advanced Studies;
- Ngaanyatjarra Health Service which provides comprehensive health care services in the Ngaanyatjarra lands in Western Australia; and
- The Council of Remote Area Nurses of Australia, which supports and educates health professionals working in remote areas.

Applications open for Vic MCH grants



GRANT applications are now open for Victoria's Aboriginal Maternal and Child Health Initiative (MCH). Under the

initiative, local councils and Aboriginal community-controlled organisations can apply for grants to trial different ways of delivering universal MCH services for Aboriginal children and families.

The Victorian Government says data show Aboriginal children have lower participation rates in MCH services. The gap increases from 4.8% at the initial home visit to 18% at the 18-month consultation.

Families and Children Minister Jenny Mikakos said the Government has been working with Aboriginal organisations, the MCH sector and local government to design strategies and approaches to provide high quality, culturally safe and responsive services for all Aboriginal families.

"We know the enormous benefits of our world-class Maternal Child Health service. This is about ensuring all families take advantage of it," she said.

"We are hoping to create better ways of responding to the needs of Aboriginal families and children, to make sure they are ready for kinder and ready for school."

NATIONAL CALENDAR



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.

Victoria

Until July 16: *Heart is a Wasteland*. Combining theatre, film and live music in a portrait of two travellers. Held at Beckett Theatre, Southbank. Cost: \$35-\$69. Details: www.footscrayarts.com/event/heart-wasteland/

Until July 23: *On Fabric Ngarrindjeri Body – Volume II* exhibition of photographs and lithographs exploring and celebrating Aboriginal identity and culture by artist Damien Shen. Held at CS Gallery, Caroline Springs Library, 193 Caroline Springs Boulevard, Melton. Details: (03) 9747 7134 or visit www.melton.vic.gov.au

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), this is an exhibition to reflect on the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum. Held at the Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.com

Until July 30: *The Story So Far* exhibition. Featuring selected Indigenous works from the Moreland Art Collection. Held at the Counihan Gallery, 233 Sydney Road, Brunswick. Details: (03) 9389 8622 or visit www.counihangallery@moreland.vic.go.au

July 14-15: *The Wind in the Willows* theatrical performance. A one-man show with Shaka Cook ideal for kids. Held at Darwin Arts Centre, Preston. Details: (03) 8470 8280.

July 20-23: Tribunal PYT Fairfield performance. A collaborative work addressing Australia's history by telling the parallel stories of Indigenous Australia and newly arrived refugees. Held at the Arts House, North Melbourne. Details: (03) 9322 3720 or visit www.arts.house.com.au

July 21: Monthly creative weaving workshop with Yorta Yorta woman Donna Blackall. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, from 3.30-4.30pm. Details: (03) 8662 6336 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au

July 29: Walking tour of 'Kulin Melbourne' with Jefa Greenaway, A look at sites of Indigenous significance. Meet at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, at 11am. Places are limited. Online booking from July 17 via the Open House Melbourne website.

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan Street, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903.

Ongoing: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous people across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

Ongoing: Lismore women's and men's healing groups. Held at Rekindling The Spirit, Lismore, Monday and Wednesday, 11am-2pm. Details: (02) 6622 5534



The exhibition *Outside: Matters of the heart in Indigenous art* includes Brenda L Croft's image of Sue Ingram in Regent Street, Redfern, in 1992.

Art at the heart as new gallery opens in Perth



THE new Six Seasons Gallery, named after the six Noongar seasons, opens on July 29 at the Art Gallery of Western Australia in Perth. It is a space dedicated to the display and interpretation of

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art from WA's State Art Collection.

The first exhibition is *Outside: Matters of the heart in Indigenous art*, showing works conveying the beauty and

importance of the land and environment to Aboriginal people. Through works such as Mervyn Street's triptych *Bull ride* (2015-2016) and Queenie McKenzie's painting *Holy Spirit Corroboree* (1995), the exhibition touches on some of the practices and rituals that connect people to country.

The exhibition also alerts viewers to the history and experiences of being an outsider in white Australian society.

More details are available at www.artgallery.wa.gov.au/

Now Showing: *Indigenous Artworks from the Collection* exhibition. A range of artworks created by Aboriginal artists on show at the Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

Until July 16: *Indigenous Australians at War from the Boer War to Present* exhibition. Held at the National Archives of Australia, Canberra. Details: (02) 6212 3934 or visit www.naa.gov.au/

Until July 23: *Evolution: Torres Strait* masks display. Held at the National Museum, Canberra, daily from 9am-5pm. Free. Details: 1800 026 132 or visit www.nma.gov.au

Until July 22: Bangarra's *Bennelong* performance. Celebrates the life and legacy of Wollarawarre Bennelong. Held at Sydney Opera House. Details: (02) 9250 7777, or email bookings@sydneyoperahouse.com or visit www.sydneyoperahouse.com

Until July 22: *A Change is Going to Come* exhibition. Explores key moments in history on the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and the 25th anniversary of the Mabo decision. Held at the National Museum, Canberra. Details: (02) 6208 5338 or www.nma.gov.au/whats-on/

Until July 29: *dot, dot, dot, [...]* exhibition. A group of artists harness the power that the dot holds for Aboriginal people. Held at SCA Galleries, Sydney College of the Arts (University of Sydney), Roselle, (enter opposite Cecily Street). Details: Mandy Campbell on 0481 012 742.

Until July 29: *ArtExpress* exhibition of works by 2016 Higher School Certificate visual arts students from schools in NSW. Held at The Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton. 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, featuring photographs, paintings and a multi-channel video installation. Held at UNSW Galleries, Paddington, Sydney. Details: (02) 8963 0888.

July 19: Tabulam Community NAIDOC and Police Fun Day. Includes kids' activities, service provider information stalls, lunch and more. Held at The Stadium, Jubullum Village, Tabulam, from 9.30am. All Welcome. Contact: Angie, Mary or Deb on (02) 6666 1473.

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.

July 21-23: Boomali's \$300 Day Fundraiser. Donation of artworks to the value of \$300 or over welcome for annual fundraiser. Details: Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, Leichhardt. Details: (02) 9560 2451 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

July 28: Aboriginal Community Justice Group (ACJG) Meeting. Held at Campbelltown Court House, 95 Railway Street, from 2pm-4pm. Details: Michael Keenan on (02) 4629 9601

July 28: Opening of Sydney Aboriginal Club Night. The opening of Blackout,. Held at Agincourt Hotel, 871 George Street, Sydney, from 9.45pm. Cost: \$20 entry. Tickets: www.stickytickets.com.au/54901

Western Australia

Until August 20: *When the Sky Fell: Legacies of the 1967 Referendum* exhibition. Held at Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts, Perth Cultural Centre, Northbridge. Details: Kirby Bonita on 0421 762 985.

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, Perth.

South Australia

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.

Queensland

Until August 11: NAIDOC Week *Freshwater Saltwater 2017* exhibition and opening. Held at Umi Arts Galleries, 335 Sheridan Street, North Cairns. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or visit www.umiarts.com.au

Until 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, Cleveland. Details: (07) 3829 8899 or visit www.artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au

Until August 28: Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATIF) applications open for the Years 11 and 12 2018-2019 scholarships. Details: (07) 3257 1777 or visit www.qatsif.org.au

Until September 30: Quandamooka Festival 2017. A full program of up to 55 events and activities. Details at www.quandamookafestival.com.au

July 12-15: *My Name is Jimi* theatrical performance. Tells the story of Jimi Bani and his family and his home – Mabuiag Island in the Torres Strait. Held at Centre of Contemporary Arts, Cairns. 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. Details: www.ciaf.com.au or (07) 4050 7712.

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Horizon Power trainer Shane O'Byrne, remote community utilities workers Brendan Walters (Yungngora) and Keith Hunter (Bidyadanga), training consultants Shane Eeles and Jonathon Andrews and workers Robert Hassett (Kalumburu) and Clinton 'Minty' Sahanna (of Beagle Bay, and who services four communities).

Four power their way to vital jobs



FOUR men from remote Aboriginal centres in Western Australia are the first people to complete a new national

apprenticeship created by Horizon Power to improve life in remote communities.

Keith Hunter, of Bidyadanga, Clinton (Minty) Sahanna, of Beagle Bay, Robert Hassett, of Kalumburu, and Brendan Walters, of Yungngora, are Australia's first remote community utilities workers.

They live and work in their

communities, maintaining electrical networks and, in Kalumburu and Yungngora, maintain the power stations.

Work on developing the training program began in 2008.

It has been a long journey for the four men, who received trade certificates and statements of attainment in the Certificate III Electricity Supply Industry (ESI) Remote Community Utilities Worker (RCUW) qualification, marking the end to their apprenticeships.

"It benefits Indigenous people who live in their community to have a sense of pride and

achievement," Minty Sahanna said of the course.

"It's great that the team and I are recognised for the time and effort we all put in with a nationally registered qualification."

Crews

Before the apprenticeship program began, it could take a day for crews based in Kununurra just to get to towns like Kalumburu if there was a power outage, and even longer in the wet season.

Horizon Power managing director Frank Tudor said the

trade qualification was unique to WA and he was proud of the first four graduates.

He said the qualification was designed to improve the reliability of power supplies in remote Aboriginal communities and reduce the duration of outages, but also to create jobs and boost the economic development and sustainability of regional communities.

"The four new workers were the pioneers of this work and were actually involved in the development of the training to ensure it met the unique needs of remote communities and,

critically, safety requirements given the requirement to work alone," Mr Tudor said.

"Importantly, they have also served as role models for the young people in their communities and are on hand to assist their community with issues relating to their power.

"Horizon Power services remote and regional WA through a decentralised model and we live and work in our communities – it doesn't matter if those communities are hundreds of kilometres from the nearest town."

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National Library of Australia - 2018 Graduate Program

The National Library of Australia is seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graduates for our 2018 Graduate Program.

Library Graduates participate in a range of development activities and placements enabling them to gain new skills and experience in the Library and cultural sector. Graduates have the opportunity to work with our collection material (including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander material) such as oral histories, pictures, archived websites, manuscripts, maps and ephemera. The National Library's published collection also contains Indigenous Australian language dictionaries, word lists and lexicons covering hundreds of languages and dialects. Graduates enjoy a working environment that is challenging, rewarding and collaborative, and receive the support of a cohort of past Indigenous Graduates.

Graduates from all disciplines are welcome to apply, however, you must be interested in a career in the cultural sector and passionate about building, managing and preserving the nations cultural heritage. The Library seeks to employ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to help build, manage and preserve collections for future generations, and ensure Australia's stories can be known and told into the future with respect and sensitivity.

As the Library is located in Canberra, applicants must be willing to relocate if interstate. Applicants are invited to review the Library's Indigenous Employment webpage which includes profiles of our Indigenous staff and the Library's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy.

For more information about the Graduate Program please visit the Library's Graduate Program webpage or contact Recruitment at recruitment@nla.gov.au or on **02 6262 1226**.

Applications close Sunday, 30 July 2017.

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Senior Project Officer - Aboriginal and cultural diversity



- Location: Various Locations:- Ballarat, Footscray or Geelong
- Employment Type: Fixed Term
- Classification: VPS5
- Salary range: \$92,253 to \$111,619 per annum (plus superannuation)

Reporting to the Manger Workforce Services and working collaboratively with all People and Culture (P&C) teams in West Division, the 'Senior Project - Aboriginal & Cultural Diversity Initiatives' will be responsible for the Divisional development, coordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the department's key Aboriginal and Cultural diversity programs.

You will work in close consultation with West division P&C teams and the divisional executive to develop a divisional strategy to operationalise departmental initiatives such as the Aboriginal Employment Strategy, the Wirrigirri Program, CALD and LGBTI initiatives.

This role will monitor effectiveness of the divisional strategy and provide a loop for continuous improvement back through People and Culture and the Executive team.

- Do you have extensive demonstrated experience across a broad range of project management, communication and human resource functions, preferably in a large and complex organisation?
- Are you able to develop communications strategies and products that can genuinely engage and influence thinking and behaviour?
- Are you a great writer who can respond quickly to emerging issues and meet tight deadlines?

ONLY INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY AS THIS POSITION IS EXEMPT UNDER THE SPECIAL MEASURES PROVISION, SECTION 12(1) OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT 2010 (VIC)

Please address your application to the A/Workforce Services Manager for this role. For further information on the available position, please contact Kirsty Allan, A/Workforce Services Manager on 0419 795 691

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au

Job Reference numbers: **DHHS/WWD/508591**

Applications close: **Midnight, Monday, 24 July 2017**

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health and Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

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SA WATER VACANCIES

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Project Officer - Registered Nurse Liverpool, NSW

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Education

Aboriginal Education and Engagement Advisor

- Senior Education Officer 2 (ETS)
- Temporary Full-time Role up to: 3 years
- Position number and location: 174433 - Gosford

Total remuneration package: \$146,478 pa. (salary \$132,141 pa), including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About the role

Providing strategic support and advice to schools, educational services teams, school communities and key stakeholders on all aspects of Aboriginal education and engagement.

Please address the selection criteria in relation to the Statement of Duties for the position in your application. Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

This is a child-related role. If you are the successful applicant you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit

www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check

In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Under new provisions for permanent teachers taking up non-school based temporary appointments, the right of return to their substantive position has been extended to up to 3 years.

The maximum continuous period of time in **temporary Non School Based Teaching Service appointments at-level is for 3 years (cumulatively)**. Successful applicants currently employed in an SEO1 (ETS), SEO2 (ETS) or PEO (ETS), who still meet the definition of recent school based experience (where it is required in the advertisement) and apply for a position at the same level, will be offered the new at-level position for the remaining balance of their existing period(s) of appointment (being a cumulative period in any at-level positions, inclusive of higher duties and/or temporary appointments to a maximum of 3 years).

Note: Recent school based experience is either direct classroom teaching within the past three years or school executive experience within the past three years. Direct classroom teaching or school executive experience is full-time service in a school based position in a departmental preschool, infants, primary, central/community, secondary, environmental education centre or special school for a continuous period of one (1) year. For more information please review **Rules Oct 2015**.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality.
- Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience within the K-12 range.
- Demonstrated commitment to participating in and managing accreditation processes.
- Experience in leading curriculum implementation and demonstrated understanding of current trends, resources, quality teaching & assessment practice, relevant legislation and policies.
- Demonstrated ability to build the capacity of staff through the development and delivery of innovative programs and services that support Aboriginal education and engagement.
- Demonstrated ability to lead, develop, plan and implement strategic initiatives and innovative practices that support education change for improved student learning outcomes for Aboriginal students.
- Proven ability to liaise and negotiate with a range of stakeholders and work collaboratively within and across teams, with internal and external stakeholders, particularly with the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.
- High level written and oral communication and interpersonal skills and experience in the preparation of documents including briefings, reports and correspondence.
- Demonstrated capacity to ensure that projects are delivered on time, within budget and in accordance with agreed quality standards.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies and the key deliverables and collaborative actions of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education strategy.

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Applications Close: 26 July 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Correne Astill (02) 9208 7643.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 174433.

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ANROWS

Senior Research Officer & Senior Project Officer (Identified)

Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) aspires to be an innovative research organisation with authoritative leadership and high impact to support the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 (the National Plan). Our mission is to deliver relevant and translatable research evidence which drives policy and practice, leading to a reduction in the levels of violence against women and their children.

ANROWS is seeking to appoint two suitably skilled Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people to its research and knowledge translation and exchange teams. ANROWS has been granted an exemption order under sections 8 and 51 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) for targeted recruitment of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people. Vacancies exist in the following two positions:

- 1) Senior Research Officer (Identified); and
- 2) Senior Project Officer (Identified).

The primary purpose of the Senior Research Officer position is focused on knowledge production, specifically the implementation of the ANROWS Research Program. The primary purpose of the Senior Project Officer position is focused on the translation of research evidence into policy and practice.

Both positions are full time positions (38 hours per week) and are based in Sydney. **Applications close midnight 30 July 2017.**

An information package which includes key responsibilities, selection criteria, salary and conditions, and how to apply is available at <http://anrows.org.au/about/careers>



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This role can be based at any of our Interrelate offices and travel to other locations will also be required from time to time.

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Research Fund Director (RFD) Coordinator, Corporate & Community Relations (CCCR)



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Please email nikkik@suicidepreventionaust.org for the full ads, selection criteria, job descriptions or more info on either of these Sydney CBD based roles.



Barnardos Australia

ABORIGINAL CASE WORKER

The Organisation

Barnardos has a significant footprint in the ACT in the provision of services across the child, youth and family sector. Barnardos is the Lead Agency in the ACT Together Consortium, providing and coordinating Out of Home Care (OOHC) programs and services in addition to extensive family support and youth homelessness programs provided for Canberra Children's Family Centre.

The Role

The Barnardos Aboriginal Case Worker provides therapeutic informed case management to children and young people who are accessing the foster care service. The case worker ensures that the outcomes for the children and young people in the service are achieved and works alongside the carers and a number of other professionals to achieve this outcome. The role recruits, assesses and actively works towards retention for foster carers.

The Candidate

The ideal candidate will have a qualification in Social Work, Social Welfare or related area; previous experience working with children and families; understanding and knowledge of the therapeutic needs of children and young people who have suffered abuse and neglect; demonstrated experience in case management; sound knowledge of child protection and issues in relation to children at risk; demonstrated experience in engaging with the Aboriginal 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.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program National Manager

- An excellent opportunity to join one of Australia's leading international not for profits
- Permanent, 35 hours per week
- Melbourne based

Around the globe, Oxfam works to find practical, innovative ways for people to lift themselves out of poverty and thrive. We save lives and help rebuild livelihoods when crisis strikes. And we campaign so that the voices of the poor influence the local and global decisions that affect them.

The Role

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program plays a central role in planning, managing and delivering programs and developing strong partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program sits within Oxfam Australia's Program Section and is responsible for setting and delivering on our strategy to work alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, communities and individuals. The program collaborates with and supports the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to bring change in their lives and communities.

Having worked for more than 30 years to support self-determination, Oxfam Australia is seeking a committed leader to lead the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program's team in strategy development, program funding, awareness raising and to develop and maintain relationships with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders.

You will have

The successful candidate will be able to meet the following selection criteria

- Experience in leading teams of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and strong staff management capabilities, including leading and managing multifunctional teams
- High level of understanding of the development and public policy issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, including a proven track record of working effectively with or alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' organisations and movements
- Demonstrable success in program management supported by strong financial management and administration skills
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- Please follow this link <https://www.oxfam.org.au/jobs/job/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-peoples-program-national-manager/> to Oxfam Australia vacancies webpage. Click on the Apply Now button at the base of the advertisement
- Complete the on-line application form, then as three separate documents, upload a cover letter (max 2 pages), CV (max 2 pages) and a response addressing the selection criteria outlined in the ad.
- Applications close: Monday 31 July 2017 at 11pm

Appointment to this position will require a satisfactory clearance of a police check and/or Working with Children Check.

We promote diversity and practice equity. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.

Oxfam Australia is committed to the safeguarding of children and young people.

To be eligible for this position, you must have the legal right to work in Australia.



Education

Project Officer – Identified

- Clerk Grade 5/6
- Temporary Full-time Role up to two years
- Position number and location: 194746 – Oxford Street, Darlinghurst

Total remuneration package: \$97,095 Package includes salary (\$79,384 - \$87,591), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Early Childhood Education Directorate:

Currently undergoing a period of change, the directorate is committed to the continuous quality improvement and accessibility of Early Childhood Education for children across NSW. In order to achieve their goals, the NSW Department of Education are fostering a work environment which encourages everyone to bring their best in working toward the common goal of improving the participation of children enrolled in Early Childhood Education programs as well as increasing access and inclusion of children of Aboriginal and low income backgrounds.

About the role

The role undertakes a range of project research, analysis, reporting, implementation and administrative activities to support the development and delivery of projects aligned to Directorate priorities.

The role will oversee the development, implementation and management of programs that provide support to Aboriginal children, communities and services.

Talent Pool

A talent pool may be created through this recruitment process. A talent pool is a group of candidates who have undergone an assessment process and have identified suitable for this role or similar roles for a period of 12 months. Being part of a talent pool means that you may be considered for ongoing, temporary or term employment for a range of similar roles by submitting only one application. This offers exciting opportunities for you to gain a wide range of experiences to build your public service career.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 1 page) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check. In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Describe a situation where you have had to manage competing, and at times conflicting priorities within agreed timelines? 300 word maximum.
2. What do you consider the success factors for effective projects and can you describe a time when you demonstrated these in working on a project or initiative? 300 word maximum.

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal Education policies.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

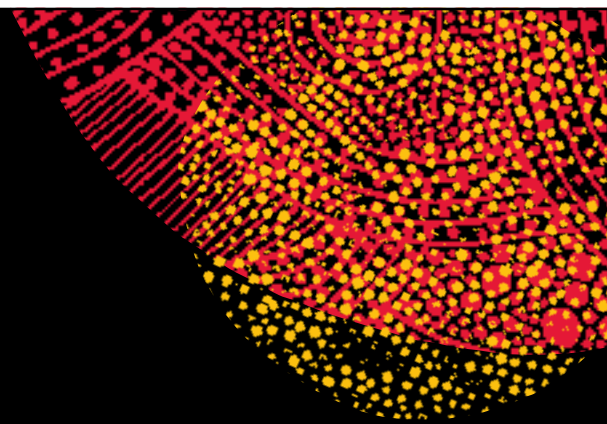
Applications Close: 26 July 2017

For further information please contact Nat Heath (02) 9266 8215.

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Building Trade Positions Qualified and Non-Qualified

- Metropolitan and Regional Victoria
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Intract Australia is seeking driven and highly motivated applicants to fill a variety of newly created building trade positions to support our growing Building Services Team.

We are looking to fill both qualified and trainee / unqualified roles including plumbers, carpenters, electricians, plasterers, general handy persons and laborers in both Metropolitan and major regional Victorian townships.

Reporting to the Building Services Team's Construction Manager located in Melbourne, the successful candidate(s) will be responsible for the following:

- Provision of building trade construction and maintenance services in building, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, plastering, and general building maintenance services (handy person duties)
- Delivery of on-time issues resolution for Intract Australia's clients in the areas of building maintenance and construction
- Provision of proactive construction solutions with a safety focus
- Highly safety motivated
- Communication with site personnel, client representatives and tenants in relation to the delivery of maintenance and construction services
- Proficient with safety procedures with all safety aspects and procedures relating to the building industry
- Able to use programs e.g. simPRO or similar programs
- Must have excellent reporting, communication and organisational skills
- Other ad hoc duties as required.

To be succesful, you will need to be highly driven with strong attention to detail and have excellent time management skills. Above all, you will possess strong initiative, the desire to develop and grow with Intract Australia and be a great team player.

Understanding of and sensitivity to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural issues is fundamental. Familiarity with computer based applications and a current driver's licence are essential and a willingness to travel to various locations across Victoria as required.

Applicants must undertake a full employment medical, including drug and alcohol testing as well as a National Police check, security clearance. Complete all required training and inductions. Market leading employment conditions with attractive remuneration will be offered commensurate to the experience and qualifications of the successful applicant(s).

To submit your application please email to intractHR@intract.com.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

Visit www.intract.com.au for more information

Application for Employment

In your application, please include:

- Identify your Indigenous background (if applicable)
- A cover letter
- A copy of all of your current qualifications and licenses e.g. white card, trade licence, drivers licence etc.
- A current CV which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of Intract Australia.
- The name and current contact details of three referees for reference checks.



Administration Officer – Clinic

Maitland Rural Referral Hospital
Enquiries: Katie McFadyen (02) 4939 2150
Reference Number: 402526
Closing Date: 23 July 2017

Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician

Mental Health, Newcastle
Enquiries: Todd Heard (02) 496 47110
Reference Number: 401612
Closing Date: 30 July 2017

These are targeted Aboriginal Positions.
Preference will be given to applicants of
Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed
under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Dates: Listed above

Applications must be
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NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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

Applications must be
lodged electronically. Please go
to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and
search Job Reference Numbers 394924.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Reference Number 10601
Position Title Senior Aboriginal Health Worker
Identified Position

Employment Type Permanent Full Time
Department Executive Office
Location Darlinghurst, NSW
Salary \$75,189.32 to \$78,106.10
Hours per Week 38

Position Summary

A vacancy exists for a highly motivated Senior Aboriginal Health Worker (SAHW) with appropriate knowledge and skills to join our friendly and supportive team. Our progressive and innovative team offers development opportunities for our staff and a caring environment for the delivery of high quality patient centred care.

This role will be responsible for supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients who are dealing with health related issues primarily in acute and sub-acute settings. The SAHW will also assist St Vincent's Health Network Sydney staff to provide culturally safe/respectful care to Aboriginal patients and families. The SAHW role carries responsibilities for effective liaison and linkage with key community controlled organisations, particularly Aboriginal Community groups and services. The SAHW works in close collaboration with Allied Health workers, care coordinators, and other health professionals and multi-disciplinary teams for care planning. The position also has a high level of contribution to the implementation and promotion of the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) for St Vincent's Health Network Sydney and well as the Aboriginal Health Plan. The SAHW will assist in the responsibility of project, contract management and research, along with supervision of the Aboriginal Health Workers in the absence of the Director. The SAHW will also be responsible for reporting and brief preparation.

Applicants should be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; be accepted as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in the community in which he/she lives, or has lived. This is an Aboriginal Identified position in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criterion.

Application Process

To view the full position description and apply for this role, please visit our website:
<https://stvincentshealthnetworksydney.mercury.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?id=ScJefIhezTU=&jbc=ere>

Contact Person Pauline Deweerd
Contact Number (02) 8382 2407
Closing Date 30/07/2017

Senior Leader Community Engagement

- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Temporary Full-time appointment
- Position number and location: 171973 - Wilcannia
- Total remuneration package valued to: \$110,697 pa (salary \$90,215 to \$99,862 pa) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The position supports the implementation of strategic initiatives and programs in Connected Communities schools.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

For the application process, you must also answer the pre-screening questions and any essential requirements as listed below. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the **role description** in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

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.

Talent Pool

A talent pool may be created through this recruitment process. A talent pool is a group of candidates who have undergone an assessment process and have identified suitable for this role or similar roles for a period of 12 months. Being part of a talent pool means that you may be considered for ongoing, temporary or term employment for a range of similar roles by submitting only one application. This offers exciting opportunities for you to gain a wide range of experiences to build your public service career.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check. In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Tell us about at time when you brought an organisation (such as a school) and the rest of the community together to work on an initiative.
Tell us the name of the organisation and tell us the purpose of the initiative. How did you work with the organisation's the leader (such as a Principal)? How did you go about involving the community members to make sure that the initiative achieved its goals?
If you were to repeat this initiative, what would you do differently next time and why? **(300 words maximum).**
2. At Wilcannia Central School, strengthening the links between the community and the school is a high priority. Tell us what you would do to improve the understanding between the teachers at the school and the local Aboriginal community. How would your actions make a better future for the students?
In your answer, you might want to write about the goals and aspirations of the community for their children. Think about how you could help the teachers better understand the Barkindji culture and why this is important. **(300 words maximum).**

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Applications Close: 26 July 2017

For further information please contact
Annette Cam (08) 8091 5801

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
for Reference Number 171973

CAREERS AT CSU

Indigenous Liaison Coordinator

- Full Time, Fixed Term (until May 2018)
- Level 7 – \$81,961 to \$89,646 p.a. (Plus 9.5% Superannuation)
- Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Dubbo, Orange or Wagga Wagga

Future Moves has developed since 2012 with the support of Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program (HEPPP) funding and contributes to building aspiration and awareness in school students from Kindergarten to Year 12 in regional NSW and northern Victorian schools. It works closely with the Indigenous Student Centres at CSU and endeavours to promote higher education to indigenous communities, their schools and parent groups.

The Indigenous Liaison Coordinator is responsible for developing and supporting programs that support Indigenous student success in higher education. Through the creation and maintenance of strong links with the school leaver market as well as the leadership, development and oversight of *Danygmalahna* – the Indigenous specific component of the Future Moves Program, the Coordinator will raise awareness and aspiration for university as a realistic post school option for Indigenous students.

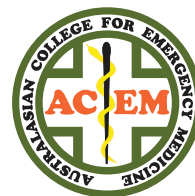
The position will work closely with the Aboriginal community, schools and communities as well as developing links and networks with the parents and teachers in schools, focusing on the recruitment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Applicants are expected to apply online and address the selection criteria listed in the position description. Please be aware you may be asked to provide confirmation of Indigenous Australian Identity.

This is an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander position under section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Applications close: 23 July 2017

www.csu.edu.au/jobs



AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE
FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Expressions of Interest

Community Representatives

The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) is a not-for-profit, member based organisation whose principal role is the training, assessment and professional development of emergency doctors for Australia and New Zealand. The College also advocates for and promotes access to the highest possible standards of emergency medicine across the two countries.

We are seeking expressions of interest for community representatives to provide the consumer perspective of a non-clinician and prospective users of emergency care in Australia and New Zealand to inform the College's governing bodies and their associated entities. Working closely with the Chair and other members of the governing body or entity, community representatives ensure balanced decisions are made that are in the best interests of the College, its members and trainees, and the community.

To be considered individuals must have: the ability to analyse issues to assess implications for community access to high quality emergency medicine care; knowledge and understanding of governance principles within a not-for profit and/or membership organisation; and experience serving on a Board or similar entity, with the capacity to work as a collaborative, contributing member. An understanding of the healthcare systems in Australia and/or New Zealand is desirable.

A copy of the relevant Position Description and related policy can be found on our website, www.acem.org.au. For further information, Terms of Reference of the entities involved, or to forward your application please email governance@acem.org.au. Applications will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and close Friday 21 July 2017.

ACEM is an Equal Opportunity Employer who promotes, embraces and values diversity and inclusion in the workplace. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply.



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Executive Director Network Delivery – Identified (Salary Range \$171,864 to \$179,491)
Manager, Strategy and Policy (Salary Range \$151,447 to \$157,055)
Parramatta Location

Executive Director Network Delivery – Identified

The Executive Director Network Delivery leads and directs the design and delivery of services and programs by the NSW Aboriginal Land Council for the Aboriginal Land Council network and broader Aboriginal community. The Executive Director Network Delivery is responsible for the coordination of high level strategic and political advice to the Chief Executive Officer, the Executive, and the Council on a broad range of government and non-government matters affecting the land rights network and Aboriginal people, ensuring timely and appropriate responses are developed and instituted, including the provision of advice and support to the network and other stakeholders.

This is an identified position under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Job Status: Executive contract up to 4 years (2 year contract with a further 2 year option)

Job Reference: 0008

Manager, Strategy and Policy

The Manager, Strategy and Policy leads the delivery of strategic planning and strategic initiatives of NSWALC across a diverse policy portfolio including in relation to Aboriginal Land Agreements and amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. The position provides policy and advocacy advice on a diverse range of issues impacting on Aboriginal people within NSW; overseeing an innovative research agenda for NSWALC; and monitoring government and non-government policies that impact on and affect Aboriginal peoples in NSW.

Applications from Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged

Job Status: 3 year contract

Job Reference: 0009

About us

As the State's peak representative body in Aboriginal Affairs, the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community. NSWALC is a not for profit organisation. More information about NSW Aboriginal Land Council can be found at www.alc.org.au

How to apply

To apply for either position please obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Role Description and Success Profile by contacting the Human Resources Officer and state the job reference number via email: recruitment@alc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4490. Applications close **5.00PM Sunday, 16 July 2017** and can be forwarded to recruitment@alc.org.au

Aboriginal Sector Support Project and Engagement Officer

- Flexible Work practices - Make a difference
- Salary packaging



Macarthur Disability Services Ltd has been providing support to people with a disability, frail aged and their carers for over 30 years. We actively promote the rights and aspirations of people with a disability to enrich lives and roles in the community through the provision of choice, opportunity and innovative service design.

MDS is seeking to employ an **Aboriginal Sector Support Project and Engagement Officer** for our Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP). This position engages with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities/organisations and mainstream organisations to consult and develop capacity that aim to increase service access by people from Aboriginal background, especially in relation to implementation of the NDIS and Aged Care Reforms.

Key Responsibilities for this position include:

- Develop initiatives to enable local Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities to acquire knowledge and access to the CHSP and disability/NDIS service system
- Research and remain up-to-date with the needs of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander CHSP and NDIS target population
- Promote the services of Aboriginal and mainstream CHSP services to the Aboriginal community
- Identify and initiate opportunities for collaborative projects and partnerships that build sector and community sustainability towards service access for people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background

The successful applicant will have:

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background and have close ties to the local Aboriginal communities
- Certificate IV (or higher) in a social/community services qualification or equivalent demonstrated community sector development experience
- Demonstrated community project planning and development experience
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience assisting people to access the CHSP and NDIS
- Community engagement and networking experience to establish collaborative sector partnerships

The Position is Fixed term full time, on a flexi-time contract until June 2018. This role is covered under the SCHCADS Award at a Level 5 Classification. Also offered is salary packaging, flexible working hours, mobile phone and leave loading.

To apply for this position please visit www.mdservices.com.au/careers

An application must be completed on our website

Phone (02) 4621 8400 for further information

Applications close 5pm, Friday 28 July 2017

It is essential that all applicants have the right to work in Australia. They must also have a current NSW driver's licence and access to their own vehicle. Applicants will be subject to a Criminal Record Check. MDS is an EEO Employer and a smoke free workplace.

MDS is committed to achieving a diverse workforce and strongly encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people



Police & Justice



Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers

- **Mid North Coast Command - Port Macquarie/Kempsey and Manning/Great Lakes Local Area Command - Taree/Forster**
- **Clerk Grade 3/4**
- **2 Permanent Full-Time Positions**
- ***I Work for NSW* Requisition No.00005EAM**

Salary Package: \$81,256. **Salary:** \$67,248 – \$73,635. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to Police in the management of local Aboriginal issues.

They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen cooperation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

Job Notes:

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by *Part 6, Clause 23 of the Government Sector Employment Rules 2014*.

Applicants must hold a current driver's licence with a clear driving record for the past 12 months.

One position will be located at Port Macquarie/Kempsey and the other position at Taree/Forster. Applicants will be required to indicate their preference on the online application.

These positions are 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/shift allowances.

Applicants must include/attach date and place of birth, drivers licence number and other supporting documentation.

A Working With Children Check (WWCC) is a prerequisite for this position.

The applicant is responsible for applying their own WWCC (***an employer cannot apply on behalf of a worker***) and if the outcome is a clearance, the Check is valid for five years and may be used for any child-related work in NSW.

You can apply for a Working With Children Check here:

www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check

The successful applicant will also be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement and will be required to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed.

Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the *I Work for NSW* website (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au).

Applications Close: Sunday 23 July 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Roslyn Lang – Mid North Coast Local Area Command on (02) 6583 0166 or Renae Kelly – Manning/Great Lakes Local Area Command on (02) 6555 1202.

For the selection criteria, a downloadable position description, information package and to apply, please go to *I Work for NSW* (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00005EAM.

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Are you looking for more than just a job?

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Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Recovery Mentor

Armadale, WA

Individualised Community Living

Do you have passion and commitment for supporting people to continue living in the community?

Recovery Mentors at Avivo share responsibility for providing quality supports to our customers and form an integral link between our customers and the rest of the team. In addition, they assist the team facilitators to lead effective teams, providing recovery focused and strength based support to our customers.

Our Individualised Community Living (ICL) program is focused on identifying and building on the strengths of the people we support to enhance their recovery and meeting their individual needs.

Our customer is looking for a female Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander mentor to work approximately 8 hours per week in Armadale.

As a minimum requirement:

- Previous experience in the Mental Health sector
- Have daily access to a reliable vehicle and possess a valid driver's licence
- **Currently reside in Armadale or surrounding suburbs**
- **Be available for work up to 8 hours per week**

For more information, please visit: www.avivo.org.au, click on "Our People" and "Work with us" or call Cass in HR on 9204 7800.

WE WANT YOU TO HAVE WORK LIFE BALANCE.

People with a lived experience of recovery are encouraged to apply.

Making an appointment to this position is subject to a satisfactory National Police Clearance.

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and female are genuine occupational requirements for this position as authorised under section 27 of the WA Equal Opportunity Act 1984.

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Care Support Worker Aboriginal

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Mental Health
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Community Housing Limited (CHL) Group of Companies

Non-Executive Director

Community Housing Limited (CHL) Group of Companies is an innovative and best practice affordable housing organisation which assists access to, develops and manages sustainable housing for people in need. CHL is a not-for profit and public benevolent institution. One of its subsidiaries, Aboriginal Community Housing Ltd (ACHL) is seeking to appoint an independent Non-Executive Director. As a full voting member of our highly qualified and experienced board, you will be valued in our organisation. We will assist you in further developing your board involvement practices and you will be given the opportunity to confer with key stakeholders involved in the delivery of services to make a real difference.

Main tasks will include (but are not limited to):

- Attend meetings of members, board of directors and committee meetings
- Effective corporate governance to ensure board acts in best interests of company and stakeholders
- Advise Chairman and Managing Director in development of organisation, including meeting future challenges and responsibilities
- Awareness and understanding of financial information reported and management of operational risk; including accountability for services provided and public funds used

To be successful in this role you will need: demonstrated experience in board level role in medium size organisation with change agenda; a real estate licence and strategic expertise including efficient delivery of recommendations; excellent communication skills; a strong sense of responsibility and accountability; and a commitment to the advancement of the housing conditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) peoples.

Applicants with an ATSI background will be especially welcome.

A satisfactory police, ASIC, and ACNC check is required for all directors. ACHL is an equal opportunity employer working closely with people from a diverse range of backgrounds.

Applications close 5pm Monday, 31 July 2017

Please contact our Company Secretary at companysecretary@chl.org.au to receive the Position Description.



Aboriginal /Torres Strait Islander Trainee Dental Assistant

Full time 12 month fixed term commencing September 2017

Under s12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic), only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applications will be considered.

Job Reference No: VAC0321

'To build healthier lives - by empowering our staff to believe they can make difference within the community'.

- Salary Packaging
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Inner City Location

The Role

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a motivated individual to train to become a Dental Assistant. This traineeship has been made possible through Koolin Balit Stronger Skilled Workforce Training Grants Program 2016-17 to provide an opportunity to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people to enter into the health sector. The Aboriginal Dental Assistant Trainee program will provide both practical and theoretical training (through Certificate 3 in Dental Assisting via RMIT) and the opportunity for ongoing permanent employment.

Who We Are

Star Health is a values driven organisation at the forefront of multi-disciplinary team based community care. If you are looking for an opportunity to work closely with the local community and are committed to providing support and assistance to those who have poor access to services – then this is the place for you!

Interested applicants must address the key selection criteria within the covering letter and complete our application form. Please apply directly via our website <http://starhealth.org.au/careers/health-jobs/>. For information about the role, please contact Monika Cutri at mcutri@starhealth.org.au

Closing Date: Wednesday 5pm 23rd August, 2017

Star Health is an equal opportunity employer and encourages individuals of diverse backgrounds including those from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse and LGBTI+ community to apply.



Community Development Trainee Tamworth

Identified Indigenous Position
Full Time – 12 month contract

Centacare NENW is currently seeking a Community Development Trainee to establish and maintain strong community linkages, referral bases and partnerships under a culturally sensitive family mediation service.

This position offers:

- Support in completing a community services qualification
- Training, Career mentoring and supervision
- High level of diversity within the role
- An attractive remuneration package

Key Responsibilities include:

- Establish and maintain strong community linkages and partnerships with key services across the New England North West
- Streamline referral pathways to ensure accessibility to the family mediation service

Essential Criteria:

- Applicants must identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- Experience in working with Aboriginal families and communities.
- Knowledge of the family law system and a demonstrated understanding of the sensitivities involved when working with families affected by family violence
- Advanced communication and interpersonal skills
- The ability to engage vulnerable clients, develop partnerships and maintain strong networks will referral agencies
- The ability to work collaboratively with a large range of services within the legal, welfare and community based settings
- A current working with children check number

How to apply

For more information or to obtain an application package please contact Nichole Corby (02) 6762 9200 or email hr@centacarenenw.com.au

To be eligible to apply for this position applicants must submit

- Covering letter
- A statement of claim as to how you best meet the selection criteria located in the Application Package.
- Your resume
- The Application for Employment form located in the Application Package.

Closing Date for applications: 4pm, Friday 14th July 2017



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, various locations, Metro North Hospital and Health Service. Remuneration value up to \$10 403 p.m., comprising salary between \$ 3897.60 - \$4194.00 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (HP4) (Temporary full time position up to 30 June 2018. 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. 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.

Duties / Abilities: This position provides high level culturally sensitive mental health and social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing consultation, advice and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander woman residing in the Brisbane Woman's Correctional Centre, 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: Yasmin Muller (07) 3837 5820.

Job Ad Reference: MH245898

Online applications: www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 21 July 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. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



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Family & Community Services

Your mob needs you

Have you been working with Aboriginal communities and families for at least two years?

We're expanding our Aboriginal workforce and are looking for people from across NSW to work alongside child protection practitioners to make sure vulnerable Aboriginal children and young people grow up safe and connected to kin and country.

As a Permanency Coordinator you will help link children, their families or kin to the services they need.

You don't need a degree – what we value is your cultural knowledge and connection to Country.

Position locations: Sydney, Hunter New England, Central Coast, Mid-North Coast, Northern NSW, Murrumbidgee, Western NSW, Southern NSW, Far West, Illawarra and Nepean Blue Mountains.

What you will get from us:

- Professional support and training
- Great career opportunities
- Flexible working conditions
- Base salary from \$102,838 - \$105,730 pa.

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 people with disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, 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.

Applications Close: Tuesday 25 July 2017 (11.59pm)

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00005EU2.

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PROJECT OFFICER Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Disability Network of Qld (ATSIDNQ)

Part-time Position, Geebung, Brisbane

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Disability Network of Queensland (ATSIDNQ) is a Queensland Government funded project managed by ADA Australia. The Network provides a platform for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability, their families and carers to connect with each other and gain culturally safe information. ADA Australia is a state-wide, not-for-profit, independent, community-based advocacy and education service, supporting and improving the wellbeing of older people and people with disability. ADA Australia has 8 offices throughout Queensland, with its head office located in Geebung, Brisbane.

ADA Australia is seeking applications for a suitably qualified part-time Project Officer - 20 hours per week (work days / hours negotiable) until 30 June 2019. The role is responsible for the project management of the ATSIDNQ Network and its project deliverables. This position is a SACS level 5.1 position under the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010, with pay rates in accordance with the Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 2).

ADA Australia offers a flexible, family friendly and inclusive workplace, which values workplace diversity within the team. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and people with a disability are encouraged to apply.

For a copy of the position description and comprehensive application package, or for further information regarding ADA Australia or ATSIDNQ, please see our websites www.adaaustralia.com.au www.atsidnq.com.au or contact Catherine Aitken on (07) 3637 6000.

Applications close: Tuesday 25 July 2017

KOORI EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Koori) Cultural Awareness Trainer

People and Culture

- Directly contribute towards the organisation's understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Koori) cultures
- Work closely with Aboriginal communities and staff across the state
- Fixed-term position for six months, full-time
- Salary range \$92,253 – \$111,619 plus superannuation

The Learning and Development team within People and Culture is responsible for all learning and development activities across the Department of Justice and Regulation, Victoria.

Under the department's extensive learning and development programs, we are now seeking an experienced facilitator to deliver our established Koori Cultural Awareness Training (KCAT) program. This highly sought after program is delivered in metropolitan and regional locations to participants of diverse backgrounds and roles.

This position works closely with Aboriginal staff across the department and community, and is an integral part of our commitment to creating a culturally inclusive workplace under the department's Koori Inclusion Action Plan.

We require an experienced trainer/educator to deliver the KCAT program for a period of six months.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- a detailed knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Koori community, both society and culture, and the issues impacting on it,
- a demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with members of the Victorian Koori community
- demonstrated experience in the development and delivery of Koori cultural awareness training or related training programs.

This position has been re-advertised, previous candidates are encouraged to re-apply.

For further information on this position contact Julian King on (03) 8684 0113 or Jeffrey Gray at the Koori Employment Team on (03) 8684 1751 and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au. Applications must be submitted by close of business Sunday 23 July 2017.

This is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

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AOD Workers

Chippendale, NSW

***Multiple opportunities providing outreach support and counselling services to people within and leaving NSW Correction Centres!**

*** Attractive remuneration of \$66,331 plus super and generous salary packaging options.**

The Community Restorative Centre now has multiple opportunities for AOD Workers to join their team on a full-time basis in Chippendale, NSW. One of these roles is specifically an Aboriginal Identified role.

In this role, you will provide outreach drug and alcohol counselling and support to people leaving NSW Correctional Centres - in particular, those with an intellectual disability or cognitive impairment with a mental illness; who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and/or women with dependent children.

You will possess work experience in the provision of drug and alcohol counselling/treatment to people with complex needs and/or relevant qualification.

You'll be rewarded with an outstanding base salary of \$66,331 PLUS super and generous salary packaging options to increase your take home pay!

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**WAMBA WAMBA
LOCAL ABORIGINAL
LAND COUNCIL**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Wamba Wamba Local Aboriginal Land Council (WWLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the WWLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Mr Kerry George, by email: Kerry.George@alc.org.au or on (02) 61243556.

Applications can be forwarded to Kerry.George@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:
Mr Kerry George
NSW Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 619
Queanbeyan, NSW 2620

Applications close Friday 28 July 2017

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



**Family &
Community
Services**

Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker

NSW Family and Community Services aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children by recruiting and developing outstanding individuals to be leaders in child protection practice.

As an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker you will be working with vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect, their families and communities and interagency partners to be agents of change in the lives of children.

**Being an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker is tough.
It takes a special kind of person. But the rewards are huge.**

We are looking for people with a strong commitment to children, families and community capacity building, people who possess a high level of resilience to become part of a team of skilled and dedicated professionals.

**Do you identify as Aboriginal and have two years experience working with
Aboriginal children, young people and families or communities?**

If so apply now! Please visit www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and enter job reference no: 000041OM to join a team of dedicated and professional FACS caseworkers in your area and benefit from:

- Professional support and training
- Flexible working conditions
- Great career opportunities

Aboriginal Caseworkers must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

More information available www.facs.nsw.gov.au/careers/caseworker

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further
Please call Recruitment on 1800 203 966 or email
caseworker.screenings@facs.nsw.gov.au



**Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 000041OM**

**Careers with
Queensland
Health**



Mental Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing Clinician

Forensic Mental Health, Indigenous Mental Health Intervention project team, Metro North Mental Health, Metro North Hospital and Health Service.

This position will be required to work at Queensland Forensic Mental Health Service locations including 270 Roma Street, Brisbane; the Brisbane Woman's Correctional Centre, Wacol; and the Prison Mental Health Service, Wacol, Metro North Hospital and Health Service and West Moreton Hospital and Health Service.

Remuneration value up to \$8764.83 p.m. comprising salary between \$2404.00 - \$3533.40 p.f., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (HP3) Temporary full time up to June 2018. (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 mental health and social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander woman residing in the Brisbane woman's Correctional Centre, their family and community. This position provides consultation, advice and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in custody who have, or are suspected of having a mental health and social and emotional wellbeing need. This includes responsibility for the coordination, development, review and quality improvement of the mental health and social emotional wellbeing services provided by the team, direct clinical care, triage of referrals, assessment, crisis management, interventions, care coordination and cultural advice to Psychiatrists in treatment and care planning. This position will establish and maintain relationships with a range of government and non-government agencies, including Offender Health Services (OHS) and Queensland Corrective Services for the care and treatment of the clients.

Enquiries: Yasmin Muller (07) 3647 9677

Job Ad Reference: MH246145

Online applications: www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 21 July 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.
A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



**Queensland
Government**



Health
Nepean Blue Mountains
Local Health District

Aboriginal Community Partnerships Coordinator

Lemongrove Community Health Centre
Permanent Full-Time
Aboriginal Health Worker - Principal
Salary: \$80,308 - \$83,778 pa
Enquiries: Elizabeth Brown
(02) 4734 3833
Reference ID: 398948

Aboriginal Strategic Development Officer

Lemongrove Community Health Centre
Permanent Full-Time
Aboriginal Health Worker - Principal
Salary: \$80,308 - \$83,778 pa
Enquiries: Elizabeth Brown
(02) 4734 3833
Reference ID: 398963

Closing Date:
21st July 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Numbers above.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Government of South Australia

Department of Planning,
Transport and Infrastructure

TRAM OPERATOR (ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER) DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Here's your chance to work for a vibrant and innovative department that oversees planning, transport and infrastructure within our state. The Department is responsible for the delivery of the State's public transport including train, tram, bus and taxi services.

The Department is seeking to establish a pool of Tram Operators for a period of 12 months. Successful candidates will be placed in the pool and may be appointed as opportunities arise.

Duties:

The Tram Operator is responsible for the safe and efficient operation of light rail vehicles, across the Adelaide metropolitan tram network, in accordance with safe working rules, regulations and procedures.

Functions include driving, adhering to timetabled services, assisting customers with ticketing and fare queries and delivering excellent customer service to ensure passengers enjoy a safe, reliable and timely transport service.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for this role, candidates must be:

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
- an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia;
- willing to work shift work in accordance with a seven day rotating roster, including early mornings, nights, weekends and public holidays;
- willing to undertake a pre-employment medical and criminal history clearance;
- and hold a current unrestricted Driver's Licence.

These roles will be filled by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people as an equal employment opportunity program as per Section 65 of the Public Sector Act 2009.

Our Commitment to Diversity

DPTI recognises the benefits that a diverse and inclusive culture brings for our staff and customers in delivering the future of South Australia. We welcome and encourage applications from diverse community groups and ages including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, LGBTI, people with disabilities, women and other diversity groups.

Enquiries:

Ms Janice Collinson
Recruitment Officer
Telephone (08) 7109 7110.

Applications:

Recruitment and Employment
GPO Box 1533
Adelaide SA 5001
Telephone (08) 8343 2600
Email dpti.apply@sa.gov.au
For more information on this exciting opportunity visit www.dpti.sa.gov.au/careers

Note: Applicants are required to submit a completed pre-screening application/questionnaire and curriculum vitae demonstrating their suitability for the role. In addition applicants are required to complete an employment declaration and cover sheet quoting the vacancy number of the role being applied for and confirmation of Aboriginality. The vacancy number for this role is available at www.dpti.sa.gov.au/careers.

The SA Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer and safety is a core value.

An information session will be held Monday 17 July 2017.

To register your interest for this session please contact Ms Collinson.

Closing Date: 5:00pm Friday 28 July 2017

PN1895



MELBOURNE HEALTH

Aboriginal Service Development Worker

Full Time ongoing position.

About Us:

Melbourne Health is an award winning health care service and is Victoria's second largest public health service. We provide comprehensive acute, sub-acute, general, specialist medical and mental health services through both inpatient and community based facilities through the following services: The Royal Melbourne Hospital – City Campus, The Royal Melbourne Hospital – Royal Park Campus, NorthWestern Mental Health, RMH Kidney Care Service and Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory.

The Position:

Classification - *Community Development Worker, HSUA3*

This position exists at Melbourne Health to continue to provide culturally appropriate care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Patients & their families. In this role you will work closely with staff and agencies on strategies to improve access and effectiveness of hospital services for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community including direct service, service development and education.

In this role you will establish and maintain positive relationships with the Community, Melbourne Health staff, other service providers and government departments to strengthen the Aboriginal Program at Melbourne Health. Reporting to the Manager of Social Work & Cultural Diversity, you will be supported by the Allied Health Director, the Cultural Diversity Coordinator & an internal working group and will play a key role in implementing the Melbourne Health Reconciliation Action Plan.

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The successful applicant will be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, accepted by the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community and have demonstrated capability to provide cultural liaison, advice and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients, their families & Melbourne Health staff to better provide appropriate health care.

**This action/activity constitutes a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. 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.*

To apply please visit the Melbourne Health website.



VACCA
Connected by culture

Lakidjeka ACSASS Caseworkers

About Us

Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) operates within the context that Aboriginal children continue to be significantly over-represented in the protection and care system within Victoria. VACCA considers that it has the responsibility and the opportunity to promote, advocate for and achieve positive changes in the lives of Aboriginal children, their families and the broader Aboriginal community.

The Opportunity

At VACCA, Lakidjeka Aboriginal Child Specialist Advise Support Service (ACSASS) is committed to support and ensure the child protection system for Aboriginal children, young people and families is in line with protocols laid down. A Lakidjeka ACSASS Caseworker advocates for fair and just treatment (the best interests) for Aboriginal children and young people in the child protection system.

This role will:

- Provide independent consultation advice to Child Protection on the best ways of keeping children and young people safe. This advice will include the importance of strong connection to Aboriginal culture, community and family.
- Work within a small locally based team and report to a Team Leader as well as being part of a larger state-wide ACSASS team.
- Liaise and develop a number of external relationships with Child Protection, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal services.

If you have the passion and commitment to make a difference in our community to strengthen the safety and wellbeing of Aboriginal children and young people at home or in care, we want to hear from you.

How to apply

Application deadline is Sunday 30th July 2017. For more information regarding your exciting future with VACCA, please contact Teresa Kerr, Program Manager, on 0425 803 482.

There are 3 positions available in our Preston office and 2 positions in our Dandenong office.

The salary range for all positions is \$60,000 - \$70,000, salary packaging is available.

For a copy of the position description and to apply for this position, click here www.vacca.recruitment.com.au

Applications must include:

- A cover letter outlining why you are applying for this position
- A resume with your skills, experience and qualifications
- Written responses to the key selection criteria.

These are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander designated positions, classified under Section 12 Special Measures of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. This employment opportunity is only available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



SNAICC
National Voice for our Children

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SNAICC – National Voice for our Children, the national non-government peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, is looking for a new **Chief Executive Officer** to play a key role in building the future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

The successful candidate will be a skilled and persuasive communicator; a strong and strategic leader; a flexible and innovative thinker; an experienced and capable manager; and able to connect to our communities with clarity and commitment.

This position provides the opportunity to drive development and implementation of SNAICC's strategic plan to achieve our vision for an Australian society in which our communities are empowered to determine their own future; where the rights of our children, young people and families are protected; our cultural identity and achievements are valued; and children and families have access to culturally appropriate services.

This is an Indigenous Identified role only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Interested applicants are invited to contact Peter Lewis at 03 9489 8099 to discuss the role.

Applications are required by **31 July** and can be submitted by email to the Chairperson Sharron Williams at sharron.williams@afss.com.au.

Visit www.snaicc.org.au to learn more about the position.



ACT
Government

Justice and Community Safety

ACT Corrective Services

Offender Services and Corrections Programs

Case Management Unit

AMC Indigenous Case Manager

Administrative Services Officer Class 6

Salary Range: \$79,824 - \$91,356 (PN: 35794)

ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) is pleased to offer an opportunity for a highly motivated and passionate person to join the Offender Services and Corrections Programs Unit as an Indigenous Case Manager (ASO6) at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC). The successful applicant will assist in the case management of detainees with the AMC operating system to assist in addressing their needs and supporting release and reintegration into the community. Further, you will have the opportunity to provide professional advice, input and support in relation to all aspects of offender management within the AMC. Additionally, you will participate in multi-disciplinary meetings to develop individual case plans and facilitate group programs designed to maximise rehabilitative opportunities for offenders. To be successful in this role you will be able to demonstrate significant skill and expertise (or a capacity to quickly develop relevant skill and expertise) in developing, implementing and monitoring individualised case plans. You will also be able to demonstrate a capacity for developing useful relationships with detainees to enable the accurate identification of risks and needs.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: This is a designated position and is only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander ancestry is considered essential (*s42, Discrimination Act 1991*). The primary focus of this role is assistance for Indigenous clients; however the position holder will also be required to provide case management services and supports to non-indigenous clients. This position will work closely with AMC Indigenous Liaison Officer.

Experience working with offenders and relevant tertiary qualifications are highly desirable. Eligible candidates will be required to undergo a criminal history check. Applicants may be required to undertake psychological aptitude testing as part of the assessment process. A current driver's licence is essential. 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

Note: This is a temporary position available for six months with the possibility of extension.

How to Apply: Applicants are required to submit five items: (1) ACT Government Application Cover Sheet; (2) statement of claims against specified selection criteria; (3) a current resume; (4) the names and contact details of two referees; and (5) a copy of their driver's licence. Please ensure you submit all five items. Ideally, one of the referees should be a current supervisor.

Contact Officer: Mark Bartlett (02) 6207 8983 mark.bartlett@act.gov.au

Applications Close: 25 July 2017

**Great careers
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For more information on these positions and how to apply, visit **www.jobs.act.gov.au**

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QBCT is 100% indigenous owned Company based in Mackay.

QBCT seeks experienced & new to industry - Industrial Cleaners/ High Pressure Water Jetting Operators; to commence work out at various mine sites in Mackay/ Bowen Basin Region. Immediate start for suitable candidates. Indigenous and non-indigenous applicants encouraged to apply. New to industry will be considered. Four weeks temporary accommodation assistance can be provided, upon request, for suitable non-Mackay based successful applicants, willing to relocate to Mackay to work.

Requirements - Coal Board Medical, Standard 11, Working at Heights, Confined Space Certifications, Current Driver Licences Desirable- MR/HR/HC Licences, EWP Certification desirable

Requirements New to Industry - Willingness to work and take directives; Assistance can be provided obtaining CBM, S11, Confined Space & Working at Heights to be reimbursed to QBCT at a later date.

Current Curriculum Vitae (Resume), Certificates, Tickets, Licences to ohs@qbct.com.au or Contact Kirsty Ah Kee-Lightning (07) 4837 1600 or 0428 100 021



Indigenous Engagement Officer Sydney, New South Wales Full time, ongoing

- Exciting opportunity to create real employment and training pathways for Indigenous Australians
- Join a driven and passionate team and work for a leading Indigenous owned business

CMC Indigenous Services is an industry leader that delivers an integrated property maintenance service including; contract cleaning, maintenance services, soft services and waste management.

We are currently looking for an Indigenous Engagement Officer to join our Engagement team on a full-time basis. The main object of this role is to work with internal and external stakeholders to increase Indigenous participation, supplier diversity, provide mentorship and support to our workforce and our Pathways program candidates.

Reporting to the Indigenous Engagement Manager, the Engagement Officer there is assist in the promotion of CMC Indigenous Services mission and values, building of relationships within local Aboriginal communities and ensuring community and engagement contract requirements are met.

Selection criteria:

- Knowledge and Understanding of Indigenous culture
- Understanding of the functionality of Government Indigenous programs
- Thorough understanding/relevant experience in the Indigenous employment space
- Established networks within the Indigenous community
- Experience achieving targets and working to compliance standards
- Strong communication skills and able to deal with a diverse range of people
- Commitment to working with Aboriginal communities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Applications should be made via Seek.

Any queries may be addressed to our National Indigenous Engagement Manager on 1300 889 210.



GP SYNERGY
advancing medical training

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Education Unit Manager

Unique opportunity to join the leading provider of vocational
general practice education and training in ACT/NSW

- Competitive salary with salary packaging benefits available
- Access to learning and development opportunities
- Full-time position and ASAP start

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Education Unit Manager is responsible for managing a team of cultural educators across NSW and ACT in the delivery of GP Synergy's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health strategic plans and program initiatives.

The role is best suited to a person with demonstrated acumen and attributes for working effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. It requires in-depth knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population and health care needs in NSW and ACT, a propensity towards being proactive and well organised, and is highly sensitive towards the needs of the communities we serve.

GP Synergy has designated this position as an identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander position. Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Applications close 25 July 2017. Visit our website for further information including the selection criteria, how to apply and other opportunities.

<http://gpsynergy.com.au/about-us/employment-opportunities/>



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Administration Officer – Clinic

Maitland Rural Referral Hospital
Enquiries: Katie McFadyen (02) 4939 2150
Reference Number: 402526
Closing Date: 23 July 2017

Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician

Mental Health, Newcastle
Enquiries: Todd Heard (02) 496 47110
Reference Number: 401612
Closing Date: 30 July 2017

These are targeted Aboriginal Positions.
Preference will be given to applicants of
Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed
under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Closing Dates:
Listed above**

Applications must be
lodged electronically. Please go
to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and
search Job Reference Numbers above.

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Education

Stakeholder Engagement Officer

- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Ongoing Full-time appointment
- Position number and location: 192532 - Darlinghurst

The **NSW Department of Education** serves the community by leading the provision of world-class education. The department protects young children by regulating preschool and long day care providers. Once children move into school, we provide them with a world-class primary and secondary education. We also work to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

The Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement Unit is positioned within the NSW Department of Education's Aboriginal Education and Communities Directorate. Aboriginal Education and Communities values its strong partnership with the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. and communities, in supporting NSW Public schools to deliver high level, quality teaching to maximise learning outcomes for Aboriginal students.

The work of the Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement Unit is underpinned by this objective, and provides leadership, strategic advice and direction on all matters relating to Aboriginal education across the Department. The Unit contributes to national and state policy development for Aboriginal education including language and culture programs in schools.

About the role

This role supports the building and maintenance of relationships with key stakeholders as part of Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement's engagement strategy.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

For the application process, you must answer any pre-screening questions and any essential requirements. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the role description in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

This is a child-related role. If you are the successful candidate you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check

In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Think about a time when you have had to strategically plan for an initiative. Describe how you planned for the implementation of the initiative to ensure it delivered results? (300 words maximum)
2. How would you see yourself in this role contributing to the goals, objectives and outcomes of the department's Aboriginal Education Policy? (300 words maximum)

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Applications Close: 26 July 2017

For further information please contact
Mary Senj or Janice Dennis on (02) 9244 5417
or (02) 9244 5751

**Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
for Reference Number 192532**

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TENANTS' UNION OF NSW

Aboriginal Project Officer:

Part-time (21 hours)
fixed term position for 12 months with possible extension

This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position

The Tenants' Union of NSW is a state wide Community Legal Centre specialising in housing law matters. It is also the peak organisation for tenants in NSW and the resource body for the NSW network of Tenants' Advice and Advocacy Services [TAASs].

The work of the Aboriginal Project Officer focuses on Aboriginal housing and involves development of policy, networks and projects to enhance housing outcomes for Aboriginal tenants. The position works closely with Dtarawarra the Aboriginal Resource Unit for TAASs.

The Aboriginal Project Officer in conjunction with other staff, will work in the areas of policy and law reform, development of an Aboriginal employment strategy and community liaison.

Salary range \$71,762 to \$74,929 per annum pro rata, plus super, salary packaging and generous conditions. For a job description, selection criteria and background information please visit tenants.org.au/tu Applications must address the selection criteria and attach a resume.

For further information call Ned Cutcher 8117 3712

Applications close 5pm Friday 4 August 2017.



Hey you mob, want to come work for the deadliest black newspaper in the world?

The Koori Mail is looking for an intern to join our editorial team in August!

The position will be a paid internship for three months, with the possibility of ongoing casual work.

This position would suit somebody looking to start out as a journalist – you don't need to have any previous experience in journalism, but must be enthusiastic and eager to learn. A special shout out to any experienced journalists looking for some extra work, we welcome your expressions of interest too.

Our editorial team are always going walkabout – you'll be writing stories and taking photos for us, so if you enjoy being out in community and can snap a good pic, that's a bonus!

You will need a current driver's licence, and the position will be based in Lismore, NSW, on Bundjalung country. The position will be for three months, starting on Monday, August 28, until Friday, December 8, with the possibility of ongoing casual work.

Join the Voice of Indigenous Australia and apply now.

Email our editor - editor@koorimail.com along with your CV, a piece or two of writing that you've done (published or unpublished) and a couple of paragraphs about why you want to work for the Koori Mail and what you're interested in.

Expressions of interest close Friday, August 11, 5pm.

Manager – Aboriginal Partnerships, Creative Victoria

- \$92,253 – \$111,619 (Plus Superannuation)
- Ongoing
- Usual hours of work: Full Time (flexibility may be available)
- Usual work location: CBD (flexibility may be available)

The position of Manager, Aboriginal Partnerships is part of Creative Victoria's Arts Investment Branch.

The Employment, Investment and Trade Group delivers programs and services to grow the Victorian economy. Its focus is on creating jobs and raising incomes through industry development, targeted investment and increasing the export value of Victorian firms.

This position will lead the development and delivery of Creative Victoria's Aboriginal Partnerships program, and approach to engagement with, and development of, the State's Aboriginal creative sector. The Manager, Aboriginal Partnerships will be responsible for developing and maintaining key sector and government relationships, program design and implementation.

The successful applicant will work effectively as a member of a team, enjoy flexible working arrangements and undertake a wide variety of work. They will require an extensive knowledge of Victoria's Aboriginal cultural and creative sectors, including strong community and sector networks, high level stakeholder and project management skills, and the capacity to use these skills to develop and deliver effective policy outcomes.

For a confidential discussion, please call Jeremy Gaden, Senior Manager, Partnership Programs on (03) 8683 3122.

Successful candidates will be required to undergo a National Police Records Check prior to commencing employment with the Department.

For further information including a position description, and to apply please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au and refer to 019825.

Applications close 27 July 2017.

www.creative.vic.gov.au

Authorised by the Victorian Government,
1 Spring Street, Melbourne



WATERNSW

LIVERPOOL PLAINS FLOODPLAIN (UPPER YARRAMAN CREEK FMP)

An application to amend FLOOD WORK APPROVAL 90FW833950 has been received from **FRANCIS AND DIANE ELSLEY** for existing flood works on Lot 298 DP 755520 and Lot 1 DP 1083563 County of Pottinger, Parish of Springfield.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au or WaterNSW, PO Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection (A010309)

Any queries please phone 1300 662 077, Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

A08027

WATERNSW

MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE (MURRAY RIVER)

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from:

1735 PTY LIMITED for a storage on Lot 10 DP270580, Parish Benarca, County Cadell for the purposes of recreation and fire fighting.

Objections to granting of this Approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of the date of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection. (A10364)

Any queries please call (03) 5898-3935, Jenny Campion, Water Regulation Officer.

A08033

WATERNSW

UPPER ZONE 8 MOOKI VALLEY (QUIRINDI – PINE RIDGE ROAD TO BREEZA) GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application to amend WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL 90CA807504 has been received from **THOMAS NOEL BAILEY** for one new bore on Lot 1 DP 668724 County of Buckland, Parish of Gunnadilly.

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 (A010359)

Any queries please phone 1300 662 077, Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North

A08026

WATERNSW

UPPER NAMOI ZONE 7 YARRAMAN CREEK (EAST OF LAKE GORAN TO MOOKI RIVER) GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a (amendment to an existing) WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **FRANCIS EDWARD AND DIANE ELIZABETH ELSLEY** for One (1) additional Groundwater Work with a capacity of 63 Litres/sec on Lot 1 DP1083563 Parish of Springfield, County of Pottinger for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, P O Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 or customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection (A010067). Any queries please call 1300 662 077, Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

A07947

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER

PEEL FRACTURED ROCK WATER SOURCE

An application for a Water Supply Work on Lot 301 DP 753834 Parish of Burdekin County of Inglis has been received from **TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL**. For the purpose of road works water supply (A10106).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to PO Box 717, Dubbo NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection (A10106). Any queries please call Alice Buckley on (02) 6841 7469.

A07878

WATERNSW

LOWER NAMOI REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER USE APPROVAL AMENDMENT has been received from **JEFFREY RICHARD CAROLAN AND PATRICIA ANNE CAROLAN** for irrigation purposes on Lot 1 DP40676, Lot 1 DP41210, Lots 4, 24 & 25 DP 753925, Lots 1,18,20,21 & 29 DP 753940 & Lot 1 DP 1065140.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 382, Narrabri 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 (A10276).

Any queries please call 1300 662 077, Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

A07943

WATERNSW

CLARENCE COASTAL SANDS WATER SOURCE

An application for a Water Supply Works & Use Approval under section 92 of the *Water Management Act 2000* has been received from **FRANCIS NEVILLE PIZARRO & MARY PIZARRO** for a bore & off river dam on Lot 23 DP1205802, for irrigation of 32 hectares on Lot 23 DP 1205802, Parish of Harwood, County of Clarence. Ref A010275.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be received in writing to Locked Bag 10 Grafton NSW 2460 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds for objection. Enquiries may be directed to Water NSW on 1300 662 077 or email customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au.

Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

A07938

WATERNSW

LIVERPOOL PLAINS FLOODPLAIN

An application to AMEND FLOOD WORK APPROVAL 90FW833395 has been received from **ALLAN ROBERT RIORDAN, RIORDAN AG PTY LTD AND RAR AG PTY LTD** to consolidate with approval 90FW833771 and apply for new flood works on Lots 212 and 251 DP 755490, County of Pottinger, Parish of Curlewis.

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 (A010313)

Any queries please phone 1300 662 077, Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North

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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, Industry Regulation and Safety C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 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	27/497	NORTHERN STAR (KANOWNA) PTY LIMITED	599.55HA	18km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 121° 29' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	47/1533-G	ZEBINA MINERALS PTY LTD ROBINSON, Diana	10.00HA	99km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 8' S Long: 118° 15' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN

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: 12 July 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 **12 October 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. 12 November 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, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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WATERNSW
MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED
RIVER WATER SOURCE
(YANCO CREEK)

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **TOM KNIGHT GORDON** for an increase in pump size (works are existing) on Lot 10 DP1139344, Parish of Wononga, County of Townsend, for irrigation, domestic & stock purposes (application for administrative purposes only).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection. (A10323)

Any queries please call (03) 5898-3935, Jenny Campion, 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, Industry Regulation and Safety, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 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	04/2489	POZ MINERALS LIMITED	68BL	117km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 17° 32' S Long: 124° 42' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2909	GOLDFIELDS CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	74BL	155km E'ly of Coral Bay	Lat: 23° 14' S Long: 115° 16' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2913	NORTHGATE MINING PTY LTD	24BL	151km E'ly of Coral Bay	Lat: 23° 30' S Long: 115° 11' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2219	ANSON RESOURCES LIMITED	20BL	166km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 37' S Long: 116° 44' E	MURCHISON SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2223	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	7BL	168km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 47' S Long: 116° 9' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2224	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	1BL	164km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 47' S Long: 116° 12' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2225	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	7BL	156km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 23° 54' S Long: 116° 5' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2233	ROLEK PTY LTD	26BL	172km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 57' S Long: 116° 36' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1528	MANDURAH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	25BL	16km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 121° 7' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1588	LODED DOG PROSPECTING PTY LTD	20BL	39km N'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 51' S Long: 121° 43' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1601	ABEH PTY LTD	8BL	14km N'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 22' S Long: 121° 36' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1605	ABEH PTY LTD	4BL	10km S'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 17' S Long: 121° 38' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2701	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	18BL	94km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 122° 22' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	37/1318	CROFT MINING PTY LTD	70BL	51km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 121° 9' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3175 & 38/3213	BAXTER, Callum	58BL	17km E'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 34' S Long: 122° 34' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3200	DUKETON MINING LTD	3BL	56km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 55' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3217	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	1BL	32km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 122° 36' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3233	FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	52km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 5' S Long: 122° 22' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3234	FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	52km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 7' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3238	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	2BL	15km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 122° 30' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3239	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	7BL	19km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 122° 28' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/368	YUJUN, Zhu	3BL	52km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 21' S Long: 121° 26' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4905	KERAS (PILBARA) GOLD PTY LTD	2BL	23km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 21' S Long: 119° 50' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4906	KERAS (PILBARA) GOLD PTY LTD	1BL	26km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 21' S Long: 119° 53' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4911-2	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	77BL	49km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 53' S Long: 120° 24' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4916	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	8BL	63km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 120° 38' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1161	REDCODE PTY LTD	11BL	56km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 42' S Long: 120° 37' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3675	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	3BL	31km SW'ly of Dampier	Lat: 20° 52' S Long: 116° 31' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	47/3711	ROLEK PTY LTD	12BL	39km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 28' S Long: 118° 16' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	51/1814	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	23BL	89km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 50' S Long: 119° 20' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3512	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	70BL	151km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 26' S Long: 120° 2' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3531	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	115BL	51km S'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 48' S Long: 119° 52' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3540	KALAMAZOO RESOURCES LIMITED	24BL	148km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 40' S Long: 119° 46' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3541	GREENMOUNT RESOURCES PTY LTD	7BL	62km SE'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 42' S Long: 120° 12' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3543	GREENMOUNT RESOURCES PTY LTD	8BL	52km SE'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 43' S Long: 120° 3' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3550	VENTNOR KUMARINA PTY LTD	21BL	169km S'ly of Newman	Lat: 24° 50' S Long: 119° 20' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1905	MATILDA OPERATIONS PTY LTD	14BL	54km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 39' S Long: 120° 18' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2251	ROLEK PTY LTD	6BL	59km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 27° 53' S Long: 116° 22' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2252	CROFT MINING PTY LTD	34BL	28km SW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 28' S Long: 116° 26' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3495-6	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	289BL	163km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 14' S Long: 120° 12' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4920	PMR QUARRIES PTY LTD	1BL	33km S'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 37' S Long: 115° 47' E	WANNEROO CITY
Exploration Licence	70/4948	BRL OTHER MINERALS PTY LTD	70BL	11km SW'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 24' S Long: 115° 49' E	CHITTERING SHIRE, GINGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4954	BRL OTHER MINERALS PTY LTD	16BL	15km SW'ly of Perth	Lat: 31° 49' S Long: 115° 55' E	SWAN SHIRE, WANNEROO CITY
Exploration Licence	70/4969	HALCYON RESOURCES PTY LTD	15BL	42km S'ly of Katanning	Lat: 34° 4' S Long: 117° 32' E	BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4970	BANKS, Aaron Peter	28BL	14km SE'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 26' S Long: 116° 0' E	CHITTERING SHIRE, GINGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4975	ITALIA STONE GROUP PTY LTD	3BL	28km S'ly of Perth	Lat: 32° 12' S Long: 115° 48' E	KWINANA TOWN
Exploration Licence	70/4976	LAKE MACLEOD GYPSUM PTY LTD	13BL	27km NW'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 117° 42' E	MOUNT MARSHALL SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2453	BLACK DRAGON ENERGY (AUS) PTY LTD	1BL	85km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 22' S Long: 119° 45' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2454	BLACK DRAGON ENERGY (AUS) PTY LTD	1BL	87km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 21' S Long: 119° 46' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2455	BLACK DRAGON ENERGY (AUS) PTY LTD	1BL	89km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 19' S Long: 119° 47' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2456	BLACK DRAGON ENERGY (AUS) PTY LTD	2BL	90km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 16' S Long: 119° 47' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2458	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	58BL	59km NE'ly of Hyden	Lat: 31° 57' S Long: 119° 6' E	NAREMBEEN SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2460	HR FORRESTANIA PTY LTD	6BL	86km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 16' S Long: 119° 44' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5076	ANGLO AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES NL	11BL	42km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 31' S Long: 127° 24' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5098-9	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	140BL	96km E'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 12' S Long: 128° 34' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6155	TREZISE-CONROY, William Francis	130.58HA	16km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 121° 18' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2302-3	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	399.41HA	12km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 19' S Long: 117° 51' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5021 & 24/5035	CASCADE RESOURCES LIMITED	271.04HA	59km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 121° 12' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5023-34 & 24/5082-6	CASCADE RESOURCES LIMITED	1951.33HA	60km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 121° 15' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5199	LYNCH, Shane Keiran	21.02HA	54km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 121° 2' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5202	DAWS, John William	8.36HA	36km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 121° 21' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2435	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	148.05HA	22km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 41' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2437	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	143.64HA	22km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 121° 41' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2438	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	6.63HA	22km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 121° 41' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2439	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	121.95HA	21km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2440	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	43.52HA	26km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2445	MANSEN, James Karl	78.10HA	21km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4269	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	118.05HA	11km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 121° 34' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4270-2	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	473.67HA	16km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 37' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4275	TORIAN RESOURCES LIMITED	107.72HA	33km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4278	EDWARDS, Robert Glenn	89.85HA	23km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4281	ABEH PTY LTD	74.04HA	17km N'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 121° 43' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2417-21	GREAT SOUTHERN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	785.30HA	4km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 39' S Long: 121° 3' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8965-8 & 37/8971-3	KIN MINING NL	1372.52HA	43km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 121° 42' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8974-8	KIN MINING NL	888.22HA	23km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 121° 30' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8980-3 & 37/8985-6	KJAZZ PTY LTD	1192.60HA	40km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 121° 39' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1454	VINCENT, Karyn				
Prospecting Licence	40/1455	ZHU, Yijun	119.81HA	42km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 121° 25' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/3037	WELHAM, Zandra Joycelyn	19.62HA	37km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 121° 21' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1856	RUMBLE RESOURCES LIMITED	101.58HA	109km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 21° 2' S Long: 121° 1' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		PRACILIO, Ronald Domenic	100.58HA	11km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 16' S Long: 127° 45' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
		O'REILLY, Patrick Raymond				

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: 12 July 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 **12 October 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. 12 November 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, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518. * - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **RYCOM AG PTY LTD & GB & JM HOLDING PTY LTD** for 1 x 350mm pump, for irrigation purposes on Lot 1 DP 1172692 (Sturt/Benerembah).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A010288). Any queries please call 02 6951 2576, Paul Morsanuto, Water Regulation Officer.

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WATERNSW

YASS CATCHMENT GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **GRAHAM & ANNE MCINNES** for a bore, for irrigation purposes on Lot 1 DP 1193340 (Wamboin/Murray).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A010306).

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

A07964

WATERNSW

UPPER NAMOI ZONE 8 MOOKI VALLEY (QUIRINDI – PINE RIDGE ROAD TO BREEZA) GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received **NEVILLE JOHN HAMBLIN** for an additional bore within the Upper Namoi Zone 8 Mooki Valley (Quirindi-Pine Ridge Road to Breeza) Groundwater Source on Lot 2 DP 514838, Parish of Gunnadily, County of Buckland.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A10326).

Any queries please call 1300 662 077, or email customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au.

Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North

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WATERNSW

MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **JOHN JOSEPH RYAN** to increase the existing pumping capacity, Lot 3//750877, Parish Cararbury, County Boyd.

Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, LEETON NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A0010299). Any queries please phone (02) 6951 2607, Phillip Killen, Water Regulation Officer.

A07952

WATERNSW

KULNURA MANGROVE MOUNTAIN WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **JOHN VELLA AND MARIKA VELLA** for a bore on Lot 101 DP 1024036 for industrial (poultry farming) use.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 2213, Dangar NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A10280)

Any queries, please call (02) 4904 2511 Heather Dewson, Water Regulation Officer.

A07940

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMAMRY INDUSTIRES - WATER SYDNEY BASIN NEPEAN GROUNDWATER SOURCE (NEPEAN MANAGEMENT ZONE 1)

An application for a new WORK APPROVAL has been received from **HUME COAL PTY LIMITED** for a bore on Part Lot 21 DP 262737, Parish of Belanglo, County of Camden for pump testing purposes. (Ref: A010266).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, Locked Bag 5123, Parramatta NSW 2124, within 28 days of this publication. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries should be directed to (02) 8838 7520, John Galea, Water Regulation Officer.

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WATERNSW

NEW ENGLAND FOLD BELT COAST GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **CNS PTY LIMITED** for a bore on Lot 1, DP 182381, Parish Macquarie, County Innes, for irrigation purposes. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered by email to customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au, or in writing to: Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection. (A010240).

Any queries should be directed to WaterNSW on 1300 662 077 or to the above email.

Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North

A07957

Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 26 July 2017

This application is a ‘non-claimant’ application, an application made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 25 October 2017. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before **25 October 2017**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court’s determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003, on or before 25 October 2017**. After **25 October 2017**, the Federal Court’s permission to become a party is required.



Applicant’s name: Michele Adrienne Dodds

Federal Court File No: QUD256/2017

Non-native title interest: Part owner of the Dodds Rural Trust in conjunction with the J R Smith Rural Trust – Rolling Term Lease PH 30/3797

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area covers Lot 12 on MC71, approx. 18.5 sq km and is located about 7km north-west of Clairview.

Relevant LGA: Isaac Regional 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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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:

- Annie (born at Cordillo Downs), mother of Archie Guttie;
- Clara Nirrpinni, mother of Frank Booth and Alice Miller (nee Booth);
- Cora the mother of Bob Parker and Nellie Parker;
- The parents of Flash Ted Bikehandle and Flash Tommy;
- Kimi (born at Innamincka) and his wife;
- Maramundu Jack “The Ripper” Parker;
- Caroline (born at Cordillo Downs) the mother of Mary Stafford (nee Moore), Jack Moore, Charlie Moore, female twins (Winifred and Freida) and Albert Moore;
- Brothers Walter Harris(on) and Dick Harrison;
- The parents of Lilly (whose married name is Parker) and her sister Kathlene (whose married name is George);
- Annie and her husband, who are the parents of Coongie Maggie (born at Coongie Lakes in South Australia);
- The parents of the sibling set – Billy Parker, Jessy Parker, Peter “Petekin” Parker, and Paddy Parker;
- The parents of sibling set – Merty George and Merty Johnny and Merty Mick;
- Larriken Mick.

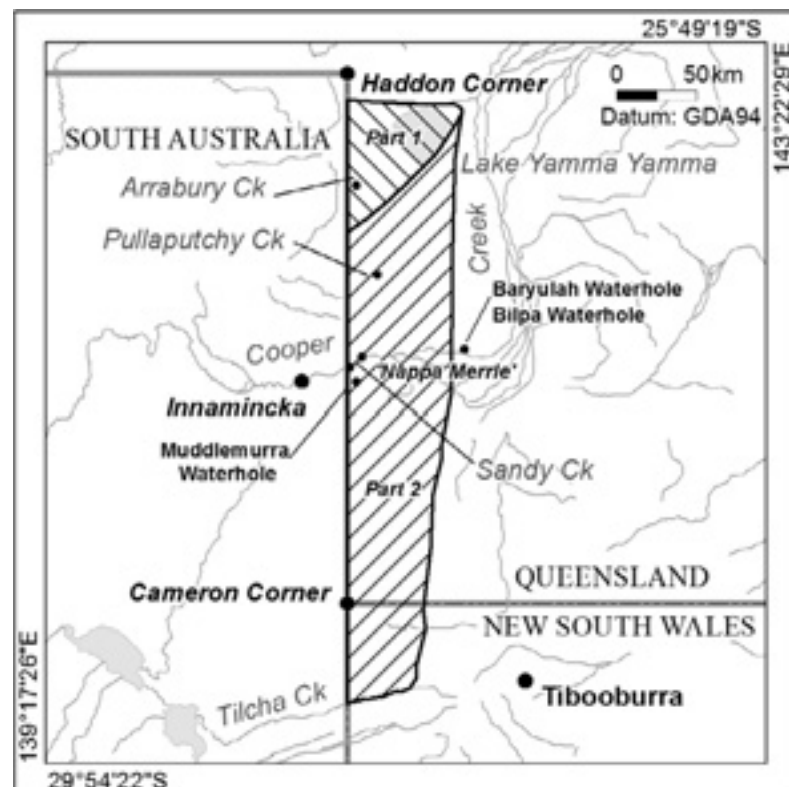
Date: July 26, 2017

Venue: Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide SA 5000

Time: 10am

The Purpose of the meeting is to:

- 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.
- 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).
- Make decisions about directing and supervising the applicants in the performance of their duties;
- Authorising the native title rights and interests to be claimed under the Proposed Applications;
- Deciding on names for the Proposed Applications.



All members of the proposed native title claim groups are invited to contact SANTS on 1800 010 360 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.

Carnival sets standard

By CHRIS PIKE



WESTERN Australia continues to set the standard for the growth of netball among the Indigenous female community with two carnivals held throughout the state in NAIDOC Week featuring more than 130 teams and 1000 individuals.

Both events served as a tremendous showing of the growth and popularity of netball among Indigenous girls despite the relatively low representation at the top levels of the sport.

The big week of netball in WA began on Wednesday with the NAIDOC Netball Carnival in the heart of Perth at Wembley Sports Park.

It proved to be a tremendous success with a record 114 teams taking part featuring more than 1000 players.

They ranged from the under-5s in the NetSetGo program through to the open A division.

It was a full day of action as all the players braved the wet Perth weather to create an occasion they will all remember.

There were three separate under-12 sections and they were won respectively by the Bunbury Moorditj Yorgas, the Kwinana

Diamonds and the Woola Woola Koolangkas.

Kaylee Fisher of the Booly Koort Magic Hearts was named the Most Valuable Player.

The two under-14 divisions were won by the Albany Grassroots Site and Noranda Grassroots Site.

Marnina Harta, from Noranda, was presented with the MVP award.

The under-16 winners were the SNDA Diamonds and Woola Woola Koolangkas, with Ebony Kickett from Gina's Dream Team and Talei Chadderton from Fremantle PCYC sharing MVP honours.

The under-18 competition was won by Kwinana Storm, with Regina Kickett of Mandurah Grassroots Site named MVP.

The MVP from all junior divisions was presented with the Josie Janz-Dawson trophy and that went to Kaylee Fisher, from the under-12s.

Five open divisions

There were then five open divisions won respectively by the RSVR, Woola Woola Koolangkas, Djookanka, Northern Stars and Gina's Dream Team.

The MVP winners were Ashley Warrel (Midlands), Gerrilee Ryder (Woola Woola Koolangkas), Demo Oakley (Kart Koort



Rain, hail or shine, the game goes on for Belinda Hayden, of Gina's Dream Team at the NAIDOC Netball Carnival in Perth. *Picture: Ashton Murphy*

Wiven), Jessie Parnam (Seamer) and Emily Lang.

The senior MVP overall award is the Gina Kickett Memorial Trophy and that was won by Demo Oakley.

The day was about much more than just the netball. It also celebrated Indigenous culture and achievement while featuring a series of service providers.

Netball WA chief executive Simon Taylor couldn't be prouder of the way the carnival went.

"As a collective group, the players, coaches, umpires, officials, volunteers and families contributed to another successful chapter in the rich history of this event," Taylor said.

Following the huge success of that event in Perth, focus turned to the Pilbara, where the town of Derby hosted the North West NAIDOC Netball Carnival.

It is the second year of the event and on the back of the 14 teams that took part in 2016, 18 teams were part of the 2017 event on Nyinkina Country at the Derby Sport and Recreation Centre.

Teams travelled from as far away as Halls Creek, Broome and Pandanus Park to take part in another event that was a resounding success.



Shakira Kennedy (Woola Woola Koolangkas) shoots for goal.



The Kart Koort Wiern team.



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, Industry Regulation and Safety, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 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
16/344	SIBERIA MINING CORPORATION PTY LTD	507389	22.92HA	70km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 120° 38' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
16/474	CARNEGIE GOLD PTY LTD	507388	23.33HA	77km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 120° 39' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
28/2234	ST BARBARA LIMITED	508394	48.81HA	144km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 13' S Long: 122° 48' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
28/2283	ST BARBARA LIMITED	508395	23.39HA	142km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 122° 49' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
28/2375	ST BARBARA LIMITED	508392	23.40HA	137km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 122° 45' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
31/999	ST BARBARA LIMITED	508390	11.73HA	148km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 122° 45' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/999	ST BARBARA LIMITED	508391	23.45HA	148km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 29° 57' S Long: 122° 41' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/999	ST BARBARA LIMITED	508426	2.01HA	148km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 29° 58' S Long: 122° 43' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/1000	ST BARBARA LIMITED	508389	11.58HA	138km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 51' S Long: 122° 38' E	MENZIES SHIRE
37/1188	MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	508034	149.89HA	58km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 24' S Long: 121° 5' E	LEONORA SHIRE
38/2713	CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN RARE EARTHS PTY LTD	507275	21.82HA	20km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 122° 32' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2713	CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN RARE EARTHS PTY LTD	507276	25.53HA	20km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 122° 31' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2829	CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN RARE EARTHS PTY LTD	507271	14.59HA	18km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 122° 30' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3127	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	507981	197.22HA	11km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 12 July 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 **12 October 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. 12 November 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, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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Ksharna Coyne (Albany Grassroots Site) has possession. *Picture: Ashton Murphy*



Zatarah Sambo (Woola Woola Koolangkas) proudly wears Aboriginal colours. *Picture: Ashton Murphy*

Fifita holds the Origin key



NSW players have backed Andrew Fifita to repeat his rugby league State of Origin I heroics to deliver the Blues a series-deciding win at Lang Park, Brisbane, tonight.

Fifita was the hero of the Blues' upset of Queensland in the series-opener in Brisbane but was kept quiet by the Maroons in the second match in Sydney.

But his teammates are confident the NSW prop can rediscover the magic that drew comparisons with Origin legend Arthur Beetson.

Front-row partner Aaron Woods admitted Queensland found a way to

reduce Fifita's impact in a game-two display that resulted in Fifita complaining about his lack of chances with the ball.

Woods said his teammates needed to listen to Fifita's calls and feed him the ball.

"They attacked him pretty hard when we were attacking the ball. Big Fifi, he's ready for a big game. He's probably disappointed he didn't get enough ball like he said," Woods said.

"But I'm sure he's ready to go."

Woods suggested the Blues could opt to send the Cronulla star away from the trenches in the middle of the ruck and focus on the smaller targets out wide.

"You can tip onto him as well, get him a bit wider at the same time," Woods said.

"It's something we'll sit down and talk to (coach Laurie Daley) about, how our game plan is going to go and the structure we're going to play."

Blues coaching staff shielded the 28-year-old Fifita from the media last week after a dramatic build-up that included the prop calling out a Brisbane pub for an alleged racist Instagram post.

Fifita hinted at visiting the pub to discuss the incident, while he was also expecting the addition of another child to his family, and recently re-signed a long-term deal with the Sharks.

NSW coach Laurie Daley has hatched a plan to unleash Fifita.

The Queenslanders, in particular lock

Josh Maguire, swarmed on him in Origin II and cut down his time as he was limited to 77 metres from 14 runs.

His output in game two was less than half of what he produced in the series opener – 168m, one try, one linebreak, seven tackle busts and two offloads.

And the Blues success in tonight's game three hinges on whether Daley can discover a way to get Fifita back to his freewheeling best.

"I think there's a couple of things we'll do differently with Andrew," Daley told Fox Sports' *NRL360*.

"Obviously he had a target on his head, we all knew that. But there's a couple of things we can do to help Andrew's game." – AAP

Local hero

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

asked to address the whole school assembly.

"It was a lot bigger than what I expected and I was a little nervous to begin with," Bevan said.

"I found some of my first media interviews nerve-wracking, but it is always a little harder when you get up in front of your former teachers and kids you know.

"But I remembered the impact you, 'Macca' (Nathan Blacklock) and Owie (Owen Craigie) had on the community when you came back to visit."

From all reports, Bevan had a big impact on the kids when he addressed them.

"I wanted them to know that I was still one of them and that, like me, they could not only dream big but that dreams sometimes become realities," he said.

Small goals

"I told them that they needed to start with small goals and then work hard to achieve them."

Bevan then literally got down and dirty with the kids, participating in a number of games and skills clinics with different groups across the day as well as dropping into classrooms.

"I'm always impressed with the skills of some of the kids," Bevan said.

"Some of the girls were outstanding and I can see them competing in the NRL women's competition that they are talking about.

"I'm just glad I didn't get injured – BA (coach Brad Arthur) would have gone ballistic!"



Bevan French addresses the school assembly at Ross Hill Primary School, Inverell.

I was pleased to learn that Bevan has continued his studies in youth work and that he has been working with some of the kids in detention centres with some of the other Eels players.

Bevan has been developing his own workshops and gets a lot of personal satisfaction out of being involved in the program.

"I can relate to a lot of the guys in there," Bevan said.

"I know that I made some bad choices as a youngster growing up and that rugby league and the support of my mum made me realise that I had an opportunity if I decided to make some sacrifices and work hard."

In a bit of a coincidence, Bevan's TAFE teacher Dave Nash was my first teacher when I started a youth work qualification when I was at the Panthers.

I was not the best student at the start but eventually finished the course when I was playing at the Titans.

I had the opportunity to talk with Dave earlier in the year and he was full of praise for Bevan and the other players in what they were trying to achieve.

Like a lot of players involved in these types of programs, Bevan thought that in many respects, he got as much, if not more, out of the programs as the

participants.

"When we come out of a successful workshop, I feel good about myself," he said.

"Not in a big-headed way, but it feels good to think that you have helped and might have made a difference to a kid's life.

"It also makes me grateful for all the positives in my life and inspires me to work even harder to achieve my goals."

Bevan also took the opportunity to reflect on the importance of NAIDOC Week and his own connection to culture.

Important

Bevan is a young Gamilaroi man and links to land and culture are important to him.

Given that NAIDOC this year sought to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, it gave Bevan something to reflect on as he had little knowledge of this part of his culture.

Language is a key part of linking people to their land and water and in the history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.

While there were some 250 distinct Aboriginal languages spoken across the continent,

today only around 120 of those languages are still spoken and many are at risk of being lost as Elders pass on.

I spoke with Bevan about the time I visited a traditional community where more than one traditional language was still spoken in day-to-day life.

Some of the kids were complaining about the lack of resources and opportunities that were available to them.

They were right, but I got a bit angry with them.

I told them I was jealous of them and they looked at me a bit strangely.

I explained to them that I was jealous because I did not know the language of my mob and that many communities had 'lost' their language.

This is why Bevan's role as a local hero is so important.

He can not only inspire local kids to set goals in at school and in life. He can also inspire them to remain connected to their culture and learn more about their mob's history and, where possible, their language.

At the same time he can also show the NRL world that there is still room for a bit of 'Tingha Magic'.

His chip and chase try against the Bulldogs would have made Nathan Blacklock proud!



Bevan French at Ross Hill School with Imarlee and Kobi Cox.

'Speechless' Jacinta designs Reds jumper



Queensland Reds player James Slipper is with Murgon State High School Year 11 student Janita Langdon, from Cherbourg. Janita, a Ewamian woman, is holding her design that was incorporated into the Queensland Reds jumper for their Indigenous Round match against the ACT Brumbies last Friday night at Lang Park, Brisbane. The Reds scored an upset last-gasp 16-15 win. Janita, 15, has been a member of Queensland Rugby Union's Future Indigenous Leaders Program for five years and will soon transition into the Reds Generation Next program. "I was part of the jersey presentation to the Reds last year and it inspired me to want to design this year's jersey," she said. "I'm really proud of what I achieved. I'm speechless to be able to design a jersey that I'll see the Reds play in. I'm just really happy." The rugby union Indigenous Round match coincided with NAIDOC Week. As part of the Reds Indigenous Round, members of the Future Indigenous Leaders Program travelled to Brisbane from Woorabinda, Yarrabah and Cherbourg to take part in a range of activities throughout the week, with a focus on developing their leadership qualities. *Picture: QRU*

Thaiday still a chance



ALL is not lost for axed Queensland rugby league backrower Sam Thaiday, it seems.

Despite his days in Queensland's maroon jersey appearing over, Thaiday says he has not given up on playing game No 30 for Queensland.

The Broncos veteran was a high profile casualty after Queensland wielded the axe following their record 28-4 game one loss in Brisbane.

Queensland skipper Cameron Smith suggested it may have been the final curtain call for the veteran forwards who were cut from game one – Thaiday, Nate Myles and Jacob Lillyman.

"It's just time for those guys to move on and see some young guys come in," Smith said of their game two changing of the guard.

However, Thaiday is not giving up just yet.

"I'm definitely missing not being part of camp and disappointed I wasn't part of Origin II," Thaiday told the Broncos website.

"But after a tough loss like that, changes have to be made and I was on the receiving end of it.

"I will continue to play footy for the Broncos and hope my chance comes.

"All I can do is keep putting my hand up for the Broncos again."

Australian coach Mal Meninga is one who thinks Thaiday still has something to offer.

Thaiday's State of Origin axing won't hurt his Kangaroos chances for the Rugby league World Cup, according Meninga, who was Thaiday's first Origin coach in 2006.

Meninga said he still believed the backrower could add to his tally of 34 Tests for Australia in the end-of-year tournament.

"His representative career isn't over," Meninga told Fox Sports' *Queenslanders* Only program.

"I'm the Australian coach and I'm looking at him on a week-to-week basis and if he's playing and his form warrants it, he will be there abouts with the Australian team.

"I think he gets back and plays good club football, that's the person he is. He'll be working his butt off for the Broncos

and he'll get another crack."

Thaiday was one of six Queenslanders cut from the squad for Origin II, after they suffered their biggest ever home loss to NSW in late May.

Thaiday made just 50 metres with the ball and failed to break a tackle in his 43 minutes off the bench at Lang Park, the lowest attacking work rate of any of Queensland's forwards.

And despite his disappointment for Thaiday, Meninga praised the selectors and coach Kevin Walters' decision to regenerate the side he took to nine series victories between 2006 and 2015.

"I knew there was going to be a bit of a cleanout of the old guard," Meninga said.

Meanwhile, former Queensland backrower Billy Moore said he believed Thaiday had been harshly treated.

"He has been a great stalwart for Queensland," Moore said.

"After 29 games, 28 have been rippers.

"By Sam's lofty standards, Origin I wasn't his best. He didn't have enough impact off the bench. But I would have thought after 28 rippers, someone like that would have got another chance." – AAP



Sam Thaiday

Reuben's try spree in Super Cup

By ALF WILSON



DASHING outside back Jonathon Reuben of Darnley descent is the leading try scorer in the Queensland Super Cup.

In round 16 on June 24, the Townsville Blackhawks outside back scored four tries in the 50-8 win over Tweed Heads Seagulls at West Tweed Heads.

That win propelled the Blackhawks into fifth place in the 14-club statewide competition.

Reuben had scored 23 tries after round 16, leading Blackhawks teammate Carlin Anderson (14) and Ipswich Jets Michael Purcell (13) with four other players on 11 four pointers.

Blistering speed has enabled Reuben to be a try-scoring machine and he also scored four against the Capras in round 11 on May 21.

Several of his tries this year have come after 90m sprints,

leaving defenders in his wake.

Last year Reuben was the competition's leading try scorer with 18 even though he missed nine games through injury.

Quietly spoken off the field, Reuben has many relatives living in Townsville, Cairns and the Torres Strait Islands.

NRL experience

Reuben had previously been with the Canberra Raiders and Sydney Roosters and also has lined up at several North Queensland All Blacks carnivals for teams such as Bowen and Palm Island side Ajas Boyz.

Reuben also visited Palm Island for a Blackhawks training camp and was popular as a role model with young footballers.

There are numerous members of the family living on Palm, including Elder Joe Reuben, who described Jonathon as a very speedy footballer.

Reuben was injured and missed the game when the sixth-placed Blackhawks were soundly beaten 42-4 by top-of-the-table PNG Hunters in Port Moresby on May 28.



Jonathon Reuben, left, on Palm Island with rising young star Isaac Bulsey.

Johnston runs riot



SOUTH Sydney National Rugby League (NRL) flyer Alex Johnston has revealed a team

trainer was responsible after he narrowly missed out on a club record six-try haul in their demolition of Penrith on July 2.

Johnston put in one of the most memorable individual performances of the NRL season as he ran in five tries in the seven-tries-to-two rout.

He fell agonisingly short of setting a record for the foundation club after on several occasions missing out on a sixth four-pointer.

"They were looking for me," Johnston said cheekily.

"There was one time when our trainer came on, Benny Gardiner is his name. I want to quote his name because he told me to go to the middle to look for it and the ball went out to where it should have been and I wasn't there.

"I'm a bit off him at the moment."

On another occasion,, Johnston was denied by the video referees after Tyrell Fuimaono knocked on in the lead up.

Had he crossed for a sixth, he would have been the first player to achieve the feat in a premiership match since Newtown's Jack Troy in 1950.

Instead, he has to be satisfied with sharing the Rabbitohs club record with Nathan Merritt, Eric Sladden, Ian Moir, Johnny Graves, Don Manson, Alan Quinlivan and Harold Horder.

"I didn't know if it was a record or anything," Johnston said.

"I was just pumped. I scored five. I was keeping count all game.

"I was like, 'Come on, pass it to me. One more. One more. Give me one more.' To equal the club



Alex Johnston touches down for one of his five tries for the South Sydney Rabbitohs against the Penrith Panthers at Sydney Olympic Park on July 2. Picture: Getty

record – Merritt scored five as well – is pretty special."

The try-scoring rampage took his season tally to 15 and moved him ahead of Canberra's Jordan Rapana and Melbourne's Suliasi Vunivalu to the top of the competition try-scorer list.

He said it was his biggest bag of tries since he first strapped on a pair of boots 13 years ago.

"Not since under 9s, my first year playing," he said when asked if he'd ever scored five.

"Back then I used to run around everyone. It was pretty easy.

"They made it easy for me out there tonight, the boys, just giving me some good ball."

Harold Horder twice scored five tries in a game in 1917 – both

against North Sydney at the Sydney Showground – in round five and round 12.

Meanwhile, South Sydney fended off interest from rival NRL clubs to retain Johnston on a three-year extension which will keep him at Redfern until the end of 2020.

Talk of switch

The former Australian representative had been linked with a move to St George Illawarra as a possible replacement for Cronulla-bound Josh Dugan.

However, the Rabbitohs won the race to retain the 22-year-old outside back – the club's top try-scorer for three years running.

"I'm really happy to have the

contract sorted out and to know I will be a Rabbitoh for at least the next three years is a great thing," Johnston said.

"In the end, it was the best decision for me to stay and to build on what we've established since 2014 when I made my debut.

"It's always a privilege to pull on that South Sydney jersey and I'm glad that I know I will be doing that for at least the next three years."

Johnston shapes as an important part of coach Michael Maguire's plans for the 2018 season, with uncertainty looming about Greg Inglis' place in the side.

Inglis is recovering from a season-ending knee injury and is

tipped to move to centre to better preserve his body in the twilight of his career.

Johnston is a potential option for the No 1 jersey along with playmaking utility Cody Walker.

"Alex is establishing himself as one of the leading outside backs in the competition and one of his greatest attributes is his willingness to learn," Maguire said.

"His work on the wing is right up there with some of the best wingers in the game.

"He's a South Sydney junior who has proven himself to be a potent try-scorer."

Johnston has 57 tries from 74 NRL games since debuting against Brisbane in round eight in 2014. – AAP

Impressive debut

By PETER ARGENT



WHILE his team endured a 10-goal defeat, Murray Bridge Imperials footballer Dwayne Wilson was one of the bright spots on a forgetful day for the Sturt Football Club last month.

An outstanding junior and touted as a draft candidate in 2013 and following 18 months out of the game with a shoulder reconstruction, Wilson commanded selection for his first SANFL league game.

The Double Blues 2016 premiership coach Martin Mattner takes up the story:

Comfortable

"Dwayne certainly looked comfortable in his first league game," Mattner said.

"He injured his shoulder in the middle of the 2015 season while playing at Imperials.

"He spent the next 18 months on the sidelines – at the back end of the 2015 campaign and all of 2016.

"Dwayne started training at our club in September last year when we were going through our finals campaign and had a massive pre-season.

"His weight of possessions at reserves level forced us to pick him.

"Dwayne averaged 33.5 touches in the two games leading up to his league debut.

"There is no doubt he earned his opportunity after a long road and he was a positive to come out of that game.

"He's a quiet lad and has



Dwayne Wilson takes the ball for Sturt against Port Adelaide.
Picture: Peter Argent

integrated well into the group.

"Having (fellow Aboriginal talent) Byron (Sumner) around the club has also helped as well."

Against the early season premiership favourites Port Adelaide, Sturt were defeated by 60 points after conceding seven unanswered goals in the first term at Alberton Oval.

Wilson came on and finished with 15 disposals, eight kicks and seven handballs, along with laying a pair of tackles.

He displayed the same poise and clean skills in traffic.

Wilson's foundation club, Imperials, is also the junior club of current Port Adelaide listed players, superstar Chad Wingard

and rookie Jarrod Lienert, the latter being a key member of the Double Blues SANFL flag-winning effort last season.

Connection

"There is a fair Indigenous connection up at 'Imps'," Wilson said.

"Jarrod Lienert was an

opponent in my first SANFL game.

"Steve Sumner was my junior coach at Imperials and has had a telling influence on a number of footballers coming through the junior ranks of the club."

Wilson played South Australian state under-16s in 2011 and had two years in the SANFL under-18s program with Brenton Phillips.

Trainer saw champion in the making

By ALF WILSON



WHEN Palm Island's Patrick Clarke fought new world professional welterweight boxing champion Jeff Horn some years ago, Clarke's trainer Ray Dennis knew Horn was headed for stardom.

It was at the Amateur Boxing Association's Queensland titles at Beenleigh six years ago and Clarke was a genuine rising star in the amateur ranks.

"Horn hammered Patrick in round one and in round two Patrick looked at me from the ring so I threw the towel in. I realised then that Horn had the ability to win a world professional title," Dennis told the *Koori Mail*.

When the *Koori Mail* phoned Dennis the morning after Horn had become Australia's latest boxing champion, Dennis said he was going to telephone Clarke.

"I am in Caboolture at the moment and will ring Patrick back on Palm and tell him he fought a world champion," Dennis said.

Horn beat one of the world's greatest ever fighters – Filipino Manny Pacquiao – in front of more than 50,000 people at Brisbane's Lang Park on July 2,

Millions more around Australia and in 53 countries around the globe watched on television as the Brisbane schoolteacher Horn won by a unanimous points decision after 12 brutal rounds.

Horn is the new professional World Boxing Organisation (WBO) welterweight title and he beat Pacquiao who had won 12 world titles in



Neil Pattel, left, with his brother Graham.

eight weight divisions.

At the end of round nine the referee went to Horn's corner and threatened to stop the fight if he didn't show something in round 10.

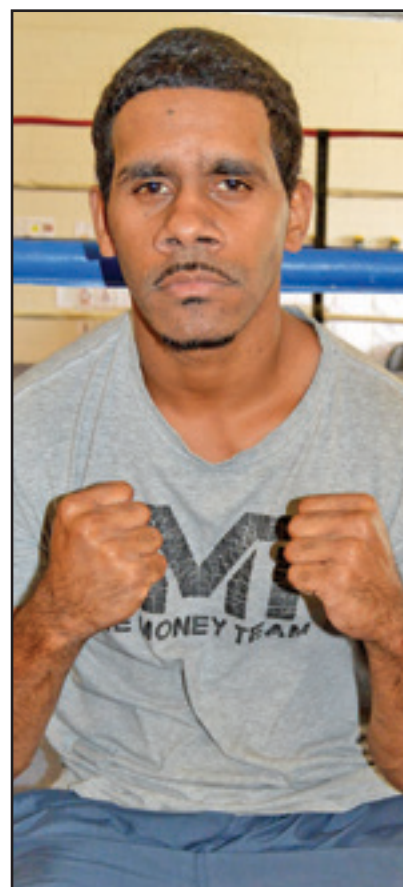
Horn looked out on his feet in round nine after a flurry of punches from Pacquiao.

The pair now look set for a rematch later in the year.

Meanwhile, 80-year-old Dennis and 60-year-old Winton-born and Townsville-based Aboriginal Neil Pattel Townsville will be inducted into the Queensland Boxing Hall of Fame at Yatala on July 16.

Pattel said that Horn had won the fight.

"The day before the fight, I thought Pacquiao would win," Pattel said.



Patrick Clarke



Ray Dennis

Mills strikes it rich

By CHRIS PIKE



PATTY Mills has secured his future, agreeing to terms on a new deal that will see him remain in the US National Basketball Association (NBA) for the next four years at the San Antonio Spurs.

The Australian basketball star's future in the NBA was somewhat unknown after he left the Portland Trail Blazers following his first two seasons in the world's premier league in 2011.

The NBA had a lockout delaying the start of the next season while negotiations were sorted out. That saw Mills have a brief stint in the Australian NBL with the Melbourne Tigers and then playing in China.

There was a fear that his deal in China would hinder his return to the NBA once that 2011-12 season began, but it was the San Antonio Spurs who came calling. Mills has remained there ever since and now will be for another four years.

The 28-year-old has become a crucial part of San Antonio's back court over the past six seasons and that has been on a team that is a perennial championship contender.

Mills did play a key role in the Spurs' championship win of 2014 and again this

past season, he was called upon to play big minutes throughout the playoff run in the absence of veteran French point guard Tony Parker through injury.

Mills averaged 9.5 points and 3.5 assists a game throughout the 2016-17 regular season, shooting a solid 44.0% from the field, 41.4% from three-point range and 82.5% at the free-throw line.

Then in the playoffs, he put up 10.3 points, 2.7 assists and 2.1 rebounds a game shooting 40.7% from the floor, 36.0% from three-point range and 86.4% at the foul line.

Mainly bench player

San Antonio did end up falling short against the eventual champion Golden State Warriors, but Mills again proved his worth by standing up to a starting role when asked to having spent most of his time with the Spurs as being a livewire off the bench.

He has continued to work hard and get better season after season, and now that has been rewarded with the most lucrative contract of his career.

Mills has agreed to terms to stay with the Spurs for the next four years with the deal with \$US12.5 million a season.

That will see Mills make \$US50 million over the next four years which translates

into around \$A65 million at the current exchange rate.

Mills is just one of a host of Australian basketball players making it big in the NBA.

His Australian Boomers teammate Joe Ingles has recently signed the biggest ever contract by an Australian in the NBA to remain at the Utah Jazz.

Ben Simmons, Thon Maker, Matthew Dellavedova, Dante Exum and once he finds a new club, Andrew Bogut, will all be in the league again for the 2017-18 season.

The re-signing with the Spurs continues a busy period for the triple-Olympian with Mills having also recently been announced as the Person of the Year at the NAIDOC Awards largely for his work promoting Aboriginal culture on a global stage.

On top of that, Mills has recently put together a new book series titled 'Game Day' that was released earlier this month.

The first two editions of the on-going series based around the sporting adventures of a young 'Patty Mills' are now widely available which he hopes will encourage a whole new generation of kids to enjoy reading.

Mills will take part in book signings and appearances in Australia over the next two months before returning to San Antonio to prepare for the 2017-18 NBA seasons beginning in late October.



Football takes a back seat

By CHRIS PIKE



JERMAINE Miller-Lewis has shown the maturity and courage to take a break from top-level football in 2017 when he felt

he perhaps wasn't dealing with life outside the Australian Football League (AFL) with his artwork giving him a much-needed outlet.

Miller-Lewis was drafted into the AFL to Hawthorn at the end of 2014 from West Australian Football League (WAFL) club South Fremantle and it was a dream come true for the teenager, given he had supported the Hawks.

He was drafted based on his prodigious talent and despite the fact he didn't play any football at South Fremantle in 2014 due to injury, but he couldn't believe his luck when drafted to his beloved AFL club.

While there was a lot that Miller-Lewis did enjoy about the past two years with Hawthorn, he did continue to battle some injury problems and didn't manage to breakthrough for an AFL debut.

He did play some strong VFL football for the Box Hill Hawks, but it was his artwork he continued to work on to try and take off some of the pressures of professional football and that has continued on his return to Perth.

Miller-Lewis was delisted by Hawthorn at the end of 2016 and he returned to his original WAFL club South Fremantle. He took



Jermaine Miller-Lewis shows the South Fremantle WAFL Indigenous Round jumper artwork he designed.

part in all the pre-season training, but he felt himself unhappy and unsure if focusing on football was in his best interests.

He could have continued to make other people happy and stick at it, but he took the brave decision to step away from the game in 2017 – and he couldn't be happier as a result.

Football could still play a big part in his life, but right now he has to do what was best for himself.

"Spending this time has helped me as a person find out what's important and the No 1 priority has to be my own mental health and wellbeing, and making sure that I'm happy with what I am doing and making sure I feel fulfilled every day," Miller-Lewis said.

"I want to feel like I'm doing

my bit in terms of what I can give to the community and using the best of my abilities to do that. I also want to make sure my family is happy and I always say to them, that if I can't love myself first, I can't love anyone else so that's what I'm focusing on.

"Having that time to explore that side of myself is very important not only to me individually but a lot of other young men out there as well who might go through challenging times."

Maturity

Miller-Lewis has shown tremendous maturity to be able to recognise the signs that by continuing with football at WAFL level in 2017 might have led him down a dark path.

"Physically, I feel more than capable of still playing at a high level, but mentally I just needed some time to myself to ask myself some questions about how to find a meaningful pathway in life," he said.

"Football won't always be there so I want to set myself for life after footy and that's what I've been focusing on.

"I feel like it's important to explore those areas of my life that's interesting in terms of working with youth, social and emotional and wellbeing in the community and social awareness training. Having this break has helped me explore those areas and kick some goals off the field."

South Fremantle has continued to support Miller-Lewis, though, and has put no pressure on him to return to the



Players wear the Miller-Lewis jumpers: from left, Marlion Pickett, Tim Kelly, Matthew Parker and Josh Collard.

football field.

Then with the NAIDOC Round approaching for the annual clash against Claremont, they contacted Miller-Lewis to design their jumper and he was only too happy to oblige. The design is something he is proud of.

"As for the design, what I have interpreted as the Swan River is running through it and that is quite significant to my people as in that's part of their Dreaming stories with the woggle coming to rest in the Swan River for creation time," he said.

"The symbols on the outside represent that South Fremantle is the main meeting place of a travel line of where people come to play. It's a design that holds

significance that is close to South Fremantle and myself as well."

Miller-Lewis could barely wait to witness the South Fremantle players run out in his jumper against Claremont on Saturday, July 8, at Claremont Oval.

"I haven't had my artwork on a jumper that was specifically designed by me. It's going to be very special," Miller-Lewis said ahead of the Claremont match.

"I had input into the one at Hawthorn when I was there, but I really like this rustic style and I did it that way on purpose because I wanted to express myself as an artist. It's going to be a great feeling actually seeing it on the jumper and I can't wait to get my own to keep and pass it on to the little ones."

Victoria Metro U18 winners

By PETER ARGENT



VICTORIA Metro, despite losing their last game, emerged victors of the 2017 Australian Football League (AFL) Division One Under-18 Championships.

The tournament was played over six weeks in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney, with the final games in Geelong on Wednesday, July 5.

Victoria Metro claimed the title by winning their first three matches, including a comprehensive victory over South Australia that sealed their title.

The Allies, consisting of the best players from the Division Two sides Northern Territory, Tasmania, along with the GWS, Gold Coast, Brisbane and Sydney Academies, played for the second year.

They started with a two-goals loss at Blacktown International Sportspark against Victorian Country, and finished with an exciting win over Vic Metro.

Bringing players from all over the land, Aboriginal Allies talents included Tarryn Thomas, from North Launceston, James Bell, a University of NSW footballer in Sydney, and the special story of Adam Sambono, from Daly River, in the Northern Territory.

Beacon player

South Australia had an up and down tournament, but one of their stars was bottom-aged Izak Rankine.

He was among the Croweaters' best players in each game, displaying sublime skills and game sense.

One of the few standouts in SA's dismal loss against Vic Metro was Nathan Kruger in his first game for the championships. He kicked a goal and was a solid contributor. Unfortunately, he received concussion early in the second term of the next game against Vic Country.

"Rankine was very good all tournament," SA coach Brenton Phillips said. "He's got all the tricks."

"With Nathan, what you see is what you get."

"At times he can provide some astonishing individual acts, but he can also turn the ball over occasionally."

Western Australia, after a brilliant one-point victory at home against the Croweaters to start the championships, finished second after strong wins over the

Allies and Victoria Country.

They had a host of Aboriginal players in the squad, including six bottom-agers Ian Hill, Jarrod Cameron (younger brother of Crow Charlie), Sydney Stack, Jason Carter, Durak Tucker and Joseph Hinder.

Subiaco's Kyron Hayden and East Fremantle's Chris Scott are two draftable talents in this year's team.



Allies Indigenous players were victors over the eventual winners Victoria Metro. From left, Adam Sambono, James Bell and Tarryn Thomas.



The athletic Tarryn Thoams flies for a mark for Allies.

After the tournament, Victorian Metro captain Joel Garner and South Australian bottom-age superstar Izak Rankine were further honoured with All Australian selection.

Ash McGrath, a former Brisbane Lions 214-game and 2003 premiership player, was a member of the Sandgroppers under-18s coaching staff.



Indigenous players get together after the Allies-South Australia game. From left, the Allies' Tarryn Thomas (North Launceston), SA's Izak Rankine (West Adelaide) and Allies' James Bell (University NSW).



Vic Metro defender Ethan Penrith runs with ball in hand.



Vic Metro's Joel Garner wins another possession.



Aboriginal players in the West Australian team at Docklands, Melbourne: from left, Ian Hill, Joseph Hinder, Chris Scott, Sydney Stack, Durak Tucker, Kyron Hayden and Jason Carter. Pictures: Peter Argent



Kurtley Beale was out of the blocks quickly when he posted pictures of the Indigenous jumper to be worn by the Wallabies in the Bledisloe Cup match against the All Blacks at Lang Park, Brisbane, on October 21.

Wallabies to wear Indigenous jumper in Bledisloe Cup



THE Australian rugby union Wallabies will wear an Indigenous jumper when they take on the New Zealand All Blacks at Lang Park, Brisbane, on October 21.

The Australian Rugby Union (ARU) has announced the Bledisloe Cup initiative to celebrate NAIDOC Week.

The ARU said the jumper would commemorate the role of Indigenous Australians in rugby's past, present and future.

The jersey was designed by Dennis Golding, a young Kamilaroi/Gamilaraay artist from Redfern, Sydney, and shows the Wallabies, Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities coming together as one.

In honour of the 14 Indigenous players who have donned the Wallabies jersey, there are 14 symbols that celebrate the communities and contributions of Cecil Ramalli, Lloyd McDermott, Mark Ella, Gary Ella, Glen Ella, Lloyd Walker, Andrew Walker, Jim Williams, Wendell Sailor, Timana Tahu, Saia Fainga'a, Anthony Fainga'a, Kurtley Beale and Matt Hodgson.

The Indigenous jersey was revealed to the public by Wallaby #836, Kurtley Beale, who posted images of the jersey onto his social media accounts on July 6.

Beale, a Durag man from Western Sydney, has been an active advocate for the creation of an Indigenous jersey, and said he was looking forward to the moment when the Wallabies would make history when they wore the jersey against the All Blacks.

"I'm really excited to be part of this initiative and wear this jersey. As a current Indigenous Wallaby, I hope that by wearing this jersey I can do my family and my people proud," he said.

"All Australians will be able to wear this jersey and embrace what it represents, so I think it's a really important step towards reconciliation."

The Wallabies match-day Indigenous jersey will be revealed to media on Monday, July 17.

The Indigenous retail jersey and Wallabies hats, scarves and balls featuring the Indigenous design went on sale on Tuesday, July 11 through wallabyshop.com.au and Asics retailers.

Brave Barty bows out



Ashleigh Barty, right and Casey Dellacqua discuss tactics during their women's doubles first-round match against Jelena Jankovic, of Serbia, and Coco Vandeweghe, of the United States, on day four of the Wimbledon Championships at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London. Picture: Getty

She may have lost the match, but Ash won a legion of fans

SHE may have lost the match, but Ash Barty endeared herself with tennis fans after a wonderful display of sportsmanship in her Wimbledon first-round loss to fourth-seeded Elina Svitolina.

Barty, a former Wimbledon junior girls' singles champion, saved five match points before finally succumbing 7-5 7-6 (10-8) to the world No 5.

However it could have been very different if Barty wasn't so honest.

She was serving for the first set at 5-4 when at 15-0, she stretched for a Svitolina drop shot and got the ball back for a winner.

The chair umpire has happy with what she saw, but Barty

admitted she did not hit the ball before the second bounce and conceded the point.

"Ash actually called that on herself," former Australian player Rennae Stubbs said in commentary.

"The umpire did not call 'not up' so that is a great sign of sportsmanship."

Instead of being 30-0, it was back to 15-15 and Barty went on to drop her serve and eventually the set.

If she hadn't have been such a great sport, she would have had a one-set lead and a huge boost.

With her singles campaign over, Barty and partner were focussing on the women's doubles, where they were the No 8 seeds.



ASHLEIGH Barty's women's singles campaign at Wimbledon fell at the first hurdle, but not before she frightened the life out of No 4 seed Elina Svitolina.

Queenslander Barty led the first set 5-3 and had her chances in the second set before departing 7-5 7-6 (10-8) against the world No 5.

Serving for the first set at 5-4, Barty lost three games in a row — and critical momentum.

Barty generated 11 break points, but converted just three in a match of contrasting styles.

And she admitted she had overplayed her devastating forehand as she tried to ruffle Svitolina.

"Yeah, I did, and I think I just overplayed a little bit, especially towards the end of the first," Barty said.

"Gave away cheapies"

"I gave away a few cheapies, a few too many cheapies, in the whole match.

"I had my opportunities and had a few points. If I could have a dozen points over again, I feel like it may be a different result.

"But I made a few too many errors today, especially off my forehand, but sometimes that's the way it goes.

"Elina is a quality player, a quality mover. I think I just pressed a little bit too much... just tried to overplay when I probably didn't need to."

Svitolina was the more conservative with 26 winners and 23 unforced errors. Barty was far more adventurous with 40 winners but made 41 unforced errors.

The Aussie saved five match points in a gripping second-set tiebreak before Svitolina scrambled to safety.

Barty and partner Casey Dellacqua are seeded eight in the women's doubles.

They overcame a first-set loss to win their first-round match 3-6 6-4 6-0 against Coco Vandeweghe (US) and Jelena Jankovic (Serbia).

In the round of 32, they again dropped their first set before beating the unseeded Misaki Doi

(Japan) and Chia-jung Chuang (Taiwan) 3-6 6-3 10-8.

In the run-up to Wimbledon, Two-times Wimbledon champion Petra Czech Kvitova beat the unseeded Barty 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the Aegon Classic (Birmingham) final to win her first title since her playing hand was injured in a knife attack at her home.

Kvitova was playing only her second tournament and seventh match since she was attacked in December.

Barty won her first career title in March in Kuala Lumpur, and became the first Australian finalist here in 25 years. While her serving was inconsistent — 13 aces and seven double faults against Barty — Kvitova's ground strokes looked as penetrating and as hard-to-read as ever. The Czech even saw the silver lining in losing the opener.

Barty scored the biggest win over her career over Garbine Muguruza to reach the first grasscourt final of her career at the Aegon Classic.

The 21-year-old weathered an early storm from Muguruza to beat the Spaniard 3-6 6-4 6-3, advancing to the Birmingham final.

The 14th-ranked Muguruza is the biggest scalp of Barty's career, and an even more significant one given the 2016 Roland Garros champion was ranked as high as No 2 this time last year.

Muguruza was also a Wimbledon finalist in 2015 and, when at her peak, is widely regarded as one of the best players on the women's tour.

Barty and compatriot Casey Dellacqua (seeded fourth) won the women's doubles final at Birmingham, beating Chan Hao-Ching (Taiwan) and Zhang Shuai (China) 6-1 2-6 10-8.

It is barely a year since Barty resumed in singles after playing cricket for the Brisbane Heat in the Women's Big Bash League.

Unranked this time last season, Barty has now surged to a career-high provisional mark of No 53.

One of the most naturally gifted players on tour, Barty had never previously toppled a top-20 opponent until bowling over world No 14 Muguruza.

Ashleigh Barty plays a forehand during the first round of the women's singles against Elina Svitolina, of Ukraine on day one of Wimbledon. Picture: Getty



Long jump to future

Flashback to May 2003 and Michael Long is pictured with his children Michaela and Jake during a press call for the Celebrity AFL Auskick game that was played at half-time during the Collingwood-St Kilda match at Docklands, Melbourne.
Picture: Getty



Magic's Moments



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EARLIER in the year, I wrote about the success of the Australian Football League Women (AFLW) and the opportunities it may provide to Indigenous girls and women on and off the field.

There is no doubt the momentum of women's professional sport continues to grow and it was great to see that Essendon has recently made an application for an AFLW licence.

In a great connection to the club's proud Indigenous history, this means Michaela Long is one

step closer to pulling on the Essendon colours donned by her football legend father Michael.

Just as importantly, the club has announced that they will have Indigenous-specific programs as part of their greater plan in this space.

Their plans include a proposed \$18-million facility upgrade at the club's Tullamarine base to include women's change rooms and an Indigenous component, with chief executive Xavier Campbell confirming that would go ahead regardless of whether the team won a 2019 licence.

Essendon "is home"

Long, 20, is a promising footballer who said, that despite having looked into potential opportunities to play with Greater Western Sydney or Geelong, Essendon "is home".

"This was always going to be it — Essendon was the be-all and end-all for me," she said. "I didn't want to be anywhere else."

The AFL is set to make a call on how many teams — a minimum of two — will be afforded a team in the 2019 season.

Michaela Long — who grew up playing football at NTFL club St Mary's — could become the competition's first father-daughter player.

"It really would mean the world to me," she said.

"It would be amazing to wear

the number 13. It would just mean everything."

Michaela's brother Jake is on Essendon's list and has played three games, and Hall of Fame member Michael said the prospect of having both of his children in red and black was a thrill.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for my daughter," he said.

"Who would have thought that one day this might become a reality? My son is at Essendon Football Club and now my daughter — what a great combination."

The club's pitch will include plans to grow and develop pathways in remote Northern Territory communities and wants to play the first ever AFLW game in a remote Indigenous community in its first season.

"The great work that has been done on the Tiwi Islands is strength and our community programs are second to none," Michael Long said.

"We want to build on that, and what a great opportunity for this club to take it even further with having the next AFLW team in two years."

Olympic gold medallist and club No 1 ticket holder Kim Brennan announced the bid and has engaged with AFLW clubs and Football Federation Australia in an effort to ensure best practice.

"If successful in our submission, we believe an AFLW team will have a huge impact on

our ability to connect and grow the game in the north-west corridor of Melbourne and in our next generation zones of Tiwi Islands and Maningrida," he said.

"We want to be the most inclusive, successful and respected sporting organisation in Australia, and we believe fielding an AFLW team is an important step in achieving our vision."

Michaela played Auskick in Melbourne as a youngster and grew up kicking the footy with brother Jake.

She revealed her Bombers dream a while ago at The Long Walk Women's Lunch and has been working with Essendon's Next Generation talent academy in the Tiwi and Maningrida areas.

Passionate

She is passionate about developing Indigenous football talent in the Northern Territory.

Michael Long's pride will be based on his children carrying on his legacy in the Bombers' colours.

"It's in the blood. It's a footy pedigree," Michael said.

"She plays onball, a bit of wing and around the forward line. She was quite a quick athlete as a kid, so I've always told her, 'If you get the ball, run with it.'"

Michaela said at one stage she seriously considered pulling on another team's colours.

"But then I thought I'm happy to go back to St Mary's, that's

where my grandfather played and all my uncles played and my brothers continue to play," she said.

"But Essendon has always felt like home.

"Me and my brother used to argue when we were younger. Jake always had that direct pathway to play AFL footy and girls were never allowed to play so I had to look at other avenues.

"But now I really have no excuse, so I kind of have to. But it would mean the world to me. Watching my brother run out this year, I was so proud of him.

"For my mum and dad, I want to do it for them, especially my father.

"And everybody like Sheeds (former Bombers coach Kevin Sheedy) and people I look up to like Dustin Fletcher. I want to be back home at my family club, Essendon footy club."

It is a big statement, but Michaela has the opportunity to be just as influential as her proud dad.

She is already a role model and working with the next generation.

The power of sport to engage and to change lives will become even more evident when her career progresses.

It is a great sign of things to come and I can only see positives when it comes to the other benefits that will flow to our communities.

Until Next time... Keep Dreaming!

Paralympians recognised



AUSTRALIA'S Indigenous Paralympians have been recognised with the unveiling of

plaques on the Indigenous Paralympian Honour Board at Sydney's National Centre of Indigenous Excellence.

In celebration of NAIDOC week, the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) and First Peoples Disability Network Australia (FPDN) have recognised Australia's Indigenous Paralympians with the unveiling of the plaques.

The exceptional achievements of the two Indigenous athletes who represented Australia at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, Amanda Reid (cycling) and Torita Blake (athletics) were recognised and also honoured was 1972 Paralympian Ray Barrett, whose Indigenous heritage was recently rediscovered through the APC's Paralympic History Project.

The APC initially unveiled the Indigenous Paralympian Honour Board, recognising 11 athletes dating back to Kevin Coombs at the first Paralympic Games in 1960, at the NCIE in December 2015.

Australian Paralympic Committee chief executive Lynne Anderson said the work of the APC to continually celebrate the achievements of Australia's Paralympians was important to upholding values of diversity and inclusion in sport.

"Today's ceremony was a wonderful way to celebrate the achievements of two Rio Paralympians – Torita Blake and Amanda Reid – and the legacy of the late Ray Barrett, a bronze medallist from the Heidelberg 1972 Paralympic Games, whose Indigenous heritage was not known by the APC when we launched this initiative in 2015.

"To be joined by Amanda and relatives of Ray's today was a privilege for the APC in an important week which celebrates the history, culture and



From left, 2016/2020 Paralympics Chef de Mission Kate McLoughlin, Ray Barrett's mother Barbara Evans, Paralympian Amanda Reid, and two-times Paralympian and chair of the Australian Paralympic Committee Annie Williams who MC'd the event in Sydney on Thursday.

achievements of Australia's Indigenous community," Anderson said.

"The aspiration of the Paralympic movement is to build a more inclusive society for people with a disability through Para-sport. We know that through sport, Para-athletes challenge stereotypes and transform attitudes, and that's something that all three athletes celebrated today have done in the Indigenous and wider Australian communities.

"The APC greatly appreciates the First Peoples Disability Network for their continue support, as well as the NCIE's support in the display of these plaques, and we hope that it can provide

inspiration for young Indigenous athletes, with and without disabilities, to continue in their pursuit of excellence in their chosen fields."

The family of Barrett, who passed away in 2000, was in attendance at the function, as well as Amanda Reid, who broke through for her first Paralympic medal at her second Games in Rio last year.

1972 Paralympian

Barrett competed at the Heidelberg 1972 Paralympic Games, winning bronze in the 100m wheelchair dash, and was fifth in the slalom. His other sporting achievements included

competing at the 1974 Commonwealth Paraplegic Games in Dunedin, New Zealand, where he won gold, silver and bronze medals and set a world record in the wheelchair dash, and a bronze medal in wheelchair basketball.

The same year, he won gold in the wheelchair sprint, bronze in wheelchair basketball and bronze in slalom racing at the International Stoke Mandeville Games, England.

Named Sportsperson of the Year at this year's NAIDOC Awards, Amanda Reid competed at her second Paralympic Games in Rio, after making the transition to cycling from swimming, and won silver in the

C2 500m time trial.

Torita Blake also became a dual Paralympian last year, after placing fourth overall in the 400m T38 event in a personal best time.

Australia's Indigenous Paralympians formally recognised include:

Kevin Coombs OAM
Peter Kirby
Warren Lawton OAM
Tracy Barrell OAM
Karl Feifar OAM
Donna Burns OAM
Ben Austin OAM
Tahlia Rotumah
Kayla Clarke
Amanda Reid
Torita Isaac
Ray Barrett

Newcastle wins Indigenous Unigames



A TEAM from the University of Newcastle has won

the 2017 Indigenous Unigames at Deakin University, Geelong.

After four days of close competition against 34 teams from across Australia, Newcastle University won by just four points.

The Indigenous Unigames is an annual multi-sport event, with athletes competing in basketball, netball, touch football and volleyball.

Established in 1996 by 13 students enrolled in a Diploma of Aboriginal Studies Newcastle, the National Indigenous Tertiary

Education Student Games (NITESG) has grown from just 34 to 450 student competitors over 22 years.

Managed by Australian University Sport, chief executive officer Don Knapp said he was excited to see such strong regional representation and success at the Unigames.

"Regional university sporting events provide student-athletes with the opportunity to pursue a dual education and sport pathway, which results in tertiary qualifications and sport participation at all levels across Australia," Mr Knapp said.

The official boomerang was handed over to Macquarie University who will host the event in 2018.



The successful Newcastle University team.



University of Newcastle basketballer Dylan Beasley shoots for goal.

Firefighters in NAIDOC Week fun



AN all-Indigenous Fire Rescue NSW (FRNSW) touch football team last week went head-to-head with teams from Sydney's south-west, including the

NSW Police Campbelltown Local Area Command.

The firefighters also shared winter fire safety tips and provided visitors with an opportunity to see fire trucks and firefighting equipment up close at Campbelltown City Council's NAIDOC Week touch football competition at Benham Oval, Minto.

Firefighter and touch footy team captain Michael Lett said the team enjoyed participating at the annual community event.

"This is the third year running we have participated in the NAIDOC Week football competition and each year we have gone from strength-to-strength," he said.

"Many of the players in our team are graduates of the Indigenous Fire & Rescue Employment Strategy (IFARES) program and proudly support NAIDOC Week.

"It's a great bonding exercise for our team players and a fantastic opportunity to interact with other football teams and the local Campbelltown community."

Metropolitan South Zone Commander, Acting Superintendent Michael Jay said FRNSW was proud to be involved in significant cultural events that recognised and supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



● ABOVE: FRNSW players, wearing team colours loud and proud.

● LEFT: FRNSW firefighters with local Elder Uncle Ivan.

● RIGHT: FRNSW Team Captain Michael Lett is in fine form.



Murphy off to World Cup



MAHALIA Murphy is in the Wallaroos women's rugby union team that will head to the Rugby World Cup starting in Ireland on August 9.

There are two Olympic rugby champions in the 15-a-side squad, but it'll be hard work to match the feats of their gold medal-winning sevens team.

Coach Paul Verrell included Rio gold medallists Shannon Parry and Sharni Williams alongside potential debutantes Mahalia Murphy and Trilleen Pomare.

Murphy is part of Australia's women's rugby sevens program, but did not take part in the Rio Olympics.

Despite being beaten by England, New Zealand and Canada in the international women's series in Rotorua earlier this month, Parry said the team had learned valuable lessons and were confident for the Cup.

With only the top team in each of the three pools guaranteed a spot in the semifinals (the best placed second team across the pools will claim the fourth position) the Wallaroos will be up against it to progress to the knockout phase.

Ranked sixth

Ranked sixth, Australia is rated behind France (fourth) and Ireland (fifth) in its group with 14th-ranked Japan likely the easiest game in its four-team pool.

Williams said that while it may be a challenging pool, she hoped her experience would lift younger teammates who would be going up against fully professional sides.

"Having Shannon and Mahalia as well ... and show these girls what we do day in day out, they might be able to pick up something that is going to help them out on that field," said Williams who believed a semifinal showing was in reach for the Wallaroos.

The Wallaroos will play Ireland in Dublin on August 10, France in Dublin on August 14 and Japan in Dublin on August 18.

Mahalia Murphy
Picture: Getty



Bennell return still unknown



FREMANTLE looked set to delay Harley Bennell's return to the West Australian Football League (WAFL) until this weekend as they

attempt to guard against any relapse of his repeated calf muscle problems.

Bennell is said to be desperate to resume playing and feels he is ready.

He sizzled in match practice at a Dockers training session late last week and asked the club for permission to make his long-awaited comeback in Peel's narrow win against Claremont at Bendigo Bank Stadium on Saturday, July 1.

Cautious

But the Dockers' medical officials and strength and conditioning staff are keen to give Bennell the best build-up possible to his return to minimise the risk of re-injuring the calf muscle.

If Bennell is put in cotton wool for another week, he will have missed Peel's WAFL match against West Perth last weekend and return for a clash with East Perth on July 15.

Bennell, 24, is in his second season on Fremantle's list, but is yet to play for the club because of recurring calf problems.

Last AFL game in 2015

The smooth-moving midfielder, who boasts elite kicking skills, hasn't featured at AFL level since amassing 18 possessions for Gold Coast in a loss to Port Adelaide in round 22, 2015.

Meanwhile, Fremantle coach Ross Lyon admits the club may have pushed Bennell too hard earlier this season, saying they were trying to turn him into AFL's version of Superman.

Bennell was sent to Germany last December to receive treatment from soft-tissue specialist Dr Hans-

Wilhelm Muller-Wohlfahrt.

Since then, he has suffered several more calf setbacks – a situation Lyon believes the club contributed to.

"We probably pushed Harley beyond what he needed to be pushed – trying to create something like Superman really," Lyon said.

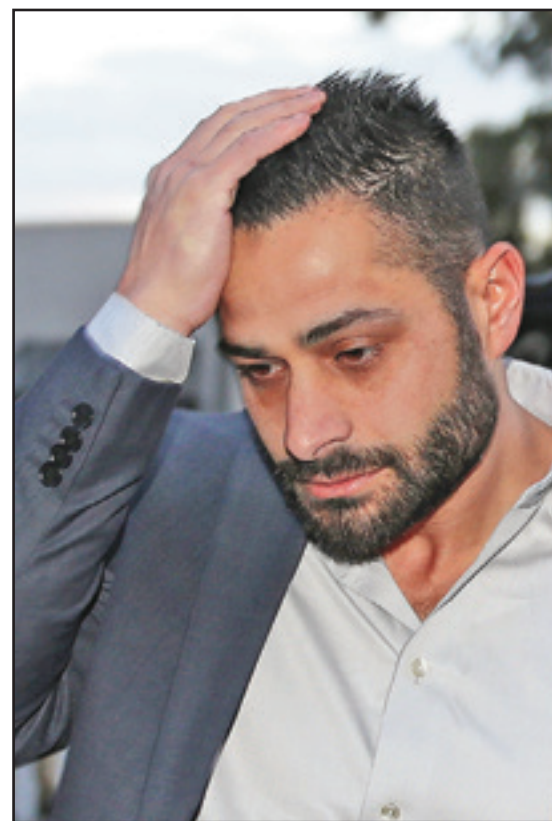
"He was 40% above our cohort average on leg strength on calf strength. And coming to the club he was probably the weakest.

"So that gives you context of how hard he worked and how hard we pushed him. But, in hindsight, could we have backed it off earlier? Did we need to take him to that level?

"We were trying to build something really strong and sustainable.

"But he's such a quality athlete. Did we need to take him to that? That's probably the debate.

"In theory, he probably could have been playing (by now)." – AAP



AFL diversity manager Ali Fahour arrives for the Northern Football League tribunal on July 5 2017 in Melbourne. He has since resigned as diversity manager and has been deregistered as a player and charged by police. Picture: Getty

AFL diversity boss quits after hitting opponent



ALI Fahour has quit his role as Australian Football League (AFL) diversity manager and Victoria Police have charged him with recklessly causing injury and unlawful assault over an alleged assault in a local league football game.

He is due to appear in the Heidelberg Magistrates' Court on October 11.

Fahour was playing for West Preston-Lakeside in the Northern Football League on Saturday, July 1, when he rushed into a scuffle and punched Whittlesea defender Dale Saddington, knocking him out.

AFL chief executive Gillon McLachlan announced Fahour had quit his role and named Grant Williams as his temporary replacement.

"As Ali himself said this week, there is no excuse or defence for his actions last weekend," McLachlan told reporters.

"He has expressed his shame and remorse and I know he feels this very deeply."

Fahour was banned for 14 weeks by the NFL tribunal last Wednesday night, taking his career total suspensions beyond the 16-week threshold which triggers deregistration from any league in Australia.

After the hearing, which lasted more than two hours, Fahour said he would seek professional help for his behaviour.

McLachlan said it would have been inappropriate for the AFL to comment on the Fahour case and his employment with the game's ruling body until the NFL tribunal had made its ruling.

"We do value our people and these decisions involve people's livelihoods and their futures," he said.

"These decisions should not be rushed.

"I believe that everyone has a chance to be a better person and change ... we should not define a person by their worst moment or worst decision.

"Ali's work over 10 years in our organisation has been considerable."

But McLachlan acknowledged that the punch to Saddington's head "was an incident that just can't be tolerated ... it was an act we want to eradicate from our game". – AAP



This is one of the rare times that Harley Bennell has been seen in a Fremantle Dockers jumper. This was during a 2016 NAB Challenge match against the Geelong Cats at Domain Stadium, Perth. Picture: Getty

Shane Yarran remains behind bars



FORMER Fremantle Dockers footballer Shane Yarran

remains in prison after his bail application was refused and he was deemed too great a risk of reoffending by a magistrate.

The 28-year-old father was out on bail on violent offences when he was arrested in May following a high-speed car chase,

reaching 125km/h in a 60km/h zone, and foot chase that ended with him being found by a police dog.

One of those charges, reckless driving to escape police, carries a mandatory jail term of at least six months in WA, and magistrate Joe Randazzo warned Yarran he thought the prosecution had a strong case.

When Yarran was drafted by Fremantle ahead of the 2016 AFL season, he was

celebrated as a positive redemption story after having previously been sentenced to six years jail on burglary charges.

However he left after six matches with the club.

He faced the Perth Magistrates Court in late June on 10 offences dating back to 2015, including unlawful wounding in which he is accused of stabbing a man with a broken bottle outside a pub in Camillo, in Perth's southern outskirts.

Mr Randazzo said Yarran gave the impression he did not think the law applied to him, given his past criminal record, a past history of not attending court and the fact that his latest charges involved serious offences of trying to evade police in a car and on foot.

"There is a real risk of the accused not attending court and committing further offences," he said.

He returns to court on August 1. – AAP

Gardner shines in World Cup



ASHLEIGH Gardner last Wednesday played a starring role in Australia's convincing win over Pakistan in their fourth Women's World Cup cricket match in England.

The Australians continued their unbeaten run at the International Cricket Council (ICC) World Cup with a 159-run win at Grace Road, Leicester.

Defending 290, Australia was impressive with the ball, spinner Jess Jonassen (1-12) the first to strike when she bowled opener Bibi Nahida (0).

Fellow spinner Kristen Beams (3-23) then tightened the screws with three wickets, while off-spinner Ashleigh Gardner (3-28) and debutant Sarah Aley (2-29) were also among the wickets.

Having won the toss and elected to bat earlier in the day, Australia found themselves 2-7 and on the back foot after openers Beth Mooney (0) and Nicole Bolton (3) were dismissed cheaply.

Captain Rachael Haynes (28) and Ellyse Perry (63) set about rebuilding, reaching 60 before Haynes was caught behind.

Australia's middle order then began to make amends for the tough start, with Elyse Villani (59) bringing up her second one-day international (ODI) half century off just 34 balls before a blistering 63 off 40 balls from Alyssa Healy boosted the total to 8-290.

Gardner contributed 22 runs off just 13 deliveries for a strike rate of 169.23.

First time to bat

That was the first match in the World Cup that Gardner was required to bat.

In earlier matches, Australia's early batters were so dominant that middle and lower-orders batters were not required.

In the opening game on June 26 at Taunton, Australia 2-205 (38.1 overs) beat the West Indies 204 (47.5 overs).

Gardner took 0-35 from eight overs in that match.

Three days later, at Bristol, Australia 2-262 beat Sri Lanka 9-257.

Gardner finished with 1-39 from her 10 overs.

In the third match at Bristol, Australia comfortably beat New Zealand. Scores: Australia 5-220, New Zealand 9-219.

Gardner took 1-31 from her 10 overs.

Australia was to face World Cup hosts England in their fifth match last Sunday at Bristol.

Before that match, Australia stood at the top of the World Cup standings with eight points from four matches, followed by India (8), England (6), South Africa (5), NZ (3), Sri Lanka (0), Pakistan (0) and West Indies (0).



Ashleigh Gardner bowls against New Zealand in the Women's World Cup cricket match at The Brightside Ground, Bristol, England, on July 2. Picture: Getty

Women to be paid



THE NSW women's rugby league team will be paid under contract for the first time at this month's Interstate Challenge against Queensland.

The 30-strong women's squad for the July 23 clash in Wollongong will be offered an undisclosed amount for the game along with a daily allowance for camp to ease the financial pressure of taking leave from work.

The players have spent eight months in unpaid training as they prepare to defend the Nellie Doherty Cup which they won 8-4 last year, ending Queensland's 17-year reign as challenge champions.

The Australian Jillaroos have introduced player allowances and select match fees over the past couple of years.

The NSW Rugby League (NSWRL) decision follows an upswing in landmark pay deals across women's sport, including the AFL Women's league and the Australian Women's cricket team, formerly known as the Southern Stars.

Elliana Walton, NSW's longest-serving female league player, cried when she was told about the match payment.

"I remember when I was first selected for NSW, I had to pay to play," she said last Wednesday.

NSW Rugby League (NSWRL) general manager of football Barrie-Jon Mather said the professional contracts were a significant step forward for women playing rugby league in NSW.

"It's only right that the women should have the same opportunity to be rewarded by achieving their dreams and representing their state as the men do," Mather said.

The contract includes match payment for the Interstate Challenge and a daily allowance during camp, allowing the players to take time off work without the financial pressure. — With AAP



NSW Women's squad members Elliana Walton and Lavina Phillips are now on contract.

Netball hosts high-performance camp



TWENTY-one Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athletes from across Australia

gathered at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) during NAIDOC Week 2017 for Netball Australia's inaugural Indigenous High-Performance Camp.

From July 7-9, the group were mentored by netball royalty, including former Aboriginal Diamonds representatives Marcia Ella-Duncan OAM, Sharon Finnan-White OAM, and Australian Diamonds Coach Lisa Alexander.

The Northern Territory was strongly represented with

athletes, coaches and support staff making the trip to Canberra.

Athletes Bethany Williams, Courtney Summers, Gabrielle Coffey and Monique Chong learned from some of the best coaches in Australia, including Netball NT's pathways manager Gillian Lee, Netball NT's community development manager Haylee Gillies and Netball NT board member and One Netball ambassador Leanne Bugg.

Beryl Friday and Dominique Scott, import players for the Netball NT's ANL team, Territory Storm were also at the camp.

The camp was one of many initiatives implemented since 2015 that aims to increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander participation in netball.

Netball Australia CEO Marne Fechner said the camp provided an opportunity for athletes, staff and coaches in high-performance pathways to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athletes.

Netball Australia said the uniform for all athletes and support team was based on a design by Indigenous artist Sarrita King.

Two Victorian girls at the camp were from sporting royalty — Charisma Wanganeen, 18, of Dandenong, is a niece of AFL star Gavin Wanganeen, while Zali Mifsud, 18, of Cheltenham, is the daughter of former AFL Diversity chief Jason Mifsud.



● LEFT: Victorian netballers Charisma Wanganeen, left, and Zali Mifsud wears the uniform the girls wore at Netball Australia's Indigenous High-Performance Camp. The uniform was designed by Indigenous woman Sarrita King.

Knockout delegates' meeting called



A NSW Aboriginal Rugby League knockout delegates' meeting will be held in Sydney on Saturday, July 29.

It will be held at the Community Centre in The Block, Redfern, starting at 11am.

Redfern All Blacks spokesman Deal Widders has encouraged all intending teams to be represented at the meeting.

Widders also cautioned teams to get in their entries as early as possible.

"We'll probably have the same number of teams as in past years, but it pays to get in early with nominations," he said.

He also urged fans to book

their accommodation early.

"Sydney can be busy at that time of the year, so it's best to book now," he said.

The Knockout will be held at Leichhardt Oval, starting on Friday, September 29, and ending on Monday, October 2.

Widders said organisers were close to naming the venue for the gala evening and Knockout draw to be held on Wednesday, September 27.

He said this year's Knockout would be more compact than last year's, with the three playing fields at Leichhardt Oval almost adjoining each other.

He said the July 29 delegates' meeting would discuss general business and reports would be given on progress in planning.

Widders told the *Koori Mail*

everything was proceeding smoothly.

He urged potential stallholders to contact Knockout organisers.

Stallholders can email redfernallblacks@gmail.com

Widders said updates on planning for the Knockout would be given through the *Koori Mail* and NITV.

He said an important development this year was the Redfern All Blacks joining the National Rugby League's State of Mind – an initiative aimed at confronting mental illness and wellbeing.

He wanted to see this initiative spread throughout Indigenous communities.

"We want this to become a statewide initiative as it can bring good outcomes," he said.



Dean Widders



The Australian Indigenousroos training squad.



The elite Australian Indigenous Koalas training squad.

First steps to big stage



MORE than 50 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soccer players have showcased their talents in Sydney's Blacktown International Sports

Complex.

They were taking part in trials to choose inaugural men's and women's teams to compete on tour on the international stage.

The trials involved about 50 players.

Football Federation Australia Indigenous football director Lawrence Gilbert said the trials were to springboard off the successful

showcase of youthful talent at the National Indigenous Football Championships held at Nowra, on the NSW South Coast, last year.

"There is a deep well of talent in local communities and in local competitions that needs to be explored and unveiled," Gilbert said.

The players descended on Blacktown, home to the Western Sydney Wanderers, to vie for selection to represent their country and wear the green and gold.

They came from South Australia, Victoria, ACT, Queensland, Northern

Territory and NSW.

Supporters of the elite program included the Johnny Warren Football Foundation, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, Football NSW, the Western Sydney Wanderers and Football Federation Australia.

Gilbert emphasised that "a new conversation" was happening around sport and self-determination and the international tour was a platform to give it voice.

"This is an opportunity to create a pathway to give Indigenous athletes every

chance to excel and represent their communities, the code and their country," he said.

Former professional footballers, and national representative footballers Craig Foster and Andy Harper coached the sides in preparation for competitions against formidable footballing nations and Indigenous teams from around the world.

The Australian Indigenous coaching team says it is looking for a new flavour, style and expression of footballing talent and look to showcase this into the mainstream arena



Australian futsalroos representative Lachlan Wright controls the ball with the opposition looming.



Torres Strait Islander Rocci Gabey, from Murray Island, takes part in the trials.



FFA Indigenous football director Lawrence Gilbert

City2Surf is next



PORT Macquarie runner Zane Sparke was the fastest of the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) athletes who contested the Gold Coast Half-

Marathon. Tara Liddy (Alice Springs) was the fastest of the six female runners.

The 12 IMP runners are halfway through their preparation for the 2017 New York Marathon in November and the Gold Coast Half-Marathon was a challenging test as the team builds towards New York.

The challenge was for the runners to push themselves a little bit harder and faster.

Under clear blue skies, in an atmosphere buzzing with anticipation, the squad set off on their longest run yet through the city streets in their first experience of a world-class premier road race.

Geelong's April Barry, who slipped off her shoes at the 9km mark and ran the rest of the way in her socks, was the second IMP women to finish in 1:55.42.

Liddy's time was 1:51.07.

For Indigenous Marathon Foundation



The 2017 New York Marathon IMP squad at the Gold Coast Expo.

(IMF) director Rob de Castella, the second IMP camp of the year was a resounding success.

"All 12 IMP squad members demonstrated incredible strength and courage to finish the Gold Coast Half-Marathon," he said.

"Most had never been in any fun run, let alone one of the biggest running

marathon events in Australia. This is an important part of their physical and mental preparation for the New York City Marathon, now just four months away.

"It was hard, and they had to push through the pain, learn to judge their pace, and handle the huge crowds and nerves.

"The next camp is the Sydney

City2Surf, is in four weeks, and they will continue their hard training.

"Bring it on."

As well as running the half marathon, the squad received instruction in their Certificate IV in Sport and Recreation and spent time with 14 IMP graduates who offered advice and inspiration for the journey ahead.

Graduates at the camp included Jack Wilson, star of soon-to-air Channel Nine action show Australian Ninja Warrior, Harriet David, who ran the Paris Marathon earlier this year, and Charlie Maher, the first man to run the New York City Marathon in 2010.

Gold Coast Half-Marathon men: Zane Sparke (Port Macquarie) 1:34:36, Tj Cora (Cairns) 1:36:22, Luke Reidy (Perth) 1:48:50, Roy Tilmouth (Alice Springs) 1:50:54, Scott Cox (Broome) 2:00:27, Layne Brown (Shellharbour) 2:47:50.

Women: Tara Liddy (Alice Springs) 1:51:07, April Barry (Geelong) 1:55:42, Allirra Winmar (Perth) 1:58:28, Natasha Shires (Karratha) 2:16:29, Maletta Seriat (Thursday Island) 2:16:30, Cara Smith (Queanbeyan) 2:49:24.

Christian, Gardner to lead UK tours

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coming through the talent pathway," Chappell said.

"Now, more than 60 male and female indigenous cricketers are playing First XI Premier cricket and several are having an impact in the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) and men's Big Bash League (BBL).

"All players who have been selected in these squads are not only great cricketers, but also strong Indigenous role models who will inspire the next generation of Dan Christians and Ashleigh Gardners."

Cricket Australia executive general manager, game and market development, Andrew Ingleton said: "Cricket Australia is committed to deepening our engagement with Indigenous people and Indigenous communities.

"Over the past four years we have seen participation numbers for Indigenous Australians increase from just 8,000 in 2013 to more than 50,000 today."

Busy August

The men's squad will play a series of matches in late August against a Queensland XI, Papua New Guinea and the National Performance Squad, while the women's squad will take part in a high-performance camp from August 5-11 at Brisbane's National Cricket Centre.

The 2017 National Indigenous squad (women): Ashleigh Gardner (captain - NSW), Carly Fuller (Qld), Christina Coulson (Qld), Clodagh Ryall (Qld), Emily Martin (Bowden), (WA), Emma Manix-Geeves (Tas), Hannah Darlington (NSW), Haylee Hoffmeister (NSW), Jacinda Goodger-Chandler (Vic), Jemma Astley

(NSW), Kavita Pepper (WA), Maddison Greenhalgh (NSW), Marinda Hale (Vic), Molly Ward (Vic), Natalie Plane (Vic), Roxanne Van-Veen (NSW), Sally Moylan (NT), Samara Williams (WA), Sara Darney (NSW), Zoe Fleming (NSW).

2017 National Indigenous squad (men): Dan Christian (Captain - Vic), Alex Melville (Qld), Ben Abbatangelo (Vic), Brendan Smith (NSW), Brendan Doggett (Qld), Cameron Trask (Qld), Damon Egan (Vic), Dane Ugle (WA), D'Arcy Short (WA), Jonte Pattison (NSW), Joshua Lalor (NSW), Liam Ward (Tas), Nathan Price (NSW), Nick Boland (Vic), Rhys Ward (Tas), Ryan Lees (Tas), Sam Doggett (Qld), Scott Boland (Vic), Zac Chapman (NT).

Victorian delight

Cricket Victoria could not hide its delight with the representation of their players in the two teams.

Captain Dan Christian will lead fellow Victorian Ben Abbatangelo, who captained Victoria to their first National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) title in February, as well as Damon Egan and the Boland brothers.

Nick Boland was part of the triumphant Victorian NICC side in February, taking three crucial wickets in the grand final win, while Scott took 29 wickets in another successful Sheffield Shield season for the Bushrangers.

Cricket Victoria also said the women's Indigenous squad also featured a strong line-up of Victorians - Jacinda Goodger-Chandler, Merinda Hale, Molly Ward and Natalie Plane.

"This is a proud moment for the four young women who have been members of Cricket Victoria's

Indigenous Cricket Development Program - Noogal Toengorrt Tani - for over five years," Cricket Victoria said.

Plane was named the Melbourne Stars community rookie for the inaugural season of the WBBL before earning a contract with the Melbourne Renegades for WBBL/02.

Victorian Aboriginal Cricket Advisory Committee (VIC ACAC)

co-chair Belinda Duarte said: "The nine Victorian representatives of the National Indigenous squads represent different Aboriginal communities from all over Australia.

"As Victorians and members of the Noogal Toengorrt Tani family, it is only fitting to celebrate the achievements of these accomplished cricketers during NAIDCO Week."



Dan Christian
Picture:
Peter Argent



Ashleigh
Gardner
Picture:
Getty



Greg Chappell, left, and Jason Gillespie check out the names of the Australian Indigenous cricket captains Dan Christian and Ashleigh Gardner, newly added to the honour board in the foyer at the National Cricket Centre in Brisbane.



Damien Hooper lands a right on target in his World Boxing Organisation title fight challenge against Russian Umar Salamov at Lang Park, Brisbane, on July 2.
Picture: Getty

Back on course



DAMIEN Hooper's redemption is back on track after his shock win over Russian Umar Salamov in a light-heavyweight fight on the Manny Pacquiao-Jeff Horn undercard on Sunday, July 2.

News Ltd said Top Rank promoter Bob Arum immediately met with Queensland's Hooper after his upset victory at Lang Park and wanted him to fight in the United States as early as August.

Hooper defeated World Boxing Organisation (WBO) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) International light-heavyweight champion Umar Salamov 96-94 on all three judges' cards, taking the Russian's belts and his top 10 world rankings.

It was Salamov's first defeat of his 20-fight career, and Hooper moved to 13-1 and some potentially huge bouts down the road including against the best boxer on the planet – WBA super world light heavyweight and IBF and WBO world light heavyweight champion Andre Ward.

"Ward is a superstar, everything you strive to be like, but when it comes to skills I match him," Hooper told News Corp Australia.

Thomas fight delayed

SHAUN Thomas' fight against Irish-born Victorian lightweight champion Gaige Ireland has been moved from July 21 to August 4.

Thomas, who unsuccessfully challenged for the Victorian super featherweight title in April last year, will challenge for the lightweight title at the Melbourne Pavilion at Flemington.

Tasmanian-born Victorian Thomas has a 4-3-0 professional record that

started with successive losses in 2008.

He lost on points against Sam Williams for the vacant Victorian super featherweight title in April 2016, but two months later scored a 10th-round TKO win over Williams, with two of the judges having Thomas a clear leader while the third judge had Williams well ahead.

Thomas has had one fight since then, beating Jesse Bailey on points last April 22.

"He's just smart and he's been there. He's got a boxing brain.

"I've just got to get there, get the experience, be in the wars in training and sparring and I can match him – I can match anyone.

"I feel confident in my ability. I've got natural ability, it showed today. He doesn't have my natural ability or my hand speed. Imagine with a bit more experience and training... I believe I can do anything."

Hooper, 25, outworked Salamov with

busy bodywork and sharp combinations, stepping up his intensity in the 10th and final round to rubber stamp his victory.

It was a remarkable moment for a man who was in jail a little over 12 months ago.

"The first thing I could think of was my son. He is the reason I wanted to do so well," Hooper said.

"All the hard work, I think about him and his future, and that's just motivated me to be a better man and made me more mature.

"That's why I was a complete athlete out there.

"Everything came together. I thank (trainer) Gareth Williams for going over the game plan. I stuck to everything he set out and got the job done."

When the WBO and IBF ratings come out this week, Hooper is expected to be ranked in the top 10 in both and possibly as high as No 5.

That will put him in the mix to fight the biggest names in the division including Ward, Sergey Kovalev and Adonis Stevenson.

All three judges gave Hooper the fight 96-94 or 6-4 in rounds.

With Jeff Horn's cutman Stephen Edwards working overtime in Hooper's corner, the 2012 Olympian boxed well on the back move for most of the fight, flashing fast jabs and looping right hands.

He sealed victory with a dominating performance in the last round against a powerful but ponderous opponent who was aiming at a world title shot after 19 straight wins.

Salamov is coached in Las Vegas by Kiwi Olympian Kevin Barry, who also trains WBO heavyweight champ Joseph Parker.

Hooper, 25, says his frequent brushes with the law are a thing of the past.



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World stage awaits Super Hooper



SUDDENLY doors will open for Australian light-heavyweight boxer Damien Hooper and he looks set to take his professional career to

levels that 12 months ago appeared well out of reach.

Last year Hooper was sentenced to four months in jail for a one-punch attack on a man in Toowoomba.

The attack occurred in June, 2016, after the man went to the assistance of Hooper's pregnant de facto partner after he heard the couple arguing in the street.

Hooper later appeared in custody to plead guilty to assault occasioning bodily harm and to breaching a domestic violence order relating to his partner.

At the time of the incident, Hooper had been on parole for a previous assault and had spent six months in custody since his return to prison on June 19 last year, the court heard.

Earlier, Hooper's rising professional boxing career hit an unexpected obstacle when he lasted just 21 seconds in a fight against underdog Rob Powdrill in November, 2014.

Fast forward to Sunday, July 2, and Hooper steps into the ring against the previously unbeaten Russian Umar Salamov in a light-heavyweight contest on the Manny Pacquiao-Jeff Horn world title fight card at Lang Park, Brisbane.

Ten rounds later, Hooper is declared a unanimous points winner and his career is back on track.

The offers are expected to flow in and lucrative fights on the international stage seems certain.

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Damien Hooper celebrates after outpointing Russian Umar Salamov of Russia in their WBO title fight at Lang Park, Brisbane, on July 2. Picture: Getty

Gardner, Christian to lead tours of UK



ASHLEIGH Gardner and Dan Christian have been named the National Indigenous captains ahead of next year's tours of the United Kingdom by

Australian men's and women's Indigenous cricket teams.

Cricket Australia also announced the extended female and male Indigenous squads for the upcoming

high-performance camps and matches in preparation for next year's tour of the UK.

The men's squad contains three sets of brothers: the Ward twins, Liam and Rhys, from Tasmania, Sam and Brendan Doggett, from Queensland, and Nick and Scott Boland, from Victoria.

This is the first time the Bolands have been selected in the same cricket squad.

Remarkably, all six players are fast bowlers.

Christian's and Gardner's achievements have been acknowledged with their names engraved on the honour board in the foyer of the National Cricket Centre alongside the likes of Meg Lanning and Steve Smith.

The naming of the extended squads is the first step on the road to the 2018 tour of the United Kingdom for the men's and women's Indigenous teams as they commemorate the 150th anniversary of the 1868 Aboriginal team that became the first

sporting team from Australia to tour internationally.

In naming the squad last week, Cricket Australia national talent manager Greg Chappell reflected on the rapidly increasing pool of Indigenous players performing at high levels all over the country.

"In recent years we have seen a noticeable rise in Indigenous cricketers

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