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Emotions run high



THERE were tears, cheers, laughter and recognition of those who had passed in northern NSW last week, with the determination on country of two native title claims, Western Bundjalung and Yaegl. The Barkandji people also had their claim determined at a hearing in Sydney.

The Yaegl ruling is the first time that native title rights have been recognised over the sea in NSW.

● Pictured left: Yaegl and Western Bundjalung woman Patricia Laurie, NTSCorp chief Natalie Rotumah and Western Bundjalung claimant Joan Hippi at the Yaegl native title hearing in Yamba last week.

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Testing times



"THIS is retribution for the community's stance over the injustices over the death of a young Aboriginal youth in Kalgoorlie last year."

That's what Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia chairperson Michelle Nelson-Cox says many Aboriginal people in Kalgoorlie are saying

Welfare trial extended to WA Goldfields

after the Federal Government extended its controversial cashless welfare card pilot scheme to the WA Goldfields region.

The community had reacted strongly after Elijah Doughty, 14, was run down by a man

who wasn't charged with murder and then received just three years in jail for the crime.

The move comes after the release of a report which found more participants in the Federal Government's cashless welfare card

pilot scheme reported that it had made their lives worse – not better. The welfare trial is already under way at Ceduna in South Australia and the East Kimberley in WA.

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My FAMILY

Cherie Leon – Ballina, NSW



THIS is me (second from right) with my mum Rachel Roberts, my sister Shauntelle, her partner Damien Searle and their son Jari.

We do a lot of work with language at the Child and Family Centre in Ballina (northern NSW), where I work.

We are one of the reference groups for the Bundjalung language nest.

Mum has also done a lot of work with the Bundjalung language. She is in education and has done a lot of teaching.

I grew up in Ballina and on Cabbo (Cabbage Tree Island). I've lived in this area my whole life and my family has been living here for a very long time.

The Roberts side of the family is huge, and Dad's side of the family is big too, but it's mainly the Roberts side.

Mum was one of 12 kids.

We carry our genes well. Mum is nearly 60 and she's still going strong, and definitely doesn't look her age.

Family plays a very big part in my life. It's all about kinship, culture, and knowing who you are.

Culture also plays a big part in my life. But that's not just about being Aboriginal, it's about knowing the other cultures in your family history, because all of them make up who you are.

I do a lot of art and I've worked just about everywhere in the community. I've worked with family organisations, women's refuges, land councils, in health, in education – everywhere – so I can advocate on people's behalf and I know where they should go for services.

It's all about helping my community in any way I can.

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OUR CHILDREN



TORRES Strait Islander youngster Lesha Whaleboat, of Darnley and Mer descent, was an official goal umpire at the fourth annual Garbutt Magpies Cup 'Boys to Men' Australian rules junior carnival in Townsville. See our report on page 51. *Picture: Alf Wilson*

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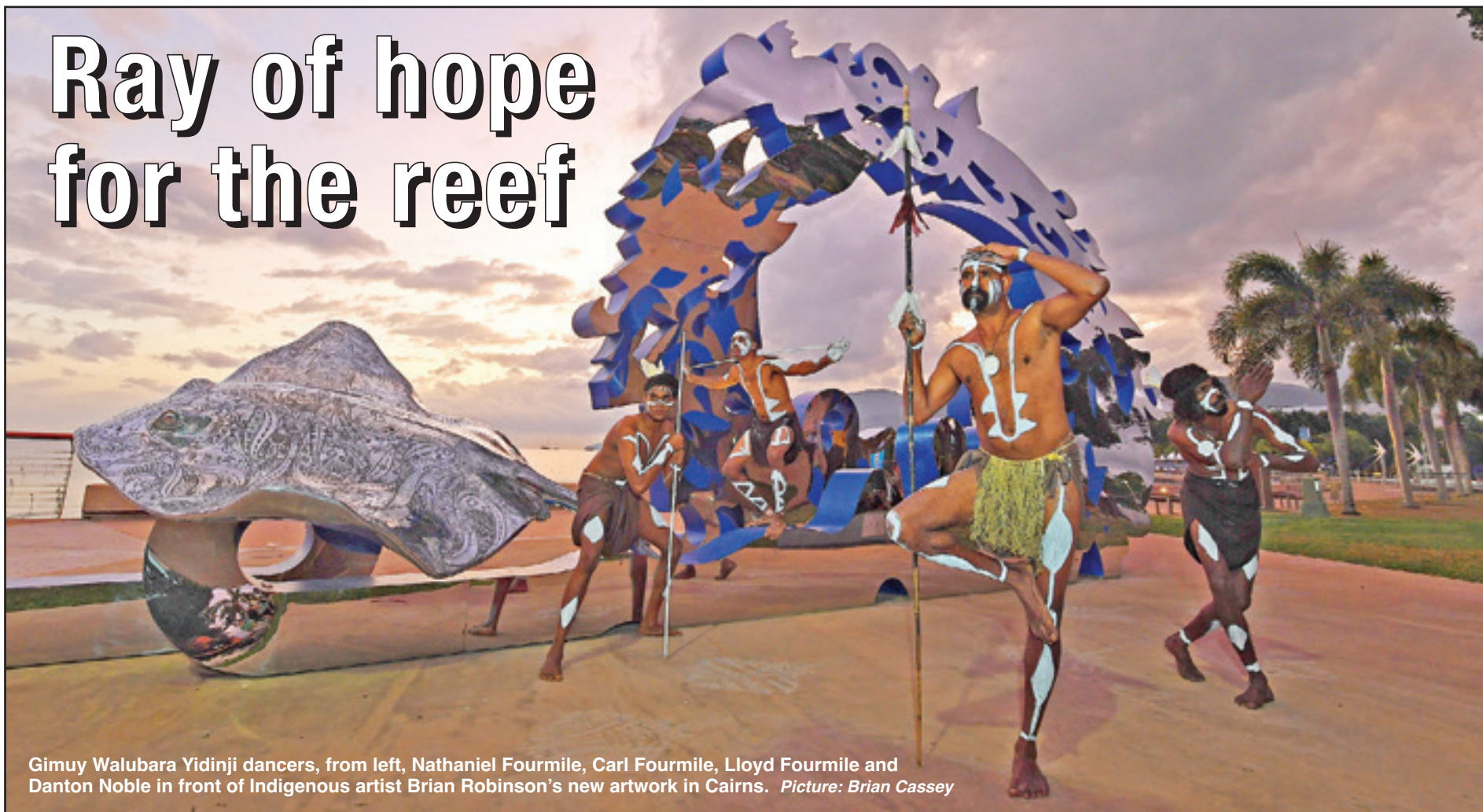
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Ray of hope for the reef



Gimuy Walubara Yidinji dancers, from left, Nathaniel Fourmile, Carl Fourmile, Lloyd Fourmile and Danton Noble in front of Indigenous artist Brian Robinson's new artwork in Cairns. Picture: Brian Cassey



A LIFE-SIZE stingray leading a wave of marine creatures and birds now sits on the esplanade in Cairns. At 6m high and 11m wide, it's hard to miss. The stingray is a new public artwork designed by Indigenous artist Brian Robinson to reflect the vitality, beauty and biodiversity of the Great Barrier Reef and the symbol for Citizens of the Great

Barrier Reef, a social movement to engage the world in the future of the World Heritage area.

Mr Robinson said the citizens' gateway reflected his Indigenous heritage, demonstrating the Great Barrier Reef's connection to the culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"The stingray is my family totem from my mother's people, the Wuthathi from Shelburne Bay," he said.

"Stingrays capture the spirit

of the Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef as they glide over the reef without touching the coral, just as humankind should not touch the reef.

"Expression"

"Six local Aboriginal artists from the Gimuy Walubara Yidinji people and the Yirrganydji people have created stingray designs which are sandblasted into the artwork to convey the cultural life and expression of tropical north

Queensland and the significance of the reef and oceans to these people.

"The Aboriginal people who live in the Great Barrier Reef region express a strong and continuing sense of custodianship and responsibility for their country that comes with obligations defined by custom and tradition."

Tourism Tropical North Queensland chief officer Pip Close said Mr Robinson created the sculpture to frame the view to

the reef from the esplanade.

"This citizens' gateway will inspire those who walk beneath it and see their reflection in its mirror-polish stainless steel to think about their connection to the Great Barrier Reef," she said.

Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef aims to create a worldwide community of citizens dedicated to taking tangible actions to secure the future of the reef and the planet. Become an active citizen at CitizensGBR.org

Welfare trial in Goldfields

By RUDI MAXWELL



SIGNIFICANTLY more participants in the Federal Government's cashless welfare card pilot scheme have reported that it had made their lives worse rather than better, according to an independent report released last week.

Despite this, the Turnbull Government is rolling out the card to a third site, the Western Australian Goldfields, which, like the first two trial areas of Ceduna in South Australia and the East Kimberley in WA, has a large Aboriginal population.

Aboriginal Health Council of WA (AHCWA) chairperson Michelle Nelson-Cox said Aboriginal people in the Goldfields didn't want the card.

"This announcement to expand Australia's cashless welfare card to the WA Goldfields is misguided, unfair and nothing more than a petty attempt at the greater disempowerment of Indigenous Australians," she said. "The AHCWA is aware of a raft of people in the Goldfields who do not agree with this action."

"In fact, there is a belief that this move is retribution for the community's stance over the injustices over the death of a young

Aboriginal youth in Kalgoorlie last year.

"The reality is there are a huge number of people very unhappy with the way they have been affected under the welfare trial.

"I challenge any Aboriginal leaders in the Goldfields who actually support this move and think it will bring positive changes to step forward."

The report into the cashless welfare card, which quarantines 80% of a person's Centrelink payment to be spent only at approved retailers on approved products, found that almost a quarter of participants who had children felt it had made their child's life worse, mainly because they couldn't give their kids cash or buy goods for them with cash. A total of 17% of people who had children reported they felt their lives were better as a result of the trial.

There was nothing to indicate an improvement in significant crime across the first two trial sites, apart from fewer drug-driving offences and public intoxication.

The report also found that a third of participants had experienced difficulties and limitations with the card.

WA Greens senator Rachel Siewert said it was unfair of the government to announce a third site before anyone had a chance to properly analyse the report.

"In Kununurra some key crime stats have

gone up since the trial was introduced. This may be an indication that people are finding other avenues to access cash," she said.

Human Services Minister Alan Tudge said the government is rolling out the next trial at Kalgoorlie-Boulder because there is a demonstrable need in the community, particularly given the harm caused by drugs.

"This is an important measure, a difficult measure, but it can have a real impact on the ground at reducing some of the significant harms, particularly from alcohol and drugs," he said.

Speaking from Kalgoorlie last week, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said his government was extending the trial for the benefit of welfare recipients, which includes those on a Disability Support Pension, Youth Allowance, Carers Payment and Newstart.

"This is an exercise in practical love, in compassion, in ensuring taxpayers' dollars are not being spent on substance abuse and drugs leading to violence," he said.

"But above all, in ensuring that those families are spending their money where they should be spending it – on the food, clothing and necessities of life and making them better able to look after those kids."

The government will soon announce a fourth trial site. – With AAP

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Clinton's long walk ends in Canberra



TWELVE months after he set off, Clinton Pryor (pictured) has completed his epic Walk for Justice. The Wajuk, Balardung, Kija and Yulparitja (Western

Australia) man arrived in Canberra last Sunday after covering almost 5600km on a trek across Australia from his home in Perth. Supporters welcomed him with a ceremony at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy.

He now plans to meet with the Governor-General and politicians to highlight the many issues facing Indigenous people.

Mr Pryor averaged 50km-60km a day on the walk, which took him to Kalgoorlie, across the desert to Uluru, south to Adelaide and Melbourne then to Sydney and finally the national capital.

He set out on September 8 last year and has since taken about seven million steps and gone through eight pairs of shoes.

Originally a protest about the closure of Aboriginal communities in Western Australia, the walk became much more.

"Along the way we realised there's issues throughout the whole country," Mr Pryor said at his welcome ceremony in Sydney.

He's hoping his trek will make the Federal Government focus more closely on Indigenous issues. "It's time for the government to listen to us," he said.





Tiwi's best on show at fair

NT TIWI sistagirl Darren Daniele with Fiona Puruntatameri and Sandra Puruntatameri, from Pirlangimpi Women's Centre on the Tiwi Islands north of Darwin, selling printed fabrics, clothes, bags, T-shirts and jewellery at the 11th Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair. More than 2000 artists from 66 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts centres came together for what is one of the largest Indigenous arts events in Australia. See our coverage including more pictures on pages 28 and 29. *Picture: Jillian Mundy*



TIWI sistagirl Darren Daniele with Fiona Puruntatameri and Sandra Puruntatameri, from Pirlangimpi Women's Centre on the Tiwi Islands north of Darwin, selling printed fabrics, clothes, bags, T-shirts and jewellery at the 11th Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair. More than 2000 artists from 66 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts centres came together for what is one of the largest Indigenous arts events in Australia. See our coverage including more pictures on pages 28 and 29. *Picture: Jillian Mundy*

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However, Adani issued a statement following the court ruling saying the project would have vast financial benefits for those Wangan and Jagalingou people who support the ILUA with Adani. "The most likely people to be harmed now by further law fare ... is not the project, which has considerable momentum, but the right of the majority group to realise a benefit," it read. — *With AAP*

New music heading for Kimberley



THE Kimberley region is in for a treat this month when Tura New Music

brings a group of acclaimed Australian musicians to the region.

The Echo Tour features new artists and musicians from previous tours who for the first time will reach the communities of Halls Creek and Bidyadanga.

On the bill is Pitjantjatjara singer and percussionist Bart Willoughby, who works with Aboriginal musicians Stephen Pigram and Mark Atkins.

Also featuring is a new incarnation of The Narli Ensemble with a musical fusion that reaches across cultures.

Artistic director Tos Mahoney said the Echo Tour will have nine concerts and many workshops and community events in the Kimberley, starting with a schools workshop in Wyndham.

"This year we look forward to building on the cultural momentum we have been creating in recent tours and engaging more deeply with the communities, while connecting through music," he said.



Musicians set for the Echo Tour in the Kimberley.

The Echo Tour in Kununurra begins on September 8 with a schools workshop. The tour then heads to Warmun, Halls Creek, Fitzroy Crossing,

Bidyadanga, Yardoogarra and Nyul Nyul.

The tour grand finale will be in Perth on September 28 at the Perth Concert Hall.

Special guest regional

artists who will join the tour in their home towns or communities include Gabriel Nodea, Naomi Pigram and The Bardi Dancers (One Arm Point), Ngarinyman Dancers

(Kununura) and Bunuba Dancers (Fitzroy Crossing).

Tura New Music Ltd is a not-for-profit music organisation based in Perth. It is a producer as

well as resource centre and advocate for new music.

For more information or to book tickets, visit www.tura.com.au/tura-program

Push on for league Knockout changes

By Editor RUDI MAXWELL and Sports Editor GRAHAM HUNT



A GROUP of NSW Aboriginal people have formed the NSW Annual Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Inc (AKO), with a view to being an umbrella body in charge of the annual Koori Knockout.

AKO members, who include Knockout founders, said they believe an over-arching supervisory body is needed because of the size of the annual competition, potential insurance issues and consistent rules from year to year regarding issues like NRL players and suspensions.

Spokesperson Dan Rose, one of the original Knockout founders, told the *Koori Mail* that the competition had started in 1971 with six teams but has now grown to a size that means a different approach is needed.

He said one of the major changes to the competition

suggested by AKO is to determine host cities well in advance, rather than the present arrangement of the team that wins the men's competition earning the right to host.

However, the proposal has already met resistance, with this year's hosts Redfern All Blacks rejecting an offer from AKO in June to take over the running of the event.

Redfern All Blacks (RAB) spokesman and former NRL star Dean Widders said the Knockout should continue as it had in recent years, with the men's winners being responsible for running the following year's event.

This way, ownership of the Knockout remained with the communities, Mr Widders said.

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.

"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.

Mr 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 a letter to the RAB, the AKO said it was affiliated with the NSW Rugby League.

"We are therefore in a position to offer you \$50,000 up front prior to the Knockout," the letter said.

Revenue

It also offered the RAB 10% of the admissions taken during the Knockout and 5% of all sponsorship revenue generated from the carnival.

"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.

Mr Widders rejected the AKO offer outright.

"Offering us 10% of admissions and 5% of sponsorship revenue wasn't realistic," he said.

Mr Widders said he was intrigued by the AKO saying it had an affiliation with the NSW Rugby League. 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," Mr Widders said.

Mr Rose said while it was disappointing that RAB had rejected their offer this year, it would give the AKO more time to attract significant corporate sponsorship, which he said was

difficult under the present arrangement because big business doesn't like to sponsor single clubs.

"We're not taking over anything," he said. "What we're doing is bringing in an oversight group to help the winners of the Knockout do it properly and fair – make it a level playing field."

"The important thing here is that we're talking to the Aboriginal community of NSW as a whole, not just rugby league teams."

In 2016, the AKO conducted some research regarding attitudes to the Knockout and Mr Rose said he was confident that they had support for change.

"We feel we have the support of the Aboriginal community in NSW to do something about it, and we are," he said.

"There might be a case where for the first couple of years there's two Knockouts but in the end anybody going in opposition to us will not have insurance. The NSWRL has said it's a no-brainer."

Concern at SA death

SA

THE death of a 47-year-old Aboriginal man at the Adelaide City Watch House is being treated as a death in custody.

The man, who police say was of no fixed address, was found unconscious in his cell about 1am on Tuesday, August 22.

A statement from South Australia Police said cell staff

immediately started resuscitation until ambulance crews arrived, but the man could not be revived.

The cause of death is unknown and being investigated.

The man, who was arrested on Monday night for allegedly breaching an order, suffered from chronic health issues caused by diabetes and alcohol abuse.

It is understood police were aware of those issues before he died and had placed him in an

observation cell, which meant he was checked by watch house staff every 15 minutes.

SA Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) chief executive Cheryl Axelby told *Guardian Australia* that the death in custody due to a 'medical episode' was the third this year, after the death of a 50-year-old Aboriginal man in Adelaide on May 26, and the death of a 35-year-old man in the Barossa Valley on February 7.

Ms Axelby said the recent cases were a "concerning" trend and showed the need for a compulsory custody notification service in SA, which would create a mandatory requirement for police to contact ALRM as soon as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person was taken into custody.

"What we do know, and what SA police also know, is that Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people do suffer particularly high levels of chronic health problems," she said.

"What ALRM are saying is that, if you are aware of that, then there's a duty of care that is required."

Ms Axelby said ALRM was notified of the man's arrest at 9pm on the Monday and of his death at 3am on the Tuesday. She said the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme was not requested.



On top of the trek's physical, mental and spiritual benefits, participants are rewarded with fine views of the cliffs and Southern Ocean near the tip of Cape Pillar.

Project has many benefits

By JILLIAN MUNDY*



THE Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre's new Rrala milaythina-ti (Strong in Country Project) is getting Aboriginal people from all over Tasmania out on country and improving health and wellbeing as well as strengthening connections to country, people, language and culture.

Twenty-one participants have just completed the project's biggest trip yet – a four-day, at times challenging, trek on the 46km Three Capes Walk, which winds through eucalypt forests, button grass plains and rainforest, over mountains and along the edge of the huge dolerite cliffs of the Tasman Peninsula in southern Tasmania.

Albeit a fair few stiff pairs of legs, the participants aged from 15 to 65 returned last week inspired to get out more, to keep fitter, to challenge themselves and continue building connections with their people and country.

Participants reported great benefits to their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing and spoke of belonging and spiritual connections.

Some were experienced bush walkers, while for others it was a first – and now they are hooked.

Lily Castle, from Hobart, was one of them. "It was a challenge I really enjoyed," the 18-year-old said.

"I found I had to push myself harder than I had before. It was a blessing to



Cousins Lily Castle and Chelsey Riley on the Three Capes Walk.

meet new people and hear some old stories and be part of a great group.

"It was absolutely spectacular to be standing on the top of Cape Pillar and Cape Hauy. It's an experience I'll never forget or take for granted.

"I feel like now I have done this, I know whatever I put my mind to or whatever I want to achieve, whatever challenge, it's just determination and willpower. There

were many times I thought 'I can't keep going', even the first day.

"I feel more powerful, just with small things that I want to change that I can do it; I believe in myself more.

"I feel more connected to the community. I got to meet people who taught me a lot about my ancestors and about Tasmanian Aboriginal history. I feel more connected to my culture now."

Ms Castle said the trip was also an opportunity to get away from smokes and grog, and she now feels more equipped to tackle these addictions.

Like other participants, Ms Castle is keen to join in upcoming trips, including some to remote places with significant Aboriginal heritage.

There have also been day trips and smaller overnight adventures to cater for people with different fitness levels, ages, availability and family situations.

Aboriginal heritage worker Sharnie Read, one of the project organisers, said some trips have been tied into Aboriginal heritage consultations and NAIDOC celebrations.

"A lot of the trips are about taking community members out and giving them a strong connection to country and teaching them about the history and cultural landscape and heritage, and also bonding as a group," she said.

Ms Read said the participation of older people had been invaluable, with their generosity in sharing community and family history and knowledge, which provided generational links, and inspired lifelong fitness.

Funded by Primary Health Tasmania under the Federal Government's Primary Health Networks Program, Rrala milaythina-ti is a 'Participation Action Research' project aiming to show that Aboriginal people's wellbeing increases through contact with country.

*Jillian Mundy was a participant on the Three Capes trip.

Bangarra off to Europe again



Bangarra dancers perform *Nyapanyapa*, part of *OUR land people stories*. Picture: Edward Mulvihill



THE Bangarra dance ensemble will head to Europe in October. They will take their performances *Spirit* and *OUR land people stories* on a tour of Copenhagen in Denmark, and Bonn and Berlin in Germany.

The tour will also include activities to deepen local engagement and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, such as dance and culture workshops with local youth and Indigenous groups, professional contemporary dance masterclasses, and a didgeridoo showcase with Bangarra's cultural consultant and founding member Djakapurra Munyarryun.

This will be Bangarra's 25th international tour, having visited almost 70 countries since starting.

Important

Bangarra executive director Philippe Magid said performing overseas was important for the company for several reasons.

"These tours provide our incredible artists with an opportunity to perform in some of the world's premier theatres and dance meccas, and they cement Bangarra as a world-class performing arts company who is showcasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence on the international stage," he said.

"Perhaps of even greater importance is the opportunity for us to engage in cultural exchange and open a dialogue between Australia and the world."

Bangarra's Berlin showcase is the centrepiece of the 'Australia Now' program in Germany.

Senate inquiry told of CDP 'failings'

By RUDI MAXWELL



A SENATE inquiry into the Federal Government's Community Development Program (CDP) – a work-for-the-dole scheme for remote communities mainly targeted at Aboriginal people – has been told that the fines for those who breach the conditions are so extensive that families in some areas are starving.

Some of the other criticisms levelled at the CDP include that it is racist and discriminatory, was implemented without sufficient community consultation, gives free labour to businesses, has reduced the control that Aboriginal people have over their own lives, induces a sense of hopelessness in participants, and doesn't benefit the community.

Under CDP, participants – the vast majority of whom are Indigenous – are required to work for up to 25 hours a week and up to 46 weeks a year in return for their Centrelink unemployment benefit.

People lose a day's allowance if they miss CDP activities or are late.

The Federal Government has fined CDP participants (30,000 of whom are Indigenous) more than

\$300,000 in the past two years.

Northern Territory Labor MP Chancey Paech, who represents the central Australian electorate of Namatjira, told the inquiry that he is using his electorate allowance to feed people in remote communities who are being left to go hungry by the fines handed out in the program.

"You will often get calls from people in the community where they are stuck, they've been breached and they need money to buy the bare essentials," he said.

"Breached"

"People coming into town for a medical appointment are being breached and are unable to get back, so it's working in to help them find transportation home."

Labor senators Patrick Dodson and Jenny McAllister said testimony at the inquiry hearings in Kalgoorlie (WA) and Alice Springs (NT) demonstrated that communication with Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion about changes to the CDP was the exception, not the rule.

"The lack of community support and consultation around the implementation of the CDP has led to Aboriginal people's sense of agency being destroyed," Senator Dodson said.

"It is clear from the evidence we have heard that community

members are looking for an alternative solution to the failed CDP and that communities do have ideas and potential solutions – they want to be involved in developing programs that benefit their families and communities."

Senator McAllister said no witnesses had been involved in any specific consultation process associated with the Minister's announced plan.

"Every time we look at a program run by Minister Scullion it turns out that he has decided to listen to his instincts rather than consult with the Indigenous community," she said.

"And every time it has turned out badly.

"If the Minister had bothered to consult he would have heard that CDP is making things worse, not better."

In a submission to the inquiry, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet claimed the design of the CDP was 'informed by extensive consultation with communities, providers, stakeholders and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people'.

"Data collected through various government reporting and review processes, including the Prime Minister's Closing the Gap Report, and the comprehensive Review of Indigenous Jobs and Training undertaken by (mining magnate)

Mr Andrew Forrest during 2014 (the 'Forrest Review'), were key sources of information and evidence that informed the policy process," the submission said.

Australian Council for Trade Unions (ACTU) secretary Sally McManus said CDP was giving Indigenous workers to companies as free labour and paying them nothing.

"Fines are given in CDP at a rate 70 times higher than other unemployment programs," she said.

"This program is crushing families in remote communities. They need real jobs and they need to be paid a legal wage.

"CDP is discriminating against Indigenous people living in remote communities. We want to see it end."

Unbelievable

ACTU Indigenous officer Lara Watson said it was unbelievable that a program administered by the Federal Government had devastated remote communities to the point that local MPs were having to step in to make sure that people don't starve.

"The evidence being heard in the inquiry is appalling but not surprising to anyone who has been following the awful evolution of CDP over the past year," she said. In its submission to the inquiry,

the Ngaanyatjarra Council described CDP as a top-down policy that has damaged the spirit of the Ngaanyatjarra lands in central Australia.

"We are making this submission to explain to you that we don't want CDP," they said.

"The experience of CDP has been a very negative one.

"The design of the CDP is explicitly based on an assumption that a regime of incentives and disincentives, if sufficiently punitive and applied over an extended period of time, will eventually teach Ngaanyatjarra people the value of regular work. History suggests there is no basis for this assumption.

"In practise, CDP requires adults to meet their income support obligations by undertaking work-like activities, often relatively meaningless tasks and under strict compliance arrangements. This is a hopeless vision of life on the lands.

"We now find ourselves in a situation where desert people cannot feed their families. People don't know what they can do to fix this problem. They feel frustrated and helpless.

"This is bad because people move to places that have a Centrelink office and many get into trouble when they're away from their own country."

Festival opening on track



Queensland. The 10-day

THE Dambali First Nations Fashion Exhibition and Forum will open this year's Crush Festival in Bundaberg, Queensland. The 10-day

festival features entertainment by a troupe of local and touring artists, acrobats, writers, filmmakers, choir singers and Indigenous designers from October 6-15. The festival will open in style with the Dambali First

Nations Fashion Exhibition and Forum on Friday, October 6, at the Bundaberg School of Arts. Hosted by local Indigenous artist Julie Appo, this event celebrates the region's Indigenous fashion, textile

design and wearable art creations and is the culmination of two years of work that has seen Ms Appo help other Indigenous artists learn to use their art for fabric printing. The Gooreng Gooreng word

for tracks – 'Dambali' – symbolises progress and moving forward, a theme that will be explored in connection with the global market for Indigenous fashion at the Dambali Fashion Forum.

Grog concern in Qld



SLY grog smugglers are going to extreme lengths to sneak alcohol into dry Indigenous communities in Queensland, where drinks can be sold for up to 11 times their retail price, a report has found.

Research by Queensland's James Cook University reveals some of the tactics used include decoy vehicles and giving false reports of suicides and accidents to divert police.

Researcher Dr Michelle Fitts says not only are traders closely monitoring

police activity but they take dangerous risks while driving.

"I heard reports of people bringing in illicit alcohol at night, without headlights, at speed, on unsealed roads and bush tracks, with vehicles heavily loaded with alcohol and people," she said.

Nineteen communities have alcohol restrictions in Queensland.

Professor Alan Clough said a joint approach was needed from police and drug and alcohol services to stop the trade.

"To be effective, alcohol supply controls must also go hand-in-hand with initiatives

that address the demand for alcohol and the broad social determinants underlying alcohol misuse," he said.

Prof Clough and Dr Fitts agreed that clearer legal distinctions were needed between sly grog traders and consumers, as both often received similar punishments.

Prof Clough said positive community changes were being undermined as alcohol remained the main contributor to avoidable disease, crime, violence, injuries and high rates of premature death.

The research team interviewed more than 380 people living and working

in remote Indigenous communities.

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Mark Furner said mayors of communities with alcohol management plans had approached him about the issue in recent months.

"It is apparent there is no one-size-fits-all approach," he said.

"I have also heard the community's concerns about sly-grogging and the need for strategies to better tackle this issue."

Mr Furner said he had sought advice from his department about a future approach. – AAP

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Monuments attacked



LAST month monuments to Australia's colonial past were vandalised in Sydney's city centre as the public fiercely debates changing their inscriptions. Statues of Captain James Cook, Governor Lachlan Macquarie and Queen Victoria were among the targets of what police believe is a lone vandal, seen walking through Martin Place on

CCTV the night of the attacks.

The words 'change the date' and 'no pride in genocide' were spray-painted on the monuments.

Slogans

The slogans allude to a widening public debate about the way the European invasion of Australia is commemorated.

Graffiti was also sprayed on the

Archibald Memorial Fountain, Anzac Memorial, several park benches in Hyde Park, and in Martin Place.

Police released CCTV images that depict a man of Caucasian appearance with a beard and wearing black sunglasses, a khaki-coloured jacket with a red shirt or scarf underneath, black track pants and brown boots.

The graffiti attack came just days after

Wiradjuri broadcaster Stan Grant suggested that the inscription on the Cook statue, saying he 'discovered' the territory in 1770, be changed, as Aboriginal people have lived on the continent for more than 65,000 years.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said that changing the plaques would be a "Stalinist exercise" in rewriting history. — AAP



Isaiah Firebrace

Isaiah to join NSWALC's celebration



X FACTOR winner and Australia's Eurovision entry Isaiah Firebrace will help celebrate 40 years of land rights in NSW at a gala dinner in Sydney on September 29.

The 17-year-old from Moama joins legendary rock band Coloured Stone in the line-up, as the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) celebrates the achievements of the land rights network.

Now back from the 2017 Eurovision Song Contest in the Ukraine, Isaiah will take time out from his busy schedule to perform at the gala dinner and is looking forward to the opportunity to perform in front of a crowd.

"I love the energy from a big crowd, I think any performer does," he said. "You can draw so much energy from a big crowd."

'Land rights legends'

The gala dinner, with the theme '40 Years Strong: Our Land Council Our Mob Our Future', will pay tribute to 'land rights legends' past and present.

NSWALC chair Roy Ah-See said the gala dinner recognised the efforts of the more than 200 people who, in October 1977, met at the Redfern Black Theatre to lay the foundations for land rights.

"The grassroots struggle for land rights started with this historic meeting and resulted six years later in the best land rights system in Australia," he said.

"We are celebrating a success story that contributes to the cultural, social and economic life of NSW."

Tickets for the gala dinner are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au>



WHILE Americans remove their confederate statues and Australia debates false claims inscribed on a statue of Captain

Cook in Sydney's Hyde Park, it has been over a decade since Tasmanian Aborigines added their own signage around a monument to Lieutenant-Governor John Bowen on returned land near Hobart.

The monument stands at piyura kitina (Risdon Cove) to mark 'the centenary of the landing at this spot of Lieut Bowen R.N. on 13 Sept 1803'.

It also marks the place where, under his watch less than eight months later, one of the first recorded massacres of Aboriginal people took place, the beginning of the end for some of the clans of lutrawita (Tasmania).

Tasmanian Aborigines began reoccupying piyura kitina in 1992, at a time when the wider community celebrated the place as where Bowen first set foot and created the island's first British settlement.

It was returned to the Aboriginal community in 1995.

On the eve of the return, after a failed attempt to remove the bulky blue stone and concrete monument (it would have required machinery), red paint was splashed on it. It was not an isolated incident, and caused an outcry from white historian Reg Watson and a couple of municipal aldermen.

The return made way for new land managers, the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, to develop new signage.

In 2003 it erected a sign in front of the monument: 'On the 3rd of May 1804, Edward White said he saw 300 Aboriginal men, women and children, in circular form, hunting a flock of kangaroo beyond this site. Soldiers fired at the Aborigines and "a great many were slaughtered and wounded". The Aborigines had no spears, only waddies, and were not attacking the soldiers. This display of racist violence was typical of how Aborigines were driven from this and other lands they owned. In an act of reconciliation, this area was returned in ownership to Aboriginal people in 1995 with strings attached'.

'Provocative'

It was labelled 'provocative' by Hobart's local newspaper, *The Mercury*.

Soon afterwards, seats were installed and more signage. Visitors can now sit with their back to the Bowen monument, reflect and look at images that tell the story of Tasmania's First People from well



The monument at piyura kitina (Risdon Cove) near Hobart and, below, the signage from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre.



before invasion until the present day.

But like the rest of the continent, lutrawita (Tasmania) is littered with many more monuments, renamed places, and institutions, streets and structures named to memorialise British men, a great deal of them guilty of atrocities and crimes against Tasmania's First People.

One of them is a statue in Hobart's Franklin Square of William Crowther, a surgeon and premier of Tasmania for 10 months in the late 1870s. The monument fails to mention Crowther and his son were responsible for the mutilation of William Lanney (aka King Billy), purported at the time to be 'the last' Tasmanian Aboriginal male. Body snatching and grave robbing ran in the family. Crowther's grandson went on to rob dozens of graves of Tasmanian Aboriginal people.

Components of a Hobart City Council public art project for Franklin Square 'to honour the diverse histories' were being developed with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community as the *Koori Mail* went to press.

The artwork, titled *Two Islands*, will present colonial and Indigenous histories relating to the site through a soundscape consisting of archival and community oral stories, surrounded by

two sculptural forms – the hull of John Franklin's ship *Erebus* presented alongside a modern version of a Tasmanian Aboriginal canoe.

Former curator of Indigenous cultures at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery Tony Brown is an Aboriginal facilitator on the project and collecting short stories for a soundscape.

He hopes that his community will talk about Crowther's crimes and the story of the Franklins' abandonment of Aboriginal girl Mathinna they 'adopted' for a time, in the stories he collects.

"Hopefully the Hobart City Council will build on that. With a bit luck it will gain momentum," he said.

"I hope that, in time, the Black War will be acknowledged and recognised as a war."

Along with many others, Mr Brown would like to see the Crowther statue come down.

"Removed"

"To be totally removed. He's only famous for one thing as far as I'm concerned, and that's the mutilation of Lanney's body," Mr Brown said.

When one of the state's biggest tourist drawcards, MONA (the Museum of Old and New Art), announced plans for a 'Truth and Reconciliation Park' last year, Hobart Lord Mayor Sue Hickey was reported saying she did not want it to be "guilt ridden" and that she "didn't kill any Aborigines".

Cr Hickey has since changed her approach, becoming an advocate for changing the date of Invasion/Australia Day. In July she took a narrowly defeated motion to the Australian Local Government Association's national meeting to encourage councils to 'consider efforts they could take to lobby the Federal Government to change the date of recognition of Australia Day'.

The group at the Rona Tranby Trust ceremony in Sydney.



War stories recorded



TWELVE descendants of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander World War I soldiers have received support from the Rona Tranby Trust to record the

stories of their ancestors, as part of the Australian Light Horse Project.

The recipients will travel to Be'se Sheva (also known as Beersheba), in Israel, for the Anzac national service commemorating the centenary of the Battle of Beersheba on October 31.

Australian Light Horse Regiment soldiers became famous for their bravery in World War I, including at Beersheba.

Gamilaraay woman Angela Stanley, one of the participants in the project, said she is excited to tell her grandfather Alexander Stanley's story.

Ms Stanley, from Mungindi in north-west NSW, said she was her family's unofficial historian, and is looking forward to creating a short film for the project.

"I've been doing a bit of research on my grandfather," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"Unlike a lot of the other Aboriginal soldiers who came back from the war, Grandfather was actually celebrated by the Moree community.

"One of the missions in Moree is called

Stanley village after him, and his name is on a plaque at the entry to the Moree Services Club.

"There are a lot of different stories about Grandfather, and I'd like to find out who his family was. On his enlistment papers he put down his employer, and it made me ask the question, why didn't he put down a family member?"

Alexander Stanley was in the 11th Light Horse Regiment in World War I, and he also served in World War II.

Ms Stanley said telling his story would be vital because there was so little record of Aboriginal people during that period.

"Local hero"

"I have a lot of family in Moree, and they know Grandfather as a local hero, and I think his story could help people with the struggles they still have out here," she said.

"The statistics say it all. I hope Grandfather's story will encourage not just my family, but all his descendants to be the strong people that he proved we could be.

"His story can help us reconcile our identities. He is one part of the jigsaw puzzle that needs to be put into place.

"If we can understand ourselves through our ancestors, then his is a story worth telling. He was a character."

Doris Paton, a Gunditjmara, Gunai, and Monero Ngarigo woman from Gippsland, Victoria, has one photograph of her great-grandfather, and she wants to find out more.

She said her great-grandfather, David Mullett, was a storyteller and an educated man who served in World War I and was shocked by the prejudice when he returned.

"My father remembers him telling stories," she said. "He told me that my great-grandfather wrote a letter, asking to march with his mates, and he was denied.

"Because he was an educated man he wrote a lot of letters, and I'd like to analyse some of those."

Ms Paton said that as an Aboriginal person this story means a lot to her, because that's one of the stories to help contextualise herself, her family, and her community.

"It's very important to tell the stories of our ancestors' lives," she said.

"People need to hear and understand these stories. It brings back the memories about what life was like for Aboriginal people, and how it impacted our families."



John Patten and Professor John Maynard, who are involved in recording the stories.

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Aboriginal projects take prizes



THE first genetic map of Australia before European arrival and a project documenting new species and Aboriginal languages have won prizes in the 'Australian science Oscars', the Eureka Prize awards from the Australian Museum.

The Aboriginal Heritage Project, a collaboration between the University of Adelaide, the South Australian Museum, and Aboriginal families and communities, won the prize for Excellence in Interdisciplinary Research.

And the Ngukurr Wi Stadi bla Kantri (We Study the Country) Research Team won the Eureka Prize for Innovation in Citizen Science.

The Aboriginal Heritage Project uses the DNA of historical hair samples collected from Aboriginal people across Australia to construct the first map of Indigenous Australia before the arrival of Europeans and has revealed the continuous occupation of this country for more than 50,000 years.

Project leader Professor Alan Cooper said the DNA was collected during anthropological expeditions from 1928 to the 1960s, along with detailed information about birthplaces and family history, film, audio and written records.

"The resulting map of Indigenous Australia will be a critical resource for people of Aboriginal descent who are culturally disconnected, members of the Stolen Generations, and for the broader Australian public who need to learn about Australian history," he said.

"The core of the project is the detailed consultation process with each community. Historic records and results are discussed individually with each family before and after the genetic analysis. The project is expected to run for at least 10 years and to involve the analysis of more than 1000 historic individuals from around Australia.

"This is a very emotional time which requires sensitivity. People want the project to go ahead, securing information about the genetic map of Aboriginal Australia for future generations."

A display about the project, including photos of cousins Uncle Lewis O'Brien and Aunt Jean Smith from 1938, their genealogy as put together by Norman Tindale, and a crayon drawing created by Aunt Jean, can be seen at the SA Museum until October 8.

Ngukurr Wi Stadi bla Kantri (We Study the Country) is a collaboration between scientists and Aboriginal people in south-eastern Arnhem Land



Alan Cooper and Isabel O'Loughlin, of the Aboriginal Heritage Project, at the Eureka Prize awards ceremony.



Melissa Wurramarrba, Ernest Daniels, Shania Miller and Dr Emilie Ens, of the Ngukurr Wi Stadi bla Kantri (We Study the Country) Research Team, with their award.

to build knowledge about country and how local people can better manage it.

In the past nine years the research team has discovered species new to science, found new populations of threatened species, preserved culturally-significant wetlands, and documented the community's plants and animals in eight local languages.

Rangers

Led by ecologist Dr Emilie Ens, from Macquarie University, and Ngandi Elder Cherry Wulumirr Daniels, the project works with the Yugul Mangi rangers to better manage the new threats facing their country, like feral animals, weeds, climate change and altered fire regimes.

Ms Daniels said the project blends ecological methods with traditional knowledge and ways of seeing country.

"Our ancestors were rangers," she said. "We were rangers for 40,000 years and are rangers today. It's a responsibility for us to look after those things."

The project has brought people from the Aboriginal community of Ngukurr back to country, and through the Ngukurr School's involvement with the research, produced the community's first university students in more than 30 years.

More than 300 people have been directly involved in the research and the project has indirectly reached every person in the community of 1000. It has also brought more than \$1 million of scientific research funding into the community.

The research team is helping to maintain endangered traditional languages through the production of a 143-page community flora and fauna field guide with the Ngukurr Language Centre. The guide lists 275 species names in 10 languages, eight local Aboriginal languages and the species' English common and scientific names. This information is being added to the *Atlas of Living Australia*, the national public record of biodiversity.



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LOCATION: CANBERRA

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The Commissioner works collaboratively with all levels of government including the Minister, scientists, the non-profit sector, industry, the community and, in particular, traditional owners, developing new initiatives and strategic approaches to threatened species conservation, which will be researched, trialled and implemented across the country. The position will also better coordinate conservation effort across Australia, building and drawing from relationships with traditional owners and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to maximise conservation outcomes for threatened species. Engaging with the public is also a significant expectation of this role – maintaining a social media presence and working with the media to deliver the outcomes of the Threatened Species Strategy.

You will need to demonstrate the capacity to bring a national focus to conservation efforts, taking a practical, evidence based approach in ensuring conservation efforts are targeted, well coordinated and effective. You will be willing to work collaboratively with the national Threatened Species Scientific Committee, as well as a diverse stakeholder base including traditional owners, to broker solutions that avoid the extinction of Australia's native species.

Candidates will need to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in contemporary Australian society, and the ability to sensitively and effectively consult and negotiate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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Applications are particularly sought from children and young people from diverse backgrounds, life experiences and from different locations around the State.

The YAC provides a direct avenue of communication between the children and young people of NSW and the NSW Government.

The 12 member YAC is established under the *Advocate for Children and Young People Act 2014*. It provides advice directly to the Minister responsible for Youth and to the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People.

Information and application forms for membership of the YAC are available on the Advocate for Children and Young People's website at www.acyp.nsw.gov.au or from the office acyp@acyp.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9248 0970.

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Mob take walk through Fitzroy's black history



TAKE a walk
through
Fitzroy's black
history with
Dis Place at

the Deadly Fringe as part of
the Melbourne Fringe Festival
this year.

A group of Aboriginal
artists called This Mob has
invited all to come on a
walking tour of Gertrude
Street and hear stories from
the past as members explore
the displacement of Aboriginal
people from the city
landscape.

Taungurung woman Kate
Ten Buuren, one of This Mob,
is interested in the changes
that have taken place in
Fitzroy over the years.

"Fitzroy has a strong
Aboriginal history but a lot of
people don't know about it,"
she said.

"We want to remind people
about the history before the
gentrification of the area and
the displacement of Aboriginal
people who used to utilise the
place.

"Charcoal Lane is now an
upmarket area with expensive
stores, cafe and clubs, and
it's inaccessible to most
blackfellas.

"We want to remind people
of the impact Aboriginal
people had in that area and
critique the way the
displacement happened."

Ms Ten Buuren said the
walking tour would start at the
old Koori Club and travel
along the street visiting
different sites, with the tour
ending at Meysa.

"We'll be doing dance,
spoken word, music and
speaking in language
performances at each site,



**Yorta Yorta man Neil Morris, one of the This Mob
performers for *Dis Place*.**

taking on different characters
who'll tell stories from the past
looking back at what it was,"
she said.

"Artists will also act out
imagined utopian future
visions, where black law rules
and people follow laws about
respecting country, looking
after Aboriginal people and
the environment.

"We explore what our
future traditions will look like
and use our traditional
knowledge in a contemporary
and futuristic way. We want to
make art accessible to
communities."

First Nations people
community days will also be

held at Atherton Gardens on
September 17 and 24, with
food, art activities and
yarning.

Other Deadly Fringe
performances include a new
dance-theatre work
Biladurang, drawn from the
Wiradjuri creation story of the
platypus.

Dis Place is on Friday,
September 29 at 6pm. Tickets
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For more information
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Suicides the target of trial



THE Kimberley
Suicide Prevention
Trial is under way
with Federal
Indigenous Health
Minister Ken Wyatt
named as co-chair

of a new steering committee
working directly with local
Aboriginal communities.

"We now have a strong
operational plan based around
the communities, to bring
promising and proven strategies
together in liaison with local
people, to make a difference on
the ground," he said.

Mr Wyatt said the recent
suicide prevention roundtable in
Broome was important in
establishing a strong working
partnership between local
Aboriginal communities and the
Commonwealth, especially
through younger people.

He praised a presentation by

Kimberley Aboriginal Youth
Suicide Prevention Forum
members Jacob Corpus, 20,
from Broome, and Montana
Ahwon, 19, from Kununurra, and
said young people must be
supported to play key roles in
reducing suicide.

"I will also encourage relevant
Commonwealth and state
organisations to ensure they
include young Aboriginal people
on advisory groups, to help
empower them to take up
future leadership roles," Mr
Wyatt said.

Recommendations

Some of the youth forum
recommendations included more
support for emerging young
leaders; the teaching in school of
local culture and country
traditions, the dangers of drugs
and alcohol, and the importance
of resilience; and creating strong

youth engagement and
networking through sports, arts
and local cultural activities.

The roundtable also heard
of the need for community-run
'safe houses' for young people
and the potential positive
effects of having pairs of youth
coordinators employed by
Aboriginal community groups in
towns across the Kimberley.

The steering committee will
be co-chaired by Kimberley
Aboriginal Medical Service
deputy chief officer Rob
McPhee and will report to the
Kimberley Suicide Prevention
Working Group.

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AbSec project support officer Brian Edwards.

AbSec wants NDIS action



BRIAN Edwards lost his eyesight after developing a brain tumour at age 18 and is now a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participant, as well as a project support officer with AbSec, the NSW peak body for Aboriginal children and families.

He is one of the Aboriginal people now engaging with the NDIS, which has 100,000 participants.

But just 5% of those participants are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, which disability experts say suggests many Indigenous people aren't getting the support they need.

"It's not acceptable that those who need the NDIS the most are benefiting from it the least," Mr Edwards said.

Indigenous people with disability continue to be under-represented in the NDIS, despite the fact they are 70% more likely to have disability than the general population. The figures are even more pronounced for Indigenous children aged 14 and younger, who are more than twice as likely to have disability.

Mr Edwards, now 27, is developing his NDIS disability support plan, which will provide funds to help him access occupational therapy and keep his guide dog healthy.

Mr Edwards is familiar with the NDIS through working in the disability sector, but many other Aboriginal people have been left out of the new funding system.

AbSec is calling for long-term

widely recognised concept in our culture. So there's a bit of a communication barrier from the start."

There are also differences in the ways Aboriginal people access support and services.

"When Aboriginal people have a problem, they go to their families and communities for support. That's our way," Mr Edwards said.

"So to make the NDIS accessible to Aboriginal people, you need to equip our own communities to provide the services in a culturally appropriate way."

The Federal Government aims to provide the NDIS to 460,000 people by 2019.

AbSec is advocating for urgent action to ensure that the proportion of Indigenous participants will reflect the large number of First Nations people with disability.

"Lifting the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people accessing the NDIS is absolutely vital to closing the gap in health and wellbeing," Mr Edwards said.

"The NDIS is being billed as a revolution in social services, but its impact can't be truly revolutionary unless all of us are on board."

"Lifting the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people accessing the NDIS is absolutely vital to closing the gap in health and wellbeing."

funding for Aboriginal community-controlled organisations to equip them to provide disability services to their local communities.

"Aboriginal people experience disability differently to other Australians," Mr Edwards said.

"There's no word meaning 'disability' in our languages – it's not a



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NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT



Weave's Creating Futures justice program manager and case worker Melissa Merritt.

Program is weaving a better future



WHEN many young Indigenous people fresh out of custody and often in their prison greens were coming to Weave Youth and Community Services in Waterloo, Melissa Merritt knew something needed to be done.

Trouble was, Weave – a non-profit community organisation working with disadvantaged and vulnerable people and families in the south Sydney area for more than 35 years – simply didn't have a suitable service for these former inmates.

So Weave staff, including Ms Merritt, created one.

And now she's the team leader of Weave's Creating Futures justice program, which provides pre- and post-release support to people aged 18-30 in Sydney.

A Wiradjuri woman, Ms Merritt said the program caters to Indigenous and other people, but priority is given to Indigenous people because of their overrepresentation in the justice system.

"Creating Futures is a holistic and culturally safe program," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"Often the people we help come out of detention with no form of ID, no birth certificate – the only identification they have

is their release forms.

"We can help them get their driver's licence, we advocate for them if they're going through a hearing or anything.

"To us they're not criminals, they're people. We act as a diversionary program from jail too, because custody should be a last resort."

While Creating Futures currently only caters to people aged 18-30, Ms Merritt said she hopes to expand that.

"Break the cycle"

"It's good to work with young people and break the cycle early," she said.

"But down the track I'd like to see the program for people over 30. If you have the right support in place, it's never too late to break that cycle."

Ms Merritt said there is a real need for more programs like Creating Futures, in Sydney and across the country.

"It's frustrating to see governments building more jails," she said.

"We want them to listen and work with our communities and see what works, and what works is holistic programs like this one, not custody, especially for our mob."

App to help explore Budj Bim highlights



THE landscape and wildlife of the Budj Bim region in south-western Victoria can now be explored by smartphone or tablet.

The new digital *Field Guide to the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape* app combines traditional knowledge with a scientific field guide, allowing visitors to explore the Budj Bim cultural landscape through the knowledge of the Gunditjmara people, traditional owners of the stone country of western Victoria.

The app has been created by the Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation and Museums Victoria.

Corporation manager Denis Rose said he hopes the app will help promote tourism in Gunditjmara country.

"Gunditjmara used Lake Condah and surrounding wetlands to form channels to harvest eels in the area for thousands of years," he said.

"This app shares the rich culture and knowledge of the Gunditjmara people of the stone country which was recently nominated for World Heritage listing."

The Budj Bim cultural landscape has some of the oldest aquaculture sites in the world – eel traps – dated at more than 6600 years, as well as permanent stone dwellings and intricate stone channels.



An image of a blue-tongue lizard, taken from the new digital field guide. Picture: Colin Silvey, Museums Victoria

Museums Victoria chief executive Lynley Marshall said the app would help travellers identify what they are seeing, presenting more than 700 images of wildlife and country, descriptions of 250 species of animals, and calls from frogs, birds and mammals.

"Meeting place"

"Budj Bim has been a meeting place for thousands of years. I am sure this app will inspire new generations to explore this fragile and significant landscape and illuminate the spiritual bonds

between First Peoples and country," she said.

Traditional knowledge including names in the Dhauwurd Wurrung language, beliefs and stories are included in the app, as well as descriptions of cultural objects relating to daily life in the landscape.

Among the highlights are a possum skin cloak from Lake Condah, and aerial imagery of the landscape.

The app is free to download from the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

Elders will help youth



TOWNSVILLE Elders will take Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander offenders and their parents out on country as

part of a new youth justice cultural mentoring program set to begin in October.

The cultural mentoring of Indigenous 10 to 17 year olds will be organised by Queensland Youth Services in partnership with the Yinda program, which has won a \$500,000 tender to take on the year-long initiative.

Queensland Minister Coralee O'Rourke said the initiative would connect young Indigenous offenders to community, culture and country, and seek to restore family bonds.

"Taking children out on country will be a key part of this process, however Elders

will also take a much wider approach in using cultural practices to build resilience and teach young people respect for themselves and others," she said.

Ms O'Rourke said traditional owners including Alfred Smallwood, Russell Butler and Wayne Parker have been positive role models, with years of experience in mentoring young people, along with their parents, through challenging periods.

"Important aspect"

"An important aspect of this work is strengthening family relationships between fathers and sons and mothers and daughters," she said.

"To do this, Elders and leaders will be available around the clock to provide support."

Thuringowa MP Aaron Harper said youth services and Elders

working together on the program could motivate young people to turn their lives around.

"Like many places around Australia, young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are over-represented in the criminal justice system in Townsville," he said.

"Dedicated and respected Indigenous Elders came to us as local MPs, saying they wanted to help after we held our community forum on crime."

Townsville MP Scott Stewart said that if young people are to contribute positively to the community, then the underlying factors that lead them to offend need to be addressed.

"Going out on country and other cultural activities will allow Elders to deal with young people's loss of connection to kinship and culture, which often exacerbates some of the drivers of crime," he said.

Languages matter to winner



Biripi girl Nikki Parsons: "All children should be able to learn their language at school."



WHAT matters? According to St Joseph's Regional College student Nikki Parsons, it's Indigenous languages that matter.

Nikki won first place in the Year 7-8 category of the Whitlam Institute's 'What Matters?' writing competition with her call to teach Indigenous languages in schools.

"Language is important," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"All children should be able to learn their language at school."

There were more than 1100 entries in the competition, but the Biripi girl from Corowa, NSW, took out the top honour and will be heading to Sydney this month where the overall winner will be announced.

"I'm a bit excited, but a bit nervous," she said.

Nikki was inspired by her parents, who are both teachers, to write her piece for the competition.

"I wrote about how my mum teaches kids language, and she teaches them more about culture," she said.

"My dad also teaches language in high school. It's important for kids to know their language because that's their identity; they know who they are."

As for a future in writing, Nikki says as long as she's passionate about a topic, she'll write about it.

"Writing is fun when I can write about something that means a lot to me," she said.

New leaders for advisory body



CHRISTINE Grant and Phillip Gordon will be co-chairs of the Advisory Committee for Indigenous Repatriation (ACIR) for the next three years. The committee provides advice and guidance to the Federal Government on issues relating to the Indigenous Repatriation Policy and Program, which supports the repatriation of Australian Indigenous ancestral remains and secret sacred objects.

Ms Grant is a Kuku Yalanji and Mualgal woman from far north Queensland with more than 30 years' experience in governance, cultural heritage and policy development in supporting Indigenous people.

Mr Gordon, a Gooreng Gooreng man from Rockhampton, has already been a member of the committee. He brings 35 years of expertise working in Indigenous cultural heritage, museum practice and repatriation to the committee.

Traditional burning returns in Victoria



TRADITIONAL burning practices have returned to Dja Dja Wurrung community lands in Victoria. Two traditional burns — thought to be the first of their kind in some 170 years — have been undertaken by Forest Fire Management Victoria Dja Dja Wurrung firefighters.

This traditional Aboriginal fire strategy seeks to restore thousands of years of land management practice.

Straight Talk email

IN our last edition, we published a story about Oxfam's first Straight Talk summit in Broome on October 8. The wrong email address was provided, so if you are interested in registering, the correct one is admin@arnja.org.au



VOTE FOR YOU. REMEMBER TO VOTE THIS SATURDAY.

NSW Local Council election day is Saturday, 9 September.

It's your chance to vote for what's important to you locally.

On Saturday, you must vote at a polling place in your Council or ward area between 8am and 6pm.

If you can't vote on Saturday you can vote early until 6pm this Friday, 8 September at your local pre-poll voting centre.

Not all councils are holding elections this Saturday.

To check whether you need to vote visit our website or call us.

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**NGUNYA JARJUM
ABORIGINAL CHILD AND
FAMILY NETWORK INC.**

CALL FOR NEW LOGO

Ngunya Jarjum Aboriginal Corporation invites Goori people descendant of the Bundjalung Nation to submit designs for a new logo.

Ngunya Jarjum is a designated Aboriginal out-of-home-care (OOHC) service in Northern NSW. It is one of the largest Aboriginal OOHC services in NSW. Ngunya Jarjum is committed to ensure Aboriginal children and young people remain connected to their families and communities, safe and to achieving meaningful results.

PRIZE MONEY OF \$3000

All persons must complete and provide the entry form with the logo design. The form can be obtained by email to

jarjums@ngunyarjarjum.com or phone 02 66 263700.

Closing Date: 5pm Friday 21st September 2017

An Open Letter from the Premier of Queensland, the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence and the Chair of the Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council

Support for victims of domestic and family violence

The Queensland Government is committed to supporting victims of domestic and family violence and holding perpetrators to account. As part of our long-term approach to stopping the violence before it starts, we have made record investments to respond to the *Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland* report with the aim to create a Queensland free from this violence.

A total of \$323.1 million is committed over six years to transform the recommendations of this report into action, providing integrated services to those in need and reforming our law and justice system.

But it's not just about completing recommendations. It's about achieving real and lasting change. It's about spreading awareness, changing attitudes and encouraging action so that we no longer excuse violence and we no longer ignore behaviours and attitudes that lead to violence.

Every Queenslander must make it clear that we will not tolerate the behaviour of anyone who hurts another person within a relationship of intimacy and trust.

If at any time you fear for your safety, please immediately contact 000 and ask for assistance from the Queensland Police Service.

Significant reform takes time. It takes commitment, and everyone has a role to play. I urge all sectors of the community to partner with the Queensland Government in bringing an end to domestic and family violence.

Yours sincerely,

Annastacia Palaszczuk MP
Premier of Queensland,
Minister for the Arts

Shannon Fentiman MP
Minister for Communities, Women
and Youth, Minister for Child Safety,
Minister for the Prevention of
Domestic and Family Violence

Kay McGrath OAM
Chair, Domestic and Family Violence
Implementation Council

DV Connect Womensline	1800 811 811	24 hours / 7 days
DV Connect Mensline	1800 600 636	9.00 am to midnight / 7 days
Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service	1800 887 700	8.30 am to 4.30 pm / Monday to Friday
Womens Legal Service	1800 957 957	9.00 am to 3.00 pm / Monday to Friday
Legal Aid Queensland	1300 651 188	8.30 am to 5.00 pm / Monday to Friday
Policelink	131 444	24 hours / 7 days

For further information about support services in your local area, please visit qld.gov.au/dfvsupportservices



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80 years of councils in Torres Strait



IT has been 80 years since the first formal council meeting was held in the Torres Strait, on Masig (Yorke) Island.

Back then, the Torres Strait's first councillors rallied government for social and legislative change to improve their people's rights.

Speaking on the anniversary, Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Mark Furner said the council created strong foundations for the region's future, including better living, working and social conditions for local people. "The government of the day incorporated many of the recommendations discussed at the meeting to pass the *Torres Strait Islander Act 1939*, which includes a key section officially recognising Torres Strait Islander peoples," he said.

Torres Shire Council Mayor Vonda Malone said the anniversary reinforced the importance of local government.

"It reconfirms the integral role that current councillors hold to add value and continue to focus on matters that make a difference in the lives of our communities such as health and wellbeing, improved education standards, equitable employment, adequate and appropriate housing and the enhancement of our region's economy," she said.

"These were the very issues that our forefathers stood up for and we strive to continue that work so that generations to come will benefit. By working together we can empower our people and support true equality and opportunity for all Torres Strait Islanders."

Royal commission deadline extended



THE reporting date for the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory has been extended until November 17.

The royal commission requested the extension to ensure all parties have sufficient time to respond to notices of adverse material. The extension will be accommodated within the Royal Commission's existing budget. There will not be any additional hearings during this period.

Strategy funding for vital services



MORE services for people dealing with substance or alcohol abuse, violence or criminal activity will be offered by MADEC Australia, a community based not-for-profit business with a vision for strong communities. MADEC has received more than \$1 million in additional funding through the Federal Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS).

Chief officer Laurence Burt said it means more case management services will be on offer in South Australia and Victoria with a focus on clients' social, physical and emotional wellbeing.

Palm Island water plant completed



A NEW water treatment plant has been completed on Palm Island, north Queensland.

Mayor Alf Lacey said improved water supply and quality has been an important issue for the people of Palm Island.

"There has been very positive feedback from the community on this project," he said.

"We're delighted to have delivered this important project for the Palm Island community."

Author 'opening doors' for kids

By LIINA FLYNN



WHEN he was at school, Kamilaroi author Greg Dreise's favourite story was *Tiddalik the Frog*.

"I'm not into fairy stories, but stories about the Dreaming really spoke to me," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"All the Murri boys would actually sit up and listen when our teacher told the Rainbow Serpent story.

"That's what made me want to make books of my own, so Aboriginal people can see books can be about their culture and community."

Having written and illustrated more than 20 books, including *Mad Magpie*, Mr Dreise said his inspiration is working with young people and inspiring them to write about their passions.

"I grew up in the bush in south-west Queensland, writing my own songs," he said.

"I love music because of the stories in songs. I knew if I shaped my words properly, I can shape a story.

"My books have always been about making sure the Dreaming stories don't become extinct, to tell the stories that the storytellers who are no longer with us would have told. That's my passion."

Mr Dreise, one of the ambassadors for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF), has been working with children in remote Indigenous communities to create their own books.



Indigenous Literacy Foundation ambassador and author Greg Dreise.

This year, for Indigenous Literacy Day (ILD) on September 6 in Perth at the State Library of Western Australia, Mr Dreise will launch a new illustrated book *Open the Door*, written by children aged nine to 14 from the

remote communities of Tjuntjuntjara, Mt Margaret, Laverton and Menzies.

"The ILF approached me and asked me to go into the bush and do a writers' camp with children," he said.

"So illustrator Judy Watson and I flew into the western desert, where every rock was a fossil from the ocean.

"I asked the kids to write about what their passion was and they got to illustrate their own stories."

Mr Dreise said he wanted to link the children's stories and once he saw a slogan on T-shirts saying 'reading opens doors', he knew what to do.

"I told the children once you open a door, your imagination can take you anywhere," he said.

"So we linked each story to the next by ending the previous story with 'and then I saw a door'.

"The diversity of stories and locations is really magic and the stories begin and end in the same location."

The ILF also gives books to remote communities where there are no book stores or libraries.

"I see the benefits of providing kids with books and it's fantastic," Mr Dreise said.

"Only 25% of Indigenous students in remote Australia meet the minimum standard for reading and writing, compared to 90% of other students.

"If you don't grow up around books, you are already behind everybody else. Now these kids get to read new books and if we can get behind it and make books part of kids' upbringing, like reading books with mum before bed, then reading becomes more natural and we can see more successful results for communities."

Indigenous Literacy Day events will be held in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, and community members are invited to bring a pre-loved book and a gold coin donation. All funds raised will go towards supporting the work of the ILF.

Action over death of NSW teen



A SECOND Aboriginal family from the New England in northern NSW is hoping they are

closer to finding the facts about the death of their young son after his murder investigation was transferred to the NSW Police State Crime Command Homicide Squad.

Stephen Smith was just 17 when his body was found on railway tracks south of Tamworth in 1995. His case has similarities to the death of Mark Haines in 1988 who was also found dead near train tracks outside Tamworth.

Both cases were initially investigated by the police's Oxley Local Area Command and each family had concerns with the quality and timeliness of the criminal investigation being undertaken by the local police.

In each case NSW Greens MP and Aboriginal justice spokesperson David Shoebridge raised the family's concerns in Parliament and requested the police minister and

commissioner refer the investigations to the State Crime Command.

"It's positive to see the families of these two young men now one very real step closer to justice," Mr Shoebridge said.

"These are just two of many historical cases, especially in regional NSW, where Aboriginal deaths have been treated with less rigour and less care than those in the non-Aboriginal community.

"The deaths of two young Aboriginal men in such disturbingly similar circumstances is a cause for serious concern and certainly requires the most thorough and independent investigation.

"Aboriginal families are quite rightly demanding that deaths in their community be given priority by NSW police, and this is a call that I 100% support.

"In both cases the initial local police investigation was seriously lacking, with police failing to maintain crucial evidence and important leads not followed."



Policy Role Opportunities at NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet

- Do you want to help your community by working on Government Policy?
- Shape the most important issues facing NSW

The NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) is looking for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People to help shape the future of NSW by filling Policy Officer and Assistant Policy Officer roles.

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.

We operate in a dynamic, activity based work environment in an open plan office close to public transportation and shops at Martin Place, Sydney. We welcome and encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Check it out now so you don't miss your chance to shape the future of NSW.

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: 17 September 2017, 11:59pm

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Numbers below:

Policy Officers: 00005IF2

Assistant Policy Officers: 00005IF7

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Transport for NSW

Aboriginal Heritage Cabarita Wharf Interchange Upgrade

Transport for NSW invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for Cabarita Wharf Interchange Upgrade to register to be consulted.

Transport for NSW proposes to upgrade the existing wharf, providing a new pontoon and gangway which will allow two ferries to access the wharf at the same time.

The bus turning circle will be altered to improve operations, and a new kiss-and-ride zone will be installed close to the wharf entrance.

The existing car park will be extended to add additional parking spaces and a turning circle.

The proposal may result in the Transport for NSW:

- Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and/or
- Undertaking investigations in accordance with the *Code of practice for archaeological investigations in NSW 2010*, and/or
- Undertaking an environmental impact assessment under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

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To register your interest, please contact:
Mark Lester Aboriginal Cultural Heritage
Officer – Mark.lester@rms.nsw.gov.au
(02) 8849 2583

Registrations must be received by phone
or in writing by 21 September 2017.

Roads and Maritime Services

Aboriginal Heritage New England Highway Scone Bypass

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for the New England Highway bypass of Scone to register to be consulted.

Roads and Maritime Services propose to upgrade the New England Highway to bypass Scone (the proposal). The proposal would include building a two lane highway bypass to the west of Scone. The proposal includes about five kilometres of new two lane highway with at-grade connections south and north of Scone, three overbridges, crossing of Figtree Creek, and an at-grade connection at St Aubins Street.

The proposal may result in the Roads and Maritime Services:

- Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and/or
- Undertaking investigations in accordance with the *Code of practice for archaeological investigations in NSW 2010*, and/or
- Undertaking an environmental impact assessment under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

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To register your interest, please contact:
Deb Swan, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage
Officer, 266 King Street, Newcastle
NSW 2300 (02) 4908 7762.

Registrations must be received
by phone or in writing by
Wednesday, 20 September 2017.



Githabul artist Luke Close
at work on the mural.

Rainforest mural grows at new Lismore gallery



GITHABUL artist Luke Close is transforming a carpark wall in Lismore, northern NSW, into a mural depicting a rainforest and the region's Whian Whian Falls.

The mural is at the entry to the new Lismore Regional Gallery, where a large tree was recently removed.

"Lismore may have lost a tree, but it is gaining a forest," Mr Close said.

"Whian Whian flows into Rocky Creek Dam, which is the water source for the region and a gathering place. It's always been communal."

His work is already attracting interest and he welcomed passers-by

to stop and have a yarn as the work takes shape.

"It's a sexy new gallery and I love it. I want this artwork to be contemporary, post-modern and sexy to go with it," Mr Close said.

"I feel like this is great for my professional development and helps springboard me into the Indigenous arts community on a national level."

Visitors

The artwork has been commissioned by the Lismore Regional Gallery to draw visitors from the street towards the new gallery.

Gallery director Brett Adlington said as part of the gallery project, the

adjacent carpark was upgraded.

"There was this bland wall which was crying out for a mural," he said.

"In consultation with our Aboriginal Advisory Group and Public Art Reference Group, we called for expressions of interest from local artists and Luke was selected.

"We were looking for something that is colourful and eye-catching as well as being a reminder that we acknowledge and respect the Bundjalung people, the traditional owners of the land on which the gallery is situated."

The artwork should be complete in time for the official gallery opening next month.

Game offers way to know rights



One of the scenes from the game *Run for Your Rights*.



DO you know your rights in police custody? When you're under pressure it can be hard to remember important information, so a new educational game,

Run for Your Rights, aims to teach people their rights in a fun way.

The game is set against the central Australian landscape and features images of police custody, with multiple challenges featuring police, fans and surveillance cameras. Players survive the multiple zones with easy, one tap gameplay, avoiding death by reinforcing their legal rights.

Created by iTalk studios, the mobile game app avoids an over-reliance on written text, instead using visual imagery with phrasing in English and Western Arrernta to make learning accessible to a wider audience.

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



At the hearing, from left, Kevin Knight, Warren Clark, Michael Whyman, Derek Hardman, Justice John Griffiths, Federal Court Registrar Katie Stride and William Badger Bates.

Barkandji granted title



BARKANDJI traditional owners have been granted native title by the Federal Court in Sydney.

The consent determination was delivered by Justice John Griffiths on August 22 and finalised the Barkandji Traditional Owners Native Title application that was filed in 1997. Other parts of the claim were settled by consent in a hearing held at Broken Hill in June 2015.

The determination recognises native title over three pastoral stations owned by local Aboriginal land councils – Weinteriga and Yobel (owned by Wilcannia LALC) and Appin Station (owned by Menindee LALC).

This is the first time that native title has been recognised over Aboriginal-owned land in NSW. The properties were transferred to the LALCs under the *NSW Land Rights Act, 1983*.

Native title service provider NTSCorp's chief officer Natalie Rotumah praised both sides for reaching an agreement.

"Barkandji traditional owners and the Wilcannia and Menindee LALCs have worked hard to reach this historic agreement over Aboriginal owned land," she said.

"Important precedent"

"It sets an important precedent for other areas in NSW and shows that the two land rights systems can work together for the cultural and economic benefit of Aboriginal people."

Barkandji man Derek Hardman addressed the court, acknowledging the original applicants Ray Lawson, Noel Johnson and Sheila Kirby.

"As a proud Barkandji man, I am humbled and honoured to have represented my ancestors as an

applicant for Barkandji native title and through the process have learned that by utilising our most precious asset – our land – we can shape a brighter future," he said.

"Native title and land rights will open new pathways and a common vision when used in partnership to advance our people economically, socially, spiritually, emotionally, culturally, environmentally, and most of all the strengthening of our say on what happens on our land through the continuation of our ancient practices and rights as the people of the land.

"Mutawintji LALC has shown us by providing the perfect example of joint management and a traditional owner board.

"This will in turn create a working relationship that bridges a gap that without attention will continually widen."

● **Native title wins, pages 26-27**

Liquor permit schemes in the spotlight



LIQUOR permit schemes in the Northern Territory can be made easier to implement and more accountable to local communities, an NT Government-commissioned report has found.

The review, led by Menzies School of Health Research's Professor Peter d'Abbs and consultant Dr Ian Crundall, evaluated the uptake and success of liquor permit schemes since their inception in 1981.

Under the *NT Liquor Act*, communities that choose to restrict access to liquor have the option of recommending that permits be issued to approved individuals, subject to conditions specified by the communities.

Although they require formal approval by the director-general of licensing, liquor permits are intended as a community-based measure.

More than 20 communities in the NT operate liquor permit schemes.

Prof d'Abbs said the review found that two kinds of liquor permit schemes had evolved over time.

"In some communities, permits are a mechanism that allows staff employed in remote communities – mainly non-Aboriginal staff – to bring liquor into an otherwise 'dry' community and consume it in their own homes," he said.

The review found that in most instances there was little or no community input into these schemes, with responsibility falling by default to local police.

Prof d'Abbs said in some communities this led to resentment at perceived double standards.

"In the second type of scheme, liquor permits are a central mechanism for managing purchases of takeaway alcohol. In these communities, takeaway alcohol cannot be purchased without a permit, which in turn requires endorsement by a local liquor permit committee."

The review found that this type of scheme had contributed to a reduction in alcohol-related problems and had broad community support. But the schemes had become administratively cumbersome.

The report recommends the introduction of police guidelines, and other measures aimed at simplifying the administration of permit schemes.

Campaign to reclaim mine site

By KEIRA JENKINS



COMMUNITY members have started a campaign to reclaim the mine site at Nagambie, in the Goulburn Valley of Victoria.

Gunditjmara woman Marcia Legg started the Facebook campaign after she and her husband found out the mining company's plan to store waste in the disused gold pits could make up to \$4 million.

The mining company, Nagambie Resources, plans to store the waste, known as PASS (potential acid sulphate soil), in the pit, which is filled with water.

Part of the mine sits on Crown land, and the Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation was offered \$48,000 to sign off on the sale of the land.

Ms Legg said Nagambie Resources was trying to "pull the wool over the local Aboriginal people's eyes and rob them of the

revenue they could potentially make."

Ms Legg said the mining company has not mentioned any plans to give back to the Aboriginal community.

"The mining company is trying to take the money for something on Aboriginal land," she said.

"Now the Taungurung Co-op is trying to reclaim the mine site. If that happens they want to start an Aboriginal-owned company to deal with the PASS, so all the money from it goes back to the community."

Decision

The Taungurung Co-op has contacted the Victorian Government, hoping to reclaim the land. The government will make a decision regarding the land ownership, which will be announced later this year.

Ms Legg has started a Facebook page, Reclaim Nagambie Mine Site, which she is using to update community members about the campaign.



NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service

**Advisory Committee Indigenous Member
Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area**

Call for applications

The Australian and NSW Governments are seeking applicants for an Indigenous member of the Community and Scientific Advisory Committee for the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWhA)

The Advisory Committee's role is to advise on matters relating to the protection, conservation, presentation and management of the GBMWhA, including strategic policies in relation to Australia's obligations under the World Heritage Convention. The Advisory Committee plays a crucial role in the provision of both community and scientific advice to the State and Commonwealth Environment and Heritage Ministers and their agencies and through achieving conservation outcomes by facilitating the development of cooperative, constructive and innovative relationships between the National Parks and Wildlife Service, (part of the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage OEH); the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust; the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy and the community.

The Darkinjung, Darug, Dharawal, Gundungurra, Wanaruah and Wiradjuri language groups are the traditional custodians of the GBMWhA.

The Indigenous member will be appointed in their own right and not as a representative of any particular organisation, institution, discipline or interest sector. Preference will be given to applicants who identify with one of the 6 Aboriginal language groups.

Appointments are honorary and are for a period to August 2019. The Committee meets quarterly in different locations around the GBMWhA. Appointees are entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses. Sitting fees are available for Indigenous members.

Applications are invited for an Indigenous member of the Advisory Committee and applicants must address the selection criteria.

Application forms and information kits are available from the Senior World Heritage Officer, Jacqueline Reid on 0419 307 099 or via email to jacqueline.reid@environment.nsw.gov.au

All applications must be received by 5pm on Monday 25 September 2017 and should be posted to:

Jacqueline Reid
Senior World Heritage Officer
NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
Office of Environment and Heritage
PO BOX 6, GLENBROOK NSW 2773
or via email to: jacqueline.reid@environment.nsw.gov.au

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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



AMANDA HAMILTON

Wiradjuri (NSW) woman living in inner Sydney

Favourite bush tucker?
Yellowbelly (fish).

Favourite other food?
Chicken.

Favourite drink?
Coke.

Favourite music?
'80s, R'n'B, country... I like lots.

Favourite holiday destination?
Any beach in the Pacific. I really like Hawaii.

What are you reading?
Biographies.

What do you like in life?
Family, and being nice to people.

What don't you like?
Injustice.

Who would you most like to meet?
Former US President Barack Obama. He's a truly inspirational man.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation for Indigenous Australians?
I'd make sure we had appropriate recognition and were treated equally, something that's certainly not the case now.

Quote



"We need change in this country. Indigenous art is at the forefront of that change."

— Renowned Indigenous arts curator Franchesca Cubillo

● See page 29

Unquote

What about the truth, Turnbull?

THE Federal Government's paternalistic attitude towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people went into overdrive last week. And, sadly, it was led by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

Mr Turnbull claimed that calls from Indigenous people and others to include some actual facts on memorials glorifying murderous colonialists was a "Stalinist exercise" in rewriting history.

So, according to our Prime Minister, any view of history that takes into account the murder, dispossession, slaughter and stolen lands of Indigenous people is rewriting history.

Well, maybe it's beyond time to rewrite the version of Australian history – taught for generations in schools – that an Englishman 'discovered this territory'.

Because he didn't.

Then, Mr Turnbull said, from Kalgoorlie, that his government's extension of the cashless welfare card was an "exercise in practical love, in compassion".

"But, above all, in ensuring that those families are spending their money where they should be spending it," he said.

How patronising. According to Mr Turnbull, Aboriginal families don't know where they should spend their money so, out of 'practical love' and 'compassion', the benevolent Federal Government will dictate to them.

The lack of consultation with



OUR SAY

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people regarding the controversial Community Development Program (a work-for-the-dole scheme targeted overwhelmingly at Indigenous people) shows the same attitude.

Mr Turnbull, 25 years ago, the High Court overturned the legal fiction of terra nullius. It is sad, infuriating and offensive that you refuse to do the same.

Wiradjuri commentator Stan Grant's moderate piece pointing out that Indigenous people had been living on this continent for more than 60,000 years before the *Endeavour* dropped anchor seemed to trigger a bout of public hysteria.

"The inscription that Cook 'Discovered this territory 1770' maintains a damaging myth, a belief in the superiority of white Christendom that devastated Indigenous peoples everywhere," Grant wrote.

He's right.

And if the reaction of so many public figures tells us anything, it's time that Australia's history was 'rewritten' to include some actual truth.

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He's out, proud and fighting for equality

By KEIRA JENKINS

RICKY Macourt grew up in Newee Creek on the NSW mid-north coast, surrounded by a big family with eight siblings. He studied law at Bond University, graduating as one of its first Indigenous scholars.

The Gumbaingirr man has worked at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and followed his passion of human rights law, becoming a diplomat at the United Nations when he was 25.

Mr Macourt has also studied at Columbia University in New York, written a children's book, and has been "out and proud" to his family since high school.

"Being Indigenous and being queer are two strong parts of my identity, and those perspectives aren't really heard," he told the *Koori Mail*.

Mr Macourt said he was inspired by his own childhood and the issues he saw in his own community to study law.

It was seeing his family and community members being jailed that ignited his passion to fight the high rates of Indigenous incarceration.

"Alcohol and drug use were prevalent in my early childhood," he said.

"It was messy. It affected my whole family. Family violence was also prevalent.

"Coming from that, and realising it was not uncommon, made me decide a long time ago I was going to better myself.

"Law was the perfect way to do that. I didn't ever think it would take me to the United Nations. I just wanted to give back to my community."

Now, Mr Macourt is fighting for another cause close to his heart – marriage equality.

He's concerned about the ongoing debate surrounding the issue, which he said is hurtful and toxic. Mr Macourt is also worried about the lack of Indigenous voices involved in the public debate.

Detrimental

He said the current conversation about same-sex marriage is detrimental to Indigenous LGBTIQI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, queer or questioning, and Intersex) people, especially youth.

"I just keep thinking, 'I'm 26, I have a degree, I have a support base, I'm resilient and this debate makes me sick, this hurts me,'" he said.

"What about kids at boarding school who are away from their communities, or kids in remote areas who don't have a supportive queer community to turn to?

"I just think Indigenous suicide rates for young people, especially in remote areas, are already horribly alarming.

"This is a recipe for disaster."

Mr Macourt said he's experienced racism and homophobia all his life.

He said he can't imagine what it is like to experience that compounding discrimination without the support of family and friends.

"How can we expect Australians to have a respectful debate when (One Nation Senator) Pauline Hanson is walking into the Senate in a burqa (a top-to-toe covering garment worn by some Islamic women)," he said.

"We're in denial about what a bigoted country we are. A few years ago I was holding hands with my partner in Redfern and an old lady came and assaulted us with



Ricky Macourt and Mario Nogueira at Cape Leveque in Western Australia. "We're in denial about what a bigoted country we are," says Mr Macourt, a lawyer and diplomat at the United Nations.



Ricky Macourt with Foreign Minister Julie Bishop at the United Nations.

her walking stick, trying to get our hands apart.

"I was yelled at on a bus by an Aboriginal man who told my partner and I

we were going to hell. It's lucky I'm resilient; I've been through worse.

"Coming from an Indigenous person though, that hurt. I've spent my life fighting

for the rights of my people and it hurts to be treated like that by someone I see as family."

Although he's faced this kind of discrimination Mr Macourt said he's also been overwhelmingly supported by his family and friends.

He said his sister, who lives in the remote community of Halls Creek in Western Australia, has been a particularly strong support for him.

Concerned

She was concerned that she would not receive her voting papers in time to respond to the Federal Government's postal plebiscite on same-sex marriage.

Mr Macourt said he'd used Express Post to mail his sister, and it had taken three weeks to arrive.

"They just don't have the infrastructure in those remote towns to be able to vote in a postal survey," he said.

"My sister was actually considering putting her address down as my house and flying to Sydney just so she could vote yes.

"I love her. She's the biggest inspiration. She advocates and stands up so strongly for her family and the children she works with at Halls Creek."



Nowanup rangers at Yarrabee, from left, Bodean Eades, Jason Bolton, Errol Eades Jnr, Errol Eades, Eugene Eades and Dean Bolton. *Picture: Amanda Keesing, Gondwana Link Ltd*



Rangers planting seedlings at Yarrabee. *Picture: Amanda Keesing, Gondwana Link Ltd*



The massive goanna emerging at Yarrabee in the south of Western Australia.

Massive animals growing



GIANT animals made from trees and shrubs are emerging from the ground in the south of Western Australia. A 300m long goanna is now growing under the shadow of the mountains in the Stirling Range National Park, bringing life back to the Gondwana Link landscapes.

The initiative is a project between the Nowanup Rangers, Greening Australia and environmental groups to restore the central area of the Gondwana Link landscapes.

So how do you design and build a 300m long goanna?

Noongar Elders visited three Greening Australia properties last autumn to look at different sites and consider designs. A 300m long goanna was chosen for Yarrabee, a 200m long Malleefowl and circle design for Nowanup, and a 200m long kangaroo was chosen for Peniup.

Noongar artist Errol Eades was given the task of designing the animals and shapes, and then with Gondwana Link and Greening Australia staff, Eugene Eades selected the trees and shrubs to reflect the project's artistic and cultural vision.

Gondwana Links' Amanda Keesing used mapping software to convert the designs into GPS outlines for Greening Australia restoration officer Glen Steven to imprint on the landscape with his tractor.

The Nowanup Rangers are now planting thousands of seedlings in the designs to bring the animals to life, with drones being used to document the creatures as they emerge.

The planting project provides

recognition of the importance of Noongar culture across landscapes and is providing cultural healing and employment opportunities.

While the focus is on cultural planting, native species are being used, reconnecting habitat so wildlife can move between the region's national parks, to help ensure the survival of endangered species such as the Carnaby's black cockatoo.

Gondwana Link director Keith Bradby said the wisdom, skills and culture of the Noongar rangers from Nowanup are an integral part of the restoration process.

"Landscapes don't exist in isolation. For millennia Noongar people have lived with wildlife, and found a good balance," he said.

"Beautiful"

"That's why etching large symbolic species into the landscape is a beautiful way of recognising this."

Noongar man Eugene Eades has been involved with landscape restoration for many years and feels the old people urging him to grow the connection to country.

"The country is our life blood. It provides rights of passage for our young people and the native animals are woven into our story," he said.

"Young Noongar people will become the custodians of country and the work we are doing is connecting two cultures on one land; two stories are to be told, science and tradition working to heal."

The project is funded by the Western Australian Government under the State NRM Program and supported by Royalties for Regions.



On page 24, Amnesty International's Tammy Solonec says it's time for justice for Indigenous children everywhere.



Representatives of the Wattandee people and Mingenew Aboriginal Reserve on the trip to country.

Connecting to country

I AM from the midwest of Western Australia and of the Wattandee tribe, whose country includes along the Irwin River, and Mingenew, Strawberry, Irwin, Dongara and Port Denison. I'm also from the Mingenew Aboriginal Reserve, which we call Littlewell.

On August 10, we, the

Littlewell and Wattandee people, did a connection to country, which covered Depo and Mingenew Hill, Mingenew Reserve and slaughter house, and Mingenew Cemetery.

We plan to finalise our connection to country, which would be covering Strawberry, Black Bridge, Irwin, Dongara

and Port Denison, home of our Wattandee people.

This type of cultural news enforces that we still continue to educate our people and their culture, place of belonging, heritage, Dreaming, totem, language and country.

It was a positive experience for the Aboriginal people from

the midwest of WA who participated, including Elders.

Thomas Cameron
Wattandee Elder, Littlewell
spokeperson, Amangu
Working Group member,
Amangu Trust Project
member and Southern
Yamatji claim member

Why maths adds up

MATHS existed in physical processes before humans appeared on this wonderful planet. European tests dating back to Plato and his experiment with the slave boy show that maths is intrinsic in the human species, and modern tests have confirmed Plato's result.

The film *The Man Who Knew Infinity* shows that gifted people can perform mathematical research at the highest levels without the benefit of a university education, while acknowledging that university qualifications are essential to assist our research.

Indigenous Australians performed numerous mathematical feats in fields such as astronomy, navigation, health and management of their scarce resources through

an ice age and periods of excessive heat. Their society was, and is, complex and it is important that this complexity be acknowledged in our maths and science textbooks. This would provide incentives for Australia's First People to excel in these important subjects while allowing them to continue to be world-beaters in the arts.

On average, people who excel at real maths and science are wealthier than most Australians. It is important that people who may be experts in certain aspects of Indigenous education also have a sound knowledge of the way modern maths works.

While most modern maths is done using computers that rely on a two-based counting system, most Australians use a 60-based

system for their most frequent calculations: What is the time? When is lunch? etc.

In a similar way, Indigenous Australians used a variety of counting systems and tools, so I congratulate people who have documented them over the years.

It is most pleasing to see the *Koori Mail* reporting the important work of modern mathematicians who are continuing this documentation process.

The boomerang, which fascinates overseas students for its beauty, artistic design and complex aerodynamics, always returns.

David Allen
Mathematician, IT professional
and teacher

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POETRY

Dr Yunupingu

Your voice
sweet like eucalypt honey,
haunting songs
you sang in your native
tongue,
timeless as the rock drawings
in the caves of Arnhem land.

The radio plays tribute to you
and I close my eyes,
walking out into the bush
to follow your music,
as your ancestors
would follow the seasons.

All my bigotry
the pain I carry from my past,
I let it fall from my body
like pieces of clothing,
until I am naked
like a young warrior upon
initiation.

I hear you, Dr Yunupingu
in the sacred songs you left
us with,
and I open my eyes
to a beautiful truth,
like sitting around a camp fire
that will never go out.

Phillip Muldoon
Wodonga, Vic

My Land My Dreams

Here to protect and defend
Against white rule we survive
I'm not telling lies
My Elders and chiefs when
we
command respect for our
land
I walk for justice, footprints in
the
sand
I'm chained by the hands.
Noongar brother boys stand
up
Yolngu, dance your
ceremonies
A plot for peace, a secret
police
face to face I show no
disgrace
I have visions and dreams
My quest for freedom destiny
has denied me equal rights.
Power and privilege
Share the money, share the
land
Stop your evil plans
Just another suicide just
another
brother in jail whose life
seems to fail
heaven or hell ring the bell.
I'm ready to fight, turn on the
light
The dreams of a
Constitutional change
We the mediator
peacekeepers
our assets the land you stole
Our home and country free
us
This nightmare dark forces
revolution
We want change and truce.

Justin Walker
Northern Territory

The truth must be told

SINGER Dan Sultan clashed with politicians George Brandis and Jacqui Lambie over the date of Australia Day on ABC television's Q&A.

The brotha was magnificent in being calm, yet expressive and showing respect, while eloquently representing our mob. It made me feel very proud as an Aboriginal man to witness this young man speak the way he did.

Brandis, on the other hand, was completely dismissive, his body language closed off, and Lambie's reaction was over the top, at times hostile, with a raised voice and not nearly as well informed or reflective as Sultan.

Dan Sultan presented historical accounts that related to a present situation of trans-generational trauma, youth suicide and incarceration.

Recently we've seen hysterical overreactions by conservative commentators and politicians to suggestions that monuments glorifying men who actively participated in invading this country be amended to include some historical accuracy.

Aggressive commentary, not only in Australia but also in the United States, regarding the removal of key dates and memorials to people associated with mass murder and slavery is a reflection of white fragility. It is seen as a form of white supremacy, which fails to consider historical context, issues of cause and effect, and remains steeped

in denial. It continues a sense of blame associated to the victim rather than the perpetrator.

Arrernte woman Celeste Liddle wrote an excellent article critiquing News Ltd's Andrew Bolt, who was "full of vitriol" writing about two Victorian councils, Darebin and Yarra City, which decided to no longer celebrate Australia Day, describing their democratic decisions as "totalitarianism" and "wiping out our history".

Bolt then went on to praise those responsible for genocide as "monuments or ceremonies that greater people with other gods built" while referring to those who want history corrected as "tyrants".

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull described such actions taken by Darebin and Yarra City councils as "utterly out of step" with Australian values.

Then there was the clash on breakfast television between conservative commentator Prue MacSween and Fairfax writer Peter FitzSimons in what again became a fiery debate with MacSween saying: "It really concerns me that people want to enter into this revisionism of history. Whether you believe he (Captain James Cook) discovered Australia or not, the point is he came here and I believe the Aborigines were reasonably well treated. There were some obvious acts of genocide in parts of Australia ... (NSW Governor Arthur) Phillip was very kind to



Woolombi Waters

them in a lot of ways. Why (do) we have to flagellate ourselves all the time?"

Only white Australians could use genocide and include phrases "reasonably well treated" and say that Governor Phillip "was very kind to them in a lot of ways" in the same sentence.

What is obvious with the above examples is the incensed rage shown by those defending the right to maintain memorials to mass murder and invasion.

You would think they are the ones having to discuss genocide, having to live with racism and

trauma in their own families.

I wonder if they realise they are siding with Nazis in Charlottesville, Virginia, who recently marched to protest the removal of a statue of slaver and Confederate general Robert E Lee?

Black American writer James A Baldwin, who covered the US civil rights movement during the 1960s and 70s, once wrote: "I imagine one of the reasons people cling to their hates so stubbornly is because they sense, once hate is gone, they will be forced to deal with pain."

So often, as Aboriginal people, we are told to leave the past behind, move forward and embrace our future. Don't look back, people, only forward.

But what do you do when the very essence of your being, your identity, is associated with our ancestors? What then?

Are we meant to leave our Aboriginality behind?

No, the very essence of who we are and what we represent as Indigenous people is acknowledged in our past. It doesn't matter if you are Maori in Aotearoa (New Zealand) or Cree-Stony of Turtle Island, North America, or our own Aboriginal people in Australia.

The very origins of our consciousness, our very being and identity, come from our relationship with our ancestors.

There is a devil hidden in history books that continues to

glorify the names of those responsible for mass murder across the world. Men such as Christopher Columbus, John Batman, Cecil Rhodes and Oliver Cromwell.

The Frontier Wars in Australia included acts of starvation, occupation and slavery.

When you consider the collective memory and genetic lineage that Aboriginal people maintain over generations, this is mourning and grief that cannot be described or understood within the immediacy, entitlement and decadence driving the Western world.

The misery, poverty and substance abuse in our communities is hard to endure, but to then have to witness the celebration of those responsible for killing our people only contributes further to the trauma we carry.

Those who would seek to deny the attempted genocide of our people are frequently the same people who demand worship of the Anzac legend.

And they never acknowledge that the wealth and privilege enjoyed by white Australia was built by the murder of Aboriginal people.

We must all tell the truth and deconstruct 'history' when it perpetuates lies.

Because Black Lives Matter.

● Dr Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail columnist.

Our kids deserve justice

TEN years ago this month, the United Nations adopted one of its most meaningful global instruments in protecting the rights of Indigenous peoples everywhere – the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The adoption of the declaration was pivotal in recognising the rights of Indigenous peoples on an international scale. It is the only international body of work created 'by the people for the people' that recognises and celebrates Indigenous culture, identity, language and contributions to land.

It is unique in granting Indigenous peoples both collective and individual rights. The declaration sets the foundation for the minimum standards required for the survival, dignity and wellbeing of Indigenous populations globally.

It was, therefore, very disappointing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples that Australia was one of only four countries, out of 148 altogether, to vote against the declaration in 2007.

It wasn't until 2009 that a new Federal Government

signed Australia up to the declaration.

In the past eight years, Australian academics, politicians and the public have grown to accept the declaration as an influential document. Australia, however, has a long way to go towards implementing it, and to show its commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

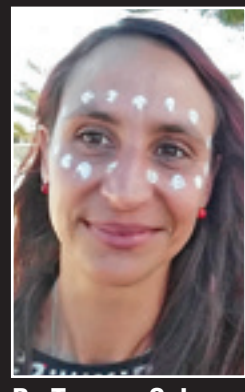
Australia could learn a lot from some South American countries, such as Bolivia, which has embedded parts of the declaration directly into its Constitution to ensure protection of such rights as self-government and self-determination. Colombia, Peru and Ecuador have also made similar changes.

Similarly, in Africa, the Republic of Congo passed a law in 2011 protecting the Babongo and Baaka peoples, enshrining many of the provisions of the declaration.

I'm honoured to be representing Amnesty at the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the declaration in Geneva, Switzerland, this month, at the 36th session of the

Rights Matter

A column from Amnesty International Australia

By Tammy Solonec

Human Rights Council.

I'm joining a representative from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS) and together we are holding a side event about Indigenous youth justice.

Our children are locked up at 25 times the rate of non-Indigenous children, and are abused in detention in every state and territory in this country. This is a topic of crucial importance to our people, and was a key issue outlined by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Victoria Tauli-

Corpuz, when she visited Australia in March.

In her end-of-mission statement regarding the trip, she wrote: "It is completely inappropriate to detain these (Indigenous) children in punitive, rather than rehabilitative, conditions. They are essentially being punished for being poor and, in most cases, prison will only aggravate the cycle of violence, poverty and crime. I found meeting young children, some only 12 years old, in detention the most disturbing element of my visit."

We'll be eagerly awaiting Ms Tauli-Corpuz's full

report and findings at the Human Rights Council on September 20.

Our aim in Geneva is to pressure the Australian Government to develop a national action plan on youth justice. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull can no longer dodge Australia's human rights obligations by continuing to say this is an issue for the states and territories to deal with.

The problems revealed through the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory are not limited to the NT. The 'injustice' system is hurting our kids across the nation, with abuses exposed recently in Cleveland Youth Detention Centre in Queensland, Barwon in Victoria, Reiby in NSW, Bimberi in the ACT and, most recently, the Banksia Hill Detention Centre in Western Australia.

Amnesty and NATSILS have submitted a statement to the UN with these recommendations, that the Australian Government:

● raise the age of criminal responsibility to at least 12 and address laws

that breach children's rights in all states and territories;

● end detention of children who have not yet been sentenced;

● ensure treatment and conditions in youth prisons provide children with the best chance to thrive;

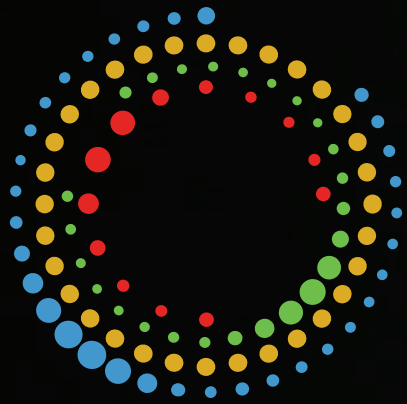
● prioritise investment in early intervention, prevention and diversion to address the underlying causal factors of offending and ensure detention is a last resort;

● improve data collection and adequately fund Indigenous community-controlled legal services; and

● set targets to end the overrepresentation of Indigenous children in prison.

We will be demanding that the Federal Government hears the message from across the country and from Geneva: that enough is enough. It is time for justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children everywhere.

● Tammy Solonec, a Nigena (WA) woman, is Indigenous rights manager at Amnesty International Australia.



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Native title decision a long time coming



Western Bundjalung people and some of those involved in the determination celebrate the ruling at Tabulam.



Members of the Williams family celebrate the judgment.



NTSCorp Board members Abe Wright, Melissa Williams, Allan Lamb, Aunty Matilda House and Michael Bell.



Casino High School Doobs Dance Group members, back, Taleesha Lambert, Trenell Williams, Sophie Williams, Jada Walker and Talara Walker and, front, Tyra Fraser, Shakaya Williams and Zoe Williams.

Court rules for Western Bundjalung

By LIINA FLYNN



THE Federal Court has granted native title to the Western Bundjalung people of far northern NSW.

About 350 people gathered at the Tabulam Racecourse last week to hear Justice Jayne Jagot deliver the determination giving Western Bundjalung people the right to hunt, fish, gather resources, conduct cultural practices and play an active role in how their country is managed.

"We are here to fulfil the *Native Title Act* and rectify consequences of past injustices," the judge said.

"We know it's a day of joy, but also one of sadness for the Elders who have passed.

"This native title agreement represents a compromise on behalf of all parties and we are looking forward to a good working relationship in the future."

The unified native title claim was made on behalf of 10 Western Bundjalung families, all descended from 19 ancestors born in the 19th century. The claim was lodged in 2011 with the guidance of native title service provider NTSCorp.

NTSCorp chair Michael Bell said before 2011 there were seven concurrent native title claims for the area, but the



Kathy Mallera-Bandjolan speaks at the determination hearing in Tabulam.

claim had broadened to make a whole nation claim.

"The six years this has taken is the shortest claim so far in NSW," he said.

"We have a more mature knowledge of the requirements and how to go through the process."

The Western Bundjalung native title claim extends from the Clarence River north of Grafton to Carpet Snake Creek north of Tabulam, and from the Hogarth Range in the east to Bald Rock National Park in the west. It includes the Aboriginal communities at Baryugil, Malabugilmah, Jubullum Village and Jubal.

Claimant David Walker said getting all the families to work

toward filing a unified claim required all parties to come to an agreement on land boundaries.

"I'm emotional today as we are all one mob again," Mr Walker said.

"Boundaries are a big thing but we know them and need to have mature negotiations."

One of the claimants, Kathy Mallera-Bandjolan, became emotional as she spoke to those gathered at the hearing.

"My mum was at the beginning of this process and now she's passed on," Ms Bandjolan said.

"We filed the claim on December 19, 2011, in honour of her birthday.

"It has been a struggle, but we are finally here. This is for our ancestors all watching over us today. We came with the first sunrise and we will go with the last sunset."

The Western Bundjalung people have now formed the Ngullingah Jugun (Our Country) Aboriginal Corporation, a prescribed body under native title legislation, to manage their native title rights and interests.

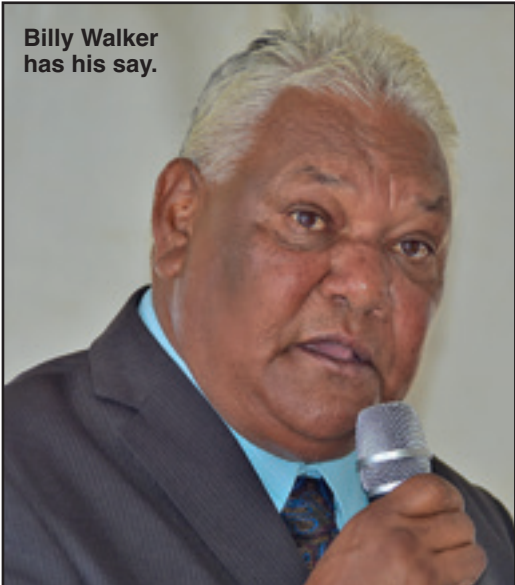
Claimant Graeme Walker said the traditional owners would use the corporation as a vehicle to have their rightful say about the management of their land.

"Any businesses looking to do work in Western Bundjalung country should be coming to us first, and we are looking forward

Two decades on, Yaegl people celebrate



Selena Blakeney and Michael Randall, from Yaegl Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, at the hearing.



Billy Walker has his say.



Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council chair Di Randall.



The future in safe hands... Trevor Kapeen and grandson Emmitt Caldwell.



Members of the Kapeen and Blakeney families after the decision.

Sea decision a first for NSW

By RUDI MAXWELL



AFTER 20 years, Yaegl women Noeline Kapeen and Selena Blakeney never thought their rights to the sea would be recognised by the court.

But last week, in a first for NSW, at an on-country hearing in Yamba, Federal Court judge Jayne Jagot recognised the native title rights and interests to 90km of coastline between Woody Head and Wooli in northern NSW and extending 200m out to sea.

The area includes the Yaegl sacred site of the resting place of the Dirrangun, who created the Clarence River and tributaries.

"I never thought we'd get here," Ms Kapeen said, "but we did it and we're happy and overwhelmed."

"It's for our future, it's for our kids. And, it's our supermarket. The sea is where we got our food from before white men came along."

In 2015, the Yaegl people had their land and rivers claim recognised, but it took another two years for the sea claim to be determined.

Ms Blakeney said it was a proud day for Yaegl people.

"It was our Elders' wish that our rights to the sea be recognised too," she said.

"Because we've got the land and everything, but we need the food."

NTSCorp chief executive Natalie Rotumah, a Minjungbal Bundjalung woman, said she hoped the Yaegl sea claim would cause a domino effect for NSW sea country people.

"I stood here two years ago with hope in my heart," she said.

"The recognition of native title for lands and rivers of Yaegl people was a momentous event, the culmination of a struggle lasting almost 20 years."

"The relief and joy on the day was palpable, but an essential piece of the puzzle remained. The question of the seaward extent weighed on our minds."

"A judge once said that the tide of history had washed native title away. We all cried when we heard that remark. But the tide has changed. And this



From left, Garry Green, Margaret Hayes, Tatiana Green, Billy Walker, Lewis Walker, Loren Del Signore and Nalini Del Signore.



● Above: Noeline Kapeen, Deidre Randall and Brendan Randall overjoyed at the decision.



● Left: Auntie Viv Laurie at the Yamba hearing with the documents recognising her people's native title rights and interests.

determination is on the right side of history. Yaegl people make no distinction between their land and sea, so why should anyone else?

"The tide is rolling in and rights to the

sea can no longer be denied in NSW.

"This is a famous victory for the Yaegl people and sets a precedent for NSW that we hope will be followed in the coming years."

66 centres, 2000 artists at



The Uluru Statement from the Heart, displayed at the DAAF with an associated canvas that art fair participants signed in support.



Red Flag dancer Caleb Murrungun, from Numbulwar in Arnhem Land, during the final cultural performance of the art fair.



Papunya Tjupi artist John Rowe and wife Margaret Lane, holding one of his paintings about his country.



Lulu and Billy Cooley from Maruka Arts at Mutitjulu show Janie Andrews, from Darwin, wood-burning technique at their stall, one of the art fair's many hands-on workshops.



Serena Hayes and Jilary Lynch, from Keringke Arts, Ltyentye Apurte community (Santa Teresa) in the Northern Territory with brightly painted decorative and useful objects, like this guitar.



● Above: Eric Brown, Jack Anselmi, Angie Russi, Tammy Atkinson and Eva Ponting, from Kaiela Arts at Shepparton in Victoria, with their wares in what was their first stall at the Darwin art fair.



Fair newcomers Letoria Yulidjirri, Maicey Lalara and Annabelle Amagula, from Anindilyakwa Art Centre on Groote Eylandt.



● Left: Youngsters Kiril Tipu and Milli McInerney painting bookmarks with some help from Damien Brown, of Arlpwe Arts Centre at Ali Curung in the Northern Territory.

Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair

Best on show in Top End

By JILLIAN MUNDY



MORE than 2000 artists from 66 Indigenous arts centres came together for the 11th Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair (DAAF).

For artists, the fair is an economic, networking and professional development opportunity and fast becoming an annual pilgrimage, with artists making round trips by road and air of more than 7000km.

For visitors, it is a chance to come face to face with artists, learn about their art practice, culture, lives and history, and buy their wares without the commission and sometimes misinterpretation of a 'middleman'.

This year's fair included a fashion parade showcasing designs and fabrics from the arts centres, a panel discussion, free workshops and demonstrations, cultural performances, a film gala at Darwin's Deckchair Cinema and, of course, the 66 booths packed with a range of art and artisan products, all for sale, at the Darwin Convention Centre.

The panel discussion featured multi-disciplinary artist Gail Mabo, curator, artist and activist Djon Mundine, Professor Marcia Langton and artist and arts leader from Fitzroy Crossing Mervyn Street.

In acknowledging the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum and the 25th anniversary of the Mabo High Court judgment, they discussed the impact these two 'watershed moments' had on contemporary Indigenous art across Australia.

DAAF Foundation chairperson, renowned curator Franchesca Cubillo, moderated the panel. She concluded the discussion and opened the fair with a poignant description of the art people were about to see, touch, discuss and buy.

"Wonderful detail"

"Our panellists have reminded us in wonderful detail how art is about our life, our history, our country, our culture.

"It is about sovereignty, it is about identity, it talks to oral history that is about dispossession and racism, and genocide, and yet through the art we continue to communicate with you," she said.

"Please be educated, please be respectful, please listen to us when you're having those conversations and please find ways to educate the broader community about this rich heritage.

"It is about this remarkable country, it is



DAAF chairperson Franchesca Cubillo in front of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, on display at the fair.

about the remarkable culture and the remarkable people who created it, who own it, who've never ceded it."

Ms Cubillo acknowledged paintings 'that have been at the cutting edge' and the artists who have made them, including the Yirrkala church panels of 1963, the Barunga Statement, the Ngurrara canvas and the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which was in the building.

"You need to recognise our sovereignty, you need to recognise that we are the owners of this land, that we have cared for it and that we have cultural responsibilities that are of an ancient spiritual commitment, it informs us, it directs us and we call upon you to join with us to make change in this country in the same way those other remarkable paintings have made those changes," Ms Cubillo said.

She invited everyone to sign the Uluru Statement from the Heart and to encourage others to do the same.

"We need change in this country. Indigenous art is at the forefront of that change."



Natalie Davey selling bush-dyed silk garments from Marnin Studio therapeutic arts enterprise, which empowers women in Fitzroy Crossing, Western Australia.



Joeanne Silverton, from Desart, packs photographs by Brenda Douglas and Miriam Charlie at the end of the fair.



Marcia Langton, Mervyn Street, Gail Mabo and Djon Mundine on the panel discussion, moderated by DAAF chairperson Franchesca Cubillo at right.



Artists Neil Cooke, Gerald Watson and Ursula Marks from Warnayaka Arts Centre at Lajamanu community in the Northern Territory.



Author Beryl Webber, right, with Professor Gracelyn Smallwood at the launch of *What Mothers Tell Their Daughters*.

Life issues covered in e-book

By ALF WILSON



GUNGGARI woman Beryl Webber has authored an e-book called *What Mothers Tell Their Daughters* to help educate teenagers about serious issues such as domestic violence.

Townsville-based Ms Webber told the *Koori Mail* at the launch that her book deals with life issues involving gender, sexual assault, violence, depression and ageing.

Her story is based on experiences from more than 30 years as a health worker.

"Australia is a First World country, it is a rich country, and we have a democratic society and welfare system in place," Ms Webber said.

"We also have one of the highest rates of domestic violence per capita than any other country. Why?"

"Our psychology regarding what is a women's role and what is a men's role has not changed since 1950.

"Economy has driven the need for women to work yet we, as a society, are still teaching our daughters and sons social values that do not relate to the changing roles of men and women in a modern society where women work and men do not have the job security that previous generations had."

Triggers

Ms Webber said triggers for domestic violence include that men believe they deserve respect because they are men, entrenched gender roles, and the lack of money to afford the lifestyle people want rather than need.

"If the next generation are taught the truth about life at an early age through the school curriculum by reading and researching the articles in *What Mothers Tell Their Daughters* this will enable young people to recognise that they do have a choice about their life," she said.

"Websites at the end of the book will direct them to places which can help them choose a career pathway, have counselling or apply for scholarships so they can avoid growing up in a poverty and domestic violence cycle."

The book is available for Kindle via Amazon.

Former NAIDOC Person of the Year Professor Gracelyn Smallwood said the book was a must read.

"This book is for all the community, as violence and death has no racial or geographical boundaries and is escalating at alarming rates," she said.

"We must all address this sensitive issue with all of our children, as many are spending far too much time on the net watching fantasy sex and violence, without adults' knowledge.

"We need more face-to-face communication at the dinner table like the old days, without technology turned on.

"The majority of us have sisters, mums, grandmas, daughters, and granddaughters. Most of the violence is perpetrated on females, mentally, physically, culturally and spiritually."



Back, from left, Australian Rural Leadership Foundation facilitator Philippa Woodhill, Charlotte Wasaga, Wilhelmina Bann, Chelsea Aniba, Mable Wahlit, Eltricia Ahmat and Nicole Assan. Front, from left, Eleanor China, Danie Savage, Torres Strait Regional Authority chairperson Napau Pedro Stephen, Ellen Mosby and Alenka Morseu.

Women aiming to be leaders



TEN women in the Torres Strait have stepped up to take on leadership roles.

They have signed on to the Torres Strait Women's Leadership Program, designed to develop their capacity for leadership and increase the number of women in decision-making roles.

It's a project being run by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) and the Australian Rural

Leadership Foundation (ARLF).

ARLF manager Philippa Woodhill said the program was now in its fourth year. "The success of this program is evident in the past graduates, who have stepped up to take on leadership roles in the Torres Strait," she said.

"Understanding"

"The first program session started in August and focuses on understanding self and others to develop as leaders.

"It's the collaboration with the

facilitators from the Torres Strait and the shared learning which occurs that makes this program unique.

"We value the opportunity to learn through shared experiences with these Torres Strait women."

The second session will be next month in Canberra, followed by the final session and graduation ceremony in the Torres Strait in November.

For more information about the programs, visit rural-leaders.org.au or www.tsra.gov.au

Resources to target disrespect, violence



OUR words can often have hidden meanings. Researcher Alison Lam says that without meaning to, we can say things or use words that excuse

disrespectful behaviour towards women.

"Disrespect is at the heart of family violence and this violence is being excused as being cultural, and it's not," she said.

Ms Lam travels regularly to rural and remote communities across South Australia, talking to people about family violence. Earlier this year, she began using resources produced for the Federal Government's Stop it at the Start campaign, which focuses on the role adults play in influencing disrespectful attitudes and behaviours in young people.

Ms Lam, who works on the Building Safe Communities program with the Aboriginal Health Council of SA, said resources focus on respectful relationships rather than family violence.

"So people are not shutting down and are more willing to have that conversation," she said.

"There is a line in the storybook 'Respect starts with us' when an adult excuses a young boy being disrespectful



The cover of *Respect Starts With Us*.

to a young girl as 'he's only doing that because he likes you'.

"I have three girls and I've actually heard that being said.

"The resources open people's eyes to

what they might be actually doing to encourage disrespect without knowing it."

The resources were produced for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and include case studies and a conversation guide 'Respecting women and girls'.

"The Respect Checklist gives a picture of what your son or daughter might believe, and how they're likely to react when faced with disrespect or aggression," Ms Lam said. "The resources are filling a gap as most of the resources on family violence have been produced for mainstream audiences."

Ms Lam said she has found the Excuse Interpreter useful in highlighting the excuses adults can make when they see young people behaving disrespectfully.

Ms Lam, who has been distributing the resources throughout her networks, said they are also great resources for women's services and mothers' groups.

The resources are free to use and can be downloaded at respect.gov.au/campaign/atsi-materials

A storybook is included in this issue of the *Koori Mail*. To order more copies of the storybook, poster or postcards, contact info@33creative.com.au or call (02) 9516 3466.

Council venture pays dividends



Latitude 12 chairman Adrian Collins, left, presenting the dividend cheque to East Arnhem Regional Council's Gawura Wanambi, at right. Also in the picture are, from left, Atma Maharaj, Mavis Daganbarr, Kay Thurlow and John Japp.



EAST Arnhem Regional Council's move into business has been paying dividends – quite literally. The Northern Territory council's subsidiary, Latitude 12 Pty Ltd, has just handed over a \$1 million dividend payment. And this comes on top of \$600,000 in 2015.

The council says the latest windfall will help to support community development projects in the East Arnhem region.

Based in Darwin (which is at latitude 12 degrees south), Latitude 12 provides managed business services to its clients. These include financial processing and management accounting, payroll processing, internal audit and risk consulting, record handling and workplace health and safety.

Efficient delivery

East Arnhem Regional Council says the venture has allowed it to concentrate on the efficient delivery of core services to its communities and people.

"Latitude 12's provision of high quality professional services has allowed the council to streamline its processes, resulting in a reduced cost of services and reduced risk exposure," council president Banambi Wunungmurra said.

"Latitude 12 was born out of a vision to provide cost-effective shared services and specialist knowledge to remote and regional Australia.

"It has contributed significantly in providing quantifiable value while also generating additional revenue for sustainable benefits to the community. The East Arnhem community is the real winner here."

Hundreds at forum



A MAJOR Indigenous investment forum has brought together hundreds of industry leaders, investors and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations in Townsville.

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Mark Furner said the Investing Together forum provided a platform for public and private sectors to exchange ideas and views on Indigenous business investment.

"Investing Together is an opportunity to showcase best practice, analyse case studies and facilitate targeted conversations through panel sessions and workshops focused on unlocking Indigenous business potential in Queensland," he said.

"Stable and continuing investment in Indigenous business equals opportunities for Indigenous Queenslanders to participate in the broader economy, build wealth and better invest in health, education and home ownership."

Procurement strategy

The forum followed the launch of 'Buy Queensland', the State Government's new multi-billion-dollar procurement strategy and policy. An accompanying Queensland Indigenous Procurement Policy (QIPP) will increase the monetary share of government procurement contracts awarded to Indigenous businesses to 3% by 2022.

"The QIPP will guide decision-making, increase the visibility of Indigenous businesses and increase the value of procurement with Indigenous businesses," Mr Furner said.

"It will increase the capacity and capability of Indigenous businesses to successfully tender for Queensland



Kevin Williams speaks at the 'Taking the Next Step' workshop at the forum, with MC Alana Kennedy, Minister Mark Furner and Townsville MP Scott Stewart in the front row.

Government contracts, grow and develop a diverse and sustainable Indigenous business sector in Queensland and improve the opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to participate in the state's economy."

Townsville Region Indigenous Business Network (TRIBN) acting chairperson Keith

Williams welcomed the forum and the opportunity to showcase Townsville's Indigenous business offerings.

"TRIBN's networks and delivery partners have been working with its 40-plus members to grow their networks and commercial capabilities," he said.

"This has increased contracts awarded

to north Queensland Indigenous businesses that demonstrate competitiveness in the marketplace."

The inaugural Investing Together forum, held in Cairns last April, was attended by more than 100 delegates across sectors including finance, construction, agriculture and tourism.

Anti-smoking program for the Kimberley



THE Smarter than Smoking Active Communities program is coming to communities across Western Australia's Kimberley. To be run by WA health promotion foundation Healthway and Kimberley-based Garnduwa Amboorny Wirnan Aboriginal Corporation, the program will reach more than 15,000 people in almost 40 communities.

It enables communities to plan, coordinate and run their own sport and recreation programs to suit local needs and health priorities, including encouraging people to quit, or not take up, smoking.

The Smarter than Smoking message is promoted with smoke-free environments at sport and recreation activities and venues, and last year more than 200 people were involved in the development and management of the program.

Competition and development activities will be rolled out to communities through sports including basketball, football, netball, athletics and cricket.

The program also provides leadership and skills development in areas such as injury prevention, first-aid and accreditation for local coaches and officials.

Smoking is an important health issue for Aboriginal people, with 43% daily smokers.

In WA, Aboriginal people are twice as likely to need hospital treatment for cardiovascular disease and 1.8 times more likely to die from cardiovascular disease compared with other Australians.

"The Smarter than Smoking Active Communities program will give young Aboriginal people in the Kimberley an opportunity to learn new sporting skills and participate in regular competitions," WA Health Minister Roger Cook said.

"The program will also build the capacity of communities to deliver local sport and recreation activities in smoke-free environments and promote awareness of the health risks of smoking."

Concern over cultural safety



NEW research has found that limited uptake of culturally safe healthcare practices is contributing to poor health for Indigenous Australians and undermining Close the Gap initiatives. Conducted by the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) and Flinders University, the research cites evidence that Indigenous people attending emergency departments with acute coronary syndrome, or sudden reduced blood flow to the heart, are half as likely as other patients to undergo a coronary angiography.

The same evidence suggests that Indigenous people admitted to hospital are less likely than others to have any kind of medical procedure, whatever their medical condition.

Professor Dennis McDermott, from the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health and Wellbeing at Flinders University, says that while awareness of cultural safety is increasing, it is still not sufficiently embedded in current medical practices to substantially affect Indigenous health service delivery.

"There are many barriers to cultural safety in the Australian healthcare sector," he said. "An inadvertent reliance on stereotypes, language difficulties and the inherent power imbalance between provider and patient are all factors in culturally unsafe medical practices."



Federal Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt in Broken Hill with Maari Ma board directors Cheryl Blore, from Menindee (left), and Fay Johnstone, from Ivanhoe.

Strategy is paying off



GOOD results have been reported from a strategy started more than a decade ago aimed at improving the lives of Aboriginal people in far western NSW.

That success has been highlighted in a new report launched in Broken Hill by Federal Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt.

Called *Opening Doors*, the chronic disease strategy evaluation report shines a light on the work done by the Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation in the region.

Maari Ma chief executive Bob Davis said it was validation of the

significance of the health strategy's achievements.

"Back in 2005 Maari Ma's board of directors backed a new way of providing primary care services to the Aboriginal people in far west NSW, re-aligning service delivery to prevent the chronic diseases that were cutting Aboriginal lives short, detecting those diseases earlier and managing them better," he said.

"That leadership has held this organisation in good stead and this evaluation report presents the fruits of that leadership."

Mr Davis said the evaluation, done by Maari Ma and the Menzies School of Health Research based in the

Northern Territory, drew on hospital data held by NSW Health, clinical indicators from quality improvement processes, program administration data and interviews with 68 informants, and took more than 12 months to undertake and document.

"The resulting two-volume report documents key achievements during the chronic disease strategy's implementation, and priorities for further work in the strategy's key program areas of Healthy Start (for mothers, babies and children), Keeping Well (for adults), and health service support," he said.

Opening Doors is available at www.maarima.com.au

Warning over mumps danger

By ALF WILSON



AN outbreak of mumps on Palm Island in north Queensland has health authorities warning residents and visitors to check their immunisation status.

Those locals who are not immunised have been urged to go to the Palm Island Joyce Palmer Health Centre for a free vaccination.

Townsville Public Health Unit director Dr Steven Donohue said all residents and visitors to Palm Island should check their MMR (measles/mumps/rubella) immunisation status.

"Extra doses of MMR vaccine have been ordered and every Indigenous person between the age of 15 and 30 should

receive a free extra immunisation dose, including those who are already fully vaccinated," he said.

"I'd urge everyone else born after 1965 to check their immunisation status to ensure they have received their two doses of the MMR vaccine, and if they haven't, to get vaccinated immediately."

Dr Donohue said people born before 1965 would have had mumps and are most likely immune.

Swelling

He said mumps was typically a minor illness which can cause swelling of the glands behind the jaw as well as fever, headaches and tiredness, with most people recovering within a week.

But in severe cases the illness can affect the testicles, pancreas or cause hearing

loss. Rarely, it leads to meningitis – inflammation of the membranes around the brain and spine.

Dr Donohue said the outbreak on Palm Island followed mumps outbreaks in Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory, western Queensland and the Gulf of Carpentaria.

"Mumps spreads just like influenza, by coughing and sneezing near other people, or dirty hands," he said.

"People with mumps should stay away from work or school until the swelling goes down – up to nine days.

"Immunisation is the most effective counter-measure to protect yourself and your community from mumps.

"If people are vaccinated before being exposed to the disease they will be protected in the vast majority of cases."

Program to help with mental health



A PROGRAM to test a new mental health treatment model for Aboriginal people in contact with the justice system is taking shape in Mildura.

Mallee District Aboriginal Services is leading the two-year demonstration project together with Mildura Base Hospital and Mallee Family Care.

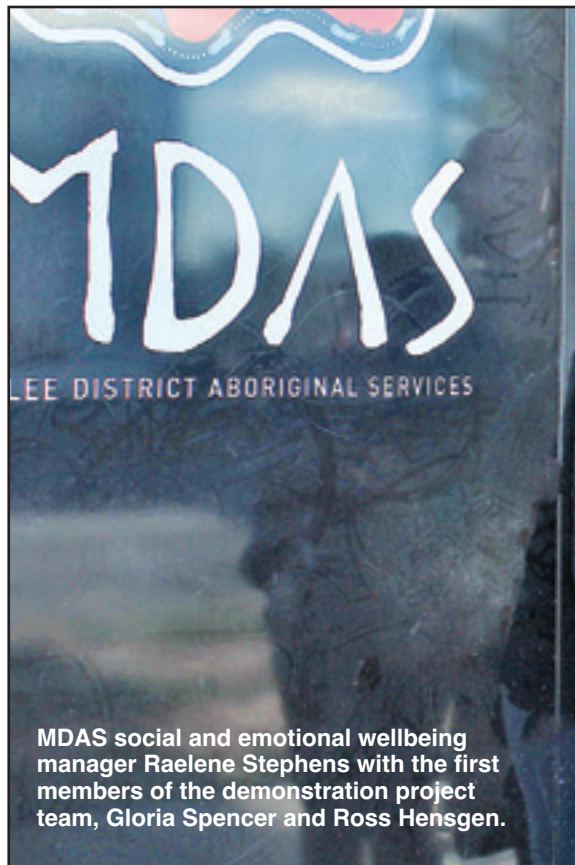
Key clinical staff are being appointed for the program and MDAS social and emotional wellbeing manager Raelene Stephens said a senior mental health professional was being recruited to lead the Mildura Aboriginal Mental Health Consortium.

"The chance to make a real difference to the way clinical practice is delivered, to try new approaches and to innovate are quite rare in our field, so we're expecting some really talented and committed people will be excited by the prospect to lead this project," she said.

"It's a fantastic chance to really make our mark by finding new ways to treat people with moderate to severe mental illness who sometimes fall between the cracks because of the nature of their health and social support needs.

"This is about a collaborative therapeutic partnership between mental health clinicians, support workers, the person and their family with the management of, and responses to, illness."

The demonstration project will provide



MDAS social and emotional wellbeing manager Raelene Stephens with the first members of the demonstration project team, Gloria Spencer and Ross Hensgen.

culturally responsive mental health treatment for up to 180 Indigenous people at any given time.

The target group is people aged 16 to

64 who are on a community corrections order or who are regularly coming to the attention of police and are at risk of entering the justice system.

Further information on the project and about the consortium positions is available on the MDAS website at www.mdas.org.au

Concern at FASD rates



RATES of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) among Aboriginal children are up to 12 times higher

than a newly-determined universal average, triggering concern among experts.

Almost one in every 100 children worldwide suffers from the condition, which is caused by consumption of alcohol during pregnancy, according to research published in the journal *JAMA Pediatrics*.

The findings have sparked calls for greater intervention to cut the rates across the globe.

"The findings highlight the need to establish a universal public health message about the potential harm of prenatal alcohol exposure and a routine screening protocol. Brief interventions should be provided, where appropriate," the authors conclude.

Addiction and mental health researchers in Canada analysed 24 studies covering 1416 children and youth diagnosed with FASD. Several

Australian studies were included, among them a 2015 examination of an Indigenous Australian population which found 12 of every 100 children had the disorder.

One of every 13 women who consumed alcohol while pregnant was estimated to deliver a child with FASD, according to the analysis.

Meanwhile, a University of Sydney study initiated by

school-aged children living in remote communities in Fitzroy Valley, Western Australia.

Within the Fitzroy Valley study population, 55% of mothers reported drinking alcohol during pregnancy and of these, 87% drank at high levels. All but two of the assessed children were Aboriginal.

"These findings highlight the need for support for families, carers, and teachers to handle the behavioural and mental health problems in children with FASD," said study lead author Dr Tracey Tsang of the University of Sydney.

"This is particularly challenging in remote and disadvantaged communities."

Sydney University's Professor Elizabeth Elliott said in addition to difficult behaviours, children with FASD have learning, developmental and physical problems.

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

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concerned Aboriginal community leaders earlier this year revealed children with FASD are more likely to fail at school, have attention problems and talk about suicide.

The findings, reported in the *Journal of Development and Behavioural Pediatrics*, were based on surveys of parents and teachers of primary

Deadly Thinking

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SA program a winner



A PROGRAM designed to improve the success of Indigenous students in South Australia received national recognition at the 2017 Australian Mines and Metals Association (AMMA) Industry Awards in Perth.

Heathgate Resources received the Indigenous Employment and Retention Award for its program, which aims to change future generations' attitudes toward school and careers.

The company has a target of ensuring 20% of its employees are Adnyamathanha people from SA.

"Through its negotiated native title agreement, Heathgate acknowledged the shortage of potential candidates if the trend continued and were proactive in ensuring sustainability and longevity of its workforce," AMMA's Tara Diamond said.

Heathgate developed its Aboriginal School Mentoring Program to provide a dynamic educational experience offering Aboriginal school students the belief and confidence to finish school along with the skills to identify career choices.

"The Heathgate program focuses on improving Indigenous students' chances of finishing school and gaining a greater understanding of the opportunities available for them by working in the resources industry," Ms Diamond said.

"It's important to have these types of programs which provide opportunities for students to work on their own land



Students and staff in the Heathgate Resources Aboriginal School Mentoring Program.

while gaining vital and interchangeable skills for the future."

Program partners include Career Employment Group (CEG), Port Augusta

Secondary School and Nature Foundation SA.

Career guidance and mentoring, on-site work experience opportunities,

and training and career opportunities all form part of the program. An integral feature is a camp developing life and land management skills.

Raise the Bar Academy returning to Melbourne



FOR the fourth consecutive year, Athletics Australia and the University of Melbourne will come together to host the Raise the Bar Academy (RTBA) in January 2018.

The academy is open to Indigenous students entering Years 10, 11 or 12, with the aim of supporting those who aspire to participate in athletics and study at university. The free program consists of a five-day summer residence camp at the University of Melbourne.

Participants will train with some of Australia's best athletes, develop skills coaching, connect directly with sports industry professionals and learn about how they can access the University of Melbourne's education and Indigenous pathways.

Athletics Australia's James Selby said that RTBA was aimed at inspiring Indigenous secondary school students to develop a lifelong association with athletics and to pursue education.

"The camp provides a fantastic opportunity for the



Participants at the latest Raise the Bar Academy, held in Melbourne.

students to get on the right track to start the school year, be inspired by peers, meet new friends and learn from some of Australia's best athletes, who are excelling in all areas of their lives, not just the sports arena," he said.

"Academy participants will have the chance to explore their leadership potential and discover how to pursue a university education at

Australia's leading academic and research institution."

There will be up to 35 places next year.

Purpose

The purpose of RTBA is to encourage Indigenous secondary school students to elevate their athletic and academic aspirations; to understand that it is possible to pursue academic and sports

goals together; and to open doors to professional pathways.

In the past three years, RTBA has had participants from remote centres such as Arnhem Land and Alice Springs (NT), Yam Island (Torres Strait), Palm Island and Cooktown (Qld), Kununurra and Loom Community (WA), and Ceduna and Port Augusta (SA).

Rockhampton team shines



A TEAM from Rockhampton State High School is overall winner of the 2017 Academic and Talent Aspirations Program (ATAP) Challenge, held recently in Emerald, central Queensland.

Sponsored by Arrow Energy and assisted by CQUniversity, the Challenge gives Indigenous students a voice, increases their confidence levels and encourages them to maximise their educational options.

National Indigenous Television (NITV) channel manager Tanya Orman, who is a CQUni graduate, helped to inspire more than 100 Indigenous student competitors from 11 secondary schools across central Queensland.

She said she was able to draw on her own experiences of the event. When Ms Orman attended the challenge as a Blackwater High School student in the 1990s, it was known as the AITAP Aboriginal and Islander Tertiary Aspirations Program.

"We want students to participate to their full potential in the complete range of school curricula, from academic and higher education pathways to social, cultural, artistic and sports options," said ATAP coordinator Sophie Yasso, from Queensland's Department of Education and Training.

"This event improves cooperation and communication between parents and teachers, as well as community members, to build better pathways for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students."

Schools from the Central Highlands, Callide Valley, Upper Burnett, Mackay, Gladstone and Rockhampton districts participated in challenges which included oral persuasive speech, long-term problem-solving, an academic quiz and a commercial task.



Chef Mark Olive with Wilcannia students and staff from the Certificate III Hospitality course at TAFE Western.

Wilcannia TAFE students get their just desserts



SIX Wilcannia Certificate III Hospitality Aboriginal students say working with Aboriginal celebrity chef Mark 'The Black' Olive at TAFE Western's Bangamalanha Conference in Dubbo was a 'truly amazing' experience.

Students Danielle Kinsela, Brandee Dennis, Grace Kinsela, Rebecca Shillingsworth, Kayleen Broome and Lois Kinsela joined TAFE teacher Lee Cecchin and Mr Olive in preparing appetisers, main course and dessert for more than 120 people at the conference dinner.

"The students were ecstatic to get such a wonderful opportunity," Ms Cecchin said.

"And to their credit, they embraced the challenge and really came into their own.

"Mark was really surprised at the students' experience and enthusiasm, and was also impressed by the quality of their work and their hard-working attitude."

Ms Cecchin said she was proud to see her students do so well under pressure in the kitchen.

"Blossom"

"To start this journey with the students and see them build their confidence and blossom in this type of high-pressure environment was very rewarding," she said.

"I think it was a real lightbulb moment

for the students. They got to use the skills they have been developing in the classroom and also saw that hard work and study does pay off.

"I hope they now go on to bigger and better things, whether that be further study or employment in the hospitality industry."

Bangamalanha Conference coordinator Tenesha Bell paid tribute to not only the six budding chefs from Wilcannia, but also the Dubbo Certificate III Commercial Cookery apprentices and Certificate IV Hospitality students who helped cater for the conference opening and provided table service at the conference dinner.

Poetry and more on the program



THE Yala Gari poetic language and storytelling

program is returning for another year, offering Year 6 students from Alexandria Park community schools and nearby Green Square in Sydney the opportunity to create, record, publish and exhibit poetry.

Wiradjuri and Gamilaroi poet Lorna Munro is teaming up with her brother Lyall to lead the workshops, encouraging the students to explore connection to country, culture and language through poetry, music, digital media and visual arts.

At last year's Yala Gari program, Ms Munro created poetic works with students, that were then featured on banners around Redfern in celebration of this year's NAIDOC theme 'Our Languages Matter'.

Red Room Poetry is running Yala Gari as part of its Poetic Moments program, which artistic director Tamryn Bennett said exposes audiences to poetry in unexpected places.

"Celebrating first languages and culture through poetry has been incredibly empowering for our poets and the Redfern community," she said.

"Expanding the Yala Gari program in 2017 will continue to encourage and respect first languages through poetic artworks in the public arena."

\$13m boost for CareerTrackers



INDIGENOUS interns program CareerTrackers has received more than \$13 million in

Federal Government funding.

The money will go towards helping recipients complete university and move into employment.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion praised the program.

"CareerTrackers provides students with ongoing academic support and tailored pre-employment training," he said.

"During each year of university, students are

connected with corporate Australia for 12-week paid internships.

"They work closely with Indigenous students to connect them with companies that align with their professional interests,

university studies, compared with 63% for Australian students in general and 40% for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students."

CareerTrackers founder Michael Combs said the cadetships

CareerTrackers would be providing with the funding would be vital to the success of the students participating in the Indigenous

Internship Program.

"This partnership with government provides long-term certainty for our students and will play an important role in their success at university and in the workplace," he said.

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providing both students and employers with the skills, tools and support needed to succeed.

"This program has been remarkably successful. Almost 95% of CareerTrackers' participants complete their

2017 ANU National Indigenous Science and Engineering Summer School

Are you in year 10 or 11, and enjoy science, technology, engineering or mathematics at school?

Are you curious about how these fields are used to address challenges for our communities?

Or do you know someone who is?

Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre and the ANU Science and Engineering Colleges will host a Summer School for Indigenous students in years 10 and 11 from across Australia, who have an interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics subjects and careers.

This week-long Summer School will run from the 9th to the 16th of December this year to provide learning experiences to help inform education and career aspirations and goals. Students will participate in a program of hands-on activities from a range of discipline fields on the theme of 'Global Challenges: People, Places and Communities'.

Expert academic staff, Indigenous university students and staff, will mentor participants through a fun-filled program in the nation's capital, which promises rewarding experiences on and off campus. All accommodation, transport, catering and workshop materials are covered by the Tjabal Centre and ANU Science and Engineering Colleges.

To be considered for one of the 20 places at the Summer School, you need to be:

- A current Year 10 or 11 student in Australia
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Interested in science, technology, engineering and or mathematics

Applications can be downloaded from www.indigenous.anu.edu.au and are due Friday 22 September 2017. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of October 2017.

For any queries about the Summer School, or about studying at the ANU, phone Tjabal Centre staff on (02) 6125 3520.



Gab Titui scores Mills' gifts



BASKETBALL star Patty Mills, a Torres Strait Islander, has given an autographed backboard and ball to the Gab Titui Cultural Centre on Thursday Island.

The items, to be displayed at the gallery, were donated by Mills to mark his visit to the Torres Strait Islands, and to celebrate Thursday Island art.

The backboard features a linocut print carved using traditional patterns called mineral by multi-award-winning Torres Strait Islander artist Brian Robinson.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chairperson Napau Pedro Stephen thanked Mills for his gifts.

"The artwork has been carefully created to reflect the Torres Strait culture," he said.

"The turtle was drawn on the linoleum and then carved out carefully following the linear design of the animal.

"The background markings and patterns known as mineral, which are traditional Torres Strait designs, were carved spontaneously and free-hand."

Mr Stephen said he was thrilled to see NBA champion Mills back in the Torres Strait.

"Patty is an inspiration to all Torres Strait Islanders, and the community is always excited when he returns home," Mr Stephen said.

"He has achieved so much in his chosen field and continues to be a role model for our young people."

● **Pictured: The basketball backboard presented by Patty Mills to the Gab Titui Cultural Centre and, inset, basketball star Patty Mills.**



Desert Mob set to start



CENTRAL Australian Aboriginal art and cultural event Desert Mob starts this week.

Now in its 27th year, Desert Mob will feature 260 new works by hundreds of artists from 30 Desert member art centres in the Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia.

Held at the Araluen Arts Centre in Alice Springs, the opening events this weekend include a symposium, presentations and art market.

"Desert Mob has established itself as one of Australia's premier Aboriginal art events, and is the only event wholly dedicated to celebrating the artists and art centres from across Central Australia," NT Arts Minister Lauren Moss said.

Alice Springs MP Chancey Paech, an Aboriginal man, said Desert Mob is a key event.

"I am looking forward to viewing art from across the central and southern NT, including several Alice Springs-based art centres, the APY Lands of SA, as far south as the Great Victoria Desert, west to the Gibson Desert and north to the southern Kimberley region of WA."

Desert chief executive Philip Watkins said Desert Mob is unique



People at the Desert Mob 2016 exhibition opening in Alice Springs. Artworks are the Tjanpi Desert Weavers collaborative piece *Early Days Family, 2017* (foreground) and Vincent Namatjira's *Seven Leaders, 2017*, Iwanti Arts (at rear). Picture: Lisa Hatzimihail Photography

among Aboriginal art exhibitions.

"Artists and their art centres select the artworks to be exhibited, rather than through a pre-selection process, and we are thrilled to be

presenting this event with the Araluen Arts Centre," he said.

Desert Mob 2017 continues until October 22. Details at www.desart.com.au/events



Singer-songwriter Alice Skye has a new single.

Debut single has Skye flying high



WERGAIA woman Alice Skye has released 60%, the first single from her upcoming debut album *Friends With Feelings*. The single was written by Skye on a flight from Melbourne to Alice Springs to record the album at the CAAMA Music studios.

"I did a lot of writing on the flight to Alice to distract myself from being terrified – I hate flying," she said.

The new work follows her debut single *You Are the Mountains*.

In late 2015, Skye was a finalist in the Triple J Unearthed NIMA competition and named one of the 'five new Indigenous artists you need to hear'.

Now managed by Penney and Logan and signed to Australia's longest-running Indigenous music label CAAMA Music, Skye just performed at BIGSOUND for the CAAMA Music Showcase among a lineup of artists including Apakajjah and KnD.

Skye grew up in country Victoria but now calls Melbourne home.

"I take great pride in my heritage and to combine both music and my background brings me an unexplainable amount of pride and happiness," she said.

More details at www.caamamusic.com.au

Arts leaders on course



Participants in this year's Indigenous Arts Leadership Program at the National Gallery in Canberra.



TEN Indigenous arts leaders have come together at the National Gallery of Australia for a 10-day visual arts leadership program. They were taking part in the seventh Indigenous Arts Leadership Program, designed to give participants leadership skills and insights.

This year's participants were Indigenous community engagement officer Belinda Briggs, writer and artist Charmaine Green, cultural development practitioner Dorothy (Nancy) Bamaga, Indigenous educator Wesley Shaw, curator Zoe Rimmer, artist Esther McDowell, program officer Nathan Sentence, artist and arts administrator Paris Norton, curator Shonae Hobson, and grants officer Rachel Cheetham.

Those running the program included NGA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art department senior curator Francesca Cubillo, curator Tina Baum and assistant curator Kelli Cole, with support from program graduates April Philips and Mark Cora as well as consultant Cara Kirkwood.

Also sharing their expertise were Sydney Festival director Wesley Enoch, artists Jonathan Jones, Thomas E S Kelly, Blak Douglas and Vicki West, and guest speakers Paul House, Aboriginal journalist and broadcaster Daniel Browning, documentary-maker Genevieve Grieves, theatre director Kyle J Morrison, and Indigenous youth mentor Jessa Rogers.

A total of 84 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have now completed the course.

Debut album for Corey Theatre



GUNDITJMARA singer-songwriter Corey Theatre, pictured, has released his debut album *Ngathuk Ngalina (We Two)*. The first single off the album is *Music*, which features Theatre singing in English and Gunditjmarra.

"Language is a good means of knowing your identity," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"It helps us know who we are. I grew up not knowing my language but I was fortunate to grow up in Adelaide so I started to learn some Pitjantjatjara."

The album features three songs in Gunditjmarra, including the title track *Ngathuk Ngalina*, which Theatre worked on with Archie Roach.

The song is the first Theatre wrote in his traditional language, after gathering a few words from his grandmother, books and historical documents he found.

He said the process of learning his language, especially with the absence of any fluent speakers, is a long one.

"I'm still learning with a lot of help from books," he said.

"My nan gave me a little bit of language, as nans do. The old people know some language but not enough to speak full sentences.

"I went to historical documents too. It also helps to learn a strong language like I did when I learnt Pitjantjatjara first."

Using music as a tool for teaching and learning music is also important to Theatre.

"That's what our old people did," he said.

"That's how they taught the kids and saved our languages for generations. Using music to revive the languages is like keeping those traditions."



This painting by Edna Ambrym is in the exhibition.

Going Out on show in Cairns



A NEW exhibition at Cairns Art Gallery gives an insight into the plant-gathering practices of Indigenous people and depicts the flora they have collected for centuries. Called *Going Out: Native Food, Plants and Flowers*, it brings together the work of Aboriginal women artists based in north Queensland.

For many of the exhibiting artists, the experience of living on country and learning their history and culture from family while hunting and gathering food has provided a rich source of meaning and imagery for their work.

In the work of Heather Koowooha, who grew up in Yarrabah, Aurukun and Pormpuraaw, the meaning and use of plants and the long-held tradition of gathering rainforest plants is expressed through a combination of text-based stories and patterned and coloured images.

Works in the exhibition include paintings, prints, baskets, textiles and ceramics.

Artists showing in the exhibition also include Delissa Walker, Edna Ambrym, Delvine Richards, Evelyn McGreen, Rhonda Brim and Sandra Jerry.

Going Out: Native Food, Plants and Flowers continues until October 15.

Details at www.cairnsartgallery.com.au

NATIONAL CALENDAR



We welcome items for our Calendar of Events. Send them to any of the addresses in the panel on page 23.

National

Ongoing: Lifeline – saving lives, crisis support, suicide prevention. For assistance telephone 13 11 14.

Starting September 7: *Namatjira Project* documentary. Premiering at cinemas nationally, an extraordinary feature documentary made by the Namatjira family with Big hART follows Albert Namatjira's family on a fight for justice, from Aranda Country to Buckingham Palace. Details: (02) 6495 7117 or visit www.bighart.org

Until September 22: The Adelaide Football Club is inviting people to submit a design and associated story for its 2018 Indigenous guernsey. Details: Anna Muecke on (08) 8440 666 or email amuecke@afc.com.au

Until October 3: 2018 National Indigenous Arts Awards nomination open. Artists can't self-nominate. Details: 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 or visit www.bdac.com.au

Until October 8: *Mourning: Yam Daises* and *What If* exhibitions. By mother and daughter artists Aunty Marlene Gilson and Deanne Gilson. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Melbourne. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.org

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, Dallas Brooks Drive, South Yarra. Details: (03) 9534 0099 or visit www.lindenarts.org

Until October 29: *Resolution: New Indigenous Photomedia* exhibition. Held at Shepparton Art Museum daily from 10am-4pm. Details: (03) 5832 9861 or visit www.sheppartonartmuseum.com.au

September 13: Bangarra's Wiley Performance. Includes a Q&A with the dancers and creatives after the show. Held at The Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, from 12.30pm. Details: (02) 9251 5333 or visit www.bangarra.com.au

September 19: Melbourne Fringe: Apocalypse in Blak. This event is a First Nations response to the apocalypse from artists across multiple disciplines including projection, poetry, visual arts, dance, music and performance. Held at Lithuanian Club, North Melbourne. Cost: \$5 and \$10. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au

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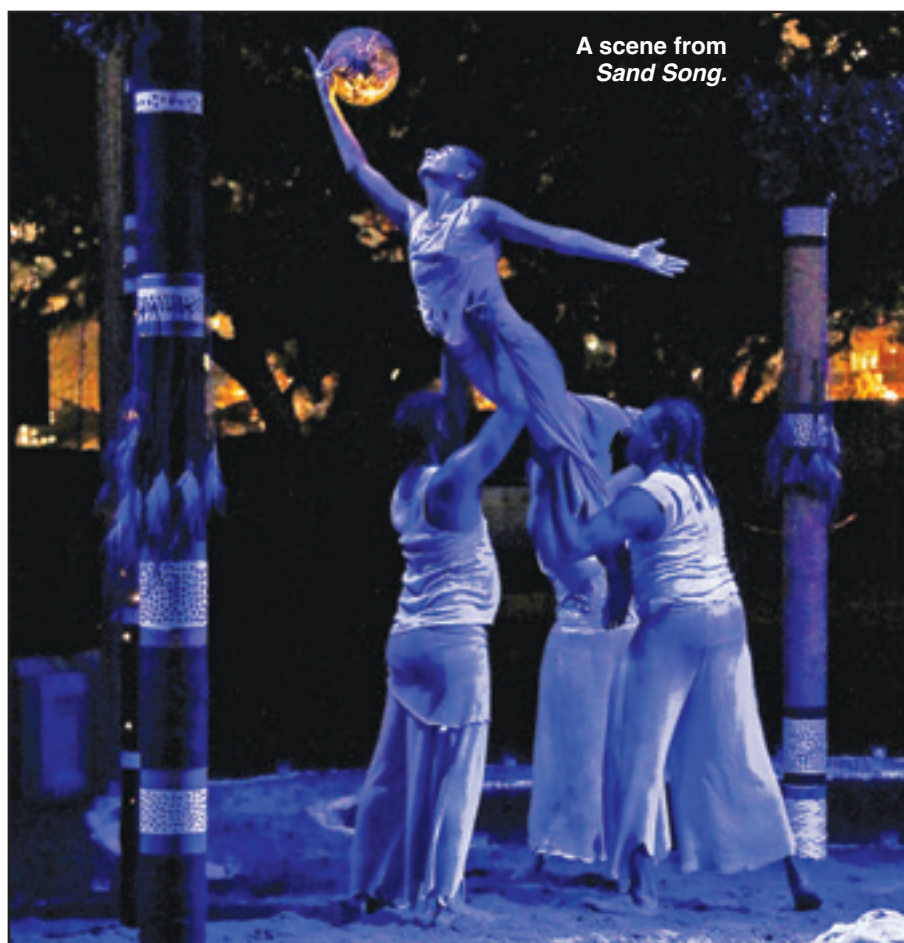
Ongoing: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous people across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

Ongoing: Lismore women's and men's healing groups. Held at Rekindling The Spirit, Lismore, Monday and Wednesday, 11am-2pm. Details: (02) 6622 5534.

Now Showing: *Indigenous Artworks from the Collection* exhibition. A range of artworks created by Aboriginal artists, on show at the Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

Until 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

Until September 10: *Defying Empire: Third National Indigenous Art Triennial*. Presents



A scene from
Sand Song.

Barangaroo to host holiday workshops



SYDNEY cultural space The Cutaway at Barangaroo will host *Sand Song*, a contemporary Aboriginal dance and theatre performance and workshop, during the October school holidays.

Created by visual artist Walbira Murray and director Elena Vereker, and produced by Insite Arts, *Sand Song* will have nine shows from October 3-8.

Murray (she uses one name), a Gammilleroi woman from Dirranbandi, said *Sand Song* was aimed at children aged five to 12 and their parents or carers.

"The vibrant performance tells the story of Cheeky Brolga stealing Emu's egg, which is the Gammilleroi Dreaming story of the First Sun – the first time the sun's

light shone on Australia," she said.

"The story also represents the dawn of understanding, growing up, and gaining wisdom."

During a 30-minute hands-on workshop, children meet the performers, learn the emu dance and paint up their dream on a glass 'dream holder' that becomes part of the *Sand Song* set. Children will get to keep it after the show.

The workshop is followed by a 40-minute performance exploring the power of light, dreams and fire and featuring a fusion of contemporary and traditional music, with live singing, didgeridoo and clapsticks.

Tickets are on sale at Ticketek – 13 28 49 or premier.ticketek.com.au
More details at www.barangaroo.com

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

Until September 22: 2017 Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award entries open. Details: 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

September 13-October 22: *Boomalli Biennale* exhibition. Includes a range of traditional and contemporary works from Aboriginal artists across NSW. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, Leichhardt. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

September 16-17: Carriageworks Masterclass Series 2017. The workshop will focus on the 'theatrical body'. Held at Carriageworks, 245 Wilson Street, Eveleigh, Sydney. Cost: \$100. Details: (02) 4929 1977.

September 20: Deborah Cheetham on 'The Art of Belonging'. Aboriginal soprano Deborah Cheetham speaks as part of the Four Winds Radical Voice Talk series. Held at Winding Pavilion, Barrage Bay, from 5.30-7.30pm. Bookings: www.fourwinds.com.au or call (02) 6493 3414.

September 22-23: *Gudirr Gudirr* performance. A solo dance and video production by Broome dancer Dalisa Pigram. A unique collaboration with Belgian choreographer Koen Augustijnen and visual artist Vernon Ah Kee. Held at Civic Theatre, 375 Hunter Street, Newcastle. Details: www.civictheatrenewcastle.com.au or call (02) 4929 1977.

September 23: Jimmy Little Gathering in Bathurst. The event celebrates the music and legacy of the beloved Australian Aboriginal musician, actor and advocate Jimmy Little. Tickets \$5 per person. Details: Arts OutWest on (02) 6338 4657 or email artsoutwest@csu.edu.au

September 26: NAIDOC Family Fun Day. Featuring cultural activities, crafts, games, a jumping castle, face painting, free lunch and more. Held at Steel Park, Marrickville, from 10am-3pm. Details: (02) 9559 5299 or visit www.absec.org.au

September 28-29: Starting Ground South East NSW. Aboriginal musicians at any stage in their career looking to further develop creative and business skills are invited to this two-day session. Held at Twofold Aboriginal Corporation, Jigamy Far, near Eden, NSW. Contact Michael Hutchings of APRA AMCOS at mhutchings@apra.com.au or phone (02) 9935 7874.

September 29: Land Rights: 40 Years Strong Gala Dinner. Includes guest speakers, live entertainment and performances. Details: (02) 9689 4444 or visit www.alc.org.au

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

Until September 23: *Christian Thompson: Ritual Intimacy* exhibition. Held at Griffith University Art Gallery, South Bank, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3735 7414 or visit www.griffith.edu.au

Until November 15: JUTE Theatre Company's *Proppa Solid*, by Steven Oliver, in Cairns. Details: Peta Cooke on (07) 4050 9444 or email peta@jute.com.au

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

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

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

September 8-17: Desert Song Festival 2017: celebrating diversity, holding hands together, 10 days of music in Central Australia. Held in Alice Springs. Full program details visit www.desertsong.com.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: www.countryartswa.asn.au

Western Australia

September 7, 8, 26 and 28: Echo Tour 2017. Aboriginal musicians Bart Willoughby, Mark Atkins and Stephen Pigram will hold concerts and visit original communities including Wyndham, Kununurra, Broome and Perth. Details: Cooper-Lily Nikora on 0432 601 211 or visit www.aum.net.au

September 14-15: *Gudirr Gudirr* performance by Broome dancer Dalisa Pigram. Held at La Grange Remote Community School, Bidyadanga community, West Kimberley. Details: (08) 9192 1870.

September 20: Family Matters WA. A free seminar and panel discussion hosted by WA Aboriginal Family Matters Nyoongar Child Protection Council and Curtin University. Held at Curtin University Bentley campus from 10am-12.30pm. Reply to william.hayward@snaicc.org.au Details: William Hayward on (03) 9489 8099.

South Australia

Until October 8: Aboriginal Heritage Project display. A project creating the first genetic map of Aboriginal Australia before European arrival which won national recognition with a 2017 Eureka Prize. Held at the South Australian Museum, North Terrace, Adelaide, daily from 10am-5pm. Details: (08) 8207 7500 or visit www.samuseum.sa.gov.au

September 19: Link-Up SA Family Workshops 2017. Designed to help wait-listed clients of Link-Up and other interested people to research their family history. Held at Nyunkuwarrin Yunti of SA Inc, 182-190 Wakefield Street, Adelaide, from 10am-1pm. Details: Karen on (08) 8406 1695.

Employment

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Peter Faulkner and James Roberts at work on the Wilsons Walking Track in Lismore, northern NSW.



TWO young Bundjalung (northern NSW) men are undertaking archaeological monitoring and simultaneously gaining employment skills at the reconstructed Wilsons Walking Track in East Lismore, which is currently under construction.

The \$200,000 project will see the resurrection of the old walking track from Robinson's Lookout in Girards Hill to Albert Park, with interpretative signage about the history of the area.

The two brothers – Peter Faulkner, 34, and James Roberts, 29 – were engaged through Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council to provide skilled labour, with Mr Roberts also looking for Aboriginal artefacts. Mr Roberts has done work before through Ngulingah as a ranger in Nimbin, and the skilled labourers are gaining employment skills as well as helping to preserve historic Aboriginal items and sites that may be uncovered.

Ensuring Aboriginal involvement in

Job skills on track

the project aligns with Lismore City Council's Reconciliation Action Plan objectives and continues the council's commitment to providing opportunities for Aboriginal workers.

Construction of the Wilsons Walking Track is being undertaken by Track Work Solutions, a company that has been involved in trail-building around Cradle Mountain in Tasmania, with the

archaeological monitoring conducted by Everick Heritage Consultants.

Tim Hill, from Everick Heritage Consultants, said it was wonderful to have the Bundjalung men working on country and building their skillset at the same time.

"The boys are here primarily to respond if an Aboriginal site is identified and ensure that it is managed," Mr Hill said.

"However, the bigger picture is that most of these tracks, particularly on the ridgeline, were traditional tracks that connected lowland to highland, and now we get this great fusion of whitefellas and blackfellas coming together to reopen them.

"Also, they are learning skills and awareness around how to build trails, construction, erosion, site monitoring and other really solid foundational skills for working on country.

"These types of skills are good on their CV if they want to go for a job with someone like National Parks and Wildlife."

The new track is expected to open next month if the weather stays dry.

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Applications should be forwarded to Daryl Phillips at dphillips@humanresourcescentre.com.au

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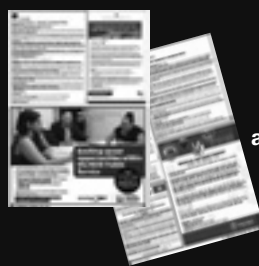
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Operations Manager

The Disability Accommodation Service program provides a high quality; community based supported accommodation to people with a disability.

The Operations Manager role is a key management position reporting to a Disability Accommodation Services Area Manager. The Operations Manager is responsible for providing leadership to a group of House Supervisors to ensure the delivery of quality disability accommodation services. This includes compliance with legislative requirements and departmental policies, people management, budget and resources management and quality improvement.

Are you

- Able to lead a dynamic team to provide exceptional support services?
- A person with strong leadership qualities and change management skills?
- An effective communicator as liaising with stakeholders including health care providers, educational facilities and non-government organisations is an essential component to the role?

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit; www.careers.vic.gov.au

or contact **Michelle Hansen** phone: 9468 3493

Job Reference number: **DHHS/ND/19467**

Applications close: **Tuesday 12th September 2017**

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au Police Checks form part of the Department of Health and Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

The department is committed to the safety of its clients. The department takes a zero tolerance approach to abuse, including child abuse and abuse of people with disability. Departmental employees are required to comply with all legal requirements including the Child Safe Standards to keep children safe from harm and abuse.



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Family &
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Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker

NSW Family and Community Services aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children by recruiting and developing outstanding individuals to be leaders in child protection practice.

As an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker you will be working with vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect, their families and communities and interagency partners to be agents of change in the lives of children.

**Being an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker is tough.
It takes a special kind of person. But the rewards are huge.**

We are looking for people with a strong commitment to children, families and community capacity building, people who possess a high level of resilience to become part of a team of skilled and dedicated professionals.

**Do you identify as Aboriginal and have two years experience working with
Aboriginal children, young people and families or communities?**

If so apply now! Please visit www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and enter job reference no: 000041OM to join a team of dedicated and professional FACS caseworkers in your area and benefit from:

- Professional support and training
- Flexible working conditions
- Great career opportunities

Aboriginal Caseworkers must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

More information available www.facs.nsw.gov.au/careers/caseworker

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further
Please call Recruitment on 1800 203 966 or email
caseworker.screenings@facs.nsw.gov.au



**Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 000041OM**

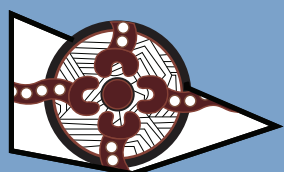
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VACCHO is offering opportunities for highly motivated trainers to work with the Victorian Aboriginal community in Aboriginal Health Work, Social Emotional Wellbeing and Cultural Safety.

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**SENIOR CLINICAL
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Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation is the peak body for the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people living in Victoria.

VACCHO's Education and Training Unit is committed to building on individual and community knowledge that values Aboriginal culture, and contributes to community self-determination.

FINANCE OFFICER / BOOKKEEPER

Part-time (20hrs per week) with the possibility of full-time. Based in Lismore, NSW.

Australia's fortnightly national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Newspaper, the Koori Mail, is seeking a Finance Officer/Bookkeeper.

Interested applicants must have an understanding of a accounts and administration environment including:

- Banking and day to day financial bookkeeping in an accurate and timely manner
- Bank reconciliations
- Accounts receivable and payable functions
- Monthly preparation of Superannuation
- Payroll management; invoice payment collection
- Support the General Manager to prepare reports for Accountants and Board of Directors
- Ensure petty cash systems are adhered to
- Knowledge of PAYG Withholding, FBT and GST requirements
- High level of computing knowledge including Quickbooks programs.
- Certificate III/Certificate IV in finance/administration or similar desirable but not essential.

To apply, please forward a cover letter outlining your interest in the role, with your CV or Resume and at least two references to: manager@koorimail.com

For more information, please contact: Naomi Moran, General Manager on (02) 6622 2666 or 0499 991 625.

Applications close 5pm, Friday 6th October 2017.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons are strongly encouraged to apply.



St Andrew's Cathedral Gawura School is a Kindergarten to Year 6 campus for over twenty city Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. It provides a strong focus on literacy and numeracy set down in the context of celebration and pride in Aboriginal cultural identity and spirituality.

HEAD OF GAWURA COMMENCING IN TERM 1, 2018

We are seeking the appointment of a dynamic Christian educational leader to this significant role. The Head of Gawura must demonstrate initiative, leadership, excellence in teaching and have a thorough understanding of contemporary educational issues. They must possess outstanding management, communication and public relations skills and be able to implement a coherent philosophy of both Christian and Aboriginal inclusive education.

**Closing date for this position:
Friday September 22, 2017**

For more information about this role, instructions on how to apply and to lodge an application please visit:

<http://www.sacs.nsw.edu.au/contentpages/Current-Employment-Opportunities>

This position requires the successful applicant to have a new Working with Children Check clearance in accordance with the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012, prior to employment at the School.

Queensland Family and Child Commission

Commissioner

- **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander appointment**
- **A key leadership role in child protection reform**
- **Brisbane based**

Every day the Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) works to improve the child protection and family support system. Our role is to keep a check across the system and work with our stakeholders to find solutions to ultimately deliver better outcomes for children and families. The QFCC champions the needs of all children, young people, families and communities, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

As Commissioner you report to, and support, the Principal Commissioner to provide strategic direction in developing and delivering integrated strategies designed to build capability and capacity and improve the culture of the child protection and family support system. You will be a high calibre, enthusiastic, engaging executive who will provide high level oversight and involvement in the work across the QFCC to ensure active participation and representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander views and ideas. The Commissioner plays a key role leading and developing evidence based policies and practices and developing policy agendas that will target priority areas and explore alternative ways of achieving better outcomes for children, families and communities. You will have the opportunity to cultivate productive working relationships and drive optimal teamwork and effectiveness.

As a key member of the leadership team, you will help shape QFCC's strategic framework through high-level critical thinking, judgement and integrity. Your demonstrated organisational leadership – including experience engaging with government and non-government stakeholders and forming strategic partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities – are key factors for success. You are oriented toward achievement, can innovate and can adapt your leadership to suit an environment of organisational change.

In accordance with the *Family and Child Commission Act 2014*, the person recommended by the Premier for appointment as the Commissioner of the QFCC must be an Aboriginal person or a Torres Strait Islander.

For further information, salary range and application process please access the Smart Jobs and Careers website, www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au, Job Reference QLD/QFCC252160.

Enquiries can be made to Cheryl Vardon, Principal Commissioner, phone: (07) 3900 6002, email: cheryl.vardon@qfcc.qld.gov.au.

Applications close on Thursday 14 September 2017.

**Queensland
Family & Child
Commission**



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Aboriginal Health Liaison Officer

Are you passionate about Aboriginal health and looking for a role supporting Aboriginal patients?" With its commitment to close the health gap, the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital is entering an exciting phase to strengthen pathways at the hospital and in community to improve accessibility and timely health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island patients.

The Eye and Ear is seeking applications for an Aboriginal Health Liaison Officer (AHLO). This role is part-time (0.6EFT) with negotiable days/hours for a great work-life balance.

The AHLO will contribute to improved health outcomes for Aboriginal patients with diseases of the eye, ear, nose and/or throat, by working closely with patients, staff, community-controlled organisations and community services. The fundamental purpose of this role is to provide face-to-face, on-site assistance to improve the overall experience of Aboriginal patients and their families whilst attending the hospital.

Additionally, the role plays an integral part in improving the ability of The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients by increasing the cultural sensitivity of services offered at the hospital.

The successful applicant will benefit from:

- Generous remuneration package
- Comprehensive orientation, training and ongoing workplace support
- Cultural and clinical role supervision and support
- Easily accessible East Melbourne location close to public transport
- Access to Salary Packaging
- Flexible working arrangements
- Flexible leave arrangements

We are seeking applicants who identify as Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander. The action constitutes a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010.

For further information please contact John Rogan on 03 9929 8946. For a copy of the position description or to apply online please go to the careers section on the Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital website www.eyearandear.org.au

Applications addressing the selection criteria with a recent resume may be forwarded to People and Culture, 32 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne 3002

Application closing 17th September 2017



Senior Administrative Officer

- **Open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants ONLY**
- **High-level administrative role**
- **Wide range of employee benefits**

The University of Adelaide is one of Australia's leading Group of Eight, research-intensive universities and is consistently ranked among the top 1% of universities in the world. Established in 1874, it is Australia's third oldest university with a strong reputation for preparing educated leaders and delivering research outcomes that contribute to local, national and global wellbeing.

The Faculty of Arts is one of five faculties at the University of Adelaide. The faculty is steeped in history with its roots beginning over 125 years ago. Its arts degree was the first degree offered at the University in 1876.

The Elder Conservatorium of Music is one of Australia's oldest and most distinguished tertiary music schools and plays a leading role in Australia's musical landscape. The Conservatorium's programs range from bachelor and honour's degrees to PhD level taught to over 600 students across a range of areas. Also located within the Conservatorium is the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM), a specialist Australian Indigenous music centre.

Working under general direction, the Senior Administrative Officer provides high-level support to the School Business Manager.

To be successful in this role you must have:

- A tertiary qualification and/or extensive relevant experience.
- Demonstrated experience working in a senior level administrative role.
- Demonstrated experience working in student administration.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively under pressure with competing priorities and deadlines.
- Demonstrated high-level written, oral and interpersonal communication skills.
- Demonstrated extensive experience with Microsoft Office Suite, including spreadsheets.
- Understanding of University of Adelaide policies, business rules and procedures (desirable).

Salary: (HEO6) \$70,992 - \$76,867 per annum.

Superannuation: An employer contribution of 17% may apply.

Term of position: This continuing position is available from October 2017.

Applications are to be submitted online at <http://careers.adelaide.edu.au/cw/en/job/497165/senior-administrative-officer> and need to address the 'Knowledge and Experience' and 'Qualifications' sections of the position description. If you have any queries regarding this position, please contact Ms Greta Larsen, email greta.larsen@adelaide.edu.au or phone 08 8313 3713.

Closing date: 5.00pm, Sunday 17 September 2017

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only, pursuant to the University of Adelaide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy, and Section 65 of the Equal Opportunity Act, 1984.



SOLICITOR

VACANCY AT WARRA-WARRA LEGAL SERVICE ('WWLS')

Have you dreamt of working in Rural Australia?

Are you inspired and motivated to work as a Solicitor in an exciting and responsive Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Service and implement creative solutions in a co-operative and collaborative manner with a strong and vibrant team?

Who are we looking for?

WWLS seek passionate and self-motivated candidates with excellent advocacy and written communication and problem solving skills, demonstrated legal practise experience and a strong social justice ethic.

WWLS seek candidates who can demonstrate responsive workplace relationships with Aboriginal communities and clients, and an advanced understanding of the underlying factors, impact and effects of domestic violence, particularly on Aboriginal communities is preferred.

Background Information

Warra-Warra Legal Service (formally, the Broken Hill Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Service) is funded by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The funding for this service is governed by the Far West Community Legal Centre Ltd.

Warra-Warra Legal Service aims to provide a culturally appropriate and independent holistic legal service and representation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Far West NSW who are victims of family violence and sexual assault.

For more information on WWLS:

<https://www.facebook.com/WarraWarraLegalService/>

Areas of Law in which WWLS provide advice, representation and holistic services:

- Family Law
- Victims of Crime Compensation
- Apprehended Violence Orders
- Care & Protection

The Far West Community Legal Centre Ltd. Auspices:

- The Warra-Warra Legal Service
- The Far West Women's Domestic Violence Advocacy Service
- Staying Home Leaving Violence Broken Hill
- The Far West Cooperative Legal Service Delivery Program

For a full position description and more information please contact the Manager Shannon Oates on 0880876766 or Shannon.oates@warrawarra.org.au



Senior Culture & Heritage Officer

The Opportunity

The Senior Culture & Heritage Officer is responsible for managing the identification, protection, conservation and efficient management of sites that are of significance to the Aboriginal community within the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council boundaries.

About Darkinjung

Darkinjung is located on the Central Coast of NSW. Our boundaries stretch from Catherine Hill Bay to the North, Hawkesbury River to the South, Pacific Ocean to the East & Watagan Mountains to the West.

Our vision is to engage & provide a strong economic & social environment for our community that builds & strengthens our cultural values & identity.

Your responsibilities will also include:

- Investigate and prepare surveys, reports & letters in regards to Aboriginal culture & heritage
- Manage the identification, registration & amendment of site records
- Work closely with stakeholders, such as NPWS & OEH
- Develop & implement programs relating to culture & heritage

To be successful in this role, you will (selection criteria):

- Identify as an Aboriginal person
- Have formal qualifications in a relevant field
- Demonstrated experience in identifying, protecting & conserving Aboriginal heritage sites
- Demonstrated ability to deliver Cultural Awareness Programs
- Demonstrated knowledge on the following legislations;
 - o NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983
 - o NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974
 - o Native Title Act 1993
- Demonstrated computer literacy in Asset Governor, Google Earth Mapping, MS Office
- Proven written & verbal communication skills & report writing
- Proven ability to meet timelines & work within budgets

Other work related requirements:

- You must have excellent organisation & management skills
- A current manual drivers licence, & be able to drive a 4WD vehicle
- A current first aid certificate
- A current WWCC number
- A NSW Police Check will be required for the successful applicant

Our modern office is located at Watanobbi & is close to public transport. This is a full-time position working 38 hours per week.

Applications closing date: Friday 22nd September 2017

Your application must include:

- An up to date resume, outlining your education & work history
- A cover letter addressing the selection criteria & other work related requirements

Applications for this position are to be addressed to recruitment@dlac.org.au

Only successful candidates will be contacted. No agencies.



The Australia Council is seeking applications for the following positions:

PEER SERVICES OFFICER

Ongoing Full time. Surry Hills location

As a Peer Services Officer you will support the diverse artists and arts workers in the Australia Council's Pool of Peers to make fair and informed assessments of applications for funding. This role provides a unique insight to Council's grant making process, the ambitions of the artists and organisations we support through our funding programs, and the artistic knowledge and experience of our peer assessors.

Applications close 20 September 2017 at 5.00pm (AEST)

To obtain further information about this position, please visit our careers page at <http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers/>



Government of South Australia

Department of Planning,
Transport and Infrastructure

Team Leader, Municipal Services on Aboriginal Lands

Vacancy No: 2017-23080

Location: Adelaide CBD

Temporary Appointment up to 24 months

\$108,705 - \$113,013 pa (ASO8)

Key Duties

The Team leader, Municipal Services on Aboriginal Lands will be responsible for managing the Municipal Services (MUNS) Program that funds municipal services across 16 Aboriginal communities outside of the APY lands. The Team Leader will manage the distribution of grants on an annual basis to a variety of service delivery bodies, including Aboriginal communities, councils and private service providers. Along with oversight and management of the MUNS program, a key focus of the role will be to work with Aboriginal communities and a range of stakeholders across and outside of State Government to reform the MUNS Program and ensure it has a sustainable future. The Team Leader will manage a small team to support delivery of the MUNS Program and a program to reform the provision of municipal services and related infrastructure to Aboriginal communities.

Essential Qualifications:

A current South Australian driver's licence is essential for the role.

Special Conditions

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply. Previous applicants need not reapply as your applications are still valid.

Our Commitment to Diversity

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) is committed to building a diverse and inclusive culture across the department, planning for and promoting diversity. We welcome and encourage applications from diverse community groups and ages including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, LGBTIQ, people with disabilities, women and other diversity groups. DPTI recognises the benefits that such an approach brings for our staff and customers in delivering the future of South Australia.

Enquiries to:

Mr Mark Sutton
Director, Outback Community Authority
Telephone: (08) 7109 7143
Email: mark.sutton@sa.gov.au

Applications to:

Recruitment and Employment
GPO Box 1533
Adelaide SA 5001
Telephone: (08) 8343 2600
Email: dpti.apply@sa.gov.au

For more information on this exciting opportunity please visit www.dpti.sa.gov.au/careers

Applicants are required to submit a written application of no more than two pages and a curriculum vitae demonstrating their suitability for the role. In addition applicants are required to complete the Cover Sheet quoting the vacancy number and the Pre-Employment Declaration with their application for employment.

The South Australian public sector promotes diversity and flexible ways of working including part-time. Applicants are encouraged to discuss the flexible working arrangements for this role.

In accordance with the Public Sector Act 2009, the successful applicant will be employed at the classification level and may be transferred to other roles over time in line with our organisational priorities and/or personal development plans.

Closing Date: 5:00pm 19 September 2017

www.dpti.sa.gov.au



Federation of
Victorian Traditional
Owner Corporations

Chief Executive Officer

Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations

The Federation is the State peak body representing the shared interests of its members – Victorian Traditional Owners who manage the legal and cultural rights and interests of their respective communities.

With an ambitious new strategic plan to become a major player in the policy, economic and cultural landscape, the Federation is looking for its inaugural CEO to provide strong leadership and deliver on its goal to advocate for the shared interests of its member organisations.

Reporting to a Board of 14 Victorian Traditional Owners, the CEO will manage a highly skilled policy and development team of eight to influence national and state policy direction.

We are looking for a proactive leader, with strong political understanding and good communication skills who can both act as spokesperson for the Federation to raise its profile, and effectively maintain relationships with the Victorian Aboriginal community, government, businesses and our partner organisations.

As a growing organisation, the CEO will bring on more staff and create a positive organisational culture that demonstrates the Federation's values of collaboration, culture and Country. Highly motivated and hands-on, the CEO will drive the Federation's capacity to deliver sustainable programs by attracting, managing and acquitting monies from diverse revenue streams.

This is an exceptional opportunity for an Aboriginal leader to shape an Aboriginal organisation that is already playing a prominent role in influencing policies that affect the lives of Victorian Traditional Owners.

An attractive salary package in the general range of VPS Level EO3 will be negotiated.

Further information is available from Ms. Janine Coombs, Chairperson of FVTOC on 0428 546 033.

Applications are to be emailed to Ms. Teresa Rehak, HR and Administration Manager: trehak@ntsv.com.au

Please include a current resume and a cover letter addressing the key selection criteria as found in the position description, available on the website www.fvtoc.com

Applications close 5PM 28 September 2017.



Enrolled Nurse

Department: Hunter New England LHD
Location: Tamworth Base Hospital
Enquiries: Katrina Madden (02) 6767 7261
Reference Number: 413576
Closing Date: 10 September 2017

Aboriginal Employment Coordinator

Department: Hunter New England LHD
Location: Waratah Health Campus
Enquiries: Julie Smith (02) 4985 3286
Reference Number: 410569
Closing Date: 17 September 2017

These are identified Aboriginal Positions. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Community Mental Health Professional

Department: Hunter New England LHD
Location: Narrabri
Enquiries: Krystina Micke (02) 6776 9805
Reference Number: 406180
Closing Date: 17 September 2017

Patient Support Officer

Department: Hunter New England LHD
Location: John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Nicole Pettiford (02) 4921 3554
Reference Number: 413677
Closing Date: 17 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*.

Aboriginal Sexual Assault Counsellor

Department: Hunter New England LHD
Location: Tamworth
Enquires: Sophie Scott 0408 461 655
Reference Number: 413931
Closing Date: 24 September 2017

This position is identified for Aboriginal people and exemption is claim under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants must be female. This is a genuine qualification under Section 31 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Dates: listed above

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au
and search Job Reference Numbers above.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Creative Producer, Youth (ASO5)

Do you believe in the importance of creativity in the lives of all young people?

A rare opportunity exists for an inspiring creative with vision and passion to work for Carclew in partnership with Country Arts SA to be based in a regional location in South Australia.

Are you willing, able and excited by the prospect of bringing to fruition the creative projects, ideas and aspirations of regional young people?

This challenging and rewarding role requires you to have the capacity and experience to develop local and national networks, form partnerships with local communities and create projects which support engagement in the arts for young people.

A contract of up to three years will be negotiated.

Full job and person specification available at carclew.com.au/join-the-team

For further information speak to Tricia Walton, Chief Executive, Carclew on 08 8267 5111.

Applications close 5.00pm Friday 15 September 2017. Send them to Hana on hfitte@carclew.org.au

Interviews will take place Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 September 2017.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait applicants are encouraged to apply.

The position **Creative Producer – Youth** is funded through a partnership between Carclew and Country Arts SA.



MONASH
University

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous)

The Opportunity

Monash University is one of Australia's leading research-intensive universities, consistently ranked among the top 100 universities worldwide. Globally minded, progressive in culture and enterprising in outlook, we are committed to world-class standards of education and research to benefit communities in Australia and abroad.

Our dedication to delivering academic excellence is matched by our commitment to advancing equity and diversity in education. Fostering a culture of inclusion, social and cultural awareness, and respect is essential to realising the impact to which Monash aspires. From its earliest years, the University has worked to advance Indigenous programs, including providing support for Indigenous Australians to study and work at Monash, and has been recognised for its academic contributions in Indigenous history, culture and literature.

An exciting opportunity now exists to further advance the reputation, profile and contribution of Indigenous affairs as the inaugural Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous). Reporting to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Education), the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous) will lead a dedicated portfolio charged with providing visionary and cohesive leadership University-wide to increase Indigenous undergraduate and graduate student numbers, promote recognition of Indigenous culture, and facilitate Indigenous research and teaching across disciplines. The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous) will bring leadership experience in the development and promotion of Indigenous networks and relationships, and will have credibility within Indigenous communities across Australia.

Applicants will have a strong understanding of the higher education sector and significant career achievements along with a record of scholarship, and demonstrated impact in their profession. S/he will be an inspiring and experienced leader, with the ability to develop cohesive strategies in complex environments and to function effectively at senior management level. Applicants will be able to demonstrate experience in engaging and advising on Indigenous matters, and – leveraging excellent communication skills – be a compelling advocate for the University in public debate.

Only Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position. Making the position available only to Indigenous Australians is a special measure, as defined in section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Victoria).

Enquiries

For further information and initial enquiries, please contact the executive search firm Perrett Laver at petra.awad@perrettlaver.com or by 02 8354 4001.

To apply please upload your curriculum vitae and supporting covering letter at <https://candidates.perrettlaver.com/vacancies/> quoting 3157 before 12noon AEST on Tuesday, 19 September 2017.



BROKEN HILL LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

84 OXIDE STREET
P.O.BOX 392, BROKEN HILL NSW 2880
TELEPHONE: 08 80 877413 / 80 877310
FAX: 08 80 877708
EMAIL: brokenhill.lalc@iinet.net.au

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Broken Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council (BHLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the BHLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and Selection Criteria, applicants will be required to address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. To obtain a recruitment package, contact Amanda Stone on phone: (08) 80877310 or email: amanda.bhlalc@iinet.net.au

Applications can be forwarded marked "Confidential" and posted or emailed to:

The Chairperson
Broken Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 392, Broken Hill NSW 2880

Or Email to: chairperson.bhlalc@iinet.com.au

Applications close by 5 pm, Monday 2nd October 2017

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply..



SNAICC Training and Resources Officer (Identified position)

Full time position based in North Fitzroy, Melbourne
Salary range \$65,000 to \$72,000
plus super and salary packaging

Are you passionate about the rights, needs and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, ensuring their safety, development and wellbeing?

SNAICC – National Voice for our Children, the national non-government peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, is seeking an experienced training professional for a position in our Training team. Our Training roles focus on the design, development and delivery of training programs for people working in the Early Childhood and/or Child and Family Support services.

If you are keen to make your mark:

- Engaging with parents and educators in Early Years services
- Working directly with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia
- Delivering early years and cultural competency training
- Empowering communities to fulfil their potential

And you have:

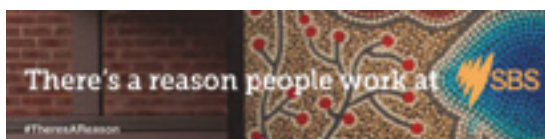
- A background in training and significant workplace experience
- Experience and understanding of working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Sector experience in the Early Childhood / Child and Family Support sectors
- The ability to travel interstate regularly for 2 plus days at a time

Then we want to hear from you!

Visit our website <http://www.snaicc.org.au/about/employment/> for the position description and how to apply. Initial inquiries to katherine.hinton@snaicc.org.au

Applications close: Sunday 24 September 2017

This is an Indigenous Identified role only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The filling of this position is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth), and s12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic).



Indigenous Journalism Cadetship

News & Current Affairs, Sydney

Specified Period: 1 year

Salary: \$ 50,509

Shift work, including evenings and weekends

At SBS, our purpose is to lead Australia in its exploration of the real multicultural Australia and our diverse worlds: independently, distinctively and courageously.

We're offering a 12 month Journalism Cadetship for 2018 to a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background who wants to build a career in broadcast journalism.

This is a great opportunity to join our highly regarded News and Current Affairs team!

Ideally, you will have had training in television and/or radio journalism, or be able to demonstrate a strong interest in broadcast journalism and have a sound understanding of the social, political, and cultural issues affecting indigenous people in Australia.

You'll find all the details about this opportunity and how to apply at our website <http://careers.sbs.com.au/>.

Applications must be submitted online. If you have no online access or need further information, please contact Jessica Higgins on (02) 9430 3174.

Applications must be received by 5pm on Friday 29 September 2017.

Late applications *will not be accepted*.

Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (the filing of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under subsection 8 I(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.)



Indigenous Health Project Officer (IHPO)

Location: Alice Springs

About the Position

AMSANT is seeking a motivated individual with high level knowledge and awareness of the Health and Community Services Sector (Government and non-government) in the NT and on a national scale.

The successful candidate will possess effective oral, written and interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate effectively with Indigenous people while also maintaining sound cross cultural skills, strong analytical and problem solving skills and have a passion for contributing to improvements in Aboriginal health in the NT. Qualifications in Health/ Human Services or equivalent experience is essential with sound understanding of chronic disease and clinical background being highly desirable. Qualifications in Public Health, Health Promotion or Health Education is desirable.

Contract Type & Salary

This is a full time role to 30 June 2018 with salary between \$99,995 and \$106,084 based on the successful applicant's experience and qualifications. Generous salary packaging is also available.

How to apply

Download a copy of the position description and selection criteria from www.amsant.org.au

Your application should address the selection criteria and include a cover letter and CV with two referee's details. Email applications to hr@amsant.org.au For further information Contact Human Resources on 08 8944 6666



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

Application closing date Friday 15th September



APOSS Chief Executive Officer

Aboriginal Prisoners & Offenders Support Service (APOSS) is seeking a passionate and outcomes driven CEO to lead its team and provide strategic direction and growth in the immediate future.

Since 1994 APOSS has provided unique and important services to Aboriginal offenders and their families and whilst continuing with its core business it is ideally placed to grow into other service areas.

Your role will be to seek new funding opportunities, maintain strong relationships with existing funders, stakeholders and partner organisations and lead a small but devoted team of case workers to meet the expectations of clients, community and government.

The ideal candidate will have:

- Previous working experience with Aboriginal people, as a leader, stakeholder and community member.
- Previous history of guiding an NGO, writing successful funding submissions and acquitting funds.
- Advanced communication skills, computer skills and understanding of all relevant legislation.
- Tertiary qualifications would be desirable to the role.
- Advanced financial literacy, reporting and management is required.
- Commercial acumen, a solid understanding of the criminal justice system and an intimate understanding of Workcover and Fairwork SA legislation.
- Demonstrate a history of making sound decisions and have strong skills in strategic, operational and financial management to identify, plan and execute strategic activities.
- A history of creating strategy and implementation via an engaging and compelling leadership style.
- Skilled in mediation, conflict resolution and negotiation.

We encourage all interested people to request a J&P specification for the role and forward your resume with a covering letter via email to Mike O'Brien - Chairperson@aposs.net.au.

Closing date for applications is COB Friday 15th September.

Seasonal Firefighters

ROLES AVAILABLE IN HEALESVILLE, WARBURTON AND THOMSON

Do you

- Reside permanently within 20 minutes normal driving time from the Healesville or Warburton work centre or 30 minutes from the Thomson work centre?
- Have a high level of fitness?
- Enjoy working in a team?
- Hold a current manual driver's licence?
- Can you commit to rostered work arrangements from November through to April?

What you'll be doing

- Fire prevention and suppression in water supply catchments
- First attack fire response
- Land management activities
- Water Supply maintenance
- General maintenance.

How to apply

Visit the Melbourne Water website and complete the online application form.

Closing date: 17th September 2017 at 11:55pm AEST

Our inclusive workplace culture contributes to making Melbourne Water a great place to work. We are committed to creating a workforce which reflects the incredibly diverse customers and communities we serve. We welcome applications from everyone including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, women, people with a disability, mature age job seekers and people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

For more information, please contact recruitment@melbournewater.com.au



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Committee Member, NSW Housing Appeals Committee

- NSW Housing Appeals Committee
- Number of positions: 15
- Location: Burwood

About us

The NSW Housing Appeals Committee is an independent appeals body that reviews certain decisions made by public and community housing (also referred to as social housing) providers in NSW.

About the opportunity

The member role is a Ministerial appointment, accountable to the Minister for Family and Community Services. The role involves merits review hearings, assessing evidence, interpreting policy, and making recommendations to the housing provider.

Members must be available for a minimum of two full hearing days each month and an additional three scheduled training days each year.

Successful applicants will have:

- an interest in broader social, affordable and private sector housing issues in NSW
- experience in hearing processes and deliberations
- an understanding in policy and the ability to interpret policy
- experience in interviewing high needs clients
- high-level analytical, interpersonal and communication skills
- a strong sense of fairness and an awareness of cross cultural issues
- the ability to exercise impartial judgment
- the ability to make fair, balanced and equitable decisions

Job Notes

This is a part-time opportunity with members being remunerated and appointed in accordance with the NSW Public Service Commission Directive (October 2015): Classification and Remuneration Framework for NSW Government Boards and Committees.

A recruitment pool may be created to fill future vacancies.

How to apply

To apply candidates must

1. Submit a covering letter (2 pages maximum) responding to the role requirements
2. Submit a recent resume (including at least 2 referees).

Please email your resume and cover letter to HACmembersrecruitment@facns.nsw.gov.au.

Our Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

If you need an adjustment in the recruitment process, please call or email the contact person listed above, and also advise us of your preferred method of communication.

If you are looking for general information about our reasonable adjustment process, you can email WorkforceAcquisition@facns.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 8879 9115.

For enquiries:

For more information about this opportunity including the role description and remuneration please visit the Housing Appeals Committee website at: www.hac.nsw.gov.au

Thank you for your interest in our role.

Applications Close: 3 October 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Ms Hui Tan, A/Manager, Housing Appeals Committee on (02) 8741 2541 or e-mail Hui.Tan2@facns.nsw.gov.au

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Home Assistance and Regional Transport Services

HUMAN RESOURCES / WHS ASSISTANT

58 hour fortnight

Maximum term to 30 June 2018

Award and Level SCHADS/SACS 5

Salary Packaging available

Email maria@hartservices.org.au

for an application manual

Applications close 5pm 22 September 2017




Senior Drug and Alcohol Educator

Full-time, contract until 30 June 2018, based in Orange, NSW.

We are seeking an experienced Drug and Alcohol Clinician for a Senior Drug and Alcohol Educator role in the **Murdi Paaki Drug and Alcohol Network (MPDAN)**, a workforce development strategy that aims to reduce the harm done by drugs and alcohol in Aboriginal communities.

Based at the Clinical Hub in Orange, the position is responsible for providing: clinical, group and practice supervision, training and education and capacity building services to primary health care providers such as Aboriginal Health Workers, D&A workers and other community service workers in the MPDAN region. Regular travel to the region (i.e. Bourke, Broken Hill, Walgett and Coonamble) is required.

The ideal candidate will have:

- Tertiary qualifications in health, welfare or related disciplines.
- A minimum of 5 years' experience in drug and alcohol service delivery.
- A commitment to upskilling the drug and alcohol workforce including: evaluation, research, ongoing program development and quality improvement.
- Experience providing education and supervision to clinical staff.
- An ability to work in a multi-disciplinary, cross-agency and cross-cultural environment.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with relevant experience and qualifications are encouraged to apply.

Enjoy an attractive remuneration package negotiable with experience, plus superannuation, salary packaging, flexible working hours, laptop, paid travel expenses and excellent professional development opportunities.

For further information on the position and how to apply contact **RenCare Recruit** telephone: 0439 906 284, email: renee@rencare.com.au or go to www.rencare.com.au/jobs.

All applications will be reviewed upon submission.

Closing date: Friday 22 September 2017.



Aboriginal Liaison Officer

A just marketplace where people have power and business plays fair

There is a significant gap in legal assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have consumer, credit and debt issues. As part of our response to this, Consumer Action wants to ensure that we are meeting the needs of Indigenous communities across Victoria and are identifying the broader systemic issues that are impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The new position of **Aboriginal Liaison Officer** will be responsible for building our relationships with Aboriginal communities in both metro and regional Victoria. Our aim is to inform and assist communities, so that more people know about the work of Consumer Action, and can access legal services to assert their rights.

This is a two year fixed term position for 4 days per week (0.8 FTE).

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (mandatory requirement).

Consumer Action Law Centre is an independent, not-for profit consumer organisation based in Melbourne. We work to advance fairness in consumer markets, particularly for people who are disadvantaged and vulnerable, through financial counselling, legal advice and representation, and policy work and campaigns.

We are looking for a person who is able to build and maintain strong relationships with diverse communities (including the organisations that support those communities) across the state. The Aboriginal Liaison Officer will become a critical link between Consumer Action and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and will play a significant role in helping us to identify the broad systemic issues that are impacting on the communities as well as assisting Consumer Action to respond in a culturally appropriate way.

For more information, including details of how to apply, please visit our website <http://consumeraction.org.au/aboriginal-liaison-officer/>

Or contact our Human Resources Manager on (03)9670 5088 with any questions. **Applications close on Monday, 9th October 2017.**



Family Services Practitioner – Re-advertised

2x Full time 38 Hours per week

To oversee the assessment and referrals to the Extended Care and Kinship Programs, support a team of workers in the establishment and maintenance of placements and provide to Rumbalara Family Services Caregivers and immediate extended families as required.

The Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program (New Positions) Re-advertised

Full time – 38 Hours per week

1x RN Nurse Supervisor (Hours Negotiable)

1x RN Nurse Supervisor

2 x Family Partnership Workers*

The Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program supports women pregnant with an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander baby and their families using a therapeutic, partnership approach. The program supports voluntary clients to improve their personal health and wellbeing, environmental health, increase their self- efficacy and improve the health and development of their children.

Further information on the Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program can be found of the following website: www.anfpp.com.au

*** We advertise this position as an Identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander position only in line with 'special measures' under the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 Section 12 example 1.**

Salary Packaging is available

The successful applicant will be required to have a current driver's license, undergo a Victorian Police check every 12 months and must have a current Working with Children's Check prior to commencement.

To apply, you must obtain a Position Description from Kerry on (03) 5820 0036 or email: kerry.morgan@raclimited.com.au

Applications must address the Key Selection Criteria and include a current resume and cover letter.

Applications close 4pm, 20th September, 2017 and are to be addressed to:

Human Resources Dept.
Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-Operative
PO Box 614
Mooroopna Vic 3629



Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer (Male)

Department: Nepean Blue Mountains LHD
Nepean Hospital
Aboriginal Health Worker
Permanent Full-Time
Salary: \$50,349 - \$74,155 pa
Enquiries: Vittorio Cintio 0414 881 077
Reference Number: 403501
Closing Date: 15 September 2017

Aboriginal Community Partnerships Coordinator

Department: Nepean Blue Mountains LHD
Lemongrove Community Health Centre
Population Health
Principal Aboriginal Health Worker
Permanent Full-Time
Salary: \$84,374 - \$88,019 pa
Enquiries: Elizabeth Brown (02) 4734 3833
Reference Number: 410084
Closing Date: 17 September 2017

Aboriginal Strategic Development Officer

Department: Nepean Blue Mountains LHD
Lemongrove Community Health Centre
Population Health
Principal Aboriginal Health Worker
Permanent Full-Time
Salary: \$84,374 - \$88,019 pa
Enquiries: Elizabeth Brown (02) 4734 3833
Reference Number: 410086
Closing Date: 17 September 2017

Principal Aboriginal Health Worker – Drug & Alcohol

Department: Nepean Blue Mountains LHD
Nepean Hospital
Principal Aboriginal Health Worker
Permanent Full-Time
Salary: \$84,374 - \$88,019 pa
Enquiries: Rick Turner 0413 808 721
Reference Number: 408551
Closing Date: 20 September 2017

Closing Dates: see above

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Numbers above.

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Aboriginal Education Officer

Organisation: Mirri Mirri Productions Pty Ltd

Job Category: Education And/Or Training

Job Location: Blakehurst Office/Relocating to inner city in early 2018, State and National Travel

Work Type: Full-Time

Work Title: Education Manager

Line Manager: Director of Education

Number of positions: 1

Salary: \$80,000 including Superannuation

Contact: Jade Rose 0425 210 915 for further information or questions.

Email resume to jade@mirrimirri.com.au

About Mirri Mirri

Mirri Mirri, an Aboriginal owned company operating since 2009, aims to help all Australians improve their understanding and awareness of our Indigenous cultures, people and communities. Our services include Indigenous cultural education training for organisations, mainstream education program for youth, adults and organisations, media and promotion services and education programs within the disability sector.

About the role

We are looking for a suitable person to join our team to deliver education programs to a variety of audiences including those from the corporate, government and not-for-profit sectors. The primary focus of the role is the delivery of Aboriginal cultural content, however there will be cross-over opportunities to deliver education programs to mainstream audiences.

Key focus of the role will include:

- *Education programs* – designing, developing and delivery of effective and innovative half and full-day education programs to corporate, government and not-for-profit organisations within NSW (some interstate travel may be required)
- *Online learning* – support in the development of relevant and up-to-date content for on-linelearning programs specifically relating to Aboriginal people in the disability sector
- *Facilitation training* – provide training to external organisations in the area of facilitationtraining and development
- *Employment* – provide external organisation with support and advice in the area of Aboriginal employment
- *Reporting* – Preparing, writing and/or contributing to reports, submissions, briefings and correspondence on matters relating to Aboriginal programs as required

Selection Criteria

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Experience in education
- Ability to educate different audiences including corporate, government and school groups.
- Excellent presentation and organisational skills
- Reliable, flexible, energetic and positive
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Current drivers licence, NSW Working with Children Check, National criminal check, and have capacity for travel on flights.
- Unfortunately, we do not have a vehicle, so you will need your private car for transport – particularly to and from workshops. Mirri Mirri will offer compensation for car usage.

www.mirrimirri.com.au





POSITIONS VACANT

Reconciliation Australia is an independent, national, not-for-profit organisation, promoting and facilitating reconciliation by building relationships, respect and trust between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our vision is for a just, equitable and reconciled Australia.

We are looking for highly skilled, passionate and enthusiastic people to assist us in meeting our organisational goals. We currently have three positions to fill.

MANAGER, INDIGENOUS GOVERNANCE PROGRAM (IGP) – Canberra

The IGP Manager is responsible for the delivery of the biennial Indigenous Governance Awards and the development of new program activities as part of Reconciliation Australia's expanding Indigenous Governance Program.

This is an exciting and unique opportunity to help support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities to assert their self-determination and positively reframe the discourse around Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander governance and success. The position will be responsible for all aspects of the 2018 Indigenous Governance Awards and the expansion of the program to provide greater support for effective Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander governance.

SENIOR OFFICER, NARRAGUNNAWALI Canberra

As a Senior Officer, *Narragunnawali*, you will support the activities of the *Narragunnawali*: Reconciliation in Schools and Early Learning program.

The Senior Officer is responsible for the ongoing development and implementation of *Narragunnawali*: Reconciliation in Schools and Early Learning program. This is achieved through the administration of the online platform and the sourcing and development of early learning, primary and secondary-specific professional learning and curriculum resources. The successful candidate will leverage their understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture to cultivate relationships with stakeholders and develop and evaluate curriculum for early learning, primary and/or secondary school settings.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT - Sydney

The Executive Assistant will be responsible for providing proactive, professional executive support to the Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer. The successful candidate will have excellent administration and communication skills with an ability to manage competing demands from both internal and external stakeholders. Strong organisational skills and the ability to work effectively with minimal supervision will be highly regarded.

All positions are full-time, fixed-term up to 30 June 2020.

Reconciliation Australia is committed to improving employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and strongly encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants.

To access the selection pack including the job description, please visit Reconciliation Australia's website at www.reconciliation.org.au or contact Reconciliation Australia's HR Advisor on (02) 6273 9200.

Applications should include a CV and address the selection criteria for the position.

Applications close: 5pm, Tuesday 27 September 2017.

Please send applications to:
HR Advisor
Reconciliation Australia
Old Parliament House,
King George Terrace, Parkes ACT 2600
Jobs@Reconciliation.org.au



Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Roads and Maritime Services is now hiring Aboriginal Identified Apprentices and Trainees across NSW:

- **Business Administration Traineeships** (Newcastle, Russell Vale, Wagga Wagga, Yennora)
- **Civil Construction Apprenticeship Roads or Bridges** (South Grafton, Ballina, Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour, Narrandera, Narrabri,)

Be part of a forward-thinking organisation that offers generous working conditions and benefits, flexible working arrangements and real commitment to developing your skills.

- Earn while you learn in a supportive environment
- Up to four years apprenticeship or two years traineeship with ongoing career development
- Receive a qualification upon completion

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of all ages and genders are encouraged to apply for this exciting opportunity! You can be a school-leaver, re-entering the workforce or a mature age worker simply wishing to change careers.

Applications Close: Sunday 17 September 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Ashleigh Tratt on (02) 8575 0773.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for the Job Titles.

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Chief Executive Officer



Beaumont People are working with Ngunya Jarjum to recruit a driven, motivated and experienced Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who will guide them through a period of change. Ngunya Jarjum are a community based out of home care service supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families.

This is a **full-time** position located in **Lismore**, Northern NSW.

For more information visit www.beaumontpeople.com.au

Closing date: Friday 22nd September 5pm.

For this position candidates must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islands decent, applicant's race is deemed an essential requirement as authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination act 1977.



DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CANBERRA

WHO WE ARE

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Our vision is for a just, equitable and reconciled Australia.

THE OPPORTUNITY

The Deputy CEO will work collaboratively with the CEO, to provide strong internal leadership, enabling Reconciliation Australia to achieve its strategic and operational goals. The position actively engages and liaises with external stakeholders, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders. Based in Canberra, the Deputy CEO will be a spokesperson for Reconciliation Australia, effectively communicating the organisation's vision and agenda.

The successful candidate will demonstrate strong leadership with the ability to build internal organisational capability in line with strategic goals and work effectively with external stakeholders. An understanding and awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and issues affecting them is an essential requirement of the role.

The position is full-time and fixed-term up to 30 June 2020.

Reconciliation Australia is committed to improving employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and strongly encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants.

To access the selection pack including the job description, please visit Reconciliation Australia's website at www.reconciliation.org.au or contact Reconciliation Australia's HR Advisor on (02) 6273 9200.

Applications should include a CV and address the selection criteria for the position.

Applications close: 5pm, Wednesday 27 September 2017.

Please send applications to:

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Reconciliation Australia
Old Parliament House,
King George Terrace, Parkes ACT 2600
Jobs@Reconciliation.org.au

Illaroo Cooperative Aboriginal Corporation



Illaroo Co-operative Aboriginal Corporation / Rose Mumbler Village provide permanent accommodation for elderly Aboriginal individuals and couples. We are a small non-profit organisation based in North Nowra, designed to deliver culturally appropriate and quality care to our community Elders.

We are seeking applications for the following positions within our organisation;

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Full Time Position – 38 hours

Reporting to the Chairperson – Board of Directors, the successful applicant will have prior leadership experience gained in a similar role within the community services or health sector.

- 3 years working in Aged Care Services or similar.
- Current Police Check
- Experience managing a diverse team
- Proven success in development and submission of government funding applications and compliance and reporting
- Demonstrated ability to set and manage budgets
- Strong analytical and problem solving skills
- Good communication skills, written and oral
- An understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
- An ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.
- Understanding and working knowledge of the Commonwealth funding models
- Understanding of and extensive experience in Human resource management and industrial relations within the aged and community sector
- Experience in developing and maintaining quality improvement systems
- Experience in maintaining WHS systems and return to work programs.
- Being of Aboriginal descent and have a sound understanding of Aboriginal culture is considered a genuine Occupational Qualification, under Section 14a of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW

REGISTERED NURSE

Permanent Part Time position

We are looking for an experienced Registered Nurse to work morning shifts (including weekends).

- Have experience in Aged Care (at least 2 years experience)
- Current Police Check
- Current Australian Nurses Registration (AHPRA)
- First Aid Certificate desirable
- Understanding of Work Health & Safety and Fire Prevention Legislation
- Experience in Aboriginal Health Care is desirable
- Have an understanding of ACFI and Accreditation
- Experience in leading small teams
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills
- Excellent written and verbal English skills
- An ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

MAINTENANCE / DRIVER POSITION

Part-Time – 21 hours

This position requires a person with flexibility and willingness to assist in all areas of the facility to maintain the highest level of care to preserve the physical and mental well being of all residents/clients of Rose Mumbler Village in a friendly and homelike atmosphere.

The role of this position is to attend to the general maintenance, gardening and driving needs of Rose Mumbler Village and the community care clients within the community.

- Hold and Maintain a current Class C NSW Drivers License and a LR licence
- Current Police Check
- Current First Aid Certificate desirable
- Demonstrated ability of gardening and lawn maintenance
- Demonstrated ability to operate relevant machinery
- Proven skills in managing all manual handling – some heavy lifting
- Proven knowledge of record keeping procedures
- Good communication skills, written and oral
- Understanding of Work Health & Safety and Fire Prevention Legislation
- Being of Aboriginal descent and have a sound understanding of Aboriginal culture is considered a genuine Occupational Qualification, under Section 14a of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW

PERSONAL CARE WORKER

Casual position

This position requires the person will ensure that all care recipients are treated with dignity and respect and care recipients privacy is maintained. Care recipients will be supported in a way to promote and maintain their independence where appropriate. The position is responsible for ensuring that all care recipients are comfortable, happy and secure.

- Current First Aid Certificate desirable
- Hold a current NSW Drivers License
- Current Police Check
- Completion of /or working towards Aged Care or Home and Community Care Certificate Level III or IV
- Commitment to the aged and knowledge of aged person's basic needs
- Caring attitude
- Good communication skills, written and oral
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Comply with Work Health & Safety, and Fire Prevention Legislation
- An ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

For more information on how to apply please contact:
Emma Douglas at Illaroo Cooperative Aboriginal Corporation
Tele: 02 44 289400

Applications Close: 25th September 2017.



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Executive Assistant to the Executive (Aboriginal Identified)

Parramatta Location

**Salary Range \$74,773 to \$90,478
plus 9.5% super and other benefits**

The Opportunity

The primary responsibility of this position is to provide high level secretarial and administrative support services.

This will include being the first point of contact for both internal and external clients noting the initial enquiry and where appropriate referring them to relevant Business Units to action.

The position holder will also provide key administrative and organisational support and will be required to establish and maintain effective and reliable organisational systems.

To be successful in this role, the EA to the Executive will need to have:

- Aboriginality - this is an identified position under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Knowledge and awareness of the cultural practices, values and issues that affect Aboriginal people in today's society.
- Proven keyboard, computer skills using Microsoft products combined with demonstrated administrative and secretarial skills.
- Sound oral and written communication skills.
- Capacity to develop and maintain efficient administrative and organisational systems.
- Demonstrated capacity for sound judgment, initiative, confidentiality and discretion at all times.
- Ability to work independently, determine priorities and meet deadlines.
- Sound interpersonal skills including the capacity to communicate professionally at all levels.
- Effective, planning, time management and organisational skills.

About us

As the State's peak representative body in Aboriginal Affairs, the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community. NSWALC is a not for profit organisation.

More information about NSWALC can be found at 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 or on (02) 9689 4490. Applications close **9.00 AM Monday, 18 September 2017** and can be forwarded to recruitment@alc.org.au

Job Status: Ongoing (Permanent)

Job Reference: 0020



Coordinator Aboriginal Participation and Development Northern Territory

Bluearth Foundation is seeking a positive self-motivated individual to lead our Aboriginal programs in Northern Territory and Northern Western Australia and coordinate all other programs in the region.

Based in Alice Springs or Darwin, the role involves both direct delivery of Bluearth's physical activity programs in schools and early childhood settings as well as leading the management of Bluearth's relationships and delivery of programs to improve Aboriginal health and wellbeing.

For further information including application process please visit <https://www.bluearth.org/employment/> or call Wendy Gillett on 0409 141 135.



SA WATER VACANCIES

For more information and to apply for vacancies with SA Water, please visit www.sawater.com.au and follow the 'careers' link.

Diversity is a key to our success - We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people from diverse backgrounds and those seeking flexible work options.



ABC Listen Audience Support Coordinator

This vacancy is open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, reflecting our commitment to the ABC's Reconciliation Action Plan, ABC Equity and Diversity Plan and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.

- **Contract Vacancy for Approximately 12 Months**
- **Part-time position with flexible hours, 38 hours per fortnight**
- **\$64K - \$71K p.a. (pro rata)**

Do you have a friendly and positive attitude? Are your written and verbal skills top notch?

Everyday hundreds of thousands of Australians to listen to independent, informative and entertaining content on ABC Radio websites and mobile apps. We are on the search for an Audience Support Coordinator to ensure that our audience have a positive experience using our services.

This is a great opportunity for someone who is interested in understanding how a media organisation functions and in particular how digital products such as mobile apps and websites are created.

For a full job description and application form visit

abc.net.au/careers

Applications close: 17 September 2017



Solicitor (Aboriginal Targeted)

- **Crime, Civil & Family Law**
- **Statewide Talent Pool**
- **Casual, Temporary & Ongoing opportunities**
- **Legal Officer Grade I-III (Package up to \$121K)**

We are looking for qualified solicitors with knowledge and experience in one or more areas of law including the following: Criminal Law, Civil Law and Family Law who are willing to work in locations across NSW.

Applications Close: Wednesday, 4 October 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Emma Langton on (02) 9219 5938.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00005HU9



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 and search Job Reference Number 00005HU3

SENIOR LECTURER, INDIGENOUS HEALTH

School of Health and Biomedical Sciences

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander designated position
- Based at the Bundoora Campus
- Full-time, Continuing position
- \$113,698 – \$131,104 p.a + 17% Superannuation

Are you seeking an exciting challenge within a dynamic educational health environment?

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Closing Date: 5pm Friday 15 September 2017

How to apply: Please consult the AIATSIS website 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 by the closing date.

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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.



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/

Send applications addressing the selection criteria and including a cover letter and resume to:

Email: executiveofficer.mldrin@gmail.com

Post: MLDRIN, Post Office Box 5005

Brunswick North VIC 3056

Applications must be submitted by: **5pm EST Friday 22nd September.**



Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN)

Project and Engagement Officer

Full-time. Salary: \$68,000 pa plus superannuation and costs.

Based in Melbourne VIC, with option of placement in regional centre within the Southern Murray Darling Basin.

Indigenous Identified position

Would you like to work with an Aboriginal-owned, not-for-profit organisation focussed on achieving water rights for Indigenous people?

MLDRIN is seeking applicants for a Projects and Engagement Officer, who will work directly with Traditional Owners across the southern Murray Darling-Basin. This position will be focussed on coordinating on-ground projects and collating information to support First Nations to participate effectively in water management and achieve water rights.

The successful applicant will require a strong understanding of water planning and management, ability to produce high-quality written reports and excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Regular travel and outdoor work will be required.

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Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS)
(Funded by the Australian Government Department of Health & Ageing)

Positions

- Full-Time Customer Service Officers
- Full-Time Customer Service Coordinator (Team Leader)

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.

Work as part of a multi-disciplinary team to support, advocate and liaise for the Western Sydney community within the Clinic environment. The positions provides the Aboriginal community key point of contact for clients visiting the clinic.

The aim of these role is to;

- Provide a high level of Customer Service
- Coordination and navigation of clients visiting the service
- Liaise and Advocate behalf of clients with our health organisation and understanding of medical terminology

Suitable and Qualified Applicants

Will work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across GWAHS Service Sites to achieve better and improve health outcomes and have 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 Jamie Matthews, GWAHS Corporate Services Manager at Greater Western Aboriginal Health Service (02) 9832 1356 or email jamiem@gwahs.net.au for an information package which details the "Essential & Desirable Criteria" to be addressed in application.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 15th September 2017. No late faxed applications will be accepted.

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) - WATER BOTANY SANDS GROUNDWATER SOURCE (BOTANY MANAGEMENT ZONE 2)

An application for an amended WORK APPROVAL has been received from **BAYSIDE COUNCIL (t/a Rockdale Community Nursery)** for an additional bore on Lot 1 DP 45657, Parish of St George, County of Cumberland for industrial purposes. (A010489). Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water Locked Bag 5123, Parramatta NSW 2124, within 28 days of this publication. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. Any queries should be directed to (02) 8838 7520, John Galea, Water Regulation Officer.

A09134

WATERNSW MACQUARIE RIVER ABOVE BURRENDONG WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **MICHAEL CHARLES & KAREN LOUISE CAMENZULI** for 1 x 100mm pump and irrigation on Part Lot 26 DP 1036923, Parish of Bathurst, County of Bathurst. (Ref: A010666).

Objections to the granting of the above approval must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 or customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call 1300 662 077. Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

A09001

WATERNSW UPPER NAMOI ZONE 4 NAMOI VALLEY (KEEPT DAM TO GIN'S LEAP) GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application to amend A WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **GUNNIBLE PASTORAL COMPANY PTY LTD** to construct a new water supply work (bore) for irrigation purposes on Lot 3 DP 31263. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 550 TAMWORTH NSW 2340 or customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection (A10808).

Any queries please phone 1300 662 077 or email the above, Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

A09147

WATERNSW SOUTHERN RECHARGE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a NEW COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **TIMOTHY DAVID SHIPARD & SARAH JOY SHIPARD** for one groundwater bore located on Lot 43 of DP 1217793, Parish of Coolbaggie, County of Lincoln, for irrigation purposes. (A010806).

Objections to the granting of the above approvals must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 or customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

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- Legal Aid NSW
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- Newcastle Office

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Applications Close:

Wednesday, 26 September 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Julie Olischlager on (02) 4908 6151.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00005HWI

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WATERNSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **AUSTRALIAN EXECUTOR TRUSTEES LTD** on Part Lot 6820 DP 823920, Parish of Euston, County of Taila. Application is to increase the area authorised for irrigation by 209 hectares.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW,

PO Box 363, Buronga NSW 2739 or email customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of your objection. (A10821).

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Rob Montieth Manager Water Regulation South.

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WATERNSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **JOHN ROSS MATOTEK and ROBERT ANTHONY MATOTEK and IVAN MATOTEK and MARIA MATOTEK** to install a 260 mm pump on Part Lot 1 DP 563683, Parish of Palinyawah, County of Wentworth. No increase to the area authorised for irrigation.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW,

PO Box 363, Buronga NSW 2739 or email customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of your objection. (A10740). Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Rob Montieth, Manager Water Regulation South.

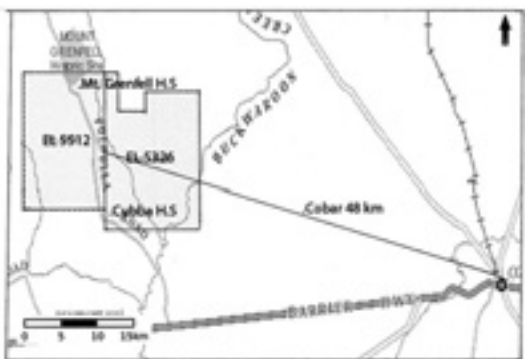
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EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION

Exploration Licence Application Notice is given in accordance with Section 13A of the Mining Act 1992 and Clause 15 of the Mining Regulation 2016 that Exploration Licence Applications ELA5326 and ELA 5512 for Mineral Group 1 has been lodged with the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development by PGM Management Pty. Limited, ACN 004 933 055 over an area of about 90 units which is located approximately 48 kilometres north-west of the town of Cobar, as shown on the diagram below.

Information regarding this application can be obtained from Graeme Weber, Phone Number 0419 303 061.

Information about landholder's rights is available on the department's website: <http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/landholders-and-community/landholders-rights>.



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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of South Australia

Notification day: 20 September 2017

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 5, Roma Mitchell Law Courts Building, Adelaide, SA, 5000 on or before 19 December 2017. After 19 December 2017, the Federal Court’s permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Nauo #2
Federal Court File No: SAD188/2016
Date filed: 6 April 2017
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.
Description: The application covers an area of land and waters of approx. 2410sq km adjacent to the city of Port Lincoln on the Jessieu Peninsula at the south east end of the Eyre Peninsula, including Boston Island, Taylor Island, Thistle Island, Albatross Island, Williams Island, Curta Rocks, Liguanea Island, Neptune Islands and Gambier Islands.
Relevant LGA: The DC of Lower Eyre Peninsula.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Dianne Drake on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Victoria



Notification day: 20 September 2017

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney, NSW 2000 on or before 19 December 2017. After 19 December 2017, the Federal Court’s permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Gunaikurnai People
Federal Court File No: VID737/2014
Date filed: 9 December 2014
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.
Description: West Gippsland area including Wilsons Promontory.
Relevant LGA: Bass Coast Shire and South Gippsland Shire.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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NOTICE 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 Mining Act 1978:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2931	FLEAY, John Geoffrey	4BL	72km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 43' S Long: 117° 15' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2238	ASKINS, Paul Winston	66BL	179km NE'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 26° 54' S Long: 115° 45' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2242	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	4BL	99km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 55' S Long: 116° 11' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/566	SOUTHERN GOLD LIMITED	3BL	64km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 122° 19' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	38/3247	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	113BL	109km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 4' S Long: 123° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3254	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	56km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 51' S Long: 122° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2037	NEXUS MINERALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	28BL	103km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 32' S Long: 122° 35' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1072 & 46/1081	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	54BL	100km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 58' S Long: 121° 4' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3607	HANSON CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PTY LTD	10BL	31km SW'ly of Dampier	Lat: 20° 49' S Long: 116° 28' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	47/3637	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	58BL	40km SW'ly of Dampier	Lat: 20° 59' S Long: 116° 34' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	47/3741	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	18BL	58km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 6' S Long: 116° 34' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1844	PANORAMIC GOLD PTY LTD	23BL	89km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 50' S Long: 119° 20' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1068	SUREFIRE RESOURCES NL	16BL	55km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 22' S Long: 118° 57' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2267	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	52BL	132km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 27° 17' S Long: 116° 2' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4967	K S GOLD PTY LTD	18BL	67km N'ly of Dalwallinu	Lat: 29° 42' S Long: 116° 28' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4971	AVAIL RESOURCES PTY LTD	15BL	21km N'ly of Morawa	Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 116° 0' E	MORAWA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4985	PMR QUARRIES PTY LTD	1BL	33km SW'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 36' S Long: 115° 44' E	WANNEROO CITY
Exploration Licence	70/4990	CYGNUS GOLD LIMITED	39BL	51km W'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 35' S Long: 118° 20' E	KONDININ SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4991	CYGNUS GOLD LIMITED	67BL	40km SE'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 33° 23' S Long: 118° 44' E	KENT SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4992	CYGNUS GOLD LIMITED	94BL	54km N'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 118° 24' E	MERREDIN SHIRE, MUKINBUDIN SHIRE, NUNGARIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5002	CABLE SANDS (WA) PTY LTD	9BL	21km E'ly of Busselton	Lat: 33° 35' S Long: 115° 33' E	BUSSELTON CITY, CAPEL SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5003	LICOGRAPH PTY LTD	65BL	17km S'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 36' S Long: 118° 53' E	KONDININ SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5004	LICOGRAPH PTY LTD	63BL	7km S'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 30' S Long: 118° 52' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2463	CYGNUS GOLD LIMITED	49BL	46km NE'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 9' S Long: 118° 34' E	MERREDIN SHIRE, NUNGARIN SHIRE, WESTONIA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2465	GAZARD INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	25BL	13km SE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 119° 37' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5112	KAILI IRON PTY LTD	32BL	71km W'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 22' S Long: 127° 1' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5113	KAILI IRON PTY LTD	16BL	34km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 55' S Long: 127° 39' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5114	KAILI IRON PTY LTD	20BL	79km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 32' S Long: 127° 50' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5115	KAILI IRON PTY LTD	22BL	49km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 49' S Long: 127° 50' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5122	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	17BL	82km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 46' S Long: 126° 3' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE, HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	21/757	MUSGRAVE MINERALS LIMITED	196.89HA	18km S'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 35' S Long: 117° 54' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2343	SAUNDERS, Frederick Charles	121.29HA	44km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 121° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4102	CASCADE RESOURCES LIMITED	186.36HA	30km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4276	TORIAN RESOURCES LIMITED	140.41HA	33km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	37/9008-10	KJAZZ PTY LTD	575.68HA	33km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 121° 37' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9032	LAIKE, Timo Kalevi	9.03HA	36km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 121° 39' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9033-5	CREW, Ross Frederick	596.67HA	34km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 121° 40' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9036-7	MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	365.58HA	56km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 26' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9038	NU-FORTUNE GOLD LTD	147.67HA	60km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 23' S Long: 121° 5' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9039	NU-FORTUNE GOLD LTD	9.64HA	59km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 21' S Long: 121° 1' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9040	NU-FORTUNE GOLD LTD	20.66HA	60km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 22' S Long: 121° 1' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9041	NU-FORTUNE GOLD LTD	6.32HA	60km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 21' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9043	VARCOE, Guye Eric	43.01HA	61km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 17' S Long: 121° 9' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9047	GOLDEN MILE RESOURCES LTD	63.57HA	6km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 121° 22' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9048-53	GOLDEN MILE RESOURCES LTD	1017.00HA	12km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 22' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9060	GOLDEN MILE RESOURCES LTD	67.33HA	34km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 39' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9061	GOLDEN MILE RESOURCES LTD	12.25HA	32km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 121° 38' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4419-S	STEAD, Alexander John	9.89HA	50km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5836	NEXUS MINERALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	152.29HA	101km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 31' S Long: 122° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5838	DUBBERLEY, Kateva Lillian Susan	198.87HA	50km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 121° 50' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3018-9	WANBANNA PTY LTD	395.26HA	17km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 41' S Long: 118° 37' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3021	WANBANNA PTY LTD	188.05HA	18km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 43' S Long: 118° 36' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3022	WANBANNA PTY LTD	197.40HA	15km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 39' S Long: 118° 37' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4480	WILLIAMS, Robert Hedley	17.18HA	46km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 32' S Long: 119° 37' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 6 September 2017

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **6 December 2017**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 6 January 2018**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518. * - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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Gardner a Test chance



WITH their devastating World Cup exit still fresh, Australia will be out to avenge their elimination by retaining the women's cricket Ashes.

Australia were shocked in the semifinal by India, who sent them crashing out of the tournament with a 36-run defeat.

While England will arrive in Australia in October as world champions, Australian vice-captain Alex Blackwell is confident the Aussies can turn the tables on their arch enemy.

"We're confident we can win these Ashes," Blackwell said.

"We're still ranked No. 1 in the world.

"Obviously devastating that we didn't win a World Cup recently, but it was a great tournament."

The first day-night women's Test, to be played at North Sydney Oval from November 9-12, is sandwiched between three ODIs and three T20s and will be part of the seven-match, multi-format series.

Ashleigh Gardner is in line for

selection in the Australian Test team.

Gardner has played ODI and T20 internationals for Australia, but to date South Australian Faith Thomas is the only Indigenous Australian to play Test cricket.

The career nurse played her only international match against England in 1958, becoming the first Aboriginal woman to represent Australia in any sport.

She took 0-11 from 36 deliveries and scored three runs.

Blackwell said the World Cup had shown the playing field in the women's game has levelled and standards have sharply improved.

It mounts a strong case to increase the amount of female Test cricket, with Blackwell calling for more multi-format series to be scheduled.

"Perhaps we can play New Zealand in a set-up like that or any of the top eight nations," she said.

"As the strength of the game goes up, why not play more Test cricket?"

The women's Ashes start in Brisbane on October 22. — AAP



Faith Thomas, Australia's only female Indigenous Test cricketer. She could soon be joined by Ashleigh Gardner, who has played one-day and T20 cricket for Australia. *Picture: Peter Argent*

Schools embrace Aussie rules carnival

By ALF WILSON



A LARGE number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youngsters competed in the

fourth annual Garbutt Magpies Cup 'Boys To Men' Australian rules junior carnival in Townsville.

They were among more than 200 students who participated in the carnival at the Murray Sporting Complex on August 18.

Teams from state schools Currajong, Bohlevale, Garbutt, Willows, Kirwan, Rasmussen, Kelso, Ayr, Gumlu and Bwgcolman (Palm Island), along with Shalom Christian College and St Michael's Catholic (Palm Island), took part.

Open to all Year 5 and 6 students from all cultural backgrounds, the Cup uses sport as a vehicle to promote messages of resilience, strength and connectedness to kids on the cusp of adolescence.

The competition was established by the former Garbutt Magpies Club at the request of the AFL, which wanted to engage more with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth in Queensland.

Garbutt Magpies Cup chairman Leon Stubbs said the competition was reminiscent of a time when community members played a greater role in the lives of young people.

"From the 1950s through until 1989, the Garbutt Magpies Sporting Club was

an important part of the Garbutt community," he said.

"It was more than just a sporting club. It was a second family to the local kids who played AFL, rugby league, basketball, vigoro, cricket and softball.

"The coaches and other adults were genuine mentors and role models to these kids, but unfortunately this sense of community connectedness doesn't exist as much today.

"Over the previous competitions, the Garbutt Magpies Cup has proved itself to be a wonderful way for Elders to reconnect with local kids and teach some important life lessons – all while enjoying a game of footy.

"Students are seeking an opportunity and need the support of the family Garbutt Magpies. They want respect and understanding. They know they have it and now need to stand strong and create their future."

In the semifinals Kelso 3.5 (23) beat Kirwan 3.4 (21) and Shalom 2.4 (16) beat Bohlevale 2.3 (15) in extra time.

Kelso won the grand final 3.1 (19) to Shalom's 2.4 (16).

The Wally Tallis Medal for the best and fairest player was won by Kelso's Jett Courts.

Shalom Sports Academy head Mark Burgess said the carnival was great for all the players.

"We had a young, inexperienced Shalom Primary team that exceeded expectations to make the grand final, finishing runners-up to a tough side," he said.



Members of the Palm Island Bwgcolman State School and St Michael's Catholic College teams.



The Christian College team.



North Adelaide under 15s Country Aboriginal lads, from left, Elliott McNamara, Jeremiah Williams, Shamus Highfold, Blake Cooper, Nigel Williams, Arkiel Enalanga, Shambaye Besant-Wilton and Ryan Newchurch. *Picture: Peter Argent*

Stars of tomorrow

By PETER ARGENT



THERE was no shortage of Indigenous talent on show at the annual South Australian National Football League (SANFL) Under 15 Championships.

Games were played during mid-July across suburban Adelaide grounds, and brought the best rural talent from the state to Adelaide for a week of elite football.

For the North Adelaide Country outfit, they had no less than eight players in their side – Elliott McNamara, Jeremiah Williams, Shamus Highfold, Blake Cooper, Nigel Williams, Arkiel Enalanga, Shambaye Besant-Wilton and Ryan Newchurch – with Indigenous heritage.

Best on ground

In the day three 'Crows division' game against Central District, Ryan Newchurch produced best on ground performance for the Roosters and was mentioned among the best players in the clashes with Sturt.

Elliott McNamara was also mentioned in the best player lists on a couple of occasions for North.

In the 'Power division' the Eagles and Redlegs finished the round-robin the two wins and a loss. Despite defeating the Redlegs in their last game, the Eagles missed out on a grand final berth by a small percentage.

From the upper Yorke Peninsula town on Bute, Lachlan Jones was the standout in this 10-point victory.

Playing off half back, he showed immense composure under pressure, skill and ability to read the game.

He also complemented his performance with a great mark in the last quarter.

Jones was also among the better players in the round one match against West and in the big win over South Adelaide on day two.

"Our first game loss cost us big time," Eagles Country coach Ashley Green said.

"Our focus was to get better quarter by quarter and game by game, and I believe we achieved that."

"Lachlan Jones was our player of the tournament and he has all the tools to go a long way."

"He was in our best players in all three games and was simply outstanding on the Thursday."

"While it would have been good to play in the final, as I reckon we could have tested Glenelg, this was the fourth year

I've been involved with this team, and I felt that generally it was a successful carnival."

For the Norwood team that progressed to the grand final, one of their leading class was Leonard Wells, the nephew of Collingwood and former North Melbourne footballer Daniel Wells.

He showed the same composure, skill level and football smarts as his famous uncle, being the Redlegs' best against the Eagles.

Wells was among the best players against West Adelaide on day two and against South in the big win on day one.

Thriller

The SANFL Under 15s Country grand final against Glenelg proved to be an absolute thriller on the Friday at Football Park.

Only five points separated the teams at halftime and Norwood took a slender seven-point lead into the final term.

The heart-stopping final quarter had giant ebbs and flows, with Glenelg coming from behind to win the game by one point.

Final scoreboard: Glenelg 8.8 (56), Norwood 8.7 (55).

In defence, one of the better players for Norwood in the decider was Ronald Carbine, from Mallee Park Football Club.



Eagles talent Lachie Jones brings down a big mark against Norwood at Woodville Oval. *Picture: Peter Argent*

Burgoyne signs on for 18th AFL season



HAWTHORN premiership star Shaun Burgoyne will continue his decorated Australian Football League (AFL) career next season after he signed a new deal in late August.

Burgoyne, who will turn 35 before the start of next season, maintained a high level of performance this year and is still remarkably durable.

He played every game for the Hawks

in 2017 and will enter his 18th AFL season having played 105 consecutive games.

"I was happy to get through the year and play some good footy," Burgoyne said.

'Lot of years'

"We've come to an agreement and I'll go around for season number 18, which is a lot of years."

The four-time premiership star – three with Hawthorn and one with Port Adelaide

– has played 341 AFL games, which places him second on the all-time list of games played by an Indigenous player behind Sydney champion Adam Goodes.

Burgoyne, picked 12th overall at the 2000 national draft by Port, crossed to Hawthorn at the end of the 2009 season and won't play finals for the first time since changing clubs.

"It's definitely interesting... I'm not used to it," he said after the Hawks finished the season in 12th spot.

"It definitely hurts not playing (finals)... it burns."

"Hopefully, it lights a fire in the other guys as well and the younger guys who haven't experienced any of that yet."

"(That) they want to come back, train hard and have a big year and get to September where everyone wants to be."

The Hawks farewellled champion duo Luke Hodge and Josh Gibson, who are both younger than Burgoyne, at the end of this season. – AAP



Busy time in Qld

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander rugby league players have a lot of All Blacks carnivals looming throughout Queensland.

One of the highlights will be the Zenadth Kes Cup at Ken Brown Memorial Oval, Thursday Island, from October 13-15.

Organisers are expecting 10 men's and four women's teams with the early favourites tipped to be

Mabuiag's Wagadagam Storm, Mulga, from Badu, and Saibai Stags.

New teams which look set to compete are Mura Beizam (Queensland Police

team), Arkai Brothers (Moa) and Murray Island.

However, indications are last year's winner Magun Warriors (Iama) won't be returning.

The Zenadth Kes is without a doubt the biggest such carnival in the Torres Strait, surpassing the Island of Origin on Badu, which this year had just four men's sides.

The big one first

The first All Blacks carnival will be the big one – the sixth Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Carnival in Redcliffe from September 20-23.

Torres Strait men's team Dhadhin Geai Warriors will be amongst the sides chasing the rich prizemoney.

Also, many Indigenous players from North Queensland will line up for men's

and women's teams along with the junior grades.

Gordonvale's Indigenous carnival will be held at Jones Park from October 7-8 and has been popular in recent years.

A large number of Torres Strait players will be among the contestants at Townsville's Bindal carnival from October 14-15.

Although the Zenadth Kes and Bindal dates clash, it has never really affected team or player numbers at either.

A majority of players at the Thursday Island carnival live on the islands, Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) or Cape York.

Most of the Torres Strait players for the Townsville event are from there, Cairns, Mackay and other places in the region.

At this early stage, there are 16 confirmed men's teams at Townsville,

including Mosby Eagles, Kross Memorial, Eastern Warriors, Elijah's Heroes, Aja's Boyz, Young Bloods and two Barracudas sides from Palm Island.

These will include players of Masig, Mer, Iama, Erub, Moa, Badu, Mabuiag, Saibai, Boigu and Thursday Island heritage.

Junior games

There will also be under 18 and junior games in the under 11 and 13 grades as well as a women's exhibition match between the Eva Geia Palm Island Memorial team and Bowen Stingers.

Eva Geia was a Palm Island woman who has many descendants from Moa.

The Dan Ropeyarn Memorial carnival is scheduled for Bamaga, at the tip of Cape York, from October 26-28.

Weipa Raiders hold on

By ALF WILSON



A HOME ground advantage helped Weipa Raiders beat Lockhart River Scorpions 18-16 in a cliffhanger Cape Cluster Rugby League competition grand final.

Finals day was held at Weipa's Andoom Oval on August 26 in a competition where players and officials from remote Indigenous communities had to travel long distances over rough roads.

Try scorers for the Karl Adams-coached Raiders in the decider were speedster Alfred Bond, Ryan Madua and Max McCall. Patrick Ropeyarn booted three goals.

Lockhart River Scorpions won the 2016 grand final and this time their try scorers were Smithy Bally, Brandon Piva and Isaak Rockby. Goalkickers were Dominic Macumboy and Brandon Piva.

Credit must go to the Wayne Butcher-coached Scorpions who trailed 16-0 early in the second half, but fought on and failed narrowly.

Two qualifying semifinals were held earlier and in the first, Weipa Raiders beat Coen Colts 32-4.

In the second semifinal Lockhart River Scorpions defeated Aurukun Kang Kang 30-12.

In an exhibition match to decide fifth and sixth positions, Napranum Twal defeated Kowanyama 26-16.

Man of the match in the grand final was Brandon Piva (Lockhart River Scorpions); man of the series, Jason Nixon (Weipa Raiders); volunteer of the year, Angela Lui.

Cairns-based Queensland Rugby League (QRL) Northern Division assistant divisional manager Robbie Moore said it was the best finals day in the competition's history.

Other teams that competed during the season were Mapoon Magpies and Pormpuraaw Crocs.



Cape Cluster premiers Weipa Raiders.

Rising star comes from strong bloodlines

Brothers Enemarki, left, and Gehamat Shibasaki Jnr.



By ALF WILSON



RISING young Torres Strait Islander rugby league star Enemarki Shibasaki shone for Brothers when they beat arch rivals Western Lions 22-18 in a high-quality Townsville and District under-20 grand final.

Shibasaki scored two tries and was amongst the best on the ground.

Coach Chris Gray was glowing in his praise.

"Enemarki played five-eighth and his decision making and defence was exceptional," Gray said.

"He even bagged himself a 100m try that changed the game and we dug deep to come from behind 18-6 to win 22-18.

Shibasaki was presented with the

man of the match award.

Shibasaki left Ignatius Park College after completing Year 12 in 2016 and is now studying at James Cook University in Townsville.

His older brother Gehamat Shibasaki is with the Brisbane Broncos and both look to be National Rugby League (NRL) players in the not too distant future.

Their father is Gehamat Shibasaki Snr, who is a descendant of the Argun Tribe on Badu Island, and his mum is Nina Shibasaki (nee Zaro), a descendant from Dauar, in the eastern island of Mer.

They have very strong bloodline ties to a number of former NRL players.

Enemarki Shibasaki's paternal grandmother is a relative of Ben Barba and his mother is cousin to Robert Lui... not to mention the bloodline and reputation of the Argun tribe from Badu.

Ash Gardner in inaugural elite squad



ASHLEIGH Gardner is one of eight of Australia's most promising female cricketers to be included in Cricket Australia's inaugural 2017 women's National Performance Squad (NPS).

The squad will spend two weeks at the National Cricket Centre (NCC) in Brisbane under the eye of former

Australian representative Leah Poulton, who was appointed Cricket Australia high-performance coach earlier this year.

The addition of a women's National Performance Squad is another step in the professionalisation of the women's game and enables Australia's most talented young cricketers to compete and learn from their peers in the world class facilities at the NCC.

The NPS program is recognised as an important step between state and international cricket, and is aimed at giving young athletes the skills they need to perform in a variety of conditions and environments.

Gardner recently announced she was switching from the NSW Breakers to the South Australian Scorpions for the 2017-18 Women's National Cricket League (WNCL).

Gardner and SA teammate Tahlia McGrath and NSW fast bowler Belinda Vakarewa have already made their international debuts and will benefit from the additional tutelage at the NPS.

The squad will also train alongside and play a series of practise matches against the Australian women's team as they prepare for the upcoming Women's Ashes Series.

Izak Rankine celebrates his match-winning goal against Sacred Hearts College at Woodville Oval that propelled Henley High into the All Schools grand final. Pictures: Peter Argent



Henley's Jase Burgoyne in the Years 8-9 Metro All Schools knockout grand final.



Tye Bedford playing for St Peter's College against Prince Alfred College in the longest-running Australian football annual fixture.



Schoolboys on show

By **PETER ARGENT**



few weeks.

For the Henley High side, expected 2018 top 10 AFL draft contender Izak Rankine continued to ply his trade and was a star in the public schools grand final victory over Nuriootpa High at Elizabeth Oval on August 8.

He also played a pivotal role in the following week's preliminary final against Sacred Heart College to get to the prestigious All Schools open competition decider against Prince Alfred College.

Against Hearts with one special piece of brilliance in the

last quarter, Rankine turned the game against their more fancied opponents.

With the match up for grabs, in wet and raining conditions that were not conducive to high-class execution of skills, a brilliant smoother and retrieval of the football, followed by a conversion on the run from 40 metres out, ensured Henley got to the All Schools championship final for the first time in more than a decade.

The grand final was an epic and ultimately frustrating game against the highly-touted private school, Prince Alfred College.

Henley, looking for its first title in the open era, lost by a heartbreaking five-point margin in a low-scoring affair.

Rankine was again one of the superstars.

He was high among the best players for Henley, and kicked

four of his team's eight goals in the 8.9 (57) to 8.4 (52) defeat.

His first goal – a four bounce effort from a halfback line where he burnt off an opponent and then kicked a goal from 50 metres in the opening term – showed his sublime talent.

"He produced that goal at a moment when we needed something to happen, after PAC had jumped us and got out to a quick start," Henley High coach and former AFL footballer Ben Kane said.

'Phenomenal athlete'

"He is a phenomenal athlete with a very bright future.

"That freakish individual effort lifted our group."

Kane also said Year 10 Indigenous student Deacon Braun was a strong contributor on a wing for Henley and is seen as a strong

prospect as well.

Jase Burgoyne, the son of Port Adelaide premiership star Peter and sibling of Trent, was a member of the Henley Years 8-9 Metro Knockout side that defeated Sacred Heart for a third successive year at this level.

Henley defeated Hearts 12.6 (78) to 7.9 (51).

"Jase was touch and go to play before the game with a shoulder problem," Kane said.

"That's why he didn't play the minutes you may of expected.

"When he did get his opportunity, he displayed the natural class he oozes."

The intercollegiate match between PAC and St Peter's College is a much anticipated showdown each year.

For a gallant St Peter's College, Tye Bedford led the way, despite their 29-point loss in the

longest running annual game in Australian football.

Saints played Prince Alfred College in the 147th edition of their annual rivalry on Saturday, August 26.

PAC kicking three unanswered goals in the opening term, but Bedford turned the course of the contest, igniting the Saints' charge and dragging them back into the game.

"Tye got us moving," St Peter's coach Darren Trevena said.

"He had a significant impact and his quality possessions got us back into this contest in the second and third quarter.

"He turned the game in our favour after we got off to a slow start, not impacting on the scoreboard."

Bedford is tied to the Sturt Football Club in the SANFL after coming across from rural WA.

Roberts celebrates while Cowboy waves goodbye



James Roberts celebrates after scoring a try for the Brisbane Broncos in the National Rugby League (NRL) game against the North Queensland Cowboys at Townsville last Thursday night. The Broncos won 20-10, scoring three unanswered tries in the first half and leading 14-0 after just 12 minutes. Roberts has scored 16 tries this season and after last Thursday night was the NRL's sixth leading try-scorer. *Picture: Getty*



Retiring Cowboy Ray Thompson waves to the crowd during a lap of honour with his family before the start of the round 26 National Rugby League (NRL) match between the North Queensland Cowboys and the Brisbane Broncos at Townsville last Thursday night. Thompson had announced he would retire at the end of this season, but injury prevented him taking his place in the team last Thursday. The 27-year-old has been limited to six games this year due to ongoing knee issues, which he admits played a part in his decision to walk away at year's end. "I've got nothing but great memories of my time playing here and to take the field with these blokes has been a true privilege," Thompson said. "I've battled through some injuries throughout my career so now was the right time to call curtains." Thompson has played 111 NRL games since his 2009 debut with the Cowboys. He said he would join ex-Cowboy Matt Bowen in the NRL club's community support staff from November. Cowboys general manager of football Peter Parr said: "This club is a better place for Ray's time here." *Picture: Getty*

Hodgson lashes out



FORMER Indigenous Wallaby Matt Hodgson had joined billionaire mining magnate Andrew Forrest in calling on Australian Rugby Union

(ARU) chairman Cameron Clyne to resign, claiming Clyne 'lied' about the reasons he chose to axe the Western Force.

Forrest says he stumbled across legal advice sent to the ARU board in February indicating the Force was the best Super Rugby team to cut because the legal risk was low.

In the advice from the ARU management to the ARU board, it said axing the Brumbies or Melbourne Rebels without cause would constitute an unlawful termination.

But for the ARU-owned Force, it said there was 'no legal obligation' to retain the franchise once the broadcast rights deal was renegotiated.

Two months after receiving the advice, the ARU announced it would axe the Force or Rebels as part of SANZAAR's plans to reduce the competition from 18 to 15 teams.

But Forrest claims the ARU knew in February that if any of the five Australian teams was to go, it would be the Force.

"What I saw in that document dated late February made the whole thing a lie," Forrest said.

"It shows clearly that in late February this year, the advice was received and taken to cut the Western Force for no other reason apart from legal advice.

"The Western Force was set up to be ambushed. It was going to be bullied into submission.

"I will always stand up to bullies, and I will always stand against injustice.

"And a great injustice was about to be wreaked on the Western Force. I call on Cameron Clyne to resign."

Force great Matt Hodgson said he felt betrayed by Clyne, and also called on the chairman to quit.

Hodgson choked back tears as he explained the toll the drawn-out saga has taken on the players and staff at the Force.

But Clyne hit back at the claims on Wednesday, saying the documents Forrest obtained were just one part of the analysis undertaken by ARU management at the request of the board.

'Killing love of rugby'

Earlier, Hodgson said the ARU was killing his love of rugby.

Hodgson, a foundation player at the Force, is widely considered to be the franchise's heart and soul.

The 36-year-old has been a tireless campaigner for rugby in Western Australia and around the country.

But in an emotional Facebook post

written shortly after the ARU rejected Forrest's financial offer, Hodgson said the ARU was killing his love of the game.

"Today might just be the day I finally (lose) the love of the game, after another opportunity to make the right decision again was wasted. It's never too late to make the right decision," Hodgson wrote.

"Will the love ever come back? I'm not sure."

Hodgson, a qualified mental health first aider, said this year had been by far the hardest of his rugby career.

And that's from a man who has broken his nose 33 times, endured reconstructions of his knee (two times), shoulder (three times) and ankle (two times), and almost had his ear ripped off.

"I have been close to being forced out of the game on many occasions due to injury. Even in the darkest of my days I still loved the game. The game was not to blame," Hodgson wrote. — *With AAP*

Tyrone Roberts looks set to remain with Titans



TYRONE Roberts' National Rugby League (NRL) season is over, but his tenure is

set to be extended on the Gold Coast with a new, albeit belated, contract in the works.

Roberts missed last Saturday's final-round clash with Sydney Roosters because of a shoulder injury and is currently without a club in 2018.

He should have his immediate future sorted soon, with Titans boss Graham Annesley confident of finalising the deal before players begin their off-season break.

The versatile playmaker has arguably been among the Titans' best this season despite chopping and changing positions on an almost weekly basis in a squad beset by injury.

Roberts has spent time at

hooker, centre, fullback, in the halves and off the bench this season.

But he was at his best alongside good mate Ashley Taylor at No. 6, until being curiously shifted to the bench to accommodate a fit-again Kane Elgey at the back end of the season.

That shift corresponded with the Titans' poor run of form and subsequent sacking of head coach Neil Henry.

The 26-year-old knocked back a deal to remain at the club earlier this season, unhappy with the offer and his inability to call one spot his own.

English Super League outfit Warrington and NRL rivals Wests Tigers were touted as options, while Brisbane were also a possible destination for the former Newcastle talent.

Having fought his way back into the starting side until injury hit, Roberts told NRL.com last

week that he would put aside any frustrations and ink a new deal to remain on the Gold Coast.

Titans chief executive Graham Annesley said it was something for the Titans to smile about.

"To have a player like Tyrone wanting to stay is good for the club," he said.

"We're still in discussions with his manager, but hopefully we get an outcome soon." — *AAP*

Shining stars

RUGBY LEAGUE



With **PRESTON CAMPBELL**

TRADITIONAL wisdom has it that you need to finish in the top four of the National Rugby League (NRL) competition to win a premiership.

There will be a time when a team outside the eight wins the premiership, but I will focus today on the five teams who can finish in the top four at the time of writing: Melbourne Storm, Sydney Roosters, Brisbane Broncos, Parramatta Eels and Cronulla Sharks.

In analysing their chances, I will focus on the Indigenous players who not only have been instrumental in getting their teams to the finals, but who will have key roles in determining how far they progress.

It is impossible not to start with the Melbourne Storm when discussing premiership prospects.

They have been the outstanding and most consistent side in the competition.

A key player in their season has been Will Chambers, who, in my mind, is the game's premier centre.

Come of age

I have always been a fan of the Nhulunbuy product, but I think he has truly come of age.

Although he has always performed well on the representative stage, he was presented with a real challenge when playing for Queensland with the retirement of Justin Hodges and the injury to Greg Inglis.

His leadership for Queensland and the Storm has seen him emerge as one of the game's leading players.

His try against the Titans when he left Jarryd Hayne grasping is one of my season highlights.

As good as Chambers has been, there is little doubt that the Storm's two wingers have been fan favourites across



Bevan French

the season.

Josh Addo-Carr has been a revelation.

His personal story is inspirational, but what he has achieved on the field is in itself amazing.

A fringe player at the Wests Tigers, he has emerged as one of the game's top try-scorers.

When you match his speed with his game awareness and anticipation, you have a player who can turn a game in the blink of an eye.

The Roosters have emerged as a real threat to the Storm over recent weeks and they certainly have the experience as well as the talent to be a genuine contender.

Blake Ferguson has answered some external criticism directed at him in the best way possible with his form being equal to his Kangaroos performances that saw him named as player of the tour to England.

He has been rewarded with a new contract and this appears to have given him the confidence to just focus on his footy.

On the other side of the field, Latrell Mitchell continues to amaze with his skill, strength and speed.

It is hard to believe that Latrell is just 19.

Because of his age and lack of experience, he will continue to be targeted.

The trouble with this tactic is that if Latrell is 'on', he could destroy the opposition defence in a moment of brilliance.

He is undoubtedly a superstar in the making.

Add to this the attacking brilliance of Connor Watson off the bench and the Roosters have a very potent attack.

Connor will be a great asset to the Knights next year as he has struggled to find a permanent position at the Roosters.

His ability to play quality football in a number of positions does give the Roosters options that the other teams do not possess.

The team that nobody can be certain about is the Broncos.

But is hard to believe that a Wayne Bennett-coached team



Josh Addo-Carr



Latrell Mitchell

will falter come finals time.

Although Sam Thaiday has done a great job filling in at dummy-half, his return to the middle forwards may give the Broncos added momentum in the major games.

Sam is a big-match player and his leadership and experience will be a vital component of the Broncos' finals campaign.

The big stage also awaits 'Jimmy the Jet'.

James Roberts has earned his contract extension with the Broncos, but they will be hoping their faith is returned in the big games ahead.

James is one of those rare players who can create something from nothing or turn a dropped ball from the opposition into a try.

He is the type of player who is invaluable in the big games because it is often these unplanned events that can bring the most disciplined defence undone.



Blake Ferguson



Wade Graham



James Roberts

seriously mount a title defence.

Graham brings a hard edge to the Sharks' defence and is also a skilful ball-player.

When he is on song, Andrew Fifita is given greater opportunity to play at his destructive best.

At his best, Fifita is unstoppable as he showed in last year's grand final and the first State of Origin this year.

Achievers

Meanwhile, the Eels are approaching the finals series without any great expectation – they are one of the real achievers this year.

Brad Arthur has moulded the team into a highly competitive outfit and their recent demolition of the Broncos made people sit up and take notice.

The team will be hoping that Bevan French overcomes his current injury as he has shown an uncanny ability to be where the ball is when there is a try to be scored.

His injury has however given Will Smith a chance to prove his worth in the fullback position and it has been great to see him resurrect his NRL career.

I am not discounting the potential of the remaining teams to make a mark and am looking forward to the early finals battles – particularly the early elimination contests.

Bring it on!



Eddie Betts
Picture:
Peter Argent



Lance Franklin
Picture: AAP



Patrick Ryder
Picture:
Peter Argent

They're All Australians

By **PETER ARGENT**



SYDNEY Swan Lance 'Buddy' Franklin, Adelaide Crow Eddie Betts and for the first time Port Adelaide's Patrick Ryder are in the Australian

Football League (AFL) All Australian team.

The team was announced in Melbourne last Wednesday night.

For former Hawthorn footballer and now Sydney Swan Franklin, this was his seventh All Australian honour – the first in the Hawks' first premiership year of 2008.

Collecting a seventh All Australian blazer has Franklin at the same category as current Collingwood coach Nathan Buckley, North Melbourne champion forward Wayne Carey and Carlton swingman Stephen Silvagni.

Now 30 and with half a dozen years left on his contract at the Swans, Franklin

played all 22 minor round games this season, finishing with his fourth Coleman Medal as the AFL leading goal kicker.

He was also voted the players' association most valuable player of the month (August) for the first time.

He had 125 scoring shots at a conversion rate of 55% and kicked 69 goals.

His 151 marks had him equal sixth overall in the AFL, while his 118 'inside 50 metre entries' was fourth across the competition.

Despite the Swans' amazing run, where they have won 14 of their last 16 games of the minor round and finished sixth, Franklin was the only Swan to secure this honour.

Adelaide Crow Eddie Betts' elevation to the top tier of AFL ranks continues.

This is his third successive All Australian honour in his 13th season in the competition since debuting and being Carlton's best first-year player in 2005.

For the Crows, who were 2017 minor premiers, Betts is the club's equal leading goal kicker, alongside captain Taylor Walker with 49 goals.

The small forward also laid an impressive 71 tackles during the regular season.

Paddy Ryder's ride to redemption with Port Adelaide, after being forced out of the game in 2016 due to the Essendon drugs saga, has coincided with the Power's rise up the ladder and return to finals football this season.

Now 29 and after starting his AFL career in 2006, this is Ryder's inaugural All Australian honour

He beat Adelaide Crow Sam Jacobs and Carlton Matthew Kreuzer for the pivotal first ruck honour in this team.

His 777 hit outs was second across the AFL behind Jacobs, averaging 37 per game, but it was his athleticism and work around the ground that gave him the edge

over his Adelaide-based opponent.

"Early days, when you get back into it, you find that you don't have the match fitness, and you've got to try and get back up to speed with AFL football," Ryder said in a television interview at the Palais Theatre in St Kilda last Wednesday night.

"There were times there where I thought it mightn't come back to me, but I just kept working hard at it.

"I was able to hit some form and I continued that all year."

Two other Aboriginal talents – the Melbourne Demons pair of defender Neville Jetta and small forward Jeff Garlett – were in the original squad of 40.

The All Australian selection panel was AFL CEO Gillon McLachlan as non-voting chairman, Kevin Bartlett, Luke Darcy, Andrew Dillon, Danny Frawley, Glen Jakovich, Chris Johnson, Cameron Ling, Matthew Richardson and Warren Tredrea.

Ryder's triumphant return after rollercoaster ride

THE pain of missing an AFL season through suspension is driving Port Adelaide ruckman Paddy Ryder's career-best year.

Ryder won All Australian selection in a triumphant return after being among current and former Essendon players who were banned last year.

"Last year, when I didn't have footy, I realised just how

much I loved being in the AFL system, how much footy actually means to me," he told reporters last Thursday.

"I just wanted to get back and prove to everyone that has always supported me along the way that, yeah, I am capable of playing at a really high level."

Ryder said his ban led to introspection about his

AFL career.

"There were tough times," he said.

"But towards the end, I had a long time to prepare myself and think about what I was going to do this season.

"I have done that in the best way I can.

"It's a pretty proud moment for myself and my family."

Ryder said an All Australian

jumper couldn't have been further from his mind after his comeback game – a Port internal trial at Alberton.

"I remember going home after that game and I had a lot of doubts," he said.

"I hardly touched the ball that day. My timing was out.

"I started to really doubt myself but once I got back into the swing of things... I got back

into the speed of the game, once I picked that up, I started to flow.

"Statistically I probably don't have the numbers that stack up with some of the other ruckmen," Ryder said.

"But I have been able to impact games without getting 20-plus possessions, that is the key to myself getting the nod."

– AAP

Coach lauds Buddy's 'extraordinary turnaround'



AUSTRALIAN Football League (AFL) superstar Lance Franklin needed just three weeks to revert from out-of-form forward to oh-my-God great.

Franklin sounded an ominous warning to Sydney's rivals on the eve of finals, securing a fourth Coleman Medal after booting 10.2 against Carlton.

There were a few party tricks from Franklin, arguably the league's greatest entertainer and most influential player, but his conversion at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) was also notable.

Franklin had struggled with accuracy prior to the final round of the regular

season, kicking 59.54 before he outscored the Blues with his own boot.

Coupled with uncharacteristically quiet nights in rounds 19 and 20, against Hawthorn and Geelong respectively, it was enough for some to question how the 30-year-old would fight his way out of an apparent funk.

Quiet patch

"It does change extraordinarily quickly," Swans coach John Longmire said.

"Two or three weeks ago he was getting bagged because he didn't play that well down at Geelong.

"He'd had a quiet patch. You've got to have belief in your players, particularly the best ones, to strike form.

"Our job as coaches and footy clubs is to not get caught up in the ups and downs... and understand these things come and go a little bit."

Essendon, who travel to the Sydney Cricket Ground this week for an elimination final, have consistently struggled to contain Franklin throughout his 856-goal career.

Franklin averages 4.57 goals per game against the Bombers.

This year's round 14 thriller between the sides delivered some respite. Sort of.

Franklin still loomed large as a gamebreaker but he had the yips and finished with just six behinds.

Longmire noted Franklin's sharpshooting wasn't the most impressive

aspect of his last-start performance.

"His form was outstanding on the weekend. He looked sharp, he was our highest pressure player in the forward half," he said.

Franklin downplayed his feat on the weekend, imploring teammates to kick on after their barnstorming run from 0-6 battlers to premiership contenders.

"We needed to have a good hard look at ourselves as a team and work on some things at training," Franklin told Fox Footy after his 10-goal haul.

"We need to keep working, that's the thing.

"It's the hard way to do it (winning a premiership from outside the top four), we've got to really work hard." – AAP

Malpass at crossroads

By CHRIS PIKE



THE glittering State Basketball League (SBL) career of Kate Malpass in Western Australia might have ended after her Willetton Tigers

team saw their championship defence end in the semifinals for 2017.

Malpass had a stunning finish to the 2016 season as she led the Willetton Tigers to their eighth women's SBL championship where she not only hit the winning basket in the grand final but was also the standout player.

She finished with 28 points and eight rebounds to claim the grand final MVP award in what was the fifth championship of her career. She has won titles with her local Tigers in 2005, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2016.

After that triumph, Malpass wasn't sure if it would be the end of her career and a lot of that decision was always going to come down to what happened with her partner Sami Whitcomb.

The pair had played against one another in the 2015 grand final, with Whitcomb's Rockingham Flames beating Malpass' Tigers, and they once again played off in the semifinals of 2016 with Willetton getting a measure of revenge.

But the couple found it decidedly awkward to play each other in that semifinal series last year and decided they didn't want

to go through that again. So it was then all about what was next.

Whitcomb once again had a standout Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) season with the Perth Lynx, but beyond that season finishing earlier this year, she was unsure where she would be playing.

Without anything else secured and having decided against heading to Europe, Whitcomb signed with the Willetton Tigers to join Malpass in what could have been an unstoppable combination in the WA SBL in 2017.

However, then life threw a curve ball and Whitcomb was invited to try out with the Seattle Storm of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). Getting to play in the best league in the world had always been her dream.

She went on to impress so much that she was signed for the 2017-18 season and has now gone on to have a tremendous impact with the regular season nearing a close.

That meant that Malpass had a decision to make on what she wanted to do. Initially, she did think she wouldn't play at all with Willetton in 2017 and would travel to and from the United States regularly while continuing to work as a physical education teacher at Perth College.

But she had a rethink and decided to play with the Tigers again in 2017. She ended up playing 21 of a possible 27 games for Willetton, with her team

finishing the regular season in fifth position.

Malpass then injured her shoulder in the opening game of the quarterfinal series against the Stirling Senators, but made a stunning comeback the next weekend with 27 points to inspire her team to a game two victory, before they went on to win game three and keep their championship defence alive.

The challenge against the minor premier Perry Lakes Hawks in the semifinals then proved too much for the Tigers, particularly with Malpass unable to play in the second game of that series.

Injury woes

With the combination of injury troubles starting to catch up with her, wanting to be closer to wherever partner Whitcomb was, and also having to find more time for work and everything else life had to offer, Malpass could very well have now played her last game at state league level.

If that's the case, she has a lot to proudly reflect upon as a five-times championship winner at Willetton as well as being an eight-time club Most Valuable Player winner and earning three All-Star Five selections in the SBL Team of the Year.

That's just in her SBL career.

Malpass also played in the WNBL with the Perth Lynx and West Coast Waves, and in the SEABL in Melbourne while working with AFL club Richmond as a physiotherapist.

Kate Malpass
Picture:
Sports Imagery



Bennell finally makes his debut

By CHRIS PIKE



IT took until the very last two rounds of his second season with the Fremantle

Dockers, but troubled yet hugely talented Australian Football League (AFL) star Harley Bennell made his belated debut with his second club and the signs are now positive heading towards 2018.

It's fair to say it has been quite the journey for Bennell to make his AFL return and it has certainly been well documented.

His time at the Gold Coast Suns didn't end on the best note by the end of 2015, but during his 81-game, 92-goal career, he had shown that he has all the ability in the world to be one of the very best players in the AFL.

It was always other issues that would determine if he could reach his potential, and it was the prospect of what he could deliver when he's out on the field and at his best that had Fremantle so excited to sign him at the end of 2015.

But it proved a long wait for the Dockers to get him out onto the field to make his debut at his second club.



The Bombers' James Kelly tackles Harley Bennell of the Dockers during the round 23 AFL match at Docklands Stadium, Melbourne, on August 27. Picture: Getty

Calf troubles meant that Bennell didn't play in 2016 and was limited to just one appearance in the WAFL with Peel Thunder, and that was in the opening round of the season.

Put on ice

He was put on ice with hope of being ready for the pre-season heading into 2017 and then to be ready to start this season with the Dockers in the AFL setup.

But once more it was constant calf troubles that delayed his appearance and despite the

constant speculation regarding his off-field activities, it was the calf injuries that were of concern to him and the Dockers.

Club and player alike never gave up on his return in 2017, though, and he made his first appearance in a game for the season with Peel Thunder in the WAFL in round 17.

Despite not setting the world alight, just to be back on the field was massive from where the 24-year-old had come from.

Playing as a permanent forward, he played four WAFL

games and then earned the nod from Fremantle coach Ross Lyon that it was time.

"I just happened to walk past Ross in the gym and he gave me the thumbs up and I couldn't have been any happier," Bennell said.

"I went back to my locker and the first person I messaged was my mum and I just told her that I got the all clear from Ross. I'm sure she was very emotional but she was just very happy for me to get back out there and put on the purple jumper for the first time."

Finally...

Bennell then returned to an AFL field to play his first game with Fremantle in the second last game of 2017. While it didn't go to plan for his team with the Dockers losing by 104 points to Richmond, Bennell did enough to excite the fans and himself, kicking two goals.

"It was tough and we didn't get the result we wanted, but it was great for me to kick that early goal. The pressure was up in the midfield and it was a good feeling," he said.

"It was a special moment and I signalled to the crowd to tell them I'm all good. I had a lot of support from my family for the game so it was good to have them there for me and it was great to be back

out there."

He then backed it up by playing in Fremantle's final game of the season in a competitive loss to Essendon where he looked good with 13 possessions and a goal.

Bennell now won't be playing in the WAFL finals with Peel, having the decision made for him to get ready for the pre-season with the Dockers.

But just to get back for Bennell made the finish to 2017 a great success and he credits the support of Lyon as being massive in that.

"It has just been good getting back to playing footy. Obviously I've been out for a very long time and down at Peel the boys are going pretty well and finished third on the ladder, so it was good to get back playing football," Bennell said.

"There were times I thought I wouldn't make it back and I wasn't going to quit, but I was going to sit out for the rest of the season. But I sat down with Ross and we went through a few things and I'm happy I didn't make that decision.

"I've had Ross in my corner from day dot which has been the best thing for me. He backs me and believes in me, and I can't thank him enough for that."

Final Betts

Magic's Moments



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READERS of this column will be aware of my admiration of two of the great stars of our game in Eddie Betts and Lance Franklin.

Both have certain majesty in their games that make them vital to their teams' chances as we enter the finals series.

Although every team in the finals has a chance, there is no doubt that the Crows and the Swans enter September in the form that is needed to win the flag.

Both are different players in strengths and style, but they each provide that X factor that can take their team to another level.

And they came to their current clubs with the mission of winning a premiership.

For Betts, leaving Carlton was a tough decision.

"It's probably one of the toughest decisions you have to make," he said.

"I actually cried when I left Carlton because I didn't want to leave. I'm a life member there – I still love the Blues.

"I cried to a few of the boys and said, 'Listen, I'm off'. It was one of the toughest decisions I've ever had to make – and probably one of the best.

"You weigh up family wise, and premiership wise, if you want a chance to win a premiership. A lot of things go through your head."

That mental toughness is what Betts also brings to the team.

His leadership also came to the fore recently when he warned his teammates not to let criticism of their set kicking for goal get into their minds.

The Crows had been under the torchlight after its loss to the Swans, in which they had more scoring shots, and there have also been players who have been singled out for needing to sharpen up and make the most of their opportunities.

Betts, who was quick to put

up his own hand for missing an easy one against Sydney, underlined that the statistics proved the Crows were third in conversion rate from set shots.

"We spoke about our goalkicking," Betts said. "But we spoke about not letting all this stuff get into your head.

"Because we were No. 1 during the year at set shots and now we've floated down to No. 3 for accuracy.

"But all of the stories about missing goals and that – we're No. 3 in the AFL in accuracy from set shots.

"We can't let all the other stuff get into our head.

"But we're still doing work on it – it could cost us games. I missed one pretty easy on the weekend as well and we lost by three points.

"We kick our goals, we win.

"You've just got to have that set routine.

"You can't have anything else playing in your head – whether the wind plays a factor or whether you're thinking, 'I hope I don't miss, I hope I don't miss'.

"You've just got to have a set routine, make sure you get your focus, kick through the ball.

"I never put in my head that I'm going to miss it."

It is this positive attitude that Betts brings to the team each week – along with his freakish attacking skills.

At the same time, Buddy Franklin is preparing to deliver a grand final victory for the Swans.

Chief goal

Winning an AFL premiership with Sydney has become Franklin's chief goal and with that has come the pressure of expectation and the public scrutiny that comes with his profile.

"There has been a lot of attention on me over my career and obviously with my wife, but it is what it is and you learn to deal with it," he said.

"You embrace it and move on. I don't think anyone likes talking about themselves. I am a very private person and do like keeping to myself."

And while the country knows him simply as Buddy Franklin, he introduces himself as Lance.

"If I don't really know a person, I introduce myself as Lance, as I feel it is the polite thing to do, but then everyone just calls me Bud."

That is sometimes the price of fame. People think they know you because they see you on TV, but a player's real identity links back to family and community.

Looking back at his childhood in Perth, the real Lance describes himself as "cheeky".

He signed with Hawthorn at the age of 17, playing with the team for two premiership wins before moving to Sydney on a record-breaking \$10 million-plus deal that shook up the game.

"The premierships have been the highlight of my career so far,"

he says.

"I've still got a few years left, so I really want to win one up here with the Swans – that is my main goal for the next five years."

If Franklin were to go back in time and have five minutes with that 17-year-old Buddy, he says he'd tell him to "work as hard as possible".

"I'd say, 'Nothing is handed to you as a sportsman or anyone'," he says, paying tribute to the friends and mentors who have helped him keep focused throughout his career.

"So work as hard as you can to get the most out of yourself. That is the biggest thing."

One aspect of the future that Franklin is keen to focus on is what comes after football.

"It doesn't matter how many years you've got on your contract or whatever, it is important that you do have things outside of football," Franklin says.

"Obviously, football doesn't last forever, so when you have opportunities that pop up, you grab them with both hands.

"No doubt you are always thinking about what you are going to do when you finish football and you put some things in place.

"I've been fortunate to be at two great clubs that are big on that, so you can make that transition quite smoothly if you have people around you, guiding you."

With the Swans charging into the finals, despite a horror start, Franklin's premiership dream here may not be too far off.

"There's obviously a lot of hard work I've had to do over the years to be the player I am," says Franklin.

"You've got to work hard to be the best you possibly can."

That work ethic is another thing Franklin and Betts have in common.

It would be my dream grand final if they were both to line up against each other.

But there's a way to go yet!

Until Next Time... Keep on Dreaming!

Lance Franklin
Picture: AAP



Eddie Betts
Picture: Peter Argent

Beale tackles defence



AFTER stopping a rampaging Sonny Bill Williams in his tracks, Wallabies star Kurtley Beale

says he has the defensive resolve to match his attacking flair at rugby union Test level.

The fleet-footed Beale has an offensive repertoire to rival anyone's in world rugby.

But it was his defensive job on the All Blacks' strike weapon that struck a chord in the narrow Bledisloe Cup game two loss to the world champions in New Zealand late last month.

A front-on tackle to halt Williams was followed by a perfect hit and rip on the tryline moments later, as Australia rallied to twice regain the lead but eventually fell 35-29 in the second Bledisloe Cup match at Dunedin, New Zealand.

Beale said it was proof he had improved in an area that was such an issue he was often protectively pushed to the flanks whenever the opponent had the ball.

"I hope I've proved myself, but I'll keep building and working on those things," he said.

"We (Williams) play in the same position, and I guess bump into each other in those set pieces.

"It's always a great challenge. He's a great player and brings the best out of you.

"I'm glad to put myself in those positions to help the team out."

Beale, who returns to Super Rugby next season with NSW after a stint with English club



Kurtley Beale of the Wallabies celebrates a try during the Bledisloe Cup match against the New Zealand All Blacks at Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin, on August 26. Picture: Getty

Wasps, was in Waratahs blue at last Wednesday's Brisbane Global Rugby Tens launch.

While excited to take part in the 10-a-side tournament, which will include Olympic sevens champions Fiji among the 14 teams, the 62-Test veteran's focus is on green and gold.

The Wallabies meet South

Africa in Perth on September 9, hoping to carry over the form that saw them come within minutes of a long-awaited victory on New Zealand soil.

"It's important that we start the way we finished in that game," Beale said.

"The All Blacks are a pretty special team; we can definitely

take some positives out of that game and build into a pretty big week over in Perth against the Springboks."

Fiji will join French club Pau as the two new additions to next February's Brisbane Global Rugby Tens at Suncorp Stadium, replacing Toulon and South Africa's Bulls.

Organisers also confirmed on Wednesday that a West Australian side will compete regardless of the Western Force's ongoing courtroom battles with Australian Rugby Union.

The New Zealand All Blacks survived an almighty fright to secure the Bledisloe Cup for a 15th straight year, scoring a try with two minutes remaining to defeat Australia 35-29 in Dunedin on August 26.

Tries to Israel Folau, Michael Hooper and Bernard Foley – the first of which was after just 26 seconds – handed the Wallabies a shock 17-0 lead after 15 minutes.

Yet the All Blacks slowly clawed their way back against a ferocious Australian defence, pushing in front with two minutes left.

Dead rubber

The two sides will play out a third dead rubber Test in Brisbane in October.

Second-five Kurtley Beale barged over under the posts to give his side another shock lead – and at that stage it looked as if Australia would win with four minutes remaining.

But it wasn't to be as the All Blacks snatched victory just before full-time.

The Wallabies were beaten 54-34 by a rampant New Zealand in the first match of the Bledisloe Cup and Rugby Championship for 2017 at the Sydney Olympic Stadium a week earlier.

Beale also scored a try in that match. – *With AAP*

Australia sixth at women's World Cup



THE Australian Wallaroos have finished sixth at the 2017 Women's Rugby World Cup in Ireland, after falling

to Canada 43-12 at Queen's University in Belfast.

The Canadians crossed for seven tries to Australia's two.

Indigenous player Mahalia Murphy was in the Australian lineup.

Australia led 7-0, but that was the only bright note as Canada steamrolled ahead.

Coach Paul Verrell said: "Tonight's loss isn't the way we wanted to finish our World Cup campaign.

"The girls have improved exponentially throughout the tournament and a win tonight would have allowed us to finish on a positive note, knocking off a very good Canadian side.

"We made the task hard for ourselves, losing players through yellow cards, but credit to Canada, they played a great game of rugby."

The match marked Verrell's last as coach, as he plans to retire.

Earlier, the Wallaroos beat Ireland 36-24 to claim their second win of the tournament at Kingspan Stadium, Belfast.

Australia outscored Ireland five tries to four, with Sharni Williams, Sarah Riordan, Hilisha Samoa, Millie Boyle and Mahalia Murphy crossing the line.

Murphy's try extended the Wallaroos lead to 36-12, with 15 minutes left to play.



Australia winger Mahalia Murphy scores Australia's fifth try in their Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 victory over Ireland at Kingspan Stadium, Belfast, on August 22. Picture: World Rugby



Ashleigh Barty returns a shot to Sloane Stephens of the United States during their third round match on day five of the 2017 US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Centre in Flushing Meadows, New York, last Thursday. Barty was beaten in straight sets. Picture: Getty

Barty eyes seeding



ASHLEIGH Barty failed to reach the second week of the US Open women's singles when she succumbed 6-2 6-4 to American Sloan Stephens

in the third round at Flushing Meadows, New York.

But the Ipswich Indigenous 21-year-old is now after an Australian Open seeding and a coveted spot in the season-ending doubles championships.

Barty made 31 unforced errors in 18 games and dropped serve six times against the resurgent former Australian Open semi-finalist. She paid the price for only converting three of 11 break-point chances.

"Sloane played a really good match and sort of took control and took me out of it a little bit," Barty said.

"But I had a lot of opportunities and I

couldn't quite consolidate on a few, especially early.

"She definitely deserved to win."

Barty's run to the third round has guaranteed the 21-year-old a fresh career-high ranking.

She is projected to climb to 36th in the world, leaving the former Wimbledon junior champion on track for a top-32 seeding for her home major at Melbourne Park in January.

"That's the ideal," Barty said.

Consolidate

"I've got two tournaments in Asia that we'll target and hopefully play well at and Case (Casey Dellacqua) and I are very close to the doubles champs so hopefully we can consolidate that, maybe this week.

"But if not, we'll keep working, keep striving, and it's just exciting to be able to start where we are with the

Australian summer."

Barty and Dellacqua, who beat Russians Natela Dzalamidze and Veronika Kudermetova in their opener, are sixth in the Race to Singapore, with only the top eight doubles teams qualifying for the WTA Championships in November.

"I've had a really good month of tennis in singles and doubles and have obviously still got a job to do with Case and we'll switch focus to that now," Barty said.

The Queenslander moved into the third round of the US Open for the first time with a 6-1 7-6 victory over Belarusian Aliaksandra Sasnovich.

The 21-year-old is being exposed to a lot of new experiences in a breakout season. Her defeat of Sasnovich pushed her beyond \$1 million in prizemoney for the year and into the top 40 for the first time.

"It feels great. This is the deepest I have gone here at the Open. It is nice to have

another successful slam," Barty said.

"I had a disappointing French and Wimbledon in my eyes, in my team's eyes, so it was nice to come here and kick off the way we wanted to and start the right way."

Doubles success

Barty and fellow Australian Casey Dellacqua began their women's doubles campaign with a 6-3 3-6 6-1 win over unseeded Russians Veronika Kudermetova and Natela Dzalamidze.

The sixth-seeded Australians were to play the unseeded Yang Zhaoxuan (China) and Shuko Aoyama (Japan) in the round of 32 last Sunday.

Barty completed a banner first day for Australia's women stars with a crushing win over the US Open's 21st seed.

Barty opened up the draw for herself with a 4-6 6-0 6-1 triumph over highly-rated Croat Ana Konjuh.

NT appoints Indigenous tennis manager



EXPERIENCED sports administrator Joe Kelly has recently been appointed Indigenous program manager for Tennis Northern Territory (NT).

Kelly was appointed to the role in June following a nationwide search by Tennis NT and Tennis Australia.

Based in Darwin, Kelly will work with remote communities throughout the Territory to develop tennis programs and pathways for Indigenous Australians.

The new position also aims to improve accessibility to tennis through engagement with Indigenous communities; educate clubs and coaches; enhance talent development; and create playing opportunities through

tournaments and events.

"We're delighted to welcome Joe to the team and are excited to see the positive impact his role can have on the community," Tennis NT CEO Sam Gibson said.

"His appointment is vital for the growth of tennis in the NT and we are looking forward to developing a stronger relationship with the NT Indigenous community and engage more people through

tennis.

"We hope by providing more opportunities, tennis can contribute positively to Indigenous Australians.

"We anticipate Joe's role will help break down any barriers to participation and make the sport more accessible to the Indigenous population."

Kelly said he was excited about being in the role and

working with the NT community to help build a stronger link to tennis.

"Ultimately, we are trying to achieve a real connection to the Indigenous population through tennis," he said.

"We want to ensure we are not just introducing tennis to remote parts of the NT, but creating an environment where tennis can grow and become the sport of choice."

4th Coleman Medal



SYDNEY star Lance Franklin has won a fourth Coleman Medal after West Coast forward

Josh Kennedy was restricted to one goal in their 29-point win over Adelaide on August 27.

Franklin started the day five goals clear of Kennedy after booting 10.2 in the August 26 big win over Carlton.

Kennedy was goal-less by halftime, and he ended the match with 1.4 from 12 disposals.

If he had reached the five-goal mark, he would have won a third straight Coleman Medal.

But it was a good effort by Kennedy given he missed five games with a calf/Achilles injury.

And he got a good consolation prize anyway – with West Coast booking their spot in the finals with their win over Adelaide.

Franklin ended the season with 69 majors, with Kennedy next best on 65.

North Melbourne's Ben Brown finished third with 63 goals.

Franklin, who has booted 856 goals in his 269-game career, also won the Coleman Medal in 2008, 2011 and 2014.

Franklin's most productive game in the red and white lifted his season tally to 69 goals, also ensuring the Swans made it 14 wins from their past 16 games.

The Buddy blitz included bombs, a couple of belters from deep in the pocket and even a back-heel in the goal square.

Franklin became the 10th player in VFL/AFL history to kick



The scoreboard says it all as it displays Lance Franklin's stats during the round 23 AFL match against the hapless Carlton Blues at the Sydney Cricket Ground on August 26. Franklin actually finished with 10.2 and scored more points than the combined score of the Carlton players. *Picture: Getty*

850 goals.

He outscored the entire Carlton team and ruthlessly dominated Liam Jones.

"It was nice to hit them well tonight. It's always nice to kick a bag," Franklin told Fox Footy.

"We got off to a terrible start to the season... we've got a lot of

work to do."

The Swans had already made history before the opening bounce, becoming the first club in VFL/AFL history to start a season with six straight losses then qualify for finals.

"It has to be acknowledged that the players have done a

fantastic job to fight back from the start we had," Swans coach John Longmire said.

Longmire praised Franklin for finishing 'the game off'.

"When he's got his tail up he's hard to stop," he said.

Buddy's biggest bags: 13.4 v North Melbourne,

Round 10 of 2012;

10.2 v Carlton, Round 23 of 2017;

9.5 v Essendon, Round 11 of 2008;

9.4 v St Kilda, Round 21 of 2014; and

9.2 v Essendon, Round 6 of 2007.

Doubts over goal of year contender



BUDDY'S brilliant goal shouldn't have happened and Sam Reid shouldn't have been in a position

to kick a crucial goal late in Sydney's thrilling three-point win over Adelaide.

Australian Football League (AFL) umpires chief Hayden Kennedy admitted Lance Franklin "probably" ran too far on his way to scoring a breathtaking third-quarter goal at Adelaide Oval.

To rub salt into the Crows' wounds, Kennedy conceded a pivotal 50m penalty paid against Eddie Betts that led to Reid's goal was the wrong call by the umpire.

Reid kicked a goal to narrow the Swans' deficit to three points in the dying minutes of the game before Tom Papley sealed a memorable win for the visitors over the ladder leaders.

Betts was penalised when he tackled Callum Mills, who played on quickly after taking a mark just outside Adelaide's attacking 50m.

"What we would have liked in that situation would be the umpire

quickly call play on," Kennedy said.

"What we saw was Mills control the ball, and in our belief, he then made an effort to play on.

"The expectation from us is when Callum did go forward on the mark and go through the play-on motion, our expectation as a group is to call play on."

Adelaide can't feel too aggrieved after they came out on the right side of a 28-14 free kick count, but it is rare for the umpiring department to admit they probably got two calls wrong in the same match.

Franklin's long run and goal with a hapless defender in tow was remarkably similar to his goal of the year against Essendon in 2010.

Except Buddy should have been pinged for running too far.

"I think if you go slo-mo, I think he's probably closer to the 20m than (the allowed) 15," Kennedy said.

"That's a fact, but live, I think it would be really hard for the umpire to tell if he's run over the 15.

"(But) it still could be (goal of the year), because we didn't pay a free kick." – AAP



The most potent sight in AFL football? Lance Franklin setting himself up for what could be the goal of the year. AFL umpires chief Hayden Kennedy later conceded that Franklin "probably" ran too far on his way to scoring the breathtaking third-quarter goal at the Adelaide Oval against the Adelaide Crows. *Picture: Peter Argent*

Daniel Christian of Notts Outlaws in action during the NatWest T20 Blast match against the Birmingham Bears at Edgbaston on July 8, 2017, in Birmingham, England.
Picture: Getty



Christian shines in English T20



RECALLED Australian T20 cricketer Dan Christian has been celebrating his return to the

international stage by shining in England's NatWest T20 competition.

Christian is captain of Nottinghamshire (Notts Outlaws) and on August 18, he scored 73 off just 23 balls against Leicestershire at Trent Bridge, Nottingham.

He hit five fours and five sixes and finished with a strike rate of 228.12.

Leicestershire however won the match by two runs, scoring 5-203 with the Outlaws responding with 8-201.

But Nottinghamshire still qualified for the quarterfinals where they came up against Somerset at Nottingham on August 24.

Christian again was in the thick of it, scoring 36 not out off 26 deliveries in Nottinghamshire's 5-153 in reply to Somerset's 6-151.

Christian took 2-23 in Somerset's innings.

The Outlaws were to play Hampshire at Birmingham last Saturday in the second semifinal.

The other semifinal in a double-header at the same venue was between Warwickshire and Glamorgan.

Christian has made a big impact on T20 cricket in England and Warwickshire in particular have felt the full force of his brutal batting and bowling.

He claimed 5-40 against the Warwickshire Bears in 2015 at Welbeck and clubbed a brutal 94 from only 47 balls at Trent Bridge against them last summer.

Christian hit a 16-ball 50 against

the Leicestershire Foxes in the Blast in 2016.

Meanwhile, cricket.com.au's Martin Smith says that at 34, Christian – in his own words – thought his race had been run when it came to international cricket.

An ODI hat-trick and three T20 World Cup campaigns had been the highlights of his occasional stints at the top level between 2010 and 2014, while 12th man duties in the 2011 Hobart Test was as close as he had come to being just the second Indigenous man to pull on a Baggy Green cap.

It was a career to be proud of but, again in Christian's own words, one that had been "unfulfilled".

Given the news

But when his phone buzzed in the dead of a UK night last month, bringing news of his recall to Australia's T20 squad for their upcoming tour of India, Christian was born again.

In his third season with the ominously named Notts Outlaws, Christian was sound asleep when selector Mark Waugh called to announce the end of his three-and-a-half-year international exile. Having outwardly expressed his frustration at what he believes has been a youth bias with the selection of national teams, Christian's recall is a chance to both finish what he started at the top level as well personally test his belief that younger is not necessarily always better.

"I have been a little bit vocal in the past about older guys and how you're at your best when you're a little bit older, especially if you're fit," Christian told cricket.com.au

"So it's nice to have the

opportunity again because I think I'm a much better cricketer now than what I was when I actually played for Australia.

"And I reckon most guys around my age would say the same thing. If your body is fit and firing, you're a more experienced cricketer and you should be able to draw on those experiences a little bit more than you could five or six years earlier.

"Coming across situations in games, more often than not you've been in them before. You draw on what you did well there and what you did poorly and try to do whatever you need to win a game."

Christian is quick to add that his reservations about youth being preferred over experience does not apply to the national T20 side that he and Tim Paine (32) have just rejoined.

Christian's last stint in the national set-up came alongside Bradleys Hogg (43) and Hodge (39) at the 2014 World T20, while Michael Klinger's successful T20 debut at 36 earlier this year was another win for the 30-plus brigade.

Better with age

But the allrounder can point to the recent revival in his own career as validation for his theory that players get better with age; his batting and bowling averages at first-class and 50-over level have improved since he turned 30, while his fourth Indian Premier League campaign earlier this year was his best and most productive.

A highest score of 17 and best bowling figures of 2-10 don't even come close to explaining his impact for the Rising Pune Supergiant, the tournament runners-up for whom he played all but three of 16 games as

one of four overseas players in their XI alongside his national captain Steve Smith. A score of 16 from just six balls here, a wicket or two there; Christian's role as the team's Mr Fix-it was such that, when asked to name the highlights of his campaign, he listed watching from the non-striker's end as Ben Stokes completed a match-winning century ahead of any personal contribution.

It was a breakout campaign in a competition where, as a 27-year-old in 2011, he had been sold for an eye-watering sum of \$US900,000 and subsequently struggled to handle the criticism when his performances didn't always match his price tag.

Player auction

His decision to enter this year's player auction, more in hope than any certainty he'd be picked up after a three-year absence, has helped him re-launch an international career that, while unfulfilled, he had been happy to leave in the past.

"I was pretty content with how everything was going, particularly at the Vics having won the past three Shields, which has been fantastic," he says.

"But there was a little bit of hope there based on how the IPL went.

"And I knew coming before the Ashes with the boys having a fair bit of cricket on, there might be a chance they might rest a few blokes as well (for the India tour).

"I thought my race was run (at international level) and having a decent IPL has just probably re-opened that door a little bit."

And that door could swing wide open when he returns to India in a couple of weeks, says cricket.com.au

One voice for sport

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chair David Wirrpanda and other sporting luminaries.

Attending the summit will be national and state/territory leaders of Indigenous sport, CEOs of national sporting organisations and senior officials from national and state departments of sport and Indigenous affairs.

The summit has the backing of the Confederation of Australian Sport and the Victorian Government.

The contact person is Rob Bradley on 0412 343 651 or email cas@sportforall.com.au

Parking stations are available within 200 metres, including Eastern Plaza Car Park on Olympic Boulevard.

The Korin Gamadji Institute is at 313 Punt Road, Richmond.

For information, google 'National Indigenous Sports Summit'.



Queenslander Wayne Coolwell is the driving force behind the formation of the National Indigenous Sports Summit.



Wirrpanda Foundation founder and chair David Wirrpanda is on the committee that has been working towards the establishment of a national Indigenous sporting organisation.



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Buddy back to brilliant best



Lance Franklin of the Sydney Swans watches the ball heading for goal during the round 23 Australian Football League (AFL) match against the Carlton Blues at the Sydney Cricket Ground on August 26. Franklin kicked 10.2 – his second best AFL match haul – and scored more points than the whole Carlton team. Picture: Getty
● See inside for more on Buddy's amazing feat

One voice for sport



PLANS for the National Indigenous Sports Summit in Melbourne are powering ahead, according to the man behind the concept – Wayne Coolwell.

The summit will be held at the Korin Gamadji Institute at the Richmond Australian Football League (AFL) Club from October 12-13.

Coolwell heads up the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sports Summit

Organising Committee.

Registrations for the summit will remain open until the summit opens.

The committee is calling on interested individuals and parties to register to be part of an historic occasion.

'Something great'

"This is your chance to be there at the start of something great and have your say in shaping a new national body," the organising committee says.

"Our aim is to put in place a national Indigenous sports body that will advocate for Indigenous sports men and women across the country and promote the great values of sport for Indigenous people and communities."

Coolwell and AFL great Matthew Stokes will host the welcome function from 6-8pm on Thursday, October 12.

That function will give people the chance to meet other delegates.

It will be down to business from 9am on

Friday, October 13, ending at 4.30pm.

MC Shelley Ware from NITV will introduce guest speakers and panellists, including Federal Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt, Federal Shadow Human Services Minister Linda Burney, Federal Shadow Sports Minister Senator Don Farrell, AFL diversity talent lead Matthew Stokes, Culture is Life CEO Belinda Duarte, Wirrpanda Foundation

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