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# stars



A. B. Original's Briggs and Trials with Dan Sultan and, inset, Troy Cassar-Daley were the big winners at this year's National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMAs), announced this month in Darwin. In a presentation night under the stars, about 3000 people enjoyed the very best of Indigenous music during a ceremony which included a moving tribute to the late, great Dr G Yunupingu. See our coverage on pages 28-29. Main picture: Jillian Mundy



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# My FAMILY

Suzie Hoolihan – Canberra, ACT



**M**Y husband Dynzie and I take our kids to the NAIDOC celebrations in Canberra every year since we moved here in 2013. His family is from Townsville and mine is from Alice Springs. Here, we are pictured with our son Yinghara.

I've also got kids from a previous relationship and they love to come out to the NAIDOC celebrations because it's such a good day out where you get to see all the community members you may not have seen for a while.

I place a lot of value on my family because, in most cases, your family will love and support you no matter what.

When we have time we love to go for a drive down the coast to get out of the city and explore what's around, because that's a nice day trip for the family.

Dynzie comes from a strong Aboriginal family from north Queensland and

my family is big and proud as well.

I am an Arrernte, Larrakia and Warramunga woman. We grew up with lots of Elders around us and we were surrounded by culture and respect. I try to live that respect that I learned as a little girl as best I can, no matter where I am, and I also try to teach those same lessons to my children.

I think culture is so important to who we are. It affects everything we do and believe in. It's the way we treat each other and how we see each other.

We're just a regular family. Dynzie and I both work, and we try to spend as much time with the kids as we can.

My daughters play netball and I support them. It's important to spend time as a family and we try to spend as much time hanging out together as we can, even if we're just watching movies or playing games.

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# OUR CHILDREN



NORTHERN Territory youngsters Ismiah Hall, from Ngukurr, Malu-Yala Toka, of Darwin, and Joe Daniels, from Ngukurr, enjoy the atmosphere at the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award presentation night in Darwin. See our coverage of the awards on pages 37-39. *Picture: Jillian Mundy*

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# APY artists on top at the Telstras



**ARTISTS** from South Australia's APY lands dominated this year's Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (NATSIAA), presented this month in Darwin. APY award winners pictured here are, from left, Matjangka (Nyukana) Norris, Betty Muffler, Unrupa Rhonda Dick, Anwar Young, Frank Young and Robert Fielding. Get the full story including all the winners on pages 37-39. *Picture: Jillian Mundy*

# Violence, card call criticised



A GRAPHIC video showing violence in Western Australian communities and used to promote the cashless welfare card initiative has come under fire.

Mining magnate Andrew Forrest and Aboriginal people from WA showed the video to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in Canberra this month.

The tape includes footage of brutal fights among Aboriginal people and statistics revealing the extent of violence and sexual abuse in communities.

WA Indigenous education worker Jean O'Reeri broke down in tears at the screening, describing remote and regional communities ravaged by welfare-fuelled drug and alcohol abuse.

Fellow East Kimberley resident Bianca Crake says the Government's cashless welfare cards, already in use where they live, are improving people's lives.

Mr Forrest describes the cards as a circuit-breaker, saying they limit the amount of drugs and alcohol which come into and are consumed by communities.

## "Simplistic responses"

But many have spoken out against the welfare cards, including Curtin University researcher Hannah McGlade. The Noongar lawyer warned against adopting "simplistic responses to very complex issues".

"It's time we got real about ending child sexual abuse and by that I mean commit to develop responses in a way that respects, not undermines, Aboriginal families and children's human rights," she said.

Greens senator Rachel Siewert attacked the welfare card and the use of the tape.

"It's using very emotive footage, trying to effectively scare people into supporting the cashless welfare card," she said. "This is a PR approach to what is a very significant issue."

WA Labor senator Patrick Dodson was another to speak out. "We need to go to the causes of the appalling rates of domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse and sexual abuse," the Yawuru man said.

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A violent scene from the graphic video shown in Canberra.



Mining magnate Andrew Forrest with Port Hedland Mayor Camillo Blanko, Bianca Crake and Jean O'Reerie at Parliament House in Canberra. *AAP image*

## Trump under attack over supremacists

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump has drawn criticism from all sides for not explicitly denouncing white supremacists in the aftermath of violent clashes in the state of Virginia.

Violence erupted in Charlottesville, where neo-Nazis and white nationalists had assembled for march.

A car driven by a white supremacist ploughed into protesters, killing one and injuring many.

Mr Trump did not single out any group for the violence, instead blaming "many sides".

"Hate and the division must stop, and must stop right now," he said.

"We have to come together as Americans with love for our nation and ... true affection for each other."

Mr Trump condemned "in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides, on many sides".

"It's been going on for a long time in our country. Not Donald Trump. Not Barack Obama. It's been going on for a long, long time," he said.

The President's comments and failure to denounce white supremacists draw criticism from all sides of politics.

The White House later issued a statement seeking to expand on Mr Trump's remarks.

"The President said very strongly ... that he condemns all forms of violence, bigotry and hatred and of course that includes white Supremacists, KKK, neo-Nazi and all extremist groups," according to a White House spokesperson. "He called for national unity and bringing all Americans together."



# NSWALC to mark 40 years



THE NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is celebrating its 40th anniversary with a gala dinner in Sydney on September 29.

It was 1977 when more than 200 land rights activists gathered in Redfern, central Sydney, to demand the power to control their own land, and formed the NSWALC.

The council campaigned as a voluntary group until the passage of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act (NSW)* in 1983.

Now, the council will celebrate its work with the anniversary theme '40 Years Strong: Our Land Council, Our Mob, Our Future'.

Actor Luke Carroll and TripleJ newsreader Brooke Boney will MC the dinner which will feature performances from Bunna Lawrie, Coloured Stone and NAISDA Dancers.

Other major events to celebrate the anniversary include a seminar on land rights and a travelling exhibition.

Tickets for the dinner at the Sydney International Convention Centre are on sale now through Eventbrite.

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## Riding high at Juraki



YOUNG dancers lead the way at the opening ceremony for this year's Juraki Surf Invitational held at Fingal Head in far northern NSW. About 60 competitors representing Australia, New Zealand, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea took part in the third annual three-day competition, which also included plenty of cultural elements. Organiser Joel Slabb said there was strong unity and spirit among those taking part. See our sport coverage on page 67.

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# More action on push to change date



THE push to find a new date for Australia Day is gaining momentum, with local councils

encouraged to lobby the Federal Government to change the day. Delegates at the recent annual assembly of the Australian Local Government Association approved a motion for councils to consider ways to lobby the Government to switch the date from January 26.

The association's board agreed it was an issue that should be worked through between councils and their communities.

Hobart City Lord Mayor Sue Hickey, who led the push for change, believes Australia Day shouldn't be on a date that many Indigenous people regard as Invasion Day because it marks the arrival of the First Fleet from England in 1788.

The push for change has been backed by Sydney

Lord Mayor Clover Moore.

Protests by Indigenous Australians and their supporters were held on January 26 this year amid growing calls for change.

Yarra City Council voted unanimously this month to move forward with its January 26 Project, which ceases citizenship ceremonies on January 26 and replaces celebrations with a smoking ceremony, leading to threats from the Federal Government.

### Lobbying

Lismore City Council, on Bundjalung country in northern NSW, is another local government organisation exploring the ideas of lobbying state and federal governments to change the date.

But local federal Nationals MP Kevin Hogan said if Lismore Council refused to hold a citizenship ceremony on January 26, he would stage his own event.

"Australia Day is a wonderful day of celebration for our country. It is a day we acknowledge the First Australians and their wonderful history and spiritual connection to our land," he said.

"It is a day we celebrate the successful multicultural society we are. Wrongs have been done, but the day is a celebration of all that we have to be grateful for."

A spokesperson for Mr Hogan said he was unaware if the MP had spoken with the Bundjalung Elders Council or any Bundjalung people about his proposal.

The Government remains opposed to any date change, with frontbencher James McGrath previously described the local government push to change the date as "batshit". He described proponents of the change as "a minority of lefty, oxygen-thieving rabble-rousers" wasting time and money. – with AAP



# How this fish could help MJD sufferers



**ZEBRAFISH** may be the key to finding a cure for one of the

cruelest diseases afflicting Indigenous people.

Researchers at Macquarie University are using the fish to find treatments for Machado-Joseph Disease, a hereditary condition which leads to loss of muscle control and movement, and paralysis.

Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria is a

hotspot for the disease, where one in 20 people are currently symptomatic or at risk from MJD.

Biomedical Sciences research fellow Angela Laird, who is leading the study, said the research team tested the effect of a substance called calpeptin and found it removed most of the MJD-causing protein they had given to the fish.

"Calpeptin hasn't been found safe in humans, so our next step is to find a substance that's already been found to be safe for



humans, which does a similar thing," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"This is a stepping stone for us but the results were more promising than we had expected. Now that we know the process of the calpeptin works, we

can test other similar drugs relatively quickly."

Dr Laird said the researchers gave the zebrafish the gene that causes the disease in humans.

"The zebrafish showed the same symptoms as

you see in humans," she said.

"They swim slower, they have decreased life span. Because the zebrafish are transparent during development, you can see the effect of the gene.

"The fish developed these symptoms early too, so there was more time to test the drugs on them."

Dr Laird said the work done at Macquarie University is very important to people with MJD.

"Children of people living with MJD have a 50% chance of having the

condition, and may experience more severe symptoms, at a younger age," she said.

"It goes without saying that we need to do more to support people living with the condition."

The study was initiated by the MJD Foundation, which supports Indigenous communities affected by MJD, with the support of Groote Eylandt's Anindilyakwa Land Council.

The findings have been published in the *Journal of Neurosciences*.

# Clinton's brave walk nears end



ON September 3 – almost a year to the day since he set out from his home city of Perth – Clinton Pryor is scheduled to complete his epic Walk for Justice.

The Wajuk, Balardung, Kija and a Yulparitja man, supported by a committed back-up team, has crossed the country on foot to seek justice for his people.

Along the way he's "met many people and learned many things".

When he started, Mr Pryor aimed to get to Canberra to protest the forced closures of Aboriginal communities in Western Australia.

But he says it's become much more than that.

"I've come to realise the issues facing Aboriginal people are the same across the nation," he says.

Speaking after a rousing welcome at Redfern in Sydney earlier this month, Mr Pryor told a crowd of several hundred "You only have to look at what's become of The Block here in Redfern to see that our people have lost control

of their land and lives".

"It's my first time here on the east coast ... I just walked in here and can't tell you what Redfern has meant to us all over the years," he said.

"Everyone knows Redfern is where we made our stand."

Mr Pryor walked from Perth through the Goldfields, into the Western Desert and finally made it to Uluru.

## Support

Funding had been a battle, but crowdfunding and support from thousands of followers on social media allowed him and his support crew to continue on to Port Augusta, Adelaide, Ballarat and Melbourne before heading to Sydney.

Mr Pryor's walk is scheduled to end at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy on September 3, where a major welcome ceremony is planned.

He's hoping to meet with the Governor-General and share the many messages he's received on his 5000-plus kilometre walk.

● For more details on the walk and planned welcome, see [www.clintonswalkforjustice.org](http://www.clintonswalkforjustice.org)



Clinton Pryor is on the road during his Walk for Justice.



Clinton Pryor addresses the crowd after arriving at Redfern in Sydney this month.

# Harding speaks to Cabinet

By KEIRA JENKINS



**DAUNG** Wurrung man Mick Harding has become the first Aboriginal person to address

the Victorian Cabinet. He updated Cabinet ministers on the work of the state's Aboriginal Treaty Interim Working Group, of which he is a co-chair. He handed over the working group's 16-page proposal on treaty in the state, which has yet to be released publicly.

Mr Harding said the document proposed legislation around an Indigenous representative body to the Victorian Government.

"It's about including all Aboriginal people in Victoria," he told the *Koori Mail*. "We need a reciprocal agreement with our Government."

The proposal comes after 18 months of talks with Indigenous groups across Victoria.

Mr Harding said the proposal has been approved, and the next step will be to

hold an assembly, which would design an Indigenous representative body to the Victorian Government.

He addressed the Cabinet in English as well as his traditional language. "I spoke in language, and acknowledged my brothers and sisters first," he said.

While he is the first Aboriginal person to address Cabinet, Mr Harding hopes he's not the last. "I really wanted to make an impact, being the first one to address the Cabinet," he said.

"But I also want us to consider how we can make it a norm. An Aboriginal person should address the Cabinet on education, health, water, land.

"If this is the opening of the door for that, then that's good. I wouldn't want to be the first, then it never happens again."

Mr Harding said he looks forward to the day that treaties are a reality for Indigenous people in Australia.



Mick Harding



# Sistagirls put their heart in it



TIWI sistagirl Patricia Puruntatameri gives the audience some love at this month's Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair Fashion Show. More than 140 'looks' made from fabrics featuring artwork by Aboriginal artists from 11 arts centres were on the runway at this year's event. The Tiwi sistagirls, who designed and made all their own garments, proved a real hit. See our report and more pictures on page 27. *Picture: Jillian Mundy*

## Rights group's project aims to watch cops



INDIGENOUS communities across Australia could be trained to expose police harassment with mobile phones and social media if a human rights group's plan succeeds.

The Copwatch project will provide human rights lawyers and journalists to teach Indigenous communities how to film and share interactions with police and authority figures.

Sydney-based National Justice Project is developing the program as a response to complaints of over-policing in Indigenous communities.

The 16 Aboriginal communities in NSW's central west that make up the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly will put their hand up for Copwatch if it gets off the ground.

"The community shouldn't be the ones monitoring the police behaviour but we have to because of ongoing abuse," Murdi Paaki chair Des Jones said.

"It will teach people their rights, and how to use their phones. It'll train them to be aware and when to lock-and-load their recording device."

Mr Jones said he wants to put the experiences Aboriginal people have with police in front of human rights watchdogs.

NSW Police says it respects the rights of citizens to film in a public place, a spokesman said.

He added that there were existing avenues to file complaints about the conduct of officers but did not comment on allegations of over-policing among Indigenous communities.

Copwatch has raised more than \$23,000 of its \$50,000 goal through crowdfunding online at [chuffed.org](http://chuffed.org) – AAP

# Concerns over marriage vote



THE Australian Christian Lobby has come under fire from marriage equality advocates and Aboriginal rights campaigners for claiming same-sex

marriage will lead to another Stolen Generation.

The comments came as the Federal Government committed to holding a postal plebiscite to gauge public interest in changing Australia's *Marriage Act* to allow same-sex couples to marry.

Labor frontbencher Penny Wong hit back at the Christian Lobby's comments, likening children of same-sex couples to the stolen generations, saying the postal survey and its surrounding debate was harmful.

"It's not a unifying moment," she said. "It is exposing our children to that kind of hatred."

There has also been concern that Indigenous people in remote communities won't get the chance to have their say in a postal vote.

The Tiwi Sistagirls, from the Tiwi Islands off the coast of the Northern Territory, said the postal vote – to cost more than \$120 million – would be a waste of money in their community.

Sistagirl Shaun Kerinaia said it's "just rubbish".

"Most of our people don't speak English, it's our second language, and



**"My registered address on the electoral roll just says Mt Nancy – no street address, no mailing address. This is the same for the majority of town camps and remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory."**

**– Tangentyere Council's Walter Shaw  
airs concerns over the postal vote**

that goes for all Aboriginal people in Australia," she said.

"It's a bit frustrating that there is a website that needs to be used to register – a lot of our people are not literate. We are not up to standard education-wise."

"I think it's all just horrible. We have an interpreter service here and we have some people who are well spoken and well educated so hopefully they can get out to community members and have translation from English to whatever language they speak."

"They have to go and vote if they want a new Prime Minister, so I think they should keep the vote simple, especially for the remote communities."

There is also concern that remote communities and town camps won't even receive their voting papers.

Tangentyere Council chief executive Walter Shaw said Aboriginal people in these remote locations are being kept out of the process.

"My registered address on the electoral roll just says Mt Nancy – no street address, no mailing address," he said. "This is the same for the majority of town camps and remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory."

To vote, people must be on the voters' roll. The non-compulsory voting forms will be mailed on September 12 and returned by October 27. The result is not binding on the Government.



# Illness linked to water

By RUDI MAXWELL



SIMPLE filters on bore water supplies in remote Western Australia could reduce rates of kidney disease and protect people from

poisoning, according to new medical research.

When Wongutha woman Annette Stokes – the chief investigator for the Western Desert Kidney Health Project – was analysing water samples from the Goldfields region she noticed unusually high levels of nitrates.

Project partner Dr Christine Jeffries-Stokes believes the nitrates, along with other naturally occurring contaminants brought up from deep bores including uranium and arsenic, are contributing to chronic disease in remote communities across Australia.

“Bore water might be millions of years old, it comes from deep underground,” she said.

“In the past people drank surface water. It’s only relatively recently that the bores have been dropped.

“One of the problems with nitrates is that they make heavy metals (including uranium and arsenic) more soluble. Nitrates are not good for you.

“The safety levels quoted are to prevent acute poisoning, and



Wongutha woman Annette Stokes, chief investigator of the Western Desert Kidney Project. Picture: Matt Scurfield

we’re seeing higher than acute poisoning levels along with chronic exposure. In many cases lifelong, acute poisoning.”

Dr Jeffries-Stokes, who has also been a paediatrician in the Goldfields for more than 20 years, said one of the rare conditions long-term exposure to nitrates can cause in infants is Blue Baby Syndrome, where the nitrates reduce the blood’s ability to carry oxygen.

She said while there had been no actual reported cases of the syndrome, because no-one knew to look for it, there could well have been undiagnosed cases.

“I think I probably have seen it, but I didn’t know what the problem was,” she said.

Dr Jeffries-Stokes and Ms



Western Desert Kidney Health Project chief investigators Dr Christine Jeffries-Stokes and Annette Stokes shows a child the kidney health story. Picture: Poppy Van Old Granger

Stokes recently presented their research to the WA Government and met with representatives to plead for inexpensive filters to address the problem.

In areas of the Pilbara and the Goldfields, the previous WA Government allowed exemptions to the safe levels of nitrates, meaning they’ve long been aware of the levels.

## “Risk of cancer”

“Chronic effects of nitrates include kidney disease, diabetes, thyroid problems and increased risk of cancer,” Dr Jeffries-Stokes said. “We know in rural and remote areas of Australia there are higher rates of cancer and we don’t really know why. Perhaps this is a factor.

“Arsenic poisoning is very difficult to test for, particularly if someone was exposed during childhood, so there’s still a lot of work to do, but we have great concerns about drinking water.”

Dr Jeffries-Stokes said that for less than the cost of dialysis for one patient for a year, the WA Government could make the water supply in a remote community safe.

“To filter water and make it safe to drink is easy and cheap,” she said. “There is a range of different options for different communities.”

After meeting with the Western Desert Kidney Health Project, the WA Government began providing bottled water for some communities through their community health clinic – but Dr Jeffries-Stokes said, while the action was welcome, it wasn’t sustainable.

“It’s not very efficient. Some places have no community health centre and people have to know about the problem to ask for it, and we haven’t seen good awareness of the problem in remote communities,” she said.

“There’s a lot we don’t know, but we do know many places are already well above the recommended safety levels and have been for years and this needs to be fixed. It’s not expensive or difficult; the technology exists.”

● Editorial, page 20

## Banned Drinker Register

## The Banned Drinker Register returns 1 September 2017

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

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# Politicians differ on indigenous rights



THE international day dedicated to upholding the rights of indigenous peoples and ending discrimination has brought differing views from federal politicians.

The International Day of the World's Indigenous People on August 9 marks 10 years since indigenous rights were enshrined in a United Nations declaration.

"The next step is enshrining an

Indigenous voice in our Constitution," Labor leader Bill Shorten said in a statement. "Because for too long our first Australians have been excluded from the nation's birth certificate."

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said it was a day to celebrate "co-designed solutions" to Indigenous issues.

"Today we celebrate the important contribution of indigenous peoples the world over and in particular our First Australians, who bring the most unique

story to our nation's history as the oldest continuing culture on the planet," he said in a Facebook post.

Following the Uluru convention recommendation for an Indigenous voice in Parliament, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said it was a "big new idea" worthy of consideration.

But crossbench senator David Leyonhjelm is no fan of the Uluru convention outcomes, saying his focus is on closing the gap.

"The Uluru convention is all about

symbolism and feelings. It's got nothing to do with practical benefits on the ground," he said.

"The idea of having a separate or consultative body just for Aborigines, or recognition in the Constitution, is inherently racist."

Fellow crossbencher Nick Xenophon said Australia needed to focus on the quality of life gaps between Indigenous and other Australians in terms of health, education and justice outcomes. — AAP



Protesters hold a banner ready for the Perth march over the death of Kalgoorlie boy Elijah Doughty.

## WA march over Elijah's killing



FAMILIES have marched through Perth to Parliament House in protest at the sentence handed down to the man who struck and killed 14-year-old Aboriginal boy Elijah Doughty.

The teenager was riding a stolen motorcycle at Gribble Creek, near Kalgoorlie, in August last year when the man, who cannot be named for legal reasons, hit him with his ute.

The 56-year-old father-of-six stood trial recently charged with manslaughter, but was convicted of the lesser offence of dangerous driving causing death, and was sentenced to three years in jail.

Hundreds of protesters last week shouted: "They call it justice. We call it murder!"

Many also held signs that read: 'Three



Marchers leave white paint handprints on the windows of Parliament House, Perth.

years dangerous driving. You call that justice?"

Others held signs that read 'Justice' and 'Murder is not a traffic offence'.

The group, which included very young children, also left white paint handprints on the

windows of Parliament House, Perth.

There was a strong police presence, including on horses, but the group remained peaceful.

Protests have been held across Australia since the sentence was handed down, and in the gold mining town of Kalgoorlie there have also been vigils for Elijah.

When the Victorian-born man was initially charged, people rioted in the street, throwing rocks and bottles at the local courthouse, police cars and officers, which highlighted racial tensions in the town.

Many Aboriginal locals at the time unsuccessfully demanded the man be charged with murder.

The WA Director of Public Prosecutions has announced there will not be an appeal against the verdict or sentence. — AAP



## Teen runs for council in Darwin



ABORIGINAL teenager Emily Ford (above) is a candidate in this Saturday's (August 26) Darwin City Council election.

The Rak Rak Nank and Marranunggu woman hopes to be elected as a representative of Lyons Ward, where she has lived for five years.

Ms Ford says she has a passion for politics and hopes to act as a voice for youth on the council.

"I've grown up in Darwin," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"It has got the youngest population of any capital city in the country. That youthful population isn't really represented on the council."

Ms Ford has been a member of the council's youth advisory committee and participated in this year's National Indigenous Youth Parliament.

She said being elected as the youngest member of Darwin Council would carry a huge weight.

"It will very likely come with a big responsibility," she said. "But I would like to represent the youth, and also give a bit more representation for Indigenous people."

Ms Ford said that along with representing the youth, she's also passionate about increasing awareness of community, looking at ways to use flora to enhance the city, and increasing the council's involvement in endorsing the local history.

"Because I am Indigenous I'm very passionate about looking after country," she said.

"I want to look at new ways of using our native plants in the city."

"I'm also really interested in looking at the different perspectives of our history. I'm interested in the perspectives of Indigenous people."



# Teenager warns on threat of suicides



AN Aboriginal teenager from Western Australia's far north who tried to take her own life twice says young people must be involved in the design

and delivery of suicide prevention programs.

The young woman from a Kimberley community gave evidence at an inquest into a cluster of suicides involving 13 Indigenous youngsters in the region over three-and-a-half years.

The teenager, who cannot be named for legal reasons, stressed that governments must listen to young people who can act as mentors for troubled kids.

"There's a lot of potential out there ... but they're not really given the chance to step up," she told WA

Coroner Ros Fogliani in Kununurra.

Rocked by a spate of deaths in her family and exposure to domestic violence, the young woman said she dropped out of high school, went on welfare and developed depression.

She said mental health experts need to be more culturally competent, adding that after her first attempt at self-harming a non-Indigenous counsellor told her to stay away from certain relatives.

"But as an Indigenous person I could never turn my back on my family," she said.

"Someone who knows, who's been through it and has come out the other end would mean so much more."

The teen has since turned her life around and is now advocating for a holistic approach to healing.

She said it's difficult for young people to access mental health

services in remote locations where stigma is still strong, and recommended home counselling visits to respect privacy.

"That's one of the reasons people don't go, because they feel ashamed," she said.

The teenager called on the WA Government to expand initiatives to get at-risk Aboriginal kids reconnected with the land and their culture.

She also wants a local youth advisory committee to set up programs for personal development and to build confidence in vulnerable children.

● **Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14.**

● **Local Aboriginal Medical Service details available from [www.bettertoknow.org.au/AMS](http://www.bettertoknow.org.au/AMS)**

**"There's a lot of potential out there ... but they're not really given the chance to step up."**

## ACT sets up review into children's care



THE ACT Government has set up an independent review into the overrepresentation of Indigenous children in out-of-home care in Canberra.

The Government says more needs to be done to keep affected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children safely at home or restore them to their birth family.

The Government says it will work with Canberra's Indigenous communities and organisations in the development of the review.

It will examine case planning for Indigenous children, or young

people known to ACT Child and Youth Protection Services.

The reviewers will work with independent experts who sit on the ACT's Child and Youth Protection Quality Assurance Improvement Committee panel, established last year as part of a \$2.47 million initiative under the ACT's Safer Families package.

The Government says it will not rush the review, with an interim report expected in a year.

The second phase of the review will start following the interim report, with a final report and recommendations to be delivered in 2019.



Albert Abdul-Rahman sits in front of the statue of Cowboys NRL star Johnathan Thurston.

## Culture to the fore at Townsville fest



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander culture was front and centre at the 23rd Townsville Cultural Fest,

held this month.

The fest, featuring a diversity of music, food, arts and culture, attracted more than 40,000 people.

Highlights included huge statues of a tradition Aboriginal didgerdoo player

and North Queensland Cowboys NRL star Johnathan Thurston.

Many Indigenous people operated stalls selling arts, crafts and food.

The theme this year was Unity in Diversity.



Shana Baluz, Elizabeth Baluz and Selena Geia at the Torres Strait Traditional Food stall.





## Exploration Licence Nos 5878, 7941 & 8267 (Act 1992)

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

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Exploration Licence No 5878 currently consists of an area of 8 units situated approximately 63 kilometres west of Tottenham, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

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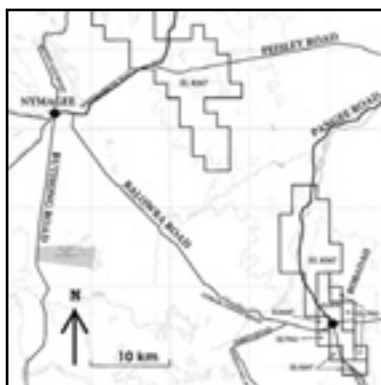
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### How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Titles Services, NSW Department of Planning and Environment, (02) 4931 6500.

### Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **6 September 2017**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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Further information may be obtained from Department of Environment and Planning (02) 4931 6500



## Elder's portrait popular



Penca Rafiqi the People's

IT was not only the facial features, but also the strength and personality of the figure in the painting that won

Choice Award in the 2017 Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Award. Ms Rafiqi's portrait of Elder Nanna Lena Cavanagh (above) was one of the smaller artworks in this year's exhibition, but the detail and accuracy captured the

hearts of the voting public and won her \$1000.

Award organiser Mark Crees praised Ms Rafiqi's work. "Her portrait of Ms Cavanagh showcases her incredible skill and finesse in portraiture," he said.

# Tourists will pay to visit



their traditional lands.

The Wunambal Gaambara Aboriginal Corporation, traditional owners of remote lands and coast in the northern Kimberley, has started charging cruise ship passengers to visit the area's spectacular waterfalls and rock art caves.

Ship and boat operators bringing in tourists are this tourist season being charged \$200 per berth, but by 2019 this will rise to \$152 for every individual visitor.

The Wunambal traditional owners said the funds would be used to help get Aboriginal people out to the remote sites so they can greet tourists, pick up rubbish and protect cultural sites.

"It's mainly to support our rangers and help the traditional owners go out on country to protect areas ... and to welcome tourists too, so they can see the rangers talk about the country and the area they're in," Wunambal Gaambara chair Catherine Goonack said.

The move follows a huge increase in cruise ship tourism in the isolated coastal area. Recent tourism figures show international visitors to WA increased by 9.1% to about 950,000 people in the year to March.

### Rubbish

The tourism boom has resulted in rock art being damaged and rubbish left on pristine beaches. As a result, traditional owners have banned tourists from many special and sacred sites.

Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said he supported the move.

"If it's Aboriginal land, you need permission to be on Aboriginal land. It's a simple as that," he said.

"If cruise companies want to access this fantastic cultural opportunity that their tourists wish to see, then they have to come to some negotiated arrangement."

Tourism operators said they were were generally supportive, but were concerned entry fees could become too costly if other traditional owner groups started charging visitors too.

"The possible implementation of separate systems, on top of the lack of clarity for operators and the potential for excessive pricing, could stymie the growth of this tourism industry," West Australian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ben Wyatt said.

"This could be detrimental to Aboriginal people, the tourism industry and visitors to our state."

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# Home detention ruled inadequate



AN Adelaide woman given home detention for faking death threats to get time off work has been taken into custody and will be re-sentenced, sparking angry scenes in court.

Tabitha Lean was given a minimum three-year home detention sentence after being found guilty with her partner of more than 45 deception charges.

But the South Australian Court of Criminal Appeal has allowed a prosecution challenge to the suspended jail term,

agreeing it was manifestly inadequate.

In a move that visibly upset Lean and her supporters, the court ordered she be taken into immediate custody before submissions on a new term this week.

The decision prompted an angry outburst at the three-judge panel from one of her supporters in court.

"What about the kids? What's happening with the children?" a man yelled at the judges. "Have you any concern for the children? You ought to be ashamed."

During the trial for Lean and her partner Simon Peisley, the District Court heard that

they orchestrated about 80 fake threats, sending them to their offices at the South Australian Aboriginal Health Service and to their home.

The scheme also involved vandalising their own house and sending parcels, containing pieces of their children's clothes stained with fake blood, to the children's school.

The couple were given time off work and a family holiday to the Gold Coast and had also negotiated a \$580,000 compensation payment before they were caught.

They were arrested after police covertly

broke into their flat and marked envelopes and paper with invisible ink. The next threat the couple received was tested with a UV light to reveal the markings the officers had made.

The trial judge ordered Peisley serve his minimum three-year term behind bars, but allowed Lean to serve hers on home detention, ruling it was best for her and her children.

But in its judgment, the appeal court ruled that the home detention order was not appropriate and would undermine the administration of justice. — AAP

## Jailed man to seek \$2.5m



GENE Gibson, the Aboriginal man who was wrongly jailed for the death of a man, will seek \$2.5 million in damages from

the Western Australian Government.

Mr Gibson, from the remote community of Kiwirrkurra, served nearly five years of a seven-and-a-half-year sentence after being convicted of the manslaughter of Josh Warneke, 21, who was bashed while walking home from a night out in Broome during 2010.

He walked free in April at the age of 25 when his conviction was overturned by the WA Court of Appeal.

The ruling was based on the fact that Mr Gibson had little education, a limited understanding of English, suffered from a cognitive impairment and therefore didn't understand what was happening during the legal process including first being interviewed by police without an interpreter.

Mr Gibson's lawyer Michael Lundberg said it was challenging coming up with a figure to reflect the years of his life lost in prisons in Perth, Geraldton and Roebourne away from his country and people.

"He's had difficulties dealing with the prison system over the last five years," Mr Lundberg said.

"Fundamentally there's no tariff on a person's life.

"What would your average West Australian regard as a fair

figure for spending five years in jail and being away from your family, your country, but also being a person who has a cognitive impairment, English as a third language and is thrust into the criminal justice system through no fault of his own?"

Mr Gibson had been unfairly and horribly mistreated and given none of the usual protections and safeguards that should have been afforded to vulnerable people such as him, Mr Lundberg said.

He said he wanted a public trustee to look after the money, with no fees imposed.

### Nomadic life

Mr Gibson had returned to a nomadic life without a fixed abode since being released and it was unclear which government agency should be supporting people such as him who had been wrongly imprisoned, Mr Lundberg said.

But he could have a bright future and had potential as a singer and musician, he said.

The search for Mr Warneke's killer goes on and the victim's mother, Ingrid Bishop, who campaigned for Mr Gibson's release, believes police have a workable theory on what happened to her son, and people in Broome know who the killer is.

Premier Mark McGowan said Attorney-General John Quigley said they will take legal advice on what the appropriate compensation would be.

"That's something that might take some time," Mr McGowan told ABC radio. — AAP



Bangarra dancers in a performance of *Bennelong*.  
Picture: Daniel Boud

## Dancers head north



THE Bangarra Dance Theatre ensemble was in the Torres Strait this month for its annual on-country

residency. Fresh from success with their latest production *Bennelong*, Bangarra dancers held workshops with youth on Thursday Island and a small group went to Mer (Murray

Island) for workshops with local students.

They also gave a free performance of Torres Strait-inspired work I.B.I.S., and took part in a cultural day with Elders.

The dancers have now resumed the *Bennelong* national tour following a record season in Sydney and Canberra.

Artistic director Stephen

Page's 24th work for Bangarra, *Bennelong*, had a sold-out five-week run at the Sydney Opera House and a solid four-show season in Canberra.

*Bennelong* will be at QPAC, Brisbane, from August 25-September 2 and the Melbourne Arts Centre from September 7-16.

More details at [www.bangarra.com.au](http://www.bangarra.com.au)



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Michael Lyons in a humpy on the site of the new tourist attraction in Narrandera.

# Tourist attraction is on mission site

By LINDSAY HAYES



NARRANDERA'S newest tourism attraction is taking shape on the site of the old Sandhills Mission where Wiradjuri families once lived in bush humpies. It is the Wiradjuri Cultural Centre, brainchild of Wiradjuri Elder and noted craftsman Michael Lyons.

Mr Lyons plans to officially open the centre, opposite his Sandhills Artefacts workshop, in December.

For years he has hosted busloads of travellers and Riverina school children on workshop tours, and lack of space prompted him to invest in a purpose-built facility to promote the Wiradjuri culture.

Lined inside and built of green Colorbond to blend in with the gumtrees, the centre features

a gallery to display Sandhills craft and original Wiradjuri artefacts, including stone axes pre-dating European arrival.

"I built the gallery because the workshop is not tourism-friendly," he said.

"There is not enough room to display paintings and craft. There will be a mix of old and new artefacts on show."

Mr Lyons said the site is significant to the Wiradjuri people.

"There were 60 humpies here in the 1960s and 70s lived in by families who the authorities relocated from Cudgel to Narrandera. My uncle Leo had his humpy where the centre is now," he said.

Like the recently-erected signs directing visitors to Sandhills Artefacts, Mr Lyons has financed the development from his own pocket. He is hoping for a grant from the Office of Environment and Heritage to offset costs.

# Racism linked to sex abuse



RACISM contributes to a heightened risk of Aboriginal children being sexually abused in institutions by separating them from the protection of strong indigenous cultures, researchers say.

The research, conducted for the Child Abuse Royal Commission, suggests a strong connection to culture can help protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from being abused in institutions.

The researchers found racism contributes to the disproportionate institutionalisation of Indigenous children in out-of-home care and juvenile justice, where the risks for sex abuse are higher.

"(It) contributes to the heightened risk of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

children being abused in those settings by separating them from the protections of ... cultures," the report said.

"In this way, strong connections to culture may be protective for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children via their role in combating racism."

### Connection

Improving connection to culture for Indigenous children in institutions and addressing systemic racism may help protect against sexual abuse and improve the safety of those children, the researchers said.

While noting no comprehensive data is available, the researchers theorised from historical evidence it is likely that Indigenous children face a heightened risk of child sexual

abuse in institutions compared with other children.

"We have highlighted the racist social attitudes that dehumanised, denigrated and sexualised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and empowered perpetrators by providing legal and social sanction to high levels of sexual and other violence committed against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," they said.

The report found Aboriginal children face more of the known risk factors for child sexual abuse in institutional settings compared with other children.

"When they are in residential institutions they also face less of the known protective factors such as connection to culture, high self-esteem, strong identity and access to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults they know and trust," it said.

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Manyallaluk School students with their letter from Essendon Football Club.

## Manyallaluk students score a royal reply



THERE were “big smiles and jumping for joy” at Manyallaluk School when students received a letter from Buckingham Palace last month.

Manyallaluk School, 100km north-east of Katherine, is using the strategy of writing letters as one way to engage students in literacy through creating authentic writing experiences.

Queen Elizabeth and Essendon AFL Club stars have been recipients of letters from primary students at Manyallaluk.

To the delight of students, they have received responses from both Mary Robinson, a Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth, and Essendon.

Manyallaluk School teaching principal Ben Kleinig said that through this activity, students have been gaining confidence in their writing skills.

“We slowly introduced letter writing last

term, and then realised its potential,” he said. “The kids chose their favourite football players, and the Queen, who is pretty popular with our students.

“Making the experience authentic with an audience beyond just the teacher and reaching a global audience gets our students excited about writing.

“Enthusiasm and excitement about writing translates into more effort, self-belief, having-a-go and more time put into writing by the kids.

“Getting a ‘real-world’ reply is its own reward and the kids love it. Imagine big smiles and lots of jumping for joy when one of these replies arrives in the mail.”

In her letter to the Queen, Year 2 student Alice wrote: “Dear Queen Elizabeth. Did you have a birthday cake? Old Mary was sitting down drinking a cup of tea watching the dogs chase a buffalo. But don’t worry, she can run fast. From Alice.”

# Call to sign property protocols



THE Red Cross is urging the Federal Government to make a commitment to protecting the country’s cultural property.

The Government has signed the Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, but not the First Protocol and Second Protocol to the Hague Convention.

Red Cross legal adviser Tara Gutman said signing these protocols would extend the Government’s commitment to protecting cultural property to times of peace, not just war times.

“It would show that we are serious about protecting our cultural artefacts and sites,” she told the *Koori Mail*.

“We are concerned about the destruction of irreplaceable cultural property. Signing the protocols allows for cultural sites to be identified and protected.

“In the case of Indigenous sacred sites, that may be difficult, because some of those sacred sites are secret.

“But it is just as important to protect these sites. We know the Burrup Peninsula (Western Australia) has been damaged in times of peace.”

Ms Gutman said safeguarding cultural

property including places like Burrup Peninsula, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and Kakadu National Park, is about respecting their importance to Indigenous culture.

“In the case of Uluru, there is tension between tour operators who want to make a profit from the rock, and the people who have an interest in protecting it for cultural value,” she said.

“Many people still do climb the rock against the wishes of the Anangu people. That’s either ignorance or failure to appreciate its sensitive cultural value.

“You would hope people are encouraged to understand and respect its significance. It should be told to people thinking of travelling to Uluru, and should be better known.

“You would hope that would deter people from climbing. The best outcome would be for it to be forbidden out of respect.”

Ms Gutman said taking steps to protect cultural heritage is important because it shows the rest of the world Australia’s commitment to safeguard these sites in peace as well as during conflict.

“These sites have great value to Australia,” she said.

“Is letting people climb the rock the best way to show that it is significant?”

**“Were concerned about the destruction of irreplaceable cultural property. Signing the protocols allows for cultural sites to be identified and protected.”**

## Violence action is welcomed



THE Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) has welcomed a new support program

which aims to reduce cases of domestic violence in Indigenous communities.

What’s Your Plan is a voluntary program being extended across 46 sites in NSW. It involves Aboriginal client and community support officers working with Aboriginal defendants to devise strategies so they do not breach apprehended domestic violence orders, including sending them SMS reminders for court dates.

Legal service chairman Bunja Smith welcomed the initiative.

“The ALS condemns any family violence and the silence that can surround it,” he said.

“We recognise just how destructive it can be in our communities.

Violence and its threat within the family, whatever the extent, can never be excused or justified.

“The ALS supports and, wherever possible, participates in community and Government

initiatives that educate communities in family violence and family violence protection measures.

“We applaud this support program and are particularly pleased that it will be delivered in a culturally safe way, through Aboriginal court support officers.

“The program is voluntary, which again is a positive step, as it is something that has not been decided for, and forced upon our clients, which is what we find often happens with Government policy.”

### Offences

Mr Smith said the legal service was still concerned that an increasing number of Aboriginal people are being charged with stalking and intimidation offences under domestic violence laws.

Recent statistics issued by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics show a 25% increase in the incarceration of Aboriginal people in NSW since 2013, with the rate of Aboriginal people jailed for stalking and intimidation offences eight times higher in 2016 than in 2012.

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

**For more information:** Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/NominationsOfStateHeritageRegister.aspx](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/NominationsOfStateHeritageRegister.aspx)

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

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##### Gee Gee Bridge over Wakool River, Noorong

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 12 September 2017. Enquiries to David Hoffman on (02) 9873 8582 or david.hoffman@environment.nsw.gov.au.

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# Fair turnout for art



**ARTIST and arts worker Corban Clause Williams and artist Billy Yunkurra Atkins, from Martumili Arts Centre, Newman, in Western Australia's East Pilbara, surrounded by art for sale and even wearing art at the 2017 Darwin Aboriginal Arts Fair (DAAF) held this month. The three-day event attracted more than 2000 artists from 66 arts centres, and with over 10,000 people through the door to buy art, learn, network, participate in workshops and watch performances, it has been hailed as the biggest DAAF yet. This year the fair had a packed calendar including a fashion parade, speakers panel, curators symposium and film gala. See our next edition, out on September 6, for more from the art fair. Our fashion at the fair report is on page 27 of this edition. Picture: Jillian Mundy**

# Call to respect rights of kids



**PEOPLE** have been urged to remember and respect Aboriginal children's rights to their culture.

The call came from Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec) chief executive Tim Ireland on International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

AbSec is the peak body in NSW for Aboriginal children and families.

Established by the United Nations, the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is marked on August 9. This year, countries around the world commemorated the 10th anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

"Many Australians still don't know that Indigenous peoples' rights to practise and perpetuate their culture are protected in the declaration," Mr Ireland said.

"The declaration also calls for particular attention to the rights of children, and for special measures to protect children against discrimination.

**"And we're still lagging behind when it comes to the self-determination and equality of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples." – AbSec's Tim Ireland**



"Australia didn't actually sign the declaration when it was made 10 years ago – it took us until 2009 to endorse it. And we're still lagging behind when it comes to the self-determination and equality of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"In theory, Australians respect that Aboriginal children have a right to live in their culture. But in practice, today Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids are being removed from their families roughly 9.5 times more than non-Indigenous children.

"When our children are torn from their families and communities, they lose cultural connections that are central to their sense of identity. And our culture – a

proud culture that has survived for tens of thousands of years – loses a precious member of its next generation."

AbSec advocates for Aboriginal organisations to be entrusted with the care of Aboriginal children in care, and for children to maintain close connections with their relatives and communities, with a view to returning home whenever this is safe. The organisation also calls for greater investment in early intervention strategies, providing support to children and families before they reach a crisis point.

"No child should be made to choose between their safety and their culture. We owe it to all children to provide both," Mr Ireland said.



# Rangers hold talks



INDIGENOUS rangers from across northern Australia were in Western Australia's Kimberley region this month for a three-day forum.

Hosted by the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) together with the Federal Department of Agriculture, the Kimberley Ranger Forum had a focus on biosecurity, recognising the increasing role

Indigenous rangers play protecting the environment as well as maintaining culture. About 400 rangers from 60 groups gathered at Pender Bay, on Bardi Jawi country, for the talks.

KLC chief executive Nolan Hunter said the success of the Indigenous ranger program is based on its strong link to people's cultural values and their native title rights and interests.

"For over a decade Indigenous rangers have cared for country and

culture," he said. "Now, more than ever, their work is having an impact, not only in their own communities, but all over Australia."

With more than 10,000km of coastline, islands and river inlets across northern Australia, Indigenous rangers are on the frontline to protect Australia's biosecurity. Their work helps safeguard Australia from biosecurity pests and diseases that could have a significant impact on

agriculture industries, environment and human health. Rangers have helped find and deal with potential biosecurity threats, such as citrus pests, exotic ants and other animal and plant pests and diseases.

They also help collect data to prove that Australia does not have specific pests and diseases that exist in other countries.

● **Pictured: Indigenous rangers at Pender Bay in the Kimberley.**



## My grandson's career is good for his family

Grace wanted to know how supportive the Air Force would be when her grandson, Coomara, decided to have children of his own. Now he has a young family she's found out how flexible the Air Force can be.

But that wasn't the only thing she discovered. In fact, the Air Force offers job security and is supportive of all backgrounds, cultures and beliefs.

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# Knowledge centre for Woorabinda



**WOORABINDA** in central Queensland now has a new Indigenous Knowledge Centre (IKC).

The centre, one of 25 IKCs from Cherbourg to the Torres Strait, includes a library and space to learn digital skills and study family history.

It joins more than 325 public libraries in Queensland after its recent opening during NAIDOC Week.

Woorabinda IKC

coordinator Douglas Graham said a ceremony and festivities were held to mark the opening.

Mr Douglas and his support officer Anthony Jarrett are the only two male IKC workers in Queensland.

State Libraries of Qld's Louise Denoon said IKCs were a real asset to communities.

"IKCs are free, they're welcoming to all and they're accessible, and that's what is the value about them," she said.



Woorabinda IKC workers Anthony Jarrett and Douglas Graham.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community network and information meeting

### Northern Sydney District

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# Tasmania gets new council



**ABORIGINAL** Tasmanians hope the creation of a reconciliation body in the state can bridge divides and open a truthful dialogue about the nation's history. With the launch of the Reconciliation Council of Tasmania, the state became the final jurisdiction to have a body of that kind.

Senior Aboriginal man Rodney Dillon shared his close connection with country at a ceremony in Hobart this month.

"Our people were property owners, our people owned the waters," he said.

"Now we don't own much of the property and none of the waters.

"This is a starting point to turn these things around to make a better future for our people.

"We need to talk about the truth of history in this country and we don't do that well."

Tasmania was the final state to amend its Constitution in recognition of its First People, while in December Aboriginal Tasmanians were officially recognised as the state's original inhabitants.

Mr Dillon, who is the co-chair of the Tasmanian Regional Aboriginal Community Alliance, said he hoped the council would move beyond symbolism.

"Over the next 10 years we want to see Aboriginal organisations get more resources and sharing



Rodney Dillon speaks at the opening of the council.

those resources," he said.

"It could be access to oceans, access to growing things and building tourism ventures.

"It's a bridge to start some of those things."

Improving Indigenous health, housing and education is at the top of the council's list, convenor Bill Lawson said.

Mr Lawson said he'd received more than 180 applications of interest for positions on the council, which will include six Aboriginal and six non-Aboriginal directors. "We've just launched the ship and need to get it out to sea," he said.

Liberal Premier Will Hodgman, Labor Opposition Leader Rebecca White and the Greens' Cassy O'Connor all pledged to work with the council. - AAP



**Premier & Cabinet**

## Policy Role Opportunities at NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet

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DPC is committed to ensuring the sector reflects the NSW community it serves. Through building a talent pipeline, we hope to double the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in senior leadership roles by 2025.

Our head office is on Gadigal Land and we acknowledge the Traditional Owners; their history, culture and Elders.

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DPC aim to make all roles flexible. We encourage you to speak to us about the possibility of flexible, part-time, or job share roles.

**Applications Close: 3 September 2017, 11:59 pm**

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## Port Power's excellent plan



**A NEW** Centre for Aboriginal Excellence and Leadership is planned for Port Adelaide. It will be built by Power

Community Ltd, the independent community development

organisation of the Port Adelaide Football Club, with \$4 million in funding from the Federal Government. Port Adelaide Football Club's Keith Thomas said the construction of a dedicated space for Aboriginal education is an objective of the club's Reconciliation Action Plan.



# Action urged on sentences



THE number of Indigenous people serving short prison sentences in NSW could be cut by 500 a year if offenders were instead placed on intensive correction orders, the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research says.

Locking up Aboriginal people for minor offences has contributed to Indigenous imprisonment rates in NSW climbing 25% between 2013 and 2016, Census figures show.

Bureau director Don Weatherburn said intensive correction orders are rarely given for the sorts of offences that have driven recent increases in Indigenous imprisonment in NSW.

"It's to be hoped reforms currently under way to increase the use of intensive correction orders have the effect of reducing the rate of Indigenous imprisonment in NSW," he said.

The bureau says new research suggests the number of Aboriginal people being jailed for offences like stalking and intimidating reflects changes to policing rather than an increase in actual



**NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research director Don Weatherburn.**

incidences of those crimes being committed.

It found the number of Indigenous people jailed in NSW for stalking and intimidation was more than eight times higher in 2016 than it had been in 2011.

The Law Society of NSW president Pauline Wright said reforms were urgently needed to allow for a greater use of intensive correction orders and home detention, where appropriate, particularly in

regional and remote areas.

"Many Indigenous people are spending short periods in jail needlessly, putting them at risk and doing nothing for deterrence," she said.

"We need to increase engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to develop more culturally appropriate support for Indigenous offenders and victims."

Ms Wright said the NSW Government should remove most offences that currently exclude an offender from intensive correction orders.

"More drug and alcohol rehabilitation centres and resources for diversionary and early intervention programs could put people on a better path," she said.

"Drug courts are proven to be more effective at reducing crime than imprisonment.

"They also mean the families of addicted offenders can look forward to a brighter future with their loved ones while the community benefits from longer-term savings to the health and justice systems."

## Kalgoorlie Gem



**MODEL Arwen Steinnokel on the runway at Kalgoorlie Fashion Week. She's wearing an outfit designed by Aboriginal woman Vattessa Colbung, whose Kalgoorlie-based Desert Gem designs business is flourishing in Western Australia's Goldfields region.**

**Ms Colbung has some big plans for the future. See our report in the Business section on page 40.**



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## APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The Northern Territory Government is pleased to announce the 2017 Aboriginal Ranger Grants are now open.

Rangers can apply for funding to help with capital items, land management or conservation projects.

The Grants will give rangers the tools and resources they need when working on country and help them protect country and culture.

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## IS YOUR COUNCIL HAVING AN ELECTION?

**The second round of NSW Council Elections are  
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Not all councils are having elections as around half had their elections  
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**Local Land  
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### Aboriginal Grants Program 2017-18

Greater Sydney Local Land Services is pleased to announce its Aboriginal Grants program  
for 2017-18 is now open. Grants of up to \$30,000 are available to Aboriginal Community  
Groups, organisations and individuals operating or living in the Greater Sydney Region.

This funding is provided through the Australian Government's National Landcare  
Programme and the NSW Government's Catchment Action programme for projects that  
meet at least one of the objectives listed below:

- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage projects where traditional knowledge and practices  
are valued, shared and integrated into sustainable natural resource management  
in caring for Country
- Increase the skills and capacity of Aboriginal people, Aboriginal landcare groups and  
Aboriginal enterprises to undertake natural resource management works including on  
lands owned or managed by Aboriginal organisations
- Plan and implement natural resource management works to improve the condition of  
native vegetation and habitats on sites of significance to local communities
- Plan and implement on-ground works by local communities to manage threats to  
Cultural Heritage sites

Eligible groups, organisations and individuals are encouraged to apply for funding. Project  
proposals should be submitted as an Expression of Interest to Greater Sydney Local Land  
Services, to the contacts shown below.

Please contact Greater Sydney Local Land Services with any queries or to discuss a  
project proposal.

Applications close at **5pm, Friday 29 September 2017**. Expression of Interest form  
available on request.

Contact either:  
Margaret Bottrell  
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Women get  
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# Women's craft group gets healthy turnout



ABORIGINAL  
women are  
using the  
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Regional  
Aboriginal  
Medical Service  
(GRAMS) to hone their  
artistic skills. Women from  
Western Australia's mid-west  
meet at GRAMS three times  
each week to make items  
ranging from wreaths and  
quilts to bunting and bags.  
GRAMS chief officer  
Deborah Woods said all  
Indigenous women,  
regardless of their artistic

ability, were welcome at the  
craft sessions.

"The craft group is a lovely  
way for Indigenous women to  
come together, to not only be  
creative but also to enjoy the  
camaraderie of working  
together creatively," she said.

### "Real benefits"

"There are real social and  
mental health benefits in  
bringing people together to  
enjoy each other's company  
while working on something  
creative and productive.

"Aside from the  
satisfaction in producing

craftwork, we also enjoy all  
sorts of conversations, from  
sometimes deep and  
profound topics, to the  
outright hilarious."

Ms Woods said women  
who were not into craft were  
also welcome to attend to  
help produce a hot soup.

Anyone who takes part  
must first have completed a  
full women's health check,  
get their flu shots and also  
have a GRAMS care plan.

For more information, or to  
donate goods for the classes,  
contact Felicity Mourambine  
on 0484 138 155.

# Campaigner wins praise



ABORIGINAL  
rights activist and  
anti-nuclear  
campaigner the  
late Yami Lester  
was a man who  
overcame

personal tragedy to serve his  
community and who opened  
Australia's eyes to injustice,  
political leaders say.

Best known for his struggle  
to clean-up the site of the  
1950s British nuclear testing  
at Maralinga in South  
Australia's north, Mr Lester  
was farewelled at a state  
funeral this month, with a large  
group of mourners gathering on  
the Anangu Pitjantjatjara  
Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in  
the north of SA.

"He will be revered for rising  
from personal tragedy to serve  
his community and to lead  
his people to ensure that they  
were recognised and their  
wrongs addressed," Prime

Minister Malcolm Turnbull told  
Parliament.

The activist, who died late  
last month at the age of 75, was  
left blind as a young man by the  
atomic testing, an episode of  
Australian history Opposition  
Leader Bill Shorten called a  
"bleak chapter" in the history of  
wrongs perpetrated against  
Aboriginal people.

"In the years that followed  
there were many who would  
have preferred to flip past those  
pages and averted their gaze,"  
Mr Shorten said.

### "Opened eyes"

"It was he, blinded by black  
mist, who opened Australian  
eyes to the injustice that had  
been done."

Mr Lester was awarded the  
Medal of the Order of Australia  
for his services to Indigenous  
affairs and worked on land  
rights issues across SA and the  
Northern Territory.

His work to have the  
Maralinga bomb sites cleaned  
up helped establish the  
McClelland Royal Commission  
and subsequent compensation  
for those affected.

His daughter Karina said  
people travelled from across  
the country for the funeral at  
Walatina, with SA Premier Jay  
Weatherill and Opposition  
Leader Steven Marshall among  
those to attend.

"This really is a sad day  
but a day to celebrate this  
wonderful man," Ms Lester told  
ABC radio.

Mr Weatherill said Mr Lester  
was a man of immense  
standing and dignity.

"Stockman and statesman,  
advocate and activist, husband,  
father and grandfather – Yami  
Lester was all these things and  
more," the premier said.

"We'll miss his storytelling,  
his generosity of spirit, his  
kindness, his warmth." – AAP





Australian Defence Force Indigenous soldiers Corporal Anne Dufficy and Private Daniel Leedie.

## ADF sights on recruits



THE Australian Defence Force (ADF) has launched a new recruitment campaign, focusing on culturally and linguistically diverse members.

A series of videos titled *The ADF Surprised Us* features ADF personnel from different backgrounds serving in various fields. Royal Australian Air Force

sergeant Coomera Munro shares his story alongside his grandmother in one of the short videos.

Sgt Munro said working on the campaign was a way to give back to the RAAF, which has been good to him.

"It was an awesome experience," the Gumbaynggirr man told the *Koori Mail*. "I was proud to represent my people and have my nan beside me. I left school and got a job

in the ADF. I didn't know if there would be other Indigenous people here.

"If other young Indigenous people can see me in this campaign, they might be more likely to join."

### Self-reflection

Sgt Munro said it was a good project for self-reflection.

"It was amazing to have that opportunity to self-reflect because I didn't realise what

an impact the continued support of my Nan had on me until I sat down to tell my story," he said.

Sgt Munro said he had long wanted to be in the RAAF, and he encourages other young people to join.

"I used to collect cards of planes," he said. "They'd have their stats from World War II.

"If there's any other people thinking of joining up, I'd say just give it a go!"

# Expansion for Mallee service



IN just four years, Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) has doubled the programs it delivers and increased its Aboriginal staff by 45%. The expansion of the Mallee's peak Aboriginal body, along with growth in client numbers and stronger community engagement, has been highlighted in a review by consulting firm Rapid Impact.

MDAS chief officer Rudolph Kirby said the review vindicated the work of staff across the organisation in building the trust of community in delivering health and family services.

"It is only by delivering services the community feels safe to engage with that we can achieve these sorts of results," he said.

"Services that are culturally-appropriate are the starting point, and that's why we've concentrated on building our numbers of Koori staff, in particular."

The review found a 33% increase in the number of clients receiving health



MDAS chair Keith Hampton.

services, with almost 4000 individual clients now registered at Mildura, Swan Hill and Kerang. Family Services delivered by MDAS had also grown, from under 2000 client contact hours in

2013 to almost 9000 hours in 2017.

MDAS, a national finalist in the National Indigenous Governance Awards, recorded a 200% increase in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health checks.

MDAS chairman Keith Hampton said the review was a welcome indication that the organisation was on the right track to making inroads into the disadvantage gap for Aboriginal people in the Mallee.

"We wanted to lead the way in becoming an organisation that will make change possible for our mob," he said. "We've known from the beginning, when we started this process more than four years ago, that we had a lot to do. We still have a lot to do.

"But we have made a good start and people are engaging with us to access all of the services and support we have.

"That will start to benefit people in the long term with the benefits that better health and lifestyle choices bring – but more importantly it invests in turning around the opportunities and outcomes for the next generation."

## Commissioner to step down



AUSTRALIA'S first Indigenous children's commissioner has signalled his intention to step down from the role.

Victorian Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People Andrew Jackomos will not seek reappointment when his current term ends in June 2018, the State Government has announced.

Mr Jackomos was appointed to the role in 2013, in response to the increasing rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care or in the youth justice system across the state.

He founded and was director of Victoria's Koori Justice Unit before taking on the commissioner's role, and has more than 30 years of experience in Indigenous policy.

The Government is expected to advertise soon for a replacement. – AAP

## Stage is set for Yolngu Radio



YOLNGU Radio Rirrakay Mala is planning more cultural productions across east Arnhem Land homelands thanks to a donation for a new mobile stage.

Not-for-profit development group Developing East Arnhem Limited (DEAL) is contributing up to \$100,000 for the stage – a modified container to be fitted with lighting and air conditioning.

Yolngu Radio, which has been broadcasting for the past 10 years, has a studio in Darwin as well as Nhulunbuy, where the mobile stage will be based.

The station employs more than 20 Indigenous people and provides services to the region's tourism industry, including Outback Spirit tours.

In addition to the mobile stage, DEAL funding has also enabled the purchase of specialist event lighting.

## Awabakal pair run Carnivale



AN Awabakal (NSW) mother-daughter team is hosting Australia's Grande Country Carnivale in Roma, Queensland.

The week-long festival will take place from October 16-22.

Organiser Jacque Leigh, working with her mother Michelle, said Carnivale is about celebrating community, and coming together as Australians.

As well as parades, performances, country music shows, family activities, stalls, local historic tours, competitions and exhibitions, there will also be an attempt during the week to set a world record for the longest single line dance.

The record attempt will also be a fundraiser for LifeFlight.

More details on the event at [www.thegrandecountrycarnivale.com](http://www.thegrandecountrycarnivale.com)

## NT communities set to benefit



REMOTE communities in the Northern Territory are set to benefit from a program to install mobile phone and fixed broadband services.

Manyallaluk and Barunga now have services under a joint program between the NT Government and Telstra. And Santa Teresa, Kaltukatjara, Minyerri and Yarralin are also scheduled to receive mobile phone and fixed broadband services before the end of the year.

NT MP for Arnhem Selena Uibo said the agreement with Telstra has been integral to the Government's pursuit of reliable telecommunications infrastructure in remote communities.



## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



## A Yarn With...



### Clarissa Mamarika

Bush Medijina (native produce) salesperson

Groote Eylandt (Anindilyakwa), NT

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Mullet, green plum.

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**Favourite drink?**  
Strawberry cordial.

**Favourite music?**  
Pop music and classical.

**Favourite sport?**  
Playing basketball when I was a kid, and now with my niece and nephews.

**Favourite read?**  
The *Aboriginal Dictionary*.

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
Darwin. I go there in July and at Christmas.

**What do you like on TV?**  
Action movies and funny shows.

**What do you like in life?**  
Playing stereo.

**What don't you like in life?**  
Problems.

**Which black or indigenous person would you most like to meet?**  
My Aunt Judith, who lives in Umbakumba (Groote Eylandt).

**Which people would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
My partner Leonston, my elder sister Kerstal and her partner Campson, and my neice and nephew Zianna and Reon.

**What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?**  
We have to teach our children our Aboriginal culture so they grow up to be strong and healthy, and find a job for their future.

## Quote



**"We need to talk about the truth of history in this country and we don't do that well."**

– Senior Tasmanian Aboriginal man  
Rodney Dillon

● See page 17

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## Water danger must be fixed

**I**f Perth's drinking water had high levels of contaminants, you can bet the Western Australian Government wouldn't hesitate to fix it – especially if the solution was cheap and effective.

But it seems there's no urgency when it comes to addressing high levels of toxins in the water supply of remote communities in WA.

Our alarming report on page 7 tells of the real threat being posed in those communities because residents now have to drink bore water.

Investigators from the Western Desert Kidney Health Project have found unusually high levels of nitrates in that bore water. And, as project partner Dr Christine Jeffries-Stokes puts it so succinctly, "Nitrates are not good for you." Apparently they make heavy metals – dangerous things like arsenic and uranium – more soluble.

Dr Jeffries-Stokes has been a paediatrician in the WA Goldfields for more than 20 years, so she knows a thing or two about the local area and people. She had this to say: "We're seeing higher than acute poisoning levels along with chronic exposure. In many cases lifelong, acute poisoning."

The good news is the water problems can be addressed quite simply with inexpensive filters.

"To filter water and make it safe to drink is easy and cheap," Dr Jeffries-



## OUR SAY

Stokes says. "There is a range of different options for different communities."

Easy and cheap. Two words politicians and public servants just love to hear.

But no. After hearing about the problem what has the WA Government done? Provided some bottled water for some communities.

As Dr Jeffries-Stokes says, while the action might be welcome, it's far from sustainable.

Let's sum it up.

People are drinking dangerous water that leads to poisoning and disease – even death.

There's a simple solution. It's easy and it's cheap.

Not a lot's getting done.

Come on WA Premier Mark McGowan and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ben Wyatt (who incidentally is an Aboriginal man).

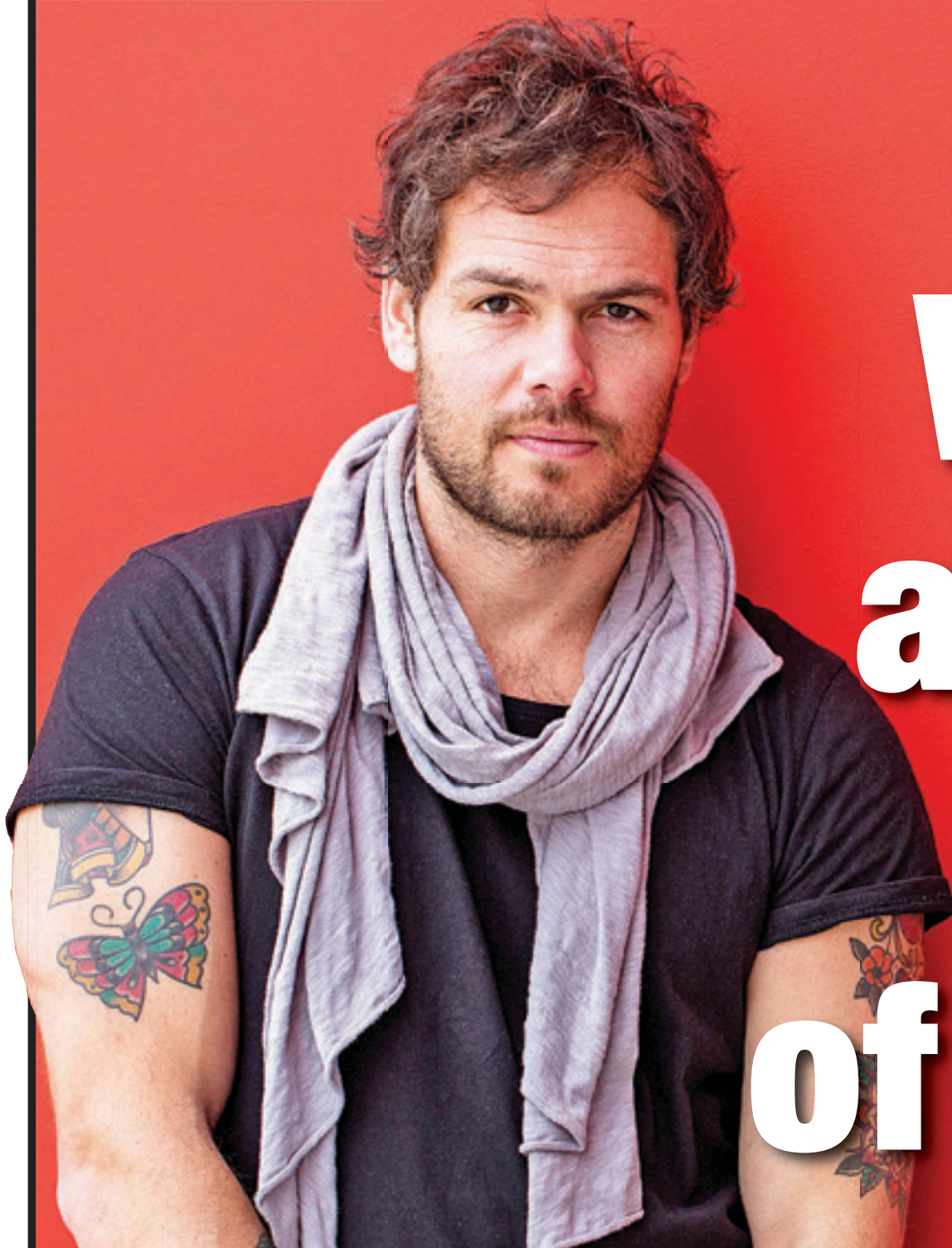
It's not rocket science. People – your people – are at risk.

Fix this problem.

## Koori Mail – 100% Aboriginal-owned

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





# Benny Walker and the power of music

By JILLIAN MUNDY

**J**UST like his music, singer songwriter Benny Walker (pictured above) comes across as honest, deep, soulful, engaging and easygoing.

While the 32-year-old Yorta Yorta man's star has been rising steadily over the past decade, he actually began honing his craft as a child.

And he has no intention of stopping any time soon, with a single and EP about to be launched and a Victorian regional tour on the way.

It's not fame, fortune or notoriety that drives the hard-working and talented musician, but rather a desire to connect through the power of music.

And, he says, his smaller audiences are just as important as the bigger ones.

"Being from a country town, there's something about regional touring I really enjoy," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"Growing up in Euchca, there wasn't a lot of live music.

"It's nice to take that to different towns. A lot of those towns crave something a bit different to your standard cover bands and DJs.

"I want to play to as many people as possible. I want to play big shows too, but not because I want to get paid more.

"For me it comes from a different place, from a place of wanting to share stories I've written.

"I've had a taste of how people can connect with music and I know how I connect with music.

"Everyone goes through similar things, everyone has the same worries."

Walker's chart-topping *Oh No You Don't* is about his struggles with anxiety.

Walker says making music has been therapeutic, and he has been touched by feedback from fans saying it has been therapeutic for them.

"It has reaffirmed the power of honest music," he says.

"Writing a song is really fulfilling, going to the studio can be really inspiring, and walking out on stage and playing the songs is a real sense of freedom.

"All the way from (writing) to the studio and back out on stage, with those songs, every step of the way is (therapeutic). It's a real moment of feeling free; you get to pour all those things out.

"And if I can give someone three-and-a-half minutes of release, or relief, from being in that head space, I'm happy to put myself out there in that way because I know how hard it can be."

Walker describes his about-to-be-released single *Ghost* as "an ode to all the greedy, power-hungry, shortsighted people trying to stuff up our world".

The title derives its name from the Buddhist concept of a being that is driven by greedy and selfish desires.

"It came from thinking about being free from old white men in power," he said.

"People have this incredible appetite for getting more and more and more and more and no one seems to be getting any happier from money and material things.

"And the harm it has caused to others and those people that get trodden on, I find it very frustrating.

"I kind of want to grab people by the shirt and just shake them and wake them up a bit, and show them they're never going to fill a void through accruing things and money."

## Bank teller

One of Walker's first jobs out of school was a three-year stint as a Westpac bank teller. Working nine to five, Monday to Friday, he says he saw that a person's bank balance had no correlation with their apparent happiness.

It was this disenchantment with the industry that helped him take the leap toward resigning and following his dreams.

Walker has been a fulltime musician

for a decade now, albeit with a few casual jobs in the early days to keep food on the table.

"It is the best thing I ever did," he says.

"I get to do something I love. I get paid to do something I would do for free anyway. I would sit at home and play guitar anyway. It's just in a different capacity."

Walker grew up surrounded by music. Both his grandfathers are musicians. One of them still plays pedal steel guitar at age 87, while the other was a jazz saxophonist. Walker's dad plays guitar. And then there's his mum's record collection, filled with blues, country and jazz, which she has since given to him.

## Ear for music

When Walker started piano lessons at age eight he discovered his ear for music. Rather than reading the sheet music he would play by ear what his teacher had demonstrated moments before.

But it was a cassette of Nirvana's *Unplugged in New York* his aunty gave him a couple of years later that was a pivotal point.

"Dad had showed me enough chords. I pretty much sat in front of the stereo with a guitar and learnt that whole album," he said.

Then came an Eric Clapton cassette.

"This guy was playing blues, but he's also doing this singer songwriter stuff that I found really interesting, and then he played kind of almost classical-flavoured stuff. Clapton had the biggest effect on me early on," Walker says.

It is hard to attach a genre to Walker's music. Some songs are mellow and soulful, others blues or rock 'n' roll, and some a touch of country.

As a teenager he had stints playing guitar in metal, punk and rock bands, usually with older band members.

At one point he teamed up with his

sister and kids in the neighbourhood to form a band, winning top gong at the local talent quest.

Walker's first attempts at songwriting were poetry, usually penned in the St Joseph's College (Echuca) 'referral' room – some thing similar to a detention room. He soon went on to combine his music and poetry.

"I love a well-crafted song; something I am always working on is becoming a better songwriter," he says.

"I am open to writing whatever I am feeling."

Walker also recorded tracks on cassette tapes, and a few years later cut an early demo, *No Cares*, when a friend offered him cheap studio time.

But it's unlikely there'll be an any 'unearthed' releases.

"It's so lame. I'd like to dig a big hole and put them all in there," Walker says of his early recordings.

These days he has three tours of Canada, countless festival performances and Australian gigs, two number ones on the AMRAP charts, four NIMA 2016 nominations and the Best Aboriginal Talent award at *The Age Music Victoria Awards* under his belt.

Then there's three albums and an EP, and there's likely to be plenty more to come.

"I can't think of a more enjoyable way of making a living," Walker says.

"I love it. It's great to be able play music for a living, to create, to play with my band, play solo to people. I couldn't think of anything better."

The single *Ghost* will be available on Monday (August 28) and a new EP *Under Cover* is set to be released on September 15, with a free in-store performance at Basement Discs in Melbourne, followed by a regional tour of Victoria with his solo show *Wine, Woman and Soul*. Details are available at [bennywalkermusic.com](http://bennywalkermusic.com)



## NT service for Dr G Yunupingu



THE Northern Territory Government will hold a memorial service for Yolngu singer the late Dr G Yunupingu.

Chief Minister Michael Gunner said Dr Yunupingu will be officially farewelled with a

Memorial Service on September 19 at the Darwin Convention Centre.

"The service will be a celebration of his life and a tribute to a remarkable man and Territorian," he said.

"The service will give Territorians an opportunity to reflect, remember and rejoice in the life of a true musical icon."

Dr Yunupingu, born blind, became one of Australia's most treasured artists. He rose to fame with Yothu Yindi before enjoying extensive solo success. He was an ARIA award-winning artist, selling more than half a million albums.

Dr Yunupingu died aged 46 after a long battle with chronic illness.

## Expulsions rise at Vic schools



AT least 14 Indigenous students were expelled from Victorian government schools in 2016.

New figures from the Victorian Ombudsman show a rise in expulsions, with 278 Victorian students expelled last year, 232 of them in high school and 221 male.

The Ombudsman's report, tabled in Parliament, said disruptive behaviour of children in classrooms is frequently rooted in trauma, disability or mental health and that early intervention is vital. Statistics also show that 60% of those expelled have challenging home lives, and 72 cases were linked to drugs.

The report made eight recommendations, including limiting expulsions for students under the age of eight, all of which have been supported by the Government.

## Qld native title appeal rejected



A FEDERAL Court decision to reject the Turrbal-Yugara native title claim over the greater Brisbane area has been upheld.

An application lodged in 1998 on behalf of the Turrbal people and a subsequent 2011 claim by the Yugara people, which were combined two years later, were refused by the Federal Court in 2015.

Appeals lodged by the Turrbal and Yugara people in relation to that decision have now been dismissed.

The applicants claimed native title on the basis of their descent from Aboriginal people who once lived in the area.

## Services to help with violence



NEW services will be introduced in Victoria's justice system to help Aboriginal people facing family violence.

The State Government says a total of \$32.1 million will be allocated to expand existing programs and provide new services, most of which will be delivered by Aboriginal organisations.

Included is \$11.4 million for more prevention, early intervention and diversion programs for Aboriginal communities and \$11 million to help fund the Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service and the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service to provide culturally appropriate family violence legal services to Aboriginal communities.



Awabakal directors and local Elders attend the 40th anniversary celebration in Newcastle.

# Celebrations for Awabakal



Auntie June Rose is wrapped in the Aboriginal flag at the Awabakal celebration.



Singer Casey Donovan is a hit at the 40th anniversary dinner.



MAJOR Hunter Valley Indigenous health and community organisation Awabakal has

celebrated its 40th anniversary, with about 400 people attending a dinner in Newcastle which featured Aboriginal performer Casey Donovan.

Community members, local businesses and government representatives came together with some of Awabakal's founding families at the event to take a walk down memory lane and celebrate how far the organisation has come.

Chief officer Raylene Gordon said the event was an opportunity to give back to a community that has given so much to Awabakal.

### "Achievement"

"Forty years is an incredible achievement and there have been so many individuals and families who have helped the organisation over the years to make it what it is today," she said.

"It was wonderful that we were able to recognise and acknowledge their contribution in front of so many important people in our community.

"We had some great speeches throughout the night with some of our Elders sharing their memories with us, and on top of that we had so many great entertainers including the amazing Casey Donovan, Street Warriors, Nu Roads and Jacob Ridgeway.

"I would like to thank everyone who joined us for the event, to our board of directors for helping bring the event to life, to those who supported us behind the scenes and to everyone in our community who has played a part in the growth of Awabakal over the last 40 years.

"I look forward to celebrating many more successes in the years to come."



## New ATSIEB congratulated

I CONGRATULATE the members of the ACT's new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body (ATSIEB).

It was pleasing to have seen so many members of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community seek election and I'm looking forward to working with all of those who were elected.

I'm particularly pleased to see Katrina Fanning elected by her colleagues as chairperson and wish her every success.

Katrina is held in the highest respect by the local Aboriginal community and has a wealth of experience in the ACT in the development and implementation of Indigenous policy. Her drive, commitment and experience will be invaluable.

I personally know each of the seven members of the Elected Body and hold them in high regard. I believe that each of them has the capacity to make a very significant contribution in ensuring that the needs of the

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community are kept at the forefront of Government thinking and policy.

I look forward in particular to working with Ross Fowler who has agreed to accept responsibility for health-related issues and also with Caroline Hughes who will be responsible for the broad range of issues that falls within community services, which are also of fundamental importance to Winnunga Nimmityjah and the Aboriginal community.

Both Ross and Caroline have well-established reputations as hard-working and effective managers and advocates and I am truly encouraged by the fact that they have volunteered to be responsible for these important and complex areas of administration.

**JULIE TONGS**  
Chief executive officer  
Winnunga Nimmityjah  
Aboriginal Health and  
Community Services Ltd  
Canberra, ACT

## We don't support this cashless welfare card

YAMATJI Marpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) is the Native Title Representative Body for the traditional owners of the Pilbara, Midwest, Murchison, and Gascoyne regions of Western Australia.

YMAC represents 24 native title claim groups and supports a further eight native title prescribed body corporate (PBC) organisations, and provides legal services to other related entities. In total, YMAC's remit represents one-third of WA's total land mass and includes regional towns from Geraldton to Port Hedland and into the desert.

The YMAC board of directors are representatives of Aboriginal native title claim groups, PBCs, corporations and communities across WA.

The YMAC board does not support the cashless welfare card being promoted by (WA mining magnate) Andrew Forrest because it unfairly discriminates against Aboriginal people.

The Minderoo Foundation video displaying footage of Aboriginal violence is presented out of context, and suggests that this is the expectation that the wider Australian community should have of Aboriginal people. It is an attempt to dismantle Aboriginal culture.

The negative imagery is not in any way a fair representation of the way Aboriginal people conduct themselves.

The video targets vulnerable people and unfairly exploits them. It perpetuates a racist

stereotype that is held within the non-Aboriginal community that these people cannot be trusted to manage their own affairs.

This propaganda is damaging to the good work that many are doing to build positive relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

The Minderoo Foundation video demeans people in a shallow attempt at promoting a solution that is known to be ineffective and promotes a wider divide between our citizens.

### Dictatorial

The type of dictatorial approach in addressing Aboriginal issues is an archaic way of dealing with the relationship.

In support of Senator Patrick Dodson's comments, regional WA towns are not 'war zones' and the people who live there should be treated with respect.

We need community buy-in to develop strategies to deal with the factors that make communities fail. The goal has to be to make them flourish with incentives rather than condemn them and reduce them to dependence and constant surveillance.

Does Andrew Forrest have the authority of Elders to advocate the cashless welfare card?

As the peak representative body for over one million square kilometres of country in the affected regions discussed, YMAC has yet to be consulted, and as board members who live

on country, with an ear to the ground we have not heard of any widespread consultation taking place.

Taking into account the trials that have been conducted, there has been no definitive evidence that the card will solve the issues it was intended to on a wider audience. In fact, evidence has been presented at the inquest into Aboriginal youth suicide in north-west WA that the cashless welfare card contributed to the problems of violence and mental health.

The YMAC board welcomes the opportunity for consultation and collaboration with Andrew Forrest, The Minderoo Foundation and the Australian Government.

Together we can design and implement solutions that are consistent with Aboriginal people's need for self-determination and the right to pursue self-developed solutions.

As our YMAC chief executive Simon Hawkins states, "... YMAC and the Australian public need to see the data from the trial of the program to determine the merits of the cashless card, not just selective evidence from a few individuals. Broader consultation with the Aboriginal communities likely to be impacted by the program is needed to empower Aboriginal people to make informed choices on these matters."

**NATALIE PARKER and PETER WINDIE**  
Co-chairs of YMAC  
Western Australia

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## POETRY

### Why should I acknowledge the Union Jack?

As an Aboriginal person, why should I be proud of the Union Jack? It represents what we despise, of never getting our country back.

My people were first massacred, in the frontier wars  
From the day the British set foot, on our shores.

The British proclaimed Aboriginal Australia, as Terra Nullius land, To legitimise their theft, from the highest command.

The lucky country they say, only lucky for some

Our tribulations stem from many losing their Mum.

Our land, our culture, our sense of worth

Destined for a life of despair, from the day of birth.

Gathered up like sheep, that's all the British saw us for

Dispossessed off our lands, and forced into locked doors.

In shabby small mission houses, with Christian Crosses everywhere,

If Jesus was watching, he would have had tears running down his face with despair.

Don't speak your language, forget about your mob

Here is a bucket, scrubbing the floors is your job.

Taught the white people's ways, how to talk and speak

Comply with the white people, don't say a word, not a peep.

Walk into town, "What's this 'Abo' doing here?"

"Sorry we don't serve 'Abos' at the bar. Did I make myself clear?"

Feeling ostracised, dehumanised, in isolation,

Living in your own country, but treated like scum with discrimination.

Where do we fit in, taught from British indoctrination?

If it wasn't for coloured skin, there would be acceptance from assimilation.

Fast forwarding to the present, from generations gone by

Treating Aboriginal boys like animals, in the youth justice system, we ask why?

From ancestors in shackles, to young boys at Don Dale

To prison cells across the nation, our system always fails.

Deaths in custody, lack of duty of care

Just another number and statistic, so many are unaware.

Institutionalised racism, does not make it in the media

Sensationalising and demonising my people, just to make their criteria.

Elijah Doughty, an innocent Western Australian Aboriginal boy

Stripped away of his innocent life, to live a life with joy.

Accused of stealing a motorbike, murdered in the first degree

But white privilege for the murderer, up for manslaughter, with no guilty plea.

My Aboriginal people have been murdered, assimilated, handcuffed and shackled.

Been trodden, belittled, dismantled and tackled.

By the land of the free, but only free for some

It's a hard life: born in the first world, but living in a slum.

**Minungka 'Nooksy' McNerney**  
Tandanyangga Adelaide, SA.  
From the Yankunytjatjara nation.



# It's all about right choices

THE headline read: 'Malcolm Turnbull to be shown 'war zone' video from regional towns in push for cashless welfare card' – an article written by Sarah Martin of the *West Australian*.

The images are disturbing, violent and nobody should accept what they are watching. It is not okay.

The video was presented to Prime Minister Turnbull as part of a call for wider introduction of the cashless welfare card.

This is a real concern.

I have spent a lifetime dealing with my own trauma, much of which is on the public record. I was taken from my mum, who I love dearly, and then beaten and assaulted by the people who were meant to protect me.

These people were not Aboriginal. Such violence is not unique to Aboriginal people.

Taking my choices away as a teenager would not have helped me. It was the ability to make choices that saved me.

Much of what I witnessed in that video I witnessed during my adolescence. Yarndi was everywhere, we were all drinking under age, there was abuse and there was violence.

And yet here I am with a PhD writing for a national newspaper.

This is what I did with the choices I was given.

I have shared similar stories throughout Australia with many other blackfellas where such abuse was the norm.

Again, I am not condoning such behaviour, nor am I saying it was acceptable; just that I engage more than I should with the images I watched on the video.

I am privileged in having travelled internationally. The experiences I shared with mob around Australia I am now sharing with mob around the world, and once again too many of my colleagues relate.

I rang my friend in the United States, a Jamaican-born scholar, after watching the video.

Conversation quickly turned to her own black community in Chicago, where there were 762 murders only last year. Black people are killing black people at the highest rate per capita of any city in the world.

Kanye and Jay Z sing about it: "And I'm from the murder capital where they murder for capital. Heard about at least three killings this afternoon. Looking at the news like 'Damn! I was just with him after school.' No shop class but half the school got a tool. And a 'I could die any day'-type attitude. Plus his little brother got shot repping his avenue. It's time for us to stop and redefine black power. 41 souls murdered in fifty hours" – Kanye West, 2nd verse: *Murder to Excellence*

This is in America, the land of the free, the world's wealthiest country.

What's happening in the Pilbara is not unique to Aboriginal Australia. It's not even unique to Australia.

Everywhere aboriginal people were invaded, where other people of colour were brought in as slaves, every Western colonial country has created these same pockets of despair.

You don't fix a system that is



## Woolombi Waters

broken by punishing the broken individuals within it. They need counselling, education and investment. Not their choices taken away.

They are in what can only be described as corrals of human misery, where the refuse of society gathers. No employment, education or hope; fuelled by alcohol, substance abuse and violence. The human waste and spillage in what is meant to be civilised societies; forgotten and living in wastelands until they become political leverage.

It's sickening.

In South Africa we see the same poverty-associated violence and despair in the Cape Flats of Cape Town, as well as in the many First Nation communities in Canada.

In New Zealand, seen as the most progressive of Western countries, suicide rates for Maori are double that of other New Zealanders, and incarceration rates have never been higher.

The Sky documentary *Anger Within* detailed the life of rugby great Jonah Lomu growing up in Mangere, Auckland, among the violence of the Maori, Samoan and Tongan gangs. When only 12 years old Lomu saw his uncle and cousin murdered. Many of his childhood associates ended up in prison or dead.

In the early 1990s, our own Anthony Mundine and his friends were driving in a new car through the streets of Redfern and were pulled over by police.

"They pulled up and said, 'Get on the f---ing ground!' They drew their guns on us. I put my hands in the air. My head went straight to the ground. They thought the car was stolen. When they found out it was all legit, they let us go," said the young Anthony Mundine. St George Dragons chief executive Geoff Carr confirmed it happened.

Choc Mundine, like me and the others, were given choices. We didn't have them taken away.

Choc chose not to drink, didn't smoke or do drugs. He took the right path instead of the wrong one and became a world boxing champion.

Other than the obvious poverty, violence, substance abuse and crime

associated to each of these communities, the other striking similarity is that the majority of residents in these communities, despite them being situated all over the world are – you guessed it – black.

English Rapper Tinie Tempah spent his childhood in the Aylesbury Estate, South London, known as one of the most violent places in the United Kingdom due to its poverty, gangs, welfare, and substance abuse.

In 2005 the regional council there decided that rather than spend 350 million pounds updating the estate to basic living standards it would demolish the place and replace the dwellings with modern housing in consultation with the local community.

Rather than punish or take away choices, the community was given choices about its future, its education and housing and needs. The council invested long-term in infrastructure and education, with just under half the new units to remain social housing.

The regeneration of the Aylesbury Estate has been divided into several phases, which will see the estate being re-built over 20 years.

This is, of course, much more expensive than implementing a cashless welfare card, but it is what is required if you are serious about social planning, investment and creating opportunity. It is also about accepting responsibility.

The first phase was completed in August 2013. It comprised 261 units and a new resource centre for adults with disabilities. So eight years passed since the decision was made to accept things were not working.

Where will the residents of the Pilbara be in eight years if we don't make the same tough decisions now?

Hardline punitive measures in taking away the choice of those most vulnerable does not give people liberty. It will never teach them the commitment and focus to build a dream and develop the imagination and self-belief demonstrated by Kanye West, Jay Z, Tinie Tempah, Jonah Lomu or our own Anthony Mundine in bringing these dreams to reality.

Senator Patrick Dodson said as much in a carefully worded release (see cloumn at right) selectively quoted here:

"It is foolish to simply vilify Aboriginal communities, and in particular their men, as the sole culprits for these appalling abuses ... We do not need a new generation of community members under the control of those who want to use punitive measures to coerce and control them. When has this approach ever been shown to work? ... The goal has to be to make them flourish with incentives rather than condemn and reduce them to dependence and constant surveillance."

And Mr Dodson quotes the Rural Doctors: "Those that do have problems will not be helped by measures that feel punitive, such as switching them to a cashless debit card, rather than payments. Tough love is rarely successful in treating substance abuse ..."

● Dr Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail columnist.

# We need to go to the root causes

RECENTLY, graphic footage of violence in some Western Australian communities was released to the media. While the footage was shocking, regional WA towns are not 'war zones' and the people who live there should be treated with respect. We need to recognise the trauma and anxiety that children in these communities and their parents experience on a constant basis.

But how is shaming families going to help?

We need to go to the causes of the appalling rates of domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, and sexual abuse across our communities.

We need to find the real circuit-breakers and put them in the hands of our communities.

It is foolish to simply vilify Aboriginal communities, and in particular their men, as the sole culprits for these appalling abuses.

We need to work together at a community level, at a local level and at a regional level, to help all members of our community find their own feet. Our people need support to recover their strength and positive capacity to control and manage their own affairs.

We need to recognise that the best way of dealing with problems is with respect, working together, and focused on commonly agreed goals.

We do not need a new generation of community members under the control of those who want to use punitive measures to coerce and control them.

When has this approach ever been shown to work?

We need to ask why we are not doing it differently, treating the very causes of the dislocation and alienation of our communities – facing up to and turning around the hopelessness and despair that beleaguers them.

I do not avoid the need for those people who commit appalling crimes to be prosecuted. Those in the Aboriginal community responsible for any of these matters need to face up to their actions and be held to account.

But let us also identify those in the shadows of the drug trafficking, the sly grogging, the extortion, the violence and standover tactics, the child abuse and prostitution that target vulnerable people in communities.

Wrap-around support services need to adopt culturally grounded community driven practices designed to support community leaders in addressing the challenges they face.

We need better analysis of the problems and clarification of community intentions and motivations in tackling these matters.

We need community buy-in to develop strategies to deal with the factors that make communities fail. The goal has to be to make them flourish with incentives rather than condemn and reduce them to dependence and constant surveillance.

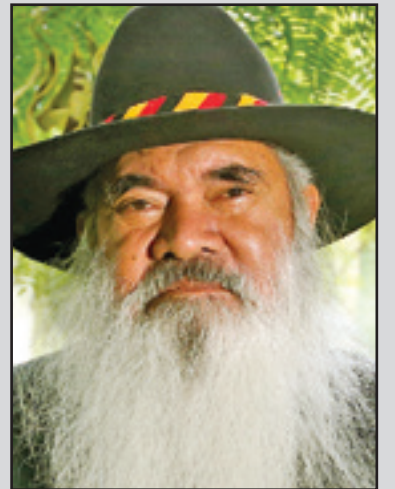
We must better enforce the law of the land, to deal with supply and access to drugs and alcohol. Where laws need to be changed to be more effective, they should be changed. Judges should not have their hands tied by mandatory measures, but be given the capacity to use the laws more wisely and appropriately.

The grog runners and drug dealers need to be stopped in their tracks. At the same time, the community needs to be supported to deal with challenges and change in an informed, constructive and respectful manner.

The Rural Doctors have made it clear when they said: "Those that do have problems will not be helped by measures that feel punitive, such as switching them to a cashless debit card, rather than payments. Tough love is rarely successful in treating substance abuse – particularly when it's from the Government."

I support the Rural Doctors and our community organisations working with families dealing with these issues. This is where we have to take this debate.

● Patrick Dodson, a Yawuru man from Broome, is a Labor Party senator for WA.



## Patrick Dodson



# Time for action, not excuses

**T**HERE'S a video on social media everyone should watch. It features CCTV footage of the raw violence and drug- and alcohol-fuelled dysfunction gripping many Aboriginal communities in regional Western Australia. The most disturbing scene is footage of a man stomping on a child before dragging its limp body by the hair into a supermarket trolley.

The video quotes alarming statistics. A town of 500 children where 184 have been sexually assaulted. Another where 36 men face child abuse charges and 124 are suspects. Another where six children committed suicide in 18 months.

It was put together by Andrew Forrest's Minderoo Foundation, local councils, Aboriginal Elders and police in the hope of jolting government into expanding cashless welfare cards to these communities.

The circumstances that bred the dysfunction shown in the video is no mystery. It's decades of chronic, inter-generational welfare dependence.

Aboriginal communities survived thousands of years with clear social structures, where people worked and learned and took care of themselves, their families and communities. We survived two centuries of dispossession and colonisation and segregation, our social structures and families under constant attack; still we worked, learned and took care of our families and communities as best we could. Most of us still do.

The problems in this video aren't the product of dispossession, colonisation, segregation, the Stolen Generation, or even intergenerational trauma from those past injustices. These problems have arisen since the 1970s when Aboriginal people, particularly in remote and regional Australia, moved en-masse on to what our Elders called "sit down money". It caused complete social and family breakdown and dysfunction in Aboriginal communities across remote and regional Australia.

Today we talk about moving Aboriginal people from welfare to work. We forget that 50-odd years ago, socially progressive governments (both Labor and Liberal) transitioned Aboriginal



**Nyunggai Warren Mundine**

people from work to welfare.

This video shows the results. Over generations, people in these communities lost all sense of self-sufficiency and personal responsibility. They no longer learn it from their parents and Elders or see it demonstrated around them.

Instead, they grow up in a world where people don't work or take care of themselves or their children; drug, alcohol and gambling abuse is all around; and sexual atrocities have become the norm in some families, repeated with each generation.

It's not only Aboriginal people suffering this cancer. There are non-Aboriginal families and communities with the same problems. That's why I've always advised government cashless welfare shouldn't be targeted at Aboriginal people but trialled, and later rolled out, across the board. Which it is.

Forrest described the Greens as the "party of paedophiles" for their strident opposition to cashless welfare and their refusal to even attend a recent showing of the video in Parliament House.

Greens Indigenous Affairs spokesperson Rachel Siewert responded that the video was PR and propaganda designed to scare people into supporting cashless welfare.

Her dismissiveness would be laughable if it wasn't so offensive. She said, "I feel so

deeply for those who live in these communities who are labelled like this, and have deep concerns for the Aboriginal people who are collectively painted in this light."

This isn't a movie or a work of fiction. It's real footage. Aboriginal people aren't being "painted" or "labelled". That's a real man stomping on a real child.

On Sky News recently, Alice Springs councillor Jacinta Price offered to take Greens politicians to communities to see the problems first-hand. She even offered to arrange for Greens leader Richard Di Natale to stay in a town camp.

Good idea.

Here's another. Will any Greens politician stay in one of these communities with their own children? It's not whale-watching, but far more instructive.

If the answer's "No", my question would be: If it's not an acceptable environment for their kids, why is it acceptable for Aboriginal children?

The Greens claim cashless welfare doesn't work. That's false. Community trials showed it reduced alcohol consumption, illegal drug use and gambling and had a positive impact on social stability.

No one is saying cashless welfare will solve entrenched dysfunction by itself. The only way to get these families on track is getting them into education and work and off welfare altogether. That takes time and effort and other initiatives (most of which the Greens also oppose).

Greens' policy titled 'No to the Cashless Card' claims cashless welfare takes away "choice, control and dignity". The child being beaten by an out-of-control substance-abuser has no choice, control or dignity to take away.

This ideological nonsense ignores reality and commonsense.

The video shows the cold, hard facts of many Aboriginal communities today. It's not the dark past of history. It's here and now and a national shame.

Politicians should stop making excuses and take action.

● **Nyunggai Warren Mundine** AO chairs the Yaabubiin Institute for Disruptive Thinking.



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# Card claims ill-informed, impractical

**A** CARD to tackle every imaginable social problem in vulnerable communities is a poorly regarded and ideologically-driven program destined to fail.

Claims by just retired WA Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan that the cashless welfare program should be expanded to somehow protect children from sexual abuse, particularly in Roebourne, are ill-informed and impractical.

The Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) is the peak body for Aboriginal health in WA, with 22 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSes) currently engaged as members.

AHCWA does not support simplistic solutions imposed from outside Aboriginal communities. Rather, it advocates for greater investment in community designed and driven programs to build strong families and communities.

Our sector has been delivering positive outcomes in Aboriginal health for more than 40 years, but in that time we have often dealt with the unintended negative consequences of whatever 'silver bullet' solution is politically fashionable at the time.

These days, the cashless welfare card is seen as the quick fix.

Despite never wavering from expressing (what appears to be) genuine concern for the social and emotional wellbeing of children in WA remote communities, the suggested action by Mr O'Callaghan is merely an attempt to mitigate the symptoms of a problem rather than address the underlying causes. And perhaps deflecting responsibility from his own duty to protect as the state's top cop?

The cashless welfare card has been delivered as part of a Cashless Debit Card Trial, a program developed to reduce the harm associated with alcohol consumption, illicit drug use and gambling in Ceduna, South Australia, and the East Kimberley in WA (Kununurra and Wyndham).

The trial began in early 2016, when participants were issued a debit card which could not be used to buy alcohol, gambling products or to withdraw cash.

The system quarantines 80% of income support payments into a restricted account linked to the card, with the remainder of these payments accessible through a normal, unrestricted bank account.

Calls for an expansion of the cashless welfare card to prevent child sexual abuse are based on nothing

more than a distorted perception that quarantining income will address all social problems in remote Aboriginal communities.

To date, there has been no conclusive evidence that cashless welfare cards play any role in reducing the impact of issues such as illicit drug use or sexual abuse.

In fact, the most comprehensive review of income management in the Northern Territory has proven that this strategy will not work and will likely only create further dependence.

Remarkably, and perhaps unsurprisingly, an evaluation of the current trial showed that most people using the card, and their families, did not report gambling, using illicit drugs, or consuming alcohol in excess.

To put it simply, this trial has been socially disempowering for a huge number of community members. Strong resistance and opposition has been made clear at public meetings, strikes and petitions.

Admissions by Karl O'Callaghan in *The West Australian* newspaper that "police were not capable of protecting children in those communities" and "neither the police nor government can guarantee protection of these children" shows a lack of commitment to work with communities to effectively address these issues.

It reeks of a 'head-in-sand' approach, something for the too-hard basket.

Similarly, statements like "many who are subject to the card's restrictions do not like it and some claim it is not supportive of human rights" do not evoke confidence that Mr O'Callaghan has the community's best interests in mind.

If anything, his comments reflect a failure of policing in the Roebourne area to address these crimes and protect the town's most vulnerable people.

We support any commitment to improve the safety and health of Aboriginal people, particularly children, in WA and turn the tide on the appalling abuse of our youngsters, but the answer is not an expansion of the cashless welfare card.

The solution does not lie in the disempowerment of Aboriginal people, which has been an ongoing tactic by governments. Instead, it lies in additional police resources and a genuine commitment to work with communities to stamp out these shocking and abhorrent crimes.

● Michelle Nelson-Cox is chair of the Aboriginal Health Council of WA.



**Michelle Nelson-Cox**

# The bigger picture on our future

**T**HE Uluru Summit endorsed a national 'voice' to be secured in the Constitution. No doubt remembering how (former prime minister) John Howard and the Labor Party collaborated to dump ATSIC in 2004, Uluru delegates felt that any new body should be protected through the Constitution against similar action. Hence the call for a referendum.

That proposal looks dead in the water. In the meantime, somehow, this 'voice' came to be defined as an advisory body.

A 'voice' can be an Indigenous decision-maker, or one that advises non-Indigenous decision makers.

A decision-making Aboriginal body requires legislation to establish it and lay down what it can do. On the other hand, advisory bodies can be set up by the stroke of a minister's pen.

There are many Indigenous advisory bodies around the country. The hand-picked federal Indigenous Advisory Council is an example.

Advocates for a constitutionally entrenched advisory body believe constitutionalising the body elevates its standing and guarantees its potency. They ignore it is an advisory body, no matter how it is set up.

Even then, a successful referendum does not establish the advisory body, it merely authorises the Parliament or Government to establish it.

Some believe that getting the right words in the Constitution will force governments to establish, fund and listen to an advisory body. Precedent says otherwise.

Section 101 of the Constitution provides 'There shall be an Inter-State Commission...' The words could not be plainer. They seemingly impose on governments and parliaments an obligation to ensure the commission operates. Yet no such commission exists. Parliament cannot be forced to use a constitutional power it has been given. Nor can a government be coerced, in the absence of legislation forcing its hand, to fund an advisory body or take any notice of it.

A lot of time and energy is wasted trying to protect Aboriginal bodies against government abuse of power. The task is hopeless. Look at the NT intervention.

Parliamentary supremacy means the whole of Australia's political decision-making vests in state and federal parliaments. The Constitution divides up powers between these parliaments.

The Constitution is no human rights document. No single constitutional change for an Aboriginal voice will alter the power arrangements. Nor could it prevent governments from supporting

or dumping Aboriginal entities.

So why not just accept the limits and get on with the business.

If it is better to have a voice that decides policy instead of advising on policy, what decisions might it make? A national Indigenous decision-making voice can feasibly take charge of Aboriginal affairs. By agreement, government can be eased out of policy and funding decisions.

Effectively, a new Aboriginal body could replace the Government's Office of Indigenous Policy Co-ordination. This voice could lobby for designated seats in Parliament, and a makarrata.

Although governments would retain their power of veto over things the body might do, left to its own devices, the body could decide its own composition, establish its own priorities in health, housing, employment and increase Indigenous land ownership. It could resolve native title

disputes and broker relations with governments on Indigenous issues. It could argue for a guaranteed revenue base to support its priorities (3% of GDP would currently amount to about \$60 billion, nearly twice the size of the existing allocation).

Of course, none of this would stop a government in the future from dumping the whole arrangement.

Short of Aborigines establishing an independent nation, over which Australia would have no authority, or an Aboriginal seventh state, the latter of which the Constitution protects against state or federal interference, we have to make the best of what is available.

Ironically, the bigger picture possibilities of an independent nation or a seventh state do not require a referendum. They are established by simple legislation.

● Michael Mansell is an Aboriginal man from Tasmania. He is also a lawyer having been admitted to the bar in 1984 but gave up practice in 1996 to concentrate on law reform. While still active in the Aboriginal struggle, he is now spending more and more time writing on solutions for Indigenous peoples in Australia. He has just completed his first book titled *Treaty and statehood: Aboriginal self-determination, published by Federation Press. In the book, Mansell examines the options for empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people which, quite timely, includes a treaty. He was engaged as a consultant in 2016 by the Victorian Aboriginal Affairs office to advance a Victorian treaty. Mansell attended the Uluru Summit and is committed to seeing the outcomes of Uluru become official policy.*



**Michael Mansell**



# Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair Fashion Show



Dressmakers and designers from Injalak Arts, Gunbalya (Oenpelli, NT) Jane Nilco, Gabriella Mara Ingurras, Priscilla Badari and Tasha Badari looking forward to seeing their work in the show.

## From country to the catwalk



Magnolia Maymuru wears a gown with Jacana print by Graham Badari from Injalak Arts, western Arnhem Land. The dress was designed by Albertini.

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair (DAAF) Fashion Show From Country to Couture showcased a dazzling, colourful and diverse range of fine Aboriginal art fused with high end fashion.

A multicultural cast of models hit the runway, including former Miss World Australia entrant Maminydjama (Magnolia) Maymuru from East Arnhem Land and Tiwi Sista Girls, transgender women who shot to fame when they journeyed from their home on the Tiwi Islands to the Sydney Mardi Gras earlier this year.

More than 140 'looks' made from fabrics featuring artwork by Aboriginal artists from 11 different arts centres were on the runway.

The lively event, staged a couple of nights before the DAAF opened, was sold out, with organisers attributing its success to the textile design movement in remote Indigenous communities which has led to collaborations with a number of Australian designers.

While the night may have been fast-paced, with hip hop tunes from Larrakia DJ Jimblah and an excited crowd, the show's creative director, fashion designer Grace Lillian Lee, described the Aboriginal fashion industry as "slow fashion".

"Mainstream fashion is generally mass produced and produced overseas, and you don't really know the journey of the design and where it comes from, whereas Indigenous fashion is where art meets fashion and culture," she said.

Ms Lee said it was a new way of connecting to culture and learning about country and different communities.

"You bring all these elements together so it needs to have more time and respect paid. Obviously these items have stories behind them and why the artists have created the textiles and the construction of the design. The piece becomes a piece of art that someone will

These models wear outfits made by artists and designers from Warlukurlangu Artists Aboriginal Corporation, Yuendumu (NT), who worked with the Batchelor Institute to produce the pieces.



Models Ebony Hopkins, Charnie Pickering, Gillyba Ambrum and Kylista Cohalan are wearing outfits by Publisher textiles made from fabrics designed and hand-printed at Babbarra Women's Centre in Maningrida, Arnhem Land.

cherish and look after, hopefully.

"It's about creating businesses within the arts centres. This becomes a cottage industry within the arts centre so hopefully they can have an income from creating and using fashion as a platform.

"I feel like we are putting Indigenous

design on the map and pushing the boundaries of what people think Indigenous design may look like, and changing people's perception of what beauty is.

"Art is amazing, but fashion is a new platform to be explored, and it's exciting."



Model Karina Williams models a silk kaftan by Bana Yirriji Art and Cultural Centre in Wujal Wujal, far north Queensland.



# Stars come out for National



Pint-sized dancer Nickisha Yunupingu steals the hearts of the audience.



New talent nominee Apakatjah (Jonathan Lindsay-Tjapaltjarri Hermawan and Dion Forrester) gives a blistering performance.



The tributes to Dr G Yunupingu flowed throughout the night – some sombre, some serious, some joyful, and all were proud. There's no denying the joy and pride on the face of 12-year-old Numbulwar Red Flag dancer Clancy Turner.



New talent winner Electric Fields wowed the Darwin audience. Pictured here is half of the duo Zaachariah Fielding.



Emily Wurramara was nominated for New Talent and Song of the Year.



● Above: This family from Millingimbi (NT) is loving being in the front row at the NIMA concert.

● Left: Gawurra Gaykamangu (centre) and his family members Yanja Gaykamangu, Bernie Guyula, Antonia Daurrungua, Clara Gaykamangu and Marshine Gaykamangu wait for the show to start in Darwin.



# Indigenous Music Awards



In a tribute to the late Dr G Yunupingu, his former bandmates from Elcho Island's Saltwater Band provided a grand finale to the show.

## Top talent rewarded

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TROY Cassar-Daley, A.B. Original (featuring Dan Sultan) and Electric Fields took home major honours at the 2017 National Indigenous Music Awards held in Darwin this month.

The awards were presented under the stars at a concert featuring some of the biggest names on the Australian music scene as well as rising stars.

Throughout the night artists paid tribute to the recently deceased Yolngu musician Dr G Yunupingu, the NIMA's most awarded artist over its nine-year history, at times bringing both artists and audience members to tears.

Triple j NIMA Unearthed winner Baker Boy (Danzal Baker) opened the night with an amazing set of hip hop and energetic dance moves.

And entertainment kept coming for the proud and ecstatic crowd of about 3000, with sets from New Talent of the Year winner Electric Fields and other finalists of the highly contested category Emily Wurramara, Leah Flanagan and Apakajjah, as well as last year's new talent winner Gawurra, and dancing from the Numbulwar Red Flag dancers.

Troy Cassar-Daley was named Artist of the Year, and he also received Album of the Year for *Things I Carry Around*, which earned him a Golden Guitar win earlier this year and an addition to the Country Music Awards Roll of Renown. Cassar-Daley, who is currently on tour in outback Queensland, sent a video message expressing his pride in winning the awards.

Hip hop duo A.B. Original took

### This year's winners

**Artist of the Year:** Troy Cassar-Daley  
**Song of the Year:** A.B. Original ft. Dan Sultan – *January 26*

**Album of the Year:** *Things I Carry Around* – Troy Cassar-Daley

**New Talent of the Year:** Electric Fields

**Film Clip of the Year:** A.B. Original ft. Dan Sultan – *January 26*

**Triple j Unearthed NIMA Award:** Baker Boy

**Triple j Unearthed High Indigenous Award:** Rebecca Hatch

**Community Music Clip of the Year:** *Save the Water (Ngaba)* – Halls Creek Indigenous Hip Hop Project

### Traditional Awards

Wangga: *Complete CD Set*

Galiliwa Nunggarrgalu, John Lalbich for Mardayin Skin Ceremony 2016 Numbulwar

John Murrungun, Samson Ngalmi, Samuel Ngalmi for Mardayin Skin Ceremony 2016 Numbulwar

Jeff Nunggarrgalu, Graham Nunggarrgalu for Numburindi Festival 2016 Numbulwar

Giningayi Ngalmi, Richard Ngalmi for Numburindi Festival 2016 Numbulwar

Kerwin Murrungun, David Murrungun, Dean Austin Bara, Bradley Bara for Numburindi Festival 2016 Numbulwar

home two awards – Song of the Year and Film Clip of the Year – for their hip hop number *January 26* featuring Dan Sultan. Their performance of the track was one of the night's many highlights, along with special guest Paul Kelly joining A.B. Original and Dan Sultan for their version of *Dumb Things*.

While the catchy *January 26* track has become something of an anthem among Indigenous people, it is also popular with mainstream audiences.

The award came as debate heats up across the country and more municipal councils take a stand on not celebrating the day. (See page 4.)

One half of A. B. Original, Briggs, said the album *Reclaim Australia*, which features the song, was made for their nieces and a nephews – “an album we never had”.

“It resonated. It ticked the box. Everything that came after that was just a bonus, a shock, a pleasant surprise,” he said.

The other half of the duo, Trials, said the album had nothing to do with such issues being timely, but appreciated being a cog in the change-the-date conversation.

“The thing is that these injustices have not been addressed yet, so that is why we are still talking about them. It's been a mainstay for as long as we can remember growing up,” he said of the tracks on *Reclaim Australia*.

“And it will continue until we have the conversation on a level that will achieve change.”

Traditional Music Awards went to the Numbulwar community's Numburindi Festival 2016, Numbulwar's Mardayin Skin Ceremony 2016 and Wangga's *Complete CD set*, while Community Video Clip went to the Halls Creek Indigenous hip hop project's *Save our Water (Ngaba)*.

Triple J Unearthed High Indigenous award was went to Rebecca Hatch.

The second half of the night was a tribute to Dr G from members of his family including speeches, song and dance, and a passionate performance from former band mates, with Elcho Island's Saltwater Band and family providing a grand finale to the show.



Last year's new talent winner Gawurra entertains the crowd.



Djunga Djunga Yunupingu spoke of his nephew, Dr G Yunupingu, who he called son, as someone who made a bridge and carried his people's message to the world. He is pictured leading the joining of hands.



Dan Sultan and Paul Kelly are on the NIMA stage with Briggs.



# Banned Drinker Register back



THE Northern Territory Government has started scanning IDs at takeaway liquor outlets in six communities as a test in the lead-up to the return of the Banned Drinker Register (BDR) on September 1.

Residents and tourists wanting takeaway alcohol in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Groote Eylandt and Milikapiti now have to show ID before being allowed to buy. The scheme will cover all NT areas from September 1.

Health Minister Natasha Fyles said the early scanning allows the equipment and broader system to be tested and for any glitches to be ironed out.

She claimed the BDR will make the NT safer by cutting the flow of takeaway alcohol to problem drinkers.

## Work rights in new resources



NEW resources aimed at helping Indigenous employees and employers understand their workplace rights and responsibilities has been launched by the Fair Work

Ombudsman. Fair Work Ombudsman Natalie James says that in addition to re-issuing existing fact sheets and guides regarding Indigenous people, additional resources have been developed to address key cultural issues. These include a new online video providing guidance on how to resolve issues at work including negotiating time off work for sorry business.

Ms James said the resources have been developed in response to research which showed that Indigenous communities had a limited awareness of their workplace entitlements. She hoped they would encourage more Indigenous peoples to access the agency.

They can be accessed at [www.fairwork.gov.au/indigenous](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/indigenous)

## New name for Ballarat park



BALLARAT'S Canadian Regional Park has a new Aboriginal name. The 641 hectare area is now known as Woowookarung Regional

Park, to acknowledge the connection with the local Wadawurrung people.

Woowookarung means 'Place of Plenty', which Parks Victoria says highlights the land's importance to the Wadawurrung for food, shelter, medicine and culture.

## Solar panels in remote centres



TEN remote Northern Territory Aboriginal communities have received more than 10,000 solar panels in a bid by the NT Government to provide a more secure energy supply and combat climate change.

The 3.325 megawatt solar photovoltaic plants will power more than 570 households and provide an average of 5000 kWh a day in the communities of Arlparra, Kintore, Nyirripi (Waite Creek), Kaltukatjara (Docke River), Mt Liebig, Areyonga, Yuendumu, Lajamanu, Maningrida and Ramingining.

The installations, part of the Solar Energy Transformation Program (SETuP), are aimed at reducing reliance on diesel by 15%, meaning fewer fuel trucks on the road.

NT Chief Minister Michael Gunner said the SETuP sites would contribute to the Government's target of 50% renewable energy by 2030, by reducing emissions and creating a platform for greater use of solar.



The group travelling across the Northern Territory to talk about fracking.

# Anti-frackers welcomed



THE Seed Indigenous Youth Climate Network welcomed First Nations people from North America to its Power Shift event this month.

Power Shift brought 200 young Indigenous people together to highlight climate change issues.

The North American women spoke about the consequences they say their communities have suffered after hydraulic fracturing (fracking) by gas miners on their land.

With SEED members, they are now travelling across the Northern Territory to share their stories with locals who may be affected by the proposed pipeline in the Territory.

Seed NT coordinator Scott McDinny said shale gas fracking isn't currently established in Australia, so there is "still

time to learn from the mistakes made in the United States".

"We'll be travelling from Darwin to Mataranka, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs to talk to mob about the proposed pipeline and gas fracking that covers 85% of the Northern Territory," the Garawa man said.

### "Caught out lying"

"Gas companies have been caught out lying about the extent of their intended operations, telling traditional owners that the gas wells will be as small as a billy can, and withholding documents from family groups.

"The NT Government's interim report came out and said that the industry's consultation with traditional owners was inadequate.

"Traditional owners across the Territory are calling for a ban on fracking

to protect our land, water, and culture."

US First Nations woman Kandi Mossett said the gas industry lied to her people.

"We've already been lied to by the industry in the US about the dangers of fracking and now we're experiencing death and destruction as a result of these lies," she said.

"We're here to try and warn people to fight back and stop it before they become a sacrifice zone like us."

First Nations Canadian woman Athabasca Chipewyan said the promises of land protection and rights for her people have not been kept.

"Our people have been living with the impacts of industrialisation of our traditional lands for over 60 years, and the promises of prosperity, and the protection of rights for our people never eventuated," she said.

# Straight Talk on way to Kimberley



ABORIGINAL women from across the Kimberley will gather in Broome for the region's first Straight Talk event.

Organised by Oxfam Australia, Straight Talk summits are designed to allow Indigenous women to meet influential women and female politicians, as well as to network.

More than 600 women have attended the national summits in Canberra as well as regional events since Oxfam started the program eight years ago.

The three-day Broome event has been planned after lobbying by Kimberley women who have taken part in national Straight Talk summits. Starting on October 9, it is the result of a partnership between Oxfam and Kimberley Aboriginal organisation Aarnja.

Oxfam Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's Program acting national manager Ngarra Murray urged women from across the Kimberley region to apply to participate.

"Straight Talk connects women with the political system and helps them form networks with each other and other women of influence," she said.

"Women have a powerful role to play in leading change, and Straight Talk helps give participants a stronger voice and confidence to be heard on the issues



Aarnja executive assistant Attika Edgar at the Straight Talk summit in Canberra.

affecting their families and communities.

"This regional meeting will be a chance for women to share their ideas and strategies for tackling common issues.

"We are also excited about the pilot partnership between Oxfam and Aarnja, which has the local skills and knowledge critical to this regional event.

"We hope this will become a model to allow Straight Talk to be delivered in other regions and reach more women across the nation."

Aarnja chief executive Janine Dureau said that after completing the Straight Talk program in 2012, she was determined to seek a partnership with Oxfam to deliver

the event for Kimberley Aboriginal women.

"I believe this is a great opportunity for women across the Kimberley to gain knowledge of the political system and how to most effectively lobby politicians to hear our voices as mothers, grandmothers, aunts and sisters," she said.

"It is also a chance to share our struggles, our initiatives and our aspirations in a united voice for the next and future generations."

Aarnja executive assistant Attika Edgar, who travelled to Canberra for last year's Straight Talk national summit, said the event had helped her gain knowledge and a better understanding of the political system.

"Straight Talk gave me everything I hoped for and much more," she said.

"I was immersed in engagement with Oxfam staff, facilitators, mentors and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women from across the country.

"The summit gave me so much confidence and I now feel comfortable to speak up and out, to open the door and to gather ideas and strategies to make the changes I want for myself and my community."

Women interested in registering for Kimberley Straight Talk should contact Attika Edgar on 0499 332 020 or [admin@aarnja.com.au](mailto:admin@aarnja.com.au)





Former and current Magabala directors and staff at the 30th anniversary celebration. Picture: Jalaru Photography

# Magabala Books marks 30 years



**BROOME-**  
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Books has celebrated the 30th anniversary of its first publication.

Author Bruce Pascoe was the keynote speaker at the celebrations in Broome, saying Magabala deserves to be commended on all it has achieved over the past three decades.

"I think it's so important to have an Indigenous publishing house," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"When Magabala was first set up people thought it was going to be a fly-by-night thing but so many good books have been published over the past 30 years."

Mr Pascoe, who has had titles produced by many publishers over his career, said Magabala is special to him.

"I don't have to explain my



**Magabala Books chair Edie Wright.**

history every five minutes," he said.

"Some of the other publishers don't understand our history. You have to argue with them on a lot of points.

"You would hope you wouldn't have to do that, but you do. Magabala gets it. But it's not just that it's Indigenous,



**Author Bruce Pascoe speaks at the celebration.**

they produce quality as well."

Magabala Books was established to protect the intellectual and cultural property of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander storytellers, to ensure their stories were recorded for future generations.

While the publisher says it

continues that core work, it also focuses on education, ensuring more books by Indigenous authors and illustrators are used as teaching tools in schools.

Magabala chairperson Edie Wright said that at the end of the day, the organisation is there to support Indigenous authors and illustrators.

"It's been a fantastic journey," she said. "We've upheld and exceeded the expectations of us through our achievements and what we've done for literacy in Australia."

Ms Wright said Magabala plans to continue to achieve and support Indigenous creators. "We're looking to build on the work we're already doing," she said.

"We've got the opportunity to digitise some of our older works. I think that's something really powerful to be able to do. We have strong support, and we will continue to diversify what we do."



Merrilee Lands, Vanessa Klunder, Carol Tangwell, Rachael Christensen and Peter Bibby. Picture: Jalaru Photography

## Help sought for Alice festival



**VOLUNTEERS** are being sought for the second Partjima – A Festival in Light to be held in Alice Springs.

Started last year, the 10-day festival from September 22-October 1 celebrates the

Aboriginal art of central Australia. A feature is light projections on 2.5km of the MacDonnell Range.

More than 50 volunteers are required to assist in running the free public event through a variety of roles, including guest services, information and helping with installations.

For more information, telephone (08) 8952 9630 or visit [partjimaaustralia.com.au/festival-information/](http://partjimaaustralia.com.au/festival-information/)

## Corporation in administration



**THE Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation Registered Native Title Body Corporate** is now under special

administration. Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven ordered the move after an independent examination of the Heywood-based organisation found irregularities in director appointments and corporation meetings, largely arising from disputes amongst the corporation's directors and members.

The corporation also recorded trading losses of \$378,000 and \$514,000 in the past two financial years.

Gunditj Mirring will remain under special administration until at least December 15.

## Balgo store is open again



**BALGO'S Wirrimanu Community Store** has reopened. Located in the second largest remote community in Western Australia, the revamped and expanded store is again selling fresh

food, white goods and hardware to about 900 residents living in Balgo, Mulan and Billiluna.

Located on the Aboriginal Lands Trust (ALT) estate, the store has been leased to the Wirrimanu Aboriginal Corporation (WAC), and subleased to a commercial partnership between WAC and Outback Stores. This sublease will generate ongoing income for the corporation.

The community store lease is one of four ALT leases provided to WAC.

The trust is responsible for about 10% of WA's land mass, which is held for the use and benefit of Aboriginal people.

## Sun to power NT community



**DALY River** is set to become the first remote Indigenous community in the Northern Territory to be powered by solar and battery.

The Solar Energy Transformation Program (SETuP)

has established a new power site, funded by the NT and Federal governments and led by the NT Power and Water Corporation, at the Top End community.

The site will incorporate a lithium-ion battery charged by 3200 solar panels. The battery enables diesel engines to be turned off during the day, saving 400,000 litres of fuel a year.

SETuP aims to deliver 10MW of solar energy across 28 remote communities in the NT, reducing their reliance on diesel fuel by about 15% and achieving annual savings of up to 94 million litres of fuel.





Participants at the forum in Lismore.

# Forums discuss land rights Act

By KEIRA JENKINS



INDIGENOUS people have taken part in the NSW Government's review of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* at meetings across the state. Nine forums – in Broken Hill, Wagga Wagga, Dubbo, Lightning Ridge, Tamworth, Kempsey, Lismore, Sydney and Batemans Bay – have been held as part of Government consultations with Indigenous communities regarding the Act. Under the Act, the Aboriginal Affairs

Minister must hold a review in every five years. Current Minister Sarah Mitchell will now consider recommendations coming from the forums.

Tweed-Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council chief executive Lewena Williams said the Lismore forum was about letting the State Government know what is important to the people on the ground.

"It's about keeping the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* strong and making sure any changes just make it stronger," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"There's also issues around over-auditing of land councils. We need to free

up some of the time currently used on unnecessary compliance checks so we can do other things.

"There is so much opportunity for business. We shouldn't just have the one job of being an LALC. We need to engage with our communities too."

NSW Aboriginal Land Council deputy chairperson Anne Dennis said it was "amazing" to listen to the ideas and concerns raised at each of the forums.

"To hear from the LALCs at a regional level about their achievements and their limits is important," she said.

"They strive for good governance and employ local people. That adds to the local economy and the state economy.

"We're hearing that there needs to be provision for Aboriginal land rights legislation to tie in with local government legislation, environment legislation, and heritage and cultural legislation.

"We're hearing those things all need to be linked, and the LALCs can't operate in isolation."

NSW Aboriginal Affairs is taking written submissions for the review until September 15. Details at [enquiries@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au)

## Angledool cemetery erosion under control



NOT long ago, the Aboriginal cemetery and historical site at Angledool in far northern NSW was being threatened by erosion.

But now, thanks to the work of the Western Local Land Services (WLLS), the situation is under control.

WLLS Aboriginal communities officer Blackie Gordon says erosion-prevention works have paid off. "By constructing absorption pits, de-silting dams to increase the volume of water they can hold, and creating some shallow wetlands, the cemetery and historical site won't be nearly as affected by erosion in the years to come," he said.

Working with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and others, WLLS targeted the erosion in 2014.

"We were able to get a lot of expert advice about how to best carry out the erosion control works and everyone involved in the project is pleased with what has been achieved," Mr Gordon said.

● Pictured: Blackie Gordon at the site.



## ABS figures show Elders' importance



YOUNG children who spend one day a week with leaders or Elders in their community are more likely to identify with a clan, tribal or language group (67%)

and be involved cultural events, ceremonies or organisations (88%) than those who never spent time with, or do not have, Elders in their community.

These statistics – and many more – have been released by Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to mark National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. The statistics were gathered from the 2014-15 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS), which also found that 70% of Indigenous children aged three to 14 participated in cultural activities in the past year.

ABS director Debbie Goodwin said that participating in cultural activities is one of the many ways Indigenous children learn about culture.

"Of those who participated in selected cultural activities, fishing (76%), making arts and crafts (38%), hunting (28%) and performing music, dance or theatre were the most popular types of cultural activities."

The 2014-15 NATSISS also showed

the importance of family members in the learning and teaching of cultural activities. Of the children aged three to 14 who participated in selected cultural activities, most (84%) were taught these activities by an immediate family member or relative and/or at school (31%).

Ms Goodwin said the survey showed that an important part of building connections to community, culture and family for Indigenous children was spending time with community leaders and Elders.

"In 2014-15, just over a quarter (28%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (aged 3-14 years) spent at least one day a week with leaders or Elders in their community," said Ms Goodwin. This was higher in remote areas (50%) than non-remote areas (23%).

NATSISS ambassador Professor Tom Calma said investment in culture-biased early years education is critically important.

"Investing into Australia's first languages goes well beyond the preservation of language," he said.

"There is a strong correlation between Indigenous language acquisition and higher educational, employment and training outcomes and lower engagement with high risk and antisocial behaviours."



# Street renamed for Elder



A STREET in Armidale, northern NSW, has

been renamed to honour the memory of Elder Sarah Morris.

New signs for Morris Street – formerly Cookes Road – have been unveiled at a community function.

Armidale council's Gayinyaga Committee chair Veronica Walford said the new name was significant to the local community.

"Many residents on and around Morris Street are descendants of Sarah Morris and her husband Frank Archibald," she said.

Armidale Council said the change had been necessitated by plans for a new subdivision.

Affected property owners had been contacted and asked for ideas on a new name.

● **Pictured: Veronica Walford, Richard Vale and Wade Natty at Morris Street.**

## Inauthentic art in the spotlight



AN inquiry into the sale of inauthentic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-style art and craft products across Australia is seeking submissions by October 6.

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs is inquiring into the growing presence of inauthentic art and craft merchandise, and aims to identify ways to prevent the exploitation and misuse of Indigenous culture through the proliferation of inauthentic products.

Committee chair Melissa Price said Indigenous artists and communities rely on revenue obtained through the sale of handmade and culturally authentic products.

"The terms of reference for the inquiry include looking at the definition of authentic art and craft products as well as current laws and licensing arrangements for its production, distribution, selling and reselling," she said.

The inquiry will also report on options to promote the authentic products for the benefit of artists and consumers and to restrict the prevalence of inauthentic products and merchandise in the market.

For more information, visit [www.aph.gov.au/indigenousaffairs](http://www.aph.gov.au/indigenousaffairs)

## Review under way for Act



BARRISTER Tim Goodwin is reviewing the threshold stage of Victoria's *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010*.

The threshold stage requires the state's traditional owner groups to demonstrate their traditional and cultural association to country, and their ability to negotiate and enter into agreements under the Act.

The Act allows the Victorian Government and traditional owner groups to agree to out-of-court native title settlements, avoiding costly court processes while still achieving a final and comprehensive settlement of the state's compensation liabilities.

Mr Goodwin, a Yuin man, is scheduled to deliver his report and recommendations to the State Government by the end of October.

## Organisations share in funds



TORRES Strait community organisations Mura Kosker Sorority, Torres Strait Youth and Recreational Sporting Association and Port Kennedy Association will share \$4.57 million in funding from the Torres Strait Regional Authority.

The funding, over three years, will be used for building capacity, and staff training and development.

The TSRA says it will assist in the delivery of social support services and sporting subsidies in the region, and will provide funding security to the community organisations.

## Pilot scheme to help families



A FAMILY group conferencing pilot scheme to help at-risk Indigenous families stay together is under way in Canberra. Indigenous

organisation Curijo, which conducts such conferences in NSW, has partnered with the ACT Government for the 12-month pilot.

Curijo chief officer Belinda Kendall said conferencing enables families to take responsibility for their situation while providing children and young people the opportunity to be heard.

## Emissions targeted in agreement



INDIGENOUS Australians and Canadians have joined forces to

reduce carbon emissions and share knowledge.

The Aboriginal Carbon Fund (ACF), a national not-for-profit organisation that supports traditional owners to build wealth through the trade of carbon credits, has signed a formal agreement with the First Nations Energy and Mining Council in British Columbia, Canada.

ACF general manager Rowan Foley said the Canadians were seeking to establish their own indigenous climate fund modelled on work in Australia.

"The ACF is encouraging corporate partners to offset their carbon footprint by buying carbon credits from Indigenous Australians, who are managing their land to reduce carbon through early dry season savanna burning," he said.

"An investment fund is being established to streamline the buying and selling of Aboriginal carbon credits and we're training more Indigenous rangers so they are qualified in carbon farming."

# Kokatha sign mining deal



A NATIVE title mining agreement between the Kokatha people and OZ Minerals' Carrapateena

project in South Australia has been hailed as a "great opportunity".

The agreement was approved at a community meeting in Port Augusta attended by 150 Kokatha people and facilitated by the South Australian Native Title Service (SANTS).

Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation chair Chris Larkin said the agreement was a great opportunity for his people.

"We are looking forward to continuing our partnership with OZ Minerals to maximise the benefits for the local community," he said.

OZ Minerals chief officer Andrew Cole said the agreement is a key milestone in the development of the Carrapateena project and builds on the foundations of the partnering agreement signed last year with the Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation.

"The approach taken



**Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation chair Chris Larkin and OZ Minerals chief officer Andrew Cole.**

towards partnering with the Kokatha was an integrated cross-sectoral approach based on principles of equity, transparency and mutual benefit," he said.

"This goes beyond the traditional contractual arrangements that are often seen in the industry. In taking this approach, OZ Minerals was able to co-design solutions."



# National Indigenous Children's Day

## Happy morning in Canberra



**ACT** KINGSFORD Smith Koori Preschool in Canberra celebrated

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day with Indigenous business Curijo.

Curijo staff visited the preschool for crafts and storytelling.

The morning was spent reading Neil Murray's *My Island Home* and making sea creatures out of pom-poms, glitter, coloured pencils and other craft materials.

The children received some books by Indigenous authors from Curijo as a thank-you gift for sharing their Children's Day celebrations.

Curijo's Lauren Dunlop said there was fun all round, and children and adults are looking forward to making the visit an annual event.

● Pictured left: Curijo's Lauren Dunlop reads to the children.

## Kids enjoy day in



MORE than 1500 preschoolers enjoyed Indigenous

games, music and stories at the First People's Little Kids Day In at Scienceworks, Melbourne.

The children played traditional games including marngrook and animal hide and seek, where they had to find a hiding place based on where a particular animal could fit.

Participants also tried ochre painting on bark and leaves using natural paintbrushes, created bush bouquets, and made collages out of gumnuts, seed pods and reeds.

Melbourne Planetarium held storytelling based on the stars as well as puppet shows, dance and musical experiences, bush craft and face painting.

Museums Victoria chief executive Lynley Marshall said it was exciting to engage with Indigenous culture at Scienceworks for the museum's youngest visitors.

"Our museums are a place where Victorians from all ages and backgrounds meet, share and engage with the world around them," she said.

The Little Kids Day In, a monthly event held at Scienceworks, provides programs for preschoolers.

The First People's event was a joint initiative with SNAICC to mark National Aboriginal and



Dancers at the First People's Little Kids Day In at Scienceworks in Melbourne. Picture: Ben Healley, Museums Victoria

Torres Strait Islander Children's Day.

Creative Industries Minister Martin Foley said the Little Kids

Day In is an example of the creative and inclusive educational experiences offered by Victoria's museums.

"First People's Little Kids Day In is a wonderful way for young Victorians of Indigenous and non-Indigenous backgrounds to

come together and connect with activities, stories and cultural experiences that date back tens of thousands of years," he said.





Trangie Central School dancers at the Wungunja Cultural Centre opening ceremony.

# Cultural centre open in Trangie



CEREMONIAL trees and Aboriginal artefacts have found a home at the newly opened Wungunja Cultural Centre in Trangie, western

NSW. Trangie Local Area Land Council (LALC) chief officer Terrie Milgate said the centre would be a keeping place where school children and the community can learn more about Wiradjuri culture.

"The centre will protect cultural artefacts and assist Elders in passing on knowledge to our younger generations and strengthening our culture," she said.

Ms Milgate said the land council had worked with the Australian Museum on the return of two carved ceremonial trees taken from the area in the 1960s.

"The two trees are back in our care and part of the Wungunja Cultural Centre," she said. "It will also be an attraction for tourists and visitors and make it easier for us to educate the broader community about our rich culture."

## Praise from chair

NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) chair Roy Ah-See attended the opening of the new centre and praised Trangie LALC members for their work in establishing it.

He said the idea for the Wungunja Cultural Centre started six years ago when Trangie LALC bought the building from the Scouts.

"The NSWALC has been part of this journey, providing support through our community fund," Cr Ah-See said.

"In 2016, Trangie LALC secured a grant from the community fund and used the funding to help renovate the building."

Cr Ah-See said the community fund is an "investment in the future" of the Land Rights network, which provides grants of up to \$50,000 to eligible LALCs.

The fund is generated by a levy on LALC land dealings with matching contributions by NSWALC. It was introduced following an amendment to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.



Dancing circles at the new cultural centre (above) and carved trees in the new centre (below) and NSW Aboriginal Land Council chair Roy Ah-See at left.



## Our Mob, God's Story a winner



AN Indigenous art book that celebrates the Bible through the eyes Australia's First Nations artists has won a national prize.

*Our Mob, God's Story* took out top prize at the 2017 Sparklit Awards in Melbourne. Sparklit is a society aimed at promoting Christian knowledge in Australia.

*Our Mob, God's Story* features 115 paintings by 66 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. It includes each artist's personal testimony of Christian faith, compiled by award-winning Australian author Christobel Mattingley and Bible Society Australia's Indigenous Ministry Projects Coordinator Louise Sherman.

## Electoral cuts concern in NT



CUTS to the Australian Electoral Commission in the Northern Territory will hurt the democratic rights of remote Indigenous communities, a federal MP says.

Under cuts in the May federal Budget, the AEC Darwin office staff has been slashed from 15 to three, with some electoral services now delivered from Queensland.

Those to go included members of the Indigenous Electoral Participation Program (IEPP), who provide logistical support, education and engagement to communities spread across 1.35 million square kilometres. Their roles included signing people up to the electoral roll and getting ballot papers to remote locations on polling days.

MP for Solomon Luke Gosling labelled the cuts a "cowardly political manoeuvre that further silences Aboriginal voices in the bush".

The AEC says IEPP functions will be part of the ongoing work performed out of the NT office in the lead-up to the next election.

"Local staffing will increase at election time to enable the effective coordination of election-time activities, such as polling," a spokesperson said. — AAP

## Saibai seawalls now in place



RESIDENTS are hoping the completion of seawalls on Saibai Island, part of the Torres Strait Seawalls project, will mean they're better protected from storm surges and high tides.

The community of the Torres Strait island close to Papua New Guinea celebrated the official opening of the \$24.5 million Saibai project, which will help protect homes and infrastructure such as the school and the airstrip.

The Saibai seawalls are more than 2.28km long and include more than 1.8km of curved wave return wall, which deflects waves. A further 2km of bund wall allows for improved drainage.

## Winangali wins Games work



INDIGENOUS business Winangali Logistics will assist in moving freight for the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, resulting in jobs for several Indigenous people.

Freight company Schenker Australia, which is subcontracting Winangali, will also employ up to eight Indigenous people for their business.

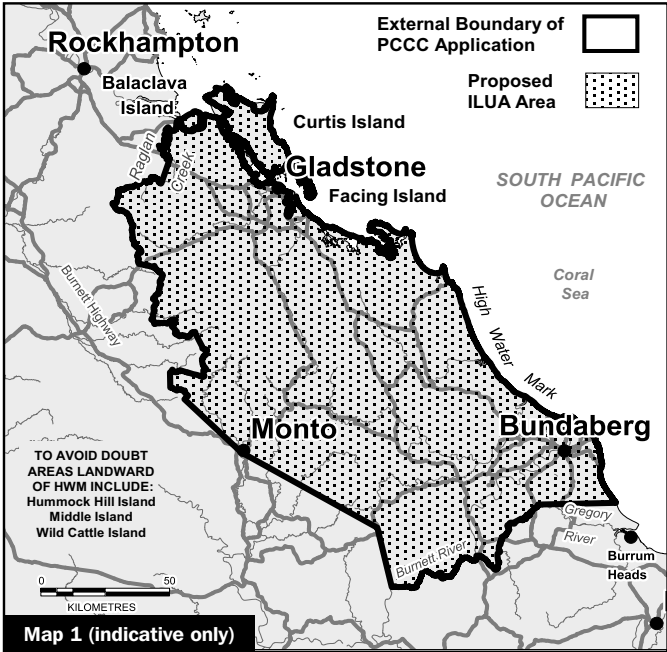
Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation chairman Peter Beattie said the moves showed the Games were on track to meet targets on Indigenous procurement, as well as providing increased job opportunities.



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## PORT CURTIS CORAL COAST PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING TO AUTHORISE PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENTS

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 (**PCCC Application**) under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (**Native Title Act**). 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 at **Map 1**.



The Port Curtis Coral Coast People are currently described as comprising all the descendants of the following people:

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| 1. Dina;   | 10. Rosie;                             |
| 2. Jessie;   | 11. Maggie Little;                     |
| 3. Dolly (mother of Johnson Matemate and George Swain);          | 12. Rosie Blackman;                    |
| 4. Molly Jones;  | 13. Emma Jones (wife of John Broom/e); |
| 5. Dulhu / Doolan;   | 14. John Hill ("Pig Pig");             |
| 6. Buller Tolsen (Norman Buller);                                | 15. Elizabeth Tan Watt / Daniels;      |
| 7. Nellie Murray (also known as Nellie Watcho and Alice Murray); | 16. Kitty of Gladstone;                |
| 8. Jane;   | 17. Margaret Grant.                    |
| 9. Betsy;  |  |

### 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:** Sunday, 17 September 2017  
**Venue:** Bargara Cultural and Community Centre, 160 Hughes Road, Bargara QLD 4670  
**Registration:** Registration opens 8:30am  
**Meeting Time:** Starts at 9:30am

The **purposes of the Authorisation Meeting** are for the Port Curtis Coral Coast People to:

- consider and authorise the making of the proposed Tenure Resolution Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the State of Queensland aimed at settling and resolving tenure issues in the claim area in relation to the PCCC Application (**Tenure Resolution ILUA**), and which provides for:
  - the surrender and extinguishment of native title rights and interests; and
  - consents to and validation of agreed acts to the extent that they are future acts, in exchange for compensation and benefits to the Port Curtis Coral Coast People;
- consider and authorise the making of the proposed Protected Areas Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the State of Queensland (**PA ILUA**), which articulates the manner of exercise of some native title rights and interests over protected areas;
- consider and authorise the making of the proposed Monte Christo Indigenous Land Use Agreement (**Monte Christo ILUA**) with Monte Christo Pty Ltd and QRE Pty Ltd, developers of the Turtle Street Beach Resort at Black Head and the Marine Plain Wilderness Camp on Curtis Island. The Monte Christo ILUA is proposed over Lot 11 on CP860464, Lot 11 on SP257867 and Lot 5 on CP860403 (being part of Lot 532 on NPW700) (**Agreement Area**) and its objectives are to:
  - establish practical and flexible arrangements for access to and use of the Agreement Area by the Port Curtis Coral Coast People to exercise their native title rights and interests; and
  - facilitate and encourage involvement of Port Curtis Coral Coast People in activities that promote indigenous culture at the Resort.

### Proposed ILUA Areas

The areas subject to the proposed Tenure Resolution ILUA, PA ILUA and Monte Christo ILUA fall within the external boundary of the PCCC Application, as indicated on **Map 1**. Precise area details will be provided at the Authorisation Meeting.

It is necessary that the proposed ILUAs be authorised in accordance with the requirements of s 251A of the Native Title Act by all persons who hold or may hold native title in the proposed ILUA Areas (whether or not they are members of the native title claim group in the PCCC Application).

### Registering for the Authorisation Meeting

All members of the Port Curtis Coral Coast People are invited to contact QSNTS Community Relations Officer, Richard Sporne, on **free call 1800 663 693** or **(07) 4921 1090 (charged call)** to register their intention to attend the meeting. Any person who claims to hold native title over the proposed ILUA Area **other than as a member of the Port Curtis Coral Coast People** should also contact QSNTS Community Relations Officer, Richard Sporne, on **free call 1800 663 693** or **(07) 4921 1090 (charged call)**.

### INFORMATION SESSION

To fully apprise and inform PCCC claimants about the terms of the proposed ILUAs and matters required for decision-making, an Information Session will be held at the time and location below:

**Date of Information Session:** Friday, 15 September 2017  
**Venue:** Bargara Cultural and Community Centre, 160 Hughes Road, Bargara QLD 4670  
**Time:** 1:00pm – 5:00pm

All members of the Port Curtis Coral Coast People are invited to attend this Information Session.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the above Authorisation Meeting and Information Session, or with accommodation costs. However, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to attendees.



Weenthunga's Steff Armstrong and Kevan Horder, Elder N'arweet Carolyn Briggs, facilitator Greg Phillips and Weenthunga's Lin Oke at the summit in Melbourne.

# Better health teaching the aim of summit



IMPROVING how Aboriginal health is taught in Victorian universities was the focus of a summit this month in Melbourne.

Led by Weenthunga Health Network with the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO), the summit attracted participants from around the state.

Weenthunga's Steff Armstrong said thousands of students are graduating from health courses each year, but some still don't have the skills required to work with Aboriginal people.

"They go into these health professions and the question is not really asked about what can we do for Aboriginal people," the Gamilaraay woman told the *Koori Mail*. "A lot of them don't have the opportunity to learn about Aboriginal health from Aboriginal people."

"There is a national curriculum framework on Aboriginal health, and it must be made available to all the health degrees."

"Students have to do so many hours of placement, and there's only so many Aboriginal organisations that can take them to teach them about Aboriginal health."

### "Sharing"

"What needs to happen is a sharing of information so all students can access it. Unfortunately, what is happening now is that universities design their teaching material and hold on to it for themselves."

Ms Armstrong said the representatives from universities at the summit were keen to share their materials to get health improvements, but it's a matter of changing the culture at universities.

"There was a lot of goodwill

at the summit," she said.

"But these big institutions need to share their resources; that's how we will get better-resourced graduates and better health outcomes for our people."

Weenthunga executive officer Lin Oke said that alongside the aspect of sharing resources, it is essential Aboriginal health is taught with the guidance of Aboriginal people.

"There's only a small number of Aboriginal academics," she said.

"They can't teach all of the students coming through health qualifications, and Aboriginal health organisations can only take so many students on for placements."

"Clearly, the number of students outweighs the resources we've got and the number of academics."

"There is not a lot of sharing culture between universities."



Participants at the health education summit held this month in Melbourne.



# 2017 Telstra Indigenous Art Award



Entertainer Leah Flanagan sings a song about Darwin.



Banula Marika and the Moonfish Dancers perform a tribute to the late Dr G Yunupingu, as a projection of flames leaps around them at the ceremony in Darwin. All pictures by Jillian Mundy



Moonfish Dancers Darren Edwards and Ineke Wallis entertain the crowd.



Iliam Nargoodah, Brooke Small, Belinda Cook, Lynley Nargoodah, Glenn Isegar-Pilkington and Jennifer Dickens, from Fitzroy Crossing (WA), enjoy the evening.

## Crowd packs opening

By JILLIAN MUNDY



HUNDREDS flocked to the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards awards ceremony under the stars and exhibition

opening at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory in Darwin.

Locals and visitors from across Australia were treated to a free evening of live music and dance on the spectacularly lit lawns, overlooking the Arafura Sea.

They witnessed renowned Aboriginal artists receive their awards and give acceptance speeches, before the doors of the exhibition were opened to the public.

The line-up included Leah Flanagan, rising star on the music scene Yirrmal Marika and Arnhem Land's Moonfish Dance Productions led by ex-Bangarra dancer Banula Marika of the Rirratjingu clan. Banula was joined by songman Ngalkanbuy Mununggurr, TJ Mununggurr, Darren Edwards, Yirrmal Marika, Ineke Wallis, Loretta Yunupingu, Tayla Edwards, Serina O'Connor and Siena Stubbs, choreographed by Gary Lang, Rachael Wallis and Ineke Wallis.



Pitjantjatjara artist and 2017 NATSIAA finalist Mumu Mike Williams, from Mimili Maku Arts (APY Lands).

The Moonfish Dance Company provides opportunities for north-east Arnhem Land youth, melding traditional bunggul, hip hop, contemporary and ballet with the ancient sounds of Arnhem Land and contemporary music.

Actor and writer Rhoda Roberts, a Bundjalung woman, was creative director of opening night for the second year.

See our coverage of this year's winners on the next two pages.



# 2017 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award

## APY artists dominate

By JILLIAN MUNDY

ARTISTS from South Australia's APY lands dominated this year's Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (NATSIAA), the nation's longest running Indigenous art competition, taking home four of the six prizes, including the top honour.

**Kulata Tjuta – Wati kulunypa tjukurpa** (*Many spears – Young fella story*), a powerful installation about the over-incarceration of young Aboriginal men, and keeping culture alive, by Pitjantjatjara Elder Frank Young and his niece and grandson, Unrupa Rhonda Dick and Anwar Young, from Amata community (SA) won the top \$50,000 prize.

The work, entered in the new multimedia category, entices viewers to see behind prison 'bars', made from 37 intricately crafted spears suspended from the ceiling to meet the gaze of Anwar Young, photographed by Ms Dick, standing alone in darkness and surrounded by words in Pitjantjatjara.

Anwar Young puts it simply in his artist's statement – 'stand behind culture, not behind bars'.

He and other young men across the APY Lands Arts centres have been working with their grandfathers on the Kulata Tjuta project, which started in 2011, to revive the traditional kulata (spear) making.

In communities where young people are imprisoned, too often, for petty crimes, failing to pay fines and struggling to navigate a justice system in a language and culture foreign to theirs, such projects can have far reaching social and cultural benefits.

"We see many young men from remote communities becoming stuck in a cycle of reoffending and being locked up in juvenile detention centres, like Magill and Don Dale," said Frank Young, who is chair of the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Council and

director of Tjala Arts in Amata.

"We are concerned that the whitefella way of locking people up isn't working."

Frank wants to see these young men bought back to country to work with senior men to help look after their families and communities.

He said the artwork was a story about what his people have seen happen to their young fellas in jail in Darwin.

"The story made all of Australia sad and frightened," he said.

"My family has been affected by this story. We have seen our young men in danger in Alice Springs and Darwin. We have seen our young men hurt and we have also lost family members."

Frank Young said that as an older man it is his job to protect the young fellas, which he does through his work at the arts centre.

He dedicated the artwork to the families of the young people who have been hurt in jail, and the prize to the young people in his country.

"We know your pain and we share your prayer, that our young people have safe and happy life," he said.

"I am proud of your work, and there is so much more for you to do. Work hard and stay focused."

In receiving the award he acknowledged the leadership of the Elders of the lands who "started the art business in Ernabella 70 years ago" and praised arts centres as being places where his people's culture was alive and celebrated everyday, calling on real support for them.

"APY arts centres are the most important places in our community, they are a place for culture, but they are also a place for jobs," he said.

"Some of the only jobs in our community, and everyone of us needs a job in this life."

Frank Young added that "carpet baggers" in Alice Springs remained a problem for his people.



Pitjantjatjara artists Anwar Young, Frank Young and Unrupa Rhonda Dick with the winning 2017 Telstra NATSIAA entry *Kulata Tjuta – Wati kulunypa tjukurpa* (*Many spears – Young fella story*).

NATSIAA judges, curator Emily McDaniel, director of Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art Chris Saines and artist Regina Wilson, described *Kulata Tjuta – Wati kulunypa tjukurpa* as a "solemn and dignified call to action – to bring young Aboriginal men back to culture, language and culture".

Marcus Schutenko, director of the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) which has run the competition since 1984, hailed the awards as changing lives and making careers.

**Emerging Artist Award:** A new category, emerging artist, which

evolved from the former youth award, acknowledging that many artists begin their practice after the age of 25, went to Frank Young's aunty, 73-year-old Pitjantjatjara woman Betty Muffler, from Indulkana (APY Lands, SA).

Her winning piece *Ngangkari Ngura*, which translates to 'Witch Doctor Country', is a massive, finely detailed monotone painting, and like most of her paintings it is about her country – healing country, good places on it and places that need healing.

Ms Muffler, a survivor of the bombing of Maralinga which claimed

the lives of both her parents, is also a fibre and ceramic artist, and revered by her people as a *nganangkari*, or a 'witch doctor' as she prefers to be referred to in English.

She took up painting only a few years ago and it is quite a juggling act; she is in high demand as a *nganangkari*, travelling across the APY Lands, and to Alice Springs and Adelaide, to clinics and hospitals. Ms Muffler explained that other times an eagle spirit is released from her forearm, which flies away to heal people, then returns to her. She says it is a power

she was born with, enhanced by the teachings of two of her aunts and her father before his untimely death.

**Work on Paper Award:** Another of Ms Muffler's nephews, Robert Fielding, a Western Arrernte/Yankunytjatjara artist from Mimili (APY Lands, SA) won this category for *Mikali Kutju – One Blood*.

Made by piercing bright red painted paper with a hot wire, then lit from behind, Mr Fielding's work makes a poignant statement about humanity and tolerance.

"It is a call for unity, for an end to racial prejudice. I'm asking viewers

to look beneath the surface and see that our differences are only skin deep. We all have blood running through our veins," he says.

In 2015 he won the same Tetsra NATSIAA category with a photographic work of the same title.

"Below the surface is the anatomy of the body, the kidneys, the liver, the heart, the capillaries, the veins, and most of all the blood that runs through you and I."

Mr Fielding asks that people walk away from his work and make a choice to allow the light within one self to make a better world to live in, and realise that there is no difference between people – "there is one blood". "We are all equal; there is no superiority, it's about peace and love," he says.

**General Painting Award:** Pitjantjatjara artist, health worker and former teacher Matjangka (Nyukana) Norris, from Kaltjiti (Fregon, APY Lands, SA) won the category, with *Ngura Pilti*.

Mrs Norris's painting depicts the time her family travelled through drought-ridden country, south of Fregon, when she was a young girl "niggedy", there were no trees, no grass, no water and all the animals moved away. She recalled digging for water in dry creek beds.

Mrs Norris said there has been plenty of rain over the past few years and the land is now covered in grass, wild flowers and fruit.

**Wandjuk Marika Memorial 3D Award:** Indjalandji-Dhidhanu/Alyawarre artist and stockwoman Shirley Macnamara, from Mount Guide Station (north-west Queensland) won the award with her contemporary spinifex basket *Nyurruga Muulawaddi*, meaning old women spinifex.

In making the basket, Ms Macnamara laments the loss of songs and "lingo", and commemorates the 1967 referendum, an era on her mind

while creating the piece, deliberately crafting it in old spinifex, as a metaphor for resilience and retained strength.

"Our old women sung everything they made, but were never allowed to pass that on to children or grandchildren, as they lived in fear of the repercussions," she said.

"We were taught some language but never the songs and the songs conveyed the meaning."

"My part in that now is to try to keep that going in my Spinifex art – the meaning. My thoughts and feelings of country go into Nyurruga Muulawaddi that's the only way I can ensure the meaning lives on because I can't sing them."

**Bark Painting:** Gumatj (Yolngu) Elder Nyapanyapa Yunupingu, whose identity is fire, from Birritjimi (NT) won this award for *Lines*, an abstract work of fine white clay lines painted over black ochre on stringy bark, with a brush made from human hair, cotton and a twig, which she carries with her.

Ms Yunupingu used to paint about when she was gored by a buffalo in the 1970s. In 2008 she won the competition's three-dimensional award for a bark painting with an accompanying video about the attack; that night she dreamed of the buffalo and vowed to never paint it again. Instead she painted the bush around the area, then her paintings gradually evolved to be marks, without looking for a specific meaning, they are more about feeling the paint, the bark, the rhythm – spontaneous lines.

The winning works were chosen from a field of 65 finalists, whittled down from 300 entries.

A selection of the entries that did not make the final cut are exhibited in *The Salon Des Refusés* exhibition at the Charles Darwin University until September 9.

The NATSIAA finalists exhibition is at the MAGNT until November 26.



Work on Paper Award winner Robert Fielding with *Mikali Kutju*.



Gumatj (Yolngu) Elder Nyapanyapa Yunupingu's *Lines* took out the Bark Painting Award. Picture: Fiona Morrison



General Painting Award winner Matjangka (Nyukana) Norris with *Ngura Pilti*.



Betty Muffler, 73, took out the Emerging Artist Award with her painting *Ngangkari Ngura*.



Shirley Macnamara won the Wandjuk Marika Memorial 3D Award with her spinifex basket *Nyurruga Muulawaddi*.



## Kalgoorlie's gems shine on catwalk



IT all started with flip flops. In 2009, when Vattessa Colbung decided to give running her own Desert Gem

business a go, she created a range of flip flops (thongs) with Aboriginal designs on them.

Now she has a successful business and an ongoing contract with a producer and distributor who sells the flip flops in mining sites.

The Aboriginal designer from Kalgoorlie has a history of dressmaking in her family, and has always been attracted to fashion. So it was natural that her next move would be to design dresses.

She recently entered three dresses in the Kalgoorlie Fashion Week show and is now ready to take her business to the next level.

"There are no winners in the Kalgoorlie fashion show, it's about participation and acknowledgement," Ms Colbung told the *Koori Mail*.

"Everyone was amazed with the design style of Kalgoorlie. It was nice exposure."

Ms Colbung wanted to give Indigenous girls in her community a chance at a modelling career, and enlisted the help of some of the traditional owners and Pilbara Girls entrants.

"Me and my 19-year-old daughter didn't know how to teach girls to be models so we partnered with a local non-Indigenous business in Kalgoorlie to help us teach the young girls how to handle the catwalk," she said.

"Two of the girls were then chosen to go to Perth to see if they get selected to go to London fashion week and wear a clothing line by Perth designer Peter Farmer.

"I've loved it. It's the new thing I want to branch out in my business."

Ms Colbung also approached South Australian artist Janine Gray to create silk painting on fabric as the artwork for one of her dresses.

"We also want to incorporate artists and fabric and bring a different style then sell them at a quality price," she said.

Ms Colbung said being a Aboriginal woman working in the

goldfields area was not easy.

"I know what it's like to be doing things hard," she said. "When local Aboriginal people approach me, I give advice and involuntary community mentorship so they don't have to go through the struggles I went through.

"I believe doors are starting to open for me, getting opportunities in the community and within the state. Next year, I'm hoping to get to Broome Fashion Week."

Ms Colbung's advice to any Indigenous women thinking about starting their own business is not to isolate yourself.

"Give yourself the opportunity to step out from the business box and see opportunities," she said. "Also network with somebody who can network you the easy way. When you link, you are breaking down the barriers of stereotypes about Aboriginal people and business and they see a different view of Aboriginal people."

You can visit the Desert Gem website at [www.desertgem.com.au](http://www.desertgem.com.au)



Model Kayla Davies at Kalgoorlie Fashion Week wears one of Vattessa Colbung's designs.

## Partnerships coming to the far north



INDIGENOUS Business Australia (IBA) is now in partnerships with the North Queensland

Region of the Queensland Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) and the Townsville Region Indigenous Business Network (TRIBN).

The goal is to assist construction-aligned Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses in north Queensland to secure contracts by developing their capacity and capability in:

- tendering, prequalification and internal systems and processes;
- increasing staff with industry specific skills and capacity; and
- development of industry-specific strategic and business planning skills and processes.

Outside IBA's funding in the partnership, the organisation will also will provide assistance and

support required through the normal business development activities, such as attendance at relevant workshops and networking activities, undertaken in the region.

TRIBN and DATSIP will provide advice, development and advocate on behalf of the businesses to obtain more contractual works and mediating to seek contract opportunities with major contractors for the businesses.

Acting chief executive Wally Tallis said that in entering into the partnership, IBA is demonstrating its commitment to forming positive partnerships and leveraging its relationships to better deliver the solutions to build capacity and address the inequality faced by Indigenous Australians to access business opportunities, particularly in remote and regional areas.

"IBA's vision and intent is to serve, partner and invest with First Australians who want to own their own future," he said.

## Super group concerned



THE Indigenous Superannuation Working Group (ISWG) is calling for the removal of the \$450 monthly

income threshold that means many Indigenous people miss out on super.

Under the current income threshold policy, employers are not required to pay under the superannuation guarantee to employees over age 18 who earn less than \$450 a month.

The ISWG says that based on Australian Bureau of Statistics data, consequently an estimated 220,000 women and 145,000 men are missing out on about \$125 million of superannuation contributions each year.

ISWG chair Jo Naquesage said the threshold affects low-income earners and many Indigenous peoples who tend to be in that group.

"The weekly household income for ATSI adults is almost half that of other Australian adults so they are more likely to be affected by the income threshold," she said. "As a result, many Indigenous

people aren't being paid superannuation from their employer, meaning less compound interest is being earned, and ultimately, they are getting less money in retirement."

First Nations Foundation chief officer Amanda Young wants this issue addressed to "help everyone achieve a dignified retirement".

### "Threshold"

"Many ATSI people hold down several jobs, each earning under the threshold, so no superannuation is required to be paid. For example someone working nearly fulltime across several child care centres, but only for a few hours each, will most likely miss the threshold at any one centre and therefore not get paid any super," she said.

The ISWG says Indigenous people face many challenges in accessing superannuation, including verification of identity, communication and literacy issues, different cultural practices and relationships, and life expectancy differences.

"There are still a number of

challenges for ATSI peoples in regards to superannuation and retirement outcomes, however removing barriers like the \$450 threshold is an important step," Ms Naquesage said.

The threshold issue also affects other vulnerable groups such as women, young people and low-income earners.

"Superannuation should be a universal entitlement without income exceptions," Ms Naquesage said. "We're calling on the Government to update the policy and give everyone, regardless of their income, a fair go at saving for retirement."

The threshold was originally introduced to reduce the administrative burden of paying superannuation to casual and part-time employees, however the introduction of new technology to allow employers to send money and information electronically has largely addressed these issues.

"Now that we have SuperStream, the administrative barriers have fallen away so the threshold should be made redundant," Ms Naquesage said. — With AAP



# Scholarships worth up to \$12,500



**YOUNG** people are being urged to apply for the Young Australia League's (YAL) 2018 scholarships, worth up to \$12,500.

The scholarships are for secondary and tertiary level students. They can cover any expense associated

with schooling, including tuition fees, specialist courses, home tutoring, books, equipment, travel, living costs, or childcare for young parents.

The scholarships are open to students aged 12-25, at any recognised educational institute, including secondary schools, TAFE centres,

universities, or specialist colleges.

Chief executive Tammy-Rae Schaper said YAL wanted to help to break down barriers faced by young people.

"Financial disadvantage or being disadvantaged because of remoteness can overshadow a student's chances of accomplishment," she said.

"We don't want this to be a handout, but a hand-up. We want to be the vehicle to help young people achieve to their fullest potential."

Applications are open until September 15.

For more information or to apply visit [www.yal.org.au](http://www.yal.org.au)



Stanner Award winner Dr Josie Douglas, centre, with AIATSIS Council member Donisha Duff and AIATSIS chief executive Craig Ritchie.

# Researcher wins award



**ALICE** Springs-based researcher and policy officer Dr Josie Douglas has received this year's W E H

Stanner Award. Her winning manuscript *Kin and Knowledge: the meaning and acquisition of Indigenous Ecological Knowledge in the lives of young Aboriginal people in Central Australia* was selected from a record number of entries.

The biennial Stanner Award is open to all aspiring Indigenous authors of academic works, with the author of the winning submission receiving \$5000 in prizemoney, an inscribed glass eel trap sculpture, and mentoring and editorial support to turn their manuscript into a publication.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) chief executive Craig Ritchie announced the winner in a ceremony in Canberra, noting the strong field and record number of entries for this round.

"This unprecedented number of quality entries is a great

reflection of the research that's being carried out by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholars which AIATSIS is proud to support," he said.

"Notwithstanding the many positive qualities identified in the shortlisted manuscripts, the judges were unanimous in identifying a clear winner as a manuscript that 'actively challenges stereotypes and functions as a powerful counteractive against negative depictions and the deficit discourse around Aboriginal youth today'."

## Motivated

Dr Douglas, who holds a doctorate from Charles Darwin University, said she was motivated by a concern that not enough was known about how young Aboriginal people engage with Indigenous ecological knowledge, and a desire to challenge negative stereotypes.

Her doctoral research analysed the views of more than 150 Aboriginal youth, finding that despite the stresses and forces of modern life, cultural knowledge persists, and

that young people are integral to the future of Indigenous ecological knowledge and practice in central Australia.

"Young adults are engaging in cultural practices relating to birth, death and milestone life events through processes and practices of Indigenous ecological knowledge," Dr Douglas said.

"While there is widespread understanding of the factors contributing to knowledge decline, the factors and means by which Aboriginal people are regenerating and transmitting knowledge in response to new environmental, social and economic conditions are less well understood.

"Young people's social and cultural lives remain relatively invisible and I wanted to change this."

The Stanner Award acknowledges the significant contribution of the late Emeritus Professor W E H (Bill) Stanner to the establishment and development of AIATSIS, and is administered by its publishing arm Aboriginal Studies Press.



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Professor Lester-Irabinna Rigney

## Academic heading to London



LEADING Indigenous educator Professor Lester-Irabinna Rigney is to take up a prestigious fellowship in London. The University of South Australia academic will be based

at the King's College London next year after receiving the inaugural Aboriginal and Contemporary Australian Studies Fellowship.

Prof Rigney, a descendant of the Narungga, Kurna and Ngarrindjeri peoples of SA, has worked in Aboriginal education for more than 20 years.

Before taking up his new role he will give a lecture in London on poor educational outcomes for Aboriginal children and the need for new teaching methods. The lecture will examine how culturally responsive teaching can be implemented in Australian schools with high student diversity, drawing on the experiences that students bring to school classrooms.

"Despite Australia promising to fix the 'curriculum alienation' and teaching methods, learning outcomes for Aboriginal children have not improved since 2008," Prof Rigney said.

"The 2017 Closing the Gap report shows that Australia has failed on six out of seven key measures to bridge the gap between Indigenous children and other Australians, including child mortality, early childhood education, school attendance, employment, and students' reading and numeracy skills.

"The great academic divide between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal student success at school is an urgent international problem in the Pacific yet there has been no comprehensive review of the teaching methods. This is despite a growing body of evidence that shows culturally responsive teaching improves academic success for Indigenous people in countries such as the United States, Canada and New Zealand."

Prof Rigney is based at UniSA's Centre for Research in Education and was formerly dean of Indigenous education at the University of Adelaide.

His fellowship is a partnership between University of SA and the Menzies Centre for Australian Studies at King's College London and aims to promote deeper understandings of Australian history, culture and contemporary society across Britain and Europe.

# History found during Trinity Grammar visit



FINDING a historical connection with her ancestral

past in Goulburn, southern NSW, was not what Gweagal woman Theresa Ardler was expecting when she visited Trinity Grammar School in Sydney.

On a trip to the school to help write a unit on Aboriginal art, Ms Ardler connected with another teacher, art department head Stephen Collins, and they realised their recent ancestors came from the same region in the Goulburn area of the Gundangara people.

Mr Collins told Ms Ardler about how his family had owned a property in the area from the 1920s to the early 2000s and while ploughing a paddock near an outcrop of large rocks which contained a small cave, his father unearthed what was mostly smaller rocks. But he found that some of these were in fact rocks sharpened into tools that were most likely used by Gundangara people.

Mr Collins said he had kept the rocks.

"I've had them for quite some time and have been trying to figure out what to do with them," he said.

"I wasn't sure whether to give them to a museum, or to the school's archaeology society for



Aboriginal woman Theresa Ardler accepts the tools from teacher Stephen Collins.

our students to enjoy, but neither of these options seemed right.

"Clearly the universe had a plan and as I got talking to Theresa and learned that the tools came from her ancestors' land, it was an obvious solution – I'd found the rightful owners and returning them was the right thing to do, considering Theresa's ancestors likely made and used them."

Ms Ardler identified that

the artefacts were two scraping tools that fit neatly into the hand, and a large axe head similar to a tomahawk.

"The tools are in very good condition and still very sharp," she said.

Ms Ardler grew up in her mother's country in the Eora region of Sydney but now lives in Jervis Bay, her father's country. She shares her Indigenous culture, knowledge and artistry when she teaches boys from Trinity Grammar

School in Sydney at the School's Field Studies Centre in Woollamia, near Huskisson in the NSW Shoalhaven region.

A small handover ceremony was held in front of a class of Year 8 boys that she had been teaching about Aboriginal tools and technology.

Ms Ardler's family will hold talks with clan members and Elders on where and how the artefacts should be located and stored.

# Qld scholarships worth \$200,000



TWO new scholarships totalling \$200,000 are available for doctoral candidates to study the impacts of Queensland's Protection Acts.

Available under a partnership between the State Government and Griffith University, the scholarships are part of recommendations from the Queensland Stolen Wages Reparations Taskforce.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Mark Furner said two jointly funded PhD scholarships, worth \$100,000 each, would be offered to encourage Indigenous Queenslanders to have more input in national policy, research and academic conversations.

"We know a collaborative approach is needed in our journey towards reconciliation, and the best people to have a say in future Indigenous policy are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people themselves," he said.

## "Perspectives"

"These scholarships will allow Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers to explore and document different perspectives on wages and savings that were controlled under former governments' so-called Protection Acts.

"Ensuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have equal access to education means we can generate new knowledge, insight and direction for

Indigenous research and policy reforms."

Griffith University's Professor Boni Robertson said the university was delighted to develop the scholarships.

"Both of these research projects will inform how Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Queensland understand the impacts of the Protection Acts across a 90-year period," she said.

"Such a robust and thorough study of our past will help to bring new important perspectives to historical accounts and commentaries, and enrich the future of all Queenslanders in the process."

Applications are open until October 3, and further details are available by emailing health-dean-research@griffith.edu.au



# University praise for \$5m gift



THE University of NSW has praised a \$5 million gift from the Origin Foundation, Origin Energy Ltd's philanthropic arm, to

assist Indigenous students to pursue a career in STEM fields – science, technology, engineering or maths.

The Grant King Indigenous Scholarship program will provide in perpetuity up to two residential scholarships each year for talented students to undertake degree studies in the faculties of engineering or science at UNSW. The scholarships will be open to students from anywhere in Australia.

They are named after engineer and business executive Grant King, who was instrumental in establishing the Origin Foundation, is a former managing director of Origin Energy Ltd and the current president of the Business Council of Australia.

UNSW vice-chancellor Ian Jacobs said the university welcomed the funds.

"We are thrilled to receive such a generous gift from the Origin Foundation," he said.

"It will reinforce UNSW's commitment

to working with the community to ensure equality, diversity and inclusion are at the forefront of all we do.

"We are proud of the opportunities being created by Nura Gili Indigenous Programs Unit and our residential programs like Shalom Gamarada and we are confident that an investment of this nature will have a major impact."

Scholarship recipients would have the opportunity to live at Shalom College, a long-time supporter of Indigenous access to education, or at one of UNSW's other residential colleges.

## Philanthropy

Nura Gili director Reuben Bolt said philanthropy had allowed UNSW to offer one of the best tertiary study environments in Australia for Indigenous students.

UNSW has consistently had one of the highest retention rates of Indigenous students in Australia, many of whom were the first in their family to attend university.

The Origin Foundation Grant King Indigenous Scholarship is open for applications now. See [www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au](http://www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au)



Jilkminggan School's Reuben Albert and Shanina Roberts show their circus skills.

# Honorary doctorate goes to SA educator



NARUNGGA-KAURNA educator, storyteller and cultural consultant Kevin O'Loughlin has been awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of South

Australia. Known to many as Uncle Dookie, the doctorate acknowledges his contribution to Aboriginal education over 50 years.

Mr O'Loughlin said the honour means a lot to him and his family.

"Like many Aborigines, I came from humble beginnings – a poor family who persisted despite the inequities we faced," he said.

"I had to leave school at 14 and teach myself to read and write.

"I hope the recognition gives hope and courage to all Aboriginal Australians."

Mr O'Loughlin grew up on the Yorke Peninsula, and was one of the first members of South Australia's Aboriginal Lands Trust, which spearheaded the return to Aboriginal people of Point Pearce mission.

UniSA vice chancellor Professor David Lloyd said Mr O'Loughlin is an Aboriginal leader who has given so much to students, staff and the community.



SA educator Kevin O'Loughlin.

"He's been a champion for cultural understanding" Prof Lloyd said.

"He is a vast storehouse of traditional cultural knowledge, contributing to many educational resources and publications; and has been a distinguished and influential cultural ambassador in South Australia since the 1960s."

# Students learn circus skills



STUDENTS at Jilkminggan and Timber Creek schools in the Northern Territory have developed circus skills thanks to trainers from Brisbane-based circus company Circa.

Students learned juggling, hula hooping, tricks, flips and kicks which they demonstrated before Circa took to the stage at Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre in Katherine.

The workshops were organised by Darwin-based organisation Accomplix, which hopes to develop long-term relationships with the communities.

Timber Creek School principal Jedda Trueman said the students had a great time with the team from Circa.

"It was a great opportunity for the

students to experience something new, make friends, get fit, learn new skills and build self-confidence," she said.

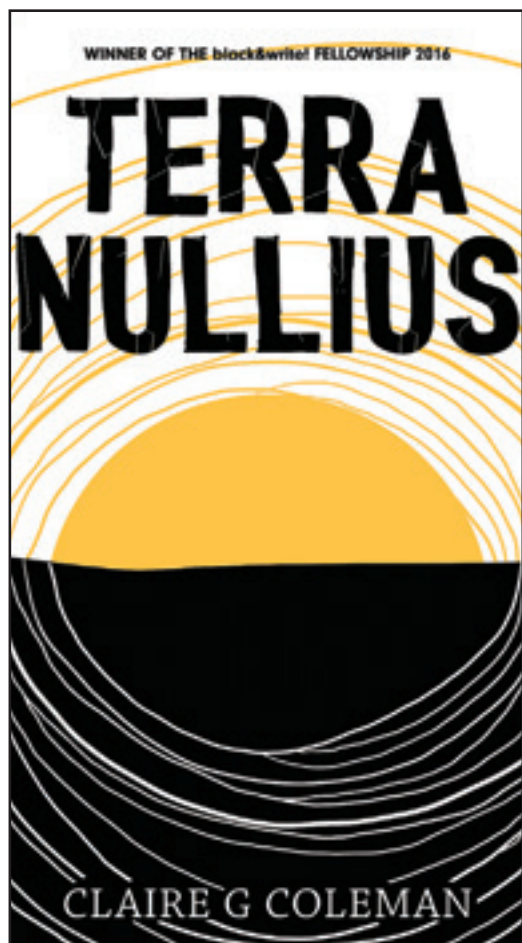
Jilkminggan School principal Jess Robinson said it was a big deal for the students to meet and learn from people who are "so amazing in their field".

"It's really fantastic that the students are able to engage in something that is an outlet for them," she said.

"Our students are active and love the outdoors, so it's exciting for them to have professionals come into the school and support them to hone their skills in a safe way.

"Some of our students have never been to Katherine or even left the community, so for them to go to see the performance in Katherine, it's life-changing for them."





## *Terra Nullius* first book for Coleman



BLACK&WRITE! fellow Claire Coleman has released her first book *Terra Nullius* this month.

Coleman's debut work is the first to come out of a partnership between the project and publisher Hachette Australia.

*Terra Nullius* explores the impact of colonialism and the effect of being displaced, challenging Australia's relationship with Indigenous people.

Ms Coleman is a Noongar woman from Western Australia, but is currently based in Melbourne.

She grew up near Perth in a forestry settlement in the middle of a tree plantation, where her father worked.

She wrote her black&write! fellowship-winning manuscript while travelling around Australia in a caravan.

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The Lonely Boys.

# Lonely Boys to make tracks



NORTHERN Territory punk rockers Lonely Boys are gearing up to headline the Sand Tracks tour through the Central Desert with up-and-coming artists Irrunytju Band in support.

Originally from Ngukurr in the Northern Territory, Lonely Boys have been touring across Arnhem Land, and headlined at the 2015 Barunga Festival.

While on the tour, they will use their

decade of songwriting and performing experience to mentor Irrunytju Band, made up of young desert reggae artists from Wingellina, who perform in the Pitjanjatjara language.

The Sand Tracks tour is presented by Country Arts WA and Healthway, promoting the Mentally Healthy WA message: Act-Belong-Commit.

Country Arts WA executive director Paul MacPhail said Sand Tracks resonates with remote Indigenous communities.

"Now in its eighth year, Sand

Tracks has gained national exposure," he said.

"The 2017 bands have developed significant profiles and are certain to be a huge hit in the communities they are about to tour."

Sand Tracks opens at MusicNT's annual Bush Bands Bash in Alice Springs on September 10, then will travel to remote communities in Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory.

More details at  
[www.countryartswa.asn.au](http://www.countryartswa.asn.au)

## Turgeon set for cabaret



FRESH from performing in the Einbunpin Festival at Sandgate in Brisbane, Darcy Turgeon, pictured at right, is preparing for his next show – the Lord Mayor's Seniors Cabaret in Brisbane on August 27.

A regular on the Brisbane entertainment circuit, the Aboriginal entertainer has been performing since primary school.

It will be his second performance at the Lord Mayor's Seniors Cabaret.

Mr Turgeon turned his focus to entertaining after retiring from a 30-year public service career, including 12 years in senior positions at Queensland Corrections.



## NITV offers Spirit



ASPIRING fim-makers and television producers have until September 1 to apply for NITV's Spirit Initiative. The initiative, formerly the NITV Spirit Award, is offered for an Indigenous person from remote or regional areas working in the film and television industry.

Successful applicants travel to Sydney and work with NITV staff in different areas, being mentored with practical experience in broadcasting.

To apply and for details, visit  
[www.sbs.com.au/nitv/get-involved](http://www.sbs.com.au/nitv/get-involved)



# Kids use quills to show skills



LEARNING how to use an echidna quill to make a dot

art painting isn't easy when you are four or five years old.

For the kids in the Goonellabah Transition Program in northern NSW, when Uncle Gilbert Laurie came to visit and showed them his painting techniques, it inspired them and their teacher Mim O'Grady to create an artwork and enter it in an exhibition.

"The fine motor skills required to paint with echidna quills are quite difficult to master," Ms O'Grady said.

"But the kids blew me away and they stuck at it and it really made them interested in art and the processes.

"Uncle Gilbert photocopied his own line drawings and let the kids paint them. He taught them that art is a process of patience and if you are tired, then take a break



Children from the Goonellabah Transition Program are with some of their art: from left, Cameron Boyd, Taj King, Aliarnah Williams, Cherri-Elle Hewes, Zakarah Roberts, Janarra Gordon, Yinnarra King, Nunggarlla Gordon, Layla Roberts and Lacey Carlino.

and come back to it later – and they did."

The children were so involved with art that Ms O'Grady entered them into the Southern Cross University NAIDOC art exhibition.

"The exhibition theme

was Our Language Matters which was perfect because the children had been sharing Bundjalung language about different body parts," she said.

"So the kids started creating their own paintings of body parts,

using dot painting and skin tones on hessian and then we put it all together.

## "Excited"

"They were excited that they would be famous artists like Uncle Gilbert."

On the day of the

exhibition opening, when the children and their families came to see the hung artworks, they found one of Uncle Gilbert's paintings hanging on the wall next to their own artwork.

"It was just magical,"

Ms O'Grady said.

As coordinator of the Goonellabah Transition program, Ms O'Grady said having community members come and spend time with the children is very important.

"It allows us to have a strong connection to family and culture.

"We've had Uncle Anthony Gordon, Aunt Dorrie, and Mereki sharing stories and culture and lots of others bringing music and movement to the kids.

"All of the children in the program are Aboriginal. My job as a teacher is to set them up to manage in the school setting and be confident with learning.

"If the kids come from a chaotic background, they can find it hard to focus on some elements of school learning.

"With the cultural activities, I saw them glued and focused and listening. It's part of who they are and it's beautiful to watch."

# Record fair for Cairns



THIS year's Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) had art sales of more than \$760,000, a 20% increase on last

year. Organisers said this year's CIAF – the eighth held – was a huge success, with sell-out shows and attendance of 500,000 over the three days, as well as record sales.

Artistic director Janina Harding said CIAF provides accessibility to Queensland's Indigenous art and culture by drawing communities from across the state.

"Most of the visual artists that exhibit at CIAF live and work in the diverse communities of Cape York and the Torres Strait, and through our connection with some 13 art centres we provide accessibility to people who would otherwise not be able to immerse themselves in the culture from one central location," she said.

The fair featured exhibitions, a three-day art market, workshops, dance and music program, conversations and talks, theatre, fashion, food and the inaugural CIAF Art Awards.



Visitors check out artworks at one of this year's Cairns Indigenous Art Fair exhibitions.

National Gallery of Victoria senior curator of Indigenous art Judith Ryan said CIAF was "brimming over with works that broke new ground and were full of opportunities for collectors to make small purchases".

"The special awards to exhibiting artists in categories of emerging, innovation, excellence and best art centre

were also a fabulous innovation," she said.

"CIAF is special because of its performative elements, the amazing opening, the food, the huge Indigenous participations, the fashion parade, its laughter, fun and clamorous noise and the fact that it focuses exclusively on Queensland and the Torres Strait."



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# Lift 'em feet; it's now fun to run



WOULD you rather do a long distance run or have a health check?

Some people might prefer to avoid both, but not the members of the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network 'Lift 'Em Foot' team.

Almost 140 Aboriginal people put up their hand – and lifted their feet – to take part in the City to Bay fun run next month, which requires them to either walk or run between 3km and 12km.

Getting an Aboriginal Well Health Check was a condition of entry.

Health check coordinator Danielle Lovegrove said participants wanted to take part in the fun run because it combined exercise with catching up with friends and family, providing an opportunity to motivate each other.

"A 'Lift 'Em Foot' Facebook page was established and some participants got together to train for the event," she said.

"Having a Well Health Check was well received because our clients are interested to know their health

status, particularly when there is a family history of medical issues.

"Everything we do as part of a Well Health Check addresses conditions that do affect Aboriginal people, such as the early detection of chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, cancer and kidney disease.

Ms Lovegrove says that while the check is a tool that uses observations such as blood pressure, blood sugar, waist circumference and body mass index, it's also a conversation starter.

"The tests lead to conversation about whether the client smokes, drinks alcohol, their diet and if they exercise," she said.

"We provide information that is often new to them such as the link between waist circumference and heart disease, diabetes and stroke."

The health checks are run by Watto Purrunga Aboriginal Primary Health Care Service.

Clients and their families are also encouraged to attend health promotion courses such as gym programs, yoga, tai chi, veggie growing, healthy cooking and safe food preparation.



Members of the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network 'Lift 'Em Foot' team.



A child has his ears checked with an otoscope.

# Kids love seeing their ears on video



MINING company Fortescue has provided funds to address children's ear health in in Pilbara region of Western Australia.

The Earbus Foundation has received \$3800 to help with the purchase of a video otoscope to allow medical staff to help diagnose potential diseases. Fortescue has also provided \$30,000 worth of Qantas flights to help with visits to the Pilbara by medical specialists.

Earbus chief officer Paul

Higginbotham said foundation staff spend one week a month in Pilbara communities, providing comprehensive ear screening to Aboriginal children.

"Kids love the (otoscope) device because for the first time they can see inside their own ears," he said. "It is an important tool to engage and educate children and makes ear disease real and understandable."

Mr Higginbotham said the Earbus Foundation worked with Wirraka Maya Aboriginal Medical Service and the Royal Flying Doctor Service to

develop a model of continuous care.

Fortescue's Community Support grants program supports a variety of community initiatives with a focus on education and training, Aboriginal engagement, health and wellness, community safety and involvement, economic development and environmental responsibility.

The next round of the grants programs opens for applications on September 1. For information, visit <http://www.fmgil.com.au>

# Praise for 'healthy tailoring'



MIWATJ Health Aboriginal Corporation's mental health program has received high praise from peak body Mental Health Australia.

A Yolngu-led initiative based in Galiwin'ku on Elcho Island, the program provides tailored care for local people with mental illness.

Speaking at the Garma festival this month, Mental Health Australia chief executive Frank Quinlan said there is much to learn from the Miwatj Mental Health Program.

"This is remote country, and to see a service go from strength to strength in recent years, with tangible results, is a real success story for community mental health," he said.

"Certainly (this is) a program that could be adapted and used elsewhere in remote and rural Australia."

Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation chief health officer Lucas de Toca said the program's most important aspect is that it is managed and controlled by

Yolngu people. "It is a community-based program operating over a continuum of stepped care for all levels on mental illness," he said.

"We operate three streams, including a therapeutic stream with counselling, a social and cultural stream with traditional approaches to care including family involvement, and a medical stream to deal with acute care and ensure patients with mental health issues receive the appropriate medical care.

"The streams function in a coordinated fashion, interlinked through the work of Aboriginal health practitioners who are extremely competent in the medical as well as in the social and cultural aspects of providing care for patients.

"We are in one of the most remote locations in Australia, but are still able to deliver a high quality and best practice model, following the recommendations of the Mental Health Commission as well as using traditional methods of healing and care."





Charkil-Om staff: Ernest Maduam Marissa Sabatino, Christine Hall, Melissa Clermont, Lauren Findlay, Regina Coleman, Alison Boyd and Noelene Weightman.

## First anniversary for Charkil-Om



THE Charkil-Om Primary Health Care Centre at Napranum in far north Queensland is celebrating its first anniversary this month. Apunipima Cape York Health Council-operated Charkil-Om (the name means bone fish in the Thanakwith language), provides health care to the community of Napranum, south of Weipa. Tackling Indigenous Smoking health worker Ernest Madua Jnr said the community deserves proper

health care, and Charkil-Om provides that. "We now have a service that meets the needs of Napranum community members," the Napranum traditional owner said. "The key to living longer, healthier lives is early detection, diagnosis and intervention for common and curable conditions."

### Events

Charkil-Om staff have been involved in several community events in Napranum, including NAIDOC celebrations, running the Need for Feed

program, creating a tackling smoking video, supporting the Napranum Mokwi Men's Group, and gaining membership on the local disaster management committee.

Apunipima chairperson Thomas Hudson said Charkil-Om's achievements are in line with the board's vision.

"On my last visit to Napranum, I received overwhelmingly positive feedback from community regarding Apunipima staff engagement and participation at sporting events and other local events within the community," he said.

## Elizabeth closer to ending hardship



WHEN Charleville woman Elizabeth Mahon saw people in hardship because access to medical services was limited in far western communities, she was inspired to do something about it.

So Ms Mahon enrolled as a nursing student at the University of Southern Queensland to learn how to help improve the health of Indigenous men and women.

Now she's a step closer to achieving her goal after receiving an Arrow Energy Indigenous University Scholarship to help her with her studies in the Bachelor of Nursing course.

As well as studying, Ms Mahon works in Charleville as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner.

"I've always wanted to make my family proud



Elizabeth Mahon

by being the first family member to go to university and to demonstrate that I can truly make a difference," she said.

"I am very passionate about improving the health of Indigenous men and women in rural and remote communities."

Ms Mahon is one of 26 Indigenous students across Queensland who have been supported through Arrow's \$250,000 university scholarship package.

Arrow Energy vice president Leisa Elder said the scholarships are worth up to \$10,000 a year towards course costs and

mentoring, tutoring and funding peer network groups.

"We believe increasing participation in higher education is one of the key factors in closing the gap and these scholarships are part of that effort," Ms Elder said.

## Goal is to be strong



QUEENSLAND health professionals will receive training on how to provide culturally appropriate healthy lifestyle advice to Indigenous people under the B.strong training program.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Brief Intervention Training Program (B.strong) will be delivered by Menzies School of Health Research over 2017-2019 at a cost of \$2.24 million.

Health Minister Cameron Dick said the program will build the capacity, skills and confidence of Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers and other health and community professionals.

Member for Inala, Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, said the program will enable health professionals to deliver appropriate

nutrition and physical activity interventions to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients and to help them stop smoking.

"The Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service and Inala Indigenous Health Service worked with Menzies School of Health Research to test and pilot the face-to-face and online training program," she said.

Inala Indigenous Health Service clinical director Professor Noel Hayman said the shared goal was to produce a best-practice training program in smoking cessation, nutrition and physical activity for health professionals to work more effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"The face-to-face B.strong training program will be delivered flexibly to fit the operational needs of health services to ensure all staff receive training," he said.

## Better ear health target on course



AN intensive two-week training course run by the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (ACHWA) is resulting in much-needed action to address poor ear health in Indigenous children.

So far this year 46 Aboriginal health workers from across WA have completed the course, which teaches how to manage ear infections, carry out screenings and plan ear health promotion strategies for remote communities.

AHCWA chair Michelle Nelson-Cox said poor ear health is a significant issue.

"The prevalence of ear disease and hearing loss in Aboriginal kids has a major impact on their speech and educational development, social interactions, employment and future wellbeing," she said.

"In WA, chronic ear disease represents a significant burden for Aboriginal children who can

experience their first onset just weeks after birth."

Ms Nelson-Cox said people in regional areas were more susceptible to ongoing ear problems, with Aboriginal children exposed to more frequent and longer-lasting episodes compared to other children.

"The early detection and treatment of ear diseases in children is vital to ensure optimum development of speech, language and to minimise the long term effects on educational performance," she said. "We have received very positive feedback from participants of our training program, who are keen to use this knowledge to improve ear health outcomes in their communities."

"Constant ear infections can lead to chronic problems when untreated. By giving participants the confidence and know-how to follow-up with clients, we hope this will lead to better education about ear infections and improved health outcomes for Aboriginal people to prevent ear disease and hearing loss."

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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.

**Until 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](http://www.bangarra.com.au)

**Until September 30:** Human Rights Photography Competition entries open to children and adults around the country, with a \$600 camera prize up for grabs for the most outstanding image. Details: [www.photocompetition.humanrights.gov.au](http://www.photocompetition.humanrights.gov.au) or email [photocomp@humanrights.gov.au](mailto:photocomp@humanrights.gov.au)

**Until October 3:** 2018 National Indigenous Arts Awards nomination open. Artists cannot self-nominate. Details: [www.australiacouncil.gov.au](http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au)

## Victoria

**Starting soon:** Bendigo District Aboriginal Co-operative Skateboard Program. A 10-week program for Aboriginal youth. Details: Michael Connelly on (03) 5442 4947, email [michael.connelly@bdac.com.au](mailto:michael.connelly@bdac.com.au) or visit [www.bdac.com.au](http://www.bdac.com.au)

**Until August 26:** *Warriors of the Aboriginal resistance (W.A.R.)* exhibition. W.A.R. was established in 2014 as a collective of young Aboriginal people committed to decolonisation, resistance and revival. Held at the Roslyn Smorgon Gallery, Footscray Community Arts Centre, Mon-Fri, 9.30am-5pm and Sat, 10am-4pm. Details: (03) 9362 888 or visit [www.footscrayarts.com/event](http://www.footscrayarts.com/event)

**Until September 22:** *Border Lines* exhibition. Bringing together artworks from the Papulankutja and Warakurna community with sculptures by Tjanpi desert weavers. Held at Linden New Art, Domain House, Dallas Brooks Drive, South Yarra, Tue-Fri, 11am-4pm, Sat-Sun, 11am-5pm. Details: (03) 9534 0099 or visit [www.lindenarts.org](http://www.lindenarts.org)

**August 25:** Sista Baskets and Ochre Hearts Feathers in Clay workshop. By artist Deanne Gilson. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Melbourne, from 2-3pm. Cost: \$30, bookings essential. Details: (03) 8662 6332 or visit [www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au](http://www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au)

**August 26-October 29:** *Resolution: New Indigenous Photomedia* exhibition. Held at Shepparton Art Museum daily from 10-4pm. Details: (03) 5832 9861 or visit [www.sheppartonartmuseum.com.au/](http://www.sheppartonartmuseum.com.au/)

**September 7-16:** Bangarra's *Bennelong* performance. Held at Arts Centre Melbourne. Tickets: [www.bangarra.com.au](http://www.bangarra.com.au). Details: (02) 9251 5333.

## 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)



Poet Ryan Prehn

# Poems to sprout



POEMS will be sprouting all over Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens next month as part of the Red Room Company's New Shoots project. The project will feature poems inspired by plants in the gardens and written by 10 poets, including celebrated Bunurong author Bruce Pascoe, Worimi record store owner Ryan Prehn, and Wemba Wemba actor, writer and academic Carissa Lee.

The poems will be recited, printed on seed packs and 'planted' on botanical tags scattered along pathways throughout the gardens.

Mr Prehn started writing poetry only a year ago, and said he initially felt uneasy about participating in the project.

"At first I was very intimidated but very honoured to be considered alongside poets like Bruce Pascoe," he told the *Koori Mail*. "Initially I wasn't confident in what I

could write, and I was thinking quite negatively because botanic gardens are something that's very colonial.

"But after our tour through the garden, especially with Gunditjmara man Ben Church, who led the Aboriginal Heritage Walking tour, I changed my thoughts on it."

Mr Prehn said his poem is inspired by a 300-year-old river red gum and by Aboriginal culture.

"I spoke to (Boon wurrung Elder) Aunty Fay Stuart-Muir and she helped me with pronunciation of some local words," he said.

"The poem was also really inspired by the smoking ceremony that was performed when we went on the tour of the gardens."

Moe details at [www.redroomcompany.org/projects/new-shoots/](http://www.redroomcompany.org/projects/new-shoots/)

For those unable to visit the Royal Botanic Gardens, the poems will be added to the New Shoots Anthology, which features 163 poems from 105 poets.

6642 3177 or [www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au](http://www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au)

**Until September 3:** *Always Were Warriors* exhibition of works by artists from Wiradjuri and Kamilaroi Aboriginal language groups. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Arts Co-op, Leichhardt, Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit [www.boomalli.com.au](http://www.boomalli.com.au)

**Until 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, Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm. Entry by gold coin donation. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit [www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au](http://www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au)

**Until September 10:** *Painting Country* exhibition. A survey of watercolours and painted objects by artist Albert Namatjira, featuring 40 works gifted to the National Gallery of Australia. Held at the National Gallery, Canberra. Open daily from 10am-5pm. Details: (02) 6240 6411 or visit [www.nga.gov.au](http://www.nga.gov.au)

**Until September 10:** *Defying Empire: Third National Indigenous Art Triennial*. Presents works by 30 contemporary Indigenous artists from across the country. Held at the National Gallery, Canberra. Open from 10am-5pm. Details: (02) 6240 6411 or visit [www.nga.gov.au](http://www.nga.gov.au)

**Until September 22:** 2017 Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award entries open. Details: [www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au](http://www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au)

**Until September 30:** Tell your story as part of the national review into access to justice. A

Law Council of Australia justice project. Details: [www.justiceproject.com.au](http://www.justiceproject.com.au)

**August 23 and 30:** Building Bridges course. Aboriginal presenters will share their knowledge and experience and invite dialogue. Held at Karabi/Reg Byrne Community Centre, Wentworthville, from 7.30-9.30pm. Registration encouraged. Details: Lyn on (02) 9639 8394 or 0421 188 770 or Maria on (02) 9869 3839.

**August 28:** Yalbalinga Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Week. Includes welcome and smoking ceremony, Aboriginal language, weaving workshops, dance performances and more. Held at Yalbalinga Indigenous Higher Education Unit, Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus, from 10.30am-2pm. Details: (02) 9701 4258 or email [yalbalinga@acu.edu.au](mailto:yalbalinga@acu.edu.au)

**September 3:** Canberra Tent Embassy welcome for Clinton Pryor, who crossed Australia on his Walk for Justice. Full Details at [www.clintonwalkforjustice.org](http://www.clintonwalkforjustice.org).

## Queensland

**Ongoing:** *The Albert Namatjira Story*, a new display featuring early works by Albert Namatjira. Held at Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, daily from 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or visit [www.qagoma.qld.com.au](http://www.qagoma.qld.com.au)

**Until August 27:** *Lei It On* exhibition. A collection of contemporary lei and body

adornments made by communities in the Torres Strait. Held at Cairns Art Gallery. Free. Details: (07) 4046 4800 or visit [www.cairnsartgallery.com.au](http://www.cairnsartgallery.com.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](http://www.qatsif.org.au)

**Until September 10:** *Bitter Sweet* exhibition. Brings together major works that trace the history of slavery in far north Queensland. Held at Cairns Art Gallery Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm and Sun 10am-2pm. Details: (07) 4046 4800 or visit [www.cairnsartgallery.com.au](http://www.cairnsartgallery.com.au)

**Until September 17:** *Blood Red* exhibition, presenting 14 large images through a collaboration of several artists and a remote far north Queensland Indigenous community. Held at Cairns Art Gallery Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm and Sun 10am-2pm. Details: (07) 4046 4800 or visit [www.cairnsartgallery.com.au](http://www.cairnsartgallery.com.au)

**Until November 15:** JUTE Theatre Company's *Propa Solid*, by Steven Oliver, in Cairns. Details: Peta Cooke on (07) 4050 9444 or email [peta@jute.com.au](mailto:peta@jute.com.au)

**August 25-September 2:** Bangarra's *Bennelong* performance. Held at Queensland Performing Arts Centre, South Brisbane. Tickets: [www.bangarra.com.au](http://www.bangarra.com.au) Details: (02) 9251 5333.

**August 28:** The Mabo Oration. Held at the Playhouse, Queensland Performing Arts Centre, Brisbane, from 6pm. Bookings: 136 246 or [www.qpac.com.au/event/](http://www.qpac.com.au/event/)

**September 2:** Indigenous family history: State Library of Qld collection highlights. Discover SLQ collection items that may assist with family history research. Held at Kuril Dhagun, Cultural Precinct, South Bank, Brisbane from 10am-noon. Details: (07) 3840 7666.

**September 5-8:** Bigsound festival and conference in Brisbane. Four nights of music across 18 venues. Featuring Archie Roach. Details: [www.bigsound.org.au](http://www.bigsound.org.au)

**September 6:** Alice Skype performance. Held at The Junk Bar's Skukum Lounge, 215 Waterworks Road, Ashgrove, Brisbane from 7pm. Tickets at [tickets.oztix.com.au](http://tickets.oztix.com.au). Details [www.thejunkbar.com](http://www.thejunkbar.com)

## Northern Territory

**Until September 30:** *Salon des Refusés, 2017* exhibition, featuring artworks rejected from inclusion in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award. Held at Charles Darwin University Art Gallery. Details at [cdu.edu.au/artgallery](http://cdu.edu.au/artgallery)

**August 25-27:** Gurung Sports Carnival. This year's event will run in conjunction with the Mahbiil Festival. Details: Seide Ramadani on 0429 652 085.

**August 25-27:** Freedom Day 51st festival. A celebration of arts, culture, heritage, music and sports. Join the Gurindji in a spirit of unity for the traditional Freedom Day March. Held in Gurindji country. Details and program, [www.freedomday.com.au](http://www.freedomday.com.au)

**September 7-October 22:** *Desert Mob 2017* exhibition. Held at Araluen Arts Centre, Mparntwe (Alice Springs). Details: (08) 8951 1120 or visit [www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au](http://www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au)

**September 8:** Desert Mob symposium. Stories from artists. Held at Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs. Details: (08) 8951 1120 or visit [www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au](http://www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au)

**September 9:** Desert Mob market place. Held at Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs. Details: (08) 8951 1120 or visit [www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au](http://www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au)

**September 10:** Sand Tracks opens at MusicNT's annual Bush Bands Bash in Alice Springs, then will travel to remote communities in Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory. Details at: [www.countryartswa.asn.au](http://www.countryartswa.asn.au)



# Employment

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Ready to work in the infrastructure and resources sector are work preparation program graduates from left, Tom O'Leary, Alexander Bond, Jimmy Jacksonia, Colin Bond, Larry Hart, Ronald Anu, Frank Sigai and Robert Kerridge.

## Graduates leaping into the resources sector

By ALF WILSON



WHEN Larry Hart completed a pilot work preparation program so he could work in the infrastructure and resources sector, he gave a speech on behalf of all 12 Indigenous graduates.

"I believe we need more leaders and mentors to uplift the self-esteem of many who doubt themselves," he said.

"They want to put an end to the shame and shyness, so they can find their voice, the same way I found mine

through this program."

The graduates were gathered at the Civil Safety FNQ facilities in Weipa, where they received a Certificate II in Work Preparation, Resources and Infrastructure in front of their family and community members, industry and government officials and traditional owner leaders.

Eight of the trainees have already gained employment and the other four have civil safety trainers and mentors working with support agencies and industry partners towards placing them in jobs.

Work preparation program coordinator Ben Hokianga said

he had been having positive discussions with groups such as Bechtel, Rio Tinto Weipa, Civmec, NQCEC, NHDS, Sodexo, Western Cape College and the Weipa Golf Club.

"All have shown intent to offer positions to suitable applicants within local projects," he said.

"These positions cater for the top achievers of this program who have met the standards of good attitude, good attendance and good performance."

Frank Sigai received the program special award for overall achievement showing good character, excellent teamwork, communication and leadership

qualities. The trainee with the most safety-conscious approach throughout the program was Alexander Bond, while Colin Bond won the improvement award as he strived to "do good" and inspired the rest of his training colleagues.

Civil Safety Indigenous engagement manager Noel Gertz thanked the industry partners for their willingness to provide work-placement opportunities for the graduates.

"All levels of government and industry need to work with traditional owners, training organisations and employment services agencies to urgently

increase the number of work readiness programs in the region," he said.

"These programs provide life-changing opportunities for local people.

"Industry representatives also noted that the employment of successful local graduates will reduce their operating costs by minimising the numbers of fly-in fly-out employees."

Civil Safety chief officer Robert Kerridge said the initial investment of funding and training resources by Civil Safety FNQ, Construction Skills Queensland, and My Pathway greatly assisted in making the pilot so successful.

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People of all abilities are encouraged to apply including those with a lived experience or knowledge of disability.

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**(02) 9890 0502**

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Justice  
and Regulation

## Aboriginal Dispute Resolution Officer Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria

- Morwell based position, with some travel to other locations
- Full-time role, fixed-term until 30 June 2018
- Salary range \$79,955 - \$90,716 plus superannuation

In the 2016-17 budget, the Victorian Government provided \$2.7 million to increase programs that intervene early to reduce violence in Aboriginal communities through mediation, lateral violence and dispute resolution training and services. This initiative will be delivered over the next two years by Aboriginal Dispute Resolution Officers employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (DSCV).

As a member of the DSCV Aboriginal Dispute Resolution team, the Aboriginal Dispute Resolution Officer will provide a range of services, including dispute assessment mediation; community dispute resolution; and training and workshops focused on addressing the issue of lateral violence, in conjunction with Aboriginal service providers.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- a thorough understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander society and culture, and their particular concerns and related issues
- the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- strong influencing and negotiation skills, with the ability to manage conflict in a professional manner
- excellent communication and presentation skills.

**For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit [careers.vic.gov.au](http://careers.vic.gov.au) by Wednesday 6 September 2017.**

*This is an Aboriginal identified position. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.*



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AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES

Join Australia's leading  
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**Director – AIATSIS Publishing**  
**APS Executive Level 2 – Ongoing, Full Time**  
**\$106,861 - \$119,411 pa**

Our publishing activities are a critical way to reach a variety of different audiences to tell the stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, to contribute to the national narrative and engage people in learning about the unique and diverse cultural heritage of Australia's Indigenous peoples.

The Aboriginal Studies Press is moving into a new phase, expanding our research publications, looking at new ways to highlight the treasures in our Collection, forging partnerships to support the Australian school's curriculum and finding new audiences for our work. We play a leadership and training role in developing ethical publishing practices in an Indigenous context and supporting Indigenous authors.

The role offers an exciting opportunity to lead the development of our publishing ethics resources and services.

As part of the AIATSIS leadership group, you will enjoy high level strategic and operational responsibilities, engage with authors, industry and sector partners, to identify and secure opportunities for new publishing ventures and develop markets for our existing products.

### Special Measures

This will be filled using the Special Measures provision, which allows for the targeted recruitment of Indigenous Australians into the Australian Public Service. The vacancy is only open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

**Closing Date:** 5pm Monday 4th September 2017

### How to apply:

Please consult the AIATSIS website [www.aiatsis.gov.au](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au) for more information and download the Application Pack. Follow the instructions on the Application Pack and submit your application to [recruitment@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@aiatsis.gov.au) by the closing date.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate a high level of cultural proficiency in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and the capacity to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as stakeholders, colleagues and peers.

### This is an identified position

The Institute values a skilled and diverse workforce to meet the needs of the organisation in the promotion of knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.





Health  
South Eastern Sydney  
Local Health District

## Aboriginal Community Mental Health Clinician

Permanent Full-Time  
Enquiries: Suzanne Faraj  
0413 777 607

**Closing Date:  
31 August 2017**

**Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au) and search Job Reference Number 405562**

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**

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## Part Time Men's Project Workers Identified Positions

**The Community Restorative Centre (CRC) is a community based agency providing assistance to people affected by the criminal justice system**

**We are currently seeking to recruit Part Time Men's Project Workers:**

- Aboriginal and Gender Identified positions
- One position based in Broken Hill 60 hours per fortnight
- One position based in Wilcannia 38 hours per fortnight
- Terms and Conditions of employment as per Level 4 Pay Point 4 of the SCHADS Award 2010
- Rate of pay equivalent to SACS Award Grade 4 year 4 (\$34.68 gross per hour plus super and salary packaging)

The Men's Project Worker will work to develop and implement client led project activities aimed at increasing social and cultural connectedness, and self-determination.

In addition, the role will provide holistic casework support on an outreach basis to people leaving custody returning to live in either Broken Hill or Wilcannia. Position is generally Monday to Friday between 8am and 6pm; with occasional out-of-hours' work to be performed as required.

CRC considers being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification as specified under section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)*.

CRC considers being a man is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as specified under section 31h of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)*.

**Applications close by COB on Friday 8th September 2017.**

For more information and how to apply please see our website [www.crcnsw.org.au](http://www.crcnsw.org.au); telephone: 02 9288 8700; email [info@crcnsw.org.au](mailto:info@crcnsw.org.au)



## Careers In Child Protection SUPERVISOR, CLINICAL LEAD

DEPARTMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION  
RESIDENTIAL CARE  
ONGOING VACANCY  
VAC NO: 2017-22590

**\$92,757 - \$98,896**

The Supervisor, Clinical Leader is a role within Department for Child Protection and is accountable to the Manager, Residential Care for:

- Leadership, development and performance of a designated work team.
- Management of professional clinical practice and standards.
- Development of services that are relevant, appropriate and accessible to a range of clients.
- Policy and advice in relation to continuous improvements within the Directorate as it relates to the subject matter.
- Working on strategies to improve the care for children who have entered into Residential Care so that their development, stability and security is assured.
- Contributing to the development and delivery of strategic and operational policies and programs with knowledge and/or experience of child development and trauma in order to promote positive outcomes for children and young people in Residential Care

**People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.**

For further information about the role and to submit your application please visit:  
[www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/work-with-us](http://www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/work-with-us)

Enquiries to: Nicole Stasiak, Ph: (08) 8226 6467

Applications close 11pm, Monday 28th August 2017

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Government of South Australia  
Department for Child Protection



Premier  
and Cabinet

## Senior Project Officer

Applications are sought for the role of a Senior Project Officer (VPS5) within the Department of Premier and Cabinet. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of the Aboriginal Victoria (AV) branch which provides advice to the Victorian Government on Aboriginal policy and planning, and delivers key programs. AV works in partnership with Aboriginal communities, and government departments and agencies to promote knowledge, leadership and understanding about Victoria's Aboriginal people.

From administering legislation to generating jobs, AV invests in building skills, leadership, and capacity within communities and organisations to improve the lives of Aboriginal Victorians.

The Senior Project Officer will provide sound advice and lead on projects, initiatives and the management and implementation of a range of procurements, funding and grant programs and their contracts and/or Victorian Common Funding Agreements.

The successful applicant will have excellent planning and organisational skills, a good eye for detail, and strong stakeholder management skills. The ability to work in a fast paced and dynamic work environment will also be essential.

Demonstrated knowledge in Aboriginal Communities, Grant Management and Project Management will be highly regarded.

The closing date for this position is **Sunday 3 September 2017.**

**How to apply:** <https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1291542>

Apply before the advertised closing date via the <http://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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**AEC**

Australian Electoral Commission

## APS 6 Program Officer in Canberra, ACT

Canberra, ACT  
APS6 \$77,902 - \$87,313  
Position Number 2178

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is an independent statutory authority established under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act). The AEC maintains an impartial and independent electoral system for eligible voters through active electoral roll management, efficient delivery of polling services, and targeted education and public awareness programs.

The AEC is seeking to engage an APS 6 Program Officer in Canberra, ACT.

The role involves assisting with the successful operation and management of the Indigenous Electoral Participation Program as well as developing and delivering policies, programs, products and services that impact on Indigenous Australians.

This position impacts on Indigenous Australians and is being advertised as an Identified Position. Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.

To view the full position description and information on how to apply please visit the employment section of our website at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au).

**Applications close 11:59pm (AEST) Thursday, 31 August 2017.**

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Office of  
Environment  
& Heritage

## Aboriginal Education Officer

- Botanic Gardens & Centennial Parklands
- Sydney City
- Clerk Grade 5/6
- Vacancy Ref: 00005G1A
- Casual (10 roles available)

**Duties:** Develop and deliver education and community programs on botany, horticulture and environmental themes with a focus on supporting the interpretation of the Aboriginal heritage of Botanic Gardens & Centennial Parklands sites.

**Total Remuneration package:** \$44.55 - \$49.16 per hour plus applicable casual loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

**Applications Close:  
30 August 2017 (11:59pm)**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Jody Orcher on (02) 9231 8128.

**Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search Job Reference Number 00005G1A.**

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## Solicitor

### Key selling points:

- Exciting career opportunity in local Community Legal Service
- Positive and inclusive culture
- Frequent travel opportunities available

### The Company

The North & North West Community Legal Service is a not-for-profit organisation operating as a generalist community legal service. Based in Armidale, NSW, we provide legal assistance in the north and northwest region of NSW, completing regular circuits to Tamworth, Tenterfield, Narrabri, Gunnedah, Wee Waa, Moree, Inverell, Walcha, and Glen Innes. Our Service provides free legal advice, assistance, and support to people who have the least access to the legal system and the least power to help themselves. We also conduct community legal education sessions in the region, speaking on various topics such as family law, the importance of having a will, debt and credit problems, and many more. The aim is to raise people's awareness of their legal rights and responsibilities and to help prevent issues arising in the future.

### The Role

We are seeking a Solicitor to join our Service. Applicants should demonstrate well-developed experience in legal practice, preferably with experience in family law and domestic violence cases. The successful applicant will be required to provide comprehensive legal advice, community legal education, and training to clients. They should maintain a teamwork approach at all times, contributing to a positive and supportive work environment.

### The Candidate

Our ideal candidate will meet the following selection criteria:

#### Essential:

- Hold, or be eligible to hold, a Practising Certificate as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW;
- Two (2) years post admission experience;
- Demonstrated ability to undertake legal work relevant to disadvantaged clients including Family, Civil, Employment, Criminal Law, and Welfare Rights;
- Demonstrated ability to conduct appropriate case and file management;
- Demonstrated ability to supervise student volunteers;
- Knowledge, or ability to acquire such knowledge, of all relevant professional practice requirements (e.g. Professional Indemnity Insurance, legal practice legislation) as they relate to the operations of the Legal Service;
- Demonstrated ability to identify and understand issues affecting disadvantaged clients and communities' access to social justice;
- Demonstrated ability to set priorities, organise, and manage workloads;
- Demonstrated excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Demonstrated ability to maintain records, seek out, gather, and analyse existing information on all issues relevant to the position;
- Capacity to work in a community-based, team environment;
- Capacity to work with clients with intellectual disabilities, clients from Indigenous and non-English speaking backgrounds, and clients from other disadvantaged circumstances;
- Knowledge of issues relating to service delivery in rural context/outreach work;
- Knowledge of philosophies pertaining to Community Legal Centres;
- Demonstrated computer literacy, including word processing and Internet based research;
- A current unencumbered NSW Drivers Licence.

#### Desirable:

- Family law and domestic violence client experience.

For a confidential discussion, and to obtain to the Candidate Information Book, please contact the Consultant assisting NNWCLS, Ms Bronwyn Pearson, on 1300 856 231. For all email enquiries and applications, please send to [jobs@pinnaclepeoplesolutions.com.au](mailto:jobs@pinnaclepeoplesolutions.com.au). Closing date for applications: **29 August 2017.**





## COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR

### Milingimbi

**Full Time, 2 Year Fixed Term Contract  
Level 6 Step 1 \$80,530.84**

For a Position Description and Application Details visit East Arnhem Regional Council's website [www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au](http://www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au)

**Applications Close: 30 August 2017**



Premier and Cabinet

## Strategic Communications Officer

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) now welcome applications from experienced Communications Officers to help develop, implement and evaluate communication related activity for Aboriginal Victoria.

Aboriginal Victoria takes a coordinated end-to-end approach to deliver the Victorian Government's agenda for Aboriginal policy reform, community strengthening and engagement and cultural heritage management and protection. AV works with Victorian Aboriginal communities and other partners to lead the whole of government reform strategy to improve the lives of Aboriginal Victorians. It is also responsible for the effective implementation of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* and the *Aboriginal Lands Act 1970*.

Reporting to the Senior Strategic Communications and Events Manager, the communication activity will encompass self-determination, treaty, celebration and promotion of Aboriginal culture and acknowledgement of achievement by Aboriginal Victorians. The successful incumbent will be responsible for (but not limited to):

- Development of materials and content for use across a range of channels
- Engagement with third parties and stakeholders to support communications activities
- Contribution to strategies and plans to build support for reforms and activities led by Aboriginal Victoria

The successful applicant will have demonstrated experience in a similar position, be an exceptional communicator and have highly developed stakeholder management skills. A tertiary qualification in communications, public relations, marketing or similar discipline is highly advantageous.

The closing date for this position is **midnight 3 September 2017**.


**How to apply:** <https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1292144>

Apply before the advertised closing date via the <http://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.**



Premier and Cabinet

## Project Facilitator (Right People for Country Program)

Aboriginal Victoria's Right People for Country Program is seeking a Project Facilitator (part time) to work with Traditional Owner groups and other stakeholders to support Traditional Owner-led agreement making.

Key components of this role include engaging with Traditional Owner groups and other stakeholders, facilitating Traditional Owner-led agreement making processes, and coordinating capacity strengthening opportunities. You will have understanding and experience in engaging with Aboriginal communities, facilitating meetings and managing projects. Your capacity to build relationships, communicate effectively, problem solve and take initiative will be essential in this role.

An understanding of the legislative and policy context relating to recognition of Traditional owners will be highly regarded.

**This is a designated position established as a special measure under section 12 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010*. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.**


The closing date for this position is **Thursday, 31 August 2017**.

**How to apply:** <https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1290278>

Apply before the advertised closing date via the <http://careers.vic.gov.au> website

All applications should include:

- a resumé
- a cover letter which addresses the key selection criteria (within three pages)



Premier and Cabinet

## Project Support Officer

An opportunity exists for a talented and highly motivated project support officer to join DPC's Aboriginal Victoria Branch. The Branch broadly works on, community strengthening, engagement, cultural heritage management and protection.

The role is situated within the Service Delivery Team, which provides high-quality, project management and strategic advice across a range of portfolio programs and functions, including:

- Aboriginal Lands Act 1970*
- First Mortgage and Community Infrastructure Program
- Award Programs, ie: Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll and Ricci Marks
- Grant Management, ie: Koorie Youth Council / Koorie Heritage Trust / Reconciliation Victoria
- Annual Portfolio events

The role requires a proactive self-starter with an ability to work in a complex, sensitive and fast paced environment. The successful candidate will demonstrate good project and communication skills with an ability to work effectively in a team environment and with both internal and external stakeholders.

**Only Aboriginal 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).**

The closing date for this position is **Sunday 3 September 2017**.

**How to apply:** <https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1288167>

Apply before the advertised closing date via the [careers.vic.gov.au](http://careers.vic.gov.au) website

All applications should include:

- a resumé
- a cover letter which addresses the key selection criteria (within three pages)



## SA WATER VACANCIES

For more information and to apply for vacancies with SA Water, please visit [www.sawater.com.au](http://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.*

### Women's Case Workers (One position Aboriginal Identified)

Sydney Metro Area, NSW

**\* Unique opportunity to work with women affected by the criminal justice system!**

**\* Attractive salary of \$68,520 + super & generous salary packaging options!**

*Community Restorative Centre (CRC) has two opportunities for Women's Case Workers (One position Aboriginal Identified) to join their team in the Sydney Metro Area on a full-time basis contracted to June 2019.*

*In this role, you will be responsible for providing a broad range of casework services for women leaving prison - or who are at risk of imprisonment - who are themselves survivors of violence and are at risk of returning to violent situations. In return for your hard work and dedication you will be rewarded with a SACS Award Grade 4 salary of \$68,520 and super and generous salary packaging options!*

*This is a fantastic opportunity allowing you to really make a difference in the local community - Apply Now!*



**Apply Online**  
[ApplyNow.net.au/Job91744](http://ApplyNow.net.au/Job91744)

### Senior Health Policy & Strategy Officer

Adelaide, SA

**\* Senior leadership opportunity identifying health needs and developing policies to help improve the lives of Aboriginal people in SA**

**\* Attractive AHCSA Level 7 remuneration of \$96,114 + super & salary sacrificing options!**

*Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia Inc has an opportunity for a Senior Health Policy & Strategy Officer to join their team in Adelaide on a full-time fixed term role to 30 June, 2019. Reporting to the Deputy CEO, this pivotal role will see you supporting and implementing the objectives and policies of the AHCSA by assisting Aboriginal communities to identify their health service needs.*

*On offer is an attractive AHCSA Level 7 remuneration package of \$96,114 plus super and salary sacrificing options to increase your take home pay!*

*This is a rewarding opportunity for a driven individual looking for an opportunity to bring their strategic direction and policy knowledge to make real change within the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health - Apply Now*



**Apply Online**  
[ApplyNow.net.au/Job91706](http://ApplyNow.net.au/Job91706)



## SA Dental Service

### Dental Assistant Traineeships

The 12 month Traineeship contract includes

- On the job training
- Attendance at TAFE where you will gain a Certificate 3 in Dental Assisting
- \$17,685 - \$32,761 a year while training

To qualify you must

- Be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander aged 17-30 years
- Have finished year 11

The Trainee Dental Assistant works under supervision and guidance throughout the traineeship to develop the competency and skills required of a qualified Dental Assistant.

For more information visit [www.sahealthcareers.com.au](http://www.sahealthcareers.com.au) and select careers in Oral Health.

Applications open **01/09/2017 to 22/09/2017** for a **February 2018** start date. To apply visit [www.sahealthcareers.com.au](http://www.sahealthcareers.com.au) and search job number: 623462.

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**Applications close 3pm, Friday 15 September 2017**

## MacKillop Family Services

### Therapeutic Practitioner

Exciting opportunity to join MacKillop Family Services where you can drive the therapeutic practice of our dedicated staff while enhancing client outcomes.


Full time position available in Barwon

For a full position description and to apply please visit the 'Careers' section of our website [www.mackillop.org.au](http://www.mackillop.org.au)

For more information, please contact Julie Avery, Senior Practitioner 0427 905 729

**Applications close: 29 August 2017.**

[mackillop.org.au](http://mackillop.org.au)



## Aboriginal Employment Strategy Ltd

## CAREER RECRUITMENT OFFICER

### CAMPBELLTOWN and DUBBO

**Core elements of the role include:**

- Interviewing, assessing and referring Aboriginal career seekers into a career and training.
- Develop and implement employment career action plans
- Networking with community organisations and local businesses to generate new career opportunities
- Preparation and coaching of Aboriginal career seekers

**Selection Criteria:**

- Demonstrated ability to successfully engage with Aboriginal people and communities
- Proven track record in delivering tangible outcomes for Aboriginal people
- Highly developed time management skills
- Ability to work autonomously and as part of a team
- Proficiency in MS Office suite including Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to work to compliance processes
- A valid driver's license
- Working with children's check

**Desirable Criteria:**

- Experience in Employment Services Industry

*Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.*

**Applications close**

**5:00pm on Friday 8th September, 2017**

Please forward written applications addressing the selection criteria and a copy of your CV to Email:[hr@aes.org.au](mailto:hr@aes.org.au)

For further information please call HR on 02 8571 0999



Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS)  
(Funded by the Australian Government Department of Health & Ageing)

### Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program (ANFPP) Positions

1 Full-Time Nurse Supervisor  
6 Full-Time Aboriginal Family Partnership Workers  
6 Full-Time Nurse Home Visitors

These positions will be located at **Greater Western Aboriginal Health Service** (GWAHS) which operates a Comprehensive Primary Health Care Service on behalf of Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS) across Western Sydney, Nepean, and Blue Mountains.

The Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program (ANFPP) at GWAHS is to provide support to Aboriginal residents of the Blacktown Local Government Association accessing Auburn, Blacktown, Nepean, and Westmead Maternity Units

The primary target group is first time mothers of Aboriginal children within the antenatal period focusing on clients engaging in risk behaviours during pregnancy ie drinking, drugs & smoking.

The aim of the Blacktown ANFPP is to

- reduce risk taking reduce premature births
- increase rates of breast feeding and
- improve the overall health and wellbeing of newborn babies and parents

We will also focus on supporting parent's self-determination, specifically in relation to education and employment opportunities. The emphasis on parents is an important one as fathers play an important role in the antenatal period.

**Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the above position and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage is considered essential and therefore Confirmation of Aboriginality may be requested.**

Interested persons will need to contact Terrienne Hughes, GWAHS Community Health Program Manager at Greater Western Aboriginal Health Service (02) 9832 1356 or email [terrienneh@gwahs.net.au](mailto:terrienneh@gwahs.net.au) for an information package which details the "Essential & Desirable Criteria" to be addressed in application or [www.wachs.net.au](http://www.wachs.net.au)

Applications close at **5pm on Wednesday 6th September 2017**. No late faxed applications will be accepted.





### Mental Health Team

#### ABORIGINAL MENTAL HEALTH WORKER (4YRS+EXP)

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation  
Full-Time fixed term contract until December 2018  
with possibility of contract rollover  
5 Days P/W  
Enquiries: Tina Taylor  
(02) 4628 4837

#### SENIOR YOUTH WORKER (2YRS+ EXP)

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation  
Full-Time fixed term contract until December 2018  
with possibility of contract rollover  
4 Days P/W  
Enquiries: Tina Taylor  
(02) 4628 4837

#### MOBILE MENTAL HEALTH NURSE

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation  
Full-Time fixed term contract until December 2018 with  
possibility of contract rollover  
4 Days P/W  
Enquiries: Tina Taylor  
(02) 4628 4837

#### CULTURALLY QUALIFIED PSYCHOLOGIST

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation  
Full-Time fixed term contract until December 2018  
with possibility of contract rollover  
3 Days P/W  
Enquiries: Tina Taylor  
(02) 4628 4837

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply for these positions**

*This team will complement the existing Mental Health Unit within The Social & Emotional Wellbeing Team at Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation to provide a holistic approach to the wellbeing of our community.*

**CLOSING DATE:  
1 SEPTEMBER 2017**

*A police check, working with Children Check and a driving license are required for all positions.*

*All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the position description and selection criteria for their application to considered.*

Email Tina Taylor:

**Tina.Taylor@tacams.com.au**

## Careers In Child Protection INTENSIVE ADOLESCENT SERVICES MANAGER

DEPARTMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION

RESIDENTIAL CARE

ONGOING VACANCY

VAC NO: 2017-22592

\$102,305 – 111,854 p.a.

The Intensive Adolescent Services Manager is an operational role within Residential Care and is accountable to the Director for:

- Providing high quality information and practice advice, as an expert practitioner, to staff to improve outcomes for vulnerable children in Residential Care.
- Supporting and providing clinical supervision in the development and or implementation of assessment and therapeutic services.
- Identifying practice quality issues in partnership with staff, Supervisors and Manager, proposing effective ways of addressing these, and contributing to the implementation of practice improvements.
- Identifying practice quality issues, proposing effective ways of addressing these, and leading the implementation of practice improvements.
- Identification and analysis of system barriers and development of innovative strategies to address.
- Contributing to the learning and development of staff, including leading the provision of training to underpin client focused service delivery.
- Quality assurance of practice for Residential Care.

People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

For further information about the role and to submit your application please visit:

[www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/work-with-us](http://www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/work-with-us)

Enquiries to: Nicole Stasiak, Ph: (08) 8226 6467

Applications close 11pm, Monday 28th August 2017



**Government of South Australia**  
Department for Child Protection



Magistrates' Court  
of Victoria

## SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

Koori Court Unit

VPS Grade 5

\$92,253 - \$111,619

Role No: MC2194

(Full time, Ongoing)

The Senior Project Officer, Koori Court Unit primary focus is on project development and plays a critical part in reshaping processes to positively impact the operations of the Koori Court. The role requires project management, research and analysis of trends, policies and practices within a continuous improvement framework. This role works collaboratively to deliver projects within the Specialist Courts and Programs of the Magistrates' Court of Victoria.

*This is a designated position under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.*

Further information: Joanne Atkinson on (03) 9032 0941

Applications to: [careers.vic.gov.au](http://careers.vic.gov.au)

Applications close 5 September 2017



**AEC**

Australian Electoral Commission

## Assistant Director, Indigenous and Community Engagement

Canberra, ACT

EL1 \$97,287 - \$109,632

Position Number 987

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is an independent statutory authority established under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act). The AEC maintains an impartial and independent electoral system for eligible voters through active electoral roll management, efficient delivery of polling services, and targeted education and public awareness programs.

The AEC is seeking to engage an EL1 Assistant Director in Canberra, ACT.

The role is responsible for delivering targeted and culturally appropriate communication, programs and services to support electoral participation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples. The position will also deliver the AEC's public awareness campaign for Indigenous audiences during electoral events as well as supporting program management through the development of policies, processes and strategic plans.

This position impacts on Indigenous Australians and is being advertised as an Identified Position. Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.

To view the full position description and information on how to apply please visit the employment section of our website at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au).

Applications close 11:59pm (AEST) Thursday, 31 August 2017.



**Family &  
Community  
Services**

## Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker

NSW Family and Community Services aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children by recruiting and developing outstanding individuals to be leaders in child protection practice.

As an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker you will be working with vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect, their families and communities and interagency partners to be agents of change in the lives of children.

***Being an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker is tough.  
It takes a special kind of person. But the rewards are huge.***

We are looking for people with a strong commitment to children, families and community capacity building, people who possess a high level of resilience to become part of a team of skilled and dedicated professionals.

***Do you identify as Aboriginal and have two years experience working with  
Aboriginal children, young people and families or communities?***

If so apply now! Please visit [www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://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](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/careers/caseworker)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further  
Please call Recruitment on 1800 203 966 or email  
[caseworker.screenings@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:caseworker.screenings@facs.nsw.gov.au)



**Applications must be lodged electronically.  
Please go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search  
Job Reference Number 000041OM**

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## Mid North Coast Community Legal Centre have a number of positions at our Port Macquarie office.



Mid North Coast Community Legal Centre (MNCCLC) [www.mncclc.org.au](http://www.mncclc.org.au) is part of Advocacy Law Alliance Inc. (ALA) [www.advocacylaw.org.au](http://www.advocacylaw.org.au), which is a non-profit organisation. MNCCLC provides free legal services to people living in the local government areas of MidCoast, Port Macquarie – Hastings and Kempsey Shire. Disability Advocacy NSW (DANSW) [www.da.org.au](http://www.da.org.au) is another program which operates under ALA.

The positions vacant include;

### Admin and Client Services Assistant (35 hour week)

As an Administration Assistant you will contribute to the effective and efficient day to day management of duties to provide, timely, quality service to the Principal Solicitor and Executive Officer – Legal Advocacy. In order to be effective in this role you will lead by positive example to deliver a high quality service, support and team work in an efficient manner and in a way that strives for continuous improvement.

SCHADS Award, Pay Point 3.1: Package \$54,431.66 (annual wages \$49,049.00 + advance leave loading \$660.28 + Superannuation \$4,722.38).

### Junior Solicitor (35 hour week):

As a Junior Solicitor you will be providing free civil law legal services including information, advice, casework, advocacy, representation, community legal education and policy and law reform. The Junior Solicitor will work under the supervision of the Principal Solicitor. We seek applicants who are committed to social justice and have a strong interest in developing civil justice skills in a growing community legal centre.

SCHADS Award, Pay Point 4.1: Package \$60,874.59 (annual Wages \$54,854.80 + advance leave loading \$738.43 + Superannuation \$5,281.36).

### Solicitor (35 hour week):

As a Solicitor you will be providing free civil law legal services including information, advice, casework, advocacy, representation, community legal education and policy and law reform. The Solicitor will work under the supervision of the Principal Solicitor. We seek applicants who are committed to social justice and have a minimum of 2 years' experience in providing civil law legal services.

SCHADS Award, Pay Point 5.1: Package \$70,367.31 (annual wages \$63,408.80 + advance leave loading \$853.58 + Superannuation \$6,104.93).

Please contact Jane Titterington at [info@mncclc.org.au](mailto:info@mncclc.org.au) for the relevant position description and selection criteria.

All applications must be forwarded to Jane Titterington at [info@mncclc.org.au](mailto:info@mncclc.org.au) or be submitted through the job ad on [www.seek.com.au](http://www.seek.com.au) and include a cover letter, selection criteria, resume and two current referees. Applications that do not address the above mentioned requirements will not be considered. Applications close 5.00pm Wednesday 30th August 2017.





Magistrates' Court  
of Victoria

## TEAM LEADER

*Koori Court Unit*

*VPS Grade 5*

*\$92,253 - \$111,619*

*Role No: MC2193*

*(Full time, Ongoing)*

The Koori Court Unit of the Magistrates' Court of Victoria is seeking an enthusiastic, positive and motivated Team Leader to work as part of the Koori Court Unit team within the Specialists Courts and Support Services which aims to deliver service excellence to strengthen the Koori Courts processes.

Reporting to the Koori Court Manager, The Team Leader will be responsible for coordination and supporting a multi-disciplinary team which includes a team of Koori Court Officers, Koori Court Elders and Respected Persons, Project Officers and other support staff.

This is a designated position under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.

**Further information: Joanne Atkinson, Manager of Koori Courts on (03) 9032 0941**

**Applications to: [careers.vic.gov.au](http://careers.vic.gov.au)**

**Applications close 5 September 2017**



## Legal Support Officer

### Key selling points:

- Exciting career opportunity in local Community Legal Service
- Positive and inclusive culture
- Opportunity to build extensive knowledge of the legal system

### The Company:

The North & North West Community Legal Service is a not-for-profit organisation operating as a generalist community legal service. Based in Armidale, NSW, we provide legal assistance in the north and northwest region of NSW, completing regular circuits to Tamworth, Tenterfield, Narrabri, Gunnedah, Wee Waa, Moree, Inverell, Walcha, and Glen Innes. Our Service provides free legal advice, assistance, and support to people who have the least access to the legal system and the least power to help themselves. We also conduct community legal education sessions in the region, speaking on various topics such as family law, the importance of having a will, debt and credit problems, and many more. The aim is to raise people's awareness of their legal rights and responsibilities and to help prevent issues arising in the future.

### The Role

We are seeking a Legal Support Officer to join our Service. Applicants should demonstrate excellent communication and social skills, good operational knowledge of computers and other office technological equipment, and should be confident in dealing with clients from a range of backgrounds.

### The Candidate

Our ideal candidate will meet the following selection criteria:

#### Essential:

- A passion for community service;
- Demonstrated experience and skills in managing a range of computer systems/programs including data entry and word processing skills;
- Excellent organisational skills, including the ability to meet deadlines, prioritise, and manage competing priorities;
- Demonstrated ability to effectively interact with clients;
- Demonstrated capacity to work effectively in a busy team environment;
- Demonstrated excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

#### Desirable:

- Prior legal experience, or experience working with a similar not-for-profit legal service.

For a confidential discussion, and to obtain to the Candidate Information Book, please contact the Consultant assisting NNWCLS, Ms Bronwyn Pearson, on 1300 856 231. For all email enquiries and applications, please send to [jobs@pinnaclepeoplesolutions.com.au](mailto:jobs@pinnaclepeoplesolutions.com.au). Closing date for applications: **29 August 2017**.



## General Manager Supporter Engagement

*Are you passionate about closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage?*

*Would you like the opportunity to contribute to a dynamic Aboriginal organisation and its sustainability?*

**If your answers are yes, then ICV has the opportunity for you!**

ICV facilitates community and human development projects with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities. We support Indigenous Australians to harness opportunities available to them and overcome social and economic disadvantage through community development and capacity building projects. Reconciliation that occurs through our volunteering initiatives is also an important outcome of our work.

We currently have an exciting and challenging opportunity for a suitably experienced General Manager, Supporter Engagement to join the leadership team, reporting directly to the CEO.

This position is integral to the work of ICV and is responsible for maximising fundraising revenue from individual, philanthropic and corporate donors and supporting ICV's other key stakeholders including the team of Ambassadors.

### The successful applicant will demonstrate:

- The ability to develop and implement ICV's 3 year Fundraising Strategy to ensure that ICV engages with relevant external stakeholders and suppliers and continues to grow its revenue potential.
- Supervising and supporting ICV's Supporter Engagement Team to ensure the effective initiation, design, implementation and achievement of ICV's fundraising strategic objectives.
- Develop tactics, systems and processes that will ensure the successful implementation of the ICV fundraising strategy.
- Develop and manage the Fundraising budget to ensure income and expenditure are managed appropriately and targets are met.
- Collaborating with ICV's leadership team across Australia to contribute to organisational leadership, efficacy and innovation.

Applications must include a statement addressing the selection criteria.

For a full position description and selection criteria please email Daryl Phillips [dphillips@humanresourcescentre.com.au](mailto:dphillips@humanresourcescentre.com.au) or by calling 0424 705 635. You can also visit [www.icv.com.au](http://www.icv.com.au) for more information.

**Applications close Friday 1 September 2017** and should be sent to [dphillips@humanresourcescentre.com.au](mailto:dphillips@humanresourcescentre.com.au).

**ICV aims to be an employer of choice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous Australians.**

**Indigenous Australians, culturally and linguistically diverse Australians are encouraged to apply.**



Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN)

## Administration Officer

**Part-time. 3 days per-week. Salary: \$33,700 pa plus superannuation and costs.**

**Based in Melbourne, VIC**

**Indigenous Identified Position**

Would you like to work with an Aboriginal-owned, not-for-profit organisation focussed on achieving water rights for Indigenous people?

The MLDRIN Administration Officer will be responsible for undertaking regular administrative and financial tasks and supporting the effective operation of the organisation. There will also be opportunities to engage in strategic planning and community engagement activities. The Administration Officer will work directly with the Executive Officer and, when required, engage directly with Board Members.

The successful applicant will require basic office management experience, financial/budgeting and computer skills.

For a full position description and selection criteria please follow the link from: [www.mldrin.org.au/publications/](http://www.mldrin.org.au/publications/)

Send applications addressing the selection criteria and including a cover letter and resume to:

Email: [executiveofficer.mldrin@gmail.com](mailto:executiveofficer.mldrin@gmail.com)

Post: MLDRIN, Post Office Box 5005

Brunswick North VIC 3056

Applications must be submitted by: **5pm EST Monday 11th September.**



**Legal Aid**  
NEW SOUTH WALES

## Aboriginal Targeted Legal Support Officer State-wide Talent Pool

- Package up to \$74k (Clerk Grade 1/2)
- Ongoing, Temporary & Casual Talent Pool

We are looking for enthusiastic and organised team players to support the effective and efficient delivery of legal services within Legal Aid NSW. This role includes preparing correspondence, processing legal documents, liaising with stakeholders and providing basic referral information to clients.

### Applications Close:

**Wednesday, 20 September 2017**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Yamil Zenassi on (02) 9219 5104.

**Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search Job Reference Number 00005HU3**

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THE UNIVERSITY OF  
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## Administrative Assistant

**Reference no.** 903/0517

**Closing date:** 30 August 2017

The School of Rural Health delivers our Sydney Medical Program in rural settings and aims to afford students excellence in medical education as well as the benefits of a rural lifestyle.

In this role at our Orange Campus, you will provide general administrative and reception services, coupled with office and facilities management.

To be successful, you will have sound administrative and organisational skills, in order to coordinate and undertake a range of operational activities on a day-to-day basis. Additionally, limited travel within Orange is a requirement of this position.

This is a full-time fixed term position for 12 months and is an exciting opportunity to provide support to research activities aimed at improving the health of rural, remote and Indigenous Australian communities.

For more information and to apply, search by the reference number at [sydney.edu.au/recruitment](http://sydney.edu.au/recruitment)

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THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**SYDNEY**

## Marketing and Communications Officer

**Reference no.** 1638/0817

**Closing date:** 30 August 2017

The School of Rural Health delivers our Sydney Medical Program in rural settings and aims to afford students excellence in medical education as well as the benefits of a rural lifestyle.

In this role based at our Orange Campus, you will be responsible for the design, production and distribution of highly professional promotional material and reports in a variety of media; with a focus on the rural market.

To be successful, you will have previous experience in project management working across multiple streams and have a thorough understanding of the trends and emerging technologies that are influencing the digital environment; and experience incorporating this into daily projects. Additionally, travel between Dubbo and Orange may be required occasionally.

This is a part-time fixed term position until December 2018 and is an exciting opportunity to work creatively with a wide range of stakeholders in supporting the research activities of the School of Rural Health.

For more information and to apply, search by the reference number at [sydney.edu.au/recruitment](http://sydney.edu.au/recruitment)

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## Administrative Officer

Location: Moruya  
Salary: \$28.60 to \$29.54ph  
Enquiries: Jackie Jackson  
(02) 4474 1978  
Reference Number: 407776

## Aboriginal Health Worker

Location: Cooma  
Salary: \$26.02 to \$38.33ph  
Enquiries: Rick Shipp  
(02) 4827 3913  
Reference Number: 408950

**Closing Date:**  
**2 September 2017**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au) and search Job Reference Numbers above.

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Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS)  
(Funded by the Australian Government Department of Health & Ageing)

## Integrated Team Care Program

### Positions

- 1 Full Time Integrated Care Coordinator
- 2 Full Time Aboriginal Outreach Workers

These positions will be located at **Greater Western Aboriginal Health Service (GWAHS)** which operates a Comprehensive Primary Health Care Service on behalf of Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS) across Western Sydney, Nepean, and Blue Mountains. The aim of the program is to contribute to closing the gap in life expectancy by improving access to culturally sensitive primary care services for Aboriginal Australians.

The aims of the ITC Activity is to:

- Improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with chronic health conditions through better access to coordinated and multidisciplinary care; and
- Contribute to closing the gap in life expectancy by improved access to culturally appropriate mainstream primary care services (including but not limited to general practice, allied health and specialists) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The team will work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across western Sydney to achieve better treatment and management of their chronic health conditions through better access and care to health professionals within the region.

**Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the above position and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage is considered essential and therefore Confirmation of Aboriginality may be requested.**

Interested persons will need to contact Terrienne Hughes, GWAHS Community Health Programs Manager at Greater Western Aboriginal Health Service (02) 9832 1356 or email [terrienneh@gwahs.net.au](mailto:terrienneh@gwahs.net.au) for an information package which details the "Essential & Desirable Criteria" to be addressed in application or [www.wachs.net.au](http://www.wachs.net.au)

Applications close at **5pm on Wednesday 6th September 2017**. No late applications will be accepted.

## Aboriginal Population Health Trainee

Population Health, Planning and Performance,  
Wallsend/Tamworth

Enquiries: Karen Gillham (02) 4924 6241  
Reference Number: 409776

**Closing Date: 6 September 2017**

## Occupational Therapy Assistant

Mental Health, Morisset

Enquiries: Emily Price 0401 236 796  
Reference Number: 409976

**Closing Date: 3 September, 2017**

These are targeted Aboriginal Positions. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

## Community Development Facilitator

Toomelah Community Health Centre  
Enquiries: Candice Dahlstron (02) 6757 0307  
Reference Number: 409066

**Closing Date: 3 September 2017**

## Enrolled Nurse Aboriginal Health Community Care

Adamstown  
Enquiries: Susan Williams (02) 4924 2552  
Reference Number: 410939

**Closing Date: 10 September 2017**

## Registered Nurse Integrated Chronic Care for Aboriginal People Program

Newcastle  
Enquiries: Susan Williams (02) 4924 2552  
Reference Number: 410935

**Closing Date: 10 September 2017**

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 Dates:**  
**Listed above**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au) and search Job Reference Numbers above.

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Indigenous Women's Legal Program

## Aboriginal Community Access Officer

Dubbo or Sydney

**21 hrs per week/12 month fixed term**  
**Base Salary \$33,011 - \$38,101 p.a. (salary packaging available)**

Women's Legal Service NSW is a community legal centre for disadvantaged women in NSW. We are looking for a Community Access Officer for the Indigenous Women's Legal Program.

We are planning a major conference for Aboriginal women to take place near Dubbo in October 2018. We are looking for someone to assist with organising the conference. The position can be based either at Dubbo or in our Sydney office at Lidcombe.

Ability to travel to rural NSW and current driving license essential.

Selection criteria include:

A commitment to social justice, demonstrated experience in community education and development, facilitating workshops, understanding of Human Rights and advocacy, capacity to consult with Aboriginal women and develop strong networks.

We offer flexible working conditions and fringe benefits.

"Women's Legal Service NSW considers being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s. 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)"

Please call Women's Legal Service NSW 02 8745 6900 for a full job package and selection criteria, or visit our website [www.wlsnsw.org.au](http://www.wlsnsw.org.au). Applications addressing the full selection criteria should be marked 'confidential' and forwarded to the Executive Officer, PO Box 206 Lidcombe 1825 or by email to [reception@wlsnsw.org.au](mailto:reception@wlsnsw.org.au) by **22 September 2017**.



## NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

### Director, Southern Zone - Identified

**Fyshwick ACT Location**  
**Salary \$145,838 plus 9.5% super and other benefits**

### The Opportunity

Zone Directors, NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) play a pivotal role in providing guidance and assistance to Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) and in implementing the policies of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council for the benefit of members of the Land Council Network of New South Wales.

Zone Directors are responsible for, among other things, ensuring the effective and efficient administration of LALC real property and other assets. The occupants will perform the role of financial adviser and problem solver for LALCs within their Zone, strategic adviser to LALCs and to NSWALC, office manager, negotiator and conciliator.

**To be successful in this role, the Director, Southern Zone will need to have:**

- Aboriginality - this is an identified position under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Demonstrated experience in the interpretation and implementation of legislation preferably relating to Aboriginal people.
- Extensive knowledge and experience in financial management.
- High level management experience within a policy and program delivery environment.
- High level dispute resolution skills.
- Sound written and oral communication skills to enable effective communication.

### How to apply

To apply for the position please obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Role Description and Success Profile by contacting the Human Resources Officer by email: [recruitment@alc.org.au](mailto:recruitment@alc.org.au) or on (02) 9689 4490. Applications close **5.00 PM Thursday, 31 August 2017** and can be forwarded to [recruitment@alc.org.au](mailto:recruitment@alc.org.au)

**Job Status:** Contract up to three (3) years

**Job Reference:** 0010



Barang Regional Alliance Ltd

## Barang CEO

- **Opportunity to drive reform and make a positive impact to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community**
- **Values driven organisation**
- **Central Coast based**
- **Full time - 18 month contract position**

### Organisation

Barang a not-for-profit Aboriginal organisation is committed to empowering Aboriginal communities through the identification and raising of relevant issues impacting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community who reside on Darkinjung Land in the Central Coast of NSW.

### The Role

The Board of Barang is now looking for a new CEO to lead a small team, create a clear and compelling view for the future, accompanied by an ability to recognise and leverage opportunities to drive reform.

### Key Responsibilities

- Implementing the strategic plan for Barang to create an empowered community
- Fostering a collaborative approach with all stakeholders to achieve the goals of the strategic plan and the vision of an empowered community
- Identifying and highlighting blockers to success to close the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians
- Ensuring the effective organisational management of Barang

### Selection criteria will include:

- Proven executive leadership experience in a similar role
- Extensive experience in developing and successfully implementing a strategic plan
- Relevant degree or equivalent work experience
- Demonstrated capability in identifying, negotiating and leveraging opportunities for Aboriginal communities
- Extensive working knowledge of current Aboriginal community concerns, trends and practices
- Experience working in or with State, Territory or Commonwealth Governments
- Superior ability to develop and retain strategic relationships
- Proven ability to inspire and drive an organisation through positive attitude and results focus
- Exceptional communication, interpersonal, influencing and professional networking skills
- Demonstrated ability to lead, manage change, and drive a culture of collaboration and reform
- Excellent strategic thinking and financial management
- Experience in managing significant projects with a strong record of achieving results

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.**

### Application process:

Please register your interest in this role by emailing our HR consultancy: [recruit@nurtuhereconsulting.com.au](mailto:recruit@nurtuhereconsulting.com.au)

## Aboriginal Health Worker Drug Health Services

Campbelltown  
Temp Full-Time, 38hpw (up to 27 November 2017)  
Salary: \$989.06 - \$1456.70 pw.  
Enquiries: Wanda Brabender (02) 4634 4177

This is an identified position and Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria. In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1997*.

**Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles in NSW Health organisations.**

For more information, please visit:  
[www.steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:**  
**5 September 2017**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au) and search Job Reference Number 409447

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## CENTRE MANAGER

The Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre is seeking to appoint a Centre Manager to a permanent position of 28 hours per week. We are looking for candidates with a social justice perspective who have experience in supervising a large team of staff, working in a community legal centre or like NGO organisation and high level public relations. Salary range: with a salary range of \$85,186 to \$99,238 per annum pro rata (ie \$68,149 to \$79,390 per annum for the 28 hour post).

Salary packaging, super and leave loading available. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. NRCLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. To obtain a job kit contact the Centre on 6621 1000 or [lio\\_nrcclc@clc.net.au](mailto:lio_nrcclc@clc.net.au)

**Applications close**  
**4pm Monday 11th September, 2017**



## NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

### ICT Manager – Identified

**Parramatta Location**  
**Salary Range \$137,985 plus 9.5% super**  
**and other benefits**

#### The Opportunity

Manager ICT is responsible for the development, implementation and maintenance of appropriate ICT technology, systems and databases to enable the organisation to achieve its strategic and commercial business objectives in an effective and efficient manner.

The Manager, ICT will be required to take overall responsibility for ICT technology, systems and databases and to provide the Executive Director, Strategic Resource Management and the organisation with sound advice on all strategic and operational ICT matters.

The Manager, ICT will be the central focus of ICT expertise within the organisation and will be responsible for the development, implementation and maintenance of all ICT technology, systems and databases.

#### To be successful in this role, the ICT Manager will need to have:

- Aboriginality - this is an identified position under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications in Information Technology.
- Broad ICT background, with experience in transactional systems, corporate databases (SQL Server), systems development, analysis and programming.
- Proven leadership, interpersonal, influencing, communication, negotiation and people management skills.

#### About us

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is the State's peak representative body in Aboriginal affairs and aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community. NSWALC is a not for profit organisation.

More information about NSW Aboriginal Land Council can be found at [www.alc.org.au](http://www.alc.org.au)

#### How to apply

To apply for the position please obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Role Description and Success Profile by contacting the Human Resources Officer by email: [recruitment@alc.org.au](mailto:recruitment@alc.org.au) or on (02) 9689 4490. Applications close **5.00 PM Sunday, 10 September 2017** and can be forwarded to [recruitment@alc.org.au](mailto:recruitment@alc.org.au)

**Job Status:** Contract up to three years

**Job Reference:** 0015



**Mackay Children  
& Family Centre**

## Long Day Care Director



### C&K Mackay Children and Family Centre Full Time Permanent Position

Fantastic leadership opportunity with well above award salary and benefits.

For further information or to apply for this position, please visit the Career Opportunities section of the C&K website [www.candk.asn.au](http://www.candk.asn.au) or call 1300 345 189.



## Health

Justice Health &  
Forensic Mental Health Network

### Aboriginal Mental Health Clinical Leader (HM2)

Classification: Health Manager Level 2

Geographical Location: Homebush

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$93,099 - \$110,422 pa

Enquiries: Katya Issa 0456 882 251

Reference Number: 409313

**Closing Date: 31 August 2017**

### Aboriginal Population Health Trainee

Classification: Health Mgr Level 1

Location: Malabar

Employment Status: Temporary Full-Time

(up to 27/08/2020)

Salary: \$70,820 - \$95,267 pa

Enquiries: Shani Prosser (02) 9700 3227

Email: [shani.prosser@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shani.prosser@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au)

Reference Number: 403134

**Closing Date: 4 September 2017**

These are dedicated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander positions. Applicants must be able to prove Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act*. JH&FMHN deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginal status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or prior to commencement of the position.

**Closing Date: see above**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au) and search Job Reference Numbers above.

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Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS)  
(Funded by the Australian Government Department of  
Health & Ageing)

### Healthy for Life Program Blue Mountains

#### Positions

- 1 Full-Time Healthy for Life Team Leader
- 2 Full-Time Aboriginal Health Worker / Practitioner

These positions will be located at Greater Western Aboriginal Health Service (GWAHS) which operates a Comprehensive Primary Health Care Service on behalf of Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS) across Western Sydney, Nepean, and Blue Mountains.

#### Program Objectives

The Healthy for Life Program at GWAHS is to provide support to Aboriginal residents of the Blue Mountains Local Government Association with the following objectives:  
Improve the availability and quality of child and maternal health care  
Improve the prevention, early detection, and management of chronic disease  
Improve men's health  
Improve long term health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians

#### Position Requirements

- Provide the delivery of quality care and support in the areas of Maternal and Child Health, Women's/Men's Health, and Chronic Disease.
- Coordinate appointments and support for Healthy for Life programs including Maternal and Child Health and Chronic Disease
- Provide Health Checks and Client Support as required as part of Healthy for Life Program Goals and Objectives
- Coordinate client transport service for Healthy for Life Program Guidelines
- Actively promote Healthy for Life Programs

**Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the above position and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage is considered essential and therefore Confirmation of Aboriginality may be requested.**

Interested persons will need to contact Anthony Carter, WACHS Executive Manager GWAHS at Greater Western Aboriginal Health Service (02) 9832 1356 or email [anthonyc@gwahs.net.au](mailto:anthonyc@gwahs.net.au) for an information package which details the "Essential & Desirable Criteria" to be addressed in application or at [www.wachs.net.au](http://www.wachs.net.au)

Applications close at **5pm on Wednesday 13th September 2017**. No late faxed applications will be accepted.

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Drug & Alcohol Team

### ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER (4YRS+EXP)

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation  
Full-Time 5 days fixed term contract until  
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with possibility of contract rollover

Enquiries: Tina Taylor  
(02) 4628 4837

### SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER (4YRS EXP)

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Enquiries: Tina Taylor  
(02) 4628 4837

### REGISTERED NURSE (8-YRS EXP)

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December 2018 4 days P/W  
with possibility of contract rollover

Enquiries: Tina Taylor  
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*This team will compliment the existing Drug and Alcohol Unit within The Social & Emotional Wellbeing Team at Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation to provide a holistic approach to the wellbeing of our community.*

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply for these positions**

**CLOSING DATE:  
1 SEPTEMBER 2017**

*A police check, working with Children Check and a driving license are required for all positions.  
All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the position description and selection criteria for their application to considered.*

Email Tina Taylor:  
[Tina.Taylor@tacams.com.au](mailto:Tina.Taylor@tacams.com.au)



## Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

**Notification day: 6 September 2017**

This application is a 'non-claimant' application, an application made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

**PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 5 December 2017.** Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before **5 December 2017**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE, QLD, 4003, on or before 5 December 2017**. After 5 December 2017, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



**Applicant's name:** Glenvale Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 010 569 310 v State of Queensland  
**Federal Court File No:** QUD360/2017

**Non-native title interest:** The Applicant is the Registered Lessee of Lot 80 on SP232697 (Lease for a term of years).

**Order sought by Applicant:** The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

**Description:** The application area covers Lot 80 on SP232697, being approx. 31.35 Ha and is located in the vicinity of Rodgers Creek, about 22km west of Warwick and 7km south of the Cunningham Highway.

**Relevant LGA:** Southern Downs Regional Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

# NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

Gundungurra Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation (GTCAC) invites all Gundungurra native title holders (the Proposed native title group) as described below to attend a meeting to authorise a native title determination applications (the authorisation meeting) depicted on the map as EL (Exploration License) 7968, being an area of 28kms situated south south east of Blayney, in the State of New South Wales.

Under the traditional laws and customs of the Gundungurra People, the Gundungurra native title holders are those living Aboriginal people who identify as, and are recognised by other Gundungurra Native Title Holders as Gundungurra because he or she is biologically descended from one or more of the following Gundungurra apical ancestors:

- |                    |                     |                       |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Charlie Cramlin | e. Jackie Murrandah | h. Lillian Stephenson |
| b. William Lynch   | f. Teresa Ingram    | i. Henry Simms        |
| c. Alice Cooper    | g. George Riley     | j. Annie Sherritt     |
| d. Billy Omai      |                     |                       |

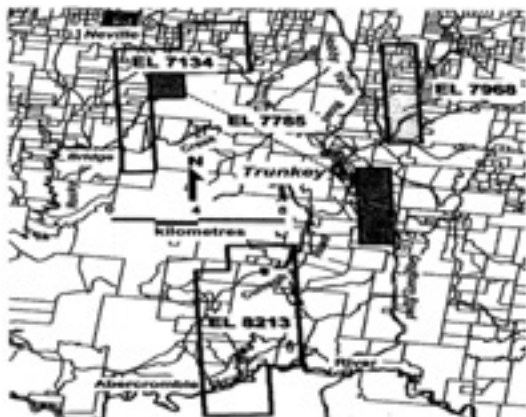
**Date:** 2 September 2017

**Venue:** Gundungurra Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation, 14 Oak St, Katoomba NSW 2780

**Time:** 2:30pm

**The purpose of the meeting is to:**

1. Authorise the making of native title determination applications on behalf of the proposed native title group over the land and waters marked on the map as Area 7968;
2. Authorise the Applicants to make the proposed applications and deal with all matters arising in relation to them under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth);
3. Make decisions about directing and supervising the applicants in the performance of their duties;
4. Authorise the native title rights and interests to be claimed under the Proposed Applications; and
5. Decide on names for the proposed applications.



## Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the state of New South Wales

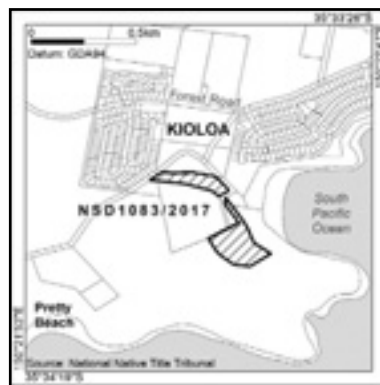
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**Applicant's name:** B & J Wallace Holdings Pty Ltd

**Federal Court File No:** NSD1083/2017

**Non-native title interest:** Lot 142 Deposited Plan 823197, Licence Number LI495871 to B & J Wallace Holdings Pty Ltd for the purpose of Camping and Caravan Site  
Lot 7001 Deposited Plan 1020454 Licence Number RI577863 to B & J Wallace Holdings Pty Ltd for the purpose of Site Investigation  
Lot 3 Deposited Plan 1231990 Licence Number LI495871 to B & J Wallace Holdings Pty Ltd for the purpose of Camping and Caravan Site

**Order sought by Applicant:** The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

**Description:** The application area consists of 2 parcels of land with a total size of about 4.6 ha, located South of Kioloa.

**Relevant LGA:** Shoalhaven City Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Dianne Drake on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

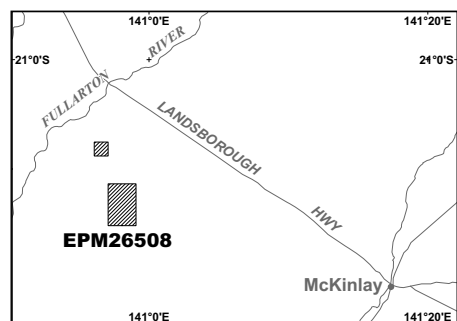
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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANTS OF AN EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

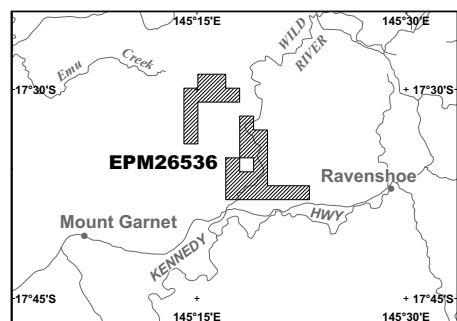
### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 grant of the Exploration Permit for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

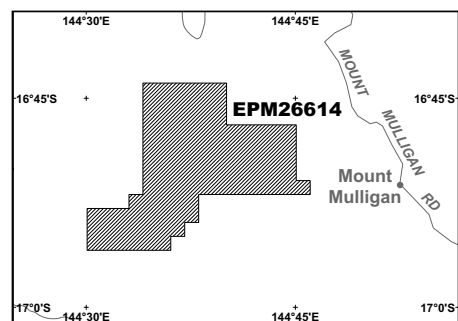
Exploration Permit 26508 sought by Sandfire Resources NL, ACN 105 154 185, over an area of 7 sub-blocks (22 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 36 km West North West of McKinlay, in the locality of the McKinlay Shire Council.



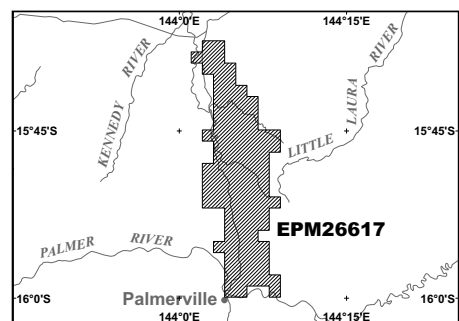
Exploration Permit 26536 sought by EPM 14880 Pty Ltd, ACN 602 568 678, over an area of 25 sub-blocks (82 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 20 km West North West of Ravenshoe, in the locality of the Tablelands Regional Council.



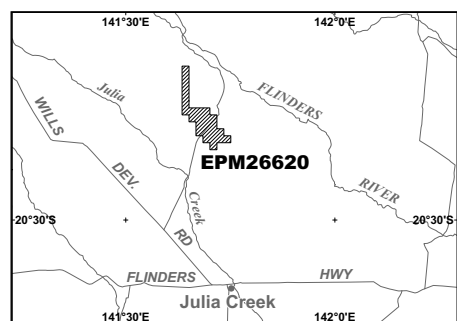
Exploration Permit 26614 sought by Newcrest Operations Limited, ACN 009 221 505, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (328 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 25 km West of Mount Mulligan, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



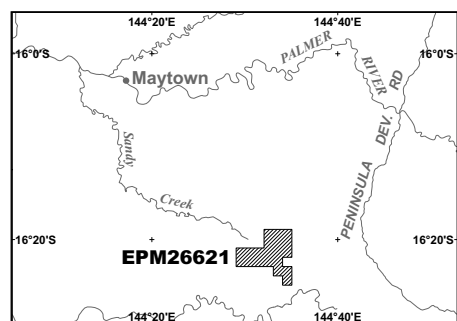
Exploration Permit 26617 sought by Prophet Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 615 031 359, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (330 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 22 km North of Palmerville, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



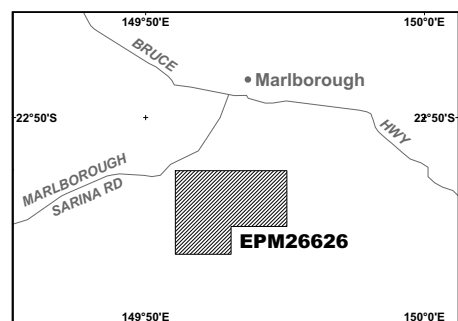
Exploration Permit 26620 sought by Moray Holdings (QLD) Pty Ltd (50%) and Omega Road Pty Limited (50%), ACN 061 505 744 and 164 558 169, over an area of 26 sub-blocks (84 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 44 km North of Julia Creek, in the locality of the McKinlay Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26621 sought by Denis Ronald Fitzgerald, over an area of 20 sub-blocks (66 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 42 km South East of Maytown, in the localities of the Cook Shire Council and Mareeba Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26626 sought by Diversified Asset Holdings Pty Ltd, ACN 169 563 795, over an area of 10 sub-blocks (32 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 8 km South of Marlborough, in the locality of the Livingstone 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](mailto: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](mailto:nativetitleservices@dnrm.qld.gov.au).

**Notification Day: 13 September 2017**





**WATERSNSW  
HAWKESBURY AND LOWER NEPEAN  
RIVERS WATER SOURCE  
CAMDEN WEIR MANAGEMENT ZONE**

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **MATTHEW JAMES, JOHN NICHOLAS AND JOSEPH PATRICK VELLA** for a pump on the Nepean River on Lot 12 DP827115, Parish of Narellan, County of Cumberland for irrigation. This application is to include Lot 11 DP827115 as lands to benefit for irrigation purposes. Amending 10CA117006 (A010580).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or Customer.Helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. Any queries should be directed to 1300 662 077 or the above email. Salim Vhora, Manager Dealings, Verification and Water Regulation Coastal.

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**WATERSNSW  
ALSTONVILLE BASALT PLATEAU  
GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **MELISSA NICOLE VAN ZWIETEN AND LUKAS PETER VAN ZWIETEN** for an existing bore on Lot 6 DP1162316 for irrigation use on Lot 6 DP1162316 (replacing existing approval 30WA308414 – change in use) (A010646).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or email: customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

A08814

**WATERSNSW  
BARWON-DARLING UNREGULATED  
RIVER WATER SOURCE**

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **CRAIG ANDREW BROWN** for an increase in pump capacity (150 litres per second) and an off river storage (20 megalitres) on Lot 129 DP 751553, Parish of Brewarrina, County of Clyde. (Ref: A010641).

Objections to the granting of the above approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 or customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email.

Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

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**WATERSNSW  
NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER  
WATER SOURCE (MURRAY RIVER)**

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **OLD GOODNIGHT FARMS PTY LTD** to include additional land for water use on 1//1154224, 24//12982, 25//12982, 26//12982, 27//417047 & 132//712673, Parish of Milleu, County of Wakool, for irrigation purposes (A10627).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, or email customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077, or email the above. Rob Monteith, Manager, Water Regulation South.

A08804

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**AUTHORISATION MEETING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED INDIGENOUS  
LAND USE AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO THE LAND COMPRISING  
THE LEGUNE PASTORAL LEASE AND THE ADJACENT INTERTIDAL  
ZONE FOR PROJECT SEA DRAGON**

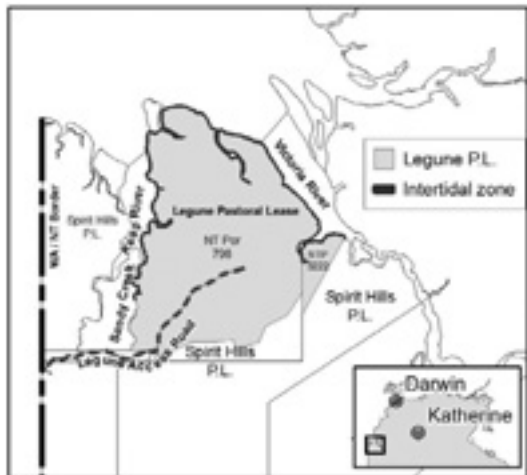
The Northern Land Council is convening a meeting for native title holders to consider authorising an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) (area agreement) in accordance with Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), in relation to:

- NT Portions 798 and 3222, comprising the land underlying Legune Pastoral Lease (Perpetual Pastoral Lease 162) within the Northern Territory; and

- the adjacent intertidal zone,  
(collectively, the **ILUA Area**).

The purpose of the ILUA is to provide for compensation and other benefits for the affect upon native title and to validate the grant of tenures to facilitate the construction and operation of Project Sea Dragon in the ILUA Area.

The ILUA Area is shown on the map below.



The ILUA is proposed to be between Project Sea Dragon Pty Ltd (ACN 604 936 192) (a fully owned subsidiary of Seafarms Group Limited), Top End (Default PBC/CLA) Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC, representatives of the native title holders for the adjacent intertidal zone, the Northern Land Council and the Northern Territory of Australia.

**NT Portions 798 and 3222 – Legune Pastoral Lease (Perpetual Pastoral Lease 1062)**

The part of the ILUA Area comprising NT Portions 798 and 3222 is the subject of native title determination *Simon on behalf of the Gajerrong-Wadanybang Group, the Gajerrong-Gurrbijim Group and the Gajerrong-Djarradjarrany Group v Northern Territory* [2011] FCA 575 (**Legune Pastoral Lease Determination**). The Top End (Default PBC/CLA) Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC is the agent for the common law native title holders identified in the Legune Pastoral Lease Determination.

**Intertidal zone adjacent to Legune Pastoral Lease**

The part of the ILUA Area comprising the intertidal zone adjacent to Legune Pastoral Lease is not the subject of a determination or current claim made under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). However, the intertidal zone is the subject of the Legune Area Claim (No 188) made under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (Cth).

**Project Sea Dragon**

Project Sea Dragon refers to the staged financing, planning, construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning by Project Sea Dragon Pty Ltd of a fully integrated land-based aquaculture marine protein production business comprising of facilities for the large-scale production of aquaculture marine protein on the ILUA Area being:

- (a) grow-out land based ponds;
- (b) the Keep River Plains road upgrade;
- (c) intake and outlet pipes ancillary to the ponds referenced in subclause (a) above; for the sale, including export, of aquaculture marine protein and;
- (d) any associated works, plant, equipment and infrastructure to support the above; and
- (e) all primary production activities permitted on NT Portions 798 and 3222 (Legune Pastoral Lease).

**Authorisation meeting**

The authorisation meeting will be held in Kununurra, Western Australia, as follows:

**Date and time:** Wednesday, 30 August 2017 at 10:00am

**Place:** Lakeside Caravan Park, 50 Casuarina Way, Kununurra;

**Purpose of the meeting:** To decide whether to authorise the making of the proposed Project Sea Dragon ILUA.

You are invited to attend the authorisation meeting if you:

- are a native title holder pursuant to the Legune Pastoral Lease Determination; or
- consider you hold or may hold native title in relation to that part of the ILUA Area comprising the intertidal zone adjacent to the Legune Pastoral Lease.

Please contact Reginald King of the Northern Land Council Timber Creek Office on 0400 811 930 or at Reginald.King@nlc.org.au or by Wednesday, 23 August 2017 if:

- you consider you hold or may hold native title in relation to that part of the ILUA Area comprising the intertidal zone adjacent to the Legune Pastoral Lease and wish to register your interest in attending the authorisation meeting. Please be prepared to provide your name, contact details and the basis upon which you claim to hold native title;
- you require assistance with transport to the authorisation meeting; or
- you have any questions in relation to the authorisation meeting.

Lunch will be provided. Please note that no meeting fees will be paid for the authorisation meeting.



Native Title Services Victoria

**WILSONS PROMONTORY NATIVE TITLE CLAIM  
NOTICE OF MEETING TO REPLACE THE APPLICANT**

Gunaikurnai People are invited to attend a meeting to authorise an application, pursuant to s66B of the Native Title Act 1993, to the Federal Court to replace one or more of the people named as Applicant on the Wilsons Promontory native title claim and to consider ways forward for management of the native title claim.

**Date:** Saturday 2 September 2017

**Time:** 10am-1pm, Lunch will be provided.

**Venue:** Latrobe Convention Centre (Comfort Inn)  
5601 Princes Hwy, Traralgon

The Court has indicated it is necessary for this application to be made as not all of your current named applicants are able to actively participate in the management of the native title claim. Section 66B provides that the native title group may authorise an application to the court for orders that a member be removed or replaced on the grounds that:

- the person consents to his or her replacement or removal;
- the person has died or become incapacitated;
- the person is no longer authorised by the claim group;
- the person has exceeded the authority given to him or her by the claim group.

The Gunaikurnai People are those persons who identify as Gunai or Kurnai or Gunaikurnai and are descended from one or more of the Gunaikurnai Apical Ancestors. The Gunaikurnai Apical Ancestors are:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Charles Boldin / Bolden and Emily Clarke       | 13. Billy Login / Logan and Mary                                |
| 2. Jemmy Bull and Mary                            | 14. King Tom Kee-lum-bedine and Mary War-gyle                   |
| 3. Tommy Bumberrah                                | 15. Old Ngary and Mary Woon-grook                               |
| 4. Bungil Narran                                  | 16. James Scott   |
| 5. Bungil Wrekallak                               | 17. George Thomas   |
| 6. Bungil Tay-a-bung                              | 18. Timothy Bungil Barlijan and Patty Tu-duk                    |
| 7. Jack Chase and Kitty                           | 19. Charlotte Mercawan  |
| 8. Dan Bun-gyl Tambo and Kitty Wangung            | 20. Yallung / Tharnaberrang Kitty and Wookalnom Dukalunern Mary |
| 9. Old Darby Tar-loomba and Mary Tur-un-gook      | 21. Wood-a-turn   |
| 10. Charles Rivers and Kitty                      | 22. Merriguin Lucy Goold  |
| 11. Charles Hammond and Annabella / Hannah McLeod | 23. William McDougall   |
| 12. Jimmy   | 24. Edward 'Neddy' O'Rourke                                     |
|   | 25. John Wilson and Polly                                       |

NTSV may provide travel and accommodation assistance for you to attend this meeting in accordance with NTSV's **Policy and Procedures Manual**. If you require travel or accommodation assistance please contact NTSV Community Liaison Officer, **Emily Robinson, Tollfree 1800 791 779 or (03) 9321 5313 or 0412 986 816**

**Wilsons Promontory native title claim area**



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## WATERNSW MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **CASELLA MANAGEMENT PTY LTD** to install 2 additional 600 mm Axial Flow pumps, Lot 19//756038, Parish Benerembah, County Sturt.

Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 156, LEETON NSW 2705 or email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A010707)

Any queries, please call1300 662 077 or email the above.

Rob Monteith, Manager Water Regulation South.

A08866

## WATERNSW LOWER GOULBURN RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been submitted by **MARK JAMES BREWER** for a 50 mm multistage centrifugal pump on Lot 77 DP 753768 for the purpose of irrigation.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 2213, Dangar NSW 2309 or email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection. (A010672)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Salim Vhora, Manager Dealings, Verification and Water Regulation Coastal.

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## WATERNSW MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **DEAN SHRIMPTON** for a 400mm pump, diversion channel and pipe regulator, for irrigation purposes on Lot 7314 DP1166350 and Lot 83 DP754572. (Yarabee/Mitchell)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156 Leeton 2705 or email: customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A010638)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or the above email, Rob Monteith, Manager Water Regulation South.

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## NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES *MINING ACT 1971 (SA) — SECTION 63M*

**TAKE NOTICE** that:

Kelaray Pty Ltd ACN 073 975 694 of Level 1, 63 Waymouth Street Adelaide SA 5000 (**Kelaray**) is the registered holder of South Australian Exploration Licence numbers 5937 (**EL5937**) and 5945 (**EL5945**) being the land described as follows:

**EL5937**

West Lake Torrens Area – Approximately 80 km North East of Woomera, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°50'S and longitude 137°36'E, thence east to longitude 137°45'E, south to latitude 31°20'S, west to longitude 137°36'E and north to the point of commencement.

Total Area: approximately 794 km2

**EL5945**

Murdie Island Area – Approximately 65 km South West of Leigh Creek, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°47'S and longitude 137°45'E, thence east to longitude 137°50'E, south to latitude 31°02'S, west to longitude 137°45'E and north to the point of commencement.

Total Area: approximately 221 km2

*and All the within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).*

**BUT EXCLUDING** that part of EL5937 which falls within the boundaries of the Kokatha People (Part A) Native Title determination made 1 September 2014 in Federal Court action number SAD90/2009 (the **Land**).

Kelaray, as the mining operator within the meaning of *Mining Act 1971*, proposes to carry out mining operations on the Land. The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

**General nature of proposed mining operations**

Entering upon the Land and exploring for minerals and to establish the extent of any mineral deposit within the Land, the geological structure of the Land or parts of the Land and the types, concentrations and limits of minerals and/or water present in the Land. Such activities may, without limitation include: Geophysical surveys present (including airborne and ground surveys) using magnetics, gravity, electrical and/or seismic methods; geochemical sampling including: soil, rock chip and/or drainage sampling; shallow trenching and various drilling methods including: auger, rotary mud, percussion, aircore, sonic and/or diamond drilling; environmental, engineering and metallurgical surveys and studies; construction and maintenance of camp sites, storage facilities and access tracks. The proposed mining operations may also include any other activities or operations ancillary thereto which are permitted or required under the terms of EL5937 and/or EL5945 or by any provision of the *Mining Act 1971* or its regulations in force from time to time, including rehabilitation activities.

Kelaray seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement in respect of the Land and the proposed mining operations with native title parties (if any) as provided for by Part 9B of the *Mining Act 1971*.

**The proposed operations are authorised by the following tenements under the Mining Act 1971:** EL5937 and EL 5945

In this notice a reference to an exploration licence includes that tenement and any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments, re-grants or other dealings with that tenement. A reference to Kelaray includes its successors and assigns.

If, two months after this notice is given as required by the *Mining Act 1971*, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, Kelaray may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact Kelaray for the purpose of:

1. negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land; or
2. requesting further information about this notice.

Kelaray can be contacted as follows:

C/— Pegasus Law, 11 — 13 Gilbert Street, Adelaide SA 5000  
Telephone: (08) 8161 5088 Facsimile: (08) 8410 7266,  
Contact: Abigail Steed



## PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM SPECIAL PROSPECTING AUTHORITY *SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)*


The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Special Prospecting Authority application applied for under section 105 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-SPA-0080	SQUADRON OIL & GAS PTY LTD (ACN 615 221 559) GOSHAWK ENERGY (CANNING BASIN) PTY. LTD. (ACN 608 440 697)	11492.4 km²	HALLS CREEK SHIRE – 31.5% EAST PILBARA SHIRE – 68.5%

### LOCALITY

The application is located in the Canning Basin, between Percival Lakes and Lake Gregory in the Great Sandy Desert. This application is composed of 143 5'x5' blocks, 9 of them within the 1:1000000 map sheet SE51 (Broome), 45 of them within the 1:1000000 map sheet SF52 (Lake Mackay) and the remaining 89 blocks within the 1:1000000 map sheet SF51 (Oakover River) and has a total area of 11492.4 km². The north-west corner (125°5'4.63"E, 19°44'54.99"S) of the application is located approximately 50 kilometres south-west of the Kurku Community. The south-east corner (127°0'4.60"E, 20°49'54.94"S) of the application is situated approximately 26 kilometres south-west of the Jaylirr Community. The application commences at the north-west point at 125° 5' 4.63" E, 19° 44' 54.99" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 10' 4.63" E, 19° 44' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 10' 4.63" E, 19° 49' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 15' 4.63" E, 19° 49' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 15' 4.63" E, 19° 54' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 20' 4.63" E, 19° 54' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 20' 4.63" E, 20° 19' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 25' 4.63" E, 20° 19' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 25' 4.63" E, 20° 29' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 30' 4.63" E, 20° 29' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 30' 4.63" E, 20° 34' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 35' 4.63" E, 20° 34' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 35' 4.63" E, 20° 39' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 40' 4.63" E, 20° 39' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 40' 4.63" E, 20° 44' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 45' 4.63" E, 20° 44' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 45' 4.63" E, 20° 49' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 50' 4.63" E, 20° 49' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 50' 4.63" E, 20° 54' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 55' 4.63" E, 20° 54' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 55' 4.63" E, 20° 59' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 60' 4.63" E, 20° 59' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 60' 4.63" E, 20° 64' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 65' 4.63" E, 20° 64' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 65' 4.63" E, 20° 69' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 70' 4.63" E, 20° 69' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 70' 4.63" E, 20° 74' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 75' 4.63" E, 20° 74' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 75' 4.63" E, 20° 79' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 80' 4.63" E, 20° 79' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 80' 4.63" E, 20° 84' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 85' 4.63" E, 20° 84' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 85' 4.63" E, 20° 89' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 90' 4.63" E, 20° 89' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 90' 4.63" E, 20° 94' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 95' 4.63" E, 20° 94' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 95' 4.63" E, 20° 99' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 100' 4.63" E, 20° 99' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 100' 4.63" E, 20° 104' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 105' 4.63" E, 20° 104' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 105' 4.63" E, 20° 109' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 110' 4.63" E, 20° 109' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 110' 4.63" E, 20° 114' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 115' 4.63" E, 20° 114' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 115' 4.63" E, 20° 119' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 120' 4.63" E, 20° 119' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 120' 4.63" E, 20° 124' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 125' 4.63" E, 20° 124' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 125' 4.63" E, 20° 129' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 130' 4.63" E, 20° 129' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 130' 4.63" E, 20° 134' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 135' 4.63" E, 20° 134' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 135' 4.63" E, 20° 139' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 140' 4.63" E, 20° 139' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 140' 4.63" E, 20° 144' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 145' 4.63" E, 20° 144' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 145' 4.63" E, 20° 149' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 150' 4.63" E, 20° 149' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 150' 4.63" E, 20° 154' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 155' 4.63" E, 20° 154' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 155' 4.63" E, 20° 159' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 160' 4.63" E, 20° 159' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 160' 4.63" E, 20° 164' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 165' 4.63" E, 20° 164' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 165' 4.63" E, 20° 169' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 170' 4.63" E, 20° 169' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 170' 4.63" E, 20° 174' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 175' 4.63" E, 20° 174' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 175' 4.63" E, 20° 179' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 180' 4.63" E, 20° 179' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 180' 4.63" E, 20° 184' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 185' 4.63" E, 20° 184' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 185' 4.63" E, 20° 189' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 190' 4.63" E, 20° 189' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 190' 4.63" E, 20° 194' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 195' 4.63" E, 20° 194' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 195' 4.63" E, 20° 199' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 200' 4.63" E, 20° 199' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 200' 4.63" E, 20° 204' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 205' 4.63" E, 20° 204' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 205' 4.63" E, 20° 209' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 210' 4.63" E, 20° 209' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 210' 4.63" E, 20° 214' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 215' 4.63" E, 20° 214' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 215' 4.63" E, 20° 219' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 220' 4.63" E, 20° 219' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 220' 4.63" E, 20° 224' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 225' 4.63" E, 20° 224' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 225' 4.63" E, 20° 229' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 230' 4.63" E, 20° 229' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 230' 4.63" E, 20° 234' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 235' 4.63" E, 20° 234' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 235' 4.63" E, 20° 239' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 240' 4.63" E, 20° 239' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 240' 4.63" E, 20° 244' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 245' 4.63" E, 20° 244' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 245' 4.63" E, 20° 249' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 250' 4.63" E, 20° 249' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 250' 4.63" E, 20° 254' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 255' 4.63" E, 20° 254' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 255' 4.63" E, 20° 259' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 260' 4.63" E, 20° 259' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 260' 4.63" E, 20° 264' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 265' 4.63" E, 20° 264' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 265' 4.63" E, 20° 269' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 270' 4.63" E, 20° 269' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 270' 4.63" E, 20° 274' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 275' 4.63" E, 20° 274' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 275' 4.63" E, 20° 279' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 280' 4.63" E, 20° 279' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 280' 4.63" E, 20° 284' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 285' 4.63" E, 20° 284' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 285' 4.63" E, 20° 289' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 290' 4.63" E, 20° 289' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 290' 4.63" E, 20° 294' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 295' 4.63" E, 20° 294' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 295' 4.63" E, 20° 299' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 300' 4.63" E, 20° 299' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 300' 4.63" E, 20° 304' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 305' 4.63" E, 20° 304' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 305' 4.63" E, 20° 309' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 310' 4.63" E, 20° 309' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 310' 4.63" E, 20° 314' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 315' 4.63" E, 20° 314' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 315' 4.63" E, 20° 319' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 320' 4.63" E, 20° 319' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 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E, 20° 384' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 385' 4.63" E, 20° 389' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 390' 4.63" E, 20° 389' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 390' 4.63" E, 20° 394' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 395' 4.63" E, 20° 394' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 395' 4.63" E, 20° 399' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 400' 4.63" E, 20° 399' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 400' 4.63" E, 20° 404' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 405' 4.63" E, 20° 404' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 405' 4.63" E, 20° 409' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 410' 4.63" E, 20° 409' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 410' 4.63" E, 20° 414' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 415' 4.63" E, 20° 414' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 415' 4.63" E, 20° 419' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 420' 4.63" E, 20° 419' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 420' 4.63" E, 20° 424' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 425' 4.63" E, 20° 424' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 425' 4.63" E, 20° 429' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 430' 4.63" E, 20° 429' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 430' 4.63" E, 20° 434' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 435' 4.63" E, 20° 434' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 435' 4.63" E, 20° 439' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 440' 4.63" E, 20° 439' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 440' 4.63" E, 20° 444' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 445' 4.63" E, 20° 444' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 445' 4.63" E, 20° 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point at 125° 480' 4.63" E, 20° 479' 54.98" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 480' 4.63" E, 20° 484' 54.98" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 12





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	GOSHAWK ENERGY (CANNING BASIN) PTY. LTD. (ACN 608 440 697)		DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY – 71.9%

**LOCALITY**

The application is located in the Canning Basin, approximately 34 kilometres south of the town of Fitzroy Crossing. This application is composed of 148 5'x5' blocks, 80 of them within the 1:1 000 000 map sheet SE51 (Broome) and the remaining 68 blocks within the 1:1 000 000 map sheet SE52 (Halls Creek), and has a total area of 12004.5 km². The north-west corner (124°50'4.53"E, 18°34'54.97"S) of the application is located approximately 9 kilometres directly south of Noonkanbah homestead on the banks of the Fitzroy River. The south-east corner of the application is situated approximately 10 kilometres north-west of Mount Bannerman and approximately 27 kilometres north-east of Mount Erskine. The application commences at the north-west point at 124° 50' 4.53" E, 18° 34' 54.97" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 30' 4.52" E, 18° 34' 54.95" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 125° 30' 4.52" E, 18° 29' 54.95" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 45' 4.52" E, 18° 29' 54.94" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 45' 4.52" E, 18° 34' 54.94" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 125° 55' 4.51" E, 18° 34' 54.94" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 125° 55' 4.51" E, 18° 39' 54.94" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 126° 0' 4.51" E, 18° 39' 54.94" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 126° 0' 4.51" E, 18° 44' 54.94" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 126° 10' 4.51" E, 18° 44' 54.93" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 126° 10' 4.50" E, 18° 49' 54.94" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 126° 40' 4.49" E, 18° 49' 54.94" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 126° 40' 4.48" E, 18° 54' 54.94" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 126° 45' 4.48" E, 18° 54' 54.94" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 126° 45' 4.48" E, 18° 59' 54.94" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 126° 50' 4.48" E, 18° 59' 54.94" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 126° 50' 4.48" E, 19° 4' 54.94" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 126° 55' 4.48" E, 19° 4' 54.94" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 126° 55' 4.48" E, 19° 9' 54.94" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 127° 0' 4.48" E, 19° 9' 54.94" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 127° 0' 4.48" E, 19° 14' 54.94" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 127° 5' 4.48" E, 19° 14' 4.94" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 127° 5' 4.49" E, 19° 24' 54.94" S, thence west along parallel to a point at 126° 20' 4.53" E, 19° 24' 54.95" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 126° 20' 4.50" E, 19° 9' 54.95" S, thence west along parallel to a point at 126° 10' 4.53" E, 19° 9' 54.95" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 126° 10' 4.53" E, 19° 14' 54.95" S, thence west along parallel to a point at 126° 0' 4.54" E, 19° 14' 54.96" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 126° 0' 4.53" E, 19° 9' 54.96" S, thence west along parallel to a point at 125° 40' 4.54" E, 19° 9' 54.97" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 125° 40' 4.53" E, 18° 59' 54.96" S, thence west along parallel to a point at 124° 50' 4.57" E, 18° 59' 54.98" S, and finally north along meridian to the starting point at 124° 50' 4.53" E, 18° 34' 54.97" S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).


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**Notification Day: 23rd August 2017**

**Native Title Parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on the **23rd November 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*. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, and telephone (08) 9268 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. The Special Prospecting Authority may be granted unless, within a period of 4 months after the notification day the **23rd December 2017**, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, 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 application and flight lines), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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## PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM SPECIAL PROSPECTING AUTHORITY

### SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Special Prospecting Authority application applied for under section 105 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-SPA-0079	SQUADRON OIL & GAS PTY LTD (ACN 615 221 559)	14979 km²	BROOME SHIRE – 97.23%
	GOSHAWK ENERGY (CANNING BASIN) PTY. LTD. (ACN 608 440 697)		DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY – 2.77%

**LOCALITY**

The application is located in the Canning Basin, approximately 28 kilometres east of the town of Broome. This application is composed of 185 5'x5' blocks, all of them within the 1:1000000 map sheet SE51 (Broome) and has a total area of 14979 km². The north-west corner (122°30'4.58"E, 17°59'55.04"S) of the application is located approximately 28 kilometres south-west of Broome. The south-east corner of the application is situated approximately 22 kilometres north-west of Dragon Tree Soak and Nature Reserve. The south-western boundary is approximately 3 kilometres east of the Shemalar homestead on the Great Northern Highway and the north-eastern boundary is approximately 61 kilometres west of the Mont Anderson homestead across the Fitzroy River. The application commences at the north-west point at 122° 30' 4.58" E, 17° 59' 55.04" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 122° 35' 4.56" E, 17° 59' 55.03" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 122° 35' 4.57" E, 18° 4' 55.03" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 122° 40' 4.56" E, 17° 59' 55.03" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 123° 0' 4.53" E, 17° 59' 55.03" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 123° 0' 4.54" E, 18° 4' 55.04" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 123° 20' 4.52" E, 18° 4' 55.03" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 123° 20' 4.55" E, 18° 24' 55.04" S, thence west along parallel to a point at 123° 0' 4.55" E, 18° 24' 55.05" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 123° 0' 4.55" E, 18° 14' 55.04" S, thence west along parallel to a point at 122° 55' 4.56" E, 18° 14' 55.04" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 122° 55' 4.57" E, 18° 39' 55.04" S, thence west along parallel to a point at 122° 50' 4.57" E, 18° 39' 55.04" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 122° 50' 4.58" E, 18° 49' 55.03" S, thence west along parallel to a point at 122° 45' 4.58" E, 18° 49' 55.03" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 122° 45' 4.59" E, 18° 54' 55.03" S, thence west along parallel to a point at 122° 15' 4.59" E, 18° 54' 55.04" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 122° 15' 4.59" E, 19° 4' 55.04" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 122° 50' 4.60" E, 19° 4' 55.01" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 122° 50' 4.62" E, 19° 19' 55.02" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 123° 0' 4.62" E, 19° 19' 55.03" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 123° 0' 4.61" E, 19° 9' 55.01" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 123° 10' 4.62" E, 19° 9' 55.00" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 123° 10' 4.64" E, 19° 34' 55.03" S, thence west along parallel to a point at 122° 55' 4.63" E, 19° 34' 55.04" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 122° 55' 4.63" E, 19° 29' 55.04" S, thence west along parallel to a point at 122° 5' 4.61" E, 19° 29' 55.04" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 122° 5' 4.60" E, 19° 19' 55.04" S, thence west along parallel to a point at 121° 50' 4.61" E, 19° 19' 55.04" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 121° 50' 4.60" E, 19° 4' 55.04" S, thence west along parallel to a point at 121° 45' 4.61" E, 19° 4' 55.04" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 121° 45' 4.60" E, 18° 49' 55.04" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 121° 55' 4.60" E, 18° 49' 55.04" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 121° 55' 4.60" E, 18° 44' 55.04" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 122° 0' 4.60" E, 18° 44' 55.04" S, thence south along meridian to a point at 122° 0' 4.60" E, 18° 49' 55.04" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 122° 10' 4.59" E, 18° 49' 55.04" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 122° 10' 4.60" E, 18° 44' 55.04" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 122° 15' 4.59" E, 18° 44' 55.04" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 122° 15' 4.59" E, 18° 24' 55.04" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 122° 5' 4.60" E, 18° 24' 55.04" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 122° 5' 4.60" E, 18° 19' 55.03" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 122° 15' 4.59" E, 18° 19' 55.03" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 122° 15' 4.60" E, 18° 14' 55.03" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 122° 25' 4.59" E, 18° 14' 55.03" S, thence north along meridian to a point at 122° 25' 4.59" E, 18° 9' 55.04" S, thence east along parallel to a point at 122° 30' 4.58" E, 18° 9' 55.04" S, and finally north along meridian to the starting point at 122° 30' 4.58" E, 17° 59' 55.04" S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).

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## WATERNSW

### LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE GROUNDWATER DEEP SOURCE

An application for an amended *WATER SUPPLY WORK Act 2000* has been received from **THOMAS KEITH EDWARD LYNCH** for a bore, on Lot 54 DP 750899, Parish Peter, County Boyd for irrigation purposes. (A010612)

Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, LEETON NSW 2705 or email Customer.Helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries should be directed to 1300 662 077 or the above email. Rob Monteith, Manager Water Regulation South.

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## WATERNSW

### MACQUARIE RIVER ABOVE BURRENDONG SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **PETER HUGH ATHOL STEWART** for an increase in pump size (50 litres per second) on Lot 1 DP 1170456, Parish of Mount Pleasant, County of Bathurst. (Ref: A010623).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 or Customer.Helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or the above email. Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

South Australian Native Title Services Ltd (SANTS) invites all Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka native title holders (the Proposed native title claim group) as described below to attend a meeting to authorise two native title determination applications (the authorisation meeting) at the time and location below;

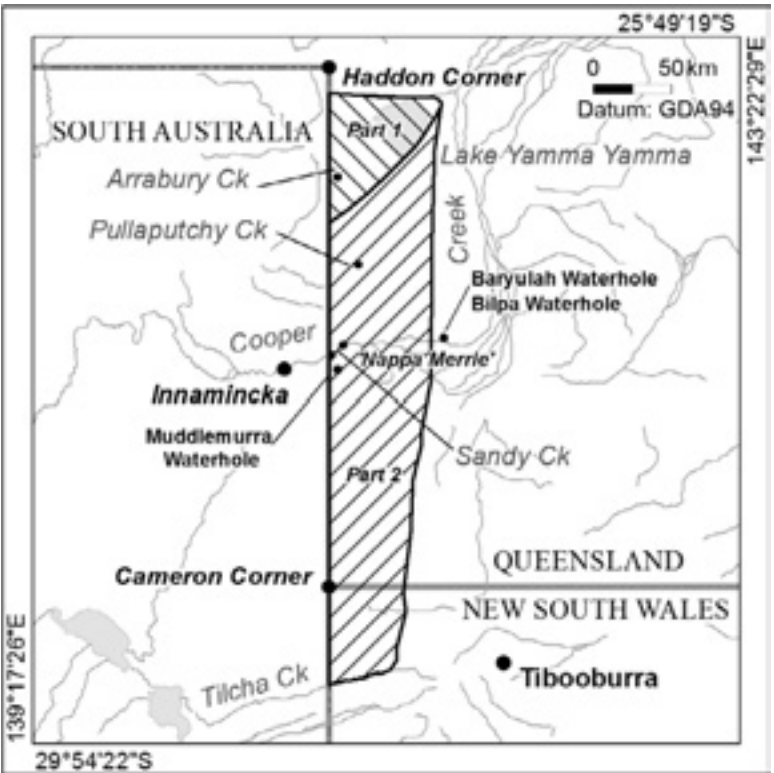
Under the traditional laws and customs of the Yandruwandha and Yawarrawarrka People, the Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka Native Title Holders are those living Aboriginal people who identify as, and are recognised by other Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka Native Title Holders as Yandruwandha or Yawarrawarrka (or both), because:

- (a) he or she is biologically descended from one or more of the following Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka apical ancestors:
  - (i) Annie (born at Cordillo Downs), mother of Archie Guttie;
  - (ii) Clara Nirrpinni, mother of Frank Booth and Alice Miller (nee Booth);
  - (iii) Cora the mother of Bob Parker and Nellie Parker;
  - (iv) The parents of Flash Ted Bikehandle and Flash Tommy;
  - (v) Kimi (born at Innamincka) and his wife;
  - (vi) Maramundu Jack “The Ripper” Parker;
  - (vii) Caroline (born at Cordillo Downs) the mother of Mary Stafford (nee Moore), Jack Moore, Charlie Moore, female twins (Winifred and Freida) and Albert Moore;
  - (viii) Brothers Walter Harris(on) and Dick Harrison;
  - (ix) The parents of Lilly (whose married name is Parker) and her sister Kathlene (whose married name is George);
  - (x) Annie and her husband, who are the parents of Coongie Maggie (born at Coongie Lakes in South Australia);
  - (xi) The parents of the sibling set – Billy Parker, Jessy Parker, Peter “Petekin” Parker, and Paddy Parker;
  - (xii) The parents of sibling set – Merty George and Merty Johnny and Merty Mick;
  - (xiii) Larriken Mick.

**Date:** Tuesday, 12 September 2017  
**Venue:** Mercure Brisbane, 85-87 North Quay Brisbane QLD 4003  
**Time:** 1.00pm

The Purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Authorise the making of native title determination applications on behalf of the proposed native title claim group over the land and waters within the areas depicted on the map below.
2. Authorise the Applicants to make the proposed applications and deal with all matters arising in relation to them under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).
3. Make decisions about directing and supervising the applicants in the performance of their duties;
4. Authorising the native title rights and interests to be claimed under the Proposed Applications;
5. Deciding on names for the Proposed Applications.



All members of the proposed native title claim groups are invited to contact SANTS on free call 1800 010 360 to register their attendance at the Authorisation meeting.

Some limited assistance including accommodation and transport will be available for the meeting and lunch and refreshments will be available during the day.

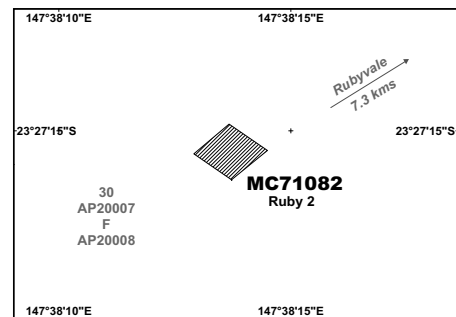


# NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL OF MINING CLAIMS

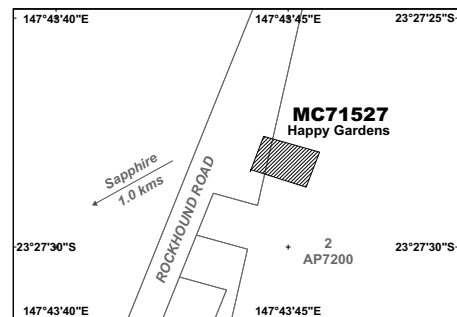
## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of MC71082, MC71527, MC71528, MC71687, MC71705, MC71721, MC71744, MC71769, MC71770, MC71772, MC71792, MC72211, MC72221, MC72230, MC72240, MC72245, MC72250, MC72251, MC72272 and MC72279, shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

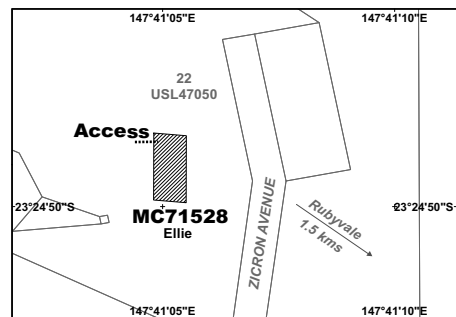
Mining Claim 71082 renewal sought by Lee John Greenhalgh (50%) and Richard Paul Webb (50%), over an area of 844 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 7.3 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



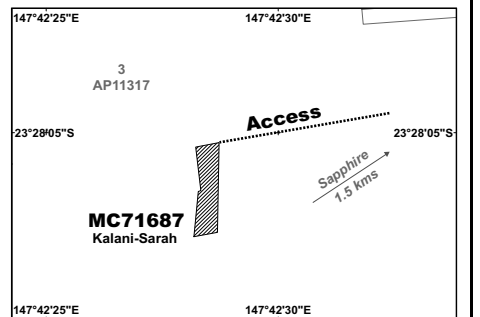
Mining Claim 71527 renewal sought by Amanda Jane Goldsmith, over an area of 872 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.0 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



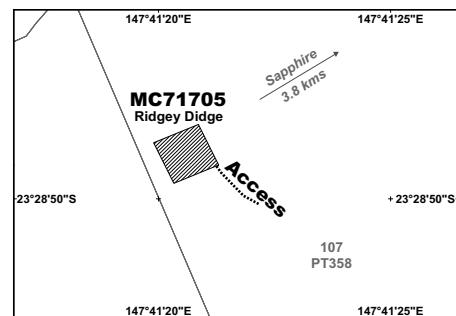
Mining Claim 71528 renewal sought by Priscilla Maree Walters, over an area of 897 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.5 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



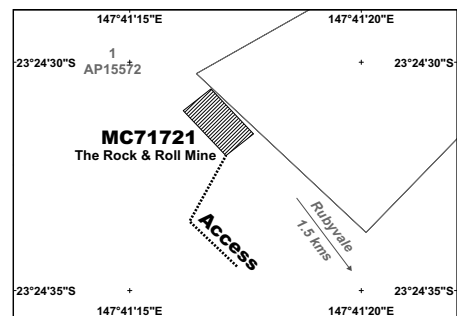
Mining Claim 71687 renewal sought by Jennifer Baird, over an area of 773 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.5 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



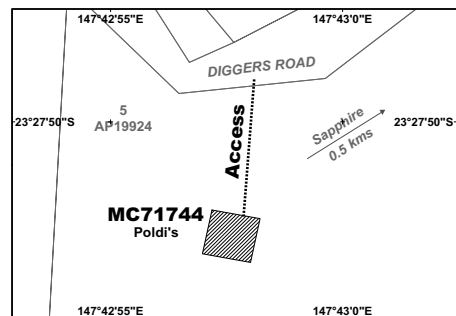
Mining Claim 71705 renewal sought by Allan Wayne Oliver, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 3.8 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



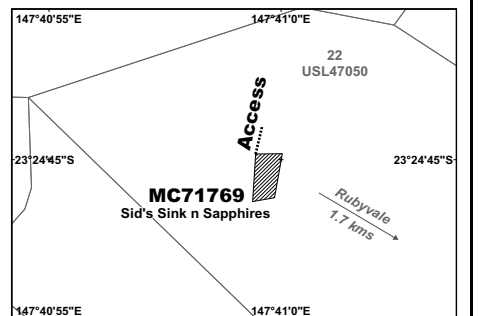
Mining Claim 71721 renewal sought by Darrell Oscar Duke, over an area of 896 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.5 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



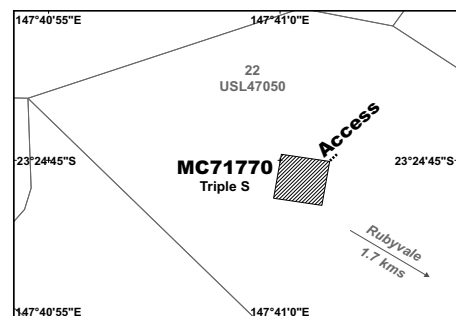
Mining Claim 71744 renewal sought by Ronald William Taylerson, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 0.5 km West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



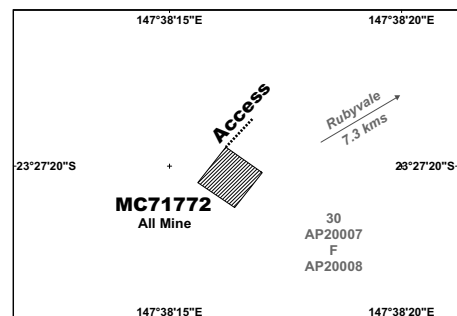
Mining Claim 71769 renewal sought by James Neville Peady (50%) and Vivienne Anne Peady (50%), over an area of 453 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.7 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



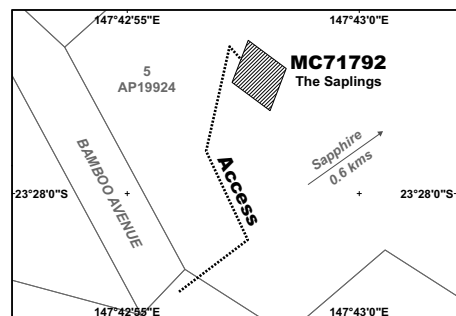
Mining Claim 71770 renewal sought by James Neville Peady (50%) and Vivienne Anne Peady (50%), over an area of 900m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.7 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



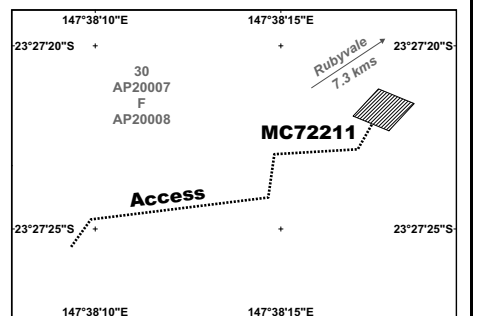
Mining Claim 71772 renewal sought by Wayne Robert Benson (50%) and Shane James McMullen (50%), over an area of 821 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 7.3 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



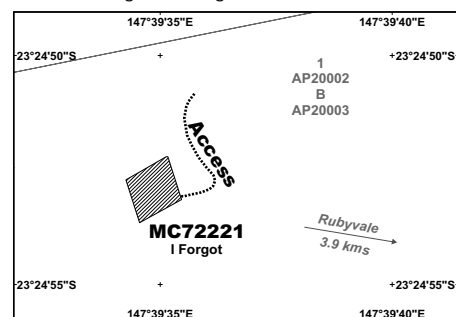
Mining Claim 71792 renewal sought Anna Read, over an area of 846 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 0.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



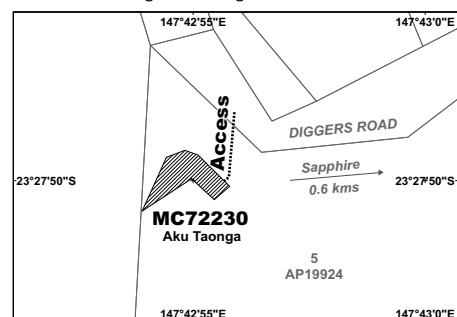
Mining Claim 72211 renewal sought by Margaret Fay Lewis, over an area of 865 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 7.3 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



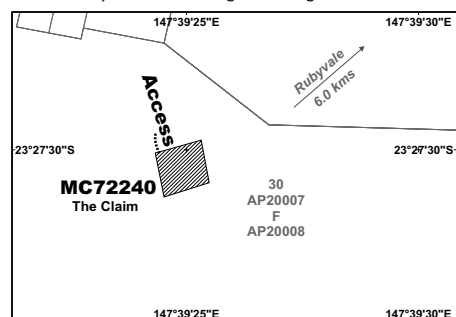
Mining Claim 72221 renewal sought by Daniel Jeffrey Kildey, over an area of 877 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 3.9 km West North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



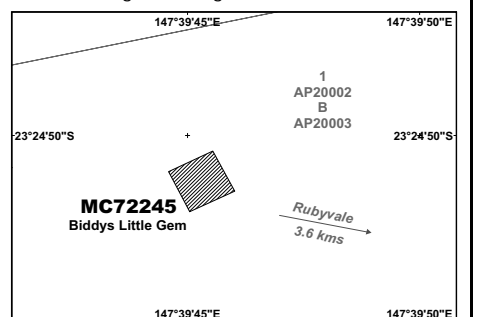
Mining Claim 72230 renewal sought by Te Kirihaehae Lilymae Ihakara, over an area of 897 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 0.6 km West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



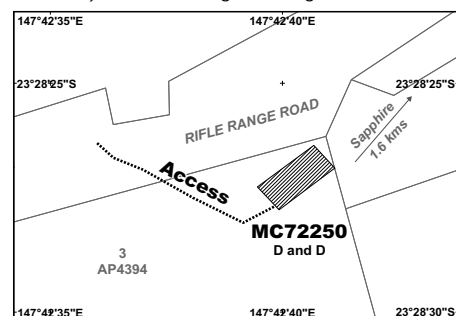
Mining Claim 72240 renewal sought by Francis Mervyn Wishart (50%) and Raymond George Plisch (50%), over an area of 856 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 6.0 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



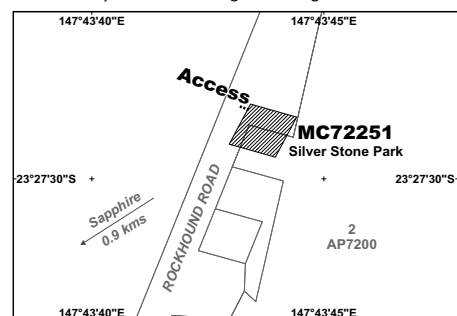
Mining Claim 72245 renewal sought by Lynda Mary Schoeck, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 3.6 km West North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



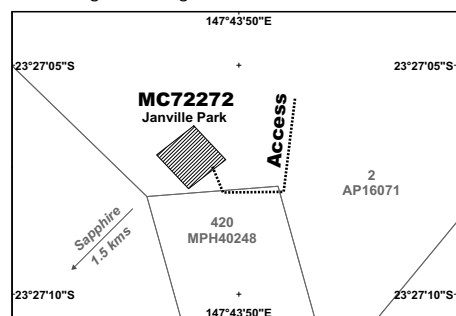
Mining Claim 72250 renewal sought by Dianne Marie Eve (50%) and Darcy Joseph Eve (50%), over an area of 895 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



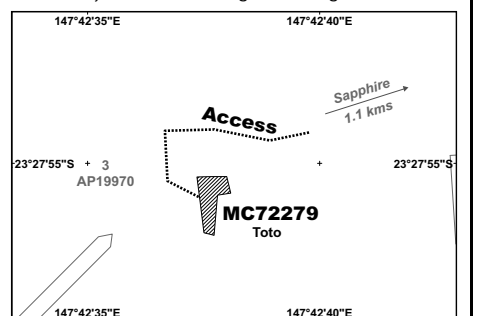
Mining Claim 72251 renewal sought by Kevin George Trusz (50%) and Desmond Albert Perkins (50%), over an area of 875 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 0.9 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72272 renewal sought by Cheryl Elizabeth Condon, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.5 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72279 renewal sought by Toni Maria Bertwistle, over an area of 457 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.1 km West South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



**Nature of Act(s):** The renewal of Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Claims be renewed subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed renewal of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Renewals may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal of Mining Claims. Under section 30 of

the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 11 October 2017**

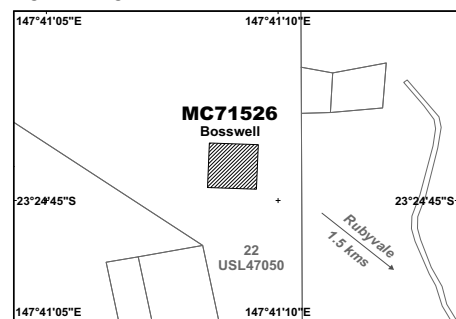


# NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL AND GRANT OF MINING CLAIMS

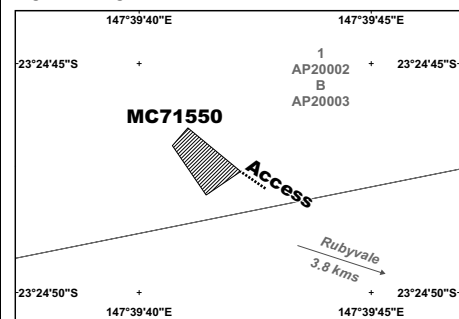
## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of MC71526, MC71550, MC71586, MC71610, MC71645, MC71646, MC71672, MC71673, MC71686, MC71714, MC71723, MC71733, MC71799, MC71826, MC71827, MC72261, MC72264, MC72265 and MC72266 and grant of MC300145, shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

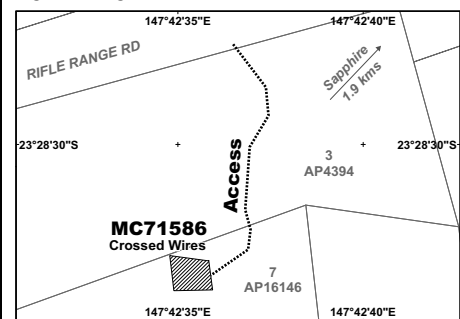
Mining Claim 71526 renewal sought by Stanley Joseph Jermyn, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.5 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



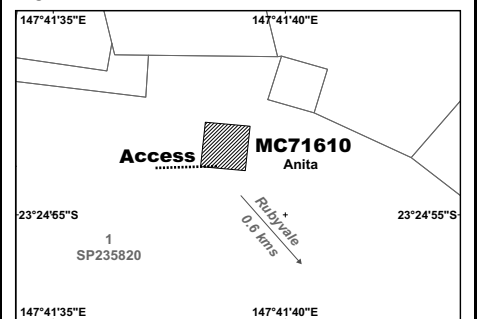
Mining Claim 71550 renewal sought by Geoffrey Phillip Thompson, over an area of 852 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 3.8 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



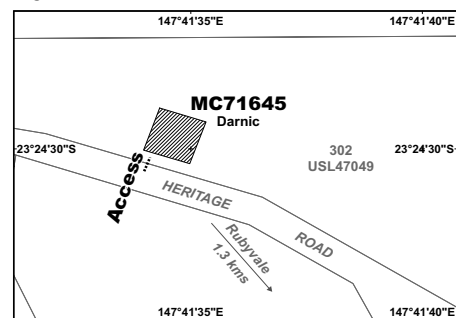
Mining Claim 71586 renewal sought by Anthony David McDonnell, over an area of 799 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.9 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



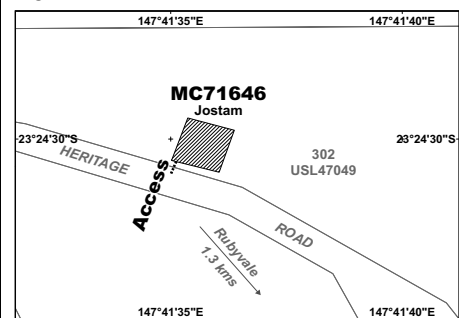
Mining Claim 71610 renewal sought by Percy Hughes, over an area of 825 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 0.6 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



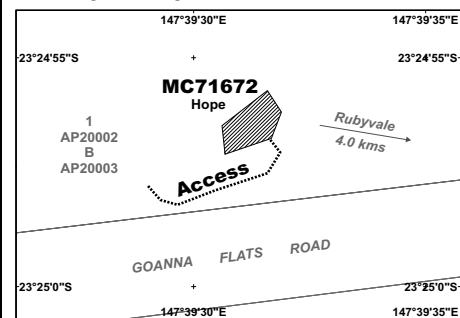
Mining Claim 71645 renewal sought by Lyndsay Keith Ryan, over an area of 892 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.3 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



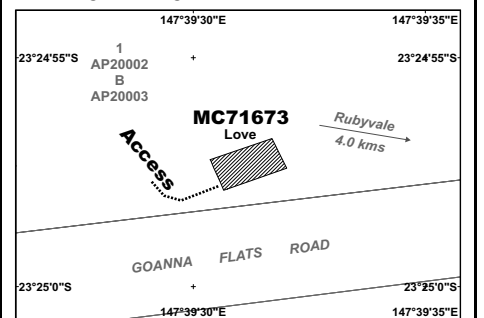
Mining Claim 71646 renewal sought by Lyndsay Keith Ryan, over an area of 899 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.3 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



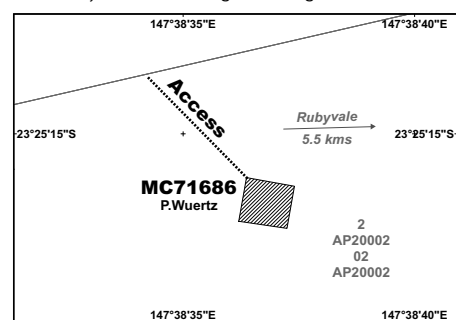
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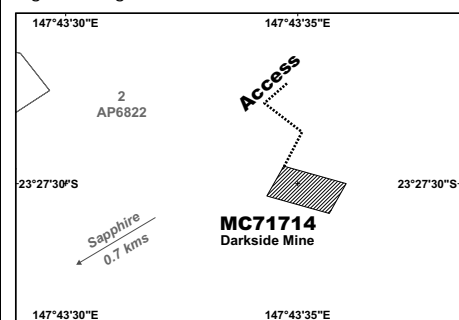
Mining Claim 71673 renewal sought by Cherie Frances Green, over an area of 897 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 4.0 km West North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 71686 renewal sought by Dale John Wilson (50%) and Martyn John Wilson (50%), over an area of 877 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 5.5 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



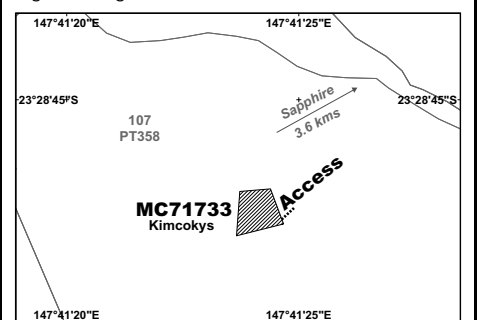
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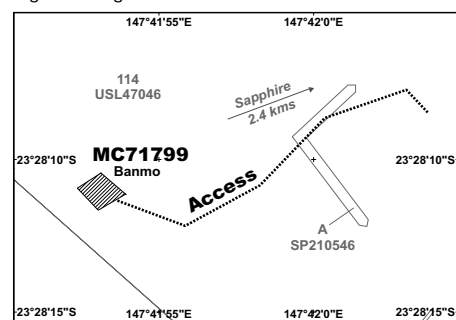
Mining Claim 71723 renewal sought by Elaine Wendy James (50%) and Ronald Alec James (50%), over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.3 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



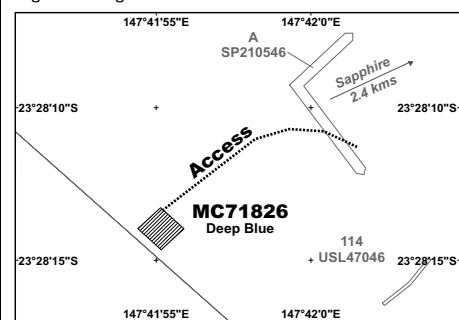
Mining Claim 71733 renewal sought by Rodney Keith Parker, over an area of 651 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 3.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



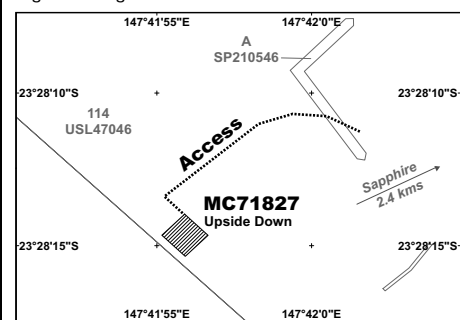
Mining Claim 71799 renewal sought by Marion Lorriane Olsen, over an area of 838 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 2.4 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



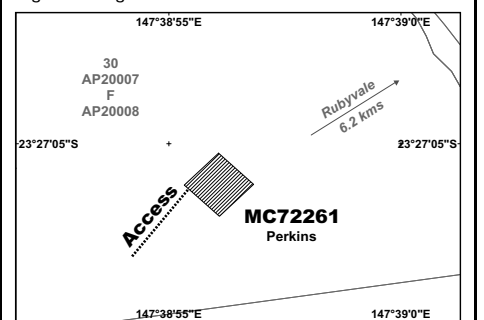
Mining Claim 71826 renewal sought by John Bryan MacGregor, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 2.4 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



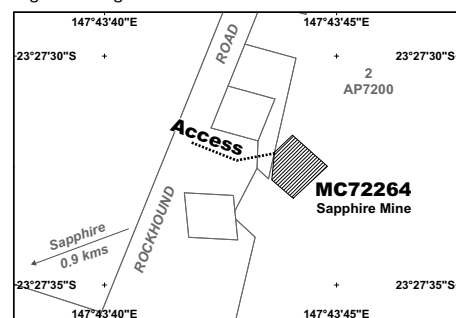
Mining Claim 71827 renewal sought by Donald James Laing, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 2.4 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



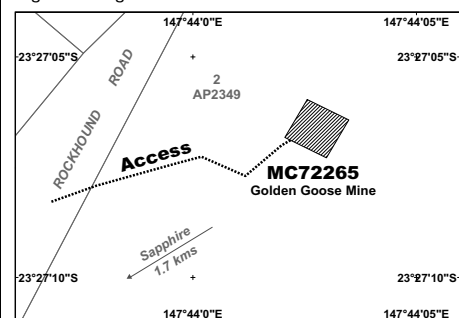
Mining Claim 72261 renewal sought by David Arthur Perkins, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 6.2 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



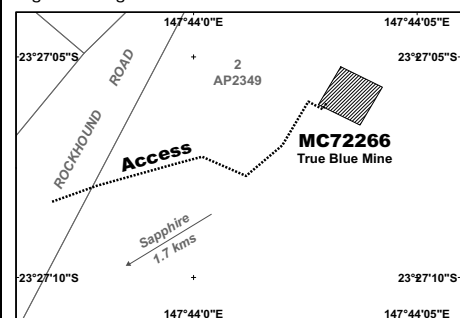
Mining Claim 72264 renewal sought by Sally Joy Nicol, over an area of 819 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 0.9 km East North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



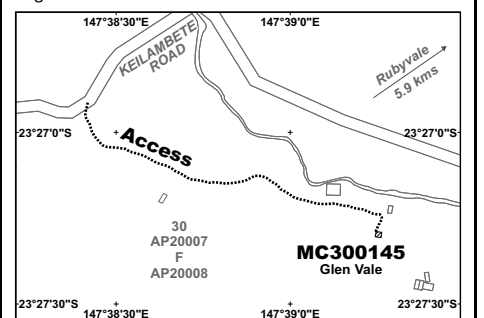
Mining Claim 72265 renewal sought by Jason Jooste, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.7 km East North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72266 renewal sought by Jason Jooste, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.7 km East North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 300145 sought by Glen Adrian Pascoe, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 5.9 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



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**Notification Day: 13 September 2017**



# Thursday Islanders fight in Townsville

By ALF WILSON



TWO of the three fighters representing Thursday Island’s Zenadth Kes Boxing Club won bouts in a Sunstate Amateur League tournament in

Townsville, on July 29. Ryan Shibasaki beat Townsville Club Dreams boxer Mark Snook in the 65kg division, while 10-year-old Hassan Binawel lost by a split points decision in the 40kg class, and Karim Yorkston won in the heavyweight category after having his first official bout.

“It was my third bout against Snook

and my second win over him while Karim was impressive in beating Ethan Morrison from Flatenem Club,” Shibasaki said.

Experienced boxer Shibasaki also fought a second bout, losing by split points decision to quality Mareeba fighter Drew Cater.

Cater is an Indigenous boxer whose brother Ashton Cater also won on the night.

Shibasaki praised Hassan Binawel, who fought well against a heavier and older opponent from the Burdekin region.

“The lad who beat Hassan was two years older and 4kg heavier so it was a good effort by Hassan,” Shibasaki said.

Townsville Club Hawks hosted the tournament and a large crowd watched the 10 bouts and four exhibition contests.

Palm Island boxer Leelan Sibley lost to Hawks Jalen Tait in the 60kg division.

Another boxer of Torres Strait descent –Krusayis Gaidan from Cairns club Kangaroos – fought an exhibition bout.

Shibasaki said Zenadth Kes Club boxers will next compete at the State titles in Cairns in September.

“We hope to see more boxers down at club training on Thursday Island in coming weeks,” Shibasaki said.

The club is looking for a new training venue.



Zenadth Kes Boxing Club fighters – from left, Karim Yorkston, Hassan Binawel and Ryan Shibasaki – fought in a Townsville tournament.

NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS						
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29						
The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the <i>Mining Act 1978</i> :						
Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2927	NORTH ROSSA PTY LTD	20BL	16km SE'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 43' S Long: 115° 14' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2239	MILFORD RESOURCES PTY LTD	18BL	120km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 13' S Long: 115° 58' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/882	D & G TRANSPORT PTY LTD	5BL	67km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 24' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/903	ECHO RESOURCES LIMITED	2BL	53km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 33' S Long: 121° 2' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/905	KALGOORLIE MINING ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	61BL	38km S'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 14' S Long: 120° 34' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3205	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	4BL	8km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 36' S Long: 122° 19' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3222	WAHOO DRILLING PTY LTD	15BL	126km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 124° 4' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3223	WAHOO DRILLING PTY LTD	32BL	114km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 19' S Long: 123° 59' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3229	PEMBERY PROSPECTING PTY LTD	18BL	68km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 37' S Long: 123° 26' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3230	PEMBERY PROSPECTING PTY LTD	27BL	103km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 123° 48' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3244	BEADELL RESOURCES LTD	43BL	215km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 124° 55' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3245	DUKETON MINING LTD	43BL	47km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 48' S Long: 122° 28' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2025	NEXUS MINERALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	24BL	112km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 38' S Long: 122° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4731	GOLDEN MOUNT PTY LTD	60BL	73km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 57' S Long: 118° 42' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4872	RUMBLE RESOURCES LIMITED	60BL	115km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 21° 1' S Long: 121° 6' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4901	GALAHAD RESOURCES PTY LTD	36BL	124km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 27' S Long: 118° 35' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4922	FASTFIELD PTY LTD	70BL	28km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 8' S Long: 119° 28' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4934	BEATONS CREEK GOLD PTY LTD	5BL	20km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 21' S Long: 119° 44' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1046	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	35BL	118km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 40' S Long: 120° 54' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3662 & 47/3676	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	130BL	39km S'ly of Karratha	Lat: 21° 4' S Long: 116° 45' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	47/3663	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	54BL	55km S'ly of Karratha	Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 116° 54' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	51/1820	NICHOLS, Steven Jeremy Troup	4BL	51km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 0' S Long: 118° 16' E	CUE SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1836	WILDEVIPER PTY LTD	8BL	68km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 2' S Long: 118° 48' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
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		NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD				
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Exploration Licence	59/2230	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	11BL	76km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 14' S Long: 116° 54' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3469	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	11BL	221km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 33' S Long: 125° 3' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4977	HORN RESOURCES PTY LTD	24BL	24km W'ly of Moora	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 115° 43' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4979	BANKS, Aaron Peter	6BL	23km NW'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 14' S Long: 115° 42' E	GINGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4980	BANKS, Aaron Peter	9BL	22km W'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 17' S Long: 115° 41' E	GINGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4981	BANKS, Aaron Peter	16BL	14km SW'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 26' S Long: 115° 49' E	GINGIN SHIRE, WANNEROO CITY
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Exploration Licence	70/4987	VENTNOR MINING PTY LTD	29BL	20km NW'ly of Eneabba	Lat: 29° 40' S Long: 115° 10' E	CARNAMAH SHIRE, IRWIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4988	CYGNUS GOLD LIMITED	34BL	29km S'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 31° 4' S Long: 117° 56' E	NUNGARIN SHIRE, TRAYNING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4989	CYGNUS GOLD LIMITED	199BL	26km NW'ly of Narembreen	Lat: 31° 52' S Long: 118° 15' E	BRUCE ROCK SHIRE, MERREDIN SHIRE, NAREMBREEN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4993	VENTNOR MINING PTY LTD	48BL	38km N'ly of Eneabba	Lat: 29° 32' S Long: 115° 9' E	IRWIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4998	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	3BL	15km E'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 33° 57' S Long: 119° 5' E	JERRAMUNGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4999	NEAROLOGY PTY LTD	119BL	25km E'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 18' S Long: 116° 10' E	CHITTERING SHIRE, TOODYAY SHIRE, VICTORIA PLAINS SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	20/2317	WILSON, Gregory David	68.92HA	25km SE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 31' S Long: 118° 6' E	CUE SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	37/9015	CGM (WA) PTY LTD	126.59HA	37km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 35' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9018-23	CGM (WA) PTY LTD	1126.87HA	34km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 121° 36' E	LEONORA SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	39/5825	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	28.69HA	22km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1866	DE GREY MINING LTD	99.83HA	80km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 54' S Long: 118° 11' E	KARRATHA CITY, PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	57/1408	MCCLAREN, Kym Anthony	8.26HA	9km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 119° 20' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4437	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	29.03HA	49km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 34' S Long: 119° 39' E	YILGARN SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	77/4443	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	199.13HA	19km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 22' S Long: 119° 26' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4470-I	WEST AUSTRALIAN PROSPECTORS PTY LTD	200.09HA	53km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 119° 28' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4472-S	ROBINSON, Stephen Paul	9.53HA	32km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 118° 57' E	YILGARN SHIRE
		ROBINSON, Christopher Stephen				

**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 Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant.

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# Sporting dynasty

By CHRIS PIKE



THEY are quickly becoming an Australian sporting dynasty as a family and 16-year-old Jessica McDowell-White has become the latest member to represent Australia at the recent under-17 Oceania Basketball Championships.

Jessica is the eldest daughter of parents Bianca McDowell and Darryl White and she has followed in the footsteps of her older brothers Darryl Jnr and William in representing Australia on the national stage.

She took part in the recent FIBA Under-17 Oceania Championships in Guam and was a strong contributor for the Sapphires as point guard.

It continues the remarkable story of her family.

It all began with her mother being a prolific basketballer in the Northern Territory and father Darryl an Australian Football League (AFL) great with the Brisbane Lions going on to play in the hat-trick of premierships in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Darryl Jnr was then the first of their children to come through in basketball, representing Australia at under-age level before attending college at Fresno State University in the United States and having most recently come back to play in the Queensland Basketball League.

It is William who has been the one touted as being the superstar of the family since he was at a young age. He already looks capable of fulfilling his goals having played in last season's NBL with the Sydney Kings and having now signed a lucrative four-year deal in Germany.

And now next in line is 16-year-old Jessica, who is showing all the signs that she can make quite a career out of basketball.

Don't expect it to stop there: There are two more McDowell-White siblings – Kobe and Hayley – who are the youngest of the bunch but have already



Jessica McDowell-White wears the Australian basketball colours.  
Picture: FIBA

represented Queensland in basketball in their respective age groups.

Australia went on to claim victory in the under-17 Oceania Championships, beating New Zealand 81-60 in the final and Jessica was a big part of that, playing her role as point guard.

In that winning final, she spent 12 minutes on court and had two assists, but more importantly, Australia outscored New Zealand by 13 points in the time she spent on the floor. That was among the best result out of all her teammates.

She had some impressive matches throughout the preliminary rounds, including six assists against Tahiti, seven points, five assists and four rebounds against the Marshall Islands and 10 rebounds, five assists, three points and two steals against Samoa.

She then delivered nine points, six steals and three assists in the semifinals

against Guam to help Australia through to the final against New Zealand.

Once she graduates from Brisbane State High School, Jessica is expected to attend college in the United States and then there's every chance of her embarking on a professional basketball career.

As for the Oceania Championships, Jessica couldn't speak more highly of the experience in her debut representing Australia.

"Putting on the green and gold has been a dream and I finally got there," Jessica said.

"I think being able to adapt to different things is what I learned the most from the whole experience. The group of girls only got together a week out, so you had to go from knowing no one to going away together, and going out there and playing as a group."

# Swift's new chapter

By CHRIS PIKE



HIS recovery from a shoulder injury denied him the chance to play at the recent Water Polo World Championships, but Rio Olympian Joel Swift is ready to bounce back to the form in the pool that saw him represent Australia 12 months ago.

Swift was part of the Australian men's water polo team that finished ninth at the Rio Olympic Games as the high point of a career that has also seen the West Australian achieve great success at home and abroad.

The 27-year-old powerhouse helped Australia win its first gold medal at the World University Games in 2009 while also playing in the 2013 and World Championships to set up his place at the Rio Olympics last year.

In the lead-up to that, he was playing professionally in Hungary for the previous three years in one of the world's top water polo leagues.

On top of that, he has played in four men's National Water Polo League championships with the Fremantle Mariners.

He will go down as one of WA's most successful water polo products, but the last 12 months since the Olympics haven't quite gone to plan.

Having moved back home after his time in Hungary, Swift returned to playing in the WA Premier League with the Melville Marlin's. He helped the team qualify for the grand final, but the shoulder injury denied him playing in that decider against the UWA City Beach Bears.

That was virtually a tune-up to the National Water Polo League season earlier this year with the Melville team mostly making up the Fremantle Mariners while the UWA City Beach team mostly played with the UWA Torpedoes in the national competition as well.

However, unfortunately for Swift, his shoulder meant he was unable to take part in the national league season for the Mariners.

They ended up narrowly missing the finals while their WA rivals were defending champions and made it to the finals but the title for 2017 was won by the Wests Magpies.

Swift has had his first real break from competing at water polo at the highest level over the past few months as he made sure his should returned to 100% health.

That meant he missed selection at the recent World Championships where Australia finished seventh.

But the 191cm, 110kg big man is now gearing up to make his mark again this summer and put himself right back in contention for national honours from 2018 and beyond again with an eye towards firstly the 2019 World Championships and then the 2020 Olympic Games.



Joel Swift



## NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, 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
15/1566	ABEH PTY LTD	511055	80.77HA	14km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 12' S Long: 121° 48' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
28/1224	HERON RESOURCES LIMITED	499248	23.22HA	68km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 122° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
28/1746	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	498374	46.02HA	64km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 122° 5' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
29/929-I	TOUCAN GOLD PTY LTD	506009	21.32HA	117km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 119° 59' E	MENZIES SHIRE
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36/870	CARNEGIE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	511149	178.44HA	66km N'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 21' S Long: 120° 55' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/1215	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	509857	22.26HA	38km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 121° 43' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/1225	NEMEX PTY LTD	487089	9.72HA	46km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 32' S Long: 121° 35' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/1642	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	494805	13.82HA	27km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 122° 38' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/1864	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	494767	49.01HA	18km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 122° 32' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/1869	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	494782	22.14HA	14km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 122° 31' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2032	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	494768	55.57HA	31km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 122° 39' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2143-I	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	494806	97.51HA	6km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 122° 29' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2666	DUKETON MINING LTD	510097	169.70HA	55km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 50' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2666	DUKETON MINING LTD	510099	46.11HA	55km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 51' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2857	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	510472	11.44HA	62km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 6' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2862	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	494783	36.70HA	16km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 122° 31' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3050	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	494769	4.99HA	33km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 122° 40' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3051	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	494784	72.21HA	30km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 122° 38' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3134	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	510473	47.11HA	51km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 7' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3136	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	510100	4.41HA	69km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 43' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
39/1279	RICHMOND, William Robert	511115	23.43HA	59km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 8' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
39/1791	SARACEN GOLD MINES PTY LTD					
39/1913	HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED	510971	21.47HA	75km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 121° 16' E	LEONORA SHIRE
	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	511116	23.44HA	81km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 122° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE

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# Mills hit with fans

Story and pictures by ALF WILSON



CHAMPION basketball player Patty Mills, a 2018 Commonwealth Games ambassador, was a guest in Townsville on August 6 when the schedule of games in the city by the Australian men's and women's basketball teams were released.

Mills plays for the San Antonio Spurs in the US National Basketball Association (NBA) and was a member of their NBA championship winning team in 2014.

He has competed for the Australian Boomers at the past three Olympic Games.

Mills was a big hit with fans, many of then of Torres Strait Island descent, at the Townsville Strand for the announcement of the schedule of Commonwealth Games basketball matches in Townsville.

At the function were Mills' father Benny and Townsville mayor Jenny Hill. Mills said it was exciting for the people of north Queensland, especially the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, to have the opportunity to witness international basketball in their own backyard.

"Unfortunately, I can't be part of the action during the Games due to my NBA commitments, but I know the Australian men's and women's teams are going to be bursting with pride to represent their country on home soil," he said.

"It's an exciting time for basketball in Australia and I'm sure the people of north Queensland are going to make the most of this rare opportunity."

Patty Mills gave an emotional and inspirational speech.

"It is great that Townsville and Cairns will have world-class basketball during the Commonwealth Games and whole families can watch, which is an experience better than watching it on television," he said.

## Don't waste opportunities

His advice to young people was to always make the most of opportunities.

"You never know who will spot you shooting hoops at a basketball court like the one near here," he said.

"You never know what that will lead to." Mills said his culture was very important to him.

"It brings passion to what I do and my culture is a blessing. I have many family

here in Townsville and Cairns, on Thursday Island and Mer," he said.

Guests were welcomed to country by Brenton Creek for the Wulgurakaba tribe and Alec Illin (Bindal people).

Entertainment was provided by the Wulgurakaba Walkabout dancers and their didgeridoo player was William Mabo, a grandson of the late Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo.

The Torres Strait Komet Dancers were popular and Mills joined them much to the delight of fans.

Mills signed autographs and basketballs for a queue of budding young basketballers.

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**N**ORTH Queenslanders will witness world-class basketballers in action at next year's Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

The Australian Boomers will be based in Cairns and the Australian Opals in Townsville for the preliminary rounds of the Games basketball competition.

The 16 nations for the men's and women's competitions will be split into two pools of four which will compete against each other during the preliminary rounds

to be held in Townsville and Cairns between April 5-10. The finals will be held at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre from April 13-15.

The Cairns Convention Centre will play host to Pool A matches in the men's competition between top-seeded nations Australia, Nigeria, New Zealand and Canada, as well as Pool B matches in the women's competition.

The Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre will host the top four seeded women's nations in Pool A, headlined by the Opals, Canada, England and Mozambique, and Pool B fixtures of the men's competition.

At the conclusion of the pool stage, the top two teams from Pool A will proceed to the semifinals, while the bottom two teams from Pool A will play the top two teams from Pool B in the qualifying finals in Cairns (men) and Townsville (women). The remaining two Pool B teams are eliminated.

The winner of the qualifying final will then advance to the semifinal and medal matches on the Gold Coast.

The complete match schedules for the basketball preliminaries will be announced in the coming weeks.



Patty Mills, rear, is with his dad Benny, right, and Torres Strait Islander Professor Martin Nakata, of James Cook University.



From left, dancing, are Benny Mills, Francis Tapim, Father Elimo Tapim and Patty Mills.



Members of the Ross family of Darnley descent were there.



Members of the Tapim, Zaro, Wailu and Santo families are happy to see Patty Mills.



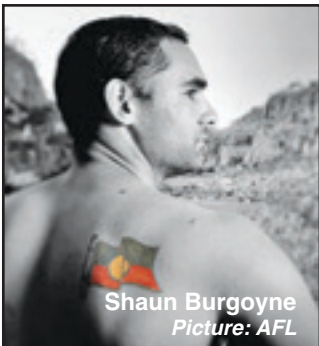
From left, Ethan Wilson, Michaela Solomon, Patty Mills, Eddie Smallwood, Alec Illin and Francis Tapim.



The Komet Torres Strait Dancers perform.



## Burgoyne sees another season ahead of him



Shaun Burgoyne  
Picture: AFL



SHAUN Burgoyne wants to take his outstanding AFL career into a 17th season, saying he has the enthusiasm and form to continue.

The 34-year-old Hawthorn utility said the plan remains to wait until the end of the season and then sit down with the club to discuss his playing future.

The four-times premiership player – one at Port Adelaide and three with the Hawks – has played every game this season for a career total of 339.

“I’m feeling quite positive about potentially playing on next year,” he said.

“You have to stay injury-free at my age. You have to get a kick and I’ve been able to play (a lot of) positions – that’s definitely helped my career.”

While Burgoyne is one of Hawthorn’s most senior players, he is free of any formal leadership duties.

The utility nicknamed Silk for his sublime skills said not being a part of the leadership group was helping in the latter stages of his career.

“I just rock up, come to training, get out and if I want to talk to Clarko (coach Alastair Clarkson), I will go into his office and I will sit down and say, ‘Mate, I want to chat to you about something,’” Burgoyne said.

“I’m very confident in myself that I can talk to any of the coaching group or the players – and I don’t like being in those meetings.

“So mentally, I’m pretty good.

“When I get out of here, I go home, talk to my kids about footy and Auskick and school and I watch a lot of NRL, so I don’t get bogged down by the constant AFL hammering.” – AAP

# Down to final four

Story by ALF WILSON  
Pictures by CHRISTINE HOWES



WEIPA Raiders, Aurukun Kang Kang, Lockhart River Scorpions and Coen Colts will contest the finals series of the Cape Cluster Remote Area Rugby League competition. The big day of rugby league will be held at Weipa’s Andoom Oval on August 26.

The other sides from remote Aboriginal communities that competed in the competition were Napranam Twal, Mapoon Magpies, Kowanyama and Pormpuraaw.

The sides were decided by positions on the points table after rounds five and six of fixtures, on August 5.

The ladder after final fixtures rounds 5 and 6: Weipa Raiders 12, Aurukun Kang Kang 10 (136+ for and against), Lockhart River Scorpions 10 (114+), Coen Colts 6, Napranam Twal 4 (-52), Mapoon Magpies 4 (-66), Kowanyama 0, Pormpuraaw 0.

Weipa Raiders will meet Coen Colts in one semifinal and reigning premiers Lockhart River Scorpions will play Aurukun Kang Kang in the other.

The Raiders have gone through the six rounds of fixtures undefeated and their coach Karl Adams told the *Koori Mail* it would be a great finals series.

“The boys are training well leading into the finals. We didn’t play as well as we could’ve in Lockhart River so there a few things we are working on,” he said.

“All other teams in the finals are real contenders and there will be some entertaining footy.”

Cairns-based Queensland Rugby League (QRL) assistant divisional manager Robbie Moore said this year’s competition had been played in the right spirit.

“The teams that didn’t make the semifinals can come to Weipa and play off for the minor placings,” Moore said.

Away teams in the Cape Cluster have to travel some of the longest distances in any sporting competition in Australia, over bad roads, to get to matches.



Aurukun sisters Ethel and Shauna Giblet at the Weipa rugby league.



The Aurukun Kang Kang team.



The Coen Colts.



The Lockhart River Scorpions.



The Weipa Raiders.



## Below-par waves for surf invitational



INDIGENOUS surfers from Australia, New Zealand, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea took part in this month's third annual Juraki Surf Invitational.

Organised by Indigenous organisation Juraki Surf Culture, the event was held in difficult conditions at Fingal Head, in far northern NSW.

Organiser Joel Slabb said about 60 competitors took to the waves with hundreds of others on hand for markets and cultural activities.

The three-day event opened with a 'mixing of the waters', where competitors blended samples of water from each of their countries.

"There was a good competitive spirit

and a real show of unity," Slabb said.

Results:

Open Women, Charli Pell 1, Jasmine McCorquodale 2, Jarrah Clarke 3, Summer Simon 4.

Legends 50-plus: Warrack Wallace 1, Glen Woods 2.

Junior men: Taj Simon 1, Jed McDonagh 2, Jack McDonagh 3, Brandon Mercy 4.

Men's Masters: Robbie Paige 1, Ken Dann 2, Kyle Slabb 3, Aaron Carle 4.

Longboards: Lucas Proudfoot 1, Tom Avery 2, Robbie Paige 3, Bijang Slabb 4.

Open men: Joe Haddon 1, Ty Arnold 2, Byron Simon 3, Max Tatum 4.

Juraki Pacific Teams Challenge: Australia 1, New Zealand 2, Vanuatu 3, Papua New Guinea 4.



Women's finalists: from left, Charli Pell, Jasmine McCorquodale, Summer Simon and Jarrah Clarke.



Joel Slabb cuts it up.



Open women's winner Charli Pell, of the Gold Coast.

## Star in the making



RISING Indigenous softball star Tarni Stepto will get a chance to gain valuable

international experience when she joins the Aussie Spirit squad in Japan this month.

Stepto, 17, a 186cm pitcher from Sydney, will play with the

Spirit in a series of exhibition games leading up to the Japan Cup in Takasaki.

Some brilliant performances at the recent Junior World Softball Championship in Florida prompted Australian selectors to add Stepto to the squad of players who will head to Japan.

Although she is not in the team for the Japan Cup itself, Stepto

will play in some of the pre-tournament exhibition games, giving her valuable experience in Japanese conditions.

Aussie Spirit coach Fabian Barlow says Stepto will join the team in a development role.

"It is a good opportunity for Tarni to be around the Aussie Spirit team and play against Japan Pro League teams to help continue her development," Barlow said.

"She put in some strong individual pitching performances at the recently completed Junior World Championship, and any game time we can get her during the exhibition games will only add to her international experiences and benefit her for the future."

### Best pitcher

In Florida, Stepto led all pitchers with 31 strikeouts in 18.1 innings pitched. She allowed just two earned runs for the tournament, both coming against China, to finish with an ERA of 0.76.

Her best performance was in a losing effort against powerhouse Japan in which she pitched 6.2 innings and allowed just three base runners while striking out 14.

The Junior Spirit lost that game 1-0 on an unearned run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Stepto's elevation to the squad for the Japan Cup lead-up games

is recognition of her talent and potential.

"It gives her an opportunity to gain experience at international level and to showcase her skills against top-quality opposition," Softball Australia CEO Chet Gray said.

Stepto will help fill a void left by the absence of pitchers Kaia Parnaby and Ellen Roberts, who will not be available for some of the exhibition games because of commitments with the Chicago Bandits in the National Fastpitch Pro league.

Stepto has been playing softball since she was 11. She has represented NSW and played for the Australian Schoolgirls' team in Hawaii. She plays for the Davidson club in the Manly Warringah Softball Association.

In the Japan Cup, the Aussie Spirit play against national teams of USA, Canada and Japan at Takasaki, 120km north-west of Tokyo, from August 25-27.

Before that tournament, they will play seven games against Japanese professional club teams.

Exhibition games schedule:  
August 21 (2 games) Australia vs Toda Medics  
August 22 (2 games) Australia vs Toda Medics  
August 23 (2 games) Australia vs Honda Reverta  
August 24 (1 game) Australia

vs Taiyo Yuden

Stepto was one of four Indigenous girls in the Australian team at the Junior World Championships in the US.

The others were Montana Kearnes (NSW), Tia Waters (Qld) and Kelsey Griffin (NSW).

They now are in the mix for senior selection and with softball being reinstated to the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2020, there will be no shortage of incentive.



The four Aboriginal girls holding the Aboriginal flag on one of the main diamonds in Clearwater, Florida: from left, Montana Kearnes (NSW), Tarni Stepto (NSW), Tia Waters (Qld) and Kelsey Griffin (NSW).



Tarni Stepto  
Picture: Sam Donkin



# Better prepared next time – Coach



THE Australian Indigenous basketball All Stars finished 11th at the 2017 World

Indigenous Basketball Challenge (WIBC) after posting one win and two losses in the 16-team tournament in Vancouver, Canada.

Despite an intense fourth-quarter comeback, the All Stars came up short against Team Vancouver in their opening match, going down 69-72.

Deba George scored 27 points, while his backcourt partner Curt Ahwang contributed 11 points.

The loss relegated the team to the bottom half of the competition bracket, with the highest position the squad could finish being ninth.

The All Stars claimed victory in their second encounter, defeating Team Bantu from Zambia 90-77.

George again filled the scoresheet, tallying 32 points, while Ahwang continued his hot form from behind the arc, connecting on five long-range

triples on his way to a 17-point haul.

In their third meeting, the All Stars battled against USA side ITA Native Sports, but went down 79-68.

Eighteen-year old young gun Jakobe Hunter displayed a solid all-around performance, finishing with 13 points and four rebounds in the loss.

## Learned much

All Stars coach Joel Khalu said the team had learned much in their first trip to the WIBC.

"We didn't really know what to expect, but now that it's all done, I think we can be a legitimate championship contender in the future," Khalu said.

"Losing the opening game against Vancouver really hurt. That instantly put us in the bottom bracket and took a lot out of the guys emotionally and physically."

"To the players' credit, they were able to bounce back and collect a good win the next morning against Zambia, but we didn't shoot the ball well against ITA Native Sports on Friday and



The Apunipima Australian Indigenous Basketball All Stars at the 2017 World Indigenous Basketball Challenge in Vancouver, Canada.

after suffering that second loss, that ended our tournament.

"It's definitely disappointing, as I think we could have been a top four side and that will

certainly be the aim the next time we attend this same event in a few years."

The All Stars will now shift their focus to defending their title

as Trans-Tasman champions when they face off against the New Zealand Maori men's team in a three-game series in Cairns in December.

# Get set for Gurrung



MORE than 25 teams will compete in the eighth annual Gurrung Sports Carnival at Jabiru from this Friday Sunday.

Competitors from Jabiru, Gunbalanya, Maningrida, Beswick, Darwin, Minjilang and Waruwi will go head to head to contest trophies over three days.

Hosted by West Arnhem Regional Council, Gurrung Sports Carnival features the men's Australian football competition as well as men's and women's basketball with hundreds of participants across the sports.

This year will see the introduction of a touch footy competition featuring four teams.

The carnival will again run in conjunction with the Mahbilil Festival that will kick off on Saturday with music and entertainment.

West Arnhem Regional Council Sport and Recreation coordinator Seide Ramadani said this year's event was shaping up to be exciting, not only with the introduction of the touch football competition, but the council was proud to showcase the resurfaced Jabiru basketball courts.



Justin Cooper kicks for the Minjilang Eagles, who won the men's Australian football grand final against the Jabiru Bombers at the 2016 Gurrung Sports Carnival.

"The courts look fantastic and we can't wait to get the basketball competitions under way with Jabiru Heat coming back to defend their five-year reign in the hotly-contested men's basketball," she said.

Ten teams will contest the Australian football competition. The Minjilang team will defend their title which they have retained for five years.

The women's basketball competition is looking close with the return of champions Waruwi Mardbalk Cats.

Jabiru Heat will face some strong competition from Waruwi,

Minjilang and St John's College in the men's basketball.

Gurrung Sports Carnival will kick off with the women's basketball competition on Friday at 3.30pm and the men's basketball starting from 5pm at the Jabiru courts. The men's grand final and presentations will follow around 8.30pm.

Saturday will see the start of the football competition from 8am at Brockman Oval, and the women's basketball continuing from 8.30am at Jabiru Area School.

Official presentations will be held at 6pm at the oval.

# Inaugural touch football carnival dates changed



NOVEMBER 11-12 have been confirmed as the dates for the inaugural

National Indigenous Touch Football Knockout in Dubbo.

The carnival will be held at Apex Park and is being organised by the Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service's Quit B Fit – Tackling Indigenous Smoking Program and Manly Warringah Sea Eagles in conjunction with NSW Touch Football and Touch Football Australia and Dubbo Regional Council.

Organisers originally announced the carnival would be held during the June long weekend.

They then said it would be held on November 10-12.

"The organising committee agreed to change the date and also review the registration and competitor criteria to encourage more registrations to ensure a highly successful event for Dubbo," said WACHS CEO Darren Ah See.

The Knockout will be open to senior men, women's and mixed and will feature a prize pool of up to \$40,000 for winners and runners-up.

The key changes to the competition criteria include:

- The two-day event will be open to senior teams only, with a minimum age requirement of players to be 16 years before 31 December 2017

- The event will be open only to men's open, women's open and mixed.

- There's a minimum of 10 players and maximum of 14 players per team with a minimum of 70% players per team with Confirmation of Aboriginality (COA).

- COA is required, otherwise players are deemed non-Indigenous and no protests are allowed on COA if Common Seal Stamp is submitted.

- First in best dressed is the policy policy with a maximum of 32 teams per division.

- Entry fee is \$500 per team, non-refundable, to be paid by October 16, 2017.

"The revised registration and competitor details are now available on the event's website: [www.indigenoustouchknockout.sportingpulse.net](http://www.indigenoustouchknockout.sportingpulse.net)," Mr Ah See said.

He encourages all interested players to get involved.

"We will host a health hub and kids activity/entertainment area at the Knockout to promote healthy living."

For more information visit the KO website [www.indigenoustouchknockout.sportingpulse.net](http://www.indigenoustouchknockout.sportingpulse.net) or [www.wachs.net.au](http://www.wachs.net.au) and follow @quitbfit on Facebook and #quitbfit on Twitter and Instagram.



# Eye of the Tiger

## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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**L**IKE all rusted-on supporters, Richmond Tigers fans live on in the hope that this will be their season.

They have had to endure the highs and lows across the season, but there is no doubt that they are legitimate contenders.

A key player in their charge to the finals has been young Daniel Rioli, who also has had to contend with the expectations that the family name brings with it.

I am an unabashed fan, but have been careful not to add to the pressure of expectation.

So it was good to see that respected football analyst David King rates the exciting, young Richmond small forward as "the best pressure player in the competition".

King, a dual premiership player with North Melbourne, believes Rioli has been the catalyst for the elite level of pressure that's been so successfully applied by the Tigers in their forward half throughout the 2017 season.

### Masterstroke

"This team relies on turnovers in their offensive half of the ground. It's been fantastic ... it's been a masterstroke in terms of coaching. But Daniel Rioli, he sets the way," King said.

"Multiple efforts, that's what it's all about and he drags others with him.

"They know they've got to put pressure on because this team relies on time in the forward half.

"You can never rest against Daniel Rioli.

"Most players defend a perimeter 10-15 metres around them. But this guy, he goes 15, 20, 25 metres.

"When he takes off, when he chases, when he puts you in the sights, you are gone. He will not be denied.

"He's unbelievable."

While Daniel bears one of football's most famous names,



**Daniel Rioli is tackled by Dyson Heppell of the Bombers during the 2017 AFL round-10 Dreamtime at the 'G match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on May 27. Picture: Getty**

the 20-year-old has always been determined to make his own mark.

The electric young Tiger knew he came to Punt Road at the end of 2015 with the surname and its associated pressure in tow, but is set on sticking to his own style.

At the moment, it's working. "Having the Rioli name, there is a bit of pressure there, but I kind of put it at the back of my head and play my own brand of footy that I've been playing since I was a kid," Rioli says.

"It's just footy. You've got your own brand that you play.

"Junior' (Hawthorn star Cyril) plays his own brand of footy, my uncle played his own brand of footy, and my grandfather Maurice played his own brand of footy at Richmond.

"Now it's time for me to make my own name for myself and play my own brand of footy."

The slick, quick small forward made the shift from the Tiwi Islands aged 14, flying to Melbourne before catching a bus to Ballarat to join St Patrick's College's Indigenous program.

It was cold, but he thought it was a good idea.

He boarded at the school for a few years, and since joining the Tigers, calls a new place home with a couple of new 'boarding house masters' — Damien and Danielle Hardwick.

Yes, the Richmond coach, his wife and their three children.

It wasn't Rioli's idea, he admits, moving in soon after the 2015 national draft with new teammate and now close friend Mabior Chol.

It is perhaps this early sense of acceptance and belonging that was the making of Daniel.

Not that he got any special privileges!

"I was nervous coming into

the system and to think I was staying with the coach was a bit nerve-racking," Rioli said.

There's Hardwick the coach and then Hardwick the 'family man', according to Rioli, who has forged a close friendship with the coach's son Ben, who is the same age.

He admits he was surprised at the 'around the house' Hardwick — he thought there'd be more of a tendency for the top Tiger to be talking tactics.

"I actually thought when I first moved in that he'd be more into footy and talking about footy 24/7," Rioli says.

"But he gets along so well with everyone and makes jokes in the house. It's perfect with Dimma. When he's at home, he's a family man. When he's out coaching, he's the coach and he's really full-on."

For many young footballers, this ability to separate their personal life from their footy life takes years to learn.

For Daniel to be able to learn this directly from his coach must have been a great advantage.

To also see the value his coach placed on family would also have made his transition easier.

Daniel also had the obvious advantage of reaching out to those in his family who have established a pathway for him to follow.

Daniel catches up with cousin Cyril often, mostly just for a coffee and a chat. Sometimes about footy, sometimes not.

Rioli said he still needed to continue to build his body up like the Hawks star did and plans to "hit the gym more".

Coach Hardwick reinforced Daniel is his own man and intent on making his own name.

"Cyril is a wonderful player and I was privileged to work with

him in his early days (at Hawthorn)," he said.

"Daniel is different. I think he is only just scratching the surface as to where he is at as a forward.

"I have got no doubt he will push into the midfield as some stage when he is a little bit bigger and, I would like to say, improves his endurance, but he is very good in that area.

"Over a period of time, he will push further up the field. He will make his own name, I have no doubt."

Daniel is obviously proud of his Indigenous heritage which was nowhere more evident than when he wore the club's seventh Indigenous jersey earlier this year.

What made it additionally special was that it was not only inspired by his Tiger teammate Nathan Drummond, but was developed by someone he's known for years.

The guernsey was designed by Josh Muir, who has overcome addiction and depression to emerge as a promising artist.

"I've been close with him — he came to my school when I was at St Pat's, so I know him through that," Rioli said.

And Rioli has admitted that despite their relationship, he was caught by surprise when he learned that Muir was behind this year's design.

"He did and I was pretty surprised. It's good to have someone around that you know. It's great for him to design the jumper and with me being so close to him, it's unreal."

It well may be that the Rioli name once again graces grand final day.

Just remember that this time it will be Daniel.

Until Next Time... Keep on Dreaming!

## Murphy scores try on debut



**INDIGENOUS** player Mahalia Murphy made a dream debut for the Australian Wallaroos in

the 2017 Women's Rugby World Cup in Dublin, scoring a try after just 29 minutes.

But the joy was short-lived as Australia lost the opening game 19-17 to host country Ireland at the University College Dublin Bowl on August 10.

Things didn't get any better in the Aussies' next game when they were thumped 48-0 by France.

The Wallaroos on Thursday secured their first win of the tournament, running in five tries to secure a 29-15 win over Japan in their third and final pool game.

Murphy scored her second try in that game.

In the game against Ireland, both sides crossed for three tries, with conversions proving to be the difference.

The Australian Sevens contingent had a strong influence on the match with captain Shannon Parry and Murphy scoring tries.

At the same venue, the Wallaroos were outscored eight tries to none by France.

Against Japan, Murphy channelled her Sevens experience to streak away over 80 metres to score under the posts. The conversion gave Australia a 19-0 lead.

Head coach Paul Verrell said: "We can't make the semi-finals with one pool win, but we still have a lot to play for. We'll head to Belfast with the goal of finishing as highly ranked as we possibly can to ensure we can compete at the next World Cup.

"We also want to continue to build as a team and create a Wallaroos program that girls back home want to be a part of."



**Mahalia Murphy attacks a training run in Ireland during World Cup preparations.**



# Just like us

## RUGBY LEAGUE



With **PRESTON CAMPBELL**

**R**ECENTLY, I had the opportunity to join some of the Parramatta Eels players who are completing qualifications in Youth Work as part of their preparation for life after football.

It was great to be involved in a TAFE class with them that focussed on increasing the safety of individuals at risk of suicide.

It was a powerful session, with the players being open and honest about relevant experiences in their personal lives and of dealing with this critical issue in their own communities.

It was great to connect with the players in this environment and to see how much they were benefitting from the course.

The players involved included my former Panther teammate Frank Pritchard as well as Josh Hoffman, Tepai Moeroa, Siosaia Vave, Brad Takairangi, John Folau, Bevan French and Suaia Matagi.

It was also great to reconnect with Dave Nash, who was also my teacher at TAFE when I was playing at Penrith.

As great as the actual classroom seminar was, the real exciting thing for me, however, was to learn of how the players were putting this theory into practice in community programs for kids at risk.

One group of players were involved in a project with disengaged kids where they designed and delivered a series of workshops on a

range of topics. They found it challenging and rewarding, but the feedback they got has given them additional motivation to complete the course.

The impact the players had can be measured by the following message sent to the club:

"The Aboriginal young people who attended the workshops guided by the players were between 8 years and 18 years old and had frequented the children's court for a range of offences and or had had involvement with police and were at risk of entering the Juvenile Justice system.

"All of the young people who attended the program had not attended school or engaged in any community programs for a number of years.

"This is heartbreaking to highlight especially for those children who did not attend school after the age of 10 years old.

"The young people we selected to work with your players had either or some or all of these contributing factors: Negative peer associations, poor school performance, poor family attachments and lack of consistent discipline, and further had experienced physical, emotional and or sexual abuse.

"Throughout the workshops we observed the young people sitting down in a classroom type environment and learning about the important things in life, including health and wellbeing, healthy and positive choices/risk taking and the roles that the young people play in people's lives.

"However, most importantly in my opinion was seeing them smile and laugh in a safe environment and engaging in workshops that could create and guide change.

"Each of the players carried themselves in a professional and warm manner and this was beautiful to watch.

"When transporting the young people to and from the venue I heard comments from them such as 'They are just like us', 'Can we do this every day?' and 'The Eels are not my favourite team but those players are mad'."

All this is pretty powerful stuff. But to me it boils down to a few simple things – putting smiles on kids' faces and giving them a sense of hope.

And for the kids to realise that the players are – in their words – 'just like us'.

This captures the essence of the power of sport in making change.

It can not only engage kids, but, by making their heroes 'real people', it can inspire kids to believe that they can achieve their own personal dreams.

The impact does not stop here.

The program allowed a lot of local service providers to attend and to engage with kids in a different environment.

One caseworker highlighted the impact the program had on two of their kids:

"We cannot speak highly enough of this program and the impact it had on our clients," the caseworker said.

"For one of our clients, a part of this program included an educational session around mental illness and from this, this client disclosed he was feeling 'hopeless', sleeping a lot and at times, felt suicidal.

"We were able to have further discussion with this client enroute home, before referring him on to his psychologist for follow up.

"For another client, it was great to see him get out of the house and see him with a smile on his face while at the program.

"All of our clients who attended aren't involved in any programs or activities, however, this program meant that they were able to become engaged in a positive community activity."

### Impact

The impact of the players in these instances is obvious.

But what stands out for me is that the players themselves were delivering key messages based on the knowledge and skills they had acquired from the course.

These were not just 'feel-good' activities or photo opportunities.

Promotional work is an important part of a National Rugby League (NRL) players' job, so I am not dismissing the positive value of this type of work.

What I am saying is that if the players are actually developing and delivering the workshops, they can take their influence to a whole new level.

It was a privilege to spend some time with these players and to have a meal with them after the course.

And you know what I discovered?

They are just like you and me!



Patrick Ryder  
Picture:  
Peter Argent

# Ryder cream of the crop

By **PETER ARGENT**



**PATRICK** Ryder is enjoying a stellar year in the Australian Football League (AFL) and is

being touted for All Australian honours.

He has elevated himself into elite company, having taken his game to another level after a brilliant 2017 minor round campaign with Port Adelaide, where he has taken the mantle as number-one big man at the Power.

### 200-gamer

A second-generation West Australian Football League (WAFL) footballer following in his father Revis' footsteps, with three games at East Fremantle before he got drafted, Ryder is now a 200-game AFL footballer, reaching that milestone in round 14 this year against Collingwood.

As strange as it may sound, his year on the sidelines after being one of the 34 Essendon players banned for the 2016 season may have actually helped his performances during this campaign.

Ryder has looked fresh and energetic all year and twice this year has produced career-best numbers for hit outs.

He collected 48 taps against Adelaide in round three showdown clash and also against Melbourne at the Melbourne Cricket Ground

(MCG) in round 18.

In the round seven contest against the West Coast Eagles, he equalled his career-best possession count, with a 20-touch performance.

Ryder, 29, is at the peak of his powers and he has been a key ingredient in Port Adelaide's rise up the ladder and return to major round footy.

Initially collected at number seven in the 2005 AFL National Draft by Essendon, Ryder was seen as a match-winner, but struggled with consistency over his 170-game tenure with the Bombers.

At the end of the 2014 season, Ryder decided to move from Essendon and nominated Port Adelaide as his preferred club.

He played 18 games in his debut year at Alberton, after being unable to take part in the pre-season trial matches due to the ASADA drugs investigation.

This long-running saga dealt Ryder another blow last year and he missed the entire 2016 AFL season.

The way Ryder has bounced back this year has been nothing short of outstanding.

Looking across the Australian football landscape, Ryder must rank only behind AFL Hall of Fame legend Graham 'Polly' Farmer and another West Australian giant – the greatest player from that state never to play in the VFL/AFL – South Fremantle's Stephen Michael as the third best ruckman in Aboriginal football history.

# Details of NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout



**NOMINATIONS** have closed for all women and junior divisions at the 2017 47th annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.

The carnival will be held at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield, from Friday, September 29, to Monday, October 2.

Carnival organisers the Redfern All

Blacks (RAB) have issued details of the Knockout.

They said admission prices would remain the same as last year – \$10 single entry Friday, Saturday and Sunday, \$5 Monday (grand final day); \$40 weekend pass (can only be purchased on Friday and includes entry for Saturday, Sunday and Monday; free entry for aged pensioners (senior card must be shown); free entry for children under 15

(photo ID or school card must be shown).

Limited parking is available. A free shuttle bus will be provided by the Roads and Maritime Services with pick-up and drop-off points to be advised.

Stalls: inquiries and expression of interest forms available at stalls@rabknockout.com

Sponsorship: inquiries and sponsorship packages available at sponsorship@rabknockout.com

Team nominations:

rabkofooty@gmail.com

RAB spokesman Dean Widders said the under-12 competition would be completed on Friday, September 29.

This had been decided so that under-12 players could rehearse presenting the rings to the winning players at the National Rugby League (NRL) grand final day – Sunday, October 1.





● LEFT: Ashleigh Barty has her eye on the ball in her game against Spaniard Garbine Muguruza on day six of the Rogers Cup at Aviva Centre, Toronto, August 10. Picture: Getty

# 48... and climbing



ASH Barty has soared 10 places to 48 in the latest Women's Tennis Association (WTA) rankings as she continues

to enjoy a stellar 2017 season.

To celebrate, the rising young Indigenous Australian from Ipswich last week scored arguably the biggest win of her career, knocking over American legend Venus Williams in the round of 32 at the Cincinnati Masters in the United States.

Barty beat the former world No 1 6-3 2-6 6-2, but barely 24 hours later was eliminated from the tournament in the round of 16 when beaten 6-4 6-2 by another former world No 1 and Cincinnati sixth-seeded Caroline Wozniacki (Denmark).

Williams won the Australian open in 2003 and 2017, the French Open in 2002, Wimbledon in 2000, 2001, 2005, 2007 and 2007 and was a finalist this year.

She also won the US Open in 2000 and 2001.

"It feels really good. To play Venus on such a big stage is a privilege for me and to play as well as I did, I'm really excited," Barty told the WTA website.

Barty has been mixing it with the world's best players in recent weeks and looks certain to rise even higher in world rankings.

She reached the third round at Toronto's Rogers Cup, where she began the week in qualifying before winning four matches on the trot.

Among her victims was 16th seed Elena Vesnina.

The Queenslander also pushed Wimbledon champion Garbine Muguruza to three sets before going down.

Barty has since won another five matches in the Cincinnati

Masters.

The improvement sees Barty move to within striking distance of the Australian No 2 ranking, currently held by world No 43 Sam Stosur.

Daria Gavrilova is the No 1 Aussie, at No 26.

To reach the Cincinnati tournament proper, Barty had to win two qualifying matches.

She did that by beating Japanese Risa Ozaki 7-5 6-2, then breezing past Belgian Kirsten Flipkens 6-1 6-0.

She then beat American Varvara Lepchenko 6-4 6-4 in the first round of the Cincinnati event.

In the women's doubles, seventh-seeded Barty and Casey Dellacqua won their opening match 6-2 6-4 against Americans Caty McNally and Alexa Glatch.

They then beat Australian Daria Gavrilova and Russian Daria Kasatkina 6-4 6-1 to enter the round of 16.

## Play suspended

They came up against the third-seeded Czech pair of Lucie Safarova and Barbora Strycova and were beaten 6-3 7-6 (7-4).

Earlier, Barty took 2017 Wimbledon and 2016 French Open singles champion Garbiñe Muguruza to three sets in the round of 16 at the Canadian Open in Toronto.

Spaniard Muguruza, who turned professional in 2012, has won four singles titles, including two majors.

The 21-year-old Barty lost 6-0 3-6 6-2 to the Spaniard in the August 11 third-round clash after conceding the first set in 21 minutes.

Barty had won four matches on the trot in Toronto after coming through two rounds of qualifying.

In Canadian Open qualifying games, Barty beat Canadian

Katherine Sebov 6-4 6-3 and American Madison Brengle 1-6 6-2 6-2.

She then entered the round of 32 when Frenchwoman Oceane Dodin retired when trailing 5-0 in the opening set.

Barty made it to the final 16 when she beat Russian Elana Vesnina 6-3 5-7 6-4.

Barty started playing tennis at the age of five when her parents, Robert and Josie, introduced her to the game.

She claimed the 14-and-under and 16-and-under Australian national junior titles and in 2011, won the junior Wimbledon championships, beating Irina Khromacheva in the final.

She made her WTA debut at the Brisbane International in 2012.

She secured a wildcard for her first Grand Slam event, the 2012 Australian Open.

Barty won her maiden ITF Futures Pro Tour title on home soil in Sydney in 2012.

She received a wildcard into the 2012 French Open, losing to former Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova in the first round.

She stepped away from tennis in late 2014, briefly pursuing a career in cricket, playing for the Brisbane Heat in the women's Big Bash League.

She made a tennis comeback in late May 2016 after a 21-month hiatus; went 11-2 in her first two events on grass in Eastbourne (ITF) and Nottingham (WTA).

Barty advanced to the third round of Australian Open 2017, her best Grand Slam singles result. In March 2017, she came from qualifying to win her first WTA title in Kuala Lumpur.

Barty cracked the WTA top 100 on March 6, 2017, at world No 92.

# Seven in Jillaroos train-on squad



THE women's rugby Rugby League World Cup has been in Australian hands four

years and the Jillaroos don't plan on letting it go, especially not on home soil.

Tuesday, August 8, marked 100 days until six teams will vie for the 2017 title, won three times by New Zealand (2000, 2005, 2008) and last by Australia (2013).

Pool matches start on November 16 at Cronulla's Endeavour Field.

Among the 40-woman Jillaroos' train-on squad are seven Indigenous players: Rebecca Riley, Caitlin Moran, Rebecca Young, Nakia Davis-Welsh, Lavina O'Mealey, Simone Smith and Jenni-Sue Hoepper.

The train-on squad includes women from New South Wales and Queensland, together with women from the Affiliated States teams and a member of the Australian Defence Force team.

With the Interstate Challenge out of the way, coach Brad Donald said the Jillaroos squad would unite once more and prepare for the World Cup, with a series of training camps ahead of their first pool match in October.

"It's been an amazing year for our sport, with the Jillaroos claiming a clean sweep against the Kiwis for the first time as part of the Auckland Nines and another win against them as part of the double-header Test Match in Canberra," Donald said.

"While the wins have certainly added belief within our team, it is the consistent training throughout the year that has impressed me the most and it has shown in every performance this year.

"Our extended Jillaroos team is fitter, stronger and faster than ever before and we're excited at what's to come over the next few months.

"Every member of the train-on squad has earned the right to be named and there will be plenty of competition for positions as part of the final World Cup team."

The Jillaroos train-on squad will kick off World Cup

preparations with a camp next month. Pool matches and semifinals will be played at Endeavour Field in Sydney from November 16-26.

The men's and women's finals will be played as a double-header at Lang Park, Brisbane, on December 2.

Tickets to all Women's Rugby League World Cup 2017 matches are on sale at [www.rlwc2017.com](http://www.rlwc2017.com)

Despite a 3-0 clean-sweep of the Kiwi Ferns in this year's Auckland Nines contest – and a 16-4 win in the Anzac Test – captain Ruan Sims brushed off suggestions the Jillaroos were favourites.

"The pressure of history is on the Kiwi Ferns ... I would definitely not discount them," she said.

England, Canada, Papua New Guinea and the Cook Islands round out the six teams aiming for the December 2 final. – With AAP



Caitlin Moran



Rebecca Young



Simone Smith  
Picture: NRL



# Gardner a Scorpion



AUSTRALIA'S best Indigenous female cricketer – Ashleigh Gardner – is to switch to the South Australian Scorpions for the

upcoming Women's National Cricket League (WNCL) season.

Gardner has been with the NSW Breakers since she broke into one-day cricket.

The switch to South Australia comes hard on the heels of massive pay rises for elite cricketers – especially female cricketers.

Female cricketers, at domestic and international level, were the big winners in the latest landmark pay deal with Cricket Australia.

They were included in the same agreement as men for the first time.

The gender-equity model means the pool of female player payments will increase from \$7.5 million to \$55.2 million while also ensuring improved conditions

such as access to injury payments.

The country's greatest players will take home more than \$200,000 a year, making them comfortably the highest-paid women in Australian team sports.

Last February in Melbourne, Gardner became the second Indigenous woman in 59 years to represent Australia. That was in a one-day international against New Zealand, followed by a T20 series against New Zealand, and then she became the first female Indigenous cricketer to play in a World Cup. That was last June in England.

Gardner, 20, won the Big Bash League Young Gun award with Sydney Sixers last season after contributing 414 runs and claiming ten wickets.

She is seeking increased responsibility and this is behind her switch from powerhouse women's national cricket league champions NSW Breakers to South Australia.

"I'm excited for the opportunity. It could help push for higher honours," she said.

"I guess I owe a lot to performing for the Sixers and want to showcase what I am able to do in 50-over cricket."

The Scorpions defeated NSW to clinch the WNCL title in 2015 and want to improve on last season's fourth placing.

"There is a lot of youth, experience and great attitude towards cricket in the Scorpions squad," Gardner said.

## Disappointing

Gardner was a bright spot in Australia's disappointing World Cup campaign which ended at the semifinal stage against India. She took 3-28 and blasted 22 from 13 balls in Australia's win against Pakistan at Leicester.

"It really led me into a good place and gave me great confidence for the season to bowl like that in a World Cup. It builds my resilience going into the state season with the Scorpions," she said.

Faith Thomas was Australia's first Indigenous female cricketer and Gardner hopes the wait is shorter for more.

"There was a 59-year gap from when she represented to me, and that is pretty crazy. There wasn't anyone in between," said Gardner, who credits Sixers skipper Ellyse Perry, coach Ben Sawyer and father Jim as her key cricket influences.

"It's still pretty cool to be second."

Australia's elite female cricketers can earn more than \$200,000 annually following resolution of a revised pay deal which provides an attractive pathway for young talent.

"It shows where the game is going in Australia and will only get bigger and better," said Gardner.

Allrounder Gardner is from the Bankstown region of Sydney and is a right-handed batter and right-arm off-break bowler.

She is a regular for NSW at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) in Alice Springs and earlier this year led an Indigenous Australian team to India.

– Graham Hunt with Richard Earle  
(Adelaide Advertiser)

# Cricketers offered contracts



QUEENSLAND has awarded full state playing contracts to Indigenous duo

Brendan Doggett and Carly Fuller for the 2017-18 season.

Doggett, a 23-year-old right-

arm fast bowler, and Fuller, a 17-year-old allrounder, become the first Indigenous players to receive full Queensland contracts since the contracting system was introduced.

Queensland has previously had Indigenous players, including Doggett, on rookie

contracts while Fuller, who plays for the Gold Coast Dolphins, played in the inaugural Queensland women's team at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) in Alice Springs last season.

Doggett, originally from Toowoomba, is one of three new additions to the Queensland Bulls squad while Fuller, who hails from McKees Hill, near Lismore, in northern NSW, is one of two newcomers to the Queensland Fire contract list.

Doggett, who played for the Cricket Australia XI last season in the domestic one-day competition, was a member of the 2017 National Performance Squad based at the National Cricket Centre in Brisbane during the winter.

He and another newcomer to the Bulls list, batsman Sam Truloff, were members of the Western Suburbs District Cricket Club that won the Premier Cricket title last season. Doggett



**Brendan Doggett**

took 4-46 while Truloff made 113 in their grand final win over University of Queensland.

Queensland talent development and pathways manager Justin Starnes said the additions to the Bulls squad had earned their spots through a variety of opportunities.

"It's pleasing to see players like Brendan get exposure through Indigenous, Premier

Cricket and the National talent pathway system through the CA XI," he said.

Australian batsman Usman Khawaja has been named Bulls captain for the season. Khawaja is one of three Cricket Australia contracted players for 2017-18 along with fast bowler Billy Stanlake and opening batsman Matthew Renshaw.

There are three CA contracted players, 19 state contracted players and six state rookie-contracted players in the 2017-18 Bulls squad.

Queensland will play a series of practice games over the next month as they prepare for the domestic One Day Cup competition in October.

Fuller, who plays for the Gold Coast in the Katherine Raymont Shield, toured India with the Australian Indigenous women's team earlier in the year and recently spent a week in camp with the national squad at the NCC.



**Carly Fuller is poised to strike for Queensland at this year's NICC in Alice Springs. Picture: Getty**



**Brendan Doggett bowls for Queensland at this year's NICC in Alice Springs. Picture: Getty**





Liam Jensen takes control on the kart circuit.

# Full throttle ahead

## Young karter eyes off career in V8s



**WIRADJURI**  
16-year-old karter Liam Jensen has a passion for all types of

motorsport – a passion that he hopes will see himself become a V8 driver.

He is the youngest of five siblings in a large close-knit family who are his biggest fans and follow him to most race meetings.

Liam competes in the Seniors level Australian Karting competition at regional, state and national levels.

He is ranked in the top 30 karters for Tag 125 category in Australia and is in the top four in Queensland which he hopes to improve upon next month in Mackay at the Queensland titles.

Liam is club champion at Cooloola Coast and Bundaberg Kart Club and came third in the prestigious Central Queensland Kart series in 2016.

He has eyes forward on achieving his goal as Australia's first Aboriginal V8 driver and he and his family have established Galiyarr Indigenous Racing Australia (GIRRA) to help him get there.

Girra in Wiradjuri means fast wind. To display his pride in his family's culture Liam's aunty –



Liam Jensen

Aboriginal artist De Greer-Yindimincarlie – painted the designs that have been airbrushed on to his helmet, including a goanna totem to protect him.

### Family sacrifices

His family have sacrificed a lot of weekends and finance to fund his passion, as motorsport

even at karting level is extremely expensive compared with other sports.

One expense that is paying off tenfold is driving six hours round trip each fortnight from Gympie to the Gold Coast to get one-on-one coaching and mentoring from Norwell Motor Complex driving coach Steve (Robbo) Robinson for the past

few months. His family says this has motivated Liam even more to find the right sponsors, team or mentor.

Coming to Norwell to get Motorsport driver coaching was the best thing I have done," he said.

"My family and I decided that it would be better if I got training in car control and learned from an expert before hitting the track in sedan racing, and Norwell have delivered that and more."

Liam has recently been shortlisted in two categories out of 800 entries to trial for the National Aussie Driver search competition happening on August 29 at Warwick's Morgan Park Raceway.

He was selected to trial for their Toyota86 Series driver for 2018 and the amateur category to win a cash prize of \$20,000 to contribute to his racing budget.

According to his mum and all who know him, everything Liam has undertaken has always been aimed at or connected to cars.

He even convinced his teachers at Jubilee Christian College to include kart racing as part of his subject in science and physics.

When given the opportunity to learn a second language at age 13, Liam chose German

because they make the best cars in the world and he thought he might work there one day.

Liam is completing his Diploma in Sports Photography and also his certificate in Logistics because again, they are careers that are firmly embedded in the motor sports sector.

He is looking for sponsorship to get into the Hyundai Excel series next year and is sending his resume around to race teams in the South East Queensland area in the hope of securing training, a drive seat or a job at any level.

Contact GIRA on nola@galiyartech.com.au for sponsorship packages/options.



Liam Jensen's helmet features Aboriginal artwork painted by his Aunty De Greer-Yindimincarlie.



# Zane shines in City2Surf



**PORT** Macquarie athlete Zane Sparke was the best-performed Indigenous

Marathon Project (IMP) runner in this year's City2Surf race in Sydney.

It was a big week for the young Indigenous runners who came from throughout Australia to run in the iconic Sydney event from the city to Bondi, a route that takes in the famous Heartbreak Hill.

But the IMP runners took the challenge in their stride.

It was the second official fun run for the IMP crew as they build towards running in the 2018 New York Marathon in November.

The first fun run was the Gold Coast Half Marathon in July.

In a field of more than 80,000, the IMP squad held their own, crediting the crowds and atmosphere with helping get them to the finish at Bondi Beach.

Zane Sparke blitzed the field, leading the IMP men home in 0:59:50, while April Barry, of

Geelong, was the first woman over the line in 1:15:52.

For Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) director Rob de Castella, it was a day to remember.

"It has been an amazing day, with our 11 young Indigenous men and women from across Australia taking to the streets of Sydney and conquering the famous City2Surf," de Castella said.

"They'd never run with so many people, as many of them are from small and distant communities. All only recently started to run, and they performed like champions.

## Common purpose

"Each is driven by a different purpose, but they all want to make things better for their families, communities and Australia.

"Next stop: Alice Springs for their 30km NYC Marathon selection run in just six weeks."

IMP coach Adrian Dodson-Shaw said there was more to the week than just getting his squad over the City2Surf finish line.

"We've had great outcomes

all round," Dodson-Shaw said.

"All the squad completed their Cert IV in Sports & Recreation and Level 1 recreational coaching with Athletics Australia.

"They have all put in the hard yards, and now we're looking forward to Alice Springs where the guys will take on the 30km, and also spend time engaging with Indigenous communities."

Sydney City2Surf IMP men's results: Zane Sparke (Port Macquarie, NSW) 0:59:50

Tim Stephens (Cairns, Qld)

1:01:27

Luke Reidy (Perth, WA)

1:05:57

Roy Tilmouth (Alice Springs, NT)

1:13:04

Scott Cox (Broome, WA)

1:16:46

Layne Brown (Shellharbour, NSW)

1:38:09

Women: April Barry

(Geelong, Vic) 1:15:52

Allirra Winmar (Perth, WA)

1:16:17

Natasha Shires (Karratha, WA)

1:23:47

Maletta Seriat (Thursday Island, Qld)

1:23:51

Cara Smith (Queanbeyan, NSW)

1:48:00.



IMP City2Surf runners: back row, from left, Scott Cox, Roy Tilmouth, Layne Brown, Zane Sparke, Tj Cora; front row, Luke Reidy, Natasha Shires, Cara Smith, Maletta Seriat, April Barry, Allirra Winmar. Coach Adrian Dodson-Shaw at front.

## Lord's Taverners in new deal with Cricket Australia



**LORD'S** Taverners Australia, which has been a strong supporter of Indigenous

cricket in Australia, has entered into a three-year partnership to become the lead community partner of Cricket Australia.

The partnership will see the realisation of the Sporting Chance Fund – a joint initiative that generates revenue through fundraising initiatives undertaken by Lord's Taverners Australia at the national level and will be supported by Cricket Australia.

Funds raised help grow Cricket Australia's A Sport For All Program and initiatives focused on the engagement of girls and women; multicultural communities; Indigenous Australians; and people with a disability to play cricket.

The program aims to grow cricket participation amongst these communities through entry level programs, schools, clubs and modified programs. It is also developing diverse cricketers, coaches, umpires, administrators and officials and further positioning cricket as a sport

accessible to all Australians.

Cricket Australia CEO James Sutherland welcomed the partnership.

"With more than 1.4 million participants in our sport last year, we're excited to be able to team up with Lord's Taverners Australia to deliver this new initiative," he said.

"By 2020, we are hoping to inject in excess of \$2 million back into our A Sport For All Program, which will assist grassroots cricket in expanding and improving the experience for participants in their diversity programs."

Lord's Taverners Australia national president Pau Sheahan was excited about the opportunity the new partnership would bring.

"This is a wonderful chance for the Taverners to significantly expand opportunities for Australians of all abilities across the nation to realise their dreams," he said.

For details on The Sporting Chance Fund, or Cricket Australia's A Sport For All Program visit [www.cricketaustralia.com.au](http://www.cricketaustralia.com.au)

## Thomas comes up short



**SHAUN** Thomas' second tilt at an Australian boxing title failed when the fight ended in the fifth round at the

Melbourne Pavilion, Flemington, on Friday, August 4.

Thomas was fighting Gaige Ireland for the Australian lightweight title

The three judges had Thomas well behind on points when the scheduled eight-rounder ended in the fifth round.

Tasmanian-born Thomas now has a 4-4-0 record, with two of his wins ending inside the distance and two of his losses ending the same way.

Ther 35-year-old debuted in 2008.

Meanwhile, newly-crowned International Boxing Federation (IBF) and World Boxing Organisation

(WBO) international light heavyweight champion Damien Hooper could be fighting in Brisbane on October 14.

No opponent has been announced for the fight at the Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Hooper's career took a sharp turn for the better when he scored a unanimous points win over Umar Salamov at Lang Park, Brisbane, on July 2.

The previously unbeaten Russian was shooting for his 20th win after 14 of his first 19 fights ended inside the distance. The win established Hooper as a boxer with international appeal.

He was sensationally knocked out in just 21 seconds of a 10-rounder against West Australian Rob Powdrill in Brisbane on November 8, 2014. Hooper has been steadily rebuilding his career after that shock loss.

## Challenge to dads: Show you're a warrior

**D**ADS: It's time to show the kids your self-professed athletic ability and channel your inner Rob de Castella at the 2017 Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) Father's Day Warrior Fun Run.

On Sunday, September 3, for the third year running, Sydney's Centennial Park will come alive with runners of all ages and abilities ready to celebrate their dads and male role models this Father's Day.

The Warrior Run, a family fun run that includes 2km, 5km and 10km distances, celebrates 'noble' warriors and is a major fundraiser for the IMF, a

charity organisation established by world champion marathon runner Rob de Castella in 2010.

IMF uses running to drive social change, create young leaders and address Indigenous health and social issues by celebrating Indigenous resilience and achievement.

As an event-first, this year will see Australia's parkruns embrace the Warrior Run theme, on Saturday, September 2. Parkrun Australia CEO Tim Oberg said the partnership aimed to bring the community together.

"On Saturday, September 2, more than 250 parkrun locations around the

country will be known as Warrior parkruns and we encourage the whole community to join us to celebrate the positive male role models in our communities," Oberg said.

De Castella acknowledged his IMP graduates who would also be driving the event in Indigenous communities nationwide.

"It's important to promote the amazing male role models who lead by example and pave the way for future generations. I'm encouraging everyone to participate in this wonderful event designed to create community solidarity," he said.



Runners give it their all at a previous Warriors Fun Run in Centennial Park, Sydney.



# Choc's shot at Knockout?



**ANTHONY** Mundine is a chance to stage a comeback to rugby league, and his first

appearance could be at the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout in Sydney late next month.

According to the *Daily Telegraph*, the former rugby league star wants back in the National Rugby League (NRL), meeting St George CEO Peter Doust to arrange a return to the Dragons in the Aboriginal Knockout.

"I've played in the Aboriginal Knockout before and it's the hardest thing I've ever played in, even when I was 21," the *Daily Telegraph* reported him as saying.

"I'm training to increase my speed now to prepare. I'll see how I go and then talk to the Dragons again about the off-season."

The 42-year-old fighter played more than 100 games for the Dragons in an eight-year footy career and wore the NSW



**Anthony Mundine of the Dragons looks to offload during a 1998 NRL finals match against the Canterbury Bulldogs at Kogarah Oval, Sydney. Picture: Getty**

jersey three times during the 1999 Origin series.

The former five-eighth reckons he still has what it takes to succeed at the top level.

That might be a tough sell, but Newcastle legend Matthew Johns doesn't doubt Mundine's ambition.

"I love it," Johns said on the Triple M Grill Team. "He'll give it a crack."

"It's a tall order. It's tough — there's no doubt about that."

"You lose that explosiveness as you get older, even a great athlete like Choc (does), but I

love it. It's just a great story."

Mundine is full of bluster in the lead-up to fights but Johns doesn't believe that arrogance will be a problem if he returns.

He says the Dragons must welcome him back with open arms. He says away from the cameras Mundine is a 'champion' who would do wonders for St George.

"It'll create a lot of interest," Johns said.

"If I was (Dragons coach) Paul McGregor I'd say, 'Come on Choc, come back, come and join us in the off-season.'

"He isn't a disruptive influence. He's an absolute champion. He's a really good fella."

"He takes a lot of his cues — the way he sells his fights — off his hero Muhammad Ali, but he's a terrific bloke."

"He'd be good for the young blokes there. Imagine if he played in the first trial game just to see how he goes. He'd fill the stadium."

Penrith great Mark Geyer says Mundine will never make it back

to an NRL field but is keen to see how the comeback pans out.

"It's never going to happen. I don't think he'll ever play footy again but the fact he wants to have a dig is going to be fascinating to watch," Geyer said.

Mundine left the NRL nearly 17 years ago to pursue his boxing dream. A three-times world champion, his future in the sport has been uncertain since losing his rematch to Danny Green in February.

Mundine's initial plan was to play in the Auckland Nines but even though that tournament has been scrapped for 2018, his comeback plan is still alive.

Last May Mundine said he believed he was 'capable' of making it back to the NRL and wanted "to do things that have never been done. I want to make it possible".

He would become the oldest player to appear in the NRL if his comeback eventuates, overtaking North Sydney's Billy Wilson who was 40 and five days when he played his final match.

## Christian in from the cold... recalled for T20 series



**DAN** Christian's experience on Indian wickets may have played a part in his selection in the Australian T20 cricket

squad to tour India in October.

Selectors have named two squads — one for the one-day series in India and the other for the T20 series.

Steve Smith will lead both sides with

David Warner as his vice-captain.

The Australian selectors last Friday named a 14-player one-day squad and a 13-player T20 squad.

The teams will be in India between September 17 and October 13.

Selector Mark Waugh said Victorian Christian was an experienced all-rounder who could be a dangerous batsman.

"He had a solid IPL season this year

and we believe his bowling will be well suited to the conditions he will face in India," Waugh said.

Christian played his first international T20 in February, 2010, and debuted in one-day internationals in February, 2012.

His last one-day international was against England in January, 2014.

His last T20 international was against Bangladesh in Dhaka in April, 2014.



**Dan Christian**  
Picture: Peter Argent

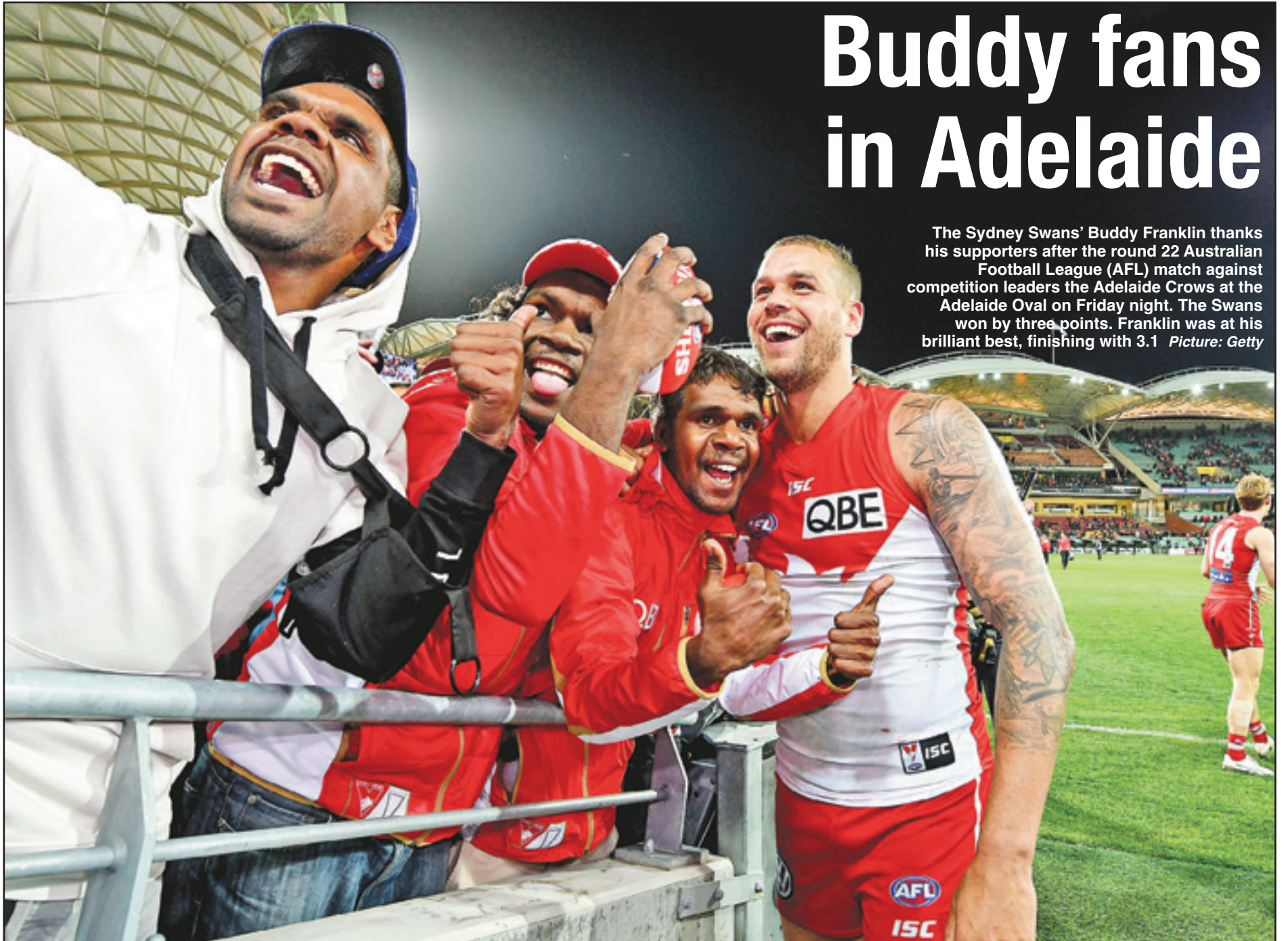




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## Buddy fans in Adelaide

The Sydney Swans' Buddy Franklin thanks his supporters after the round 22 Australian Football League (AFL) match against competition leaders the Adelaide Crows at the Adelaide Oval on Friday night. The Swans won by three points. Franklin was at his brilliant best, finishing with 3.1 Picture: Getty

# Takeover rejected



THE Redfern All Blacks (RAB) have firmly rejected a move from an organisation to take over the running of the 47th NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.

RAB spokesman and former NRL star Dean Widders and one of the driving forces behind organising this year's Knockout, said the NSW Annual Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Inc (AKO) approached the RAB in June with their proposal to take over the running of the Knockout.

He said the RAB board rejected the offer.

Widders said the Knockout should continue as it had in recent years, with the winners being responsible for running the following year's Knockout.

This way, ownership of the Knockout

remained with the communities.

Widders saw this as a core element.

He was unconcerned that the Knockout could fall over if the previous year's winners did not have the capacity to organise the following year's carnival.

### Carnival blueprint

"Over the years, various winning clubs have created a blueprint for running the Knockout. There would be plenty of support if a club was struggling to organise the next year's event," he said.

Widders said the RAB saw the AKO initiative as a virtual takeover of the Knockout and this had been rejected by the RAB board.

In their letter to RAB chairperson Jo Bostock, the AKO said it had a responsibility of advising the NSW Rugby

League (NSWRL) with requirements "under our constitution" of good governance and transparency.

"We are therefore in a position to offer you \$50,000 up front prior to the Knockout," the letter to the RAB said.

The AKO letter, signed by chairperson Peter Smith, also offered the RAB 10% of the admissions taken during the Knockout and 5% of all sponsorship revenue generated from the Knockout.

"We will arrange everything to do with the Knockout, however, we recognise the partnership with Redfern All Blacks," the AKO letter said.

The AKO said it needed to move quickly and requested a response by July 17, 2017.

Widders rejected the AKO offer outright. "Offering us 10% of admissions and 5%

of sponsorship revenue wasn't realistic," he said.

Widders said he was intrigued by the AKO saying it had an affiliation with the NSW Rugby League (NSWRL).

He questioned whether the NSWRL realised the significance of being associated with the AKO.

He said the NSWRL had close ties with previous Knockouts and he hoped this would be the case again this year.

"The Redfern All Blacks club and community want to organise the Knockout. It's all about empowering the community and we want this to continue – regardless of who wins it," Widders said.

AKO chairperson Peter Smith is on the board of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council. The Dungutti man represents the Mid-North Coast.

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