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Torres Strait fisherman Joseph Billy is a worried man. He says he is seeing more land disappearing from Masig (Yorke Island), where he lives, every year. Mr Billy was one of many people to air their concerns over the impact of climate change and rising sea levels to Oxfam Australia officials who visited the Torres Strait this month. See our coverage on page 22.



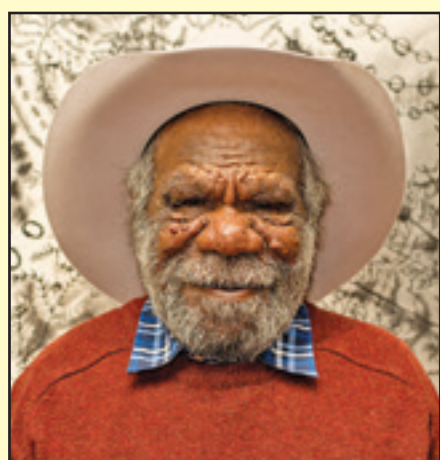
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THIS is a picture of me at the Victorian NAIDOC awards, with my daughter Kukkiki Ellis and her partner Josh Calyun (on the left), and my grandson Steven Glasby-Ellis.

This year Steven was nominated for Mr NAIDOC and I was named Patron of NAIDOC – I was overwhelmed, grateful and shocked.

We love NAIDOC. It's very important to us. It's an opportunity to instil the importance of keeping our culture and to educate people about our strength and our resilience as First Nations people.

I was born in Casino, northern NSW. We came down to Melbourne with Mum to go tobacco picking at Myrtleford. It was 1974 and the little country town where we stopped on the way thought we were blow-ins from Cyclone Tracy.

Then Mum passed and we stayed with our uncle in Melbourne.

Melbourne has embraced our family, we are a big, well-known family in the community of Melbourne now.

I go back home for holidays but I would never leave Melbourne – it's my home now.

I fret for my family when I'm away. I have

a lot of grannies and I play sports with them and still play netball in carnivals.

I am a mother of six and grandmother to 25. That includes my sister Stormy's grandchildren – she passed away so her grandchildren are mine too. I became a great grandmother for the first time this year – that was the highlight of my year, and there's another one coming along soon.

We're all clowns – easy come, easy go – always see the funny side of things. Laughter is our medicine – that's why I am a comedian.

We are also sports and health minded.

I'm an Aboriginal health worker at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service where we promote good health in a comedic way – whether it's about giving up smoking or bowel cancer.

I aim to plant the seed of good health in my grandchildren. They come on runs with me. I play netball and football, and I go training with my grandsons.

Of my six siblings, four of them passed away before they reached 50.

I want to be here for my children, my grandchildren and my community members.

– As told to Jillian Mundy

OUR CHILDREN



AJ Ferguson, Josh Gordon and Shane McKay enjoy the Rivers Secondary College Lismore High campus NAIDOC event in northern NSW. For heaps more NAIDOC pictures and coverage, see pages 34-40.

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Great Vibes rock Vietnam



Kristian Benton and the Yidaki Vibes Dancers perform at the International Fireworks Festival in Da Nang, Vietnam.



Aboriginal culture at the International Fireworks Festival in Da Nang, Vietnam. Over the past seven years, Mr Benton has

DIDGERIDOO performer Kristian Benton and the Yidaki Vibes Dancers have shared some

performed all over the world, including on television in the United Arab Emirates.

The Wiradjuri man has travelled to the 2012 World Expo, South Korea, South Africa, Mongolia and China, and earlier this year, along with the Yidaki Vibes Dancers, was invited to represent Australia at the

International Fireworks Festival.

They performed with the Australian fireworks team in front of more than 30,000 people, and the performance was televised live to more than 20 million.

Mr Benton said the performance in Vietnam was one of the highlights of his career, as his daughters Ella and Arden

performed with him, along with Indigenous dancers Mitch Barker, Thomas Ferguson, Shailara Munro, Malakai Troutman, Codi Denham and Star Denham.

Mr Benton and the dancers also took part in Da Nang's International Street Parade, dancing and playing didge across the city and in an interactive

performance at Asia Park.

He said his achievements would not have been possible without the support of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Create NSW and the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, as well as the help of Gloria Mercy's choreography and dedication to the Yidaki Vibes.

Just three years for killing Elijah



ELIJAH Doughty's family had no words when they heard the penalty a white man would receive for killing their boy – three years, with time served, and eligible for parole in February.

The man, who cannot be named for legal reasons, ran over and killed 14-year-old Elijah, while he rode a stolen motorcycle in Western Australia's Goldfields region.

The 56-year-old man, who had reported the motorcycle missing the evening before, admitted dangerous driving occasioning death but pleaded not guilty to manslaughter, arguing the boy suddenly swerved in front of his car.

The jury, which had no Aboriginal members, reached a majority verdict of not guilty to manslaughter after six-and-a-half hours.

The man was chasing Elijah with his high-powered ute on an uneven and boggy track at Gribble Creek in Boulder, near Kalgoorlie, on August 29 last year.

While he did not testify in court, at the time the man told police he didn't intend to hit Elijah.

"Normal circumstances I would not be driving like that but then again normal

circumstances I would not be trying to catch up with a motorbike that I know, I think, is mine, and hoping that the rider would go into the bush and fall off," he said.

"I was not fishtailing, I was not out of control, but I was close to the motorbike in the car and when he veered into me I could not stop. I would say at that stage that wasn't safe.

"I'm not blaming anyone ... I just wanted my kids' motorbike. It was in a locked container in our yard with two dogs with it.

"I didn't steal the car I was in, I didn't do a criminal act, except now I am being charged with a criminal act."

Outrage

There was outrage outside the Kalgoorlie Courthouse when the man first appeared last August and police chose not to charge him with murder.

The Supreme Court of WA heard during his trial that the small 70cc motorcycle didn't have sentimental value to him but another one that was stolen from his property did.

The teenager, who wasn't wearing a helmet, tumbled under the car after the impact and died instantly from severe injuries to his neck, chest, pelvis and right leg, a fractured skull and bruised lungs.

Footage of the crash scene played during the trial showed the small motorcycle smashed into pieces, the boy's shoes had flung off his feet in the impact, a tyre mark on the bumper of the ute, damage to the undercarriage of the vehicle and a long trail of oil leading to where it stopped.

The vision caused family members to leave the court weeping.

The man conceded he had been driving too close and didn't have time to stop, admitting that was unsafe.

Protesters shouted, "No justice! No peace!" outside the Perth court, where there was a heavy police presence.

Noongar Elder Ben Taylor said: "If he was a white kid there would have been an uproar, but when a black kid gets killed by a whitefella, there's no law."

About 200 protesters took to Kalgoorlie's streets after the verdict, but locals said it was a peaceful march.

Family members who remained for the sentencing scoffed at the term, saying it was inadequate. The maximum penalty for the offence is 10 years. – *With AAP*

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Shackled on life support, says family



THE family of a NSW Aboriginal man claim he was shackled to a bed while on life support just a day

before he died in custody. Eric Whittaker, a 35-year-old Kamilaroi man, was in hospital with head injuries when his family visited him the day before he died on July 4, NSW Greens MP David Shoebridge says.

He was reportedly unconscious at the time but still chained to his hospital bed.

The hospital visit was the first time the family had learned of his injuries, Mr Shoebridge said.

Mr Whittaker was a "good-hearted boy", his aunt Diane Whittaker told Fairfax media on Wednesday.

"We've been statistics in this country for too long," she said.

Mr Whittaker's death is now being investigated by the coroner.

Corrective Services NSW expressed "deep sympathy" to the family and friends of the man in a statement.

"All deaths in custody are investigated by the Corrective Services NSW investigation unit and NSW Police and a report is prepared for the Coroner who conducts an inquest," the statement said.

Police aren't treating the death as suspicious. – *AAP*

Exhibition confronts history



IN the *Blood Red* exhibition, a blackened gallery space is studded with recessed keyholes that allow visitors to

view 14 photographs of brutal events recreated by contemporary artist Greg Semu.

The exhibition, now on at Cairns Art Gallery, is a collaboration between Semu, fellow artist and Kaantju traditional owner Naomi Hobson and the community of Coen.

Along with 20 Coen residents who acted as cast and crew, Semu spent seven weeks recreating confronting historical images he discovered during research into Australia's frontier wars. After recreating the images, Semu and the community then reconstructed some of the events, reimagining the past and its consequences.

The result is an exhibition that is confronting and a direct challenge to colonisers' accounts of Australian history.

Semu has produced photographs in which he inverts the past. Enslaved Aboriginal prisoners are unchained, and the roles of the black and white protagonists are reversed.

Video footage is also on display of interviews with Coen Elders, as well as images of



History inverted: Greg Semu's *Native Police Tracker Hut 2* from the *Blood Red* series now on display at Cairns Art Gallery.

traditional fire burning around Coen, symbolising destroying evidence while giving promise to a new and hopeful future.

The exhibition is one of three exhibitions initiated by the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) for the 2017 Cairns

Indigenous Art Fair program and will be on display until September 17. The other exhibitions now on are a major

solo display by contemporary artist Daniel Boyd and an exhibition of contemporary Torres Strait lei.

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Yami Lester dead at 75



YAMI Lester (Poppa Yami), Yankunytjatjara leader and Elder, land rights and anti-nuclear campaigner, died

on July 21, aged 75.

He was born in the early 1940s at Walkintjanu Creek, an outstation on Granite Downs Station in the far north of South Australia.

When the atomic bomb went off at Emu Field (the first test on the Australian mainland), Mr Lester was about 10 and throughout his life would retell with clarity and sadness of his family being blanketed in the toxic fallout and the sickness and death that followed.

As a stockman and skilled horseman, he spent his early years working on pastoral properties across SA until losing his eyesight as a teenager and later becoming blind – the consequence of dust from the nuclear bomb.

Mr Lester was a member of the Aboriginal Advancement League, and was drawn to social work assisting families in need with health and education during work with the United Mission. Together with the late



The late Yami Lester

Reverend Jim Downing, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Institute for Aboriginal Development in Alice Springs and the Pitjantjatjara Land Council.

As a professional interpreter and cultural broker Mr Lester worked in the law courts, making sure the voices of Anangu (Aboriginal people) were understood.

He made it his life's work to campaign locally, nationally and internationally for the clean-up of Maralinga following the nuclear atomic bomb testing by the British in the 1950s and 60s, for a royal commission and for

compensation for destruction and contamination of country and the dispossession of Anangu. His efforts were rewarded with the remediation of country as well as financial compensation for Maralinga Tjarutja peoples.

For several decades, supported by his children, Mr Lester continued a campaign against nuclear weapons as well as plans for a nuclear waste dump in SA.

Earlier this year he welcomed the decision by the Federal Government to offer a gold card for health care for those affected by radiation fallout at Maralinga – but said it was too little too late.

Mr Lester was a land rights campaigner, active in the handback of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands (APY Lands) in South Australia to traditional owners as freehold title, as well as the return of Uluru and Kata Tjuta to traditional owners in 1985.

A father and grandfather, Mr Lester retired to his traditional lands at Walatina Station, near Marla in the state's far north, which will be his final resting place.

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Traditional burns a hot topic

By JILLIAN MUNDY



WHILE big flames might shout 'fire', there were none to be seen at the 2017 National Indigenous Fire

Workshop, held in Cape York this month, because that is not what traditional burning is about.

Traditional burns are low intensity or 'cool' burns conducted at the right time of year, where white smoke dissipates at the tree canopy, the burns protect and revive country, and reduce wildfire frequency and severity. It requires intimate knowledge of the specific country, the plants, the animals, the soil and the seasons.

The aim of the workshop, the ninth of its kind, was to regain knowledge and restart traditional burning practices.

It was attended by about 140 people, from Cape Barren (Tasmania) to Cape York (north Queensland): Aboriginal land managers and rangers, traditional owners, representatives from government land management agencies, state fire authorities, land management businesses, non-Aboriginal land users, and one politician.

For three days participants were immersed in regaining and sharing hands-on knowledge of fire practices, networking and being treated to the culture and country of workshop hosts, the Balnggarrawarra



Land managers and traditional owners from Cape Barren to Cape York were among the participants at the National Indigenous Fire Workshop, held in Cape York. Pictured here, at each end, are Truwana rangers Colin J Hughes and Fiona Maher, with Muuhnthiwarra man David Ross from Laura's Greenteam, and Balnggarrawarra (Melsonby) ranger Rodenta Burns.

Gaarraay (Melsonby) traditional owners.

The country there includes one of the largest collections of rock art in the world. Participants visited amazing rock art galleries and also one that was blackened and destroyed by wildfire only a few years ago. Although they have not been dated, it is likely that the galleries were protected by traditional burning that prevented wildfires for thousands of years.

Cape Barren Island volunteer fire brigade chief Shayne Maher

attended the workshop at the invitation of the Truwana Rangers from Cape Barren. They had attended the previous year's workshop and wanted him to gain the understanding they had and, in turn, his support to reintroduce traditional burning.

Different mindset

Mr Maher said he was returning home with a completely different mindset.

"When they went last year, I thought they won't learn

anything from it," he said.

"But as I made the trip this year, I found myself totally wrong."

Mr Maher has no doubt traditional burning can benefit his country back home.

"I have a more cultural attitude toward fires now," he said.

He will encourage his fire brigade peers to also learn about Indigenous fire practices.

Tasmanian Aboriginal man Ben Sculthorpe, who heads up the Weetapoon Aboriginal Corporation which manages a

large sheep station on Bruny Island, also had his views on fire management turned on their head as a result of the workshops.

"Most of the stuff that is in our current plan is agency-based on fuel reduction and safety-based and does not take into account any cultural or traditional values," he said.

"It was all developed in an office based on Western science; none of it had been developed on country."

The story of the Djelk Rangers from Maningrida (NT), who attended the workshop for the first time, is different, and gives hope to their peers around the country.

They consider themselves 'lucky'. Having escaped the colonial interruption to many of their practices, their burning traditions have been allowed to continue.

These days they combine traditional burning methods with some newer technologies and are part of the Savanna Fire Management Emissions Reduction Fund, which helps fund rangers to continue the burns. It benefits their people as well as government land managers and pastoralists, and the planet because it reduces greenhouse emissions.

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● **Jillian Mundy travelled to Cape York and attended the conference as a guest of Truwana Rangers.**

Council report seeks voice to Parliament



THE Referendum Council's final report, which has been made public, has called for a representative body

to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people a voice to the Federal Parliament.

The report also recommends a 'Declaration of Recognition' to unify Australians, which would sit outside the Constitution.

Referendum Council co-chair Pat Anderson said Indigenous people have made it clear they want substantive reform that makes a real difference to their lives.

"It's now up to the politicians to decide whether they respect the process we've undertaken and will work with us in good faith to advance the recommendations," she said.

The design and function of the advisory body would be set out by legislation, which means the Parliament would define how it is set up, and how it operates.

Referendum Council co-chair Mark Leibler said while the council had been mindful of the inquiries into constitutional recognition that preceded its work, it was the representative body that

resounded most with Indigenous people.

"We still need to flesh out the details of how a constitutionally enshrined representative body would operate," he said.

"The detail we already have should be enough for people to embrace the idea as simple, moderate and unifying.

"There is no suggestion that the body would have power of veto on proposed legislation."

In addition to the two main recommendations, the Uluru Statement called for the establishment of a Makarrata Commission, which will supervise agreement-making and facilitate a process of local and regional truth-telling.

The Uluru Statement Working Group welcomed the council's report, and said it was particularly pleased with the recommendation for a voice to Parliament be entrenched in the Constitution.

Co-chair Suzanne Thompson said the group acknowledged the recommendation is in line with the consensus at Uluru.

The group is reaching out to voters to encourage support for the referendum, and to Indigenous groups, to call for unity.

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council has also given its support

to the council's final report.

Chair Roy Ah-See said the report endorsed the position of delegates at the Uluru Convention in May.

"Through a Makarrata, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples can negotiate as equal partners on our shared future," he said.

"We now have a historic opportunity to place future generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the driver's seat of our great nation.

"Australia cannot afford to miss this opportunity to heal the scars of the past and move forward with First Nations peoples towards a shared journey based on respect, truth-telling and true equality."

"Big changes"

Opposition Leader Bill Shorten said he was also optimistic about the proposal. "They are big changes," he said. "I do not believe they are beyond us."

Others were not so convinced that the report would amount to real change for Indigenous people, including Aboriginal Labor politicians Linda Burney and Patrick Dodson.

Ms Burney said she was disappointed the report did not recommend any changes to

the 'archaic' race powers in the Constitution.

"Somehow or other we've got to find the magic formula of meeting the aspirations of Aboriginal people," she said.

Ms Burney said the report was "limited", and doubted that the referendum would occur next year, as she had hoped it would.

"I think we are on a path that it is further away than I anticipated," she said.

Labor senator Patrick Dodson also said the Referendum Council handing down just one recommendation to change the Constitution had made things hard.

"I don't think we've got a clear line of sight as to whether any constitutional change is going to take place or not," he said.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull described the voice to Parliament recommendation as a "big idea", but short on detail. "We do not want to embark – I'm sure none of us do – in some sort of exercise of heroic failure," he said.

Others were more direct, with Sovereign Union's Michael Anderson saying dissenting voices were silenced during the process, and Tasmanian lawyer Michael Mansell describing the report as "disappointingly weak".

"The Referendum Council failed

to understand the resolve of constructive and organised grassroots resistance," Mr Anderson said.

"We will continue to make our decisions our way and now it is up to the individual First Nations and Peoples to come up with their own pathways forward, and we can win out through a national unified approach."

Clayton Simpson, one of the delegates who walked out of the Uluru Convention, said the recommendations in the report would amount to a "dud deal".

"This is further disempowering our people and does not respect our distinct sovereign status as First Nation's peoples, as we are quite capable of governing ourselves, and given the appropriate resources, through reparations, we will close the gap that (the Government) love to ramble on about," he said.

Mr Simpson said the Declaration of Recognition recommendation is simply a tick in the "symbolism box".

"It provides no rights to our people and it ensures the status quo remains in check in order to keep business as usual," he said.

– With AAP
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2017 Archibald Prize finalists named



Archibald Prize final entries: left, Anh Do's portrait of Aboriginal actor Jack Charles; above, Tony Albert's *Self-portrait (ash on me)*; and right, Vincent Namatjira's *Self-portrait on Friday*.

Three Aboriginal artists in running



THREE self-portraits by Aboriginal artists have been chosen as finalists in Australia's most

prestigious portrait competition, the 2017 Archibald Prize, opening at the Art Gallery of NSW on July 29.

Tjungkara Ken's *Kungkarangkalpa tjukurpa (Seven Sisters dreaming)*, Tony Albert's *Self-portrait (ash on me)* and Vincent Namatjira's *Self-portrait on Friday* are all in the running for the \$100,000 prize.

Non-Aboriginal artists Sophia Hewson and Anh Do also made the finals for their depictions of Aboriginal artist Richard Bell and Aboriginal actor Jack Charles, respectively.

Albert frequently uses his art to comment on the influence of 'Aboriginalia' in the construction of identity. It's a term he coined to describe depictions of Westernised stereotypes of Aboriginal culture – something he has collected since he was a child.

In this self-portrait *'ash on me'*, Albert inserts himself into an assemblage of ashtrays from his collection to personify what is often a generalised depiction of Aboriginal culture. In the painting, he examines what it means to stub out a cigarette on Aboriginal iconography, and the metaphoric symbolism attached to these items.

Namatjira is a Western Arrernte man from Ntaria (Hermannsburg) and the grandson of legendary artist Albert Namatjira. He began painting in 2012 and initially did traditional dot paintings, under the tutelage



Sophia Hewson's entry *Untitled (Richard Bell)*.

of his wife Natasha. In 2013, he started painting portraits.

"I've painted a picture of me on a Friday at the end of a tough but good week working in my studio at Iwantja Arts," he said.

"Painting is about fighting, really; it's a battle you have every day with the canvas and the paints. This painting shows how I feel at the end of the week when I've battled hard, and am now ready to spend time with my family.

"I usually paint world leaders and celebrities who are famous for making decisions that impact on us. So, this artwork is a bit different. It's more personal. I'm the one that has been making decisions on my canvases about the stories I want to share.

"I really wanted to find my own way with artmaking, the way my

grandfather found his way with landscape painting.

"Painting is in my blood. It's part of our family."

Tjungkara Ken said her entry in the Archibald this year is "a self-portrait through Kungkarangkalpa tjukurpa, the Seven Sisters dreaming – a self-portrait of my country. For Anangu, they are one and the same."

Important figure

Born in 1969, Ken is the youngest of nine children to artists Mick Wikilyiri and Paniny Mick from the Amata community in South Australia. She has been painting for more than 20 years and is an important figure in contemporary Indigenous art from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) region.

"When the ancestors painted

our tjukurpa (dreaming) on the caves and on their bodies, it was a celebration of our culture, a way of identifying people and places, and a way of continuing our stories," she said. "Today, we have new materials and ways but the celebration and commitment to tjukurpa and cultural identity is always the same.

"I hold my father's story. I hold my mother's story. It doesn't come out of paper or out of a book. It's coming out of the ground here."

Comedian, author and artist Anh Do said he had chosen Uncle Jack Charles as his subject because he was a "friend who's lived a big life".

"The first time I heard of him was in a newspaper article. It introduced him as 'esteemed actor, former heroin addict and jailbird, member of the Stolen

Generation, gay man and latter-day Indigenous activist'," Do said.

"Jack's face is full of character. I wanted the painting to capture his gravitas but also the loneliness that has been his constant companion. I mixed wet and semi-dried paint to create a texture that would evoke mountains and waterfalls, tree bark, fallen leaves, clouds and rain to encapsulate the beauty of the Australian landscape inside this beautiful man's face."

British-born finalist Sophia Hewson used her artist's statement about her portrait of Kamilaroi man, artist and activist Richard Bell to ask what it means to be participating in a prize that's never been awarded to a person of colour.

"What does white guilt look like? Do we live in a nation of roughly equal opportunity? Or do we live in a fantasy land, a cracked cartoon landscape brimming with fairytale myths of freedom and democracy?" she asked.

"For decades, artist and activist Richard Bell has worked to raise these difficult questions and to provocatively, intelligently and playfully challenge our conceptions.

"The Archibald Prize was named after the founding editor of a magazine *The Bulletin* known for its racist editorial declarations. From 1999 until 2005 the prize was sponsored by the Colonial Foundation Trust, and in 96 years 'we' have never awarded the prize to a person of colour. It's a situation for which this work is no remedy."

The exhibition will be on display from July 29 until October 22. Finalists will then tour regionally until October 2018.

Call for action on abuse of youth



THE Change the Record Coalition has called for a national response to end the abuse of children in detention, following

allegations of violence and mistreatment in ACT youth detention facilities.

The most recent reports add to a growing list of revelations of abuse of children in detention around Australia, including Queensland's Cleveland Youth Detention Centre, the Northern Territory's Don Dale Detention Centre and Victoria's Barwon Prison.

Change the Record co-chair Cheryl Axelby said the whistleblower reports from the ACT are extremely concerning, alleging over six years of violence inside the Bimberi Youth Detention Centre.

"These appalling accounts highlight an extremely concerning state of affairs for Australia's youth justice systems," she said.

"We urgently need federal leadership to shine a light on abuses in all jurisdictions, and immediate action to ensure the protection of all children in the justice system."

Co-chair Antoinette Braybrook said the overrepresentation of Indigenous children in detention was a national crisis that demands a national response.

"We call on the Prime Minister to urgently commit to developing justice targets, and working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to develop a national, holistic, whole-

of-government action plan," she said. "Governments at all levels must begin to focus on investing in effective early intervention, prevention and diversion programs."

"We need to focus on supporting, rather than punishing, our young people to maximise their chances of achieving their full potential."

Human rights lawyers have also expressed their alarm over the allegations.

Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (ALHR) vice-president Kerry Weste called for a review into the procedures and practices at Bimberi.

"If these allegations are accurate, there is clearly a very deep concern over long-standing systemic misconduct in the ACT's youth justice sector," she said.

"The allegations involve what would amount to incredibly disturbing human rights abuses against the most vulnerable people ... our children."

"The ACT Government must do all it can to ensure that any such systemic abuses are completely weeded out."

"Immediate steps must be taken to ensure our youth justice system complies with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention Against Torture and the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice."

ALHR ACT convener Sangeeta Sharmin called on people with more information to come forward by contacting the ACT Human Rights Commission.

New elected body to provide advice



THE seven new representatives of the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body have

been announced. For the next three years, Caroline Hughes, Katrina Fanning, Jo Chivers, Ross Fowler, Maurice Walker, Fred Monaghan and Jacob Keed will provide direct advice to the ACT Government to improve the lives of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

A record 25 candidates stood for election this year.

The ATSI Elected Body is the only organisation of its kind in Australia, and works with the ACT Government on policy for Indigenous people in the ACT.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith said the Government

looks forward to working with the new body on implementing the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2015-2018.

"During the next few months, I will start a conversation with the Elected Body and wider Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to develop a new agreement," she said.

"This conversation comes at an important time, as the Federal Government seeks to refresh the Closing the Gap framework, and the nation and our community debate constitutional recognition and a national representative voice."

"We are also closely watching the treaty and agreement-making processes currently underway in other jurisdictions."

"Only by working together can we close the gap that persists in too many areas."



Merinda Dryden is using her own experiences of foster care to reach out to other Aboriginal young people.

She's a model of motivation

By JILLIAN MUNDY



MERINDA Dryden is determined to live a life she describes as

"holding purpose".

She attributes her drive to a childhood growing up in foster care and marred by broken promises.

"It wasn't all happy days; it wasn't all miserable," Ms Dryden said of being moved around 12 different schools all over Victoria and even more foster homes.

"But it's made me want to push 10 times harder for the things I want to do."

"We'd have foster parents that said we would do this and do that, they would make a promise and never go through with it."

"Now when I say I am doing something, I can actually do it, for me, and not be let down by someone else."

And right now it's an exciting time for the young Yorta Yorta/Dja Dja Warrung woman, who this week is attending the World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education in Toronto, Canada, and then she anticipates being among a group of the first Aboriginal people to set foot on the

runways of São Paulo Fashion Week (SPFW), in Brazil next month.

Held in a country with one of the largest black populations on the globe, for years SPFW attracted criticism for its absence of black models. In 2009 organisers agreed to a quota of at least 10% of the models being 'black, African-descendant or indigenous'.

Ms Dryden and 11 other young Aboriginal women will model clothes from an Indigenous-inspired collection by Australian/Brazilian high-end designer Vanessa Moe.

"Not enough people internationally are aware of our culture," Ms Dryden said.

"Beauty"

"Fashion can showcase the beauty of Indigenous culture in a way that is different."

The bubbly and articulate 20-year-old, from Brunswick, who was crowned Victoria's 2017 Miss NAIDOC, has had an "occasional" modelling career, since her cousin encouraged her to respond to a model search flyer four years ago.

Behind the pretty face is a motivated young woman with an inspirational can-do attitude.

Growing up with non-Aboriginal carers Ms Dryden was disconnected from her

culture. "I always knew I was Aboriginal and I knew I was proud of who I am, but I didn't know what that meant, what it was to be Aboriginal," she said.

Moving to Melbourne's inner city in her teens she started spending more time with her biological uncle, Stan Dryden, and so began a journey to learn about her culture.

"Seeing the passion he has for Aboriginal culture, I could connect with it and know what it is to be Aboriginal," she said.

It was a springboard for her confidence and Ms Dryden wasted no time advocating for compulsory Aboriginal studies in school curriculums.

She now reaches out to other Aboriginal foster kids disconnected from their culture and rather than just dreaming of making this a career she is writing a business plan.

"It's a one-stop shop for mentoring, supporting Aboriginal kids in care and running cultural workshops, storytelling, healthy mind, body and spirit workshops," Ms Dryden said.

"And they could become close with other foster kids that are Aboriginal. It's something I didn't have but can one day provide to other Aboriginal kids."

"That's where more heart is."



Sista Girl writers Elena Carapetis and Alexis West.

Sista Girl looks at identity, grief and relationships



WHEN two strangers, a First Nations woman and an Italian-Australian woman, meet across the bed of a dying man, it sparks a difficult conversation about their past and their secrets.

These strangers, bonded by blood and grief, become sisters in *Sista Girl*, a new theatre production written by Alexis West and Elena Carapetis, which premieres in Perth on August 9.

It's the exploration of the relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal migrant Australians, via the story of two women who share a white father. About the women who were their mothers. And about why this man, their father, abandoned one family to make another.

It questions identity, grief and the complex nature of family.

Described as a raucous and powerful look at a search for identity, *Sista Girl* is Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company's first co-production with the State Theatre Company of South Australia.

Directed by Kyle J Morrison, and starring Sharni McDermott and Nadia Rossi, the play runs until August 19 at Subiaco Arts Centre. Matinee performances and a girls' night event will also be held.

Tickets cost from \$25 from Ticketek. Phone 1300 795 012 or visit <http://bit.ly/2t12OpW>

Senators visit KLC



KIMBERLEY Land Council (KLC) directors met with senators Jacqui Lambie (Tasmania) and Skye Kakoschke-Moore (South Australia, Nick Xenophon Team) at their quarterly board meeting in Kununurra last week.

The senators were in the region as part of a three-day tour of the East Kimberley, one of the three pilot sites for the cashless debit card which was introduced by the Coalition Government after a recommendation by billionaire miner Andrew Forrest.

The KLC board voiced its support for measures that assist people to overcome substance abuse, but had diverse views about any real benefits of the card following its roll-out in Kununurra and Wyndham.

KLC director Marianne Skeen raised concerns about the level of consultation with local communities before the roll-out.

"This card has been forced on communities with little or no consultation with the people who are most affected," she said.

"In Halls Creek, the Government tried to impose the scheme on the community before it was rejected by the shire.

"This is another example of governments making decisions for us, not with us."

Fellow KLC director Greg Tait questioned the decision to limit the trial to areas with a high proportion of Indigenous residents.



Senators Jacqui Lambie and Skye Kakoschke-Moore with KLC directors.

"Substance abuse is not just an Indigenous issue," he said.

"These problems affect all Australians from all walks of life.

"If the Government really wants to know if this card works and can make a difference they should target all types of communities."

Initially the Government said the pilot of the card would run for one year, but in March it extended the trial, despite an independent review showing that just 20% of participants

believed it made their lives better, with nearly half (49%) saying it had made their lives worse.

The review said evidence indicates that the debit card has had some minor success in reducing alcohol consumption, illegal drug use and gambling but that trial participants had limited awareness of local drug and alcohol support services, as well as financial and family support services.

The study found one in four participants

who drank reported consuming alcohol less frequently. Just under a third of gamblers in the trial reported reducing their habit, while 24% told of using illegal drugs less often.

The report also suggested that participants and their family members felt the overall level of humbugging had increased.

And crime in one of the other trial sites, Ceduna, South Australia, had increased significantly.

KLC chairman Anthony Watson said there remains no clear evidence of the card's success in the East Kimberley.

"This card is a band-aid solution, which does not go to the heart of addressing the real systemic issues of alcohol and drug abuse," Mr Watson said.

"Indigenous people make up just 3% of the Australian population. Yet time and again our people seem to bear the brunt of government policies and programs aimed at addressing issues that affect the entire Australian community."

The board also raised concerns about the lack of support services to help people reduce their dependence on alcohol or drugs, and have better financial management practices.

"Communities must be prepared well in advance for life changing policies," Mr Watson said. "This has been sorely lacking in Wyndham and Kununurra with the roll-out of the cashless debit card."



"A Group of Aborigines", 1952, Russell Drysdale with permission from NSW Art Gallery

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Men out to break hep-C stigma

By JILLIAN MUNDY



DON'T be ashamed to be screened or treated for hepatitis C. It is now curable in as little as eight weeks with the latest medicine, which is readily available in

Australia. That's the message Aboriginal health worker Aaron Everett and land manager Jarrod Edwards want to spread.

The two Tasmanian Aboriginal men, who will be speaking at the Second World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Viral Hepatitis in Alaska next month, want to break the stigma around viral hepatitis.

Mr Edwards is keen to share the journey of his own diagnosis, treatment and recovery from hep-C. "I want to encourage other Aboriginal people to get screened, and if they test positive have the treatment," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"The advances in the treatment have come a long way and the side-effects I got don't exist now."

Mr Edwards encouraged people to also talk about hep-C to break the stigma. He said he was shocked when an Aboriginal health check in 2006 returned positive results for the illness.

"I was an intravenous drug user at the time, but I was always really clean and careful with injecting equipment. I really don't know how I got it. The diagnosis hit me for a six," he said.

At first he did not seek treatment, attributing the reluctance to his lifestyle.

"It was a stigma thing. I felt dirty," he said. "It was a long journey though. It took me five years."

"It was the holistic, community approach of the Aboriginal health service that gave me the ability to begin my healing journey, which included working on country."

Mr Edwards said treatment at the time took 12 months and included weekly



Jarrod Edwards and Aaron Everett want to break the stigma around hepatitis C.

injections, daily pills, anti-depressants and regular visits to a psychiatrist.

There were also side-effects such as hair loss, fatigue to the point of passing out and very fragile and dry skin.

Mr Edwards has no doubt that without treatment he would be dead. "My liver would have packed it in," he said.

Mr Edwards is now cured and, coupled with his lifestyle changes, is proud to be a father and productive member of his community.

He also attributes his healing to the

support of his partner, Aboriginal health practitioner Candy Bartlett.

"I wanted to have a long-term relationship, a family, a home of our own and be able to come back and work on country," he said.

Don't hesitate

These days Mr Edwards urges people not to hesitate in seeking treatment.

"Don't be ashamed of it. It doesn't matter how you got it; just go and treat it," he says.

Mr Everett, one of the clinical team working with patients during screening and treatment for hepatitis C at the Aboriginal health service in Hobart, said people are often shamed about the virus.

"It's not a highly spoken about virus, because of the stigma on how it might have been contracted, often through sharing injecting equipment," he said.

Mr Everett wants people to be open about being screened and treated, to help break the stigma surrounding viral hepatitis and in turn help eliminate it.

"Come in and be checked. Don't be ashamed. It's not a death sentence," he said. "But it's a different story if left untreated, especially when combined with an unhealthy lifestyle or other health issues it can be an extra burden, yet can be totally cured."

New direct-acting antiviral medicines which were added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) last year have revolutionised hep-C treatment by increasing the cure rate to close to 100% and reducing treatment duration and side-effects.

Viral hepatitis is usually transmitted through the re-use of contaminated injecting equipment. It can be spread through unscreened blood transfusions and inadequate sterilisation of medical equipment (highly unlikely in Australia these days). It can also be transmitted sexually, from mother to child and through contaminated sharp grooming equipment.

People with hepatitis can be unaware, and unknowingly pass on the virus.

The conference Mr Edwards and Mr Everett are attending aims to ensure Indigenous communities around the world are given the same access to prevention, testing and treatment as other people.

The World Hepatitis Alliance aims to eliminate viral hepatitis by 2030.

Yindjibarndi victory over mining group



THE long-running battle between the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) and billionaire miner Andrew Forrest's company Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) looks set to continue, after the company indicated it was unhappy with a Federal Court decision last week.

Justice Steven Rares opened up the door for YAC to seek compensation from FMG for mining iron ore on Yindjibarndi land in the Pilbara, but the company said it was likely to appeal the decision.

"I have found that the Yindjibarndi are entitled to exclusive native title rights and interests over all of the unallocated Crown land in the claimed area and the Yandeeyara Reserve, except for a small area occupied by the Tom Price railway," the judge ruled.

"This includes the unallocated Crown land occupied by FMG's Solomon Hub mine."

"That is because I am satisfied that the Yindjibarndi established ... that a manjangu (or stranger) still

has to obtain permission from a Yindjibarndi Elder before entering or carrying out activity on Yindjibarndi country."

The land also includes Rio Tinto and Hancock Prospecting mining leases, and pastoral leases.

After the judgment was handed down, senior Yindjibarndi lawman Michael Woodley vowed to launch a compensation claim.

"We believe strongly they are liable for what they've been doing for the last eight years on our country, mining without our ... prior and informed consent," he told the ABC.

But Fortescue chief executive Neville Power said the company would look at its options and was likely to appeal the ruling, arguing the native title rights should be non-exclusive.

"We're looking at that now and I think we're likely to appeal," he told ABC radio.

"It's a very unusual decision in that the judge found exclusive native title possession on this land, which we think is unlikely to be the case, so we will be looking at it."

Mr Power said he continued to



Michael Woodley

back breakaway native title claimant group Wirlu-murra Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation, which splintered from the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation, and enjoyed the support of FMG.

He insisted the miner had not split the community by supporting Wirlu-murra, saying there were problems beforehand.

But Mr Woodley said Fortescue had been the divisive factor.

He said he was not surprised by Fortescue's attitude, but he was disappointed.

After Mr Power rattled off a list of job opportunities and business contracts the company had provided to Aboriginal people and implied that royalties to traditional owners were a kind of welfare, Mr Woodley said Fortescue's social obligations were entirely separate from native title.

"I think they've set ideology in terms of making sure Indigenous people don't succeed on our own rights," he said.

"I think they have an issue with the Yindjibarndi people having exclusive rights and then launching a compensation claim."

The court decision has no effect on current and future operations or mining tenure at the Solomon project, Mr Power said.

"The share price did come off (3.5%), but that was on the back of the iron ore price coming off \$2/tonne," he said.

Last Friday the share price fell a further 2.5%.

FMG said in a statement that it had "no commercial concerns and

do not anticipate any material financial impact following the court's determination".

WA Labor frontbencher Ben Wyatt, Australia's first Aboriginal government treasurer, congratulated the Yindjibarndi people on their successful determination of exclusive native title.

"The Yindjibarndi have proven themselves to be determined and committed advocates in their pursuit of exclusive possession and have won in the face of not insignificant obstacles over many years," he said.

"Like many other litigated areas of native title, this has been a difficult and drawn-out process for the Yindjibarndi people, and has caused fractures within their community."

"However, the result is a tremendous victory for the Yindjibarndi people and I hope they are able to unite and work together to ensure they are able to utilise their now recognised native title rights to benefit all members of the Yindjibarndi community." – *With AAP*



Excavation leader Chris Clarkson stands in front of the 2015 excavation area with local Djurrubu Aboriginal Rangers Vernon Hardy, Mitchum Nango, Jacob Baird, and Claude Hardy.



Archaeologist Elspeth Hayes is with Mark Djandjomerr and traditional owner May Nango extracting comparative samples at a cave adjacent to Madjedbebe.

65,000 years ago...



ABORIGINAL people lived in Australia up to 18,000 years earlier than once thought, when now-extinct giant kangaroos and wombats roamed the land. A team of archaeologists has uncovered a treasure trove of evidence confirming the colonisation of Australia at least 65,000 years ago, earlier than previous estimates of between 47,000 and 60,000 years.

The discovery has major global significance for the history of human evolution. It was made at the Madjedbebe rock shelter in the Northern Territory on the traditional

lands of the Mirarr people surrounded by the World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park.

The find sets a new minimum age for the movement of humans out of Africa and across south Asia, and the subsequent interactions of homo sapiens with Neanderthals and Denisovans (extinct human species).

Findings from the excavation have been published in scientific journal *Nature*.

Lead author Associate Professor Chris Clarkson says the new chronology places people in Australia more than 20,000 years before the continent-wide extinction of megafauna such as

giant short-faced kangaroos and diprotodons, or giant wombats.

The rock shelter site contains the oldest ground-edge stone axe technology in the world, the oldest known seed grinding tools in Australia and evidence of finely-made stone points, which may have served as spear tips.

Artefacts

Hundreds of thousands of unearthed artefacts from the dig also reveal cultural continuity and huge quantities of ground ochre in a region known for its spectacular Aboriginal rock art.

"People who were camping here were really innovative, dynamic,

artistic people," Prof Clarkson said.

The site is located on Mirarr land excluded from Kakadu National Park after the Jabiluka uranium mining lease, held by Rio Tinto's Energy Resources of Australia, was granted in 1982.

Two decades ago traditional owners led an international campaign against proposed uranium mining at Jabiluka, and all work there has since halted and the site rehabilitated.

Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Justin O'Brien says the archaeological study confirms the sophistication of ancient Aboriginal tools and underscores the need for

conservation of the Jabiluka area.

For the first time in Australia, a landmark agreement gives the Mirarr people full control over the excavation, including curatorial powers and the final say over what happens to the artefacts at the end of the dig.

Bininj Elder Mark Djandjomerr has been camping at the site with his family since he was a child and says it's of huge cultural importance to his people.

Mirra traditional owner May Nango is worried the area won't be protected for future generations if any mining goes ahead. "This country belongs to Mirarr ... we'd like to stay forever," she said. —AAP

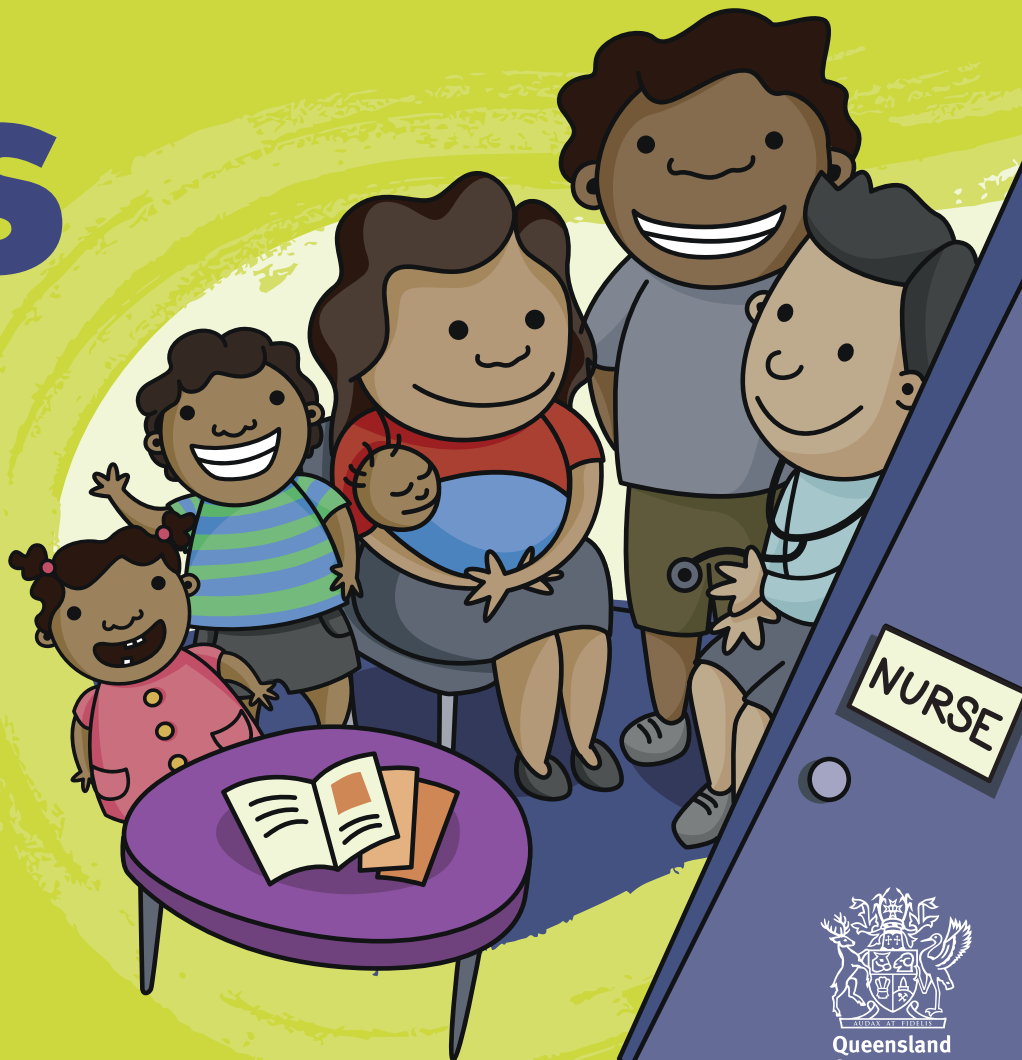
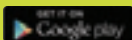
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Delegates address UN body

By KEIRA JENKINS



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander delegates have addressed the United Nation's Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Geneva,

Switzerland. Warren Mundine, Sheena Graham, Craig Ritchie, Rod Little, Cathryn Eatock, Mark Munich and Shelley Cable advised the UN body on the challenges Indigenous people face in business.

Ms Cable, a Noongar woman from Perth, said it was a big learning curve for her.

"It was so special to see how the UN works," she said.

"The highlight was definitely getting to present, and seeing my fellow delegates present their advice."

This was the 10th sitting of the Expert Mechanism, which is comprised of experts, including Aboriginal lawyer Megan Davis, from around the world.

Each year the experts draft a study on a particular issue affecting indigenous people. This year, the theme was 'Good practices and challenges, including discrimination, in business and in access to financial services by indigenous peoples, in particular indigenous women and indigenous persons with disabilities'.

Ms Cable said she spoke about financial literacy, which she felt had been



The Australian delegates at the United Nations in Switzerland.

overlooked in the latest draft study.

"I talked about how we've had stolen wages (where Indigenous people were treated as slaves) and income management programs that erode our Indigenous people's financial literacy," she said.

"To be in business and to access financial services we must first have some understanding of finances, and I highlighted that financial literacy was something that was missing from the draft report."

Ms Cable said it was eye-opening to find that the issues faced by Indigenous people in Australia are similar for indigenous people around the world.

"Disheartening"

"It's good and bad, I suppose. We know we are not alone in facing these things, but it is disheartening to see the same problems everywhere," she said.

"We all face the same social and political exclusion."

Ms Cable said that on the issue of economic development, Australia is ahead of the pack.

"We've got the Indigenous Procurement Policy, and a lot of countries don't have anything like that," she said.

"We're one of the few countries that doesn't have a treaty but we're doing great things despite that. In honesty, the state of Indigenous affairs in Australia, as a whole, is patchy. We're great in some areas, but in others we are abysmal."

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Koorie Youth Council manager Indi Clarke addresses the summit.

Victorian youth council meets



ABOUT 140 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people came together for this year's Koorie Youth Council in Melbourne.

The two-day event included stalls, talks from keynote speakers, including Rae Johnston, Maria Lewis, Shantelle Thompson, Kevin Kropinyeri and Joe Williams, and discussions between youth from all over the country.

Koorie Youth Council manager Indi Clarke said the 2017 Summit was a great success.

"It's a safe place for young people to

stand up and have their say," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"I said in my speech that they should use the summit as a chance to let their greatness shine. Young people don't have any shortage of fire or passion in their bellies. The summit was a place to say what we had to say."

Mr Clarke said the summit is important because there are not many safe spaces for Indigenous young people.

"We've created a space to connect and have fun," he said.

"We will continue to hold this space and support Indigenous youth."

Six guilty of WA murder



FIVE men and a teenage boy have been found guilty of murdering 26-year-old Patrick Slater in the Perth city

centre hours after Survival Day celebrations last year, and his family has called for an end to violence among Aboriginal people.

Mr Slater was assaulted with weapons including a star picket and chunks of concrete near the Esplanade train station early on January 27, with prosecutors saying the fatal injury was a 25cm-long stab wound to his chest, likely inflicted by a screwdriver.

Christopher James Birdsall, Dylan Terrance Wayne Anthony, Clinton Fredrick Mead, his brother Stefan Lazba Mead, Robert Christopher James Pickett and a child who

cannot be named for legal reasons were among eight males charged over the attack and were convicted after two days of jury deliberations last week.

Another child, who was aged 11 at the time, will face trial in the Children's Court later this year.

Fights

The Supreme Court of WA heard the group had three fights over 45 minutes with Mr Slater's group, which included his two sisters, starting with verbal exchanges between females from both parties.

Much of the mayhem was captured on CCTV but the fatal attack was not.

Outside court, where there was a large police presence, Mr Slater's cousin Vanessa Brockman said his horrific death had a devastating impact

on the family and justice had been served.

"Paddy was a quiet young man who didn't deserve what happened to him," Ms Brockman said.

"These men took his life without any remorse or consideration for what they'd done to our family.

"He was just an innocent man trying to get home. It should never have escalated to what it did.

"We'd give anything to have Patrick back."

She also said violence among Aboriginal people had to end.

"As a community, we need to take a long, hard look at ourselves and change what we're doing to protect our future generations."

A sentencing hearing has been scheduled for August 25. – *With AAP*

Moving to a new level

By KEIRA JENKINS



REKINDLING the Spirit, a counselling service for Aboriginal families in

Lismore, on the north coast of NSW, will receive \$1.3 million from the Federal Government to help reduce family violence.

The money will fund a project that works with perpetrators – particularly men – to encourage behavioural change, in a culturally safe and trauma-informed environment.

The service will also receive \$324,240 from the Government to expand its services for Indigenous youth, which address mental health issues and disengagement.

Rekindling the Spirit founder Greg Telford said the service has been running for 20 years, but the new funding will allow the staff to take it to the next level.

“Violence is an issue right across the board, it’s not an Aboriginal issue. We will be able to take what we learn and share it with the wider community,” he said.

“Violence is a human behaviour gone wrong. We need to change that behaviour to improve family relationships.

“We have been working with our men’s group for 20 years, what we haven’t had the opportunity to do is evaluate how we’re doing.”



Rekindling the Spirit’s Jeff Richardson, Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, Rekindling founder Greg Telford, and Page MP Kevin Hogan.

Mr Telford said violence can often come from people suffering trauma, and helping perpetrators through that trauma will help decrease family violence.

“You see it across the board, here and in other countries where the Indigenous people have been oppressed,” he said.

“Part of what needs to happen is teaching these men to deal with their anger and their trauma

without violence.”

Service manager Jeff Richardson said the he was also excited about the funding.

“It’s wonderful to have the money to work with perpetrators but even more exciting for me as the service manager is to have the money to build a strong organisation,” he said.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said he

was proud to be helping an organisation like Rekindling the Spirit.

“We know that community-based, culturally appropriate solutions are required to improve the safety of Indigenous families and communities and to reduce the rate of family violence experienced by Indigenous women and children,” he said.

Senator Scullion said it is just

as important to fund programs aimed at perpetrators as it is to support victims of family violence.

“We have got plenty of programs for those people who have suffered domestic violence,” he said. “We need intervention programs that stop these things from happening. Perpetrators are aware of their illness.

“They lash out at the people they most love.”

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Landmark payout ruling



A LANDMARK native title payout has been upheld in the Federal Court and is expected to trigger nationwide compensation claims exceeding \$1 billion.

A historic \$3.3 million in damages awarded to the Ngaliwurru and Nungali people of Timber Creek was largely upheld after the full bench of the Federal Court dismissed an appeal from the Northern Territory Government last week.

In August 2016, the case determined for the first time how to award compensation to traditional owners who have lost their native title rights.

The Aboriginal groups were awarded \$512,000 for economic loss, almost \$1.5 million for interest and another \$1.3 million for pain and suffering caused by a loss of attachment to the tiny parcel of land 600km south-west of Darwin.

Last week's ruling upheld most of the original decision but reduced the economic value of the native title rights and interests from 80% to 65% of the land's freehold value, which the NT Northern Land Council said was "disappointing".

"While acknowledging the

reduced quantum of compensation, the NLC is pleased that appeals against the interest and solatium (disadvantage relating to relocation) aspects of the award of compensation were

"(The compensation bill) is going to be at least a billion dollars but we think that number is conservative."

dismissed," a spokesman said.

Land access partner Andrew Gay, of law firm Ashurst, expects a marked increase in the number of similar cases around the country.

There have been four new claims in Queensland alone since the original judgment in August last year.

Governments and companies could face a massive

compensation bill, Mr Gay said. "It's going to be at least a billion dollars but we think that number is conservative," he said.

"Where cities have been expanding over native title lands, the state will be on the hook and it could be really significant."

The Timber Creek case

covered 60 parcels of land over 23sqkm but some of the big native title determinations covered 60,000 parcels of land, he said.

"But if you're a state government looking at a mining region, you've granted tenure for railway lines, ports on the coast, mining projects and hospitals for towns," Mr Gay said.

He expects more governments will change policy or legislation to pass that liability to developers, builders and other infrastructure businesses.

Under WA's *Mining Act*, for instance, the grantee of a mining tenement must pay any compensation for extinguishment of native title rights, not the State Government. — AAP



Victorian Indigenous Family Violence Strategy Community Initiatives Fund 2017 – 2018

The Department of Health and Human Services invites applications from Victorian Aboriginal organisations, Aboriginal community groups and other family violence community service providers to submit for funding for projects that prevent, reduce and respond to family violence in Victorian Aboriginal communities.

Funding is available from the Indigenous Family Violence Community Initiatives Fund, administered by the department.

The Community Initiatives Fund guidelines and application form are available online at www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/funding-grants-and-tenders/indigenous-family-violence-strategy-community-initiatives-fund or from the Indigenous Family Violence Regional Coordinators.

For further information, contact the following officer at the Department of Health and Human Services:

Barwon South Western	Tania Dalton	0417 396 946
Eastern Metropolitan	Thomas Harrison	03 9843 6581
Gippsland (Outer)	Glenys Watts	0417 798 380
Grampians	Phillip Perry	0428 647 864
Hume	Tracy Hardie	0417 306 349
Inner Gippsland	Michelle Evans	0409 643 109
Loddon Campaspe	Ann Spittles	0428 528 175
Mallee	Trudy Rigney	03 5022 3147
North Metropolitan	Ian Adotey	03 9479 0365
Southern Metropolitan	Roxanne Mayer-Mark	0407 813 660
West Metropolitan	Helga Jennings	03 9229 4114

Applications close 5.00 pm 30 August 2017

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Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL) seeks Expressions of Interest (EOI) from organisations interested in delivering HIPPY in:

Warwick, Queensland and/or West Ipswich, Queensland

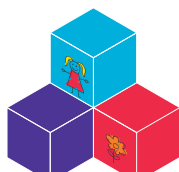
HIPPY is a two year, home-based early learning and parenting program that empowers parents to be their child's first teacher.

Interested organisations can attend a community information session:

- **Warwick** – 9 August at 9.30-11.30am at Clippers Conference Centre
- **West Ipswich** – 10 August at 9.30-11.30am at the Auditorium, WG Hayden Humanities Centre

All enquiries should be directed to HIPPY Australia on 03 9445 2400 or hippyaustraliaEOI@bsl.org.au. EOI application forms are available from our website hippyaustralia.org.au.

Completed applications must be received by **5pm (AEST) 8 September 2017** to hippyaustraliaEOI@bsl.org.au.



The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters is funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Social Services



The Koomurri Dancers perform at last year's Dance Rites, which is a part of the Homeground Festival at the Sydney Opera House. Picture: Joseph Mayers

Fingers crossed for cultural knockout



BUNDJALUNG woman and Sydney Opera House head of First Nations programming

Rhoda Roberts is hoping Indigenous people will embrace Dance Rites as a sort of cultural equivalent of rugby league knockouts.

Ms Roberts is calling for entries for the Opera House's groundbreaking national Indigenous dance competition Dance Rites, which will be held on Sunday, November 26.

"It's based on the pow wow system in Canada, so for Australia we've based our model on assimilating sports culture, like the Murri and Koori knockouts," she said.

"How fantastic would it be if we can have the same success at cultural events that we do in sporting competitions.

"But it really it is about the gathering, with a focus on traditional dance, reclamation of dances and involving people from our youth right through to Elders."

Ms Roberts said one of the important aspects of Dance Rites is different language groups coming together and sharing their dances, traditional clothing, language, music and other cultural aspects.

"Phenomenal"

"When you look at what people used to wear, look at skin markings, it's phenomenal and it's wonderful to see people reviving all that, expressing themselves and showcasing their communities," she said.

"Different communities have different stories. At La Perouse, a women's group got one of their young people to revitalise some traditional

songs from that region. The ladies crafted feather belts, and shells and it was really exciting.

"And that's what we want to do with Dance Rites – we want to see diversity, see a community feel really empowered because it unites them, gets the whole community together without having to go to a funeral."

Registrations are now open for Dance Rites 2017, in which a gathering of dance groups from across the nation will come together to share their traditional culture and compete for a \$20,000 prize.

The winners will also have the opportunity to perform at Homeground 2018. The runner-up will receive a prize of \$5000, and the group with the highest scored Wildcard Dance will receive a prize of \$3000.

For more information go to www.sydneysydneyhouse.com

Banbai look to tourism



THEY'VE established successful land management and ranger programs on their country in the Northern Tablelands of NSW.

And now the people of the Banbai Nation, based around the high country town of Guyra, are looking to ecotourism as their next major project. To that end, they're set to capitalise on the natural beauty of Wattleridge, a 640ha property they own on the eastern fall of the Great Dividing Range.

A culturally important area about 35km from Guyra, Wattleridge was bought by the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) in 1998 of behalf of the Banbai and, with unanimous local support, in 2001 became the first Indigenous Protected Area in NSW.

It's now managed by the Banbai Enterprises Development Aboriginal Corporation, along with another property, Tarriwa Kurrukun (meaning Strong One), west of Guyra.

Corporation manager Tanya Elone, a Banbai woman, said the properties have re-established and strengthened her people's connection with their country.

But more than that, they've been the foundation of successful ventures meaning jobs, funds and – importantly – pride for the Banbai.



Rangers on Banbai country: back from left, Peter Ahoy, Tanya Elone, Dominic Cutmore, Kane Patterson, Tremane Patterson, Danni Pahulu, Mervyn Torrens, Antoni Patterson and, front, Cody Patterson, Jason Gee and Lesley Patterson.

"Our people are proud of the properties and what they have achieved," Ms Elone told the *Koori Mail*.

"From an original staff of three

in 2001, we now have more than 15 Banbai people working in areas from administration through to rangers.

"We work closely with partners

including the Guyra Local Aboriginal Land Council, Northern Tablelands Local Land Services and the NSW Rural Fire Service to ensure the best for our

people and country.

"We are supported by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and, with our funding due to expire in 2018, we trust they will acknowledge what we have achieved and renew that vital support."

Ms Elone says the Banbai corporation has produced a well-received fire protection and seasons calendar, and is working to help the Tabulam-based Jubullum Local Aboriginal Land Council develop its own.

"It's one example of what we're doing here, and how with our experience and knowledge we're able to help other Aboriginal organisations," she said.

"We're already working on ecotourism plans for Wattleridge, which is home to rare flora and fauna.

"We got beautiful country and trained rangers and staff with many generations of knowledge that we'd like to share with others.

"Down the track we'll also look for something similar with Tarriwa Kurrukun, which is also home to a wide diversity of plants and animals.

"Our vision is to care for our country and our future generations of Banbai.

"I'm proud to say that's exactly what we're doing."

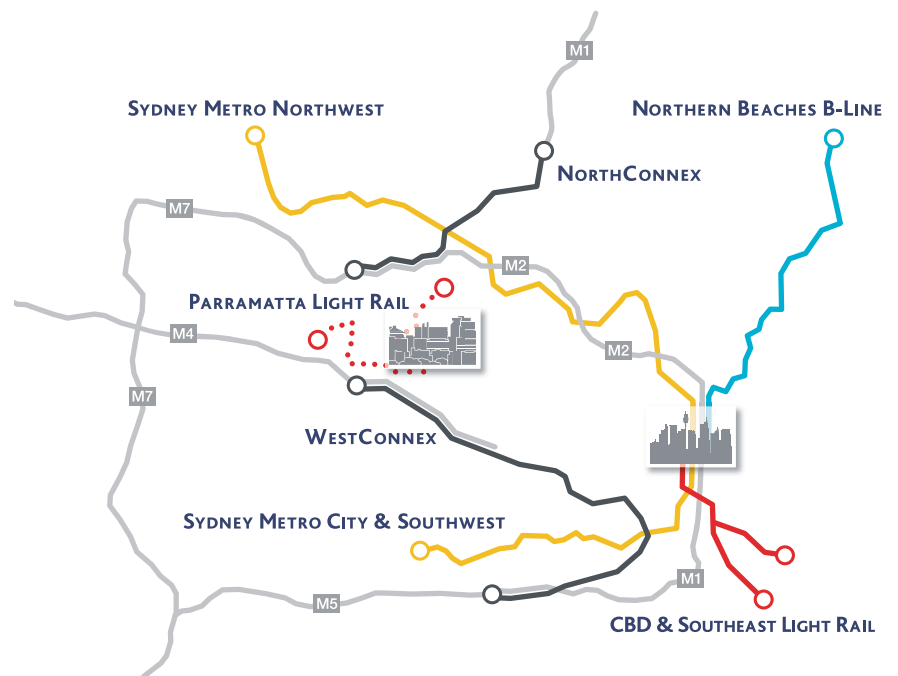
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Life expectancy up, but...



LIFE expectancy for Indigenous people living in the Northern Territory has risen by more than a decade since 1967, but the health divide with other Australians won't be bridged unless disadvantage in remote communities is curbed, a study has found.

Researchers analysed NT death data over the 45 years to 2012 to find life expectancy improved for Aboriginal people by more than 11 years for men and nearly 15 years for women.

It shows the gap in life expectancy between Aboriginal people and other Australians living in the NT declined by nearly five years for women, but increased by one year for men.

Between 2008 and 2012, NT Aboriginal men were expected to live until 64, compared to 80 for those in the general population.

The Indigenous female Territorian life expectancy was 68 during that time, compared to other Australian women, who were expected to live to 85.

That difference is due to chronic diseases

caused by poverty including heart disease, diabetes and lung cancer.

"The costs associated with Aboriginal health inequality in the NT were recently estimated to be \$16.7 billion, or 19% of the NT gross state product," the authors wrote in the *Medical Journal of Australia*. "Closing the gap will require longer-term initiatives for managing chronic disease throughout life, as well as action in other areas that influence health, including employment, education, and reducing general disadvantage."

From the late 1960s to early 1980s, life

expectancy of Indigenous Territorians increased as advances in nutrition, maternal and child care, and infectious disease control cut infant mortality rates. After that period, non-communicable diseases became more prevalent in the adult population.

"Recent gains, across all adult age groups, are consistent with improved health service access and chronic disease management," the authors wrote.

"If it is to continue improving, socio-economic disadvantage and its associated risks must be reduced." – AAP



Australian Government

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HAVE YOUR SAY Inland Rail Programme Parkes to Narromine Project



The NSW Government's Department of Planning and Environment released the Inland Rail Parkes to Narromine Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for public review and comment on **Wednesday, 19 July 2017**.

The Parkes to Narromine project (P2N) is one of 13 projects that together complete Inland Rail, a once-in-a-generation project connecting regional Australia to global markets, transforming the way we move freight around the country. It will complete the 'spine' of the freight network between Melbourne and Brisbane via regional Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

The P2N section is an upgrade of existing rail corridor extending approximately 106km from the Goobang Junction at Parkes. This project also includes approximately 6km of new rail connection at Parkes.

Over the past 18 months the team at ARTC has been working with landowners, Councils and other stakeholders to progress the project and develop the design for the upgrade works from Parkes to Narromine. This has included field studies which form the basis of the EIS.

As a member of the local communities within the P2N areas, you are invited to provide feedback about the project to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

ARTC will be holding community information sessions across the P2N project as part of its EIS public consultation. Look out for details in your local newspaper.

You can find a copy of the EIS at one of the following locations:

- ▶ **NSW Department of Industry, Level 48, MLC Centre, 19 Martin Place, Sydney**
- ▶ **NSW Environment Protection Authority, Level 13, 10 Valentine Avenue, Parramatta**
- ▶ **NSW Department of Planning & Environment Information Centre, 320 Pitt Street, Sydney**
- ▶ **NSW Department of Planning & Environment, Western Region Office, Information Centre - Area 1, Level 1, 188 Macquarie Street, Dubbo**
- ▶ **Parkes Shire Council Administration Centre, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes**
- ▶ **Narromine Shire Council Administration Centre, 124 Dandaloo Street, Narromine**
- ▶ **Peak Hill Library, 98 Caswell Street, Peak Hill**
- ▶ **Nature Conservation Council of NSW, Level 14, 338 Pitt Street, Sydney**

A copy of the EIS is also available on the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's website www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au. To find out how to make a formal submission on the EIS please visit the Department's website.

All formal submissions regarding the EIS must be made in writing to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment by 18 August.

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Owen Walsh

Business great for informed Wiradjuri man



WIRADJURI man Owen Walsh stands with a foot in his ancestral past and one in the modern future.

A speaker of Wiradjuri and with strong ties to his Elders and community, he has recently graduated with a dual Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Information Systems degree, and is the first Indigenous student from the University of NSW to graduate with a degree in information systems.

Mr Walsh has had a passion for technology for many years, and as well as being successful in academia, he has also made his mark as a cultural spokesperson at conferences, seminars, competitions and events.

"As an Indigenous man in business, I have come to learn that every day, throughout my work and my studies, I have followed the footsteps of my ancestors, paying tribute to the long-standing business practices that have been part of my culture for over 60,000 years," Mr Walsh said.

"I believe that the wider business and technology world can learn so much from the deep and continuing traditions

of Aboriginal business."

As a result of Mr Walsh's advocacy, information systems has been included as a core subject taught on the UNSW Indigenous Pre-Program in Business – a residential preparatory course designed to assist Indigenous people develop the skills necessary to complete studies in business.

During his time as a student, Mr Walsh was a Business School student ambassador, and a guest lecturer and mentor for Indigenous students on UNSW programs. He also held internships at Tourism Australia and the KPMG advisory firm.

Award

For three years running he was also the recipient for the top achieving academic award for an undergraduate Indigenous student studying at UNSW Business School.

Last year, Mr Walsh won a number of sought-after graduate positions and is currently working in the Cyber Security Practice at KPMG.

Keen to give back, Mr Walsh is also employed by Nura Gili Centre for Indigenous Programs at UNSW as a tutor for Indigenous students.



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Warwick Keen, *The Many Faces of Bungaree*, image courtesy Mosman Gallery and the artist

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Rangers to the rescue



TWELVE hours after it became stranded on a shallow sandbar on Groote Eylandt, a false killer whale was successfully rescued and released.

After seeing the stranded whale inside Umbakumba lagoon, local residents raised the alarm, bringing Anindilyakwa Land and Sea Rangers to its rescue.

Anindilyakwa rangers manager Adrian Hogg said locals were spear fishing when they discovered the unusual visitor in distress and thrashing about in the lagoon.

"Together with East Arnhem Shire staff, traditional owners and local volunteers, we kept the false killer whale wet with buckets of water, which prevents marine mammals from sunburn, and covered it in wet sheets and

blankets until we were able to re-float the large dolphin," he said. "After several rescue attempts, it was moved out by the rangers, who used a boat to steer the whale through the narrow channel and into the safety of deeper waters in the Gulf of Carpentaria."

Department of Environment and

Natural Resources senior marine mammal scientist Dr Carol Palmer said this was the first time a false killer whale had been stranded and rescued in Top End waters.

"We look forward to working with the Anindilyakwa Land and Sea Rangers next year to gather more

information about false killer whales and a range of other dolphins that are recorded around Groote Eylandt," she said.

"The stranding provides us with more evidence that northern Australia and the NT in particular is an important area for false killer whale populations.

"Recent satellite tagging has shown that false killer whales can swim more than 70km a day. We documented one from Cobourg Marine Park swimming 7500km over 105 days and it never left Australian waters.

"False killers are a large dolphin ranging from four to six metres in length. They live to about 70 years of age."

People can report dolphin, dugong and sea turtle sightings and incidents to Marine WildWatch by phoning 1800 453 941 or visiting www.wildwatch.nt.gov.au



Senior Anindilyakwa rangers Philip Mamarika and Jennifer Yantarrnga and Land and Sea Rangers manager Adrian Hogg are with the stranded whale at Umbakumba on Groote Eylandt. Picture: Bruce and Amanda Schokker

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Lauren Baker.Nicholson – Corporate Affairs

Lauren joined the Woodside 2017 Graduate Program Intake as a graduate Corporate Affairs Advisor in Exploration. Lauren started her journey with Woodside in 2014 as part of the Indigenous Cadetship Program while studying Sustainable Development and Politics and International Studies at university. Since commencing the program Lauren has worked in various areas of the company including project development, social contribution and stakeholder engagement.

"Gaining experience in the oil and gas industry while completing my studies was invaluable to both my tertiary achievements and professional development and it continues to benefit me today as a graduate."

"I have grown as a person with Woodside's support and have broadened my knowledge base extensively. The opportunities Woodside offers through these programs opens so many doors in the real world and the corporate world."

Courtney Kelly – Reservoir Management

Growing up in Innisfail North Queensland, Courtney moved to Brisbane at age 17 to study engineering at the University of Queensland. She went on to become the first Indigenous female Mining Engineer to graduate from UQ.

After graduating, Courtney moved across the country to Perth to begin her career in the oil and gas industry with Woodside as part of the 2016 Woodside Graduate Program intake. "Although moving away from my family in Queensland has been difficult it has been extremely rewarding. Woodside has an incredible work culture, collaboration across disciplines and the business makes my work exciting and dynamic. I've had the opportunity to be involved in really interesting projects, including being involved in the real-time execution of two drilling campaigns."

Having experienced the positive impacts of mentoring throughout her studies and her role, Courtney hopes to repay that by encouraging future generations.

"I hope sharing my experiences will inspire and encourage the younger generations coming through to further their studies and reach for their goals like I have. It has been hard work but it's been such a rewarding journey."

Photographic Series 2017 - Fiona Foley

Synopsis

This photographic project is set in Australia during the late 1800s using the mission days as a backdrop to explore people and themes. A number of Aboriginal people are required from Lismore or local surrounds to portray a series of scenes depicting joy, sadness, strength and individual character.

No previous experience is required. An audition will take place first for the roles. After the audition process is completed a costume designer will fit each person individually. Pre-production involves being measured for costumes. The call up for the photographic shoot will take place at a later date. Aboriginal models will be paid a set fee for their time during pre-production and production. Must have your own transport to get to venues.

Aboriginal Cast Required from Lismore or local surrounds

- 4 Aboriginal lads playing brass instruments (teenage years)
- 3 Aboriginal children, two girls and one boy (12 years and under)
- 1 Aboriginal female wearing pink crinoline dress (late teens to early twenties)
- 3 Aboriginal women (55 and over)

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Raffle winner riding high



TWO months of crafting a unique artwork on a surfboard for a raffle has paid off for Killalea State Park manager Nathan Cattell, who has seen his prize won by a local 12-year-old surfer named Talon.

The board, once coveted by popstar Jessica Mauboy, features Indigenous art and raised much-needed funds for the Shellharbour Aboriginal Community Youth Association (SACYA) on the NSW south coast.

In late 2016 Entity Surfboards donated one of its boards to SACYA to use as part of fundraising efforts. It was given to Mr Cattell to paint and has now been auctioned to start surfing programs for disadvantaged Indigenous youth.

Mr Cattell, a recognised artist, said the artwork depicted turtles travelling up the coast to breed.

"We displayed the board for months as a main centrepiece at Killalea's The Farm Café, where it generated much interest before a local raffle was held, raising \$1200," he said.

"I'm so happy a young local surfer won the raffle and that the money raised will go to a worthy cause."

SACYA provides education and lifestyle



Artist and park manager Nathan Cattell holds up the finished surfboard.

guidance, as well as advice on matters such as health, safe sex and domestic violence to local Indigenous people aged 12 to 24.

After *The Illawarra Mercury* ran a story on the surfboard last year interest skyrocketed, with Jessica Mauboy being just one of many keen buyers. But the

decision was made to raffle it instead.

Mr Cattell said he was proud to see a "happy grommet" with a new surfboard, who would hopefully be seen using it at local breaks.

"I was stoked to be given this artistic challenge by SACYA and the opportunity

to give back to a group who do so much for our local youth," he said.

"I never expected that there would be such wide interest in my little project, but I'm incredibly happy with the end result. I look forward to Killalea continuing to work with the local Indigenous community in future."

Funds to address violence



FUNDING is now available for culturally appropriate projects in Victorian Aboriginal communities, to reduce family violence through prevention and education.

Grants from the \$650,000 Indigenous Family Violence Strategy Community Initiatives Fund will be available to non-government organisations across the state. Projects must support objectives in Victoria's Strong Culture, Strong Peoples, Strong Families 10-year plan.

The State Government hopes to create partnerships with local Aboriginal communities and raise awareness about the effects of violence on Aboriginal families.

\$32.1 million

The latest Victorian Budget provided \$32.1 million to help meet the needs of affected Aboriginal people and prevent family violence. This includes \$11 million to extend legal services, with extra lawyers and case support workers to assist with family violence intervention orders and child protection matters, while \$11.4 million will expand prevention and intervention programs, including Sisters Day Out, Dilly Bag and Young Luv.

Families Minister Jenny Mikakos said that while family violence can start in the home, it can be felt throughout a community.

"These grants will empower Aboriginal people to put an end to family violence," she said. "We need to work in partnership with the Aboriginal community to develop better ways to address family violence and these projects will do just that."

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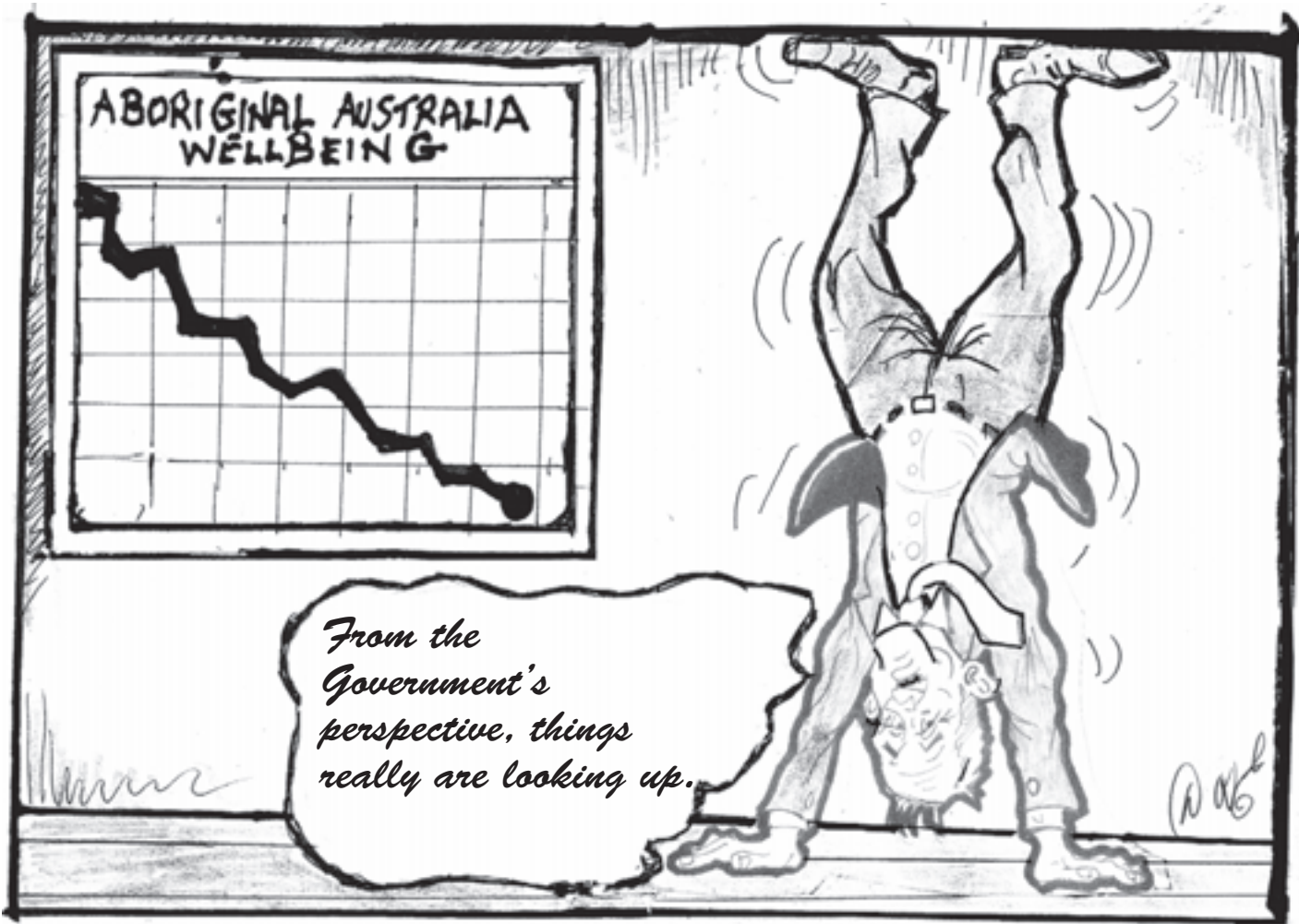
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A Yarn With...



Michelle Flanders

Gomeroi woman living on the mid-north coast of NSW

Favourite bush tucker?
Native asparagus.

Favourite other food?
Vegemite.

Favourite drink?
Water.

Favourite holiday destination?
The Junction, Newcastle.

Favourite read?
A new magazine called *Brief*, which has a lot of self-help stories.

What are you watching on TV?
I don't watch TV. I like being outdoors, in the garden.

Favourite music?
I like all music, as long as it's good.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Musician Steve Pigram, from the Kimberley. I met him last year and we had lots of fun singing around the fire, so I'd like to do it again.

What would you do to better the situation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?
Eliminate cigarettes.

Quote



"A memory that I'll treasure for the rest of my life ... I'm humbled and blessed to get this award."

– Maroons rugby league player Dane Gagai after being named man of the 2017 State of Origin series.

● See page 72

Unquote

So this is what they call justice

ELIJAH Doughty was just 14 years old when his life was taken from him.

It's too young. And it didn't need to be that way. He was killed because a white man wanted his motorcycle back. And thought it was okay to use his big ute to chase a kid on a small motorbike down a dirt road.

And last week a Western Australian jury decided it wasn't even manslaughter.

So, what price a black boy's young life?

This week there will be vigils and protests for Elijah around the country.

They won't bring him back, but they will honour his memory and highlight the injustice inherent in our legal system.

And the racism.

Julieka Dhu, 22, a Yamatji woman, called the WA police because she was a victim of domestic violence. Instead of helping her, they arrested her for unpaid fines. When she was in the South Hedland watch house repeatedly begging for medical help, her pleas fell on deaf ears.

And she died in custody, in pain. A white man kills an Aboriginal



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boy when he hits him with his vehicle, having deliberately given chase.

He received a penalty of three years' jail. With time served, he'll be eligible for parole next February.

Justice is supposed to be blind, but in Australia it's anything but colourblind.

It's pretty obvious there's one set of rules for white people and another, harsher, unfairer, more punishing set for blackfellas.

And Elijah, Ms Dhu, Eric Whittaker, Rebecca Maher, David Dungay, Steven Freeman, Mulrindji Doomadgee and so many more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people pay the price.

So do their families and loved ones who mourn their passing.

How many more black families need to pay the price before the system is changed?

It's far too many already.

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Senior Anangu lawman Peter Mungkuri with a depiction of his birthplace, Fregon, which netted him the inaugural Hadley's Art Prize worth \$100,000.

By JILLIAN MUNDY



SENIOR Anangu lawman Peter Mungkuri, from Indulkana (Anangu Pitjantjatjara

Yankunytjatjara Lands, South Australia) has taken out the inaugural Hadley's Art Prize – thought to be the world's richest landscape art competition.

Mr Mungkuri spent more than two decades of his younger years as a stockman, droving cattle thousands of kilometres for months at a time through central Australia and was paid in rations of flour, sugar, tea and tobacco.

He was awarded \$100,000 for his ink drawing *Ngura Wiru* (*Good Country*).

Ngura Wiru depicts Mr Mungkuri's beloved home Fregon (SA), where he was born in the creek before it was a community. The artwork features cherished waterholes – many of them now ruined by introduced livestock and a changing climate – pathways, mountain ranges, bush tucker, medicine plants and trees.

Mr Mungkuri found out in a phone call that he had won the art prize late in the day on Wednesday, July 12, and was so overwhelmed he got the shakes.

"I had to sit down and think about it," he said.

Mr Mungkuri made it to Hobart within 48 hours for the award's public announcement,

A rich art win, but a richer life

accompanied by his granddaughter Roseanne and Iwantja Arts manager Beth Conway. "I say thank you," he said.

When the *Koori Mail* spoke with Mr Mungkuri the following day, he recalled the country before the white man came, when he and his people lived in the bush, slept in the warm sand and lived on bush tucker.

"We walked around, we not

see anything, no cattle, no bullock, then the station man came," Mr Mungkuri, whose first languages are Yankunytjatjara and Pitjantjatjara, said.

"I know the bush"

"I know the bush. My Dad told me, my Mum told me, my aunties told me.

"We know the place, we look after and think about – kulini."

Ms Conway said kulini means

to hear and think and feel and know, a bit like intuition.

Mr Mungkuri, now in his 70s, fondly recalled his days of bull riding, breaking-in horses, branding cattle and mustering them throughout central Australia, including from Granite Downs Station to Oodnadatta, and getting them on the train, as "good fun".

The men he rode with through the north of Western Australia,

western Queensland and central Australia were the boys he grew up with. And then many of them made a career change later in life – they have painted together now for more than two decades, including Alec Baker, the late Whiskey Tjukangku, David Frank and Jimmy Pompey – "big mob, old men".

Mr Mungkuri's detailed artwork of his birthplace will now be in a permanent collection at Hadley's Hotel in downtown Hobart.

The inaugural Hadley's Art Prize, funded by the hotel's owner, Don Neal, and open to Australian artists over 18, was themed 'History and Place'. It attracted 385 entries, which were narrowed down to 41 finalists.

Of those finalists 11 were Indigenous.

Curator Amy Jackett said the competition attracted a diverse range of established and emerging artists, and that she had contacted remote arts centres across Australia to promote it.

Mr Mungkuri is also a finalist in the 34th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards, which will be announced on August 11.

The exhibition of the 2017 Hadley's Art Prize finalists is at Hadley's Hotel in Hobart until August 25. Entries for next year's prize are expected to open around the end of January 2018. The theme is yet to be announced.

Climate of fear in the Torres Strait



Diana Pabi, left, and Nelly Dau walk through Boigu Island cemetery, which is under threat from climate change.



Concerned Torres Strait fishermen Alan Passi and Phillip Lewis Mabo are pictured on Thursday Island.

'The island is being eaten'



TORRES Strait fisherman Joseph Billy says he has seen more land disappearing from Masig (Yorke Island) every year. "Last five years, every year I have moved my shed back from the beach another few metres," Mr Billy said.

"We used to have a road that went all around the island but now it is broken. We will lose our land eventually."

Masig is 2.7km long and 800 metres at its widest point, with a population of about 250. It is one of many small islands in the Torres Strait now threatened by the impacts of climate change, including coastal erosion and inundation from rising seas, higher temperatures, shifting rainfall and damage to the critical marine ecosystems on which their livelihoods depend.

Alan Passi, a fisherman on Thursday Island, said that if a lot of coral is lost, the economy will be affected.

"It will get harder for us to hunt fish," he said. "If the coral dies out so do the fish. It's the mother of all the animals. It doesn't look the same now. It's not what I remember."

Another fisherman, Phillip Kewis Mabo, is also concerned.

"I'm close to 60 now," he said. "Something is changing. Right now we are seeing many more sharks, tuna and other pelagic fish."

"The pattern is no longer seasonal. They are here all the time in great numbers. We don't know why."

Recently, Oxfam Australia climate change staff toured parts of Masig, along with other nearby islands, to observe first-hand the impacts locals are experiencing.

Oxfam Australia chief officer Helen Szoke said the islands were made up of strong, flourishing communities, but residents had been forced into the frontline of the climate crisis.

"The Torres Strait Islands are already facing the challenges of delivering health services, housing, secure water supplies and other essential infrastructure in such remote and isolated communities," Ms Szoke said.

"But the impacts of climate change are growing and pose a long-term threat, including community members losing their connection to land and culture if they are faced with the last resort – being forced to leave their islands."

Songhi Billy, an engineering officer on Masig, said the community was doing everything possible to try to slow the rate of erosion.



Elder Dennis Gibuma on Boigu Island.

"In the short term we can do what we can," he said. "We can't stop the erosion; our hope is to slow it down. Long term, we may have to evacuate the island."

"But I am not going. Slowly, I see Masig getting out of something I can control."

"The island is being eaten. This is a big issue. I kind of feel hopeless in a sense. Our land is part of us."

Torres Council Mayor Vonda Malone said while there had been a lot of attention on climate change issues in the Pacific, there was less awareness of the real and frontline impacts in the Torres Strait.

"In Boigu, part of the cemetery has nearly been lost to the sea and graves are at risk of being washed away," she said.

"These communities are facing ongoing challenges in retaining their foreshore and their gathering places – this is their land and the land of their ancestors."

Ms Malone said that while some funding for adapting to climate change was filtering through, there were no resources to address the social impacts.

"There is a feeling of hopelessness as communities do not know where this is going to lead," she says.

Boigu Island Elder Dennis Gibuma said a seawall built several years ago was no longer adequately protecting the community.

"Things are changing every year," he said.

"Our seawall is no longer any good. When the high tide and strong winds come together, it breaks."

"We pray we don't lose our homes. We don't want to leave this place."

Masig resident Hilda Mosby said climate change was "affecting us big time".

"When we talk about relocation, it is clear this is very much a last resort," she said. "This is our home. No-one is willing to leave, to lose their cultural ties, the loved ones they have laid to rest here."

"We want to try everything to keep our community here."

Dr Szoke said the situation in the Torres Strait shows the need for stronger action by the Federal Government to end Australia's climate pollution, including no new coal mines and achieving zero emissions before 2040.

"It also highlighted the need to provide greater support to communities like those in the Torres Strait, to build resistance, develop adaptation options and tap into the potential for renewable energy," she said.



David and his father Aaron stand on the eroded shoreline in front of their house on Boigu Island.



An aerial view of Boigu Island. Boigu is a low-lying island just a few kilometres from the coast of Papua New Guinea. It is the most northerly inhabited of the Torres Strait islands with a population of about 250 people. Periodic flooding has always been a challenge for those on Boigu. But with climate change, the community faces ever-greater challenges from coastal erosion and inundation.



On page 24, Michael Mansell writes on how the Referendum Council's report won't lead to benefits for Aboriginal people.

What price the life of a child?



A protest in Kalgoorlie following the death of the 14-year-old boy.

THE verdict has now been handed down; a 14-year-old child is lost to his family, friends and community forever.

A child, on a trail bike, breaking free from the constraints of Kalgoorlie, breaking free from a town that has made those with power and influence so much richer.

A town where the diggers and dealers come to celebrate their wealth every single year. A town where the traditional owners mourn their loss every single day.

However, this loss has a human face.

The face of a child, an

exuberant child, embracing life, trying to deal with the constraints imposed upon him. A child who had every birthright to partake in the riches of a country his people have nurtured forever.

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Nuclear tests help

THE Australian Government recognises the important role of Australian British Nuclear Test (BNT) participants and Australian members of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan during the Second World War (BCOF member).

This also includes civilians not associated with the BNT program but who were present in a nuclear test area during the relevant period.

The reality of the Second World War and what occurred in Japan during that time is still fresh in the minds of Australian veterans.

We can never forget their service and sacrifice and as a priority, the Government has invested \$133.1 million in the 2017-18 Budget to provide these veterans with the improved access to health services and financial support they deserve now and for the rest of their lives.

BNT participants, BCOF members and civilians not associated with the BNT program but who were present in a nuclear test area during the relevant period are now eligible to receive treatment for any medical condition,



without having to pay any gap fee. This includes treatment from general practitioners, specialists, hospitals and some allied health care services.

These services are available to these veterans through the provision of a Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Gold Card.

We want to spread the word to those who

were in the vicinity of the test areas at Maralinga or Emu Field in South Australia, or the Montebello Islands off Western Australia, at the time of the nuclear explosions in the 1950s and 1960s.

If any of your readers were in the vicinity of the test areas at the time of the nuclear explosions, or if they know someone who was there, I would encourage them to contact DVA on 133 254 or 1800 555 254 (regional callers), or by visiting the website: www.dva.gov.au.

This funding represents a part of the Government's significant increase in funding of \$350 million in support of veterans in 2017-18.

Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) can be reached 24 hours a day across Australia for crisis support and free and confidential counselling. Phone 1800 011 046 (international: +61 8 8241 45 46). VVCS is a service founded by Vietnam veterans.

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Federal Minister for Veterans' Affairs**

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Council report fails us

The report of the Referendum Council has been described as disappointingly weak and will not lead to any benefits to Aboriginal people if adopted, MICHAEL MANSELL writes.

THE proposals for symbolic gestures were roundly rejected at Uluru and the many regional dialogues, including in Tasmania.

Yet the Referendum Council is again promoting symbolism by asking for parliaments around the country to re-legislate recognition at the same time.

Each of the states has already legislated recognition in their state constitutions, including Tasmania.

The Federal Parliament passed the *Act of Recognition* in 2013. This is the symbolism rejected at Uluru – yet it creeps back on to the national agenda.

We strongly believe this tactic is meant to distract attention away from the failure of the Referendum Council to honour the outcome of Uluru.

The main proposal from the Referendum Council is for a

constitutionally entrenched advisory body. Such a body can do nothing: it cannot make laws, cannot deliver services, administer any revenue and would supervise nothing.

It can only give advice to the Parliament which can be ignored, rejected or, highly unlikely, be accepted.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner already has the current legislated function of “reviewing the impact of laws and policies on Indigenous peoples”. Parliament usually ignores any comment the commissioner makes.

The advisory body would not have any say over its own composition, its role, functions and powers. These would be matters entirely for the Parliament. It would be a complete waste of time.

For those reasons, the Tasmanian dialogue specifically rejected a constitutionally entrenched advisory body in December last year.

Yet the Referendum Council has mistakenly recorded



Michael Mansell

us as supporting such a body.

The Referendum Council itself reported that the Dubbo dialogue had “a strong view that a First Nations voice to Parliament must have real power: a power of veto and the power to make a difference”.

It is true that national dialogue meetings supported a national body. That support, mostly in anticipation of a new national body

that would take over funding of Aboriginal programs and set priorities, was thought to warrant security in the Constitution.

The Referendum Council report mistakenly twists that position into support for a constitutionally entrenched advisory body, an entirely different concept.

By fobbing Aborigines off to the states on treaty, the Referendum Council report all but ignored the call by 250 Aboriginal delegates at Uluru for a treaty, a truth and justice commission and a national body. These were the priorities that came out of Uluru but which got sidelined in the Referendum Council report.

The Referendum Council claims that treaty and a national body to replace ATSIC is outside its brief. That is a highly contentious reading of the terms of reference given that the council had to consider Indigenous opinion on whether constitutional proposals were the best way to go. The terms read:

4. *The Council will report to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition by 30 June 2016*

on: a. outcomes of national consultations and community engagement about constitutional recognition, including Indigenous-led consultations;

The Referendum Council should have told Aborigines before the dialogues took place that it would not support anything other than an advisory body and that it would not entertain recommending a treaty.

The effect is that the Referendum Council spent more than \$1 million on dialogues knowing full well it would ignore Indigenous views.

We will honour the Tasmanian dialogue position. We will not support the constitutionally entrenched body and will actively campaign against it.

Instead, we will call on the Federal Parliament to establish a new national representative body, begin the process of treaty making and establish a truth and justice commission.

● *Tasmanian Aboriginal man Michael Mansell is a lawyer, activist and author of the book Treaty and Statehood.*

Yawu! We have survived

IT was my honour and privilege to present the inaugural Selwyn Johnson lecture as part of the NAIDOC celebrations in Brisbane’s Musgrave Park.

It was in the rain in front of a couple of thousand people who had braved the weather in celebrating our survival.

For those of you don’t know who Selwyn ‘Sally J’ Johnson was, his legacy was our very identity as Brisbane Blacks.

Sally J was our Brisbane community. He stood tall, both with presence and physically, standing over six feet (1.85m) with dreadlocks and a smile that gave comfort and warmth and eyes that would glisten with ancient wisdom.

This piece is an edited version of that lecture: Nguru buruwi-y gaba binaal-ga (May he rest in Peace).

Sally J was responsible for strengthening our presence in Brisbane. Through the Born Free Hostel in West End he created a refuge for our most vulnerable. I was 15 and homeless when I first meet Sally J. He gave me shelter, a bed, fed me and then sent for my mother, who came in to Born Free to pick me up.

No counselling services, no liaison officers, no government funding, just his responsibility and obligation as an Aboriginal man.

Over the years he continued to guide me in my initiation as a Brisbane Black. His strength was in these grounds we walk today and the legacy of our ancestors in representing our truth.

In recognition of this year’s NAIDOC theme Our Languages Matter, I introduce myself in my own Kamilaroi language Woolombi Gawuban Gunigal Gamilaraay Kamilaroi Waters.

Ngarra-li-ga Turrbal gaalanha

Yuggera Gurrumayuu (Acknowledgement to Turrbal and Yuggera Country).

Ngarra-li-ga burra-li winanga-y (Acknowledgement begins with recognition).

There is one simple word I want to share with each and every one of you. It represents both yes and truth.

Yawu.

Bunma-li baluwaal-ma-li dhalibaa-yaa (Change will never happen without a commitment towards change).

It is impossible to enter into any discussion without acknowledging our boundaries and the pain of our history. To not at least make mention in acknowledging our ancestors and the traditional owners for their sacrifices in creating the opportunities we have today.

Our trauma is deep, it is intergenerational, it is historical and it resides deeply in the present. But we are not our trauma. We are so much more.

And what we receive in return when such trauma arises goes far beyond just connection to the stories of our Marraan (ancestors), our sacred lands and kinship systems.

We are able to travel back and forth through time in negotiating the landscape of our present. It is in our Aboriginal voices we explore the liminal space of our creation as we journey inwards into the crucible of our ancestry, a space in nonlinear time that accesses these experiences as ritual and ceremony carried within thousands of years of accumulated ancestral wisdom.

It is in these rituals of the ordinary, the most humble and forsaken, that Sally J looked after those in Brisbane seeking solace. Our connection to the past is the



Woolombi Waters

very premise of our Aboriginal journey today. Remember this when people tell you to move on, to leave the past behind: In moving on from the past we disconnect from the very soul of our Aboriginality, as we are born from our ancestors.

Never forget that we not only carry their pain but also their strength, and through this journey we heal not only ourselves but also the sins of this country. What has happened and is continuing to happen in Australia is one of the greatest unstated crimes against humanity seen in any modern civilisation. It was here among this pain that I met for the first time Selwyn Johnson and he taught me to turn that pain into the very strength of my conviction.

And we all stand in that same circle in building our future in a process of engagement within both

our present location and the accumulated stories of the past in celebration of our survival today.

As Aboriginal people we regard the question of the first consciousness of understanding tied to creation and the universe as belonging to the realm of Burruguu-ngayi-li, or Dreaming.

This concept then becomes the very basis of our reality prior to, during and beyond a process of colonisation, which we have survived.

Yawu... We have survived!

We are only as vulnerable as we allow ourselves to be. And today we are strong. Yawu!

Our struggle is not only about land, it’s about truth. It’s why we are witnessing a rebirth of our culture our languages and ways of being. It’s why over the past few years we have seen every major city closed at major traffic lights and intersections on their Australia Day celebrations, our Survival and Invasion Day remembrance, as our young people corroboree sing and ceremony in the smoke reconnecting to our ancestors.

No, we will not leave the past behind. We bring it with us in our survival.

It’s because we now have ancestors like Sally J and others guiding these principles, watching down from beyond the stars. We are anything but savage. My Yarudhagaa (Totem) reflects my genealogy and remains Kubbaanjhaan.

This connects me to my Burruguu-ngayi-li (Dreaming) as defined through Gawuban Gunigal – the waterways, Songlines and Dreaming paths throughout the east coast of Australia with Biimi recognised by many Aboriginal First Nations as our creator.

The greed and power from institutions that feed on the most vulnerable are there for all to see, they expose themselves.

All we are to do is open our eyes and our ears to the truth.

Every police officer that is acquitted for the murder of our people, every third world country invaded does not set the guilty free – it only confirms the deep structural problems still embedded in racism, hatred and fear.

It confirms their guilt rather than leaves them blameless, innocent of the very crimes they commit.

We are not the problem, they are, and we are, instead, the solution. Yawu!

Because of my Elders, men like Sally J, I understand that my endurance, strength, the very dhu (pathway) of my Kamilaroi being is here within our collective Aboriginal communities.

We will find the answers in questioning our inadequacy and in being able to one day sustain our cultural traditions among the youth we work with in these communities.

Your Aboriginality is your divine authority and birthright to exercise autonomy, ownership, leadership as the original peoples of these lands. To claim ownership in our wellbeing, free of trauma, as a people connected to the lands of their ancestors over tens of thousands of years.

We share a noble birth in carrying the legacy of our languages, our ceremony and our way of life, our personal magnetism, commanding the presence and our inspiration from which we were first born, our merren, our ancestors.

Yawu!

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

Following the trail of history



Young Wugularr residents pose with Arnhem MP Selena Uibo, RGRG mayor Tony Jack, Council's chief executive Michael Berto, Sharon Hillen and Brenda Donges.



SET among picturesque paperbark trees in Beswick, a new interactive heritage trail loops around a waterlily-filled billabong.

Visitors can learn more about the Indigenous and pastoral histories of the Roper Gulf region, as the trail passes by the remnants of the station that shaped the structural aesthetic of Beswick as it stands today.

The push to create the 1.6 km trail was led by

Roper Gulf Regional Council (RGRC) after the Beswick Local Authority identified it as a potential community engagement project several years ago.

Oral histories and information sourced from the Northern Territory Library have been used to create signage that tells the story of the establishment of Beswick Station, and the settling of local Indigenous families in the area.

RGRC mayor Tony Jack said Council was happy to have worked with residents

to record their stories.

"I'd like to see more projects like this across the region, because they help to promote cultural tourism that benefits our communities," he said.

At the recent opening of the trail, Arnhem MP Selena Uibo praised the Council's municipal services team and Community Development Program participants for their work.

The Beswick Heritage Trail was funded through a Federal Government community heritage program grant.

Uranium on the way out



A BAN on uranium mining on all future granted mining leases was announced recently by the Western Australian Government.

The actions being taken are consistent with the ban that existed between 2002 and 2008, which proved to be effective.

The Government will not prevent the four uranium projects that have received State Ministerial approvals from progressing, as it has legal advice it cannot legally deny secondary approvals for the purpose of frustrating approvals already granted. This includes Toro Energy's Wiluna project, Cameco's Kintyre and Yeelirrie projects, and Vimy Resources' Mulga Rock project.

Mines and Petroleum Minister Bill Johnston said Western Australian agencies will stringently regulate the industry and ensure the four mines meet their regulatory and environmental responsibilities if they proceed.

"In making this decision, the government has carefully considered the potential liability risk for WA taxpayers," he said. "We made a commitment that all uranium mining projects with State Ministerial approvals will be able to continue, providing they meet all planning approvals."

Funding for Vic projects



FUNDING has been made available for culturally appropriate projects in Victorian Aboriginal communities, to reduce family violence through prevention and education.

Grants from the \$650,000 Indigenous Family Violence Strategy Community Initiatives Fund will be available to non-government organisations across the state.

Projects will support objectives that the Aboriginal community and the Government have agreed to in the Strong Culture, Strong Peoples, Strong Families 10-year plan.

The government hopes to create partnerships with local Aboriginal communities and raise awareness about the impacts of violence on Aboriginal families.

These grants are in addition to \$11 million to extend legal services for Aboriginal Victorians, with extra lawyers and case support workers to assist with family violence intervention orders and child protection matters. Another \$11.4 million will expand prevention and intervention programs, including Sisters Day Out, Dilly Bag and Young Luv.

Minister for Families and Children Jenny Mikako said that while family violence can start in the home, it can be felt throughout a community.

"These grants will empower Aboriginal people to put an end to family violence," she said.

"We need to work in partnership with the Aboriginal community to develop better ways to address family violence and these projects will do just that."

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Yinhawangka celebrate



AFTER 20 years of negotiations with the Western Australian Government, the Yinhawangka people are now celebrating the legal recognition of their land and culture.

Their recently won native title determination covers an area covering the townsites of Paraburdoo, the Aboriginal communities at Wakathuni and Bellary Springs, six pastoral leases, Crown reserves and unallocated Crown land.

Yinhawangka country is resource-rich and full of cultural significance, and the determination area is home to many sacred sites including ancient rock art, traditional tool-making places, ceremonial grounds, permanent pools and places of spiritual significance connected to cultural song lines and stories.

The community celebrated the decision at an on-country Federal Court hearing at the Rocklea Pastoral Station, an event co-hosted by Yamatji Marlpa



Justice Mordecai Bromberg and claim lawyer Kate Holloman with members of the Yinhawangka applicant body Nicholas Cook, Roy Tommy, David Cox and Adrian Condon Snr. (Churchill Jones and Stuart Ingie Snr are absent).

Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) and the Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation (YAC).

YMAC is the native title representative body for the Pilbara region and YAC is the prescribed body corporate

nominated by the Yinhawangka people to manage native title matters.

Yinhawangka traditional owner Rodney Parker said it was a proud day for his people.

"After all of our hard work we

are finally recognised as the owners of this land," he said.

"We would like to thank YMAC for all of their support. This is a celebration, a coming together of the three clans within this group.

"We stand together, this is the

day that we have been waiting for. A win for Yinhawangka is a win for other Indigenous groups in the area.

"The Yinhawangka people continue to look after country by passing on the cultural knowledge of their ancestors and teaching the next generation."

YMAC chief executive Simon Hawkins said the Yinhawangka people had successfully negotiated a consent determination.

"This included the recognition of exclusive native title rights and interests in seven areas of cultural significance located on unallocated Crown land," he said.

"This is a great outcome and the Yinhawangka people should be very proud."

At the court ruling, Justice Mordecai Bromberg said the court congratulated the Yinhawangka claimants, the state and the non-state respondents for negotiating and agreeing to the making of consent orders.

"We hope that the Yinhawangka people enjoy both spiritual and material prosperity," he said.



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40 years on, WEAVE is better than ever



WHEN WEAVE was started by a group of parents concerned

about the welfare of their children, they were based in a renovated toilet block.

Now, 40 years on, the youth and community services organisation has 10 programs and more than 50 staff and operates in locations throughout Sydney.

WEAVE chief executive Greg Benson said that considering the organisation's humble beginnings, to reach the 40th anniversary is "super exciting".

"It's great to see," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"We've got generations of the same family who have accessed our services.

"Adults who used the youth services as teenagers have come back to volunteer with us, and their grandchildren are part of the programs now."

More than half of WEAVE's program participants are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Mr Benson said one of the reasons WEAVE attracts so many Indigenous clients is because of the its relationship with the community.

"We work really hard to listen to what the community wants," he said.

"We've been here for 40 years now, so we've had the chance to connect with local Elders. Some of them were the young people in the programs we first started out with."



WEAVE staff, volunteers and program participants.

WEAVE has recently developed the 'Kool Kids Klub' program, which provides educational outreach and supports the development for young people.

"There are about 160 kids in the program and we run it after school and on holidays,"

"Adults who used the youth services as teenagers have come back to volunteer with us, and their grandchildren are part of the programs now."

Mr Benson said.

"The program provides educational opportunities and encourages school attendance."

The Driving for Change program, run by WEAVE, has also expanded. One of the

organisation's regular volunteers raised more than \$20,000 to buy two new cars for the program, which helps people gain their provisional driver's licence.

"Having to get 120 hours on your learner plates is a major barrier to young people who

live in the city, because a lot of their parents don't have vehicles," he said.

"So for people who want to get their licence we have local volunteers to help these people get their hours up.

"We've also had older

people, some who have come out of custody, and part of how they want to integrate back into the community is to get their licence because they were picked up for driving offences in the first place.

"One of the men who took part in the program tells the story about how he used to hang his head and duck into side streets when he drove past police.

"He didn't want to be noticed because he didn't have a licence. Now he is

so proud that he has his provisional licence, he waves at the cops as he drives past."

Mr Benson said these, and WEAVE's other programs, would not be possible without the "small army" of volunteers who support the organisation.

Govt accused over suicides



LEADERS in Mowanjum, a remote Kimberley Aboriginal community, say the Federal Government must share the blame for a spate of youth suicides being investigated by a Western Australian coroner because of changes in its work-for-the-dole scheme.

Mowanjum chief executive Steve Austin and chairman Steve Peumorra have also called for greater restrictions on buying alcohol, including a 'drinker's

card' ID similar to a driver's licence that a person could lose if they commit alcohol-related offences.

Mr Austin said there was less work for Aboriginal people since control over managing the community's finances was taken away and given to Centrelink bureaucrats, including allocating payments and penalties based on whether people were meeting work-for-the-dole requirements.

The previous system (CDEP) should return, in which an Aboriginal community's chief executive had discretion to pay a

worker top-up money in addition to a dole cheque if they worked extra hours, using money for those who did not work and meet their obligations, Mr Austin said.

Obligations

That can no longer be done and people who mostly meet their obligations are receiving penalties when they don't, such as to attend a funeral, because they have not informed Centrelink, partly due to poor English and computer skills.

"People lost hope after that ... people used to take it seriously

as employment and it worked well for communities," Mr Austin said, referring to the past five to six years, when Mowanjum was hit by a crisis including a large spike in suicides often involving youths.

"That was because they could not earn extra," he said.

"That's when the drinking really increased ... families started to become dysfunctional and people went underground, didn't want anything to do with the Government and a lot said, 'We're not working for the dole.'"

The comments come as a

coronial inquest into a cluster of suicides by 13 young Aboriginal people in the Kimberley continued in Broome. — AAP

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

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



Bunurong Elder Uncle Shane Clarke conducts the ceremony.

Artefacts back on country after ceremony



THE smoke of eucalypt, black wattle and native cherry leaves wafted around Melbourne's western suburbs recently at a smoking ceremony to repatriate culturally significant artefacts found by Melbourne Water staff.

The ceremony was organised by Bunurong Land Council after the artefacts were found during the construction of the water main for Melbourne Water's Growing West project.

Melbourne Water principal cultural heritage officer Paul Balassone said a number of culturally significant sites and artefacts were identified during an assessment done before construction of a new pipeline.

"Bunurong Elder Uncle Shane Clarke conducted a smoking ceremony to give spirits attracted to the landscape and objects the opportunity to pass into the afterlife as part the repatriation of the artefacts," he said.

"It was an amazing experience to hear Uncle

Shane's pride as he explained what he was doing during the ceremony and how it related to Aboriginal culture.

"Dan Turnbull, from the Bunurong, also spoke about the deep significance of the sacred objects involved, how and why they are so important, and the importance of the elements of the ceremony.

"Various native species were burnt during the ceremony including eucalypt, black wattle and native cherry to create the smoke to become the vehicle that cleanses objects, people and places.

"It was a wonderful experience that provided a moment of reflection for the Melbourne Water staff who attended."

Mr Balassone said members of the Friends of Kororoit Creek and the project archaeologist, Erica Walther from Australian Cultural Heritage Management, also attended the event.

The artefacts were found as part of the 'Water for a Growing West' under which a 17km pipeline was built to transfer water from St Albans Reservoir to Cowies Hill Reservoir in Tarneit.



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Burning issues at National

'People who think they are doing the right thing are doing damage'



Traditional burning advocate and teacher Victor Steffensen, the man behind the workshops, with Balnggarrawarra Gaarraay (Melsonby) traditional owners.



Djelk rangers from Maningrida, in the Northern Territory: front from left, David Moore, Ricky Archer, Greg Wilson and Dickson Mardday and, back from left, Jonah Ryan, Darryl Redford, Kyais Brian, Kenny Duffill and Jethro Brian.



Family from Wujal Wujal, Hope Vale and Mossman catch up at the workshop. They are Colin Doughboy, Marjorie Solomon, Kulki Solomon, Nikita Tayley, Indiana Solomon, Anthea Solomon, Lachlan Jack and Neola Solomon.

By JILLIAN MUNDY



VICTOR Steffensen, the man behind the National Indigenous Fire Workshop held in Cape York this month, has his own story of regaining knowledge and tradition.

His mother and grandmothers were Stolen Generation.

"It affected the family badly. They lost the knowledge. They didn't know anything about the country. There are a lot of communities in that situation," said the Tagalaka man from north Queensland's Gulf country.

"As soon as I was able to understand as a young teenager, I wanted to learn about the whole knowledge system."

At first it was about medicines, bush foods and how to make a didgeridoo, but then in 1991 while fishing with friends in Laura (north Qld) he met George Musgrave and Tommy George and a world of knowledge opened up.

Now deceased, the Kuku Thaypan brothers were renowned trackers, stockmen, land rights activist and keepers of traditional knowledge. They were founders of the Cape York Land Council and Laura Aboriginal Dance Festival, and in 2005 were awarded doctorates by James Cook University for being "world class scholars" of their culture, law and country, and for sharing that information with researchers.

Fearing what he was being taught could be lost, Mr Steffensen began documenting what he was learning and it was not long before it sparked a passion in traditional burning.

"They were always complaining to me that the country's sick, complaining that everything was messy, not much food, not much medicine, they can't find their story places because the bush is so thick and overgrown, because of no fire," he said.

"But they couldn't do anything because they grew up with the boss man – the cattle owner being the boss, the police man being the boss and national parks being the boss.

"Those old people who were walking encyclopaedias, they couldn't even exercise that knowledge.

"How wrong is that? People who know can't even manage the country and people who don't know are in charge."

It struck a chord in Mr Steffensen's heart and he was driven to make changes.

Many of his initial endeavours to bring back traditional burning were met with obstacles. Agencies put up actual road blocks to stop him and the two old men coming into national

parks, and there were incidents where he and others traditionally burning were blamed for damaging fires that had nothing to do with them.

The arrogance of the wider community comes as no surprise. As Mr Steffensen points out, generations of people have grown up being taught not to listen to Aboriginal people.

"People who think they are doing the right thing are doing damage," he said.

"The government of this country has deprived everybody of that ancient knowledge."

Mr Steffensen is no longer the hard-headed young man he confesses to once being. He has improved his methods for negotiating with government agencies and teaching people.

He says assisting Aboriginal people to regain knowledge and practising traditional burning has more impact than meetings with government agencies.

His believes once the people have regained the knowledge of their old people the agencies will come knocking.

"The sooner they learn, the better
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Truwana (Cape Barren Island) fire chief Shayne Maher at the workshop.

Indigenous Fire Workshop



Balnggarrawarra rangers Mark Harrigan and Vince Harrigan and community chair Troy Michael hosted workshop participants at Battle Camp, a massacre site, where they heard the story of their people's dispossession and recent return of their land. They began traditional burning only last year.

Gathering held on Cape York

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off they are going to be and the better off the country will be, for all Australians."

Obstacles such as bureaucratic red tape, agriculture and single-minded scientific research are slowly but surely going.

Most of the workshop participants were from NSW, Victoria and Tasmania.

Mr Steffensen praised the southern states for being motivated to find solutions following massive wildfires over the past few years.

"But they have a long way to go in a sense of giving the reins to the community to manage country without having to jump through all these hoops," he said.

Mr Steffensen is critical of Queensland agencies' lack of interest.

"They are still in the dark ages with that redneck mentality," he said. "They only support their own methodologies on fires, and a lot of that they take from us as well."

"When they come to a joint management meeting they come with a fire plan already done."

"They say, 'This is our fire plan and this is how you can jump on board.'"

"The same challenges are there as nine years ago, yet every other state around Australia is moving and changing and making a challenge."

Mr Steffensen said that with the exception of NRM, north Queensland agencies showed no support or interest.

He pointed out that putting a national parks shirt on the back of an Aboriginal person, flying around in a helicopter and taking them to do incendiary burns, bombing from helicopters and using drip torches and calling it traditional burning does not equate to traditional burning.

"Need time to learn"

"They need time to learn," he said.

Mr Steffensen believes it will take a generation. "(Aboriginal people) need the support to build their knowledge," he said.

"They have to do that in a specific way, by reading the landscape and understanding the trees and doing the proper old knowledge and rebuilding their knowledge so they can build up their confidence and

put it in their joint management plans and do it themselves."

Mr Steffensen believes agencies can see this as a threat, but they are starting to listen.

NSW agencies sent representatives, non-Aboriginal land managers attended off their own bat, and National Party MP for the Eastern Victorian Region Melina Bath was there.

Ms Bath, who has a science degree and diploma in education, met Mr Steffensen when he gave evidence at the Victorian Government's inquiry into fire preparedness.

She was on the committee of the enquiry that came about as a result of the 2009 King Lake fires that claimed 173 lives.

The inquiry's report, released last month, recommends the Government support a pilot project and research into traditional burning that is managed by relevant Indigenous organisations.

"We need better ways, we need to burn with understanding and we need to burn to protect people," Ms Bath said.

"And we need to burn to heal the country and Indigenous knowledge has it."



Balnggarrawarra Gaarraay (Melsonby) ranger Larry Banning is excited to be part of getting traditional burning going again on his country so what he refers to as his "chemist shop, hardware shop and supermarket" can thrive once again.



Gunai Kurnai men from Gippsland, Victoria, NRM crew member Mick Farnham and ranger Kobi Cook are with Nationals MP for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath.

Ninety years on, 80 follow in



Aunty Norma Tiers, Woorabinda Mayor Cheyne Wilkie, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Mark Furner and Aunty Dot Leedie at the Taroom memorial.



The walkers and crew assemble before the final 5km into Woorabinda, central Queensland.



Doug Tilberoo is ready to resume the trek to Woorabinda.



Marchers cross the Dawson River on the way to Woorabinda.



● Above: Elder Douglas Graham finds his family members on the Taroom march memorial plaque.

● Right: Young marchers Tjilalaki Graham and Zafeera Gibson check out names on the plaque.



Walkers find shade from large trees on the route of the re-enactment.

footsteps of Taroom marchers



Marchers carry the Aboriginal flag during the re-enactment.

Re-enactment emotions high

By CHRISTINE HOWES

"EVERY time I wanted to stop, I thought of them, and that made me keep going." – Thelma Saunders Brown



BACK in 1927 the Aboriginal people who had been living at the Taroom Aboriginal Settlement in central Queensland were forced to march more than 200km to make way for the Dawson Valley Irrigation Scheme.

Ninety years on, this month it took eight days for 80 people – walkers and their support crew of cooks, drivers, therapists and photographers – to re-enact the trek their families were forced to make on foot.

Participant Thelma Saunders Brown said re-enacting the trek was her saddest experience, other than losing her parents and loved ones.

"When I went to Taroom and saw the burial sites, the sacred sites, it broke me; it broke me to the max," she said. "It's the saddest thing I've ever seen."

"That's what made me walk. I walked for each and every one of them."

"My parents walked, my grandparents, aunts, uncles, who were all taken away, walked to Woorabinda."

"It's sad, horrible. They would have been in chains, barefoot, no luxury."

"It's hurtful. It's the most hurtful, even just to stand here and talk."

Nine-year-old Mary Aubrey is the same age the only surviving walker – her great grandmother Aunty Ivy Booth – was in 1927.

"I had to follow in the steps of Nana Ivy," she said. "She might have been thirsty and hungry."

Mary chose to wear shoes on the walk because she doesn't like getting stone bruises, but Ezra Munns, 15, took a different approach.

"I didn't wear shoes because I knew my

ancestors did it without them," he said.

"It was hard for them. It should be hard for us too."

"While I was walking I was thinking, 'Just keep going, just push on. If my ancestors can do it, I can do it.'"

"I did the whole walk and I'm proud of myself."

It's the third year of the trek re-enactment and it's the third time Elder Wally Saunders has done it.

"I've done it all before. It's a blessing I am able to still do it and I just love doing it," he said.

"I had my granddaughter on this walk. She's enjoying it and I'm telling her

those people years ago."

"The walk was great. A couple of our grandkids walked with us and I enjoyed walking, even though I got sore feet and things like that, but we made it back to Woorabinda."

"Camping out at Blackboy (outstation) was great. It's a nice, peaceful place."

Lynette Brown and her daughter Lynelle had seven children – nieces and grandkids – to keep an eye on over the eight days.

"I wanted to do the walk because I've never done it, and I thought it would be a good experience for myself and the kids," she said. "Ivy Booth, the original trekker who's still alive, is my grandmother – my mother's mother."

"We had never been to Taroom, had never seen the settlement, so wanted to go there and see those places, see where Nana had come from."

"It's been an experience. It's been cold and hard, but I've been walking about 4km to 6km a day, which I didn't think I'd be able to do."

Richie Munns' grandfather was in charge of moving the settlement's stock.

"It's very emotional (doing the walk)," he said.

"I'm just thankful that I'm here to do it in honour of my grandfather and grandmother."

"I had a few moments there along the track and said a few prayers to myself, not only to my grandfather and grandmother but also everybody who made that long journey from Taroom to Woorabinda."

"I had my wife with me and my two children – one is 11 and one is 13 – and they walked with me."

"The youngest fellow wouldn't get on the bus, so he walked all the way."

Eli Bloomfield, 14, said he loved the camps and also did it for his grandparents.

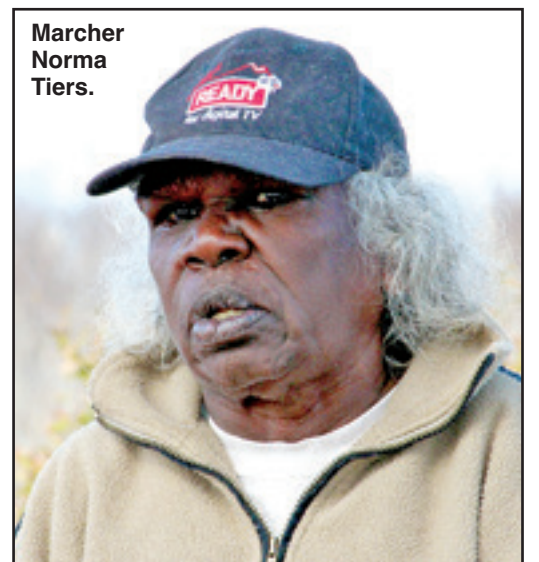
"I went and hugged everyone because they're my aunts, granddads, great granddads, and that's why I hug them."



Children find the energy to run.



Woorabinda Mayor Cheyne Wilkie with his daughter Narlla, 5.



Marcher Norma Tiers.



The only original marcher Aunty Ivy Booth is with dancers, many of whom took part in this year's walk.

stories of my grandparents."

The Gyemore sisters Pamela, Edna, Florence, Priscilla and Lowetta also did this year's walk.

"We took the opportunity to go to Taroom, which we haven't done before," Edna Jean Doyle, nee Gyemore, said.

"The opening of the ceremony they had down there was a bit of a sad occasion, we all shed tears over what happened to

Indigenous art fair brings

Leonora Adidi



Mayi Wunba dancers.



Michelle Yeatman, Philomena Yeatman, Valmai Pollard and Finanin Richards from Yarrabah.

Arone Meeks.



Designer Bernard Singleton with model.



Nathan Jawai and his family were guests at several CIAF events.



Amy and Netta Loogatha from MIART.

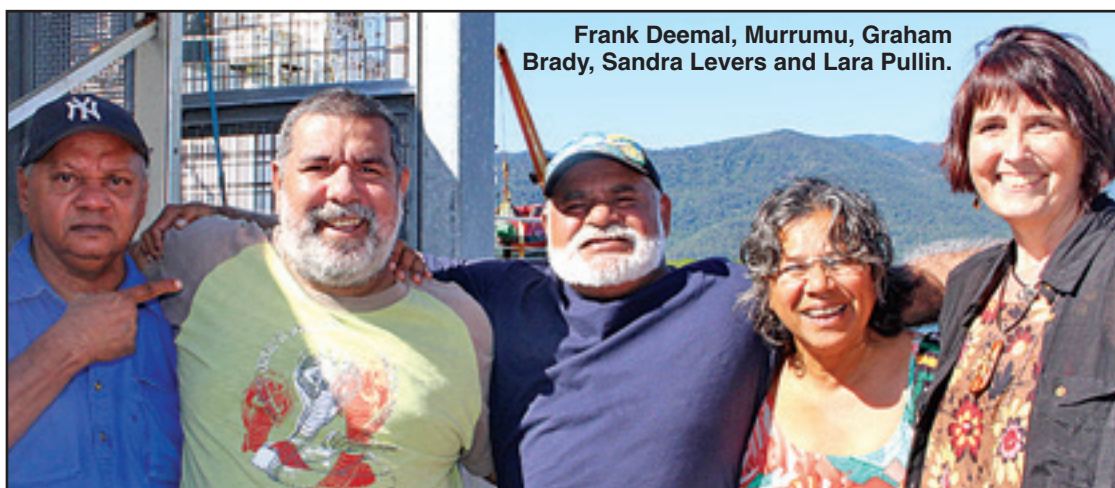
a night of firsts to Cairns



Stage manager
Peggy Lane



Jasinta Smith Willis, Graham Brady, Christina Atkinson, Yasserie Smith and David Mundraby.



Frank Deemal, Murrumu, Graham Brady, Sandra Levers and Lara Pullin.

Evolving art into fashion

By **CHRISTINE HOWES**



SOME of north Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and organisations have once again shown their best work at this year's Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF).

In displays ranging from fashion and material design to sculpture, photography, canvas and jewellery, the event was a huge success enjoyed by several thousand people over three days of art, performance and even a cooking competition as part of the Gimuy Fish Festival, which was integrated into CIAF for the first time.

In one of several 'firsts' the opening night was also the stage for a series of awards, including the Premier's Award for Excellence, won by Garry Namponan from the Wik and Kugu Art Centre in Aurukun.

"It is my great pleasure to present this award, which recognises the most

outstanding work at the Fair, to Mr Namponan an Aurukun artist renowned for his Ku' (Camp Dog) sculptures and abstracted painted canvases," Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said.

Other winners on the night included Emerging Artist Alison Murray from Girringun Art Centre in Cardwell and Gail Mabo for Innovation, sponsored by the Copyright Agency and Viscopy.

This year's fashion presentation – 'Wandan', which in local Yindinji language means 'future' – was curated by Grace Lillian Lee and choreographed by Fiona Wirrer-George.

"We're evolving and becoming a much bigger show," Ms Lee said.

"This year we had 24 models and 10 designers, and we wanted to showcase what the future of fashion may look like for First Nation people."

Meanwhile at the main stage, next to the marketplace and galleries, MC Merissa Nona said she had had an amazing experience.

"The dance groups have

been amazing," she said.

"We had Mayi Wunba, who were one of the Laura Festival winners, and they bring so much energy, even when they exit you can hear them continuing the movement down in the dressing rooms.

"It's really quite powerful stuff. It's been a great year.

"I think CIAF is a really great expression of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture."

Lockhart River artist Thelma Hobson said she loved doing her artwork, as did Valmai Pollard from Yarrabah.

"It's been good this year," Ms Pollard said.

Photographer Nerelle Nicol said CIAF had encouraged her in her work.

"The feedback I got from people was really encouraging," she said.

This is a great medium to get to work out there, people that have come by, the people you meet and the opportunity from life, from just talking to people, or just being inspired to continue with what you're doing is great."



Model Magnolia Maymuru wears an outfit designed by Simone Arnol.



Gimuy Fish Festival cook-off winners Red Ochre Restaurant and Tjapakai chefs Caleb Blackley, Tomas Prihoda and Davy O'Rourke.



Ngurrumirii Leha-Penrith and Desiree Leha give a hand to the NCIE mural.



Madison McBride, Donna Taylor and Linda Boney enjoy the sun at the Inner City NAIDOC event at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence.

Excellent event for thousands



MORE than 5000 people came through the gates of the National

Centre of Indigenous Excellence to join in the music, sport, art and dance; to check out all the stalls and rides; and to enjoy the sunshine and community of the 2017 NAIDOC day on Friday, July 7.

The Redfern Dance Company won the crowd's hearts with an opening performance blending dance, song, art, language and connection to land.

A host of entertainers followed on the main stage with MC Luke Carroll keeping the crowd

entertained and informed. Jazz muso Jonny Nicol kept the diners at the Elders lunch tapping along in the NCIE dining room.

A 155 square metre community mural promoting community, healthy lifestyle choices and strong anti-smoking messages was created by artists Emily Johnson and Jessica Johnson on the sports field wall during NAIDOC Week.

On the day, community and visitors filled in the mural with hand prints.

Banners

To honour this year's NAIDOC theme, Our Languages Matter, there was a display of nine banners

featuring more than 600 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language names; a children's language treasure hunt covering the whole NCIE site; and Bundjalung language workshops from Eora TAFE at the language tent.

Inner City NAIDOC at the NCIE was jointly organised by the NCIE, Gadigal Information Service, Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corporation, Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, SDN Children's Services, First Peoples Disability Network, National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy, Redfern Community Centre and Eora TAFE.



The Cohen Family from Kempsey attends the NCIE's Inner City NAIDOC event.



● Above: The Preatures perform on the main stage during the NAIDOC event in Sydney.



● Left: Alicia Johnson with Emily in front of the new anti-smoking mural at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern.



The Redfern Dance Company kicks off the main stage program.

Rosetta Thomas and Jacob Corcoran attend the NAIDOC Ball in Launceston with their sister NAIDOC Sportsperson of the Year Danika Corcoran. *Picture: Leanne Thomas*



Member of the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Aboriginal Reference Group Lola Greeno, demonstrates shell necklace making at the First Tasmanians: Our Story Open Day program during NAIDOC Week. *Picture: QVMAG*

Theme embraced

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIAN Aborigines embraced the 'our languages matter' NAIDOC theme, with palawa kani spoken at flag-raising, trips on country, luncheons and even on the local ABC weather report each morning of NAIDOC Week.

A speech that reflected on the state of Aboriginal affairs in lutrawita (Tasmania) was read simultaneously at well-attended Aboriginal community flag-raising in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie on the Monday of the week.

"It's a sign of the depth of our cultural dispossession in this state that we had to start almost from scratch to revive our traditional language," it said.

"We say almost because, as amazing as it may seem, after all those years of being removed from our lands and so many of our traditional cultural

ways, we did not totally lose our cultural connections, including our language.

"This is the same story we hear from all over the world – no matter how hard the dominant society tried to get rid of all signs of our language and culture, they did not succeed totally."

The speech said the revival included thorough investigation of community knowledge and historical records and solid linguistic analysis over the past two decades, adding that like all languages, it has evolved over time.

It gave examples of how language matters. "We know it matters in how you use the English language. If you insist on saying 26 January is 'Australia Day' rather than 'Invasion Day' it's saying you agree with the celebration of the date on which our country was invaded by the English and declared to be part of the British Empire.

"If you call us Aboriginal Tasmanians you are saying we are Tasmanian first and Aboriginal second. Most of us do not agree with that description.



Tasmanian Aborigine of the Year Aunty Dorothy Murray.

"If you say we should 'get over' our dispossession and appropriation of our culture, you are saying we have no right to the ownership and control of what is ours."

About 50 people attended the South East Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation's (SETAC) flag-raising event in Cygnet.

SETAC chief executive Tracey Dillon spoke about

the importance of language and how it was used through the years to pass down important information to Aboriginal people on place, history, recordings of how to get food and medicine and the way people traversed the countryside.

"These are crucial elements in improving the wellbeing, cultural and economic situation for

Aboriginal people," she said.

Rodney Dillon spoke about the importance of how language aids in maintaining connection to land, and identity through cultural practices.

There was also a gathering at Aboriginal matriarch Fanny Cochrane Smith's church at Nicholls Rivulet.

Guest speaker Debbie Hocking reflected on the rare recordings of the fluent Tasmanian Aboriginal language of her great, great, great grandmother. According to the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Fanny was celebrated for her "lovely singing voice", and in 1899 a concert was held in her honour where she entertained the crowd with the songs of her people. These recordings were played on the day in the church.

State NAIDOC awards were presented at the NAIDOC Ball in Launceston.

Tasmanian Aborigine of the Year was Aunty Dorothy Murray, who, now in her 70s, has advocated for her

community for over half a century. She is a founder of the Aboriginal Elders Council of Tasmania, a noted shell stringer and was a singer with the *Island Coes* for many years. Aunty Dorothy has served on many committees including the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (currently), the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council and the Aboriginal Elders Council of Tasmania.

The Youth Award went to musician Codie Mansell, Sportsperson to footballer (AFL) Danika Corcoran, Artist to visual artist Aunty Dawn Blazely and Scholar to land manager Brenton Brown who is studying a Certificate 2 in Conservation and Land Management.

Other highlights of the week were the opening of the new First Tasmanians Gallery at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in Launceston; waranta (palawa kani for 'we') – a gala performance of local Aboriginal singers as part of Hobart's Festival of Voices, and community on country trips.



Leprena Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress held a NAIDOC community lunch. *Picture: Tameeka Jamieson*



Rod Dillon at the South East Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation's flag-raising event in Cygnet.

Marchers meet on the borderline



NAIDOC marchers from both Tweed Heads (NSW) and Coolangatta (Queensland) meet at the Queensland-NSW border as part of local celebrations.



Aboriginal maternal and infant care workers Kristen Besant, Chanda Willis, Caroline Dalgetty and Bronwyn Warren enjoy NAIDOC Week celebrations in Port Augusta.



Former AFL footballer Shane Bond, regional director Flinders and Upper North health region Ros McRae, executive director Aboriginal Health CHSA, Kerri Reilly, former AFL footballer Tony Modra and CHSA chief executive Maree Geraghty join the celebrations.

Healthy turnout



PORT Augusta and Whyalla hospital and health services' NAIDOC Week events involved a welcome and acknowledgement to country ceremony,

a performance by the Dusty Feet Mob, a barbecue lunch and a staff awards ceremony.

Former AFL players Tony Modra, Shane Bond and Troy Bond made appearances at the events.

About 150 people attended the Port Augusta event, while around 180 people, including school students, attended the Whyalla day.

Aboriginal Health Flinders and Upper North region manager Glenise Coulthard, said both events were "hugely successful".

"They provided an opportunity for us all to come together and embrace

where we have come from and where we are going in the future in relation to improving Aboriginal health and closing the gap," she said.

"We were able to showcase what we are doing well in Aboriginal health, which is a great thing."

The Port Augusta event featured Emu Trail playgroup activities. The Emu Trail outdoor mobile playgroup, part of the Early Years Parenting Centre in the region's health service, aims to increase and support preschool attendance of a range of people from different cultures, specifically focusing on Aboriginal families. The Emu Trail playgroup provides free playgroups twice a week in Port Augusta.

Staff from the Aboriginal Family Birthing Program were on hand to answer questions and promote the program.



Dusty Feet Mob dances on the grounds of Port Augusta Hospital.



Margaret Nye, Herb Rhodes and Tia and Steve Bird at Southern Cross University.

App launch a highlight

By KEIRA JENKINS



SOUTHERN Cross University in Lismore celebrated NAIDOC Week and embraced the theme of 'Our Languages Matter' with the launch of a new app.

The *Our Words – Ngulingah Wiyabal Language* app was launched at the university's Lismore campus on the NSW north coast.

The project was started in 2013 by SCU student Talei Abraham with the help of the university's Gribi unit and local Elders.

Aunty Irene Harrington said it was a pleasure working on such an important project with Mr Abraham.

"I was fortunate that I grew up able to speak my language, but so many other people didn't have that," she said. "This will make sure that our language is not forgotten, and we can teach it to our children and have it for the future."

Following the launch there was live music, performances, workshops, information stalls, children's activities and more.



Keyarra Delauney and Casey King.



Cheryl Forrester, event MC Luke Carroll and Kay Williams at the NAIDOC celebration.



Noongar Radio Breakfast's 2Norty Broz' Samuel-Yombich Pilot Kickett with Walter McGuire and members of the Gya Ngoop Dancers at the Perth Cultural Centre during NAIDOC.

Noongar Radio switched on for celebration



IN a year when 'our languages matter' (the national NAIDOC theme), Perth's Noongar Radio said a Kaya, wanjoo (Hello, welcome) to more

people during NAIDOC 2017 than ever before.

The station produced 40 hours of specialised outside broadcasting at 11 events over 10 locations.

Noongar Radio broadcast in places from Perth's Elizabeth Quay for the NAIDOC Perth opening ceremony to suburban primary schools and even live from one of Perth's prisons.

NAIDOC 2017 featured many Noongar Radio firsts – the first live outside broadcast from the coastal city of Rockingham, which saw the audience dancing kangaroo-style with the Kaa Kaa Middars (local primary school dance group); the first broadcasts from suburban Mirrabooka (an area with a large Indigenous community), Hillcrest Primary School's inaugural Beeralyn (NAIDOC) Festival and Noongar Country's first Aboriginal Gospel concert.

A highlight was Noongar Radio's

live broadcast from Wooroloo Prison Farm, where human rights campaigner, 2017 Dr Yunupingu Human Rights Award Winner and 2016 Eddie Mabo Award for Social Justice recipient Merv Eades spoke directly to prisoners about Ngalla Maya, a not-for-profit foundation assisting people into education, housing and work after prison.

"Important"

"The most important thing for young people is to be instilled with a sense of hope," he said.

Mr Eades spoke with authority, having spent nearly two decades in and out of jail – including as an inmate at Wooroloo itself.

The outside broadcasts were spearheaded by 100.9FM Perth's breakfast duo the 2Norty Broz along with station manager Paul Whitton producing, program manager Jeff Michael, freelance broadcasting engineer John Morcombe and veteran broadcaster Jeremy Garlett. Volunteers play a large role in supporting all Noongar Radio broadcasts.

100.9FM Noongar Radio Perth streams live on www.noongarradio.com



Merv Eades, Gerry Georgatos and Noongar Radio's 2Norty Broz during the broadcast at Wooroloo Prison Farm.

Artwork a highlight on Peninsula



Ryan Parker with the artwork he helped create at the Frankston Community Dental Service.



PENINSULA Health celebrated NAIDOC by unveiling a piece of artwork painted by local Aboriginal

youth. The artwork *Yan Yan Wurneet (River of Youth)* was created as part of the Koolin Liang Healthy Teeth project, and is to be hung in the waiting room of the Frankston Community Dental Service.

Peninsula Health Koolin Balit coordinator Helen Bnads, a Birri Gubba woman from Queensland, said one of the aims of the project has been to promote culturally welcoming environments at Peninsula Health.

"There are more than 2000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living on the Mornington Peninsula, many of whom use our services," she said.

"The magnificent artwork will be proudly displayed here at Peninsula Health."

The canvas was created by the Kooriez Space Youth Group at Headspace Frankston, in partnership with Baluk Arts, Indigenous Artists of Frankston

and the Mornington Peninsula.

The key aim of the Koolin Liang Healthy Teeth project is to improve oral health among Indigenous people.

More than 200 Aboriginal clients have attended the dental service at Frankston, Rosebud and Hastings this year and this is expected to increase as more people become aware of the service.

After the launch, guests were invited to have a free dental check by Dr Lily Milczarek.

Peninsula Health also joined with Frankston City Council and Nairn Marr Djambana to host a NAIDOC Week flag-raising ceremony at the Frankston Gathering Place, the first time it has been held there.

The Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian flags were raised in celebration of the history, culture and achievements of Indigenous people.

"It was a deep heartfelt feeling of overwhelming joy to be at the Narim Marr Djambana flag-raising standing on country rich with Aboriginal ancestral connection and meaning," Ms Bnads said.

Busy time on Palm

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island celebrated NAIDOC with one of the biggest programs of events in its 99-year history. There was something for everybody from July 9-16, with performances, music, food and markets, a tribal banner march, a gala dinner, sports, activities, and entertainment for the kids.

The national NAIDOC theme was 'Our Languages Matter', while the local theme was 'Bwgcolman Many Tribes, One Mob'.

One of the highlights was a Palm Island Unity Gala Dinner for nearly

150 people, held at Freedom Park near the beach.

Mayor Alf Lacey told the audience that it was about islanders coming together and enjoying themselves, having a yarn and connecting with each other.

"We have come a long way and we must move forward in the next 100 years. Our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are our future," he said.

Several awards were presented including one for lifetime achievement to Elder Aunty Mary Twaddle. A church service and morning tea were held to officially close the celebrations.



Crusher Wotton and his mother Agnes at the Palm Island unity dinner.



● Above: Mayor Alf Lacey was one of many to dance the night away during the unity gala dinner on Palm Island.



● Left: Professor Gracelyn Smallwood, left, and Cr Deniece Geia at the Unity Gala Dinner. Prof Smallwood was the 2014 National NAIDOC Person of the Year.



Touch carnival a highlight in national capital



PICTURED at left is action from the annual NAIDOC Week Touch Football Carnival in Canberra.

The competition is designed to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture by raising awareness through sport.

It was the 15th time the well-supported event has been held.

This year's touch footy action included 420 public servants from 30 teams, battling it out in what is the biggest and most celebrated Australian Public Service-wide event supporting NAIDOC Week.

Almost 100 games of touch football were contested at the Deakin playing fields throughout the day.

Smoking ceremony at Perth university



NOONGAR Elder Walter McGuire oversees a smoking ceremony on the Matilda Bay foreshore opposite the University of Western Australia Club in Perth. Students from universities around the world attend the University of WA's NAIDOC celebrations.

Culture focus of celebration



At the Norpa NAIDOC celebrations in Lismore: from left, Rhoda Roberts, Viv Laurie, Thelma James and Marie Ryan. Picture: Kirra Pendergast



SUNSHINE Coast electronic roots band OKA headlined a two-day NAIDOC celebration organised by arts group NORPA in Lismore, northern NSW.

The event featured local and national artists, with a focus on culture.

NORPA executive producer Rhoda Roberts, a Bundjalung woman, said the event highlighted the stories of the region.

Other features include basket weaving, Elders storytelling and conversation panels, and bush tucker.

NAIDOC spirit in Glebe dancers



ELDER Aunty Wendy with students from Glebe Public School's dance troupe during a NAIDOC Week event in Sydney. Picture: Matte Rochford



Electronic roots band OKA headlined the NORPA celebration.



Bundjalung Elder Mick Roberts cooked bush tucker for the event in Lismore.

Celebration on Downs



MORE than 2000 people joined in the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS) 2017

NAIDOC Week event to celebrate the culture and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the region.

More than 20 events were held across the DDHHS, including at Toowoomba Hospital, Bailie Henderson Hospital, Cherbourg, Goondiwindi, Miles, Kingaroy, Oakey, Warwick, Murgon and Millmerran. They included health stalls, guest speakers, NAIDOC awards and flag-raising ceremonies.

DDHHS coordinator Indigenous cultural practices Rica Lacey said the NAIDOC celebrations provided a wonderful atmosphere for hospital staff and the local community.

"Each of our events had a really positive atmosphere and was an important way to demonstrate cultural respect and commitment to improve health outcomes for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the region," she said.

Ms Lacey said a popular part of the celebrations was the traditional songs and dances performed by the local dance groups Wakamillaroi Aboriginal Dancers, Kooma-Didgeri Aboriginal Dancers,



Tristam Gadd and Jo Bou-Samra at their stand.

Galamaay Dance Troupe and Wakka Wakka Dancers.

"Many people who attended the NAIDOC Week activities commented on what a privilege it was to see the dancers perform traditional dances and share the stories of their culture," she said.

"Rites"

"Their performance provided a taste of the history, spirituality and rites of the different mobs living in this area.

"We also had live music and singing in our western facilities performed by our own Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health worker Brett Lawton."

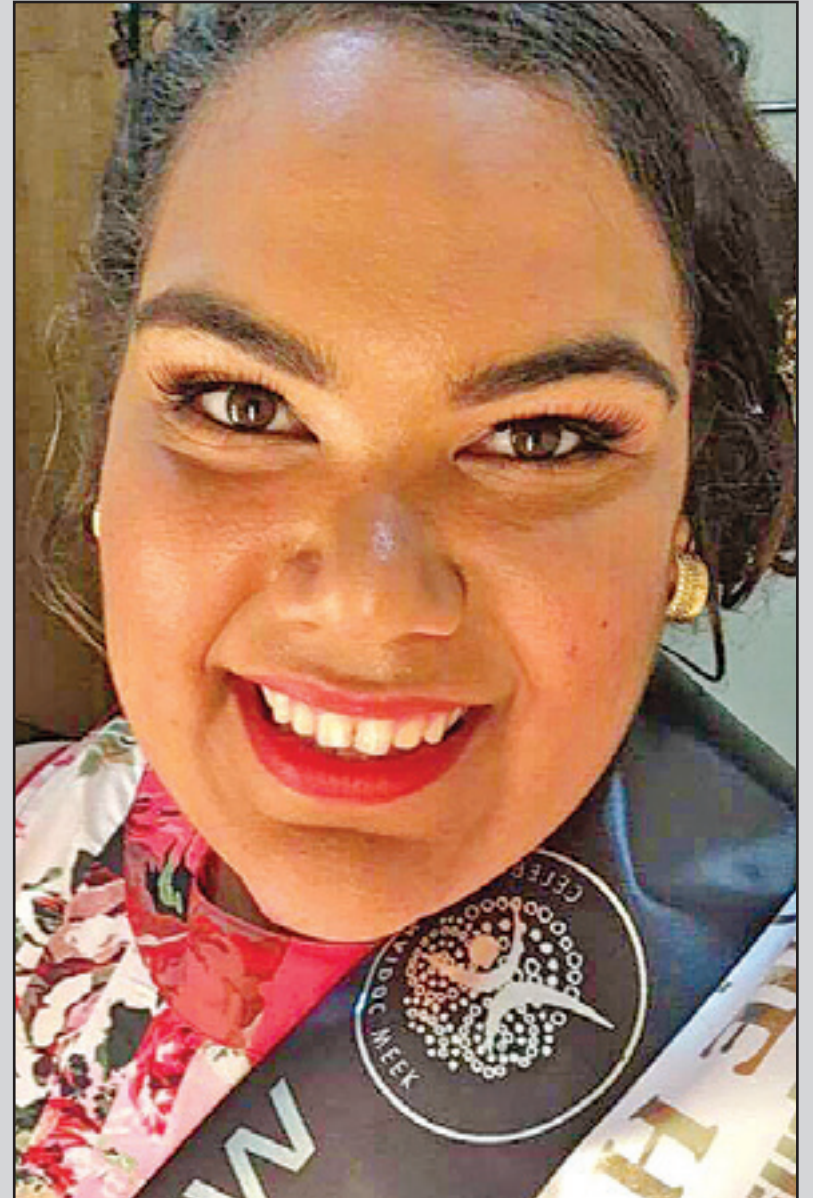
Ms Lacey said another highlight of the NAIDOC Week celebrations was the awards

presented at each service in the DDHHS region.

"A number of people work very hard to break down barriers and deliver culturally appropriate health services and these people were recognised through awards during the week," she said.

"Our NAIDOC events are an important way to display that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are welcomed by our health service, and it was a success."

"My favourite part was looking out into the crowd and seeing so many staff wearing specially designed 'Our Languages Matter' jackets or T-shirts featuring Indigenous artwork and the level of support that was there to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture."



LeLarnie Hatfield is a NAIDOC winner this year in Rockhampton.

LeLarnie wins lots of support

By KEIRA JENKINS



LELARNIE Hatfield is no stranger to helping others, and now she has been awarded for it, becoming Miss Peer Support in Rockhampton's annual NAIDOC competition.

The 19-year-old Darumbal and South Sea Islander woman works as a teacher's aide and also teaches her language in local primary schools.

Ms Hatfield has seen friends, cousins and other community members compete in the NAIDOC competition and decided to give it a go this year.

"It was deadly," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"When I was growing up, I saw people who were doing really good things in the community go for Miss NAIDOC."

"I got to meet a whole bunch of great people."

As part of the competition, all six entrants had to undertake a fundraising campaign.

Ms Hatfield chose to do cultural photoshoots to raise money.

"I've always loved taking photos," she said.

"I used to do gammon photoshoots around the house with the family."

"I'd done a few cultural shoots before but I was so overwhelmed

at the support from people.

"I thought I'd get about five families to photograph but I took pictures of more than 100 kids through the whole fundraising process."

Ms Hatfield said it was such a success, she plans to create a Facebook page to keep doing the cultural photoshoots.

She said competing in Miss NAIDOC meant becoming a role model for younger children. She said she had many of her own role models growing up, including her grandmother, who inspired her teaching career.

"My grandmother was a language teacher," Ms Hatfield said. "She also has taught me language since I was a baby and I've always been alongside her when she is teaching."

"Initially, I'd never thought about teaching. It was just something that I liked to do. That's what made it perfect though; I wanted to do something that I loved to do, and I'm also good at it."

Ms Hatfield was joined in the NAIDOC honours by Renee Mitchell, who was awarded Miss Photogenic, Hayley Doyle, who was crowned Miss Leadership, Davina Toby, who won Miss Fundraiser, Nikita Hill who was awarded Miss Perseverance and Jordan Young who was named Mr NAIDOC.



Award recipients Joanna Simpson and Michael Bird with DDHHS's Cheryl Dalton.

At the Moonbahlene Local Aboriginal Land Council's Leeches Gully property are, from left, Helen and Thomas Duroux, Matt Sing, and Cheryl and Dianne Duroux.



Council planning for growth



TENTERFIELD's Moonbahlene Local Aboriginal Land Council is a major step closer to starting a bush foods and native plants enterprise.

The council, based in the high country of far northern NSW, now has a new shed on its Leeches Gully property and is moving towards planting its first bush tucker trees and cash crops.

It's all part of a business plan to generate income and employment and training opportunities for the area's large Aboriginal population.

New shed

The new shed, built thanks to a NSW Government grant, includes solar power and plenty of storage space.

"It means we can now get serious about what we believe will be a successful

bush foods enterprise," Moonbahlene chief executive Helen Duroux told the *Koori Mail*.

"There's a real demand for bush tucker, especially the sort of cool-weather products we'll be able to grow.

"We've got plenty of room here, and we'll be able to offer much-needed work to our people.

"On top of that there are training opportunities as well."

Business owners win praise



QUEENSLAND Small Business Minister Leeanne Enoch has congratulated Indigenous small business owners, saying they bring a rich diversity to the state's business landscape.

Speaking at the NAIDOC Week Small Business Breakfast in Brisbane, Ms Enoch said the value and contribution of Indigenous businesses is important to Queensland's economic strength, as well as communities in urban and regional centres.

She said the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Business and Innovation Reference Group continued to champion Indigenous business growth and innovation.

"Outstanding group"

"The reference group brings together an outstanding group of 13 appointed members – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander entrepreneurs, business leaders and researchers to provide strategic advice on matters that impact their businesses and communities," Ms Enoch said.

"In addition, the Advancing Indigenous Business (AIB) initiative is being implemented as part of the \$22.7 million Advancing Small Business Queensland Strategy 2016-20.

"This initiative will deliver targeted support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and business owners, to enable them to unlock their full potential and navigate the rapidly changing economic landscape to effectively start, grow and employ.

"Less than 1% of all businesses in Australia are owned by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The majority of these businesses are small or micro in size, and are primarily found in major urban areas.

"Under the AIB initiative, there will be a more coordinated approach across Queensland Government to connect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander small businesses to opportunities and support."

More jobs a goal of NT partnership



A PARTNERSHIP between Indigenous Business Australia (IBA), TFE Hotels, and the Indigenous Land

Corporation (ILC) is aimed at boosting job opportunities in the Northern Territory.

The Larrakia Darwin Hotel Partnership has resulted in an Indigenous engagement strategy designed to increase employment, training and procurement opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

IBA and ILC chairman Eddie Fry said the strategy was backed by a "significant investment" of human and financial resources.

"The ILC will fund jobs for 10 Indigenous workers at the hotels between now and June 30, 2018, with a grant of \$737,513 under the Real Jobs program," he said.

"The program is funded through the Australian Government and operates specifically in the NT to provide up to 150 jobs across the tourism, agricultural and land management sectors."

TFE Hotels chief operating



Officials attend the launch of the new Indigenous engagement strategy in Darwin.

officer Chris Sedgwick said the launch of the strategy was the result of two years of work between hotel owners, IBA and the Wunan Foundation.

"The strategy will be delivered via a year-long program of initiatives that aims to make measurable and sustainable differences to people's lives," he said.

"We will focus on six key areas: workplace environment, attraction and recruitment, retention, career pathways and capability building, procurement and governance, and reporting.

"Our aim is to increase our

Indigenous employment levels from 16% in 2016 to 32% in 2018, from six to 12 employees and from two to four suppliers."

Mr Sedgwick said the new project will also benefit guests and other staff through an increased awareness and understanding of culture.

"Opportunities"

"We will also create opportunities at the hotel so Indigenous culture can be shared with guests," he said.

"You'll see this via the Indigenous team members who will meet and greet guests and

provide concierge services, in our welcome to country video playing on all guestroom TVs, and in the local Indigenous products we give as amenities on arrival to VIP and corporate guests.

"All hotel and management and team members will take part in cultural awareness training, with standards to be developed in consultation with Indigenous staff."

Newly appointed Indigenous liaison coordinator Barbara Baugh will oversee the project and hire new team members under the scheme.

Westpac in \$10 million spend pledge



WESTPAC Group says it will increase its supply chain spend to \$10 million for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned business by 2020 as part of its 2018-20 Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). The major banking group says it will work with Indigenous suppliers to strengthen their capabilities to work with large corporate buyers and create business development opportunities.

Westpac Group chief executive Brian Hartzler said the company's commitments to backing Indigenous businesses is part of a broader plan to partner with Indigenous Australian customers, communities and people to create prosperity and equity.

"We know Indigenous-owned businesses are more likely to employ Indigenous people, so this way we can indirectly contribute to greater job opportunities and help shape a brighter future for all Australians," he said.

"Our RAP works towards closing the gap in wellbeing and prosperity between our First Australians and the broader population.

"It is driven by an integrated approach to work in partnership with Indigenous Australian customers, employees and communities and as Australia's first bank we have the responsibility and business skills to make the greatest contribution to lasting social and financial outcomes for Australia's First People."



Ian Wilkes features in Ochre's production of *Good Little Soldier*.

Trauma the focus for Ochre drama



OCHRE Dance Company is staging *Good Little Soldier*, which explores the effects of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Being held at Subiaco Arts Centre in Perth until July 30, the play is about a returned soldier and how the trauma he experienced in war affects him and his family. Wadjuk and Balladong performer Ian Wilkes plays an Aboriginal ghost who haunts the returned soldier.

"The soldier, he carries guilt," Wilkes told the *Koori Mail*. "He's consumed with thinking why are these ghosts dead, and he's still alive."

"He's trying to come to terms with that. Grayson Millwood, who plays another ghost, and I torment him." Wilkes said it has been a challenge delving into physical theatre and tackling such a "big topic".

"I've always loved a challenge," he said.

"We really want to get this right though. We want soldiers and veterans to come and watch the show."

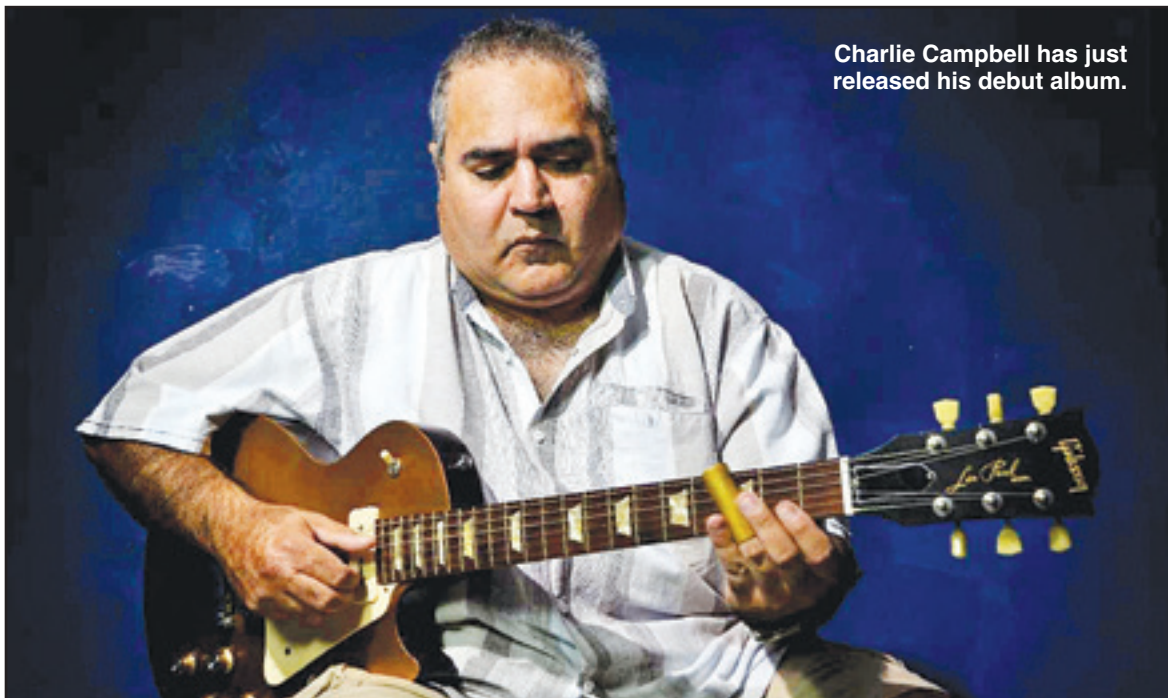
"We want to use the right lingo and know the right movements."

Wilkes said the play also tackles the issue of intergenerational trauma, especially for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"It's not explored to its fullest detail but we are using moments to bring that issue out and ask the audience to think about it for a while," he said.

"We talk about intergenerational trauma. We talk about how, in a way, we're still at war because we don't have a treaty."

"We didn't want to pass up an opportunity to speak about that."



Charlie Campbell has just released his debut album.

First album for Charlie



YORTA Yorta man Charlie Campbell has just released his debut album *King of my*

Neighbourhood. Campbell was taken from his family in Shepparton, northern Victoria, as a child and put into a babies' home in Melbourne where he was adopted by a family in East Gippsland.

He started playing in bands from a young age and said he loves music, especially the blues.

"I'm very proud of the result of my album," Campbell told the *Koori Mail*.

"I think I've captured what's in

my heart. It's not just about writing songs. I've always loved music that has a message."

Campbell said his adoptive parents have supported him through his musical journey, and as an adult tracing back his family history he's found many musicians in his biological lineage.

He said he would love to release a second album and even put together a band to tour the country.

"I'm the laziest musician in the world," he said.

"But if I got a band together we could encourage each other. I'd love to promote this album across the country and play more music."

"I want to look at forming a band and doing that."

Campbell said a couple of his stand-out favourites from the album are *Kooritime* and *Broome to Bathurst*.

"*Kooritime* is a laugh about always being late," he said.

"I use different scenarios to play with the idea of Koori time."

"*Broome to Bathurst* is about travelling the country."

"It's about remembering wherever you go that there are people who have been here before you."

"It's about knowing where to walk and about respecting where you walk."

New award is for illustrators



MAGABALA Books is celebrating its 30th anniversary with a call for entries to the inaugural Kestin Indigenous Illustrator

Award. The winner of the biennial award will receive \$10,000, a mentorship and the opportunity to illustrate a children's story by author Sally Morgan.

Judges for the award include Australian Children's Laureate Leigh Hobbs, illustrators Bronwyn Bancroft and Ann James, and Magabala publisher Rachel Bin Salleh.

Bin Salleh said any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander creators over the age of 16 should enter.

"They'll have to fill out the application forms and finish a two-page spread of illustrations from Sally Morgan's manuscript," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"They'll have two months to finish their drawings. It's open to people who haven't illustrated before or someone who has had their illustrations published in a title, either independently or through



Award judge Leigh Hobbs displays one of Magabala's children's books *Steve Goes to Carnival*, by Joshua Button and Robyn Wells.

another publishing house."

Morgan's book, with the working title *Little Bird's Day*, will be aimed at children aged five to eight.

Bin Salleh said Magabala is

grateful for the support of illustrators in the industry to allow this award to take shape.

"It's about building a skill set for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to be in the illustration industry," she said.

"Our vision is that the winner will be able to work at any publishing house in Australia or overseas."

The award was funded by the Kestin Family Foundation after Harry Kestin visited Magabala Books in 2008.

"I was blown away by the quality of their children's books and commitment to career development of Indigenous illustrators and authors," Kestin said.

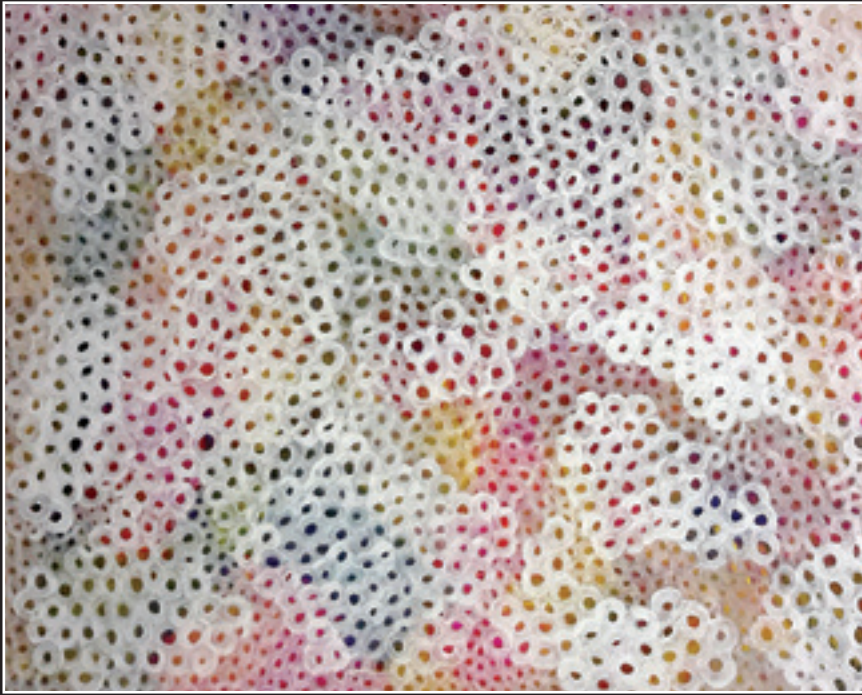
"We are excited by the potential to expand creative career options for Indigenous artists."

"It brings together our family's interest in fine art, storytelling and Indigenous empowerment."

For more information visit www.magabala.com

For an application package, email Rachel Bin Salleh at publishing@magabala.com

Artists explore meaning of dots



Janelle Evans' *Wildflowers* is part of the exhibition in Sydney.

NSW

ARTISTS explore the meaning of dots in an exhibition at Sydney College of the Arts.

A group of 10 Indigenous and other artists look at the creative potential of the dot, with each artist uses it in a different way in the exhibition, called *dot, dot, dot*.

Curated by Wingara Mura fellow Janelle Evans, it follows on from an exhibition in Paris, *Beyond the Papunya Dot*, which explored the diversity of contemporary Indigenous art.

"There is a lot of confusion about what it is to be an Aboriginal artist, especially for people who grew up not knowing they were Aboriginal, or were part of the Stolen Generations," the Dharug woman told the *Koori Mail*. "People were instantly going to the dot as a way to express themselves. They use dot painting as their way of identifying as Indigenous."

"Traditionally, the Papunya dot, which is culturally specific to the desert region, was used as a kind of screen, which covered the story behind it from uninitiated viewers."

"When non-Indigenous people first saw this, they assumed it was just a

beautiful pattern, and they would try to appropriate it."

Artists in the exhibition include Bronwyn Bancroft, Emma Hicks, and Katie Louise Williams, as well as Evans.

Bancroft's work *Falling through Time* uses the dot to create a timeline and connection to her family history, with the faces of her relatives featured in the painting.

Hicks and Williams' collaborative work uses dots, projected by lights, to form an interactive work, based on the board game Twister.

Evans said each of the artists uses dots in some way, but none use the traditional Papunya dot.

"I felt there was a real need to explore dot painting," she said.

"The Papunya dot is not about being a pretty design. It's about the fact that it is integral to culture and tradition."

"We wanted to show that you can use dots without using that kind of dot, and that you don't have to use that kind of dot to be an Aboriginal artist expressing your identity."

Dot, dot, dot continues until July 29.

Honouring Albert



The Finke River Gorge, by Albert Namatjira.



THE life and lasting legacy of Albert Namatjira is the latest exploration in the newly reconfigured Australian Collection display at the Queensland Art Gallery.

Namatjira's famous landscapes are on display, along with the works of his five sons Namatjira's great-grandson Vincent Namatjira.

Queensland Art Gallery/Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA) director Chris Saines said the collection focuses on the Hermannsburg School art movement that began at the Lutheran mission of Hermannsburg (Ntaria) in central Australia – also Namatjira's birthplace – in the 1930s and includes a display of watercolours and pottery.

"As the first widely recognised Indigenous artist, Namatjira occupies a significant place within Australian art history," Saines said.

"His work *Western MacDonnells* (about 1945), featured in the display, was the first by an Aboriginal person to enter the QAGOMA Collection, in 1947.

"We believe this initial unveiling of the reimagined *Indigenous Australian Collection: Namatjira Story* is a fitting display to coincide with the 50th

anniversary of the 1967 Referendum."

Other artists featured include Ginger Riley and Lin Onus. Also featured is William Dargie's Archibald Prize-winning *Portrait of Namatjira*, 1956.

In September, the Australian Collection display will feature major historical moments from first contact to colonisation, and exploration to immigration, with an emphasis on the Queensland experience.

"The new display will bring the Indigenous and Contemporary Australian collections into conversation to explore stories about the region," Saines said.

"This is the first time that QAG has attempted to truly integrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander works alongside the familiar non-Indigenous artists of this country, to tell a fuller story of Australian art."

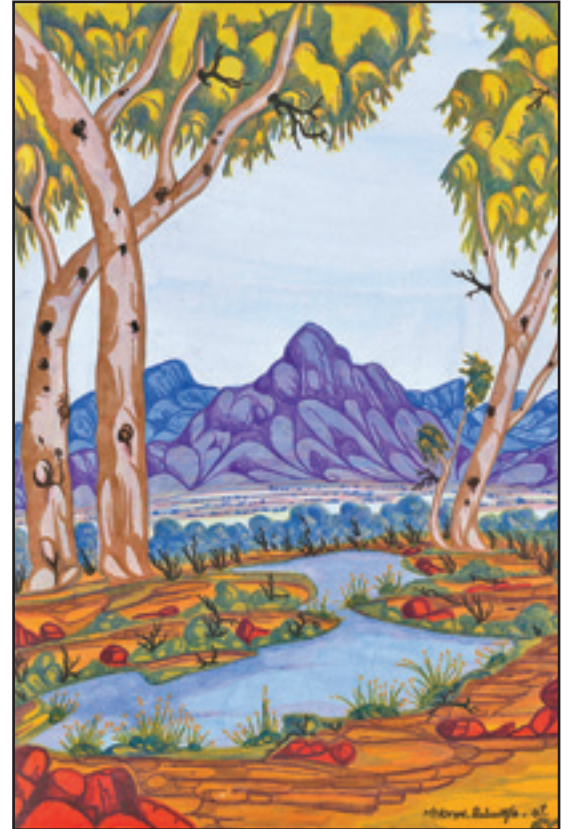
Portraits from the colonial period to the present will feature, along with representations of the Australian landscape. Diverse approaches to abstraction will also be a highlight, along with a major display of works from Indigenous artists from the Western Desert.



Albert and Vincent, by Vincent Namatjira.



This work by Elton Wirri is part of the exhibition.



Mervyn Rubuntja's watercolour on paper *Behind Hamilton Downs*.



Arrernte/Luritja artist Irene Entata's work *Albert and Rex* is in the exhibition.



Queensland rugby league star Johnathan Thurston, Education Minister Kate Jones, other officials and children attend the launch of the 'Deadly Kindies' program in Brisbane.

Queensland kindergarten campaign is deadly



EDUCATION Minister Kate Jones and star footballer Johnathan Thurston have launched a new Queensland campaign to get more Indigenous enrolments in kindergarten.

"Deadly Kindies", launched at C&K Koobara Aboriginal and Islander Kindergarten in Zillmere, Brisbane, aims to give Indigenous children a better start.

"We want all Queensland children to get the best start to their education," Ms Jones said.

"Deadly Kindies will encourage families to register their interest for kindy at their three- and four-year-old's health check.

"Families will be given an opportunity to register their young children for kindy and they will also receive a free Deadly Kindy Kit.

"The kit includes kindy backpack, hat, blanket, sheet, lunchbox, library bag, water bottle and T-shirt.

"Families will also receive any necessary support and information they need to enrol their children in a local kindergarten.

"The program ensures each child receives any health care required as a result of their eye, ear and other physical health assessment, which in turn ensures they can maximise their learning at kindy."

More details at www.deadlykindies.com.au

Learning Stones in Melbourne suburb

By KEIRA JENKINS



PRAHRAN has become the first suburb in Victoria to have a set of Learning Stones, designed to be safe places for cultural education. Community members and service providers gathered this month in Prahran to open the newest site.

Learning Stones founder John Murray said the first Learning Stones space was created in 2011 at a school in East Gippsland.

"I was working with the Department of Education, and I'd just relocated to Gippsland," the Wakka Wakka man told the *Koori Mail*.

"What I could see was there was no real recognition of the local Indigenous people. So we created a community space to meet that need.

"That's how it started. There's so many facets to the Learning Stones. It's a safe place for cultural education, it's a way to engage community members and parents, and it's a place for stories and connecting."

Mr Murray moved to Melbourne only a couple of months ago and is not wasting any time, already meeting with interested parties about the prospect of Learning Stones in the city.

"Different people have approached me about opportunities to create more Learning Stones," he said.

"It's a whole process of engaging with the community and planning. The longer you have those planning discussions the more ownership the community has over the space.

"Through that process too, you can share your understanding and inspire each other. We have a lot of ideas."



One of the Learning Stones in Prahran.

Mr Murray said it is fantastic to see the effect in schools and communities that have been using the Learning Stones, and hopes to expand the idea into other states and territories.

"It's a simple program but it is rewarding to see people take them on," he said.

"That's the driving force. I can still see myself at school, struggling to be who I was, struggling in my classes.

"I can connect with the kids now. Things really haven't changed that much.

"It's rewarding for me to see these kids find their place and to be able to use my Learning Stones to put a smile on their faces."

Batchelor know-how paying off



FORTY Timor-Leste (East Timor) students have received qualifications thanks in great part to the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary

Education. The students received the Certificate I and Certificate II in Spoken and Written English from Batchelor Institute and the NT Department of Education at a graduation ceremony in the Timor-Leste capital, Dili.

Batchelor, which specialises in cross-cultural communication and education, has a 40-plus-year history of providing Aboriginal education in the Northern Territory.

"Batchelor Institute has well-developed courses related to English skills," chief executive Professor Robert Somerville said.

"This is why we have been brought on board for this project. We have an in-depth understanding of teaching in a culturally diverse environment and know-how to build capacity within



Timor-Leste students receive their qualifications in Dili.

remote areas or in challenging circumstances.

"This program is a great example of government and industry working together, and achieving some great outcomes for Australia and the South-East Asia region."

About 62% of Batchelor Institute's students in Australia speak an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language as their main language at home, with 82% of VET students living in remote or very remote areas of Australia.

Student is learning in Rome



ABORIGINAL student Nathan Pitt is studying in Rome after winning the inaugural Francis Xavier Conaci scholarship.

A second-year Bachelor of Psychological Science student, Mr Pitt is studying at the Australian Catholic University (ACU) Rome Centre as part of his International Core Curriculum studies.

A Yiman (Queensland) man, Mr Pitt plans to pursue a career providing mental health support to remote communities. His particular interest is examining criminal or forensic psychology in order to work with incarcerated Indigenous people.

The Francis Xavier Conaci Scholarship recognises the life of an Indigenous seminarian and enables an Indigenous student to study at the Rome Centre.

Story

It commemorates the story of Francis Xavier Conaci, an Aboriginal boy who in the mid-1850s was sent from New Norcia, Western Australia, to Rome to study in a Benedictine monastery.

Sadly, he died while in Rome and was buried in an unmarked grave with other Benedictine community members.

ACU and the Australian Embassy to the Holy See (Vatican) hosted a ceremony during NAIDOC Week to acknowledge the scholarship.

Mr Pitt is involved with ACU's



Inaugural Francis Xavier Conaci scholarship recipient Nathan Pitt enjoys Rome.

Picture: Elena Varasi

Weemala Indigenous Higher Education Unit and also mentors Indigenous students at a Brisbane high school.

"As a psychology student, I

realise the importance of being able to work with people of all different cultures and there is no way to truly understand a culture so different to your

own, unless you have lived it," he said.

"This opportunity means that I can gain a greater understanding of the thoughts

and views that supersede culture, and as such I can learn and grow as a person in ways that I couldn't possibly do otherwise."

Dialogue 'is vital'



ABORIGINAL educational disadvantage will only be addressed with the full participation of Indigenous people from the national level down to individual

schools, a review has found.

The review released by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) found community consultation, evidence-based research and consistent long-term government policy is vital to improve school attendance rates.

It found First Nations people continue to be the most socioeconomically marginalised group in Australia, despite decades of policy efforts and investment by successive Commonwealth, state and territory governments.

Lead author Dr Kevin Gillan says the political process and rapid election cycle mean insufficient time is allocated to policy implementation and funding is often cut.

"Indigenous Australian children carry with them the educational and trauma debts of their parents, grandparents and communities," he said.

Dr Gillan, who is executive director of education partnerships in the Northern Territory Education Department, argues that no single solution will remedy the "colossal problem", but neither will policies premised on ideological views.

ACER chief executive Geoff Masters says research underpinning policy design and implementation has been consistently lacking.

"Further research into factors inhibiting Indigenous school attendance and learning, for example, is urgently required if we are to design and implement more effective policy," Professor Masters said.

"This review also shows that fully engaging the Indigenous community is critical to the design and implementation of successful policies." – AAP

Applications sought for MacKillop scholarships



APPLICATIONS for the Mary MacKillop Foundation Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tertiary Scholarships are now

open. And for the first time, students can submit their application via video.

The scholarships include course fees and \$3000 a year towards study expenses such as text books, IT costs, travel and accommodation.

Students can study any discipline at any level and at any recognised tertiary and further education provider in Australia.

Since 1998, more than 100 scholarship recipients have been supported to complete a tertiary degree.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need, dedication and drive and academic merit and potential.

Applications close on August 31. More details are available at www.mackillopfoundation.org.au/

● Pictured: Mary MacKillop scholarship recipient Stewart James, from Narrandera, NSW, is completing a Bachelor of Education.

Ngura program on show at WIPCE



THE Central Coast Council's Indigenous health and education program is being presented at a major international conference in

Canada. Indigenous community development worker Matt Sonter is speaking about the council's Ngura program at the World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education (WIPCE) in Toronto this week.

Regarded as one of the most prestigious Indigenous education events in the world,

WIPCE attracts Indigenous education experts, practitioners and scholars from across the globe to share successes and strategies for culturally-grounded Indigenous education.

Central Coast Council's Julie Vaughan said Ngura started as a program aimed at encouraging Indigenous students to develop a healthy lifestyle and live a fuller life. "The program is gaining a real sense of recognition on the Central Coast and now internationally," she said.

"Each year it continues to grow in our

local schools and you can see the benefits from the students attending, as well as growing recognition in the wider community.

"The awesome performances by students in the dance residency program at the NAIDOC Week celebrations are another great example of how the council is working with students to reconnect with their culture.

"Ngura focuses on more than the students. The work Matt does with the students, their families and the wider Indigenous community is remarkable.

"This year Ngura is celebrating its 10th

anniversary and there's no better way to do this than on the world stage."

Ngura focuses on Aboriginal health issues, nutrition, leadership, self-image, and goal setting, as well as maintaining participants pride in their Indigenous culture and heritage.

The program shows students the importance of physical activity and at its completion the students obtain certificates in Aboriginal history and sport and recreation, as well as the Bronze Medallion.

Another cataract blitz



SEVENTEEN patients were in Mount Isa this month for the north-west Queensland city's latest 'cataract blitz'.

Not-for-profit organisation CheckUP funded the North West Hospital and Health Service (NWHHS) to provide the eye surgery, targeted at Indigenous people from remote communities.

It follows a cataract surgery 'blitz' last October.

Patients travelled from Doomadgee, Mornington Island, Normanton, Cloncurry and Camooweal this month. Their pre-surgery clinics were conducted by Telehealth, a first for cataract surgery, according to outreach coordinator Amy Davy.

"Providing Telehealth as an option for our patients from outlying communities reduces the number of trips or length of stay during their surgical procedures, so we're pleased with the success of this, and will be utilising telehealth in similar situations," she said.

Ms Davy praised the work Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service Gidgee Healing's Blake Fagan, who provided transport for the patients, and NWHHS Indigenous liaison officer Melissa Nathan, who assisted the patients through their eye surgery.

Visiting ophthalmologist Andrew Foster conducted 19 operations in two days, completing a cataract surgery every half hour.

"This 'blitz' is a very good system for getting patients treated," he said.

"Doing it in a group like this is very effective as they support each other, and know each other. It works very well, with no 'fail to attends'."

Dr Foster is based on the Sunshine Coast and flies into Mount Isa every month to do eye surgery.

Normanton cataract blitz patients arrive by charter plane, from left, Dellanne Sambo, Douglas Moody, Judith Pascoe (carer) and Geoffrey Pascoe.



Gidgee Healing's Blake Fagan provides transport.

Interactive sex health training in Kimberley



KIMBERLEY health professionals have participated in sexual health training in a bid to increase testing rates among Aboriginal people.

Nine North-West health practitioners are the latest graduates of the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia's two-day course held at the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services in Broome.

Among the participants were remote area nurses from Bidadanga, Aboriginal health practitioners from Broome and Fitzroy Crossing, and a prison re-entry case manager from the Broome Men's Outreach Service.

Training program The Birds and the BBVs gives health professionals the skills to routinely offer and undertake opportunistic testing for sexually transmitted infections, blood-borne viruses (BBVs) and HIV.

AHCWA chairperson Michelle Nelson Cox said rates of STIs and blood-borne viruses were higher among Aboriginal people than the general population.

"Over the past two to three years the Kimberley region in particular has been faced with a syphilis epidemic," she said.

"Health workers have expressed grave concerns about the surge in syphilis cases and the need to increase testing so that positive cases can be treated early."

Statistics

Latest WA Health Department statistics show that 18,099 people were diagnosed with STIs and BBVs in WA in the year to March 31, 2017, up from 15,943 the previous year.

Ms Nelson Cox said the training program, which was developed by AHCWA, Sexual Health Quarters and Hepatitis WA, was designed to be fun and interactive.

"The course is designed to help Aboriginal health workers and other people working with Aboriginal people to feel confident to broach the subject of STI and blood-borne virus testing with their clients," she said.

"We're seeking to normalise testing by making it a routine part of a visit to an Aboriginal health service, even when people present at the clinic for an unrelated issue.

"We are hopeful that this training program will contribute to increasing the rate of STI and BBV testing, and in turn, help to decrease the number of these infections and viruses."

Since the courses started in 2016, 59 Aboriginal health workers have completed the sexual health training. This year, courses are planned for Northam, Carnarvon and Perth.

AHCWA is the peak body for Aboriginal health in WA, with 22 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) currently engaged as members.

Scholarship for health students



INDIGENOUS health professionals account for just 0.3% of the national healthcare workforce – something a new scholarship aims to

address. The \$10,000 House Call Doctor Futures in Health Indigenous Scholarship will support Indigenous people studying health and medicine.

House Call Doctor is Queensland's largest after-hours service, offering urgent medical care to patients in their own home, and reducing the strain on emergency departments.

Chief executive Wayne Ormond said the Futures in Health Scholarship was a further commitment to improving Australia's healthcare system and

recognising the need for diversity.

"The \$10,000 Futures in Health Scholarship is first of a number of annual awards that House Call Doctor will introduce to support medical professionals from diverse backgrounds," he said.

Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association founder Dr Mark Wenitong said Indigenous people have a vital role to play in the national healthcare workforce.

"Cultural approaches"

"For Indigenous Australians, there are significant barriers in accessing medical professionals who can communicate effectively and understand cultural approaches to healthcare," the Kabi Kabi medico said.

"The Australian healthcare system

works very well for the majority of Australians. However, there is great discrepancy in health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."

"Encouraging more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to pursue a career in medicine, and supporting them to study and succeed, should be a major focus for our nation's health workforce.

"I would encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to apply for the Futures in Health Indigenous Scholarship, along with other programs like it, and aim to make a difference in your own life along with that of your community."

Applications for the scholarship close on December 15. Details at www.housecalldoctor.com.au/about/



Retired rugby league star and officials at the Knockout Health Challenge winners presentation.

Some knockout results in latest health challenge



'HEALTHY, Black and Deadly', 'Menindee Fatyabs' and the 'Redfern Rebels' are the winners of the George Rose Challenge stage of this year's Knockout Health Challenge.

The challenge, a community-led healthy lifestyle and weight-loss event for Aboriginal communities across NSW, is run by NSW Health in partnership with NSW Rugby League.

It consists of two 10-week stages, the George Rose Challenge and the Julie Young Challenge, named after two top rugby league players. The challenge aims to motivate Aboriginal people to manage their lifestyle-related risk factors for chronic disease and

target excess weight and obesity through a weight-loss competition and physical-activity challenges.

NSWRL chief executive David Trodden congratulated all participants.

"By making better lifestyle choices participants not only have created better outcomes for themselves, but they're setting higher standards and being better role models for others too," he said.

Objectives

The objectives of the Knockout Health Challenge are consistent with the priority areas of the National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes, the Implementation Plan for

the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023 (Healthy Adults), the NSW Aboriginal Health Plan 2013-2023, and the NSW 2021 State Health Plan.

There is strong evidence that regular physical activity and healthy eating can be effective in reducing risk factors for chronic disease, and overweight and obesity in the general population.

Winners are calculated by an independent party, based on total team weight loss percentage, with the first-placed team winning \$20,000, second \$7500 and third \$5000.

More information at www.nswknockouthealthchallenge.com.au



Dr Robert Grant with his NAIDOC award.

Townsville heart doctor is a winner

By ALF WILSON



HEART surgeon Dr Robert Grant has taken out the Townsville Hospital and Health Service's NAIDOC award for his work supporting Aboriginal patients with cardiac disease.

Dr Grant, a cardiothoracic surgery registrar at Townsville Hospital, received the Indigenous Individual Award at the health service's official NAIDOC Week celebrations.

The Kamilaroi man said the high proportion of young Indigenous people who needed surgery for heart conditions had been what compelled him to become a doctor.

"Heart disease is the number-one cause of death for all Australians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous," Dr Grant said.

"The difference is in Indigenous patients they often come in requiring surgery 10 or 15 years before non-Indigenous patients.

"It is not uncommon for us to see Indigenous patients in their early 30s requiring coronary artery bypass surgery, which would be very rare in non-Indigenous patients.

"I am extremely passionate about Indigenous health. Cardiac disease is one of the biggest issues for our people so that's the reason I am here and that is the reason I am doing what I am doing."

Indigenous liaison officer Narelle Draper nominated Dr Grant for the award, saying the positive impact he had on Indigenous patients before and after surgery was huge.

Research shows health failings



WITH a few exceptions, primary health care is failing to deliver adequate preventive health care to Indigenous Australians, new research shows.

The findings by Australian researchers and published in *Globalization and Health*, add to similar research findings and stand in the face of major health and Medicare programs that have sought to improve the health of Indigenous people.

They are based on an audit of 17,108 health records of well adults seen at 137 primary health care centres in five states/territories between 2005 and 2014.

The audit examined whether best practice preventive healthcare assessments, such as blood pressure checks and heart health screening, were recorded, and whether healthcare providers provided follow-up care based on health assessments findings.

Based on input from Indigenous health stakeholders, the researchers made their conclusions by reviewing data in six priority areas: follow-up of abnormal blood pressure; heart health; urinalysis; blood lipids; inquiries about living conditions; and follow-up of people at risk of poor emotional wellbeing.

"The good news is we saw improvements in some areas of preventive health care," said paper lead author Jodie Baillie, of the University of Sydney.

"However, we saw a concerning 10% decline in follow-up healthcare plans for patients with high blood pressure and a 25% decline in follow-up healthcare plans for patients with poor emotional wellbeing.

"Also, there was wide variation between health centres in nearly all aspects of preventive care. This is due to failures or weakness in the wider health system.

"Some of the areas that need improving

are the follow-up of healthcare plans for patients with high blood pressure and follow up healthcare plans for patients with poor emotional wellbeing.

"Furthermore, research shows that while screening, or health assessments, may increase new diagnoses, there is no evidence that they prevent hospitalisations or premature death.

"While reasons for the lack of impact of health assessments are not well understood, it's clear that health assessments have limited potential to improve health outcomes in the absence of appropriate follow-up care."

The research also identified key drivers to improve care. These include:

- the need for strong Indigenous participation in the primary care service;
- systems to support the meaningful use of data to improve quality of care; and
- further training and support to use clinical information systems.

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.

August 3-September 16: Bangarra's *Bennelong*. This full-length production celebrates the life and legacy of Woollaraarre Bennelong. Details: (02) 9251 5333 or visit www.bangarra.com.au

Victoria

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 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

August 5: *What If? and Murnong: Yam Daisies* exhibition opening. Auty Marlene Gilson and Deanne Gilson have developed two solo exhibitions exploring their differing styles and techniques. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Level 1 Gallery, Yarra Building, Federation Square, Melbourne from 2.00-4.00pm. Reply on (03) 8662 6336 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.org

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.

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 www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

Until July 29: *Dot, dot, dot, [...]* exhibition. Artists examine what the dot holds for Aboriginal people. Held at SCA Galleries, Sydney College of the Arts, Roselle. Details: Mandy Campbell on 0481 012 742.

Until July 29: *Art Express* 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 www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

Until July 29: *Still in My Mind: Gurindji Location, Experience and Visuality* exhibition.



AFTRS Black Shot cinematography workshop students.

AFTRS gets ready for 2017 open day



THE Australian Film Television and Radio School's (AFTRS) Open Day 2017 will allow Indigenous people to see what study in the film, TV and radio industries is like.

Prospective students are encouraged to attend the open day on August 12 to find out more about courses offered at AFTRS.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to look behind the scenes at the AFTRS facilities, meet tutors and graduates, get tips on applying and find out about scholarships.

AFTRS Indigenous Unit head Kyas Sherriff said the open day is a great chance for Indigenous students to chat to current students and staff.

"We want talented Indigenous creatives and storytellers to apply for each of the different levels of study that suits them so they leave here workplace and industry ready," she said.

A panel of former students will talk about their experiences at AFTRS and what their studies led them to.

Ms Sherriff said AFTRS has "fantastic networks" in the film, television and radio industry, which can support students and help get them into work after graduation.

"There are Indigenous broadcasters all over the country and the community radio sector is so vibrant," she said.

The open day will be held at AFTRS, Sydney from 10am to 3pm.

For more information visit www.afters.edu.au/events/afters-open-days

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.

Until July 31: *Learning from Country: The Papunya School Book of Country and History to Australians All* exhibition. Explores how the book was produced.

Held at the Fisher Library, University of Sydney, Camperdown. Free. Details: Annika Dean on (02) 8627 5464.

Until July 31: *Wullung* exhibition. An exhibition of Aboriginal paintings by 15 artists from Long Bay Correctional Centre. Held at the Downing Centre, 143-147 Liverpool St, Sydney. Details: Angus Huntsdale on 0808 168 540 or visit www.naidoc.org.au

Until August 4: Yabun 2018 artist and dance group expressions of interest callout. Details: (02) 9384 4000 or visit www.yabun.org.au

Until August 12: *It's Out Thing: More History on Australian Hip-hop Part II* exhibition. It includes performances, painting, graffiti and video displays.

Held at Kabuku Public Relations, Level 5, Studio12, 35 Buckingham Street, Surry Hills, Sydney. Details: (02) 9690 2115 or visit www.kabukupr.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

July 29-August 19: Shellie Morris and Troy Jungaji Brady: GuGu Miliyawutj performance. Performing artists Shellie Morris and Troy Jungaji Brady are bringing their voices together on stage. Details: Emily on 0438 866 020 or visit www.emilyme.com.au

July 31: Free community grant writing workshop. Held at Murwillumbah Community Centre, Nullum Street, Murwillumbah from 11am-2pm. Free and RSVP essential to amcneill@ncphn.org.au. Details: Aimee on 0437 737 191.

August 1: Jarjum's family fun celebration day. Held at Ballina Aboriginal Child and Family Centre, Porter Park, West Ballina from 11am-2pm. Details: Nena on (02) 6681 1450.

August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30: Building Bridges course. Aboriginal presenters will share their knowledge and experience and invite dialogue. Held at Karabi/Reg Byrne Community Centre, Darcy Road and Fyall Avenue, Wentworthville from 7.30-9.30pm. Registration not essential but encouraged. Details: Lyn on (02) 9639 8394 or 0421 188 770 or Maria on (02) 9869 3839.

August 2-September 9: *Contemporary Identity* exhibition. Looks at the contemporary identity of the 21st century Aboriginal artists whose ancestry is from the Clarence Valley. Held at Grafton Regional Gallery from Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm. Entry by gold coin donation. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

August 4: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. Includes arts and crafts, wildlife display, face painting, photo booth and more. Held at Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre, Oliver Avenue, from 11am-2pm. Free. Details: Zoe on (02) 6625 5807.

August 12: Closing The Gap in Aboriginal Identity Fraud. Join campaign organisers, Anthony Anatto and Trevor Robinson for discussions of the issue. Held at Pius X Aboriginal Corporation, Anne Street, Moree from 9.30am-3.00pm. Details: Trevor and Tony on 0439 701 861 or email trevor2869@hotmail.com

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.

July 29-30: *Disrupted Festival of Ideas*. More than 30 big thinkers will gather to share their thoughts on some of the most important questions facing Australia today. Held at State Library of WA, Perth Cultural Centre, 25 Francis Street, Perth. Complete program of speakers and events at <https://disrupted.swla.wa.gov.au/>. Details: (08) 9427 3111.

August 9-19: Sister Girl performance. A look at the search for identity, includes opening night, matinees, girls' night and pre-performance event. Held at Subiaco Arts Centre, 180 Hammersley Road, Subiaco. Bookings: Ticketek on 1300 795 012 Details: www.yirrayaakin.com.au/our-company/

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 on (08) 8406 1695.

Queensland

The Albert Namatjira Story. This new display features early works by Albert Namatjira. Held at Queensland Art Gallery, Stanley Place, Brisbane, open daily from 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or visit www.qagoma.qld.com.au

Until August 11: *Freshwater Saltwater 2017* exhibition. Held at Umi Arts Galleries, 335 Sheridan Street, North Cairns. Details: (07) 4041 6152.

From August 5: Who's your Mob? This hands-on workshop series is designed to help people find their mob.

Held at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library of Queensland, South Brisbane, on the first Saturday of the month from 10am. Free. Details: (07) 3840 7666 or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

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: Claudia Moodoonuthi* exhibition. Inspired by her 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 29: Welcome the Whales 2017 Dinner. Part of the Quandamooka Festival. Cost: \$120 a person. Bookings at www.Q-festival.com.au

Northern Territory

Now Open: Nominations for the 2017 Gurung Sports Carnival. This year's event will be held from August 25-27, and will again run in conjunction with the Mahbilil Festival. Details: Seide Ramadani on 0429 652 085.

August 12: National Indigenous Music Awards 2017. With performances from A.B.Original (with Dan Sultan), Paul Kelly, Gawurra, Emily Wurramarra and more. Held at The Gardens, Darwin.

For full program and tickets go to www.indigenoumusic.com.au. Details: (08) 8943 4200.

August 23 and 30: Be a Marla (Carer) for our Elders. Kapululangu Aboriginal Women's Law and Culture Centre is looking for carers for Elders so they can stay on country. Details www.kapululanguculturecamps.com/

Employment

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Participants and project partner representatives in the Aboriginal Riverkeeper Team at Georges River National Park: from left, Tyrone Waind (trainee), Kate Low (TAFE NSW), trainees Harry Cotterall, Jack Bugden, Stacey Gilbert, Ben and Nick Arends, Vanessa Cavanagh (project manager), Larissa Cooper (trainee), Tony Wales (GRCCC Riverkeeper), Shannon Beale-Bogg (trainee), Diana Smit (TAFE NSW) and Lex Gerasimou (team supervisor).

Eight finish Sydney Riverkeeper project



ABOUT 100 people gathered at George River National Park, Sydney, recently to celebrate the completion of the Aboriginal Riverkeeper Team project.

The project started in June 2014 with four Kooris from south-western Sydney entering into workplace-based traineeships in Conservation and Land Management (CLM). They were provided with on-the-job training and

development by consultants Eco Logical Australia, which delivered the project for the George River Combined Council Committee (GRCCC) as a component of the 'Building Indigenous Knowledge and skills to improve Urban Waterways' project.

A second group, also from south-western Sydney, also undertook CLM traineeships, with participants' formal qualifications being finalised in June this year.

Over the course of the three years eight Aboriginal trainees completed the Certificate II in CLM and four completed the Certificate III in Indigenous Land Management.

Many of the Riverkeeper Team's family members joined in the recent completion celebration.

Project partners included The Northern Sydney Institute (Ryde Campus), which hosted the formal traineeship qualifications, Metropolitan Local

Aboriginal Land Council, Gandangara LALC and Greater Sydney Local Lands Services.

The project resulted in improvements at 15 different reserves in the Georges River catchment, such as the planting of 38,000 about plants in Sherwin Park at Canley Vale.

The trainees all enjoyed regular cultural activities.

Most of the trainees have secured ongoing employment.

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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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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Health
Nepean Blue Mountains
Local Health District

Aboriginal Traineeship Medical Imaging

Nepean Hospital
Technical Assistant Grade 2
Temporary Full-Time
Salary: \$954.70 - \$993.61 pw
Enquiries: Andrew Teece (02) 9845 5927

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Closing Date:
3 August 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 398602

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Health
Justice Health &
Forensic Mental Health Network

Aboriginal Mental Health Clinical Leader (HM2)

Classification: Health Manager Level 2
Location: Homebush
Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time
Salary: \$90,827 - \$107,728 pa
Enquiries: Katya Issa 0456 882 251

This is a dedicated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants must be able to prove Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act*. JH&FMHN deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginal status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or prior to commencement of the position.

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Closing Date: 31 July 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 404378

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AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION UNION FEDERAL ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER

Applications are invited for the position of Federal Aboriginal Education Officer with the Australian Education Union at its Federal Office in Melbourne. The role of the Aboriginal Education Officer is to advance the policy objectives of the AEU and in particular, in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education. The position is for a four year term and an attractive salary and superannuation package applies. The position description and other details about applying can be found at www.aeufederal.org.au.

Applications, marked confidential and addressed to the Federal Secretary, should be submitted to aeu@aeufederal.org.au by COB Monday 31 July 2017.



Health
Southern NSW
Local Health District

Team Leader - Aboriginal Health

Bega
Salary: \$45.80 ph
Enquiries: Jackie Jackson
(02) 4474 1561
Reference Number: 403989

Aboriginal Health Worker

Goulburn
Salary: \$25.39 to \$37.40 ph
Enquiries: Rick Shipp
(02) 4827 3913
Reference Number: 404711

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Closing Date:
5 August 2017

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Environment,
Land, Water
and Planning

Administrative Officer (2 positions)

Location: Melbourne CBD
Salary: \$49,216 to \$63,201 + super
Position Nos: 923020, 923021

- High level Customer Services
- Communicate with professional legal and surveying industries
- Location: Melbourne CBD

Provide administrative functions to support our Land Registry Service's (LRS) Plan Branches and its role to provide the Victorian community with land registration and property information services.

We are building an inclusive workplace to help realise the potential of our employees, embrace our differences, and apply our diverse thinking to innovation and delivering services to Victorian communities. All jobs can be worked flexibly and we encourage job applications from Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

This primary purpose of this position is to perform administrative tasks which support LRS Plan Branches (Subdivision Branch and Application and Survey Branch), both of which receive a high amount of customer enquires in respective areas. You will be required to provide a high-level customer service, including advice for completion of specific land dealing documents for lodgement, via the telephone, online and in person, ensuring that all customer enquiries are managed efficiently and effectively.

If you have good knowledge and understanding of Land Information and related systems and customer services skills

preferably in a government setting with a strong service delivery focus you are strongly encouraged to apply.

This is a fixed term position for a period of 12 months.

To be considered for this position, your application should include a supporting statement demonstrating that you meet the key selection criteria and any job requirements specified in the position description.

To apply online and for further information on position description and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Midnight Sunday, 30th July 2017

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Justice

Youth Justice Conference Convenors (Identified)

- Juvenile Justice
- Department of Justice
- Casual Role
- Locations: Blacktown, Burwood, Fairfield, Gosford and Penrith
- Conference Convenors will be contracted for each conference and paid at an hourly rate of \$44.50

About us

Juvenile Justice supervises and cares for young offenders in the community and in detention centres in NSW. The division provides diversionary and community-based services, as well as custodial services in detention centres for young people on remand and on control orders.

About the role

The Conference Convenor is a statutory appointee responsible for the preparation and facilitation of Youth Justice Conferences in local communities with offenders, victims, support people, police and others affected by the offence.

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Applications Close: 30 July 2017 (11.59pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Paula Dobjeckie, Aboriginal Practice Officer on (02) 8746 4183 or at paula.dobjeckie@justice.nsw.gov.au

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00005FAH

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Disability Support Workers

Casual Positions

Brimbank, Melton, Wyndham, Hobsons Bay, Moonee Valley, Maribyrnong, Bacchus Marsh, Ballarat, Ararat, Stawell, Melton, Geelong, Colac, Colanda, Horsham, Nhill, Hamilton, Warrnambool, St Arnaud and Portland.

Casual positions are available across the West Division of the Department of Health and Human Services, particularly within the locations of Bacchus Marsh, Melton and Ballarat. These positions include shift work (sleep over, active nights and weekend shifts).

In this role you will provide support in the daily living activities for people with a disability living in a Group Home. You will also play an active role in facilitating the development and enhancement of independent living and other skills including the individual's participation in the community.

To be successful you will need current level 2 First Aid, CPR certificate, Working with Children Check (employee) and drivers licence.

Working for the Department of Health and Human Services is not just a job. It can be a journey of learning, self discovery, challenge and achievement.

Closing date is **Midnight Sunday 06 August 2017**

Position Numbers:

Barwon Area	DHHS/WWD/BA/50670/A
Central Highlands Area	DHHS/WWD/CHA/50670/A
Western Melbourne Area	DHHS/WWD/WMA/50670/A
Wimmera South Western Area	DHHS/WWD/WSWA/50670

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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

The department is committed to the safety of its clients. The department takes a zero tolerance approach to abuse, including child abuse and abuse of people with disability.

Departmental employees are required to comply with all legal requirements including the Child Safe Standards to keep children safe from harm and abuse.



Family &
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Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker

NSW Family and Community Services aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children by recruiting and developing outstanding individuals to be leaders in child protection practice.

As an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker you will be working with vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect, their families and communities and interagency partners to be agents of change in the lives of children.

***Being an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker is tough.
It takes a special kind of person. But the rewards are huge.***

We are looking for people with a strong commitment to children, families and community capacity building, people who possess a high level of resilience to become part of a team of skilled and dedicated professionals.

***Do you identify as Aboriginal and have two years experience working with
Aboriginal children, young people and families or communities?***

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

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If you would like to discuss this opportunity further Please call Recruitment on 1800 203 966 or email caseworker.screenings@facs.nsw.gov.au



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We are looking for talented and passionate graduates to join our Graduate Program and potentially become one of our leaders of tomorrow.

The NSW Government is a proud employer of a diverse range of people, and we would like to encourage Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people to apply to the Program.

Find out more: www.psc.nsw.gov.au/km-grads



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Could you be an Official Community Visitor (OCV)?

The role of an OCV is to protect and promote the interests of people with disability and children and young people living in residential care by visiting services and seeking to resolve residents' issues at the local level. OCVs raise issues in regards to the quality of care being provided to residents. OCVs are appointed by the Minister for Disability Services and the Minister for Family and Community Services. The work is part-time, sessional work and visiting hours are variable (between 15-40 hrs per month) and includes evening and weekend work. Hourly remuneration is \$29.88 plus expenses.

Current employees of FACS: Community Services, and Ageing, Disability and Home Care are ineligible for appointment.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people with disability are encouraged to apply.

Current areas we are recruiting in are:

- Sydney metropolitan suburbs (north western, northern, south eastern & south western suburbs)
- Hunter
- Central Coast
- Central West
- Illawarra
- Far North Coast

Probity checks will be completed on recommended applicants following interview.

Applications Close: 13 August 2017
No late applications will be accepted.

Further details on the OCV position and selection criteria to be addressed are available on line at iworkfor.nsw.gov.au
All applications must be received through the 'I work for NSW' website. Applications will not be accepted in hard copy.

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Join our innovative team to tackle challenges for people with disability!

Northcott is a not-for-profit disability service provider that works with customers to realise their potential.

We are seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to join our crew in various locations throughout NSW and ACT. You will be part of team that commits to work creatively and relentlessly with all our customers, supporting and empowering them to be the best they can be now and in the future.

People of all abilities are encouraged to apply including those with a lived experience or knowledge of disability.

For more details and to apply, please visit:

www.northcott.com.au

For a confidential discussion call
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Programs Advisor, Debbie Frail on:
(02) 9890 0502

Essential pre-employment checks will be conducted.



Premier
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Project Facilitator

Aboriginal Victoria's Heritage Services Unit is seeking a Project Facilitator to support:

- development and implementation of Activity Advisory Groups (AAGs), a new function under the 2016 amendments to the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*,
- engagement with Traditional Owner groups in areas without an appointed Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP).

As the Project Facilitator, you will work closely with Traditional Owners, heritage advisors, development industry representatives and Government stakeholders. You will have understanding and experience in engaging with Aboriginal communities, facilitating meetings and working with statutory processes. Your capacity to build relationships, communicate effectively, project plan, problem solve and take initiative will be critical in this role.

This new position sits in the Heritage Policy and Strategy Team, together with the Right People for Country Program.

An understanding of the legislative and policy context relating to recognition of Traditional Owners and experience of cultural heritage management under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* will be highly regarded.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

The closing date for this position is **Monday 7 August 2017**.

How to apply: <https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1286876>

Apply before the advertised closing date via the careers.vic.gov.au website

All applications should include:

- a resumé
- a cover letter which addresses the key selection criteria (within three pages)

Please note this position is only open to applicants with relevant rights to work in Australia.

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Police
& Justice



General Administrative Assistant

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- Investigative Systems Support, Business and Technology Services, Surry Hills
- Clerk General Scale - Temporary Full-Time up to 12 months
- I Work for NSW Requisition No.00005FOR

Salary Package: \$72,164. **Salary:** \$60,154 - \$65,396. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description

The General Administrative Assistant provides a range of clerical and administrative services to support the achievement of business outcomes in a timely, reliable and efficient manner.

Job Notes:

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only, in accordance with the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy and in accordance with Part 5, Clause 26 of the NSW Government Sector Employment Rules 2014.

The successful applicant will also be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement and will be required to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed.

For further assistance with completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check and Security Clearance, **please contact Georgina Munro** from the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on **(02) 8835 6257** or via email haboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications Close: Sunday 6 August 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact
Thanh Nguyen - Coordinator on (02) 9265 4705.

For the target questions, a downloadable role description, and information package and to apply, please go to I Work for NSW (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00005FOR

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Justice

Juvenile Justice Caseworker (Identified)

- Juvenile Justice - Department of Justice.
- Temporary Part-Time (3 days per week, up to 12 months)
- Location: Kempsey
- Salary range: \$87,225 - \$95,235 pro rata, plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Juvenile Justice division provides diversionary and community-based services, as well as custodial services in detention centres for young people on remand and on control orders.

The Juvenile Justice Caseworker is part of a multi-disciplinary team that aims to reduce re-offending of young people, enhance their functioning and support reintegration into their families and the community.

Applications Close:
Sunday 6 August 2017 (11:59pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Sara Dootson, Assistant Manager, Kempsey Juvenile Justice Community Office, (02) 6562 0807 or Sara.Dootson@justice.nsw.gov.au

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 00005ETQ

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SA WATER VACANCIES

For more information and to apply for vacancies with SA Water, please visit www.sawater.com.au and follow the 'careers' link.

Diversity is a key to our success - We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people from diverse backgrounds and those seeking flexible work options.



Health
Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Population Health Trainee (Health Manager Level 1)

Temp F/T up to September 2020 at
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
Salary: \$1,324.20 - \$1,781.10 pw
Enquiries: Emma Quinn (02) 9515 9424

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is
a genuine occupational qualification and
is authorised under section 14(d) of the
Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

**Closing Date:
25 August 2017**

Applications must be
lodged electronically. Please go
to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and
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Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Worker

Moree Community Health Centre
Enquiries: Anne Lemmon (02) 6757 0211
Reference Number: 404690

Enrolled Nurse

Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital
Enquiries: Katrina Madden (02) 6767 7261
Reference Number: 405841

These positions are identified for Aboriginal people and
exemption is claimed under 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination
Act 1977*. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate
Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

Closing Date: 6 August 2017

Enrolled Nurse Aboriginal Health Community Care

Adamstown
Enquiries: Susan Williams (02) 4924 2552
Reference Number: 405362

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be
of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section
14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date: 6 August 2017

Administration Officer

Newcastle Community Health Centre
Enquiries: Leanne Morris (02) 4016 4900
Reference Number: 404124

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be
of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section
14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Applicants must be female. This is a genuine qualification
under Section 31 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date: 6 August 2017

Registered Nurse Integrated Chronic Care for Aboriginal People Program

Newcastle
Enquiries: Susan Williams (02) 4924 2552
Reference Number: 406319

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be
of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section
14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date: 6 August 2017

**Closing Dates:
see above**

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POSITION VACANT - ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OUTREACH WORKER



SWOP is seeking an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
community member to work as part of the SWOP
outreach team, providing outreach to people engaged
in sex work and providing sex for favours, across NSW.

Previous experience in the sex industry is essential, as
is a NSW drivers licence.

This is a **part time** position **3 days** per week (21hrs/wk)
based in Surry Hills. Applications close **5pm Fri 1 Sept**.

swop.org.au/about-us/work-at-swop for all details and
job pack or contact SWOP on **02 9206 2166**.

Teach.NSW/
Public Education



NSW Department of Education Paakantji Aboriginal Language and Culture Nest Teacher

- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- Teacher
- Temporary Full-time to 20 December 2017
- Requisition Number

Job Description: The Aboriginal language teacher works
collaboratively with schools and local Aboriginal language
speakers across the Aboriginal Language and Culture Nest to
develop quality Aboriginal language programs for all students.

Job Notes:

This position involves working with a number of schools and
tutors of Aboriginal Languages in the Far Western Network
around Broken Hill, Wilcannia, and Menindee to develop
language programs with schools.

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
applicants only.

This position is a temporary employment/appointment from 16
August to 20 December 2017.

Eligibility/Other requirements:

Teaching qualifications and recent school-based experience.

Applications can only be submitted electronically online via
the teach.NSW Public Education website. Please go to
<https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/find-teaching-jobs/jobfeed> and
search for Wilcannia Central School.

Applications close: Wednesday 2 August 2017 at 3pm.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact
Annette Cam, Executive Principal, Wilcannia Central School
on (08) 8091 5801.

For the selection criteria and position description, and to
apply, please go to teach.nsw.edu.au and click on "Find
Teaching Jobs" (<https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/find-teaching-jobs/jobfeed>) and search for Wilcannia Central School.



Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS)

(Funded by the
Australian government Department of Health & Ageing)

New Directions Mothers and Babies Service Program

Positions required

Speech Pathologist (Full Time-5 days a week) Occupational Therapist (Full Time-5 days a week) Dietitian (Part Time-2 days a week)

These positions are part of a newly funded program within
Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service to provide
antenatal, postnatal and early childhood services targeting
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with children
under five years (prior to school age). The program will
support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander early childhood
and development to ensure children are ready to learn when
they start school.

The program will support the following priority service areas:

- Increase access to antenatal and postnatal care
- Provide standard information about baby care
- Provide practical advice and assistance with breastfeeding, nutrition and parenting
- Monitor developmental milestones, immunisation status and infections and
- Provide health checks and referrals to treatment for Indigenous children before starting school

The team will consist of full time staff: Speech Pathologist,
Occupational Therapist and Aboriginal Health Worker and the
following part time staff Maternal and Child Health Nurse and
Dietitian. This program will work closely with existing
programs supporting Maternal and Child Health within
WACHS.

Suitably qualified and skilled people from Aboriginal & Torres
Strait Islander heritage are encouraged to apply.

Interested persons will need to contact Trish George, Healthy
for Life Team Leader at **Wellington Aboriginal Corporation
Health Service (02) 6845 3545** for an information package
which details the "Essential & Desirable Criteria" to be
addressed in application.

Applications close at 5pm on the 11th August 2017
No late faxed applications will be accepted

Ravenhall Correctional Centre is recruiting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff

Do you want to make a difference for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in
the prison system? Then we want to hear from YOU

We are seeking an Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer,
2 x Aboriginal Program Officers and 2 x Aboriginal Transition and Post Release
Case Workers

Skills required:

- Demonstrated knowledge and working history within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander community
- Have a strong commitment to reducing re-offending by delivering support, services and programs to Aboriginal people within the correctional system
- Contribute to pre and post release programs and services for Aboriginal people within the correctional system
- Effectively engage with internal and external stakeholders including Aboriginal community organisations

Applications Close: 18th August 2017

For further information and a copy of the position description please contact

Tracey Evans, Manager Aboriginal Programs, Ravenhall on
email: tevans@geogroup.com.au or phone: 0419 307 920



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Finance,
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Customer Service Officers (Aboriginal targeted)

- Two roles
- Parramatta and Gosford/Newcastle locations
- Salary package up to \$81,624

As the NSW government agency responsible for consumer protection, NSW Fair
Trading promotes a fair marketplace and seeks to educate consumers and traders on
issues that affect their rights and obligations.

In these roles, you will have the opportunity to use your excellent customer service
skills to support the community, including consumers and traders as part of the NSW
Fair Trading team. You will enjoy working on a wide range of matters, providing quality
service and information in a high-volume, customer-focused environment.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply and, where found suitable, will be given
higher priority.

- 00005EH6 for Parramatta location
- 00005EGQ for Gosford/Newcastle Location

Applications Close: 2 August 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and
search Job Reference Numbers
00005EH6 or 00005EGQ

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BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFICER

REF: 50465



We are seeking to provide an opportunity for an Indigenous person interested in:

- A nine month contract opportunity located in Brisbane, Qld
- Gaining experience in a challenging corporate environment

THE ROLE

Reporting into the Personal Assistant to the Group Manager, the Business Support
Officer will provide support across a variety of administrative tasks, while being a central
point of contact to the broader Field Development team.

The role will be accountable for coordinating team meetings, providing business updates,
actioning expenses, arranging travel requests including vehicle hire/ accommodation,
processing stationary orders and submitting (and following up) facilities and IT requests.

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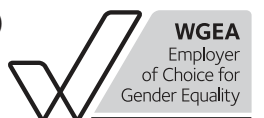
This role will suit either a Trainee or an experienced Administrator, who exhibits the
following skills:

- Strong focus on attention to detail
- Willingness to learn with the ability to pick up new skills quickly
- Ability to multitask and manage a varied work load
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to work autonomously and in a team environment

We embrace the diversity of our people and flexible working arrangements to ensure
our workforce is representative of the communities that we serve. This is a genuine
Indigenous Australian employment opportunity and we encourage Aboriginal and/or
Torres Strait Islander peoples to apply.

For more details on this career opportunity with Origin,
please contact Cham Jayaweera (Lead Sourcing Specialist)
on 03 9652 5126 or email
cham.jayaweera@originenergy.com.au

Applications close Monday, 31 July 2017.



Coordinator

Ngutana-lui (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Studies Centre)

- Commencing late August 2017
- Full Time - Fixed Term to December 2020
- \$108,604 to \$120,668 per annum plus Super
- Based at Inala

Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) is a learning community of over 130 schools. We aim to provide quality teaching and learning outcomes for Prep to Year 12 students.

The Ngutana-Lui Cultural Studies Centre builds the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural competency of BCE teachers and staff, and teaches Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture in a unique classroom setting for Catholic schools within the Brisbane Archdiocese.

In this role you will plan and coordinate the operations and educational offerings provided by staff of the Centre. You will also provide a source of educational leadership in developing and delivering professional learning programs that build cultural competency of BCE staff, and the cultural studies programs, ensuring alignment with the Australian curriculum.

To be successful in this role you must hold registration with the Queensland College of Teachers and have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of cultural issues and current educational priorities relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education.

BCE considers that being Aboriginal and/or a Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under section 25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld).

To apply, please visit the Employment > Vacancies > Office & Corporate section of our website, www.bne.catholic.edu.au.

Applications close 11:30pm, 6 August 2017.



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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.

Careers In Child Protection SOCIAL WORKER and SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

DEPARTMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION
ADELAIDE METRO, NETLEY

MULTIPLE TERM ROLES UP TO 30/06/2019

VAC NO: Social Worker AHP1 2017 – 21929

VAC NO: Senior Social Worker AHP2 2017 – 21930

The Senior Social Worker and Social Worker report to the Call Centre Supervisor and are primarily responsible for receiving and assessing allegations of child abuse and neglect via the Child Abuse Report Line (CARL) and the online child abuse reporting system (eCARL). For those seeking positions within 24 hour shift teams, the role will also include response to Crisis Care. Crisis Care provides an after-hours response to immediate child abuse and neglect matters, and crisis situations relating to children who are under the Guardianship of the Minister.

People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

For further information about the role and to submit your application please visit:

www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/working-with-us

Enquiries to: Akash Segal, akash.segal@sa.gov.au

Applications close 11pm Sunday 13 August 2017



Government of South Australia
Department for Child Protection



Careers In Child Protection ABORIGINAL FAMILY PRACTITIONER and SENIOR ABORIGINAL FAMILY PRACTITIONER

DEPARTMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION
ADELAIDE METRO, NETLEY

MULTIPLE TERM ROLES UP TO 30/06/2019

VAC NO: Aboriginal Family Practitioner
AHP1 2017 – 21928

VAC NO: Senior Aboriginal Family Practitioner
AHP2 2017 – 21926

The Aboriginal Family Practitioner and the Senior Aboriginal Family Practitioner are primarily responsible for receiving and assessing allegations of child abuse and neglect via the Child Abuse Report Line (CARL) and the online child abuse reporting system (eCARL). For those seeking positions within 24 hour shift teams, the role will also include response to Crisis Care. Crisis Care provides an after-hours response to immediate child abuse and neglect matters, and crisis situations relating to children who are under the Guardianship of the Minister. The successful applicants in these roles will utilise their skills, knowledge and understanding to provide information that will assist in providing a culturally responsive service.

Pursuant to Section 56(2) of the Equal Opportunity Act, 1984 only people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent may apply for this role.

For further information about the role and to submit your application please visit:

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Enquiries to: Akash Segal akash.segal@sa.gov.au

Applications close 11pm Sunday 13 August 2017



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Department for Child Protection



Justice

Juvenile Justice Caseworker (Identified)

- Juvenile Justice - Department of Justice
- Ongoing Full-Time
- Location: Gosford, Burwood, Fairfield and Parramatta Juvenile Justice Community Offices
- Clerk Grade 6/7, salary range \$87,225 - \$95,235 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

About the role

Juvenile Justice Caseworker is part of a multi-disciplinary team that aims to reduce re-offending of young people, enhance their functioning and support reintegration into their families and the community.

**Applications Close:
Sunday 6 August 2017 (11:59pm)**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Steve LaSpina on (02) 8746 4101 or steve.laspina@justice.nsw.gov.au

**Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00005F0N**

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Strengthening child protection in Queensland

Be part of the change in Child Safety

Are you a dedicated professional who is passionate about working with children, young people, families, carers and other professionals to increase safety and wellbeing?

We are looking for values-based, talented and qualified professionals to work in the following positions:

19 x Child Safety Officers (PO3)
— salary range \$76,828 to \$83,903 + up to 12.75% super — (Vacancy Ref: QLD/ 247758/17)

28 x Senior Child Safety Officers (PO4)
— salary range \$89,322 to \$96,230 + up to 12.75% super — (Vacancy Ref: QLD/ 247816/17)

8 x Senior Team Leaders (PO5)
— salary range \$100,639 to \$107,916 + up to 12.75% super — (Vacancy Ref: QLD/ 247800/17)

These positions are the first in a record number of new positions that have been made possible by a significant injection of funding aimed at strengthening frontline child protection in Queensland.

These roles work closely with children, young people and their families to assess and increase safety through collaborative casework. To apply you must possess a bachelor level qualification in social work, psychology, human services or behavioural science. We are seeking practitioners who are relationships-focused and have strong engagement, assessment, planning, process, written and time management skills.

The department is committed to addressing the disproportionate representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and meeting the cultural needs of the children we work with. We strongly encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and those from diverse cultural backgrounds.

We are recruiting for various locations across Queensland.

For more details on role requirements and vacancy locations visit

www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au and search the vacancy reference numbers.

Applications close 2 August 2017.



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Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician Acute and Continuing Care Team

Location: Coonabarabran
Classification: Dependent on Qualifications
Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time
Salary: Dependent on Qualifications
Enquiries: Rebecca Wetton (02) 6881 4000
Email: rebecca.wetton@health.nsw.gov.au

**Closing Date:
11 August 2017**

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BOURKE ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE POSITION VACANT MALE ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER WITH A FOCUS ON SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

Bourke Aboriginal Health Service is seeking an enthusiastic and committed person for the position of Male Aboriginal Health Worker with a focus on Social and Emotional Wellbeing.

This position will assist with promoting the health and social and emotional wellbeing of the Aboriginal people of Bourke and the wider community, working to prevent the development of Social and Emotional Wellbeing and substance use problems.

Applicants willing to undergo training in these fields will be considered.

Note: Applicants must be Male. This is a genuine qualification under Section 31 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977, and it is an identified position under Section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Applications must be in writing, and will not be accepted if the Selection Criteria has not been addressed. Further information can be obtained by contacting Rose Gordon on 02 68723088, or by emailing roseg@bahs.com.au

Applications marked Private and Confidential are to be received at BAHS no later than 4pm on Friday 11th August 2017.



BOURKE ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE POSITION VACANT Part-time Accountant

Established 30 years ago, Bourke Aboriginal Health Service is a fully accredited primary health service situated in the township of Bourke in outback NSW. BAHS provides a range of services including: GP, Healthy 4 Life, Dental, Eye Health, Family Health, as well as AOD and Social and Emotional Wellbeing.

BAHS has the following position vacant on a part-time basis up until 30th June 2018. Further extensions are reliant on continued funding.

PART-TIME ACCOUNTANT

Bourke Aboriginal Health Service is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced part-time Accountant to join the Executive team at BAHS. The position supports the Financial Services Manager. The successful applicant will be accountable for the day to day assistance of the Financial Services manager.

Applications must meet the following selection criteria:

- Experience in Reckon Accounts Premier
- 1 – 3yrs experience in Finance/Accounting
- Processing of Accounts Payable & Receivable
- Superannuation Management, lodgment's and payments
- Perform daily Bank & Credit Card reconciliations
- Assist with various Financial reports which include Budgets, Forecasts & Cash flow
- Assist with End of Month adjustments, general journals, accruals, prepayments, depreciation and balancing adjustments
- Ability to work cooperatively in a team environment whilst also being able to work with minimal supervision.
- Commitment to adhering to confidentiality and policies and procedures of BAHS
- Assist in professional development of Staff and Board members

To apply for this position, you must address the essential criteria as above and submit this to BAHS Manager Financial Services, Reginald Kelly, at - email regk@bahs.com.au. Applications that address the selection criteria must include a current resume and copies of qualifications.

Applications must be received to BAHS by 4pm on Friday 18th August 2017.



Education Aboriginal Affairs



Project Officer – Aboriginal Affairs

- Identified role for Female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only
- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Temporary to 30 June 2018
- Position number and location: 198789 – Tamworth

Total remuneration package: \$110,697 Package includes salary (\$90,215 – \$99,862), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Aboriginal Affairs works with Aboriginal communities to promote social, economic and cultural well-being through opportunity, choice, healing, responsibility and empowerment. We implement OCHRE (Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility and Empowerment), the NSW Government's community focused plan for Aboriginal affairs, establish partnerships for economic development, support effective Aboriginal governance and strengthen cultural identity and language.

About the role

As part of a team, the Regional Project Officer facilitates partnerships between Aboriginal community governance bodies, women's groups, government agencies, and other stakeholders, to achieve common goals that support the social, economic and cultural development of Aboriginal communities, and Aboriginal women and women's groups. Supporting Aboriginal community self-governance and economic development, the role works in consultation with Aboriginal women and women's groups to implement projects and build capacity amongst Aboriginal women and/or women's groups to achieve better outcomes, ensuring culturally appropriate engagement with all members of the local community/ies.

To be successful in this role, you will be an experienced female Aboriginal project officer with experience in negotiating and facilitating outcomes for Aboriginal.

An Information Session regarding this role is to be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 16 August, 2017 at Unit 2, 180 Peel Street Tamworth. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend the session. Attendees are asked to email their intended attendance to vicki.t.power@det.nsw.edu.au

For more information:

For enquiries about this role, contact:

Kristy Swain, Senior Project Officer Greater Northern, Coffs Harbour, (02) 5622 8867 **Mobile:** 0472 815 313 or by email kristy.swain2@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au or Archie Tanna, Senior Project Officer, Greater Northern Region, (02) 5712 9067 **Mobile:** 0425 395 672 or by email archie.tanna@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au

Talent Pool

A talent pool may be created through this recruitment process. A talent pool is a group of candidates who have undergone an assessment process and have been identified suitable for this role or similar roles. The talent pool will be valid for a period of 12 months. Being part of a talent pool means that you may be considered for ongoing, temporary or term employment for a range of similar roles. This offers exciting opportunities for you to gain a wide range of experiences to build your public service career.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw
No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

This Identified role is available for FEMALE applicants only and is authorised by Part 3, Section 31 (H) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Explain your experience working with Aboriginal people, and/or Aboriginal communities. What have you learnt and how would you apply these learnings to this role? (300 words)
2. This role often requires managing relationships with a number of stakeholders, whose own priorities and expectations may not coincide with the Organisation/Agency or your own priorities. Please provide an example of where you have had to influence others to achieve your outcome and keep the integrity of the interpersonal relations intact. (300 words).

Essential Requirements:

- Female Aboriginality
- Current Driver's Licence and willingness to undertake regional travel.
- Demonstrated appropriate cultural capability regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the approach and outcomes of daily activities.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Applications Close: 9 August 2017

For further information please contact
Vicki Power on (02) 5622 8827.

**Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for
Reference Numbers 198789**

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Community Participation Officer



Health
and Human
Services

- Fixed Term until 30/06/2018 – Part time 45.6 hours per fortnight
- Location: Wangaratta
- Salary: VPS4 – \$79,955 – \$90,716 (pro-rata for part time) plus superannuation

The Local Connections Unit is a dedicated team that promotes the social and economic participation of the local community. The key focus of the job is to develop new projects, service pathways to training and employment, client participation mechanisms, place-based approaches and identify and support existing initiatives.

Are you

- Experienced in working with vulnerable communities?

We are looking for :

- Good relationship building and engagement skills
- Empathy and cultural awareness
- Someone who seeks ways of improving services

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit;
www.careers.vic.gov.au

or contact **Deanne Terry** on (02) 6055 7750

Job Reference number: **DHHS/EED/380862**

Applications close: **Sunday 6th August 2017**

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).

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

The department is committed to the safety of its clients. The department takes a zero tolerance approach to abuse, including child abuse and abuse of people with disability. Departmental employees are required to comply with all legal requirements including the Child Safe Standards to keep children safe from harm and abuse.

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General Administrative Support Officer

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- Sutherland Local Area Command, Sutherland
- Clerk Grade 1/2- Permanent Full-Time
- *I Work For NSW* Requisition No.00005G79

Salary Package: \$72,164. **Salary:** \$60,154 – \$65,396. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The General Administrative Support Officer provides the delivery of efficient and effective general administration, clerical support, and receptionist services with a focus on quality services to commands/business units.

Job Notes:

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only, in accordance with the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy and in accordance with Part 5, Clause 26 of the NSW Government Sector Employment Rules 2014.

This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with Flexible Rostering Guidelines. The position will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours on weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.

The successful applicant will also be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement and will be required to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed.

For further assistance with completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check and Security Clearance, **please contact Georgina Munro in the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257** or via email haboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications Close: Sunday 13 August 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Anne Morgan – Local Area Manager on (02) 9542 0829.

For the selection criteria, a downloadable position description, and information package and to apply, please go to *I Work for NSW* (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00005G79

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NGUNYA JARJUM ABORIGINAL CHILD AND FAMILY NETWORK INC.

Ngunya Jarjum is a designated Aboriginal out-of-home-care (OOHC) service in Northern NSW. It is one of the largest Aboriginal OOHC services in NSW. Ngunya Jarjum is looking for Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander people who are skilled and committed to ensure Aboriginal children and young people remain connected to their families and communities, safe and to achieving meaningful results.

CASEWORK MANAGER

Full time temporary roles for up to 12 months (with possibility of permanency) available.

A satisfactory "Working with Children Check" must be provided and a National Police Check will be conducted.

Salary: As per Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010. A generous remuneration package plus superannuation, leave loading and including a generous salary sacrificing arrangement will be negotiated. In these positions an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination act 1977.

Location: Lismore.

Contact: Kylie Jacky on (02) 6626 3700 or via email kylie.jacky@ngunyajarjum.com

Information Packages: Must be obtained prior to submission of the application and is available on request by contacting the office on (02) 6626 3700.

Send Applications to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 580, Lismore NSW 2480.

Closing Date: 5pm Friday 11th August 2017

This is a re-advertised job post candidates who have previously applied need not to apply again.



Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd is an Organisation that provides health, housing and social support services for the Aboriginal Community in the Greater Shepparton area. The Co-operative is located two hours north of Melbourne and is accessible to local wineries, the Murray and Goulburn Rivers and the Victorian ski fields.

ATSI Mental Health / Alcohol & Other Drugs Dual Diagnosis Worker Full Time – 38 Hours per Week

The role of the Dual Diagnosis Worker will be responsible for providing comprehensive support to clients and their families who suffer from mental health issues and alcohol and other drug use.

This role will require you to provide a dual diagnosis service through a holistic integrated response in a culturally safe manner, with the ability to coordinate intense case management, with a primary focus on youth prevention and intervention.

Salary Packaging is available.

The successful applicant will be required to have a current driver's license, undergo a Victorian Police check every 12 months and must have a current Working with Children's Check prior to commencement.

To apply, you must obtain a Position Description from Kerry on (03) 5820 0036 or email: kerry.morgan@racilimited.com.au

Applications must address the Key Selection Criteria and include a current resume and cover letter.

Applications close 4pm, 7th August, 2017 and are to be addressed to:

Human Resources Dept.
Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-Operative
PO Box 614, Mooroopna Vic 3629

Steward, Government House Sydney



- Are you a professional who can deliver the highest standards of household cleaning and hospitality services to the Governor of New South Wales and to their family?
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Working with us

Under the direction of the Official Secretary, Government House Sydney is structured into four key functional areas: Household, Protocol, Secretariat and Estate Management. These four streams work collaboratively to ensure professional and timely support and advice to the Governor of New South Wales – the most senior office in the State – in fulfilling constitutional, ceremonial and community responsibilities.

Government House Sydney is staffed by employees of the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

About the Role

The Steward provides the highest level of household cleaning and hospitality support, and contributes to the excellent standards of presentation and maintenance of Government House Sydney. Serving His Excellency the Governor of NSW you will be responsible for cleaning of the private apartment and State Rooms, laundry services and providing hospitality service to visiting dignitaries. You will provide silver service and reconfigure the State Rooms for formal and informal functions. Experience in handling items of heritage value and an understanding of working in an official residence would be an advantage.

This role will be initially offered as a temporary opportunity with the potential for ongoing employment.

Salary: Clerk Grade 3/4. Package includes base salary (\$68,929 – \$75,476) plus superannuation and leave loading

Our Commitment to Flexibility: At DPC we endeavour to make roles flexible. While this role is advertised as full time, we will consider requests to undertake the work on a flexible part-time or job share basis.

Our Commitment to Diversity: DPC is committed to ensuring the sector reflects the NSW community it serves. Diverse workforces are more innovative, productive and increase the delivery of high-quality services. We welcome and encourage applications from diverse community groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, LGBTI, people with disability, women and other diversity group.

Applications Close: Thursday, 3 August 2017

For enquiries regarding this role, please email Craig.Kitchen@governor.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 9228 4155.

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number **00005F8H**

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Department of Health & Human Services

Child Protection Manager

- **Location:** Wimmera South West Areas
- **Employment Type:** Fixed term – Full time – 12 months
- **Classification:** CPP6.2
- **Salary range:** \$132,293 to \$151,428 per annum (plus superannuation)

The Child Protection Operations Manager works collaboratively with key internal and external stakeholders to ensure systems, service and process improvements. The role encompasses supervisory responsibility and resolution of complex and high profile matters relating to clients and their families.

For further information on the available positions, please contact

Sandy Brien 0411 276 898

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au

Position Reference number: **DHHS/WWD/510231**

Applications close: Midnight, Wednesday 12 August 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.

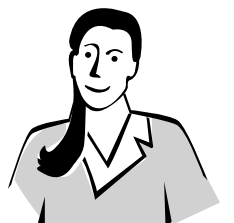
If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

The department is committed to the safety of its clients. The department takes a zero tolerance approach to abuse, including child abuse and abuse of people with disability.

Departmental employees are required to comply with all legal requirements including the Child Safe Standards to keep children safe from harm and abuse.



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To apply, please go to
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Partnership and Pathways Manager

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Port Pirie Regional Health Service
Job Ref: 627163

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1300 882 992



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Museum of
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Art Australia

Assistant Digital Producer (Indigenous)

As part of a whole-of-museum commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment and programs, the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia (MCA) is offering an exciting opportunity for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Assistant Digital Producer commencing in September 2017.

The MCA acknowledges the enormous contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, staff, educators, arts professionals and guests have made to the fabric of the museum since its inception. Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art practice has long been central to MCA collection and exhibition programs. In addition, the MCA offers a number of important programs that focus on enhancing the engagement of visitors, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander audiences, with contemporary art and ideas. This exciting opportunity forms part of the MCA's commitment to assisting in building experience and capacity within a new generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander visual arts professionals.

The position will be based at the MCA working within the Digital team of the museum and providing the successful applicant with valuable early career development opportunities. The successful applicant will work closely with the Head, Digital Media and the Digital Content Producer to create, edit and develop web experiences for various MCA digital projects. The successful applicant will have a demonstrated interest in and some experience with filming, editing, and photography, and familiarity with web content management systems and web publishing tools.

Key to your success is the ability to work cooperatively in a team environment. You will need to manage time lines and prioritise projects effectively. An interest in contemporary visual art practices is highly desirable as is previous experience working in the cultural sector.

This is an identified Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander position under section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

For a full position description, please visit
<https://www.mca.com.au/about/work-at-mca/>

Applicants are encouraged to address the essential selection criteria listed in the position description. For assistance with application process or general enquiries please contact the Human Resources Manager on 0292452486. Please submit your application, including names and telephone numbers of two referees via positionsvacant@mca.com.au.

Applications close at 9am on Monday 21 August 2017.

The MCA is committed to equal opportunity and diversity. The MCA promotes a work environment that is free from discrimination and harassment, and where individuals are treated with fairness, equality and dignity.



BOURKE ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE

POSITION VACANT

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Bourke Aboriginal Health Service has an exciting opportunity for a **Chief Executive Officer** to lead its professional, multi-disciplinary team, **based in Bourke**, in **Western NSW**. This is an identified position under Section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

- **Use your senior management experience to lead organisational change as CEO of a highly respected Health organisation**
- **Pivotal role for a Senior Manager passionate about closing the gap in Indigenous Health**
- **Excellent remuneration package + salary sacrificing + work vehicle**
- **Enjoy the relaxed, laid back country lifestyle**

BAHS is a community controlled health organisation funded by different levels of Government and other agencies. It delivers a range of services including GP services, chronic disease care, child health services, oral health services, Social and Emotional Wellbeing, Alcohol and Other Drugs, Sexual Health, Public Health and a range of other services.

Reporting directly to the BAHS Board of Directors, this varied and rewarding role will see you responsible for the strategic and operational management of the organisation, including staff, finances, assets and other resources. Our organisation has approximately 30 employees and several contractors.

To succeed in this management role you will need extensive senior management experience in a healthcare environment, you will consider yourself a natural leader, with coaching and relationship management experience as well as a demonstrated ability to effectively manage organisational change. A relevant tertiary qualification, in a field such as Management, Health or Business is essential, and candidates with experience leading a multi-model service organisation will be highly regarded.

If you are looking for a change of routine, a change of lifestyle or new adventure, this is the role for you. This is an influential 'hands-on' role, and offers you the opportunity to **advance your career as the leader** of a highly respected Health organisation. In addition you will receive **ongoing professional training opportunities** to ensure your career excels. The organisation is passionate about providing **quality health care solutions** to Indigenous Communities, and will give you the opportunity to significantly impact the lives of local residents.

Don't miss this opportunity to consolidate your career in senior management and directly affect the success of a vital community organisation — Apply Now!

An information package can be obtained by contacting Barbara Flick, Acting chief Executive Officer of Bourke Aboriginal Health Service by emailing Barbara Flick at barbaraf@bahs.com.au or by phone on 02 68723088. It is recommended that interested applicants discuss the position requirements with Barbara on the number provided above.

Applications close Friday 18th August 2017 at 4pm. Late applications will not be considered.

KEMPSEY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC.

COMMUNITY SERVICE MANAGER

Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre Inc. is seeking an experienced and inspired community service manager for its wide range of services being administered out of the centre in West Kempsey and other towns on the Mid-North Coast. The organisation has been established since 1986 and operates along principles of social justice; celebration of diversity and strives to remain relevant to the needs of the communities. The organisation is proud of its positive relations with the local community and looks forward to attracting a manager who is self-motivated; passionate about social justice issues; a strong and compassionate leader and one who is committed to work with community to further develop programs, services and partnerships that support individuals and community to build greater capacity; strength and autonomy.

Interested applicants should prepare a concise written application responding to the selection criteria.

Selection criteria:

1. Degree or diploma in social sciences, social work, community service work or related discipline and/or extensive work history in community managed organisations.
2. Demonstrated experience in leading the development, implementation and management of community services programs.
3. Demonstrated understanding of the needs of socially marginalised people living in regional communities and the capacity to build programs and partnerships to address these needs.
4. Demonstrated experience in working in cross-cultural settings especially in relation to working with Aboriginal people
5. Demonstrated experience in developing and implementing strategic plans to guide the development of a service organisation
6. Evidence of capacity to work in a complex work environment -developing an innovative and responsive service according to community need and assets, service standards and funding body guidelines.
7. Demonstrated financial management skills
8. Able to provide evidence of effective networking, partnership development and community development skills in the development of real and beneficial community outcomes.
9. Demonstrated capacity to lead, manage and motivate a team of staff.
10. Demonstrated highly effective verbal and written communication skills, including ability to prepare tenders and submissions.
11. Provide evidence of sound computer skills
12. Current driver's license

The position is a 35 hour per week contract position paid under the SCHCADS award level 8.1. There will be a 3-month probationary period assessed according to performance capabilities. A car and salary sacrificing are available.

Please contact Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre Reception on: 02 6562 8300 for a full position description. For other enquiries regarding the position ph: Annette Toomey on 0427484846

Email applications to:

Kay Parkes, Office Manager
Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre
kay@kncfcs.com.au
Ph: 02 65 628300

Please provide copy of CV and certified copies of relevant qualifications along with names of two relevant referees.

Applications close: Friday 18th August 2017

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Notification day: 2 August 2017



Definitions:

"Mining Tenure" means any: (a) Exploration Licence; (b) Ancillary Licence; (c) Mining Lease; and (d) Water Extraction Authority, that FMG acting reasonably may consider necessary or desirable for FMG Mining Operations, and includes any part or parts thereof.

"Project Tenure" means the: (a) Railway Tenure; (b) Port Tenure; and (c) Mining Tenure.

"Port Tenure" means such present and future tenure within the Agreement Area as may be necessary or desirable for the construction and operation of the Port Infrastructure.

"Port Infrastructure" means such present and future infrastructure as FMG acting reasonably may consider necessary or desirable for the operation of a port.

"Railway Tenure" means such tenure within the Agreement Area as may be necessary or desirable to construct or operate the Railway Infrastructure.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd, The Pilbara Infrastructure Pty Ltd, Chichester Metals Pty Ltd (formerly FMG Chichester Pty Ltd)
c/- Green Legal
Ken Green
GPO Box 2522
PERTH WA 6001

Frederick Stream, Elsa Derschow and Cheryl Yuline for themselves and on behalf of all Palyku People

c/- Gavin MacLean
MacLean Legal
Suite 156, Level 2, Equus Building
580 Hay Street
PERTH WA 6000

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5) (a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Sydney, NSW, 2001 by 2 November 2017**. Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Dianne Drake on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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National Native Title Tribunal

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Notification day: 2 August 2017



National Native Title Tribunal



WI2016/013 FMG-Kariyarra Land Access ILUA
State of Western Australia
Description of the agreement area:
The agreement covers about 17354 sq km in the vicinity of Port Hedland, approximately 70 km east of Roebourne.
Relevant LGA: City of Karratha, Shire of East Pilbara and Town of Port Hedland.

The agreement contains the following statements:
[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]
4.1 The Kariyarra People consent to the grant and renewal of all Project Tenure.
6.3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement:
(1) for the purposes of s 24EB(1)(b) of the NTA [Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)], the parties state that they consent to the grant and renewal of all Project Tenure; and
(2) for the purposes of s 24EB(1)(c) of the NTA, the parties state that if apart from Subdivision E of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA, the grant or renewal of any Project Tenure would be an act to which Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA would apply, then Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply, including where notice of the act has been given in accordance with

s 29 of the NTA prior to the registration of this Agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements;
"Project Tenure" means the:
(a) Railway Tenure;
(b) Port Tenure; and
(c) Mining Tenure;
"Railway Tenure" means such tenure within the Agreement Area as may be necessary or desirable to construct or operate the Railway Infrastructure;
"Railway Infrastructure" means such present and future infrastructure as FMG acting reasonably may consider necessary or desirable to operate a railway to the Port Infrastructure;
"Port Tenure" means such present and future tenure within the Agreement Area as may be necessary or desirable for the construction and operation of the Port Infrastructure;
"Port Infrastructure" means such present and future infrastructure as FMG acting reasonably may consider necessary or desirable for the operation of a port;
"Mining Tenure" means any:
(a) Exploration Licence;
(b) Ancillary Licence;
(c) Mining Lease; and
(d) Water Extraction Authority,
that FMG acting reasonably may consider necessary or desirable for FMG Mining Operations, and includes any part or parts thereof.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:
Fortescue Metals Group Ltd, The Pilbara Infrastructure Pty Ltd and Chichester Metals Pty Ltd
c/- Green Legal
GPO Box 2522
Perth WA 6001

Cyril Gordon, Kerry Robinson and Donny Wilson for and on behalf of the Kariyarra People
c/- Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 3072
249 Hay Street
East Perth WA 6892

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:
This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation and the Kimberley Land Council, the representative bodies for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA, 6848 by 2 November 2017. Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.
For assistance and further information about this application, call Stacey Scott on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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WATERNSW
EGULATED RIVER WATER
SOURCE

An application for a water use amendment has been received from Steven Gerald Carolan for, irrigation purposes on Lot 1 DP 1161918.
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 (A10316).
Any queries please call 1300 662 077, Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.
A08158

WATERNSW
NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER
SOURCE (MURRAY RIVER)

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from KEVIN JOHN & PAMELA FAYE TALBOT for an additional 250mm pump on Lot 70 DP751159, Parish of Tataila, County of Cadell, for irrigation purposes (A10446).
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 gounds of objection. Any queries please call (03) 5898-3935, Jenny Campion, Water Regulation Officer.
A08254

WATERNSW
LOWER LACHLAN GROUNDWATER WATER
SHARING PLAN
LOWER LACHLAN GROUND WATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND/OR WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from ROSELLA SUB TC PTY LTD for a Bore (Capacity 15ML/Day) on Lot 24 DP 755170, Parish Huntawong, County Nicholson, for Irrigation purposes.
Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A010439)
Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808 Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer.
A08261



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	08/2924	ZEBRA MINERALS PTY LTD	12BL	43km E'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 38' S Long: 115° 31' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2230	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	105BL	146km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 5' S Long: 116° 37' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2231	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LTD	128BL	131km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 8' S Long: 116° 53' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2234	BLACKEARTH MINERALS NL	80BL	112km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 36' S Long: 116° 8' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2237	ROLEK PTY LTD	1BL	168km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 54' S Long: 116° 35' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/922	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	65BL	49km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 4' S Long: 117° 35' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/923	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	61BL	41km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 14' S Long: 118° 14' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/496	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	70BL	128km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 34' S Long: 119° 43' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1311	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	13BL	42km W'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 120° 55' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2026	DESERT FOX RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	157km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 34' S Long: 123° 35' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2027	DESERT FOX RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	148km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 30' S Long: 123° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2028	DESERT FOX RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	146km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 29' S Long: 123° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2029	DESERT FOX RESOURCES PTY LTD	3BL	142km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 27' S Long: 123° 30' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2030	DESERT FOX RESOURCES PTY LTD	8BL	123km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 24' S Long: 123° 18' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2031	DESERT FOX RESOURCES PTY LTD	4BL	122km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 27' S Long: 123° 13' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4913	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	53BL	76km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 120° 28' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4914-5	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	104BL	60km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 28' S Long: 120° 29' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4921	BAMBOOZLER PTY LTD	70BL	49km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 56' S Long: 120° 19' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3646	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	15BL	94km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 6' S Long: 117° 16' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/3673	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	70BL	93km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 3' S Long: 118° 11' E	KARRATHA CITY, PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	52/3493	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	140BL	102km S'ly of Newman	Lat: 24° 16' S Long: 119° 38' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1950	ROX RESOURCES LIMITED	52BL	102km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 5' S Long: 121° 42' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4982	BRL OTHER MINERALS PTY LTD	124BL	38km NE'ly of Albany	Lat: 34° 46' S Long: 118° 10' E	ALBANY CITY
Exploration Licence	70/4983	BRL OTHER MINERALS PTY LTD	52BL	10km S'ly of Mount Barker	Lat: 34° 43' S Long: 117° 41' E	PLANTAGENET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/603	WESTERN AREAS LTD	70BL	83km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 32° 50' S Long: 119° 58' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, KONDININ SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5087	ANGLO AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES NL	5BL	33km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 24' S Long: 127° 24' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5104	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	62BL	106km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 16° 43' S Long: 128° 37' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5105	ROLEK PTY LTD	33BL	73km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 48' S Long: 127° 20' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5106	ROLEK PTY LTD	56BL	97km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 19° 0' S Long: 127° 15' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8979	EDWARDS, Cranston Gilbert	8.05HA	41km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 39' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4342	FAGAN, Robert Keith				
Prospecting Licence	45/3035	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	166.07HA	39km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 122° 32' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3014-5	EPMINEX WA PTY LTD	200.24HA	6km N'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 7' S Long: 119° 45' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1407	SELGA, Mark	397.73HA	20km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 45' S Long: 118° 35' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		OMNI PROJECTS PTY LTD	23.54HA	69km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 23' S Long: 119° 31' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.
Notification day: 26 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 26 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. 26 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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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) - WATER UPPER MACQUARIE ALLUVIUM GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL under section 92 of the *Water Management Act, 2000* has been received from **AUSTRALIAN STRATEGIC MATERIALS LTD** for a new bore and pipeline located on Lot 43 DP 754331, Parish of Warrie, County of Lincoln and Lot 1 DP 1131537, Parish of Benolong, County of Gordon (Ref: A009871).

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call (02) 6841 7469, Alice Buckley, Water Regulation Officer.

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WATERNSW MILLI CREEK WATER SOURCE GALATHERA CREEK

An application for a water supply work approval (amendment)

has been received from **AUSCOTT LIMITED** for a 1200mm Diversion Pipe on Lot 2 DP 1049821 and 3 X 780mm Diversion Pipes on Lot 2 DP 787516.

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 (A9712).

Any queries please call 1300 662 077, Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

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WATERNSW ORANGE BASALT GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **THE ORANGE GOLF CLUB LIMITED** for an additional bore (2 L/S) on Lot 16 DP 1120534, Parish of Orange, County of Wellington.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 or Richard.Wheatley@waterNSW.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection (A010354).

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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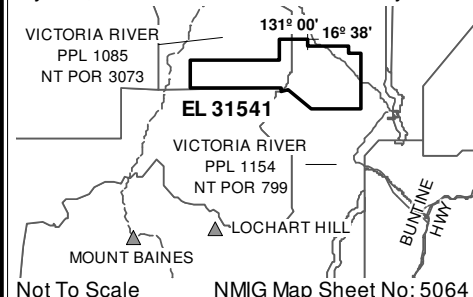
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kenneth Edward Vowles MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry and Resources, C/- Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

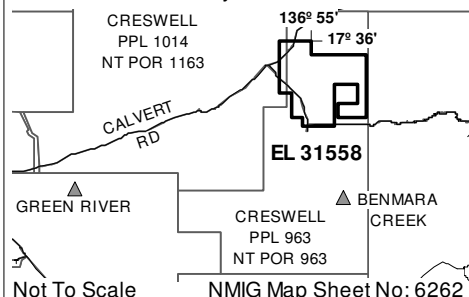
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 31541 sought by AUSTRALIS MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 131 522 257 over an area of 157 Blocks (506 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MT SANFORD locality.



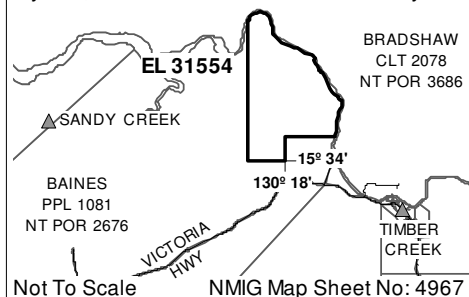
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Exploration Licence 31558 sought by CEDAR RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 612 086 932 over an area of 224 Blocks (799 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the COANJULA locality.



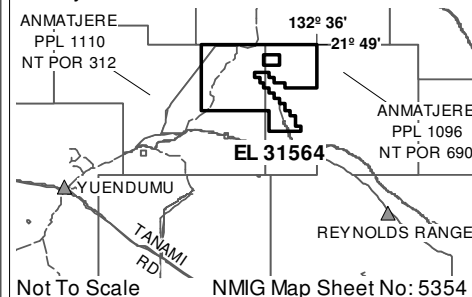
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Exploration Licence 31554 sought by DESERT MINERALS EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 165 710 887 over an area of 70 Blocks (196 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MILLIK MONMIR locality.



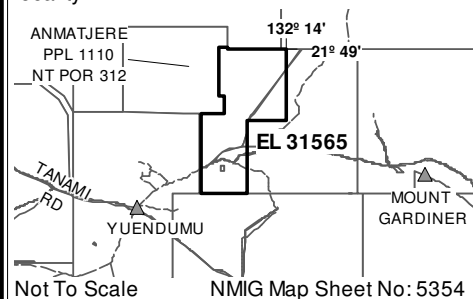
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Exploration Licence 31564 sought by ELM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 612 700 606 over an area of 238 Blocks (743 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GILES locality.



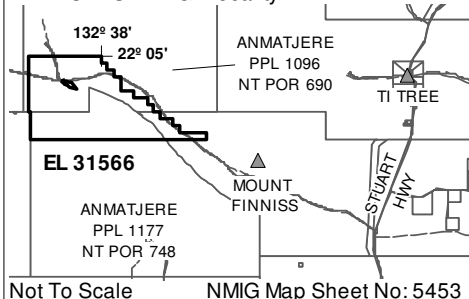
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Exploration Licence 31565 sought by ELM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 612 700 606 over an area of 240 Blocks (758 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GILES locality.



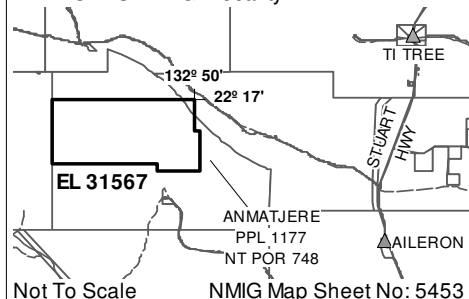
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Exploration Licence 31566 sought by ELM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 612 700 606 over an area of 209 Blocks (663 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the REYNOLDS RANGE locality.



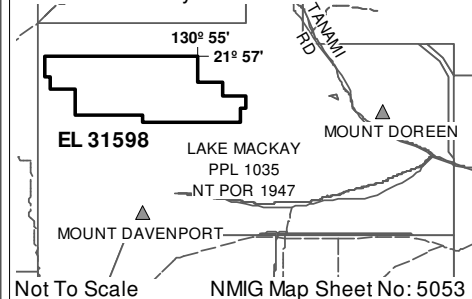
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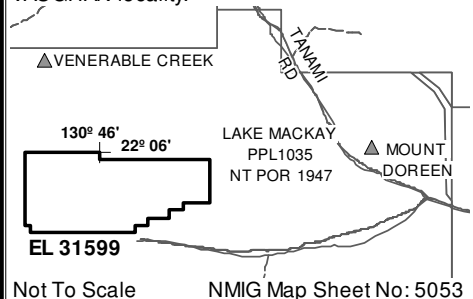
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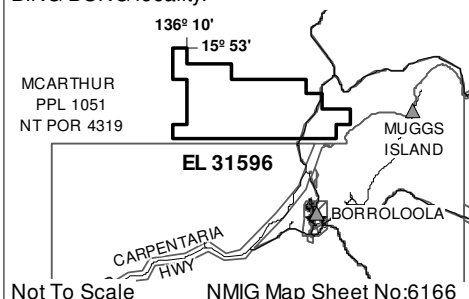
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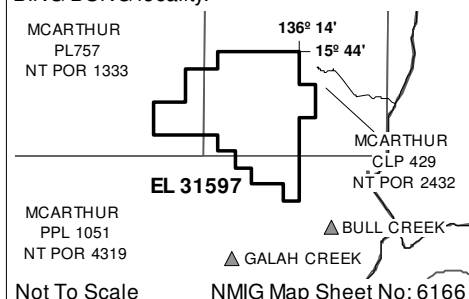
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Exploration Licence 31596 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 44 Blocks (146 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BING BONG locality.



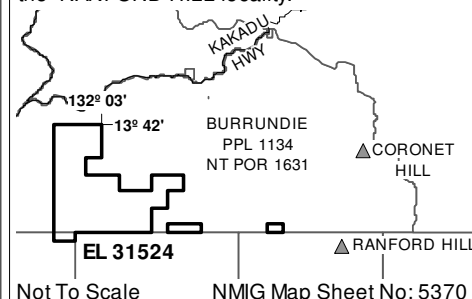
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Exploration Licence 31597 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 52 Blocks (172 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BING BONG locality.



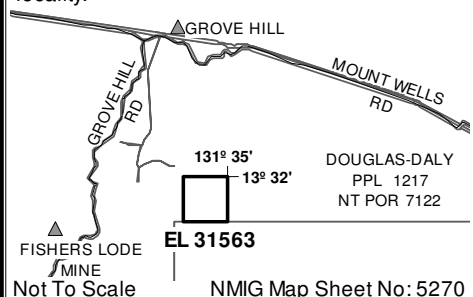
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Exploration Licence 31524 sought by ROCKWASH PTY LTD, ACN 611 356 837 over an area of 36 Blocks (108 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RANFORD HILL locality.



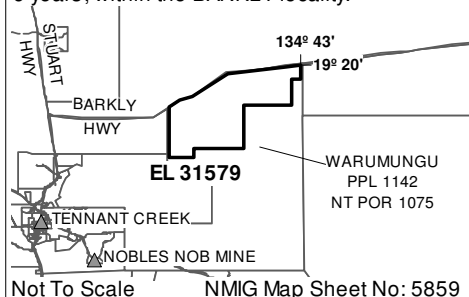
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Exploration Licence 31563 sought by ROCKWASH PTY LTD, ACN 611 356 837 over an area of 1 Block (4 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



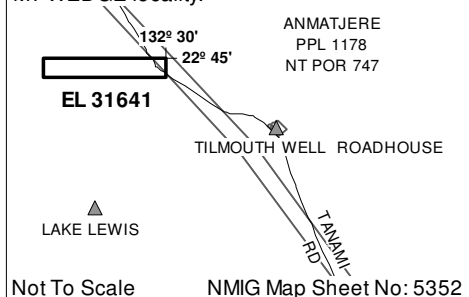
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Exploration Licence 31579 sought by TRUSCOTT MINING CORPORATION LTD, ACN 116 420 378 over an area of 105 Blocks (308 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BARKLY locality.



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Exploration Licence 31641 sought by WESTERN OPALS PTY LTD, ACN 052 522 111 over an area of 7 Blocks (23 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MT WEDGE locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of

the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

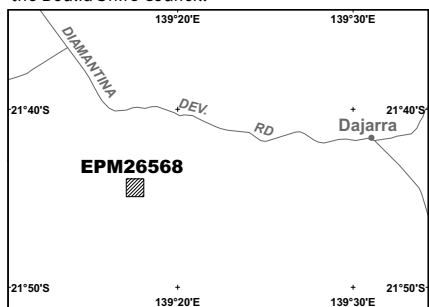
Notification Day: 26 July 2017

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANTS OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

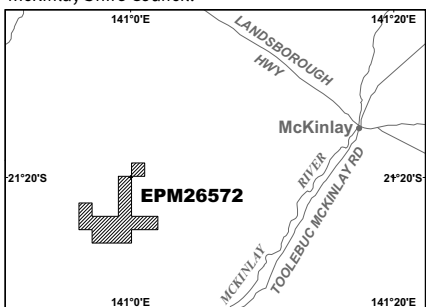
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grants of the Exploration Permits for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

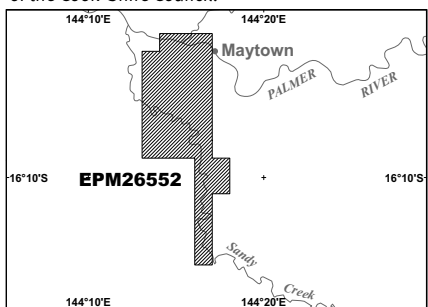
Exploration Permit 26568 sought by Centrex Phosphate Pty Ltd, ACN 132 019 357, over an area of 1 sub-blocks (3 km²), centred approximately 23 km West South West of Dajarra, in the locality of the Boulia Shire Council.



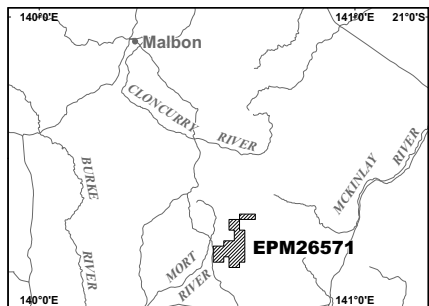
Exploration Permit 26572 sought by Sandfire Resources NL, ACN 105 154 185, over an area of 14 sub-blocks (45 km²), centred approximately 33 km South West of McKinlay, in the locality of the McKinlay Shire Council.



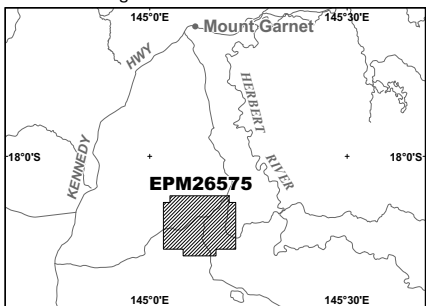
Exploration Permit 26552 sought by Three Peaks Mine Pty Ltd, ACN 162 796 938, over an area of 35 sub-blocks (115 km²), centred approximately 10 km South South West of Maytown, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



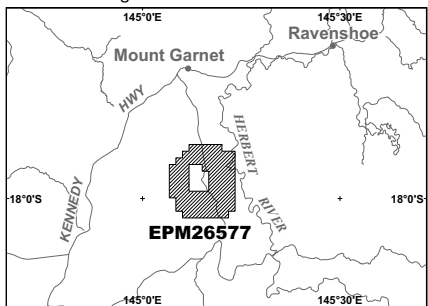
Exploration Permit 26571 sought by Findex Pty Ltd, ACN 010 645 851, over an area of 34 sub-blocks (108 km²), centred approximately 78 km South South East of Malbon, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



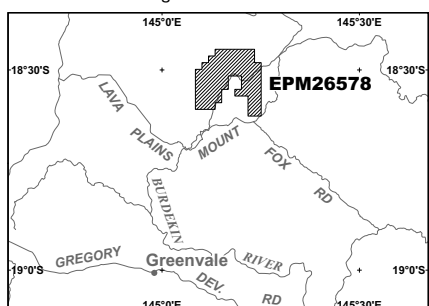
Exploration Permit 26575 sought by Sconi Mining Operations Pty Ltd, ACN 614 910 191, over an area of 91 sub-blocks (296 km²), centred approximately 55 km South of Mount Garnett, in the locality of the Tablelands Regional Council.



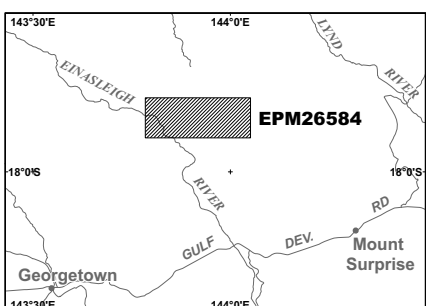
Exploration Permit 26577 sought by Sconi Mining Operations Pty Ltd, ACN 614 910 191, over an area of 86 sub-blocks (280 km²), centred approximately 30 km South of Mount Garnett, in the locality of the Tablelands Regional Council.



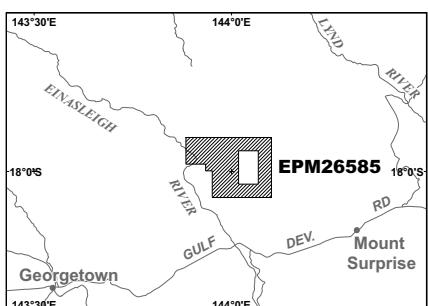
Exploration Permit 26578 sought by Sconi Mining Operations Pty Ltd, ACN 614 910 191, over an area of 69 sub-blocks (224 km²), centred approximately 55 km North North East of Greenvale, in the localities of the Tablelands Regional Council and Charters Towers Regional Council.



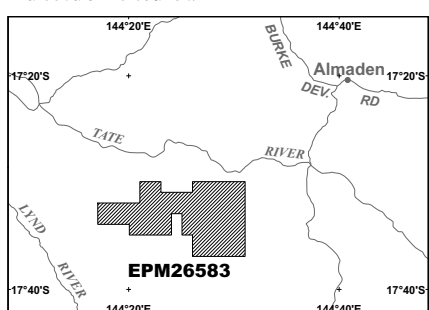
Exploration Permit 26584 sought by Lithium Australia NL, ACN 126 129 413, over an area of 96 sub-blocks (312 km²), centred approximately 50 km North West of Mount Surprise, in the localities of the Etheridge Shire Council and Mareeba Shire Council.



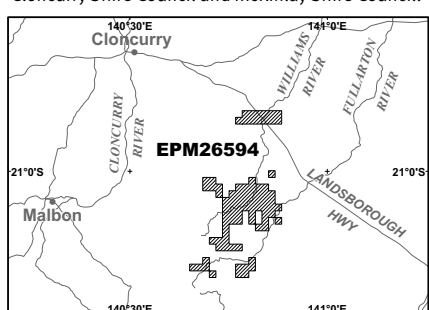
Exploration Permit 26585 sought by Lithium Australia NL, ACN 126 129 413, over an area of 83 sub-blocks (270 km²), centred approximately 36 km West North West of Mount Surprise, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26583 sought by Lithium Australia NL, ACN 126 129 413, over an area of 64 sub-blocks (209 km²), centred approximately 36 km South West of Almaden, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26594 sought by Roseby Copper (South) Pty Ltd, ACN 148 092 291, over an area of 84 sub-blocks (268 km²), centred approximately 52 km South East of Cloncurry, in the localities of the Cloncurry Shire Council and McKinlay Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Level 4, 1 William Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3199 8082, nativetitleservices@dnrm.qld.gov.au.

Notification Day: 16 August 2017



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Travis Varcoe shows off the Collingwood Knights jumper.



Aboriginal design more than a one-off



THE Collingwood Knights are wearing Aboriginal football jumpers in every round of their Australian football competition in suburban Melbourne.

The Knights have partnered with the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service to design the jumpers and are wearing them in every round to demonstrate the club's commitment towards reconciliation and closing the gap for Aboriginal people.

They play every fortnight in Reclink's community-based Australian football competition in Melbourne.

The competition brings together people who are 'doing it tough'.

Established in 2008 at Collingwood's Victoria Park, the Collingwood Knights have always had a strong connection to the Aboriginal community. About 25% of the 100 players connected with the club are Aboriginal.

Victorian Aboriginal Health Service Healthy Lifestyle team manager and Gunditjmarra woman Laura Thompson said the jumper made a statement to the wider community and to Aboriginal people that the club respected and acknowledged the Aboriginal people of the country.

"It acknowledges that this is Wurundjeri land. Its send a message to the Aboriginal players that we respect and value your culture," she said.

AFL footballer and Collingwood Knights mentor Travis Varcoe is excited that these jumpers will be worn every round.

"During the AFL Indigenous round, we get to recognise it (Aboriginal culture) for one week, but obviously I carry it around with me every day," he said.

The design for the jumpers was adapted from a piece of artwork by artist and Yorta Yorta woman Kahli Luttrell. Her design symbolises the growth of football over time for the Aboriginal community as well as the significance of the Victoria Park home ground to the Collingwood Knights.

The Reclink league provides an opportunity for people experiencing disadvantage to get involved in football.

The Knights are made up of men and women, many of whom have had experience in youth detention and rehabilitation settings.

Team manager Chris McGeachan said that there was no criteria to be a Knight.

"We just hook them in with footy and then help to get them back on track," he said.

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Qld Outback is blown away

By ALF WILSON



A SECOND-half scoring blitz led Northern United to a comprehensive 58-10 victory over Queensland Outback in the remote area representative rugby league match in Cairns on July 16.

The game was played at Barlow Park as a curtain-raiser to the National Rugby League (NRL) game between the Cowboys and the Rabbitohs, won 23-10 by the Cowboys before more than 11,000 spectators.

United's team was picked after the Remote Area Rugby League (RARL) Far North Queensland (FNQ) Challenge in Cairns during June.

This was contested by winners Northern Peninsula Area (NPA), Palm Island Barracudas, Northern Cape York, Torres Stingers and Southern Cape.

Outback players were from Mount Isa, Roma, Mitchell, Inglewood, Miles, Barcaldine, Emerald and Ilfracombe.

United coach Roy Prior from Palm Island told the *Koori Mail* he had been worried at halftime when his side led just 12-8. "I gave the boys a rocket during the break," he said.



Northern United and Queensland Outback players get together before their game. ● INSET: United captain Windsor Bowie is presented with the trophy by former Cowboys champion Matt Bowen.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PORT CURTIS CORAL COAST PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The **Port Curtis Coral Coast People** have made an application to the Federal Court of Australia (QUD6026/2001 Port Curtis Coral Coast Claim) seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests (**the PCCC application**) under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The PCCC application covers areas extending roughly from south of Bundaberg, to Raglan Creek in the north, and from Monto in the west to the coastline in the east, as shown indicatively on **Map 1**.



The **Port Curtis Coral Coast People** are currently described as comprising all the descendants of the following people:

1. Dina;
2. Jessie;
3. Dolly (mother of Johnson Matemate and George Swain);
4. Molly Jones;
5. Dulhu / Doolan;
6. Buller Tolsen (Norman Buller);
7. Nellie Murray (also known as Nellie Watcho and Alice Murray);
8. Jane;
9. Betsy;
10. Rosie;
11. Maggie Little;
12. Rosie Blackman;
13. Emma Jones (wife of John Broom/e);
14. John Hill ("Pig Pig");
15. Elizabeth Tan Watt / Daniels;
16. Kitty of Gladstone;
17. Margaret Grant.

(the current claim group)

AUTHORISATION MEETING

This **Public Notice invites** all members of the **Port Curtis Coral Coast People, as described above**, to attend an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday, 19 August 2017

Venue of Meeting: Bargara Cultural and Community Centre, 160 Hughes Road, Bargara QLD 4670

Registration: Registration opens 8.30 am

Time of Meeting: 9.30 am

The **purposes of the Authorisation Meeting** are for the current claim group to:

1. authorise essential and necessary amendments to the PCCC application, including by way of reductions to the area of land or waters covered by the current claimant application, so as to ensure that the application is consistent with agreed positions on tenure and extinguishment and can be in proper, final form before the Court in readiness for the proposed consent determination hearing of the matter;
2. consider and endorse the section 87 agreement and consent determination orders proposed for filing in the PCCC application proceedings.

INFORMATION SESSION

To fully apprise and inform PCCC claimants about matters required for decision-making, an information session will be run at the beginning of the meeting before decisions are required to be made in relation to the substantive matters notified for the meeting.

All members of the Port Curtis Coral Coast People are invited to attend this critical meeting. To register to attend the Authorisation Meeting, please call QSNTS Community Relations Officer Richard Sporne on free call 1800 663 693, or (07) 4921 1090 (charged call).

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the above meeting and information session, or with accommodation costs. However, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the Authorisation Meeting and Information Session.



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
31/1131	EDWARDS, Robert Glenn	509177	139.77HA	84km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 30' S Long: 121° 52' E	MENZIES SHIRE
38/3144	BARNES, Adrian Bennett	507021	20.93HA	72km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
39/1718	BARNES, Gregory Bennett ST BARBARA LIMITED	508387	51.11HA	120km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 39' S Long: 122° 36' E	MENZIES SHIRE
39/1718	ST BARBARA LIMITED	508388	47.07HA	120km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 44' S Long: 122° 37' E	MENZIES SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 26 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 **26 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. 26 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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Notice of an application for a revised determination of native title in the state of Western Australia



National Native Title Tribunal

Notification day: 9 August 2017

This is an application by Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC, a registered native title body corporate, which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to vary the determination of native title in *Moses v State of Western Australia* [2007] FCAFC 78, made on 27 August 2007. The applicant seeks to vary the Determination by adding all or parts of six Unallocated Crown Land (UCL) parcels within the Yindjibarndi Native Title Area to the Schedule of parcels of land in which extinguishment would be disregarded, in accordance with s 47B of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The variation, if determined by the Federal Court, would recognise the Yindjibarndi people as holding native title rights and interests in those areas which confer possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of that land or waters to the exclusion of all others.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 on or before **8 November 2017**. After **8 November 2017**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Application name: Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC v State of Western Australia

Federal Court File No: WAD215/2017

Date filed: 15 May 2017

Description: The application area covers about 10295 sq km and is located approximately 50 km to the south east of Karratha. The six UCL parcels are shaded in grey on the map.

Relevant LGA: City Of Karratha, Shire Of Ashburton.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Claire Smith on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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Dane Ugle
Picture: Getty

West happy with level of selection



FIVE West Australian players are in the 2017 national Indigenous cricket squads in what is further recognition of the state's increased efforts in Aboriginal cricket participation and programs.

Emily Martin (Bowden), Kavita Pepper and Samara Williams were named in the women's national squad, while Dane Ugle and D'Arcy Short were selected in the men's team.

West Australian Cricket Association (WACA) Aboriginal programs coordinator Larry Kickett said the selection of the five WA players was a positive sign that the association's efforts to engage more Aboriginal cricket participants were paying off.

"It's a major boost for Aboriginal cricket in WA to have five players chosen in the initial male and female national squads," Kickett said.

"For the selected players, it is a great reward for their hard work and dedication.

"Not only have they achieved personal goals, they will also be role models for future players who will see cricket as a way to

display their talent."

The WACA is the first state association to employ a specific role dedicated to Aboriginal engagement.

"Our community engagement team is working closely with our elite team and there is now a clear pathway for Aboriginal cricketers to reach the high performance program," Kickett said.

The extended squad announcement is the first step in preparation for the 2018 tour of the United Kingdom, as they commemorate the 150th anniversary of the 1868 Aboriginal team that was the first sporting team from Australia to tour internationally.

Cricket Australia's national talent manager Greg Chappell reflected on the rapidly increasing pool of Aboriginal players performing at high levels all over the country.

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 the National Cricket Centre in Brisbane.



Kavita Pepper
Picture: Peter Argent

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements



National Native Title Tribunal

Notification day: 2 August 2017



QI2017/007 Ergon Energy and Ankamuthi People ILUA State of Queensland

Description of the agreement area:

The agreement covers an area located approx. 8km north-east of Mapoon, bordered on the south by the Dulcie River, and an area located approx. 40km south-west of Bamaga, with a total combined size of about 536.74 sq km.

Relevant LGA: Cook Shire Council

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

5.1 The Parties consent to the doing of any particular future act and any class of future acts specified in this Agreement.

5.2 The Parties consent to Ergon Energy performing any of the following future acts:

- (a) Minor Works;
- (b) access to the Agreement Area for the purposes of the activities in clause 5.2(a);
- (c) use of all land siting electricity infrastructure in existence at the Execution Date ("relevant Electricity Infrastructure") and of any adjacent land reasonably required for operational use and maintenance of relevant Electricity Infrastructure;
- (d) access to all land referred to in clause 5.2(c) by way of access tracks in existence at the execution date ("relevant access tracks");
- (e) any future acts on Aboriginal Land subject to the prior written consent of the entity holding the Aboriginal Land having been obtained; and
- (f) the grant of any easement, licence or permit over relevant Electricity Infrastructure.

5.10 The Parties agree that Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA does not apply to any future act, to which the Parties have consented, within this Agreement.

Definitions

"Electricity Infrastructure" means "Works" as defined in section 12(1) of the Electricity Act 1994 and includes "Operating works" as defined in section 12(3) of that Act.

"Minor Works" are described in Schedule 2 [of the agreement].

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Ergon Energy Corporation Limited ACN 087 646 062
c/- Holding Redlich Lawyers
Level 1, 300 Queen Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

Charles Woosup, George Mamosse, Michael Toby, Asai Pablo, Tracey Ludwick, Ella Hart (Deemal), Nelson Stephen, Ben Tamwoy, Catherine Salee, Mark Gebadi on behalf of the Ankamuthi People (QUD6158/1998)
c/- Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation ICN 1163
32 Florence Street
Cairns QLD 4870

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane, QLD, 4001** by **2 November 2017**. Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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THE South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) is studying works of art created by an Aboriginal artist or artists with the

purpose of using them for Aboriginal cricketing events.

This includes training and playing uniforms for South Australian Aboriginal representative teams, cricket stumps to be used in Aboriginal rounds/matches, social media and marketing.

Expressions of interest closed on July 21.

SACA said its mission was to make cricket South Australia's favourite sport and featured a five-year strategy to grow the participation of Aboriginal people in all areas of cricket.

It said it wanted to engage Aboriginal people as players, volunteers, coaches, umpires, administrators and officials.

Each year a state-wide carnival is run with teams from metropolitan and regional South Australia. A state team is selected to compete in the annual National Indigenous Cricket Championship (NICC) formerly the Imparja Cup, held in Alice Springs.

Boxing pays tributes

By ALF WILSON



FORMER Australian professional welterweight and super middleweight champion Neil Pattel and veteran Palm Island trainer Ray Dennis were inducted into the Queensland Boxing Hall of Fame on July 16.

The pair travelled to Yatala, in southern Queensland, for a gala presentation night attended by several hundred.

Eighty-year-old Dennis and 60-year-old Townsville-based Pattel have made great contributions to boxing.

Ironically, Dennis trained Pattel when Pattel was a rising amateur.

Pattel is an Aboriginal man who was born at Winton, in the Queensland outback, and in 1976 at Sydney beat Wally Carr on

points to claim the Australian super middleweight title.

Two years later, Pattel won the national welterweight title against Mark Barnett at Kooyong.

Uncle Ray, as he is known affectionately on Palm Island and beyond as a mark of respect, has trained boxers on Palm Island since 1999 including many national, state and Golden Gloves amateur champions.

While Dennis was down south, he was named a recipient of a Palm Island NAIDOC award for his contribution to boxing on the island.

In his absence, former boxing star Alf Clay received the award.

'Scooter' Hooper is the president of the Sunstate Amateur Boxing League and was glowing in his praise of Dennis and Pattel.

"Both of these men are well respected for their achievements," he said.



From left are former professional boxing champion Neil Pattel, former Brisbane Broncos and Queensland State of Origin rugby league star Colin Scott and Palm Island boxing trainer Ray Dennis.

AFL to study truncated version of its game



A TRUNCATED format of Australian rules football is being developed by the Australian Football League (AFL) after the success of Twenty20 cricket's Big Bash League.

The format, called AFLX, would be played on a soccer-sized field, between two teams of seven and feature 10-minute quarters and no centre bounces, rather kick-ins after goals.

The league is keen to introduce the concept during the post-round 23 bye in the week before finals, to be played by teams outside the top eight.

An AFL spokesman said it was intended the best players

from non-finals teams would play.

"We are very excited about AFLX," he told Nine Network's *The Footy Show*.

"It's a fast-paced, high octane version of our game and it will be a new way to view AFL."

Lethlean said the league was exploring the concept with clubs and considering incentivising participation, including offering prizemoney.

The AFL would not be the first football code to introduce a truncated format of its game, with rugby sevens having a long history.

The NRL debuted the Auckland Nines in 2014, while the inaugural Brisbane Tens rugby union tournament was played this year. — AAP

Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the state of New South Wales

Notification day: 9 August 2017



National
Native Title
Tribunal

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 8 November 2017. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before **8 November 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.

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Applicant's name: Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council

Federal Court File No: NSD943/2017

Non-native title interest: Freehold title in certificates of title folios 1/DP1192889, 16/DP1210468, 196-198/DP1064536, 1/DP1122946, 206-207/DP1117900, 10/DP1180616, 7313/DP1165007, 188-189/DP48813, 190/DP1061009, 3/DP1156997 and Part Lot 135/DP755234.

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area covers three land parcels approx. 4km west and south east of Gosford as well as twelve land parcels approx. 9km north east of Wyong with a total area of 2.47 sq km.

Relevant LGA: Central Coast Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the state of South Australia

Notification day: 9 August 2017



National
Native Title
Tribunal

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.

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Applicant's name: Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Conservation for and on behalf of the Crown in the State of South Australia (Mount Magnificent Conservation Park)

Federal Court File No: SAD153/2017

Non-native title interest: The applicant is the Minister with administration of Crown Land in South Australia pursuant to the *Crown Lands Management Act 2009* (SA)

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The Application Area covers about 4100 sqm and is located approximately 4 km to the north of Nangkita.

Relevant LGA: Alexandrina Council

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What's going on, asks Beale



KURTLEY Beale hopes a special jersey will provide the inspiration that will boost the disappointingly small number of Indigenous Wallabies.

Australia will wear an Indigenous jersey for the first time in their final Bledisloe Cup Test of the year, against New Zealand in Brisbane, on October 21.

Describing himself as a very proud Indigenous man, an emotional Beale said it would be an unbelievable feeling to wear the jersey if selected for the match.

"The ARU have helped us take that next step forward so we can start to be recognised and hopefully at the end of the day it's a step towards reconciliation," Beale said.

With 60 Test appearances,

Beale is the most capped of the 14 Indigenous players to have represented the Wallabies.

That number pales in comparison to the plethora of Indigenous stars in some of Australia's other football codes.

"It's pretty disappointing," Beale said.

"I love sport in Australia and to be able to see a lot of Indigenous players in the AFL and league, you kind of wonder what's going on.

"But I think where we can really get involved is at the grassroots level.

"This is a great step forward because there's going to be a lot of young Indigenous kids out there able to see this jersey being displayed at Bledisloe game three.

"Hopefully now that can influence them to play our game.

"It's a great game and if we can

start from the grassroots I think we'll be in good stead for an opportunity for them to come and play our game."

Australian sevens representative and Wallaroos World Cup squad member Mahalia Murphy views taking the game to new areas as key to getting more Indigenous players involved in the code.

"If we just continue introducing our sport into areas and other communities, then that's where we can get the participation numbers up," Murphy said.

Beale revealed he had some Indigenous rugby idols of his own when he was growing up.

"I've looked up to the Ella brothers and I think one special one that I relate to is Andrew Walker, who was pretty deadly when he played the game," Beale said. — *With AAP*



Australian Indigenous rugby players Mahalia Murphy, Kurtley Beale and Harrison Goddard attend the Wallabies Indigenous jersey launch at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, Sydney, on Monday, July 17. Beale is modelling the Wallabies Indigenous jumper to be worn in the Bledisloe Cup game in Brisbane on October 21. Murphy is an Australian Women's Rugby Sevens player and Goddard is an Australian Under-20 and Melbourne Rebels Super Rugby player. *Picture: Getty*

Thomas fight night change



SHAUN Thomas' challenge for the Victorian lightweight title has been

moved from August 4 to August 5.

It will be held at the same venue – the Melbourne Pavilion at Flemington.

The fight was originally set down for July 21.

Thomas is to challenge

Irish-born Melbourne Gaige Ireland after losing to Sam Williams for the vacant Victorian super featherweight title in April, 2016.

He subsequently beat Williams with a TKO a non-title rematch two months later.

Ireland has a 3-1-2 record.

Thomas has won four of his seven fights. Two of his wins ended inside the distance while one of his losses was a knockout.

Michael Gordon out for two months



THE Sydney Roosters' road to the National Rugby League (NRL) finals has hit a speed

bump with superbowl Michael Gordon to miss two months with a pectoral injury.

The fullback is hoping to be

back for the tri-colours' finals campaign after going down in the Roosters' win over South Sydney.

It was feared the veteran would have to undergo season-ending surgery, however scans revealed a more positive prognosis for the competition's top point-scorer. — *AAP*

Sam Thaiday to be let go by Broncos



LONG-serving forward Sam Thaiday (pictured) has been told his time at National

Rugby League (NRL) club Brisbane will end after next season.

The 32-year-old has spent his entire 268-game career at the Broncos, winning the 2006 premiership.

"Next year will be the end for Sam with us," Brisbane coach Wayne Bennett told

News Corp Australia.

It compounds a difficult period for Thaiday, who lost his place in Queensland's State of Origin team after game one.

While he could opt to attempt to continue his career at another club, Bennett said

Thaiday would have a role at the club in an off-field capacity after his playing career. — *AAP*



Gagai, Chambers make Merit team



MAN of the series Dane Gagai and Will Chambers are in the inaugural Kangaroos

Origin Merit rugby league team based on performances through the 2017 State of

Origin series.

The Australian selectors named nine players from the series victors Queensland and eight from NSW.

The team is based on performances by all 43 players who took part in the 2017 State of Origin series.

Nathan Peats to stay at Gold Coast



NSW hooker Nathan Peats has spurned interest from rival National Rugby League

(NRL) clubs to sign a three-year contract extension with Gold Coast.

The 26-year-old, who made his State of Origin debut in game one this year, will remain with the Titans until the

end of the 2020 season.

Peats landed on the Gold Coast after being off-loaded by Parramatta mid-2016 as they scrambled to address a salary cap scandal.

Peats, who has just welcomed the birth of his second child, has played 21 of his 110 NRL games for the Titans after beginning his career with South Sydney in 2011. — *AAP*

Ready to return



KURTLEY Beale is set to return to the Australian Rugby Union Wallabies squad after an absence of a couple of years.

Beale last played for the Wallabies in the 2015 World

Cup. The 60-Test utilities back veteran has just finished playing with the Wasps in the English Rugby Premiership.

Wallabies coach Michael Cheika last week named an extended national train-on squad for intensive camps in the lead-up to the Bledisloe Cup in Sydney on August 19.

Brumbies players were not selected due to their continuing Super Rugby finals campaign.

A finalised squad will be named prior to a camp in Cessnock on Sunday, August 6.

Beale expects Australian rugby will benefit

from the tough times it has been going through, as a lot of younger players adjust to the demands of Test rugby.

He wasn't concerned at the possibility of going into the Bledisloe Cup and Rugby Championship opener in late August not having played for almost three months.

Beale has watched from afar as Australian rugby has struggled at Super and Test levels.

Every Australian Super team lost more matches than they won this season, while Australia has won just eight of 18 Tests since his last Wallabies' appearance.

"It's obviously some tough times. I think there's a bit of a transition period at the moment," Beale said last week.

"Obviously a lot of the young kids are being exposed at this level, but I think that's going to be good for us."



Kurtley Beale, flanked by former Indigenous Wallabies Lloyd McDermott, left, and Gary Ella, at the launch of the Indigenous Wallabies jersey to be worn for the first time during the Bledisloe Cup match against New Zealand at Lang Park, Brisbane, on October 21. Beale is Australia's most capped Indigenous Wallaby. *Picture: Getty*

Inglis stands tall

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

GREG Inglis is a relative of mine and he is a true brother to me in every way.

He is one of the greats of the game and among the finest Aboriginal players to have pulled on a rugby league jersey.

He is regarded as a future Immortal, but in my eyes, he is also a legend off the field.

Over the years we have witnessed Greg's growth as a leader, not only in our game, but also in the broader community.

As a proud Dhungutti man, he is an inspiration and role model

to Indigenous youth across the nation.

A lasting image of him is when he stands tall as a leader of the Indigenous war dance developed by the players for the All Stars game.

But in my eyes he stands tall in the community after speaking publicly about his personal battle with mental illness and encouraging others to seek help in the same way he did.

Macho culture

In an interview with Matty Johns, Inglis revealed how the macho culture of rugby league made him afraid to open up about his demons as he waged a silent battle with depression.

As is often the case with sportspeople, Greg would have seemed bulletproof, winning a premiership in 2014 and dominating at every level as a long-serving Origin and Test star.

But behind his on-field brilliance, he confronted some dark days off the field, most notably in the days and weeks after he suffered a season-ending knee injury in March.

He checked into rehab on the eve of this year's Origin series and admits he suppressed a lot of his problems in a cutthroat NRL world built on courage and toughness.

"I was taught at a very young age to toughen up and play on and just get on with it," Greg said.

"We see ourselves as these fierce gladiators, men, warriors

that take the field each week ... (but) we don't know what goes on behind closed doors.

"There's all these stories about junior players going down the suicidal path and then overdosing on stuff.

"We had two players a few years ago at Souths who really scared me – Aaron Gray and Dylan Walker who survived overdoses ... that scared the entire club.

"I haven't forgotten about the young guys up north in Townsville.

"It ain't weak to speak ... depression is one of the biggest killers in Australia."

Greg revealed he is having ongoing counselling after returning to Rabbitohs training recently.

"I am still seeking treatment now," he said.

"I'm a very sensitive person but I don't show emotion much. I don't talk about my feelings often and I keep things to myself. That's one thing I have been working on.

"For myself, I didn't want to speak out, but I had to because it was weighing on my family at home and I wasn't feeling right in myself. I just wanted to get the help that I needed.

"I decided the week leading into the Anzac Test at Canberra that I wanted to seek help. I told a handful of people, about three, and after the Test I went into rehab.

"When I was in the clinic, they encouraged you to go to group

therapy. I wasn't a fan of that, I felt like I was going into a room and talking to the whole world, that's how I felt.

"My therapists were understanding. Some days I would wake up and get one-on-one therapy, maybe four times in one day, that was really strong in the first few days and then they backed it off."

Inglis said he felt helpless and isolated as he faced a nine-month recovery after injuring his knee in the season-opening game against the Roosters.

"It all struck me at first when I knew I was out for the season," he said.

"It wasn't just the injury itself; it was missing the boys, the camaraderie, the talk, the laughter, everything that goes with it.

Missing 'the boys'

"When people say what do you miss most, it's not playing, it's being with the boys who you work hard with and train with week in and week out.

"It's no one's fault. It is hard being separated but it feels like I can't give anything back to the team. I can't contribute to the team, I can say so much but I can't say enough because I'm not playing with them week in, week out."

There were fears Inglis could quit the game, but the veteran of 30 Origin matches insists he will return to the NRL next season.

"Most definitely, it is part of my DNA, part of me, part of who

I am as a person," he said.

"The knee is coming along good; I have been running for three weeks now so I'll start picking up the tempo and pace next week.

"When I get back I'm not sure, I will probably take this year off and start afresh."

Already, Greg's story will have given many the courage to seek help.

Changed lives

There are people out there who he will never meet that his story would have touched and changed their lives for the better.

It is not beyond reason that he could have indeed saved lives.

The other benefit of this is that by telling his story, GI has contributed to the increased awareness of the issue of mental health in our communities.

We have to continue to remove the stigma attached to mental health issues and understand that it is an illness that can be treated.

GI's story would have started many conversations on the issue that would have helped individuals, families and communities.

GI has helped reinforce the fact that mental health does not discriminate and that we all need to speak up when we need help.

He is a leader on and off the field and he continues to stand tall as someone we can all look up to.

Roberts' double sinks Canterbury



IN-demand Brisbane centre James Roberts did his chances of a rich new

National Rugby League (NRL) deal no harm with a double in the Broncos' big win over Canterbury.

The Broncos smashed the Bulldogs 42-12 last Thursday night, with Roberts' two tries part of a second-half onslaught that all but ended their opponent's finals hopes.

The 24-year-old is off contract at the end of the year and has reportedly been approached by at least five other NRL clubs as he seeks a significant rise from his current \$300,000-a-season deal.

Roberts' manager Jeremy Donovan has said he would not accept less than he was worth just to stay at Red Hill, where seven of his teammates have re-committed to the Broncos in the past four months as coach Wayne Bennett lays the foundation for a premiership charge.

Kodi Nikorima, who signed a three-year extension last

week, said he has been pestering Roberts to follow their lead.

"I've been in his ear for the last couple of weeks now, telling him to re-sign," he said.

"I feel like we've got something we can do, something great we can build on. I hope he re-signs.

"He had a lot of off-field issues but I feel like he's grown up and really matured into the player everyone knows he can be."

Roberts took his season tally to 13 tries after his latest effort against the Bulldogs, running 13 times for 149m, showcasing his blistering speed on a number of occasions.

"All we've got to do is get him the ball and he does the rest," Nikorima said.

"He'll build on that.

"The one thing he's improved on, James, is his talk. It goes unnoticed out there but the boys definitely feel it."

The win took Brisbane to second place on the NRL ladder as they prepare to take on Parramatta in Sydney this week. – AAP



James Roberts scores one of his two tries for the Broncos against the Canterbury Bulldogs at Lang Park last Thursday night. Picture: Getty

NAIDOC Round a big winner

By CHRIS PIKE



THE West Australian Football League (WAFL) again has paid tribute to its strong Indigenous heritage with a round dedicated to

NAIDOC Week with all clubs wearing specially designed jumpers.

The WAFL first celebrated NAIDOC Week in 2007 with Claremont and South Fremantle beginning an annual tradition of playing each other for the Jimmy Melbourne Cup.

Claremont and South Fremantle have strong histories of producing some of the best Indigenous footballers in the country, including the likes of Phil and Jim Krakouer, Chris Lewis, Nicky Winmar, Stephen Michael, Jeff Farmer and Peter Matera.

The Tigers and Bulldogs have continued to play each other every year during NAIDOC Week, but since 2009 the entire competition has celebrated the occasion and that was again the case in 2017.

Not only did the eight clubs playing in the four matches for the round wear specially designed jumpers featuring Aboriginal artwork, but the footballs used had a striking design too.

That was created by Samantha Mitchell, the daughter of former Richmond and Claremont star Michael.

Claremont Oval played host to the annual contest between Claremont and South Fremantle. The Tigers started brightly with five goals to one in the first quarter before the second-placed Bulldogs took over from there to end up winning by 25 points.

Draft candidate

South Fremantle's Indigenous players had a big say in the win, led by midfielder Tim Kelly who had 25 possessions to continue his remarkable 2017 season that should see him ended up drafted into the AFL later in the year.

Steven Edwards was also terrific running out of defence with 16 possessions, six marks and a goal while also shutting down Claremont's Indigenous small forward CJ Oakley.

Marlion Pickett had a big influence for South Fremantle coming off half-back with 15 possessions and some dynamic running with the ball.

Despite the loss, Keifer Yu played well in defence for Claremont with 16 possessions and eight marks while Nick Winmar was lively in attack with a goal from eight kicks and four marks.

It was just the second NAIDOC Round victory for South Fremantle in the 11 matches with Claremont since 2007. Another NAIDOC Round contest took place at Leederville Oval with WAFL powerhouse Subiaco beating Perth by 82 points.



Tim Kelly starred for South Fremantle against Claremont.



Marlion Pickett had 15 possessions for the Bulldogs.

The win was on the back of starring performances by Indigenous players too with veteran Adam Cockie playing his best game of 2017 with 30 possessions and seven tackles. That earned him WAFL Player of the Week honours.

Liam Ryan is the WAFL leading goalkicker this season and he kicked another four goals in the win for Subiaco.

Gordon Narrier kicked three goals for Perth, with Callum Papertalk and Cody Ninyette each booting one.

Swan Districts is another WAFL club rich with Indigenous talent That remains the case in 2017 and with Swans winning its NAIDOC Round clash over East Fremantle by seven points at Bassendean Oval, a host of Aboriginal players had good afternoons.

Former West Coast and Melbourne AFL player Jamie Bennell kicked two goals for Swan Districts, as did rising star Taryce Stewart.

Kirk Ugle was impressive in defence with 22 possessions as well.

The final game for NAIDOC Round in the WAFL took place at West Perth's home of Joondalup, with reigning premiers Peel Thunder winning by 30 points.



Steven Edwards was one of the Bulldogs' best with 16 possessions, six marks and a goal.



Claremont's Keifer Hu stood out in a losing side.

Peel had a strong representation of Indigenous players with a mix of local talent and those listed with AFL club Fremantle.

From the Dockers, Danyle Pearce collected 20 possessions for the Thunder and Jonathon Griffin was terrific in the ruck with 15 disposals, six marks, 42 hit outs and a goal.

Peel remains captained by Gerald Ugle, who led them to a maiden premiership last year.

In the NAIDOC Round win over West Perth, he had 14 disposals and five marks while Traye Bennell was terrific with 22 touches and seven marks. West Perth has a strong history of Aboriginal stars dating back to Graham 'Polly' Farmer and Bill Dempsey, and in more recent times Stephen and Bradley Hill.

The Falcons were well represented in NAIDOC Round for 2017 by former Swan Districts forward Rudy Riddoch, who continues to be an important player in his first season at his new club.

The WA Women's Football League also celebrated NAIDOC Round with two clubs wearing specially designed jumpers to honour the occasion.

Memorable farewell

By CHRIS PIKE



HE is the heart and soul of the Western Force and Matt

Hodgson received a dream farewell to his Super Rugby career, scoring a try and the game's last points in a big win over the NSW Waratahs.

Hodgson has been with the Force since the club joined Super Rugby in 2006. As the last foundation player remaining, he bid farewell in the final game of the 2017 season as his team scored a thumping 40-11 win over the Waratahs at Perth Oval.

It was the 140th and last Super Rugby game for Hodgson and not only did he get to celebrate with the win, but just after half-time he scored the 20th try of his career in trademark fashion, powering his way through the scrum to cross the line.

Then it was only fitting that when there was a kick to be taken to finish the game, Hodgson stepped up and put it over between the uprights. It was a perfect finish to a career that will hold him as the Force's favourite son – regardless of whether the club continues into 2018.

Hodgson couldn't have asked for a better finish to his career with a club that means the world to him.

"This club means everything to me," Hodgson said following his final game.

"The Force gave me my opportunity and you just look at the people coming out and what the players did for me in this final game, it's something pretty special. I don't think I'll ever forget that and I just want to be part of this club forever."

Force coach David Wessels couldn't hide his joy after the game for the perfect farewell that Hodgson ended up receiving.

"I just thought when Hodgo scored that try that was probably the highlight of the season.

"It was just a really special

moment," Wessels said.

"To be honest, it was quite an easy week to be the coach because a lot of the boys just played for Hodgo. It was really all for him which was great and I'm pleased that it ended up our way.

"He said he wanted the kick from the corner because then if he missed, he had an excuse.

"But he kicked it from right in front and suddenly felt a bit of pressure. But it was a great moment for Hodgo."

Nothing has ever come easily to Hodgson during his career, but the flanker has willed his way to an outstanding career made up of the 140 Super Rugby caps and 11 appearances for Australia with the Wallabies.

He will always be proud of what he was able to accomplish.

"I'd like to be remembered as someone who gave it their all no matter what position they were put in or what the outcome was. I always did it with a smile on my face and hopefully people enjoyed watching me play and representing their state and country," Hodgson said.

Work ethic

"When I was starting out, I knew I probably wasn't the most skilful or talented player, but I knew I had the work ethic behind me and I knew if I wanted to work for something, I'd be able to achieve it."

Hodgson will remain living in Perth beyond his playing career and will look to continue in a coaching capacity with the Force if they are given the all clear to remain in Super Rugby ahead of the Melbourne Rebels.

"I'm just lucky that my voice has been heard a little bit and hopefully I'm doing the right things to make rugby strong in WA," Hodgson said.

"All I ever do is do whatever I can to make young kids want to play rugby for the Western Force.

"If I can help one person achieve that dream, I think it's all worthwhile."



Matt Hodgson shares a moment with his father Max after playing his final Perth Force Super Rugby game and winning the match against the Waratahs at Perth Oval on July 15. Picture: Getty

Buddy's challenge

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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ATTITUDE is everything. The Swans' remarkable turnaround of their season can be attributed to a number of factors, but the common link has been a change in attitude that has seen them return to their winning ways.

A key factor has been the dominant form of Lance Franklin, and he remains the key to whether the Swans can turn this remarkable reversal of form into a run for the grand final.

Buddy's status in the game already has him as one of the greats and this is the type of challenge a champion relishes.

As good as he is, however, he cannot achieve anything without his teammates and they have certainly turned things around by re-establishing themselves as the AFL defensive kings.

And defence is all about attitude.

Veteran defender Nick Smith said the Swans lost trust in each other during their horror start to the season.

Big part

He said a change in attitude had played a big part in the Swans' improvement.

"It was a combination of poor form and missing players at the start of the year," Smith said.

"We had guys doing their own thing a bit in the first six rounds, not on the same page.

"We feel like our set-ups are a lot better. We've got guys hitting in.

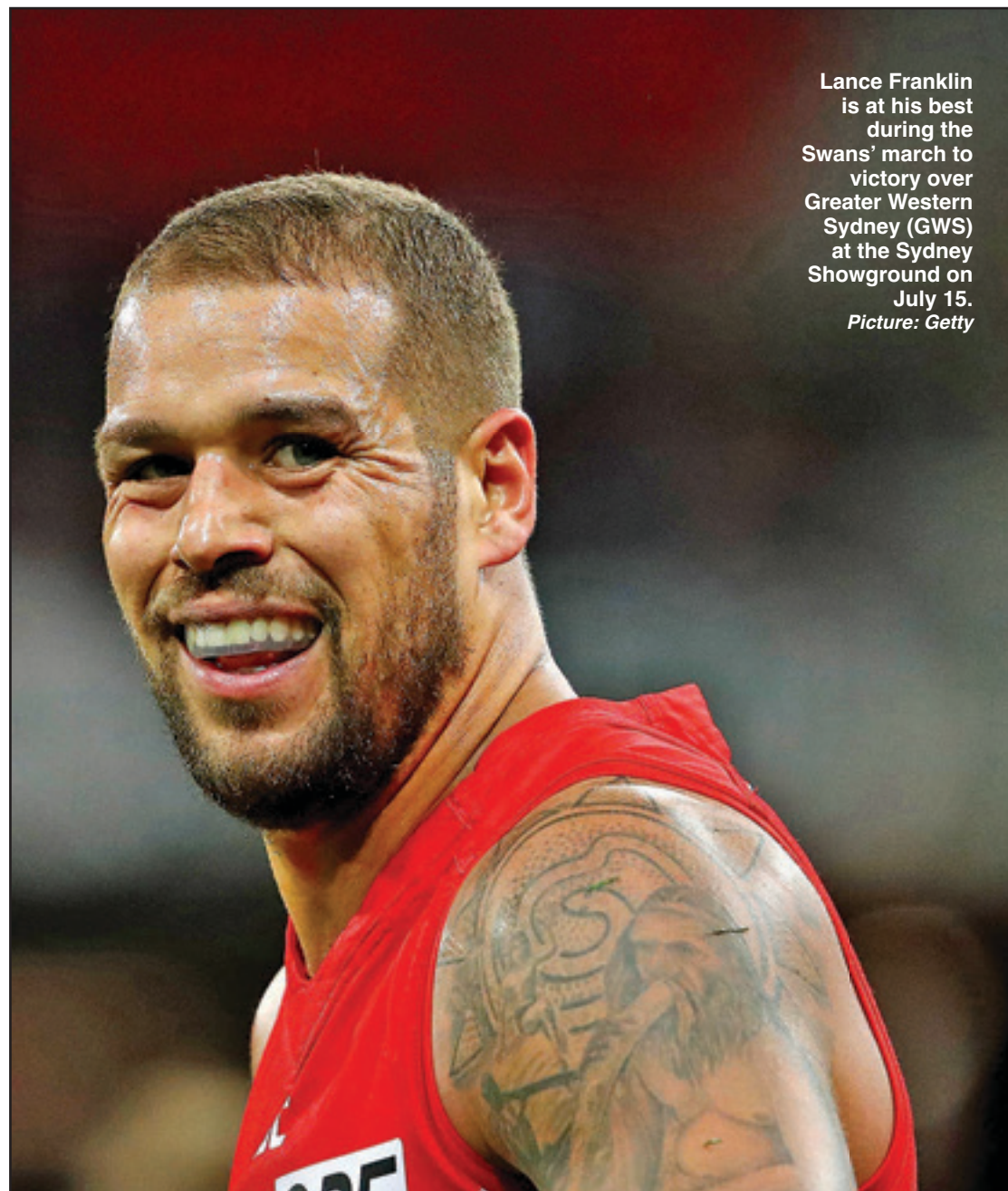
"There's a lot more trust in the group.

"When you have your best players playing well, it goes a long way to winning footy games."

And Buddy is at the centre of this reversal of form as the team returned to the basics at the core of 'The Bloods' culture.

Their season seemingly shot to bits 11 weeks ago, the Swans now are the form team of the competition and daring to dream of a top-four berth.

The momentum they have



Lance Franklin is at his best during the Swans' march to victory over Greater Western Sydney (GWS) at the Sydney Showground on July 15.
Picture: Getty

generated after nine wins from their past 10 starts means talk now is not whether they can hold on to their place in the eight, but how high they can climb.

The Swans are returning to their standing as the kings of defence after their poor start to the year.

Sydney coach John Longmire said the Swans were ruining their reputation after their 0-6 start, but their brand is well and truly back.

Their defence is again the best in the business.

Commitment

That speaks to attitude as does the commitment of key players like Buddy.

Although he and other players would not consider this to be remarkable, revelations that Buddy's recent premiership-shaping performance against GWS was almost grounded by injury is a reflection of that commitment to team.

Franklin had been close to being ruled out of Sydney's momentous victory over GWS only for him to rise from the canvas and deliver the epic four-goal knockout that has reshaped the landscape for the AFL finals.

Franklin damaged his knee at the Swans' main Thursday training session and it's been

reported there was initial advice from medical staff to keep him on ice for the derby.

However, in a sign that Franklin is as tough as he is brilliant, the influential forward convinced coach John Longmire to give him until match day to prove his fitness.

It's difficult to imagine how the Swans could have overcome the Giants and kept their premiership fire burning without Franklin's immense presence upfront, but behind the scenes the champion goal scorer put his hand up to battle through the pain and now the path to history has been set.

But Buddy himself would point to the team rather than himself.

Longmire didn't disclose the Franklin drama post-match, but he was eager to point out that his biggest star was more than the mega sum of his left boot.

"He is skilful, but probably what gets undersold a little bit is how much of a competitor he is. He's a massive competitor," said Longmire.

"He kicked some important goals, there's no doubt about that.

"But some of his contests in outnumbered situations — where he was outnumbered in the air, flew really hard and brought the ball to ground

were immense.

"We saw that shine as the game wore on."

Swans head of football Tom Harley gave an insight into Franklin's mindset when he said that he had once again showcased his incredible durability.

"He's played a lot of footy now, over 250 games and he very rarely misses," Harley said.

Resilience

"He's clearly got great physical resilience; he has a great mental resilience and ... the bigger the stakes the more competitive he gets.

"Clearly, he played with a really strong presence on Saturday night which was key for us and enabled us to put a winning score on the board."

The Swans are determined to continue their winning run and Buddy will be at the centre of it all.

True champions gain their reputation when their team is under adversity.

Buddy has already shown his champion qualities in recent times.

Over the coming weeks he could help rewrite AFL history by rising to the challenge in a way only true champions can.

Until Next time... Keep Dreaming!!

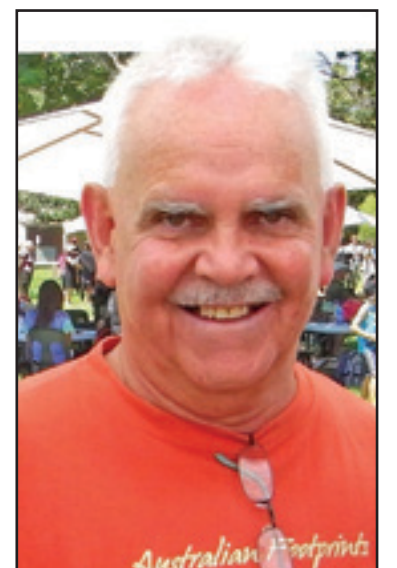
National sports summit called

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president of Indigenous Sport Queensland), Margot Foster (Victoria — Talk the Talk Sport), David Wirrpanda (Western Australia — Founder of the Wirrpanda Foundation and former AFL great), Lisa Cunningham (Western Australia — CEO of the Wirrpanda Foundation), Rob Bradley (ACT — president and CEO of the Confederation of Australian Sport), Frank Lampard (South Australia — Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement in South Australia), Andrew Smith (South Australia — state manager of the South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy) and Garry J Daly (Victoria — founder and inaugural chairman of the Sport Australia Hall of Fame).



David Wirrpanda (above) and Frank Lampard (below) are members of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sports Foundation committee. The committee will hold a summit in Melbourne in October to ratify a strategy to promote Indigenous sport in Australia. Former AFL great Wirrpanda is the founder of the Wirrpanda Foundation. Lampard is the Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement in South Australia.



A memorable week

By PETER ARGENT



ANANGU Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands beat Maralinga by 25 points in the 2017 Aboriginal Lands Cup in cold, wet and blustery conditions at the Adelaide Oval.

The match was played as a curtain-raiser to the Australian Football League (AFL) game between the Adelaide Crows and the Western Bulldogs.

After being up by 13 points at halftime, APY went on to win 7.12 (54) to 4.5 (29).

The Aboriginal Lands Cup was created by the late South Australian country football icon Don McSweeney in 2004.

The program came together following a meeting between McSweeney and West Coast Aboriginal Elder Jack Johncock –

the father of Adelaide Crow Graham, in Port Augusta.

This pair, with corporate support, originated the concept to get players from the lands on the far west of the state to play football on an AFL ground.

The first game was at Football Park, in Adelaide's West Lakes, and graduated to Adelaide Oval when the AFL moved into the city.

Focus on football

Football is the centrepiece of a holistic experience around a number of areas, including health, education, fitness and leadership.

The program is designed to broaden horizons of the young men from the Lands.

South Australian National Football League (SANFL) Indigenous programs manager Shawn Ford is the current custodian.

"This is an annual event to develop leadership and resilience among the participants," Ford said.

"These areas are the primary focus.

"The theory is for the participants to learn a number of life lessons to take back to their country.

"Some members of the two teams have been down six or seven times now.

"There are 30 participants each from the APY Lands and the Maralinga Tjarutja Lands.

"A number of the mentors and coaches this year are former players from the program.

"This is one of the most anticipated program programs in each team's calendar.

"Then it comes to their footy, they play it in its purest form – it's all about run, carry and attack."

Earlier this month, the 2017 group were

guests of Defence Force Recruiting and the Australian Army at Woodside Barracks in the Adelaide Hills.

This activity was part of the week-long Don McSweeney Aboriginal Lands Cup program.

The men from the APY and Maralinga Lands tested themselves on obstacle courses, simulations and group leadership activities with serving Army members.

Instructors Bombadier Damian Mutton, Gunner Andrew Randhawa and Private Sam Arnold took the participants through an over-water obstacle course, a beep test and the army's basic fitness assessment, including push-ups and sit-ups, along with the 'gun run' – a team-building and communication activity where participants dismantle a makeshift gun tractor and race to the finish line.

Their week culminated with the game of football at the Adelaide Oval.



Bodies are on the line as APY and Maralinga players battle for possession in the Aboriginal Lands Cup won by APY.



Maralinga's Jamal Lebois has possession.



A great spoil by APY's Marcus Young, in white and orange.



Kupa Henry-Whiskey (far left) shows his strength in the human tug of war.

for remote players



● LEFT: One of the teams at the army's Woodside Barracks in the Adelaide Hills.
● ABOVE: The Aboriginal Lands players do sit-ups during their basic fitness assessment.



Another of the Aboriginal teams at the Woodside Barracks, where they were guests of the Australian Defence Force.



Dale Lyons celebrates victory in the gun run.



Dale Lyons throws a 10kg medicine ball during the gun run event.



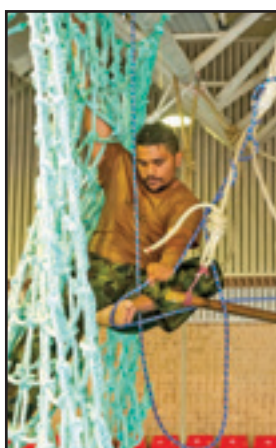
Elias Walker, Richard Ross, Dale Lyons, Marcus Young and Ainsley Walker at the army base.



Zibeeon Fielding takes part in the basic fitness assessment beep test.



Kupa Henry-Whiskey, left, and Marcus Young, right, take on the nets and ropes during the Woodside Barracks over-water obstacle course. Pictures: Peter Argent



Nason Dare and Phillip Kugena do the beep test.



Adrian Roberts is pleased with the outcome of the gun run.

Samartha tells her story



● ABOVE: Samartha Leisha, the rugby league player. She has already represented the Indigenous All Stars and has ambitions to be a Jiltaroo.
● RIGHT: Single mother of five Samartha Leisha with her children.



WOMEN'S Indigenous All Stars player Samartha Leisha joined Women In League round supporters, including the round's founder and Harvey Norman CEO Katie Page and National Rugby League (NRL) CEO Todd Greenberg, to launch the 11th year of the round (round 20).

Leisha's story is at the centre of the NRL's latest 'Power For Change' campaign released as part of the round, and showcases the perseverance and commitment undertaken by Leisha to follow her dreams from a young age to play rugby league.

"My dad played rugby league but I never got to see him play because he passed away when I was two," Leisha

recalled as part of her story.

"The inspiration behind me wanting to play rugby league is that I want his legacy to live on within me and within my children as well.

"I share the passion for the game that he shared and it gives me a lot of confidence just knowing that rugby league runs in the family.

"To me, rugby league is great for women and women are great for rugby league."

NRL CEO Todd Greenberg paid tribute to Leisha's story and said he had no doubt that many would be inspired by her.

"Our game is better for the inclusion and support of women like Samartha playing and participating in the game they love," Greenberg said.

"Female participation continues to be the fastest growing area of our

game and we are determined to forge greater opportunities for women on and off the field.

"This includes the recent announcement of increased pathways programs from age six through to open level, ensuring that we not only have the quality of female players coming through the ranks, but also the quantity to sustain and strengthen all levels of the game."

This year's Women In League round will include a total of nine matches, including last weekend's Women's Interstate Challenge between NSW and Queensland at WIN Stadium, Wollongong, which was played prior to the Dragons taking on the Sea Eagles.

For further information about the NRL's 'Power For Change' campaign, visit www.nrl.com/forchange



Get set for Gurrung



NOMINATIONS are open for the 2017 West Arnhem region's Gurrung Sports Carnival, which is shaping up to be a huge event for the West Arnhem region in 2017. It is the Top End's largest regional sports tournament and will be held at Jabiru from August 25-27.

Hosted by the West Arnhem Regional Council, the carnival will feature the men's AFL competition as well as men's and women's basketball games with hundreds of participants across the sports. This year will also see the introduction of a mixed touch football competition.

West Arnhem Regional Council youth, sport and recreation coordinator Seide Ramadani said teams from across the Top End, including Gunbalanya, Jabiru, Daly Waters, Waruwi, Maningrida, Pine Creek, Minjilang and Darwin, were expected to enter this year.

"Sport creates formidable bonds between people and Gurrung has become a special part

of the proud local identity over eight years. Not only do we witness great sporting prowess, but the forming of friendships and memories across a vast and diverse landscape," Seide said.

AFL, touch football and basketball teams are urged to get their nomination forms in by August 8.

This year's Gurrung Sports Carnival will also once again run in conjunction with the Mahbilil Festival – an annual celebration of Kakadu culture, featuring Indigenous bands and local art displays.

Seide said the sports event was not just about winning, but rather participating and having a great weekend at the sports carnival as well as the Mahbilil Festival.

"The weekend is certainly about communities coming together to enjoy both events with plenty of fun to be had and entertainment on offer," Seide said.

Volunteers and potential sponsors can contact Seide on 0429 652 085.

Simon to miss US tournament



KAYAH Simon will miss the Australian Matildas' four-country women's soccer Tournament of Nations in the United States, starting this week.

The Indigenous striker is out injured, but will be in the US on business and could link up with the Matildas.

The full squad will get limited preparation before opening their account against the US in Seattle on July 27.

After the tournament, the Matildas will host Brazil in two friendlies this September as they continue preparations for next April's Women's Asian Cup in Jordan. – AAP

Scott to coach in international rules



GEELONG coach Chris Scott will lead Australia's international rules side against Ireland later this year, replacing Alastair Clarkson.

Scott had served as an assistant under Hawthorn coach Clarkson during the past two series.

Fremantle coach Ross Lyon and North Melbourne's Brad Scott will serve on the coaching panel, with the Scott

twins to work alongside each other for the first time since their playing days at Brisbane.

After a one-year hiatus, the series will resume for two Tests in Australia in November, with the dates and locations yet to be determined.

The squad, to be comprised of All-Australian players, will be named after the AFL finals. – AAP

Coach confident of retaining Taylor



THE Gold Coast Titans are confident of re-signing halfback Ashley Taylor on a long-term National Rugby League (NRL) contract, but are in no hurry to complete the

deal. Brisbane has finalised a three-year extension with utility Kodi Nikorima, potentially bowing out of the race to lure former Bronco Taylor home to Red Hill.

Titans coach Neil Henry is more than hopeful that 22-year-old Taylor will remain at the club beyond his current deal, which is scheduled to end next season.

Henry reaffirmed that Taylor, who just bought a house on the Gold Coast, was in the club's long-term plans.

Titans boss Graham Annesley said there was no anxiety to retain Taylor, who produced one of his best NRL performances during the Titans' 30-10 demolition of Cronulla. – AAP

Eyre players to the fore

By PETER ARGENT



NINE Aboriginal players, including five from the Eyre Peninsula (EP), took part in the 2017 South Australian Country Australian Football Championships.

The tournament was at Chad Wingard's home ground – the Imperials Football Club at Johnstone Park, Murray Bridge, on the weekend of July 8-9.

The EP boys included teenager Dean Miller, from the Wayback Football Club in Port Lincoln, and a trio of Mallee Park footballers: Peter Lindsay, Kingsley Bilney Jnr and John Miller.

Bilney was EP vice-captain.

A fifth EP player – Steven Benbolt – came from the Koonibba Roosters, in the far west of the state.

Eyre Peninsula coach Dave McPharlin, a former WAFL league footballer, was impressed with each of his five Aboriginal charges.

"Kingsley was our vice-captain this year and his voice and leadership was great as noted by his teammates on the field," McPharlin said.

"He kicked inaccurately – three goals and 10 points for the carnival, which is uncharacteristic for him – but this shows he still knows how to find and win the footy.

Class act

"Pete (Lindsay) was quite simply a class act whether in tight or in space. He showed exquisite skills and was very courageous.

"Steven Benbolt is a fast and smart forward who always seemed to be in the right spot at the tall forwards' feet, while John Miller was very clever down back. John set up in all the right places, never wasted the ball and made good decisions with it.

"Dean Miller is a 17-year-old with a bullet left foot. He didn't look out of place at this level and played tall or small as required."

In the Central Zone team were Tyrell Hocking – the son of inaugural Crow Eddie Tyrell – and Mintaro Manoora midfielder Steve Rusca, from the neighbouring North Eastern competition.

Tyrell is still an under-18 footballer and is playing for the Kapunda Bombers in the Barossa Light and Gawler competition and won the Central Zone's best under-21 player for his performances at the 2017 event.

Rusca was a SA Under-18s state footballer in 2012 and is from Darwin.

"He may be small, but he is a ball-winning midfielder," Central Zone coach Steve Lubcke said of Hocking.

"We used Steve Rusca in the midfield during the two games on Saturday but moved him to half back on Sunday. That may prove to be his best position.

"He gave us drive in that role and also rebounded strongly, creating a couple of decisive interceptions.

The Northern Zone had two Indigenous players – Brendon Coulson who was back after playing in the 2016 events in Port Lincoln, and West Augusta teammate Jackson Dare-Ryan.

Northern coach Scott Brand said Coulson, although quieter than last year, still had an impact and it was a great learning experience for Dare-Ryan.

Eyre Peninsula player Peter Lindsay was selected on a wing in the 'team of the championship' side and is in the initial 25-man squad for the South Australian Country team's trip to Perth to take on WA Country in an annual clash on July 29.



Tyrell Hocking was Central Zone's best player of the tournament.



Eyre Peninsula's Peter Lindsay was named in the team of the championships.



Northern Zone's Jackson Dare-Ryan.



Central Zone's Steve Rusca charges out of defence.



Eyre Peninsula's Steve Benbolt.



Northern Zone's Brendon Coulson.



Tyrell Hocking is on the attack for Central Zone.



The Aboriginal component of the Eyre Peninsula team at the South Australian Country Championships at Murray Bridge: from left, Kingsley Bilney Jnr, Peter Lindsay, Steven Benbolt, John Miller and Dean Miller. Pictures: Peter Argent

'Scars? What scars?'



THEY lost a supposed unlosable series, but NSW players are adamant they won't be scarred by this year's crushing rugby league

State of Origin loss to Queensland.

The Blues blew their shot at restoring state pride when, after winning the series-opener in Brisbane, they held a 16-6 lead halfway through game two.

But inspired by injured Maroons champion Johnathan Thurston and his

game-three replacement Cameron Munster, Queensland claimed their 11th series win in 12 years, clinching the series decider 22-6 at Lang Park, Brisbane.

Asked if there would be some mental scars to address, NSW forward Wade Graham said, "No, I don't think so."

He said the best way to deal with the pain of the defeat was to improve their football at their respective NRL clubs.

"It's so disappointing. It's such a big stage and you want to have success on big stages. But the sun comes up

tomorrow," Graham said.

"It's definitely disappointing to not be successful at this level, but life goes on.

"You have to keep going forward, keep progressing and keep going on."

He admitted the defeat, when they made just two more errors and committed one more penalty than Queensland, was the toughest way to be taught an Origin lesson.

The Maroons turned the extra possession into an extra 300m gained.

"That's how you learn – you get burnt.

The margin for error is so small and you have to keep learning and constantly evolving," Graham said.

"You have to try to be better because as soon as you go backwards, someone else will come in and be better."

Hooker Nathan Peats also denied that, with just three players from this year's squad enjoying an Origin series triumph, the Maroons had a mental foothold over their interstate rivals.

He said the Blues should've finished the series in Sydney. – AAP



● LEFT: Johnathan Thurston and Cameron Smith of the Maroons embrace after winning game three of the State of Origin rugby league series against the NSW Blues at Lang Park, Brisbane, on July 12. NSW forward Andrew Fifita gives Thurston a congratulatory pat on the head. Pictures: Getty



● RIGHT: Wade Graham of the Blues runs the ball during game three of the State of Origin series.

Remarkable turnaround for Gagai

FROM Brisbane National Rugby League (NRL) discard to this year's player of the State of Origin series, it's been some journey for Queensland winger Dane Gagai.

The 26-year-old, who was released by the Broncos in 2012 for disciplinary reasons, became the first winger to win the coveted Wally Lewis Medal after his impact in Queensland's 2-1 series win over NSW.

Gagai may not have replicated his double try-scoring heroics from the game two win in Sydney in the July 12 series decider at Lang Park, Brisbane, but he was again vital to the Maroons as they charged to an imperious 22-6 win.

He made the most running metres (169) of anyone in a Queensland jersey, often coming off his wing to help out the Maroons' forwards with some carries in the middle.

The Wally Lewis Medal win caps a remarkable turnaround for the once-troubled Gagai, who has now played seven Origins, winning five of those matches and having a role in three straight

series wins.

"It means everything. This is going to be a memory that I'll never forget," Gagai said.

"A memory that I'll treasure for the rest of my life ... I'm humbled and blessed to get this award."

Gagai has returned to wrap up his time with NRL club Newcastle before a switch to South Sydney in the off-season.

While Gagai has used the opportunity given to him by the Knights to establish himself as one of the game's best wingers, it hasn't been a successful time for the club as a whole.

Gagai says he just wants to wrap up his time at Newcastle well and give long-suffering Knights fans something to cheer before the end of the 2017 campaign.

"Whatever jersey I'm wearing at the time, that's who I'm playing for," he said.

"That's who I'm giving my all too. We've still got more games with the Newcastle Knights and when I get back there I'll be giving my all for them."

– AAP



Dane Gagai celebrates after winning game three of the State Of Origin series. Gagai was later named man of the series.



Adoring fans reach out for Johnathan Thurston as he is chaired from the ground by Cameron Smith and Cooper Cronk after game three.

‘I don’t think we are going to see a guy like him for a long time’

ATRIBUTE may have honoured Johnathan Thurston before the State of Origin rugby league series decider at Lang Park, but Queensland captain Cameron Smith provided the fitting farewell.

Smith at times choked back tears when he reflected on Thurston’s 37 Origin Maroons career before inviting the champion five-eighth to help him lift the victor’s shield after Queensland’s series-clinching 22-6 game-three win on July 12.

Thurston’s glittering Origin career was ended by a shoulder injury suffered in Queensland’s game-two win in Sydney.

Denied a last hurrah at home by injury, Thurston received a pre-match video tribute at Lang Park before a brief on-field interview with his family by his side.

The formalities appeared over for Thurston until an emotional Smith took to the podium to receive the winner’s shield yet again.

“I know there’s been plenty said and plenty of presentations this week and tonight, but I reckon you’re the greatest person to have ever pulled on a Maroon jersey mate,” Smith said to Thurston standing sideline with his right arm in a sling.

“It was unfortunate that he couldn’t finish here tonight in front of his beloved Queensland fans.

“I don’t know if I’ve come across a more passionate Queenslander.

“For what you’ve done in this jersey, I don’t think anyone could ever thank you enough, mate.

“I wish you all the very best for the future. Let’s lift this shield up together.”

Thurston gratefully accepted the honour before sitting front and centre in the team victory photo brandishing the winners’ shield.

The champion five-eighth was then chaired off the ground by Smith and halfback Cooper Cronk after Queensland’s 11th series win in 12 years.

The bond between the pair was clear on the podium but Smith revealed the full extent of their tight relationship as he reflected on the series win post-match.

“He’s one of my best mates. We’ve been through a whole heap together.

“We’ve known each other since we were 10.

“For us to play against each other as 10-year-olds and our careers to pan out the way it has through Origin and Kangaroos, it is pretty special.

“I wanted to give him the moment he deserved.

“I don’t think we are going to see a guy like him again for a long time.”

– AAP

Melbourne to host Origin I next year



THE Victorian government expects the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) to beat its State of Origin attendance record when the interstate fixture returns to Melbourne for next year’s series opener.

Queensland will begin their title defence against NSW on neutral territory, National Rugby League (NRL) boss Todd Greenberg has confirmed at the 100,000-capacity MCG.

The June 6 fixture is part of an NRL deal with Victoria that also provided Melbourne with hosting rights for game two in 2015, when 91,513 spectators – a record – watched NSW beat Queensland at the MCG.

“We hope to see NSW and Queensland fans travelling to Melbourne as well as locals enjoying the best of rugby league in game one,” Greenberg told News Corp.

Victorian Tourism Minister John Eren said Victoria would smash its attendance record.

Melbourne’s hosting is in line with the NRL’s policy of playing one game outside Sydney and Brisbane every three years.

Western Australia will host for the first time when game two of the 2019 series is played at the new Perth Stadium.

Tickets for the Melbourne game are now on sale. They can be bought from www.nrl.com/tickets for as little as \$35 and as little as \$125 for family passes. – AAP



● ABOVE: Queenslander Will Chambers is tackled in game three.



● LEFT: Andrew Fifita offloads for the Blues.



● BELOW: Blake Ferguson of the Blues and Valentine Holmes of the Maroons challenge for the ball.

Pictures: Getty

Boomerangs flying high



THE all-Indigenous Flying Boomerangs under-16 Australian football team won both of their matches against the Australian Football League's (AFL's) World XVIII on the Gold Coast earlier this month.

They played two exhibition matches as part of the AFL's national Under-16s Championships.

In the first game on July 11, the Flying Boomerangs won 16.10 (106) to the World XVIII's 5.7 (37).

In the second game a couple days later, they won 10.12 (72) to 9.10 (64).

The 2017 Rio Tinto Flying Boomerangs and World Team squads comprised 25 teenage boys selected by AFL club recruiters based on their school attendance, leadership skills, and football displayed during the National

Diversity Championships.

The Flying Boomerangs is a personal development and leadership program for Indigenous boys aged 14-16 years.

The AFL Under-16 Championships are considered the first major stepping stone towards a long AFL career and the level of talent on display in this year's carnival did not disappoint.

Western Australia caused a major upset in the decider against Victoria Metro at the Gabba to claim its first national title since 2012.

Coached by Tony Micale, Western Australia had a combined winning margin of eight points across its three games and celebrated with vigour at the final siren in its contest against Vic Metro.

Queensland won the Division Two title after going through the tournament undefeated.



● ABOVE: South Australian players at the Gold Coast carnival: from left, Kynan Kenny, Aiden Holland and Callum Saunders.

● LEFT: Northern Territory Flying Boomerang players: from left, Reggie Gallagher, Joel Sudar-Jeffrey, Clarence Baird and Tyrell Lui. Pictures: AFL Media



Barty's quarterfinal exit



ASHLEIGH Barty's Wimbledon tennis women's doubles campaign came to a halt in the quarterfinals when she and teammate Casey Dellacqua were beaten in a three-setter by the second-seeded Russians Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina.

The Russians won 6-4 4-6 6-4 and went on to win the final without dropping a game against Monica Niculescu (Romania) and Chan Hao-ching (Taiwan) in one of the most lopsided finals in Wimbledon history.

Barty and Dellacqua reached the quarterfinals with a 6-1 7-6 (8-6) win in the round of 16 against Demi Schuurs (Netherlands) and Elise Mertens (Belgium).

Earlier, Barty was bundled out of the women's singles in the opening round, but frightened the life out of No 4 seed Elina Svitolina (Ukraine).

Svitolina's campaign subsequently ended in the round of 16.

Barty's trip to Wimbledon still proved to be profitable.

She picked up £35,000 for losing her first-round singles match.

She and Dellacqua then shared £50,000 for their quarterfinal loss.

Wimbledon authorities this year increased prizemoney to £31.6 million (\$40.79 million) – up £3.5 million on the previous year.

The men's and women's singles

winners – Swiss Roger Federer and Spaniard Garbine Muguruza – each pocketed £2.2 million for winning their finals.

Barty now has a World Tennis Association (WTA) ranking of 57 while her Australian ranking is No 3.

She started playing tennis at the age of five near Ipswich, Queensland.

She won the Australian under-14 and under-16 titles before she stormed on to the world scene in 2011 when she won the junior girls' singles at Wimbledon.

Barty made her WTA debut at the Brisbane International in 2012 and secured her first Grand Slam wildcard in the 2012 Australian Open.

She won her maiden International Tennis Federation (ITF) Pro Tour title in Sydney in 2012 and received a wildcard into the 2012 French Open, where she lost to former Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitová in the first round.

She stepped away from tennis in 2014 while she played cricket with the Brisbane Heat in the Women's Big Bash League.

She returned to tennis in May, 2016 after being out of the game for 21 months and reached the third round at the 2017 Australian Open.

She came from qualifying to win her first WTA title in Kuala Lumpur in March, 2017, and cracked the top 100 with a ranking of 96.

Her aim is to make it into the top 10.



“Quarterfinal time. Lucky to sneak in a little practice before the rain hit,” tweeted Ash Barty, right, with this picture of her and teammate Casey Dellacqua at Wimbledon.

Sports summit called



A NATIONAL Indigenous sports organisation could become a reality before the end of the year. The inaugural National Indigenous Sports Summit

will be held at the Korin Gamadji Institute, Richmond Football Club, on October 12-13, with Tanya Hosch the keynote speaker.

Ms Hosch is the Australian Football League's (AFL's) general manager, inclusion and social policy.

Her address will be on October 12 and the summit will get down to business on October 13, with registrations at 8.30am, a welcome to country at 9.05am, and an opening address at 9.15 by Victorian Sports Minister John Eren. NSW politician and rugby league administrator Linda Burney will speak at 9.30am.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sports Foundation convenor Wayne Coolwell will formally introduce his proposal at 10am.

He is chairman of Indigenous Sport, Queensland.

Federal MP Ken Wyatt will speak at 11.15am and after lunch there will be a panel discussion moderated by Sport South Australia CEO Jan Sutherland.

This will be followed at 2.30pm by a workshop discussing the establishment of the National Indigenous Sports Association.

National voice

Wayne Coolwell told the *Koori Mail* that with the formation of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sports Foundation in 2016, there was an

opportunity for Indigenous sport and recreation across Australia to have a voice at the national level.

This was an idea conceived by the late Charles Perkins and others through the 1980s and 1990s who saw how critical this could be for Indigenous individuals and groups who were left out too many times.

"We are seeking sponsorship support to hold our inaugural National Indigenous Sports Summit in October 2017 in Melbourne whereby the National Sports Foundation committee will be endorsed by delegates and our working strategy will be ratified," Coolwell said.

"We are inviting all the major players in sport in Australia to join us in Melbourne including the Australian Football League (AFL), National Rugby League (NRL), Australian Sports Commission (ASC),

Australian Rugby Union (ARU), Football Federation Australia (FFA), Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) and others at a state and local levels.

"Sponsorship support will help us with accommodation for the participants, flights to the event, food and beverage, hiring of the venue, promotional materials and publicity and other incidentals.

"The National Foundation wants to ensure that we are there to advocate on behalf of Indigenous people and to also promote the great values of sport and recreation to all levels of government and non-government sectors."

The committee that has been working towards the inaugural Indigenous Sports Summit is Wayne Coolwell (Queensland –

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Indians KO Australia



INDIA ended Australia's chances of back-to-back cricket World Cup titles with an upset semifinal victory at Derby last

Thursday as a scintillating knock from Harmanpreet Kaur helped her side through to last Sunday's final.

Australia simply had no answers as Kaur blasted an unbeaten 171 that well-and-truly took the game away from the titleholders in the first innings.

India were in strife at 2-35 before Kaur played one of the greatest innings seen in World Cup history, thumping 20 boundaries and seven sixes to help her side to 4-281.

Indigenous off-spinner Ashleigh Gardner finished with 1-43 off eight overs.

Australia needed to pull off a record chase in response, but faltered early, losing Beth Mooney (1) and the world's highest-ranked batter Meg Lanning without scoring.

Lanning's dismissal – her first score of naught in almost three years – was the result of a near-unplayable delivery from veteran quick Jhulan Goswami that kissed the outside of her off stump.

But as wickets tumbled and Australia headed towards their heaviest ODI defeat, Alex Blackwell turned the tide, blasting 90 from 55 balls to briefly give rise to hopes of what would have been a miracle victory.

The last-wicket partnership between Blackwell and Kristen Beams added 76 and had the Australian camp daring to believe the impossible as the strong Indian crowd was silenced by Blackwell's stunning rear-guard.

But it wasn't to be, the right-hander dismissed with still 37 runs required and just 12 balls remaining.

Ashleigh Gardner faced just three balls and was out for one when Australia slumped to 7-152.

After winning the toss and electing to bat first in a match reduced to 42 overs per side due to morning rain, India were rocked early as Megan Schutt and

Gardner claimed the openers and India played out 55 dot balls from their first 79 deliveries.

After Gardner removed Punam Raut with her second ball, Kaur and Mithali Raj combined for a 66-run stand through the middle overs, finding the fence and keeping the scoreboard moving with a streak of 21 consecutive singles.

The Indians added an extraordinary 129 runs from the final 10 overs as they dismantled the world No 1, who were chasing a seventh World Cup title.

Earlier, Australia advanced to the semifinals, suffering just one defeat along the way.

Beaten by three runs

On July 10, the Aussies fell painfully short against England, losing by three runs at Bristol.

Requiring 16 runs off the final over, Jess Jonassen (14 not out) and Ashleigh Gardner (11) threw everything they had at the total, but it proved too much.

England scored 8-258, with Gardner finishing with 1-41 from nine overs.

Three days later, the Australians secured a semifinal berth by beating India at Bristol.

Chasing India's 7-226, Australia replied with 2-227, with Gardner not being required to bat.

In India's innings, Gardner opened the bowling and finished with 1-48 from her 10 overs.

In their final pool match on July 16, Australia beat South Africa by 59 runs at Taunton.

Having set South Africa 270 to win, Australia bowled out their opponents for 210.

Gardner scored four from seven deliveries and finished with 0-31 (10 overs) in South Africa's innings.

Australia had beaten New Zealand, Pakistan, the West Indies and Sri Lanka in earlier pool matches.

Australia finished second behind England in the pool standings, with India third and South Africa fourth.



Australian bowler Ashleigh Gardner smiles after catching Tammy Beaumont off her own bowling for 49 during the International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's World Cup 2017 match against England at The Brightside Ground, Bristol, on July 9. England won the match by three runs. Picture: Getty



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No All Stars, Auckland Nines in 2018



THE rugby league All Stars game has become a victim of the 2017 Rugby League World Cup, with the 2018 game called off.

The National Rugby League (NRL) said the All Stars would return in 2019.

The NRL has also suspended the Auckland Nines for 2018, but insists the pre-season tournament has a future

beyond next year.

The league has blamed a packed rugby league schedule due to this year's World Cup, which runs to December 2.

The NRL also confirmed it is seeking expressions of interest to hold the Nines – which has been played at Auckland's Eden Park since its inception in 2014 – elsewhere.

NRL chief commercial officer

Andrew Abdo said the Nines had been one of the game's success stories over the past four years and had a long-term future.

But he said that with the World Cup running until December 2, it was not viable to ask elite players to back up for the Nines tournament in early 2018.

The same applies for the pre-season All Stars game that will also not be held in 2018, but will return in 2019.

Mr Abdo said there was every chance the NRL Nines would be held in Australia when it returned and the NRL would seek expressions of interest from cities interested in hosting the event.

He said Auckland had been a fantastic host of the event and confirmed that there was a strong likelihood that the event would return to New Zealand in the future rotation.

This is for you, JT



An injured Johnathan Thurston and Cameron Smith of the Maroons hold aloft rugby league's State of Origin trophy after winning game three of the series 22-6 against NSW at Lang Park, Brisbane, on July 12. Maroons skipper Smith invited Thurston to join him on the podium to accept the trophy and spoke glowingly of his long-time friend. Smith at times choked back tears when he reflected on Thurston's 37 Origin career. Thurston's glittering Origin career was ended by a shoulder injury suffered in Queensland's game two win in Sydney. "I know there's been plenty said and plenty of presentations this week and tonight, but I reckon you're the greatest person to have ever pulled on a Maroon jersey mate," Smith said to Thurston standing sideline with his right arm in a sling. Picture: Getty

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