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## Seven Sisters are flying



ABORIGINAL Elders, knowledge-holders, story-tellers and artists from central Australia have

been working on a project for years that tells the story of

the Seven Sisters.

The result is a major exhibition at the National Museum of Australia in Canberra.

*Songlines: Tracking the Seven Sisters* showcases segments of five Western Desert songlines, using paintings, installations,

song and dance to allow visitors to “walk” the songlines by following the story of the Seven Sisters across 500,000 square kilometres, from west to east, through three states and three deserts.

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Kungkarrangkalnga-ya Parrpakanu (Seven Sisters are flying) by the Tjanpi Desert Weavers.

## Damning report

### UN investigator slams Govt on Indigenous rights



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riding roughshod over the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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same time as they are expanding their cashless welfare scheme, despite an independent review finding that significantly more participants reported that it made their lives worse rather than better.

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**F**OR me, family is about always being there for each other no matter what. It's also important to always keep showing each other you love each other. My partner Simon and our daughter Teliyah (pictured with me above) know they are loved because we tell each other every day.

Every year we come out to the NAIDOC celebrations because we like to catch up with people, check out the great food, and listen to the music – it makes me feel proud.

I'm a Worimi (NSW) woman and this year it was important for us to come and show Teliyah her culture.

Her dad is Samoan so we make sure that she knows about her culture so she can grow up feeling part of something.

I grew up in Maroubra (eastern Sydney) with my mum, who is white, so I missed out a little bit on that connection to culture and turned to other things, which weren't always good, to feel like I was part of something.

We want our daughter to know where she's from and don't want her to miss out on

her culture. She will grow up strong with culture and it'll be good for her self-esteem when she's older.

As a family we also like the beach and the park, and just being outdoors.

Simon and I will do exercise and Teliyah laughs at us from the pram.

We'll do our squats facing her so our heads bob up and down in front of her – it's like a game of peek-a-boo – and she just cracks up laughing every time.

That's something that is important to me: being outside and making sure Teliyah isn't one of those kids who sits in front of the TV all day.

Being outside and exercising, it's so good for your mental health. I always find when I eat good food I have so much energy and when I eat bad I get cranky and lazy and just feel bad.

I think being fit as a family is important because the diabetes and health issues are rampant in our communities, and I don't want that for my girl.

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## OUR CHILDREN



Young members of the Pacific Flowers Dance Group are all smiles at this year's Palm Island Spring Fair, in north Queensland. See our coverage, including more pictures, of the event on page 31. *Picture: Alf Wilson*

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Main picture: Iwantja Arts artist Peter Mungkuri.

Inset: Ernabella Arts artist Pepai Jangala Carroll with his work *Yumari*.  
Pictures: Rhett Hammerton



MORE than 1000 artists will present paintings, photography, performance art, sculpture, installations and moving images when the 2017 Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander Art begins next month. With a three-day art fair and a major exhibition at the Art Gallery of South Australia, the festival runs from October 13-22.

Tarnanthi artistic director Nici Cumpston said the festival gives a voice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists' way of thinking and being by presenting their works of art.

## Artists given a voice at Tarnanthi Festival

Festival highlights include Torres Strait Islander artists from Erub Arts presenting an installation of marine-themed sculptures made from ghost nets (discarded fishing nets).

A video work by Reko Rennie features a camouflage over-painted gold 1973 Rolls-Royce Corniche driven by the artist

through Kamilaroi country in NSW, with an accompanying score by Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds.

The festival also focuses on the seven art centres that span the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in the centre of the country and presents more than 50 new commissions, including

a series of monumental bark paintings by Nonggirnga Marawili, from Yirrkala in Arnhem Land. These works capture the energy of lightning during the wet season, with the Top End having one of the world's greatest number of lightning strikes.

The power of nature runs through the work by artists from Tjunga Palya Arts. Using tutu (natural pigment), the artists have painted their Tjukurpa directly on to country.

The Art Gallery of SA exhibition runs until January 28 and the art fair is from October 13-15, with all proceeds going directly to artists and arts communities. Full program details at [tarnanthi.com.au](http://tarnanthi.com.au)

# Pair guilty of vile rape and death on beach

**WARNING: this report contains graphic descriptions of sexual violence.**



AFTER being violently sexually assaulted Aboriginal woman Lynette Daley lay naked and bleeding to death on a remote northern NSW beach.

Six-and-a-half years later, Adrian Attwater and Paul Maris have spent their first night behind bars after a jury found them guilty of her death and rape.

The jury was told Attwater performed a violent sex act causing his intoxicated girlfriend to die from blunt force genital tract trauma, on a 2011 Survival Day camping trip with Maris to Ten Mile Beach, near Iluka.

The five-week trial at the NSW Supreme Court in Coffs Harbour heard the trio had been drinking heavily and driving up and down the beach in Maris' troop carrier.

At one point Attwater and a blind drunk Ms Daley got on a mattress in the back of the vehicle where he "repeatedly and vigorously" sexually assaulted her, the trial heard.

Maris, 47, then joined in with a sex act at Attwater's invitation, which the pair claimed was consensual.

Attwater, 42, only stopped the assault when he noticed blood on his hand, Crown Prosecutor Philip Strickland SC said.

The court heard the extensive injuries to Ms Daley caused significant blood loss.

"She's lying naked in the back

of the troop carrier for hours after she's injured," Mr Strickland said at the trial.

The injuries would have been obvious to the men, who had a duty of care to help Ms Daley in a timely manner, he said.

But instead, Maris burnt Ms Daley's clothing and the bloodstained mattress while Attwater dragged her into the ocean to try to wash the blood off her body, he said.

### Seizure claim

Attwater claimed she'd had a fit or seizure in the ocean when she went for a swim and he performed CPR after dragging her back to shore.

He later said "I didn't know a f\*\*\*ing hug can kill you".

The jury took just over 30

minutes to find Attwater guilty of manslaughter and aggravated sexual assault, and Maris guilty of aggravated sexual assault and hindering the discovery of evidence.

The pair had been on bail throughout the trial, but were taken into custody after the verdicts.

Ms Daley's stepfather Gordon Davis told the ABC that the speed of the verdict had surprised him.

"It's so great to hear those words, you know, 'guilty, guilty' because the bastards are guilty," he said.

"It has been hard. We thought we wouldn't get anywhere, but we never gave up.

"We feel vindicated. You know, in the end justice won and that's all it is."

It's been a long wait for Ms Daley's family. Attwater and Maris were charged years ago but the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) initially refused to prosecute them.

And the NSW Attorney-General issued a 'please explain' to the DPP over its handling of the matter.

Despite a 2011 police investigation and coronial findings in 2014, which recommended charges be laid, the DPP did not prosecute the men.

It wasn't until public pressure increased after a coronial inquest and a 2016 ABC TV report on *Four Corners* that the DPP said it would take the pair to trial.

The men are due to face a sentencing hearing on November 3. — *With AAP*



# Parrtjima to make Alice shine



ALICE Springs will light up with art installations, music, talks and events as Parrtjima – A Festival in Light begins for 2017. From September 22 until October 1, the MacDonnell Ranges will be illuminated for a 10-night celebration of central Australian art and culture.

Parrtjima creative director Rhoda Roberts said the festival hub Apurte-irretyeke (Getting Together) will come to life each weekend with free public events.

Ms Roberts worked with Aboriginal artists and art centres from across the desert region to develop the festival program.

"We're thrilled to welcome more senior Aboriginal artists to the program to share their unique artmaking and culture with the world," she said.

A new installation *Medicine Space* (Awelya-akerte Apmere [Medicine Country]) features artwork by Artists of Ampilatwatja that will transform Alice Springs Desert Park into an outdoor gallery of light and sound.

Using state-of-the-art LED luminaires, *Medicine Space* projects a series of artworks on to hanging semi-transparent fabric, suspended in the desert and moving freely in the breeze, as images 'magically' appear and disappear.

"The Artists of Ampilatwatja are famous for their unique paintings of desert landscapes, bushfoods, bush medicine, family gathering spaces and works on lore, and their distinct painting style features fine dots and bright, child-like figurative depictions," Ms Roberts said.

"Parrtjima shows people that the country is alive, so that visitors and all the



Artist Hubert Pareroultja with his skirt installation at the Parrtjima festival in Alice Springs.

non-Arrernte people who live here can have deeper respect for it, and start to see how much it means to us.

"We want people to understand that it has always been a part of us. Parrtjima helps our young people stand tall in front of the world to say, 'This is our country, this is our art, and this is our culture – and it is good.'"

An audio soundscape featuring voice

recordings of senior Arrernte people will accompany the illumination of the MacDonnell Ranges.

Parrtjima (pronounced Par-Chee-ma) comes from the Arrernte group of languages. In central and eastern Arrernte, 'apateme' means 'to have trouble understanding something' and 'pwarryeme' means 'to shine'. The event name suggests shedding both light

and understanding on a subject.

Visitors are asked to register their attendance for sessions held each night. A free park and ride shuttle bus is available to and from the festival at Alice Springs Desert Park, stopping at several places in Alice Springs.

For more information and to register to attend the free event, visit [www.parrtjimaaustralia.com.au](http://www.parrtjimaaustralia.com.au)

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# WA inquest told of threat



AN inquest into a spate of suicides by young Aboriginal people in Western Australia's Kimberley region

has heard an on-country cultural program that has changed the lives of many participants is "constantly in a battle to continue".

The inquest wrapped up hearings last week, probing 13 deaths in the Kimberley in three-and-a-half years, five of which involved children aged between 10 and 13.

Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre (KALACC) project coordinator Scott Herring told the WA Coroner's Court that the nearly 17-year-old Yiriman program had helped many troubled Aboriginal youths, steering them away from self-harm.

Boys learn to hunt and prepare bush tucker from male Elders, girls learnt about bush medicine from female Elders, and the court heard how children who sniffed petrol had benefited from a three-week camel walk.

"Yiriman is something that seems to be working," Mr Herring said.



Walmajarri Elder Joe Brown: "Sometimes we win; sometimes we don't win."

One of the Elders who mentors the young boys in the Yiriman program, Joe Brown, testified about being reunited with a "pretty bad" boy who had taken part in a camel walk years earlier and was flourishing back in the community.

"He was different," Mr Brown said. "He was a football player. Yiriman did that. He changed a lot."

The program didn't always work, Mr Brown said. "Sometimes we win;

sometimes we don't win."

Mr Brown said there was a strong desire to expand the program and involve two other language groups in the Fitzroy Valley.

But the federal and state-funded organisation could only plan up to two years down the track as it had no long-term financial certainty.

"We're constantly in a battle to ensure we can continue," Mr Herring said.

He said KALACC had unsuccessfully tried to establish a relationship with the WA Mental Health Commission over the years.

"We were told what we do doesn't fit with what they're able to fund. We find that confusing," Mr Herring said. – AAP

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

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# Singer loves working with kids



WHEN Shellie Morris was singing on stage at the Yarrabah Band Festival last

year with 70 Indigenous children from the local school, the non-Indigenous children were so excited that they jumped up and joined them too.

"I had over 100 children on stage with me," she said. "This year I'm working with the Yarrabah children again, writing songs in language about where they live and we'll be performing on stage again."

Ms Morris, a Yanyuwa and Wardaman woman, has been working with children in remote communities for more than 19 years and can sing in 17 Aboriginal languages.

"I fell in love with the melodies of Aboriginal languages and got brave and learned everything from nothing," she said.

It's her fifth year working as an artist in residence with the Yarrabah children and she loves going back there every year.

"Relationships are the most important thing and it's important the kids get to know you as a person," she said.

"The community is generous and kind and there is a great language program at the school – it makes it easy for kids to pick up words and sing them in songs with me.

"Last year, they wanted to write a dedication song for an aunty who'd passed away. I encouraged them and we sang about wildlife, beach and



Shellie Morris sings on stage with the local children at last year's Yarrabah Band Festival.

rainforest – their stories and their joy – I'm the facilitator of all that.

"The most beautiful thing is watching the young people living in communities build their self esteem. They start to become more brave and that will help them for the rest of their lives."

## Love of music

Ms Morris said she has always had a love of music and singing and never expected that one day she would be part of the Black Arm Band, tour with Yothu Yindi or collaborate with Archie Roach and Lou Bennett, let alone be awarded the NT Australian of the Year and the NAIDOC National Artist of the

Year in 2014.

"It's good to be recognised for your efforts, but a trophy doesn't change the way I feel about working with remote communities and families across Australia," she said. "I just stay focused and true to my heart."

Ms Morris said her work in remote communities started when she did her first tour from Darwin to Broome and she included workshops with people in the communities.

"In Darwin, I was the first person to write songs with Jessica Mauboy," she said. "Then I learned about becoming a recording engineer so I could record the music of the people I was working with."

As well as her own new album coming out later this year, Ms Morris plans to release an album of children's songs she's recorded during her residencies.

"I'm enjoying doing a lot of collaborations lately," she said. "I'm writing songs in the Yolngu Matha language from north-east Arnhem land. It's a new dialect for me.

"I've also written a song with Ella Hooper from Killing Heidi and we want to put that down this year."

After 15 years of performing professionally, Ms Morris said the key to making it happen was about being patient and persistent and taking every opportunity that comes.

"It doesn't just happen overnight," she said. "Jessica Mauboy was singing when she was 11 or 12. It's about finding what you're good at, following that dream, making goals and never giving up.

"There are so many distractions or things that could go wrong in life, because of heartache, grief and trauma. But it also gives us opportunities to sing about those things."

Ms Morris is looking forward to performing in this year's Yarrabah Band Festival in far north Queensland on October 28. For more information about this free festival, visit <http://qmf.org.au/yarrabah-band-festival-2/>

# UN savages Govt



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on the Commonwealth to drastically change its approach.

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"A comprehensive revision of those policies needs to be a national priority, and the consequences and prevalence of intergenerational trauma and racism must be acknowledged and addressed," she wrote in her recent report to the UN.

She also called for an end to compulsory income management – at the same time as the Federal Government is planning to expand its cashless welfare scheme (see story, page 7).

Ms Tauli-Corpuz said the Government's failure to respect Indigenous people's right to self-determination was alarming.

She said the Indigenous Advancement Strategy has had a "devastating impact" on Indigenous organisations and had "dented their trust in the Government".

"It runs contrary to the principles of self-determination and participation, and the publicly expressed commitment of the Government to doing things with, rather than to, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," she said, adding that numerous Indigenous organisations had informed her of reprisals levied against them in the form of their exclusion from consultations on key policies and legislative proposals.

Ms Tauli-Corpuz reported that she was "deeply troubled" by information indicating that Federal Government funding cuts had specifically targeted organisations undertaking advocacy and legal services.

## Children detention

Ms Tauli-Corpuz drew particular attention to the soaring rates of detention of Indigenous children, including kids as young as 10 years old, pointing out that Australia locks up Indigenous children at 24 times the rate of other children.

She said that the routine detention of young Indigenous children was the most distressing aspect of her recent visit to Australia, and that the Federal Government, not the states and territories, was responsible under international law for this "national detention crisis".

She called for the Federal Government to adopt a national action plan to address the crisis by moving away from detention and punishment towards rehabilitation and reintegration.

"The application of criminal responsibility

as low as at the age of 10 years across the country is deeply troubling and below international standards," she said.

"This situation is aggravated by the failure to apply diversion measures and community programs and the placement of children in high-security facilities.

"The Government must ensure that community-led early intervention programs invest in families, rather than punish them, in order to prevent children from being in contact with the child protection system.

"It is wholly inappropriate to detain children in punitive, rather than rehabilitative, conditions. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are essentially being punished for being poor and, in most cases, prison will only perpetuate the cycle of violence, intergenerational trauma, poverty and crime."

## Positive aspect

On the happier side, the UN report said it was "very positive" that the governments of Victoria, South Australia and the Northern Territory were leading initiatives to seek a treaty with Aboriginal peoples.

"The Special Rapporteur was particularly impressed and inspired by the strength of spirit and commitment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to develop innovative measures to support their own communities," she wrote.

"Over the past decade, Indigenous-led peak bodies have been established and

have grown in a wide range of areas, and have developed valuable expertise."

Ms Tauli-Corpuz praised the Redfern Statement – a set of guiding principles calling for a new approach to Indigenous affairs – and called on the Federal Government to implement it, including providing funding to the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

She also singled out racism, the education system and a failure to recognise intergenerational trauma as issues of concern.

"Racism manifests itself in different ways, ranging from public stereotyped portrayals as violent criminals, welfare profiteers and poor parents, to discrimination in the administration of justice," the report says.

"Aboriginal doctors and patients informed the Special Rapporteur about their experiences of racism within the medical sector and their reluctance to seek services from mainstream medical providers.

"The mainstream education system contains inadequate components on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and the impact of colonisation.

"There needs to be much greater public awareness of their perspectives on history and the consequences of past policies and legislation, including the long-term damage and rupture of social bonds caused by the forced removal and institutionalisation of their children."





Graffiti artists, from left, Kingsley 'Budda' Hampton, Libby Harward, Tony Albert, Narisha 'Nish' Cash and Warraba Weatherall.

## Indigenous grafitti tells of adversity



URBAN graffiti – it's everywhere.

And the world's biggest and fastest art movement will feature in the fourth season of

*Colour Theory* on NITV.

The new art documentary series explores how urban graffiti is providing an artistic outlet for a new generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It will screen on October 3 at 8pm.

*Colour Theory* host artist Tony Albert

travels across Australia to meet with four Aboriginal graffiti artists and explore how country and culture inspire their art, documenting their creative processes from inception through to production and exhibition.

Each artist shares their story, their creative journey and artistic influences, revealing some of the universal challenges faced by Aboriginal youth today, including deaths in custody and substance abuse. We see how each artist – and each in their distinctive style – confronts and overcomes

adversity through their art.

*Colour Theory* director Dena Curtis said the series provides an insight into the evolution of Aboriginal art and cultural expression.

"What we've uncovered are similarities between traditional Aboriginal art practice and graffiti," she said.

"Graffiti offers a platform for these artists to celebrate their culture, language and stories in a public forum and in a place that can't be ignored.

"For Aboriginal people, colour is light

and this is reflected in their graffiti pieces. Graffiti offers this new wave of Aboriginal artists a sense of cultural continuum as well as an outlet to engage in public debate.

"There is an incredible range of Indigenous artistic expression out there, much of which has had very little exposure nationally.

This season of *Colour Theory* will bring the nation's best up-and-coming Indigenous artists – and their communities – into the living rooms of everyday Australians."

**Wanted:  
people for  
advisory  
assembly**



NOMINATIONS have opened for the community assembly that will advise Victoria's Aboriginal Treaty Working Group in the design of the planned statewide representative body.

The Assembly will be modelled on the Geelong Citizens Jury, and Aboriginal Victorians over the age of 18 can apply to become members.

The Assembly will advise on what the representative body should look like, who can be elected to it and who should be able to vote in its elections.

The members of the Assembly will be independently chosen to ensure it is demographically representative of Aboriginal Victorians and will meet later this year. Expressions of interest close on October 6.

For more information on how to apply, visit [www.communityassembly.com.au](http://www.communityassembly.com.au)



CLINTON Pryor took the first steps of his walk for justice in Perth last

September, and one year later was cheered as he arrived at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra.

But Mr Pryor's hope of piquing the interest of Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was dashed after a disappointing meeting.

The Wajuk, Balardung, Kija and Yulparitja (West Australia) man who has been dubbed the 'Spirit Walker' walked almost 6000km across the country for Aboriginal rights, arriving in Canberra with a crowd of supporters from across Australia.

And to honour his arrival, Aboriginal rock band Coloured Stone (see facing page) gave an impromptu performance.

He set out on September 8,

2016, from Perth and has since taken seven million steps and gone through eight pairs of shoes.

Mr Pryor, 27, said he cried with joy to arrive at the Tent Embassy, but found meetings with politicians dispiriting.

He was disappointed that Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull would not meet him on his terms at the Tent Embassy.

According to a statement released by Mr Pryor and the Tent Embassy, Mr Turnbull and Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion talked over the top of a spokesperson who was reading out a list of concerns, which was also tabled in Parliament by Greens MP Adam Bandt.

"The Spirit Walker felt so disrespected by the Prime Minister and his entourage that he chose to turn his back and walk away, rather than continue listening to the PM attempting to defend the ongoing unfair and unjust treatment of Aboriginal people in this

country," the statement said.

"How can I say it? I felt like it fell on deaf ears. I felt frustrated," Mr Pryor told *Guardian Australia*.

"I walked 6000 kilometres to come here, and only got 20 minutes ... there's so much more to discuss."

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

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

Over the past year he met with Aboriginal Elders and community leaders across WA, the Northern Territory, South Australia, Victoria and NSW.

His walk included trekking through the Gibson Desert for two weeks in summer, where he had to walk at night to prevent exhaustion.

– With AAP



Clinton Pryor



# Changes 'bad idea'



THE Federal Government is attempting to implement a raft of extreme changes to the welfare system, including drug testing recipients and

automatically docking the welfare payments of people living in social housing to cover rent and utility bills.

Indigenous people, health professionals, law-enforcement experts, human rights organisations and others have all slammed the drug-testing proposal as counter-productive, a breach of human rights and a waste of money.

Shadow Human Services Minister Linda Burney said there was no evidence that the scheme would work.

"Every single medical expert, every single addiction expert, and the whole community sector that deal daily with people with addictions, have said in one voice, which is very unusual, this is a bad idea," she said. "The international experience has been a dismal failure."

Social Services Minister Christian Porter told Parliament that the pilot program was designed to see whether the welfare system could be effectively used to compel people into treatment.

"If it does not work, of course there'll be a need to try something else, if it does work we will have improved the lives of people with those drug problems," he said.

He argued the entire package of changes were critical to ensuring Australia's welfare system was efficient, effective and sustainable.



Linda Burney

Labor and the Greens are flatly opposed, so the Government must court support from the Senate cross bench.

Mr Porter claimed docking welfare payments of people living in social housing to cover rent and utilities would help reduce homelessness among tenants with serious rental debts who were at risk of eviction or housing abandonment.

In 2013-14, more than 8900 households living in social housing – including families with children – owed more than three weeks of rent.

More than 2300 people were evicted due to rental arrears.

"It is highly likely many of these families end up in specialist homelessness services or staying with family or friends or indeed sleeping rough," Mr Porter said.

"This is undoubtedly a terrible circumstance for the individuals and families involved and of course can lead to long-term homelessness."

And while the Government tightens its grip on how welfare dollars are spent, a group of Nationals MPs is pushing for a widespread rollout of cashless welfare cards – despite an independent review released this month showing that more people on the trial found it made their lives worse than better.

The cards, being trialled in three locations – all with a substantial Aboriginal population – quarantine a large chunk of welfare payments and define what can and can't be bought.

Mr Porter says the Government will soon nominate a fourth trial site, but that's as far as it's prepared to go at this stage.

"These are trials and we're watching to see how they go," he said.

But Human Services Minister Alan Tudge indicated the Government was unlikely to stop at four sites.

"Our plan is to roll it out steadily, progressively, region by region, where there is a demonstrable need and where the community leadership is in support," he told Sky News.

Shadow Housing and Homelessness Minister Doug Cameron said Labor would

never support a national rollout of the measure.

"We will always consult with communities and take their point of view as to how this should operate, if it should operate at all," he said.

"This is just another mindless attack on some of the poorest, weakest people in the country. It's typical of the Coalition and it's just another example of how the right wing extremists in this Government control everything that happens and that Malcolm Turnbull has got no capacity to stand up for decency, no capacity to stand up for either workers' rights or for the rights of people on social security."

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert said welfare recipients were being demonised.

"They accuse them of over-consuming alcohol, of taking drugs, of being bludgers," she said.

"People on Newstart are trying to make ends meet so they can find work, so they can support their families."

"The National MPs advocating for this should have a full read and properly assess the Wave 2 evaluation report into the card without their blinkers on."

"It has holes so big you could drive a truck through them. Further, they should read the final evaluation of the NT intervention and income management which finds the intervention met none of its objectives."

"I urge the Nationals to not take a nasty, demonising approach to those in their electorate who are struggling to get by."

– With AAP

## Festival promises musical journey



THE opening night of this year's Darebin Music Feast has a stellar line-up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

performers.

From October 12 to 22, music and performances will take place in numerous locations across Melbourne's north.

The opening night, October 12, features the rock, ska and reggae sound of Bunna Lawrie and Coloured Stone, with special guests Shane Howard, Kutcha Edwards, Bart Willoughby and Yung Warriors.

The band will take audiences on a musical journey spanning 40 years, followed by an after party featuring an all-female line-up of young Indigenous musicians, including DJ KYAAZ (Willow Beats) and DJ Soju Gang.

The newest inclusive event in the Feast on October 21 is Mana, at Northcote Town Hall. It's a live music event that emphasises queerness and First Nations people.

Mana means "spiritual power, authority, prestige". By handing the mic to emerging musicians who are queer, femme, non-binary, First Peoples, Pasifika and/or people of colour, this event empowers these young marginalised people to reclaim their mana in a celebration of resilience.

The event is the result of Darebin Council's mentoring program, Amplify, which invited early-career female, trans or gender non-conforming music event producers in Darebin to enjoy a leg up in the competitive music industry. Successful applicant, Daisy Catterall, produced the event under the mentorship of Bexx D.

For more information about the event, visit <https://musicfeast.com.au>



Bunna Lawrie from Coloured Stone.



# Call for radical revamp



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people working with children have called on all

governments to radically reshape their approach to Indigenous children in out-of-home care.

When discussing the future for Aboriginal children, Palm Island Community Company chief executive Rachel Atkinson said the atmosphere at the recent SNAICC National Conference had turned from sombre to hopeful.

"Everyone has been sharing their stories and expertise and strengthening the cause," she said.

"I really feel a sense that the atmosphere has turned into hope for the future. We really feel there is a way forward."

SNAICC, the national peak body in Australia representing the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, has just hosted its 7th national conference, this year attracting more than 1100 participants to Canberra.

## Reflect on past

Professor Mick Dodson opened the conference by calling on conference delegates to look back and reflect on the tragic history and deeply heartbreaking stories of the Stolen Generations.

While 20 years ago, the Bringing them Home Report called for national standards legislation and extensive reforms to secure the rights of Indigenous children, Prof Dodson said that its comprehensive vision for reform was still far from being realised.

"The gravity of the findings demanded action and action hasn't been taken," he said.

The conference delegates put out a call to action, and SNAICC deputy chairperson Geraldine Atkinson called on conference delegates and all Australian governments, organisations and individuals to stand alongside the many who have already committed to the Family Matters – Strong Communities, Strong Culture, Stronger Children campaign and to contribute to implement its comprehensive roadmap for reform to eliminate the overrepresentation of Indigenous children in out-of-home care.

Rachel Atkinson, also a



SNAICC Deputy Chairperson Geraldine Atkinson.



Prof Mick Dodson

there were many good models and ideas coming out of the conference about what could be done.

"For example, if high-risk children are to be removed, then we should consult with an Elders' advisory group," she said. "It's a cheap and easy solution that works with the families in the community."

"We need to stop spending so much money on detention and give money back to communities."

"We need to look at the behaviour behind why it's happening and give resources to community to deal with it. And we need to work with kids rather than putting them in detention centres — they are demoralising places that just perpetuate the negative feelings."

Ms Atkinson said creating beneficial programs to work with kids and create a connection to language, culture and Elders was essential.

"When it's lost, it's another form of genocide," she said.

"Palm Island has had a big shift in terms of a range of social services."

"We think we've seen a reduction in kids being removed for the last three to four years because we created a range of wrap-around services. We have an Elders' advisory group, a primary health service, early childhood programs, a safe house and justice groups."

"On a small scale, it's had huge impact on the island for building the capacity for employment."

"Queensland is in a good position now, looking at legislative change to hand back responsibility to the community."

## SNAICC's plan of action

- That all governments fully implement the recommendations of the Bringing Them Home Report.

- That all governments mark the 10th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by committing to the principles of self-determination and demonstrating that commitment through the Redfern Statement Alliance process.

- That through COAG, all governments agree on a coordinated strategy, co-designed with the relevant national and jurisdictional peaks and Indigenous child and family welfare organisations, to eliminate the overrepresentation of Indigenous children in out-of-home care by 2040.

- That the elimination of the overrepresentation of Indigenous children in out-of-home care be identified as a specific new national target through the refresh of the Closing the Gap Agenda.

- That all Australian governments come together to regulate national minimum standards for the care and protection of Indigenous children through national legislation or consistent state and territory legislation, including:

- 1: requirements to demonstrate that active efforts to support families to stay together and to

reunify have been taken in any proceedings seeking child protection orders or the termination of parental rights; and

- 2: national standards for the implementation of each of the five holistic elements of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle.

- That all jurisdictions commit to an increased investment in targeted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled early intervention, family preservation and family reunification services.

- That the Federal Government recognises the unique role of, and provide sustainable funding for, a dedicated Indigenous community-controlled early years sector.

- That all jurisdictions recognise that the key to stability for Indigenous children is growing up in culture and community.

- That all governments commit to involve Indigenous families and communities in decisions about the care and protection of their children as early as possible before decisions are made about child removal or placement.

- That an Indigenous Children's Commissioner is established in every Australian jurisdiction.

SNAICC council member, said an increase in attendance at the Canberra conference reflected the increase in the seriousness of the issues raised.

"When everyone goes home, there are still 15,000 of our kids

sleeping in out-of-home care tonight," she said.

"People are saying the line is drawn in the sand, we need to stop this and need better, smarter ways of keeping kids in culture. Kids are our future — we need

them to grow safe and strong."

Rachel Atkinson said the need for self-determination was a key focus of the conference sessions.

"Let us make the calls, not the state government," she said.

Rachel Atkinson said

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# Threat to Aboriginal heritage sparks fury

By JILLIAN MUNDY



A BID by the Tasmanian Liberal Government to reopen three tracks ploughing through Aboriginal heritage in the Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area (APCA) to

off-road vehicles has drawn widespread condemnation from Aboriginal leaders, as politicians again make it an election issue.

Tasmanian Aboriginal leader Michael Mansell says the Government is “clambering for red necks’ votes, and willing to destroy Aboriginal middens, villages and other heritage to get those votes”.

Opposition Leader Rebecca White has been pushed to declare where her party stands on reopening the three tracks before the state election, which is expected in March next year. Instead, she released a statement, as the *Koori Mail* went to press, promising a \$3 million package to fund tourism infrastructure, additional Indigenous rangers and deliver another cultural management plan if Labor is elected.

The Tasmanian Government lodged a submission with the Federal Environment Department earlier this month, which included plans to reroute parts of the tracks and lay plastic panels and synthetic civil engineering fabric in middens.

It comes amid fresh off-road vehicle damage in the APCA, and only three weeks after half the members of a newly appointment state Aboriginal Heritage Council (AHC) resigned. Two walked the same day appointments were announced, two a fortnight later, and at least another two withdrew their expressions of interest before the nominations were made public.

Former AHC chair Rocky Sainty, an Aboriginal heritage officer of 35 years and former Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) ranger, was among those who resigned.

Like others, he said he would not sit at the same table with Circular Head Aboriginal Council, in part because of their stance on the tracks. He has labelled the AHC a farce, calling on the Government to reconsider its makeup to ensure that Aborigines who are experienced in Aboriginal heritage matters can provide informed advice.

One of the AHC’s remaining members is Sonia Searle, an employee of the Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation, which is currently collecting signatures in support of reopening the tracks.

Ms Searle told the *Koori Mail* that they have been used for hundreds of years, by cattle and horses, and now motorbikes.

“It means a lot to families who holiday there. It’s about reconciliation with these families that have been going there 80-odd years,” she told the *Koori Mail*.

The tracks issue in the APCA, in Tasmania’s north-west, is nothing new. The area is regarded as one of the world’s greatest archeological areas for the abundance of Aboriginal heritage, including rock engravings, stone tool quarries, middens, burial sites, seal hides and hut depressions.

Successive governments have spent millions of dollars on studies, reports, rerouting and blocking informal tracks, signage and education programs in attempts to allow safe off-road vehicle access while protecting Aboriginal heritage and natural values.

Dubbed as the ‘wild west’, signs and fences are regularly pulled down, number plates taped over and heritage vandalised, with the area proving near impossible to police.

The Liberal Government says it is seeking to “strike the right balance between access and protecting Aboriginal heritage”.

Liberal MP Joan Rylah believes managed, licensed access would reduce incidences of unauthorised access and vandalism.



Huge middens in the APCA are seen as a challenge by off-roaders. Picture: Caleb Pedder



Rocky Sainty resigned from Tasmania’s Aboriginal Heritage Council.

Aboriginal heritage experts, archeologists, scientists and conservationists have dedicated years of their careers to studying and protecting the area, coming to the same inevitable conclusion – Aboriginal heritage cannot be protected while being driven through.

In 2012 the then Labor Tasmanian Government, against the wishes of some off-road vehicle enthusiasts and locals who labelled themselves ‘traditional users’, closed 15 of the area’s 65 tracks. Most were unofficial deviations where the main tracks had become impassable.

Two years later, following a rally in Smithton, the administrative centre of the Circular Head area which encompasses the APCA, then Opposition Leader Will Hodgman vowed to reopen tracks if elected, under the catch cry of them being ‘locked up’.

Fifty tracks in the remote APCA remain open, and the area is also accessible by foot and boat.

In keeping with the election promise, the new Hodgman Government went about plans to reopen three of the tracks.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre took the matter to the Federal Court under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act*. On appeal the Government was instructed to refer aspects of the plan to the Federal Government.

Most recently the Government has brushed off the legal challenges as a frustration by minority groups.

In the meantime, the Hodgman Government relaxed its Aboriginal eligibility criteria, dropping the need for documentation, a change welcomed by CHAC, with their

chairperson Peter Benson telling the *Advocate* newspaper earlier this year: “I encourage all those thousands of people to tick that Aboriginal box. Our doors are open.”

The state’s longest-running Aboriginal organisation, the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, and well-known Aboriginal leaders were critical of the changes, which the Premier calls “resetting the relationship with the Aboriginal community”.

Mr Sainty says the Aboriginal community in Tasmania has been forced to watch as the Premier’s “sham that is the reset agenda, including his eligibility policy, unfolds”. He called it their “latest attempt at assimilation”.

## Scathing

Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania chair Clyde Mansell is equally as scathing of the turn of events.

“We are bitterly disappointed with the new AHC appointments. It is a council stacked to give government right of way in destruction of Aboriginal heritage,” he said.

The Tasmanian Government declined to respond to his allegations.

Other remaining members of the AHC are former ATSIC commissioner Rodney Dillon, who was appointed chair and is also co-chair of Tasmanian Regional Aboriginal Community Alliance (TRACA), formed last year to represent some organisations, including CHAC, not allied with the TAC; Kingborough Council media and communications officer Sarah Wilcox, who was appointed co-chair; and Office of Aboriginal Affairs senior policy analyst (currently on leave) Angela Triffitt.

Initially, Mr Dillon was tight-lipped on the AHC stance on the tracks, but last Thursday,

following a meeting the week before with some AHC members – there were not enough for a quorum – he told the *Koori Mail* he did not support reopening the tracks.

“We are in agreement they shouldn’t destroy any sites at all. We don’t want the tracks open,” he said.

“The *Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act*, it’s the only thing that’s there to protect our culture and heritage. If it can’t, what’s the good of having it?”

Mr Dillon said he is frightened they will let tracks be reopened, and sounds equally uncertain of the AHC’s future.

The State Government is scrambling to find members for the AHC, which is scheduled to meet at the end of the month.

“We’ll see what we can work through; I don’t know how it will go,” Mr Dillon said.

Back in Smithton, following her appointment to the AHC, Ms Searle held a ‘reconciliation rally’, attended by about 80 people, for the wider community to voice their opinions on the proposed track re-openings and the dual naming of areas in the Circular Head region.

Ms Searle believes heritage in the remote APCA can be protected by “throwing the law book” at vandals.

Pakana ranger Jarrod Edwards, who has lived and worked on returned Aboriginal land near the APCA for two decades, last week visited the site where the latest off-road vehicle damage occurred.

He said the damage, adjacent to sacred sites, and only 10 minutes from the Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) ranger station, could only have been accessed from tracks that had been closed.

Mr Edwards likened it to a mud run racing track. “It was torn to pieces. It does not give you any hope or confidence that the State Government or PWS can manage any of the area,” he said.

He believes the CHAC petition has incited racism and was counter-intuitive.

Mr Edwards said he saw one copy of the petition at a local hotel on which someone had written “kill all Abos burn the dogs”. He said people kept adding signatures, unfazed, until the publican removed it.

“What Aboriginal person would advocate the wanton destruction of Aboriginal heritage by allowing 4WDs to drive over the top of it?” he asked.

Calls from the *Koori Mail* seeking comment from CHAC chief executive Di Baldock were not returned.

Michael Mansell has accused the Tasmanian Government of hypocrisy for promoting an investigation and seizure of a Tasmanian Aboriginal stone tool collection offered for sale on ebay, while at the same time “canvassing the destruction of irreplaceable middens and burial sites”.

“While we, too, are concerned that Aboriginal stone tools should not be removed from Tasmania, we are also more concerned about leaving the artefacts in the place where our ancestors left them,” he said.

“The plan by the Hodgman Government to remove, conceal and bury Aboriginal middens so that 4WDs can drive over them is a lot worse than someone in NSW having some stone tools in their possession.”

Mr Mansell asked who would prosecute the Hodgman Government for “their wilful destruction of Aboriginal heritage”.

Colin Hughes, a former AHC member, former Tasmanian Land and Sea Council manager and former Tasmanian Government senior Aboriginal heritage officer, who, despite applying, was not reappointed to the AHC, has spent almost three decades of his working life involved in protecting heritage in the APCA. He said it is simply not possible to protect Aboriginal heritage while allowing off-road vehicles through it.

“They may as well allow people to drive up the Pyramids. Our heritage is older than that,” he said.





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Organisations must have an established funded family support service in one or more of the above locations.

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Department of Planning and Environment

**Mining Lease Application 443, Mining Act 1992**

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

**Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a Mining Lease on native title land.**

Lot 7300 in Deposited Plan 1180874, within Mining Lease Application 443, situated approximately 26 kilometres west north west of the town of Bourke, in the State of NSW, as shown on the diagram below. This title is limited as to boundaries under section 28T of the *Real Property Act 1900*.

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P & D Whyte Pty Ltd (ACN 003 922 156) is the applicant for Mining Lease Application 443, for a mining lease which, if granted would authorise the mining for Group 2 minerals for a term of 21 years.

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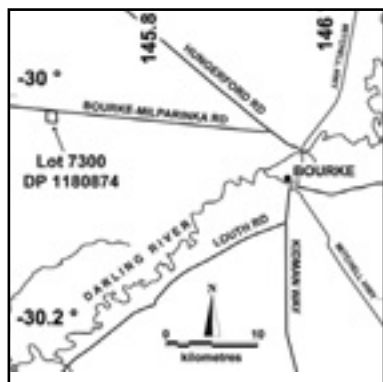
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**How further information about the act can be obtained**

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

**Notification Day**

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



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Morris Stuart conducts the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir.

# Documentary tells of women's Europe tour



A DOCUMENT-ARY about four generations of Aboriginal songwomen will screen on the closing night of

the Darwin International Film Festival on Monday, September 25.

*The Song Keepers* tells the story of an Aboriginal women's choir that travels to Europe to sing the hymns that were taught to their ancestors by German missionaries – but in their own Western Arrarnta and Pitjantjatjara languages and on their own terms.

The film follows the 32-member Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir from the small churches of their home country on a three-week tour of Germany.

It also documents their extraordinary relationship with South American-born Morris Stuart, their charismatic conductor and musical director. Mr Stuart has worked with the women for almost a decade to revive the dying practice of choral singing at a time when it was almost extinct.

The Darwin International Film Festival has a solid

line-up of Indigenous content, including feature documentaries *Westwind*, and *The Documentary of Dr G Yunupingu's Life*; best of Territory Shorts featuring *Finding Mawirange* (starring Tom E Lewis), *Carry the Flag* (starring Bernard Namok Jnr), *Bakala* (produced by Alison Page) and *The Greedy Emu*, about a songline that runs from Croker Island to Katherine and Central Western Arnhem Land.

There's also a workshop on Indigenous storytelling.

The festival runs until September 25. For more information go to [diff.net.au](http://diff.net.au)

# High turnover concern for remote health



SHOCKINGLY high staff turnover at remote Northern Territory health clinics is compromising the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

A university study found half the staff working at clinics were likely to leave after just four months, two-thirds leave remote work altogether after one year and some clinics had a 128% turnover rate each year.

It found the constant changeover had serious implications for the continuity of care and patient health.

## Workforce fragility

"It shows the extreme fragility of the remote workforce, confirming that there is a heavy reliance on agency nurses to provide primary health care in NT remote communities," lead author Deborah Russell said.

"A chronic lack of continuity of care sees people less likely to access primary health care in a timely way and to disengage from their health care altogether."

Dr Russell said constantly having to recruit and orient new staff was also a serious drain on resources and could make it very difficult for clinics to improve their services.

The study looked at staff turnover in 53 remote clinics in the NT between 2013 and 2015. Chief investigator John Wakerman, from

Flinders NT, said the work pointed to a number of possible strategies.

These included increased investment in recruiting and retaining local Aboriginal health practitioners and using remote nurse practitioners where there were no doctors to provide higher levels of care.

"We can also learn from successful strategies used for training and retaining doctors and apply them to nursing and allied health professionals," Prof Wakerman said.

"This would entail prioritising remote and rural origin and Aboriginal students in undergraduate courses, early exposure and training in remote areas and developing clear career pathways for these remote area health professionals."

The study was a collaboration between Flinders University, Monash University, Macquarie University, the University of Adelaide, the University of Sydney and the NT Department of Health. It is part of a larger program of research investigating the impact and cost of short-term health staffing in remote communities to determine whether fly-in-fly-out is the cure or the curse.

While the study looked specifically at NT health services, the authors say that extremely high turnover and heavy reliance on short-term agency nurses for supply has important implications for remote health services anywhere in Australia. – *With AAP*



# NDIS making life easier



**WIRADJURI** woman Naomi has been caring for her autistic twins for the past 14 years. Now, she's excited that the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) has come to Illawarra Shoalhaven where she lives, offering support to make her life easier.

Naomi lives with her husband Phil and her identical twin boys Nathan (Buddy) and Luke, 17. The twins were diagnosed with severe autism at the age of three.

Naomi is hoping the NDIS will mean a more positive future for the family.

"With the NDIS, I can now see a future for my children," she said.

"We will become Mum and Dad, not their carers. We will have more say and control of our boys' additional supports and needs, and we will be able to set goals that they can achieve."

Naomi's husband Phil is becoming more of a role model for the boys as they get older. The boys look up to him and they have a very strong bond.

Naomi and Phil take the boys to the beach or river every afternoon.

Naomi used to work full time, but had to give up work so she could care for the boys.



Naomi and Phil with their twin boys Nathan and Luke.

Now she educates people about autism, increasing awareness and acceptance, and is involved in Carers NSW. The boys attend a special needs school in Nowra.

She has been attending NDIS workshops and getting ready for the twins' NDIS journey. Her main goal is to be a mother, rather than

a carer, and that the boys will be supported after they finish school to get life skills and eventually their own jobs.

"By attending the workshops, I now have a better picture of how the NDIS will support and assist Buddy and Luke transition into adulthood," she said.

"I can now see a future for my

boys. They will be active in the community living their lives, not just existing."

She hopes the NDIS will give people with disability choice and flexibility over the support they receive. It will also mean more time for Naomi and Phil to enjoy being parents and helping other family members.

Currently the boys have respite on Saturday afternoon, allowing Naomi a time to visit her mother (who has dementia) at a local nursing home.

For information about NDIS resources available for Aboriginal people, visit <http://ndis.nsw.gov.au/ndis-resources/aboriginal-people/>

## More opportunities if you can drive



**NSW** MORE than 1600 people from Aboriginal communities in NSW have obtained a learner or provisional licence in the past 12 months.

This record number of Indigenous people becoming qualified to drive is due, in part, to the NSW Government's Driver Licensing Access Program, which is also keeping Aboriginal people out of jail.

Roads and Maritime Services manager George Shearer said less than half of eligible Aboriginal people in NSW currently held a driver's licence,

compared with seven out of 10 other people.

"This program is breaking down the barriers that stop Aboriginal people becoming legal and safe drivers," he said.

### Improved access

"By helping people obtain a driver's licence, this program provides participants with improved access to education and employment opportunities as well as access to health and other community services.

"The demand for more programs has increased as friends and family are

seeing the great results and want to be involved."

Mr Shearer said the licensing was encouraging safer driving behaviours, which was good news, considering that Aboriginal people were twice as likely to be killed or injured in a crash compared with other people.

"In the five years to 2015, there were 87 fatalities, 2772 serious injuries and 2048 further injuries for Aboriginal people across NSW," he said.

Mr Shearer said 55 communities across NSW benefitted from the Driver Licensing Access Program

during 2016-17.

"Service providers assisted the program participants with resources, including financial management, proof of identity, licensing enrolment support, access to roadworthy vehicles, road safety education and coaching, on-road driving experience and facilitated employment through driver licensing," he said.

"We've seen this program used as an alternative to sentencing offenders for unlicensed driving and we want to continue making a positive impact on communities across NSW."

## Water report welcomed



**A DAMNING** report by Ken Mathew looking at water theft and corruption in NSW has been welcomed by the Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN).

The inquiry follows serious allegations regarding water theft by ABC TV's *Four Corners*.

MLDRIN chair Nari man Rene Woods is calling for the Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) to heed key recommendations regarding compliance and water resource planning.

"The report is damning in its assessment of the compliance and enforcement regime in NSW and of key government departments, where a culture of 'expedience' has operated 'at the expense of due and proper process'," Mr Woods said. "The rogue actions and breaches of due process revealed in the program have devastating impacts on country and on Aboriginal people."

"Traditional owners along the Barka or Darling River who have watched their sacred waterways run dry in recent years, deserve answers to their questions: How has water theft and extraction of

environmental flows been allowed to occur? Who is responsible and how will all governments act to restore faith? "Aboriginal people are being asked to participate in the development of new water resource plans across the basin. How can we have any confidence that these plans will protect our country and our cultural values?"

MLDRIN has written to all premiers in the southern basin states and the Prime Minister, highlighting the need to reschedule the development and accreditation of water resource plans while compliance issues are investigated and properly understood.

## Bourke Aboriginal Health Service 30th Anniversary

### Anniversary Ball

#### When:

21st October, 2017

#### Where:

Diggers on the Darling from 7pm until late

#### Entertainment:

Bell River Band

#### Tickets:

\$20 per person

Elders of the community

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20th October, 2017

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# Video installation comes to Sydney



IN five minutes, you can travel through central Australia from day to night, with flying birds

and nocturnal spirits in a visual story created by Yarrenyty-Arltere Artists and artist-filmmaker Leonardo Ortega.

The collaborative video-installation *The Worlds We Stitch Together* will be screened at Sydney's Wynyard station this month.

It's a film mixing stop-motion animation with live-action scenes, presenting a three-part story moving from a day scene in central Australia's landscape, to a night scene featuring nocturnal female spirits known as kungkamamus, and an early-morning scene where birds accompany women as they start a new day crafting their works.

Yarrenyty-Arltere Artists is a not-for-profit Aboriginal-owned and managed art centre in the Yarrenyty-Arltere Town Camp, Alice Springs.

Through their innovative art practice in textiles, film and print making, the resident artists create work reflecting the experiences of people who have lived in town camps for generations.

For the video, the artists created soft sculptures that appear to come alive when projected as a large 23m x 3m cinematic experience.

Chilean-Australian artist and filmmaker Leonardo Ortega has



A scene from *The Worlds We Stitch Together*, by Yarrenyty-Arltere Artists and Leonardo Ortega.

worked and lived in Alice Springs for the past 10 years, working closely with Aboriginal communities on projects that support artistic and social outcomes.

His works have explored the subjects of colonisation and modernity affecting Indigenous peoples in different corners of the world, such as the Mapuche-Pewenche struggle in the Southern Andes, the penetration of mainstream media in Venezuelan and Brazilian Amazon communities, as well as diverse aspects of modern



Yarrenyty-Arltere artists: From left, Ronda Sharpe, Marlene Rubuntja and Rosabella Ryder.

lifestyle among Central Australian Aboriginal groups.

The Yarrenyty-Arltere Artists' soft sculptures and etchings are

part of major public and private collections and have been selected for and won major art awards.

Their art enterprise has also given opportunity for increased pride and self confidence, healing from grief and trauma, strong role modelling, improved economic access and improved social inclusion.

According to the artists: "We keep on making our art and we keep finding new ways to show the world what we can do and who we are."

The video will be screened throughout September from 6am to 3pm on even-numbered days and from 3pm to 12am on odd-numbered days.



## Roads and Maritime Services

### Aboriginal Heritage Denmark Link Road

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups with cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for the proposed Denmark Link Road, Riverstone, to register to be consulted.

The NSW Government is proposing to build a link road from the intersection of Garfield Road West and Denmark Road, Riverstone to Westminster Street bridge, Schofields.

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
- carrying out an environmental impact assessment under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

To register, please contact Lee Davison on 1300 367 561 or write to [RiverstoneNWGC@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:RiverstoneNWGC@rms.nsw.gov.au). Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by Wednesday 4 October 2017.

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# Opportunity for people to speak out on issues



THE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander College is inviting First Nations people from all over Victoria to 'Have Your Say' at a forum at

Parliament House, on Friday, November 3, from 9am.

Have Your Say is an ATSI College event and an invitation to the whole community to look at ways that Indigenous people can improve health, education, justice and governance.

ATSI College chief executive Shelley Clay said they were hosting the event to look at ways to improve services to the community.

"We want to hear from the community on how to improve, governance, justice, health, education and any other things to improve services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," she said.

"There are so many challenges in those areas and while over the past 40 years we've seen some change, it's not enough.

"So we're trying to make sure Aboriginal people are heard by



Victorian Shadow Aboriginal Affairs Minister Heidi Victoria and ATSI College community youth leader Jnaallii Penrith.

government, take our voices back, so they can hear our voices.

"The reality for us is, as Aboriginal voices, we haven't always been heard."

ATSI College youth community leader Jnaallii Penrith said that in many Aboriginal communities, the lack of effective governance systems directly impacted on the capability of true self-

determination and impacted on the human rights of ATSI people to access basic health and education services.

"This continues to cause significant socio-economic disparities and exacerbates the burden on our welfare state," she said.

Ms Clay said they were hoping to get as many Aboriginal people to Have Your Say as possible.

"We're really trying get out to community and families, and to make it accessible," she said.

"We're prepared to listen all day.

"We really want to hear what people have to say in a safe environment.

"We plan to take it back to Parliament, continue to have conversations, and hopefully be heard by policy makers."

Along with Ms Clay and Ms Penrith, the event will be attended by Victorian Shadow Aboriginal Affairs Minister Heidi Victoria.

The ATSI College supports more than 1800 ATSI corporations.

Have Your Say will begin at 9am, Friday, November 3, in the Event Room, Parliament House, Melbourne.



# Sydney to host digital awards



DESPITE having no previous computer skills, Elcho Island Elder Ernest Gondarra has learned to use a 3D printer to create mobile phone covers out of used plastic bottles.

He is now teaching others in the community how to use the technology and is in the running to be Digital Elder of the Year in the Inaugural Indigenous Digital Excellence Awards (IDX Awards) on September 29.

Kamilaroi man and entrepreneur Dean Foley is in the running for the IDX Entrepreneur award as the founder of Australia's first Indigenous Start Up Weekend and Bayaramal (black swan), an Indigenous-run accelerator for Indigenous businesses.

As a young entrepreneur, Mr Foley said it was important to find your motivation. "I like to help community," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's the reason why I get up early and stay up late. If you don't have that, it could be years later and you still haven't done anything on your idea."

Mr Foley left school in Gunnedah, north-west NSW, at a young age and, unsure of what to do next, joined the airforce, where he began reading about entrepreneurship.

"Then I went on a start-up weekend for

entrepreneurs and thought the concept was awesome and wanted to create a similar thing just for Indigenous people," he said.

Mr Foley created the first Indigenous Start Up Weekend last year, when 80 people learned skills for starting and expanding their own digital businesses.

"Participants had just 54 hours to create a business model, design, market and pitch their idea to a panel of successful business people," he said.

"There's heaps of ideas out there and events like this help entrepreneurs build supportive networks."

## Coding skills

Mr Foley looked for funding and launched other programs, teaching Indigenous youth digital coding skills and implementing coding club.

"More than half of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were aged under 25 in 2016 and that's why we need these coding clubs, so the young people have the technology skills and are ready to take advantage of job shifts," he said.

"Everything is becoming more technology oriented as things progress. At the moment, there's big money involved in the digital technology market. It's worth \$79 billion in 2017 and predicted to be \$139 billion by 2020. The most rich list is full of technology businesses.

"You need to get in there, have a go, even if you think it's not for you, because you might want to start a business later."

The IDX awards are organised by the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in partnership with Telstra.

NCIE chair Alison Page said the 14 finalists in seven categories ranged from Indigenous app developers to online educators and virtual reality artists.

"The IDX initiative project is about closing the 'digital gap' by inspiring the next generation of Indigenous digital entrepreneurs," she said.

"It's an act of social justice to teach young people the language of tomorrow – digital technology.

"Learning the language of tomorrow prepares our people for innovations we could see coming out of Indigenous communities. We can mix the best Western technology with our cultural story and see a new augmented reality project, or cultural storytelling on digital platforms.

"Learning coding to fly drone robots opens up a world of opportunity. Rather than seeing our people on the back foot of the economic wave, we want them surfing it."

The inaugural IDX Awards are in Sydney on Friday, September 29. For more information on the initiative, or to buy tickets to the awards night, visit [www.idxawards.org.au](http://www.idxawards.org.au)



Entrepreneur Dean Foley: "You need to get in there, have a go, even if you think it's not for you, because you might want to start a business later."

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Bring the the mob home safely.





# Foster carers sought



Aboriginal foster carer Jo Mara. "My favourite part of being a carer is seeing children open up and blossom over time; watching them know or begin to believe they're going to be okay."



JO Mara has been caring for foster children for 17 years and now she wants more people like her, from Aboriginal backgrounds, to become foster carers.

"Whether it's short-term care, long-term care or respite care, you just have to be someone who genuinely cares about kids and believe you can help out," she said.

More than 6000 Aboriginal children across NSW have been removed from their birth families, but only one in every five is able to be placed with Aboriginal carers.

AbSec, the NSW peak body for Aboriginal children and families, fears this is leading to a loss of culture and identity for vulnerable children.

AbSec chief executive Tim Ireland said Aboriginal kinship carers and foster carers know the importance of family.

"We urgently need Aboriginal people to open their doors to young people in their community who need support," he said.

"We want those children and young people to stay safely within their extended family and community networks, so that Aboriginal

children can remain connected to their culture, which is a source of strength, resilience and hope."

For foster carer Ms Mara, as well as bringing up her two biological children, she and her husband are long-term carers to three Aboriginal young people who came and stayed, as well as several children in short-term or emergency arrangements.

"I hadn't planned on three, but when I met them, they were just gorgeous," she said.

"So my husband and I spoke about it and we said, 'Why not? Let's give it a go and see how we go.' And they have now been with us since 2000."

## Rewarding

Ms Mara said that caring comes with challenges, but it's rewarding.

"When they first came they were timid," she said.

"The oldest boy, who was seven at the time, he wouldn't go out and play.

"He wouldn't do anything. He had just forgotten how to smile.

"After caring for his siblings for most of his life, he'd forgotten how to be a kid because he had shouldered such responsibility for too long."

Now, he's confident and off exploring Australia, and his younger brother and sister have both graduated and are employed and living with the Mara family.

"My favourite part of being a carer is seeing children open up and blossom over time; watching them know or begin to believe they're going to be okay," Ms Mara said.

People from all walks of life can become carers, as long as they have a few essential attributes: patience, empathy and resilience.

"Whether you're single, married or in a same-sex relationship, a young professional or an empty-nester, we're looking for all kinds of Aboriginal people to make their mark as carers," Mr Ireland said.

Ms Mara also wants carers to know there's plenty of support available.

"There are organised carers' groups and Aboriginal care support workers," she said.

"Carers are paid a subsidy for the children. It makes it possible for you to be able to do it, to be able to foster."

Aboriginal people interested in becoming a carer can call AbSec on 1800 888 698.

## ABORIGINAL RANGER GRANTS PROGRAM

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Cancer Australia

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SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH CANCER GRANT INITIATIVE  
2018 GRANT ROUND NOW OPEN

Cancer Australia invites applications for funding under the *Supporting people with cancer* Grant initiative. The grant program aims to reduce the burden of cancer through the provision of grants to community organisations; and encourage effective partnerships between organisations in order to improve coordination, accessibility and development of quality cancer support networks to better support people affected by cancer.

### 2018 Priority Target Areas

The areas of priority for applicants to target have been strengthened and aligned to *Cancer Australia's Strategic Plan 2014-2019*. This Framework consists of two categories.

**Category one:** improving outcomes for people whose outcomes are poor and demonstrating impact at a health systems level and/or community systems level:

- People whose outcomes are poorer
- Regional and rural areas

**Category two:** improving support, consumer involvement and evidence-based information at a local level:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- People from low socioeconomic status areas

*Applicants can apply for grants of up to \$120,000 (GST exclusive) over a three year period (2018-2021).*

### How to apply

You can apply through the Commonwealth Government's grant website – GrantConnect at [www.grants.gov.au](http://www.grants.gov.au) and search GO496.

### Further information

For grant guidelines, application form and further information visit GrantConnect at [www.grants.gov.au](http://www.grants.gov.au)

For enquiries email: [contactofficer@canceraustralia.gov.au](mailto:contactofficer@canceraustralia.gov.au)

Applications are now open. Closing date: 2.00pm (AEDST) on 16 November 2017.



# Focus on a strong woman



ON Christmas Eve 1974 Cyclone Tracy struck the Top End. It left more than 41,000 of the 47,000 inhabitants homeless. About 30,000 people were evacuated, including Cecelia Muir Cubillo. Her father was one of the 71 souls lost to the cyclone's devastation.

But not even Cyclone Tracy was going to stop this amazing individual and it became just one of the many hurdles she jumped over in an extraordinary life.

For the past 40 years Cecelia – known as 'Cissie' – has lived in Adelaide, on Kurna land, where she single-handedly raised four children. She has a lot of love and respect for the Nungas and this respect and love is shown back to her, but her heart will always be in the Top End as well.

Born in the 1930s, Cissie was the eldest of 10 children and the daughter of Stolen Generations woman the late Aunty Hilda Muir.

In fact Cissie had to leave Darwin twice, the first time as a very young girl during World War II.

Her close relationship with her family plays an important part in her life through her daughters and many grandchildren.

In an NITV short documentary *Cissie*, Ms Cubillo tells journalist Pascoe Braun about her hard early years in the Top End, saved by the strong love of a young mother, and helping to raise her many siblings and eventually her own children and the struggle to get them a



Cissie Cubillo with her mother the late Aunty Hilda Muir.

decent education in Adelaide.

Her late mother Hilda Jarman Muir wrote the book *A Very Long Journey: My Life as I remember It*. Aunty Hilda received a state funeral in Darwin when she died only a few years ago.

## Strong character

Those early years of poverty in the Top End, where her mother and father, William Daniel Muir, brought up a huge family without much support made Cissie the strong character she is.

Darwin was basically a big, hot country town then and everyone knew each other, unlike the growing city it is today.

Cissie married into the huge Cubillo family and the lessons she had learned from her mother gave her the endurance to survive what was thrown at her.

By that fateful Christmas Day in 1974 Cissie had four young daughters, Maria, Inez,

Francesca and Petra, plus a foster daughter Pilawuk, and had also been forced to deal with the tragic loss of her own son as a baby.

A new start in Adelaide, while exciting, was also daunting. Single, with five children, some of whom were teenagers, meant that once again Cissie was forced to "batten down the hatches".

Nowadays Cissie Cubillo is a major fixture around Adelaide's Rundle Mall and the city centre, venturing out, talking to people from all walks of life, attending community events and being an inspirational role model to everyone.

After all, two degrees and many awards make one very strong woman.

*Cissie* is on NITV tonight, September 20, at 7pm (AEST), as part of the *Our Stories* series of documentaries.



Cyclone Tracy survivor Cissie Cubillo with her daughters, from left, Inez, Petra, Maria and Francesca.



## Department of Planning and Environment

### Exploration Licence Number 8118 and 8273 (Act 1992)

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

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

Exploration Licence No 8118 currently consists of an area of 6 units and is located approximately 54 kilometres west south west of Grafton, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

Exploration Licence No 8273 currently consists of an area of 4 units and is located approximately 53 kilometres west south west of Grafton, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

#### Description of the nature of the act

ABN IR PTY LTD (ACN 156 431 659) is the holder of Exploration Licence No's 8118 and 8273 for Group 1 minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

#### Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

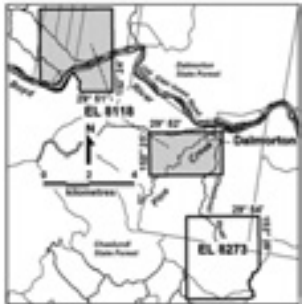
Minister for Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

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

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

#### Notification Day

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



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



## Office of Environment and Heritage

### A new legal framework for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW

The NSW Government is proposing a new legal framework for conserving and managing Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. We want to hear what you think to help make sure we get it right.

Come along to an info session to hear about what we're proposing and ask some questions. Then later this year, head to a workshop to give us your feedback on the proposed framework.

Location	Info Session	Workshop	Venue
Albury	16 October	28 November	Albury Entertainment Centre
Ballina	23 October	4 December	Ballina Surf Club
Bathurst	25 October	6 November	Rydges Mount Panorama Bathurst
Bega	4 October	21 November	Bega Valley Civic Centre
Bourke	9 October	31 October	Bourke Bowling Club
Broken Hill	26 September	8 November	Musicians Club
Coffs Harbour	22 September	24 November	Coffs Harbour CEX
Dubbo	11 October	2 November	Taronga Western Plains Zoo
Gosford	18 October	29 November	The Erina Centre
Griffith	20 October	1 December	Quest Apartments
Muswellbrook	26 October	6 December	Muswellbrook RSL Club
Narrabri	27 October	11 December	Narrabri Bowling Club
Newcastle	18 September	13 November	Newcastle City Hall
Nowra	5 October	22 November	Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre
Penrith	17 October	3 November	Mercure Hotel Penrith
Port Macquarie	20 September	14 November	Port Macquarie Panthers Club
Queanbeyan	13 October	7 December	Jerrabomberra Community Centre
Sydney	6 October	13 December	SMC Conference and Function Centre
Wentworth	28 September	10 November	Wentworth Shire Community Centre

We'll have food and refreshments at all of the sessions. If you want to know more about the new framework, the times of the sessions and how to register your attendance:

- Go to our website: [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/aboriginal-cultural-heritage-consultation](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/aboriginal-cultural-heritage-consultation)
- Or call Jackie Puckeridge from Marcia Ella Consulting on 0481 959 813

Find more information, email us at: [ACH.reform@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ACH.reform@environment.nsw.gov.au)

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# Community Fun Day for Adelaide



RIDE a smoothie bike, get your health checked, eat a barbecue lunch, get your face painted or play ping pong in Adelaide – it's all in the name of fun at the annual Nunkuwarrin Yunti Community Fun Day, to be held on October 4.

With a theme of strength and resilience, the day is a celebration organised by Nunkuwarrin Yunti and

the Aboriginal Sobriety Group. Held at Whitmore Square in the centre of Adelaide, the Fun Day's outdoor activities include a jumping castle, a giant chess game, a carousel, games on the basketball court and a pop-up circus workshop run by Cirkidz. Musical entertainment includes Nathan May and pianist Cheryl van Wageningen.

Nunkuwarrin Yunti will be there to promote community health services for maternal child health,

social and emotional wellbeing, harm minimisation, specialist services and tackling tobacco.

Mini health checks will be conducted during the course of the day, for people who want to have their blood sugar levels and blood pressure taken, and to support people in monitoring their health.

Nunkuwarrin Yunti chief executive Vicki Holmes said she "can't wait to see all the community out enjoying themselves".



Auntie Irene Allan and Nunkuwarrin Yunti chief executive Vicki Holmes at last year's Community Fun Day in Adelaide.

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## There are 2 weeks left to hand it in.



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## Planned Redfern changes on show



TWO applications by the Aboriginal Housing Company for the Pemulwuy Project at The Block in Redfern are on exhibition for community consultation until October 27. The concept plan modification and a new State Significant Development application propose changes to the approved student accommodation.

These applications include an increase in building height from six to 24 storeys and the number of student accommodation beds from 154 to 596.

The Department of Planning and Environment wants to hear views on the proposals.

Key Sites and Industry Assessments executive director Anthea Sargeant said a decision had not yet been made and the department would review all feedback before any project approval.

Written submissions can be made to: Department of Planning and Environment. Attn: Director – Key Sites Assessments, GPO Box 39, Sydney NSW 2001.

To view the development application, visit the City of Sydney Council office on Kent Street or the Redfern Neighbourhood Service Centre, or go to [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/pemulwuyproject](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/pemulwuyproject)

## Julalikari out of administration



JULALIKARI Council Aboriginal Corporation is out of special administration. Tennant Creek-based Julalikari, one of Australia's largest Aboriginal corporations, was placed in administration earlier this year after problems with its governance and strained relationships with business partners, members and funders.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven says that after seven months, special administrators have restructured the corporation, improved its internal operations and resolved long-running disputes.

"Julalikari now has a much stronger focus on service delivery and its core objective – improving the lives of its 274 members and other Aboriginal people in the Barkly region of the Northern Territory," he said.

## Four new police liaison officers



FOUR new Aboriginal community liaison officers have started work with the Victoria Police. They have taken up positions at Knox (eastern Melbourne), Geelong, Echuca and Ballarat.

The four will work to improve understanding of the law as well as strengthening communication and respect between Aboriginal Elders and groups, and the local police.

There are now 13 members of the Police Aboriginal Community Liaison Team in Victoria.



# Documentary wins award



*MY Grandmother's Lingo*, a documentary narrated in the endangered Marra language, has won a Best Use of Digital Media award. The award was presented recently at the NSW Premier's Multicultural Media Awards.

Angelina Joshua, the narrator of the story, received the award from NSW Minister for Multiculturalism Ray Williams.

*My Grandmother's Lingo* is an interactive

online documentary highlighting the plight of endangered Indigenous languages, through the story of a young Aboriginal woman. The digital interactive journey of discovery and connection enables learning of the endangered language Marra, and highlights the beauty of language, land and country.

Marra language is now spoken by only three people in the remote East Arnhem Land community of Ngukurr, where Ms Joshua lives.



Angelina Joshua holds the NSW Premier's Multicultural Media Award for her interactive documentary *My Grandmother's Lingo*.

## Administration for Vic corporation



THE Heywood-based Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC has again been under special administration.

The native title body was initially placed under special administration in June 2017. Two former directors successfully challenged the decision in the Federal Court and the special administration was terminated on August 25.

But concerns remained about the corporation's governance and Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven has ordered another period of administration, until January 15.

## Payment changes for Qld councils



THE Queensland Government says Indigenous councils will be better placed to serve their communities with a streamlined allocation and payment system for almost \$39 million in funding from three grants schemes.

The changes affect the State Government Financial Aid program (SGFA), the Indigenous Economic Development Grant (IEDG) and the Revenue Replacement Program (RRP).

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Mark Furner said the funding programs are vital for councils to continue to deliver local government services for their communities.

Full details on the changes are at <http://dilgp.qld.gov.au/local-government/grants/current-programs.html>

## Input is sought on Burrup strategy



THE Western Australian Government is calling for public input on a new draft strategy to protect the Burrup Peninsula's rock art. WA Environment Minister Stephen Dawson said the strategy would guide the development and

implementation of a scientific monitoring program to help protect the rock art for future generations.

The Burrup Peninsula in the Pilbara is home to one of the world's biggest collections of engraved rock art. Also known as petroglyphs, the rock art is thousands of years old and of immense cultural and spiritual significance to Aboriginal people, and of national and international heritage value.

Mr Dawson says a Burrup Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group will be established to oversee the design and implementation of the strategy. It is proposed that this group will include representatives from the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation, state agencies, local government, industry and the community.

More information is available at [www.dwer.wa.gov.au/burrup\\_rock\\_art](http://www.dwer.wa.gov.au/burrup_rock_art)



## The Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey 2017. Look for it in your mail.

### Should the law be changed to allow same-sex couples to marry?

This is your chance to have your say on whether Australian law should be changed to allow same-sex couples to marry.

Answer 'yes' or 'no' on the form. Put it in the Reply Paid envelope and mail it back straight away.

Your response will be completely confidential.

### The Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey 2017. Have your say.

Information Line: 1800 572 113 | Visit: [www.marriagesurvey.abs.gov.au](http://www.marriagesurvey.abs.gov.au)





## Roads and Maritime Services

### Aboriginal Heritage Alexandria to Moore Park Connectivity Upgrade

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for the proposed Alexandria to Moore Park Connectivity Upgrade to register to be consulted. Roads and Maritime Services is investigating a series of intersection upgrades along the Alexandria to Moore Park Connectivity Upgrade.

The study area is a 3.4 kilometre corridor from Alexandria to Moore Park. Please email [a2mp@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:a2mp@rms.nsw.gov.au), visit the webpage at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/a2mp](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/a2mp) or call 1800 875 557 to view a map of the study area.

The proposal may result in the Roads and Maritime:

- 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:  
Lee Davison, RMS Cultural Heritage Liaison  
Officer on 1800 875 557  
Email: [a2mp@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:a2mp@rms.nsw.gov.au)  
Mail: Level 3, 27-31 Argyle Street  
Parramatta 2150

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by Friday 22 September 2017.

## Roads and Maritime Services

### Aboriginal Heritage Swan Hill Bridge maintenance work

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 maintenance work on Swan Hill Bridge to register to be consulted.

Roads and Maritime proposes to deliver maintenance work designed to keep the existing Murray River crossing functional for the next 10 years. The works may be delivered in stages over this period and require the use of cranes, piling equipment or barges.

The proposal may result in the Roads and Maritime:

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The Djirri  
Djirri Dance  
Group performs.

# Djirri Djirri dancers are keeping culture alive



THEY swagger and sway their hips, just like the willy wagtail.

Taking their inspiration from this little black and white dancing bird, members of the Djirri Djirri (willy wagtail) dance group from Victoria are reviving their local language and taking it to the world through song and traditional dance.

Djirri Djirri founder Wurundjeri woman Mandy Nicholson said all the girls in the group speak the endangered Woiwurrung language of the Wurundjeri people.

"These girls are creating the next generation of women who will grow up and won't be able to say, 'I don't know my language or my culture,'" she said.

Ms Nicholson said she's always been the aunty who drives everybody around, and she formed the all-girl dance group three years ago because her Aboriginal family had so many young girls and teenagers. The youngest is six, the oldest 19.

"I thought it a would be fun way for cultural grounding for the girls," she said. "We teach them the roles and responsibilities of being a young Aboriginal woman and we have a coming of age ceremony."

"They are given a dance belt and if they go down the wrong road, the belt is taken from them and they have to work to get it back. There's a lot of cultural stuff embedded in this. It's about them owning what they are doing."

### "Strict rules"

"There are strict rules they need to follow to to be part of the dance group and if they muck up, they know the rules to come back in."

"The girls need to be humble and represent themselves in a moral and appropriate way and this includes how they present themselves on Facebook. They are representing their culture."

The group has already performed at conferences and festivals and Ms Nicholson said she has "stepped back" to let the girls take on leadership roles.

"The 18-year-old is the lead choreographer and the 14-year-old writes the songs in language," she said. "We always do an acknowledgement sung in language and dance to honour the ancestors and animals."

The group is now rehearsing for next month's Melbourne Festival opening ceremony, where they will perform a song written in the 1800s by Aboriginal leader William Barak.

"We weren't sure how to sing it so we got (musician) Lou Bennett involved and she worked it out and sent me an audio file with possum skin beats and clap sticks and we created a dance to go with it," Ms Nicholson said.

"The song is about the songlines of the wetlands that used to stretch across Victoria and we have two language words for pelican. We also sing about the duck and the black swan. The duck is the mother of the platypus and the black swan is the creator's wife."

The group has been asked to perform at the Australian Dance Awards this year.

# Fire will burn for Ngarabul people



A FIRE will burn at Bluff Rock, far northern NSW, next month for the displaced Ngarabul people. Bluff Rock, on the New England Highway near Tenterfield – the site of a massacre in 1845 – will become a place of remembrance and celebration on October 21 with a traditional fire ceremony and a weekend of music, arts and performance.

Ngarabul man Ricky Pascoe is calling for Indigenous people from across Australia to come to the rock to "help bring the spirit back to the land."

"We welcome all communities, our brothers, sisters and families and all visitors to come visit us at Bluff Rock and Deepwater to help remember this terrible tragedy and massacre," he said.

"We also call out to leaders from every nation to bring their dancers here and we will let the bull roarers off."

"It's spiritually important get everyone to the event so we can connect back to our spirits and place."

While there are different stories about what happened in the Bluff Rock massacre, Mr Pascoe said not all the local Aboriginal people were killed in 1845.

### "Survived"

"They said the blacks disappeared from there," he said. "But some people survived and moved on to other places."

"Now there are people who are displaced and fighting over native title and we need to heal and restore our spirits."

"When we put our hands on the rock, we are connecting to the past and we can let them know we are back on country. We are here for them in spirit and they will never be forgotten."

Mr Pascoe said his grandmother Kathleen Williams and great grandmother were born near Bolivia and Deepwater and wants anyone else who thinks they might have heritage from that area to contact him.

The weekend event includes a day of poetry, karaoke, dance and music from 10am at Deepwater School of Arts, followed by a fire ceremony at 4pm.

Free camping will also be available. Mr Pascoe is calling for anyone who wants to be a sponsor or set up a stall at the event to phone 0411 645 116.



# Aunty Mary's tale in book



Aunty Mary Hooker and her guide dog Prada, with Sue-Ellen Lovett.



AS well as knitting the world's longest scarf in Aboriginal colours in an attempt to beat the 13 metres in the *Guinness Book of Records*,

Aunty Mary Hooker proudly has the Aboriginal colours on her cane.

Aunty Mary, who lives at Rylstone, features in *60 Tails*, a book of short stories celebrating the 60th anniversary of Guide Dogs NSW/ACT.

When people ask about her cane, Aunty Mary said she gets the chance to tell them how she went blind.

She has diabetic retinopathy, a common complication of diabetes. In 2007, her sight began to deteriorate, first in her left eye and then her right. By 2010, she was legally blind.

"One in six Aboriginal people are affected by diabetes," Aunty Mary said. "Out of my family of 12, eight of us have diabetes, but I'm the only one who has gone blind."

"I wasn't taking my medication properly, mainly because I didn't have enough money. I had to give up work, and what money I did have was used for bills and food for my kids and grandkids."

"I would always look after myself last."

Finally I found a chemist who let me pay in instalments."

As she lost her sight, Aunty Mary lost her independence. It was only after she contacted Guide Dogs NSW/ACT that she regained her freedom.

"I didn't call straight away as I didn't want a dog and I thought that was all Guide Dogs NSW/ACT could do to help me," she said.

"I didn't realise at first that they could help me in other ways."

"When I did call, I asked to have my cane in the Aboriginal colours and they'd never had that request before."

"That same year they made me an ambassador for Guide Dogs NSW/ACT so now I travel around and spread the word about how the organisation can help people with vision impairment."

Having lost so much because of her blindness, Aunty Mary is passionate about educating young Indigenous children on how to take care of their sight.

"Your sight is the one thing that can't be replaced," she says.

"The worst part is not being able to see the faces of my children and my grandkids. When my daughter got married, I couldn't see her wedding dress. She described it to me and I could feel it, but it wasn't the same."

"It's so hard not being able to watch the kids grow up. I go to all of their events at school and they're always keen to help me and guide me, but I can't see their faces."

## "Important"

"That's why it's so important for Aboriginal people to keep their sugar levels stable, take their medication when they're meant to take it, and listen to their doctors when they explain what to do to stay healthy."

The book features stories about people with sight loss whose independence has been enhanced by having a guide dog and other mobility services, and celebrates those who have bred, raised and trained guide dogs.

Guide Dogs NSW/ACT veterinary and breeding services manager Dr Caroline Moeser said it costs more than \$35,000 to breed, raise and train each guide dog, which are then provided at no cost to clients.

"As we receive less than 2% of our funding from government, it is thanks to the generous support of the public that that we can continue to provide our services," she said.



Australian Government

Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

## End of year checklist for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations

Now that the 2016–17 financial year has closed it's time to prepare your reports and hold your annual general meeting (AGM).

**Do it now. Don't be late!**

☒ Call and hold AGM

*Due between 1 July and 30 November*

☒ Lodge 2016–17 reports with the Registrar\*

*Due between 1 July and 31 December*

\*All corporations must lodge their 2016–17 reports with the Registrar according to their registered size and income.

Lodge your reports at [online.oric.gov.au](http://online.oric.gov.au)

The Registrar may take action against any corporation that does not report by 31 December 2017. Under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* the maximum penalty to corporations for each report not lodged is \$22,500.

## NEED HELP?

If you need help filling in your reports, are not sure what to lodge or you need extra time, contact the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC).

Freecall: **1800 622 431** (not free from mobiles)

Email: [info@oric.gov.au](mailto:info@oric.gov.au)

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Department of Planning and Environment

## Exhibition of Section 75W Modification and State Significant Development Application Pemulwuy Student Accommodation Building, Eveleigh Street, Redfern

**Application No** MP 06\_0101 MOD 2 and SSD 8135  
**Location** 77-123 Eveleigh Street, Redfern (Lot 1 DP 996782, Lots A & B DP 326761, Lot B DP 81200, Lot 1 DP 996783, Lot 1 DP 741715, Lot 1 DP 779120, Lots A & B DP 439127, Lot 1 DP 797845, Lot 1 DP 194785, Lot 1 DP 88846, Lot 1 DP 708931, Lot 1 DP 996784, Lots 1-5 DP 230305, Lot 1 DP 995857, Lots 11 & 12 DP 1183218 and Lot 1 DP 803299)

**Proponent/Applicant** Deicorp Ltd  
**Council Area** City of Sydney  
**Approval Authority** Minister for Planning

**Description of proposal**  
**MP 06\_0101 MOD 2:** Modification of the Concept Approval to allow a 24 storey building envelope within Precinct 3 of the Pemulwuy development.

**SSD 8135:** Construction of a 24 storey student accommodation building comprising 522 rooms, 596 student beds and associated public domain works.

### Exhibition Details

The Section 75W Modification Request, SSD Application, Environmental Impact Statement and accompanying documents may be viewed electronically at the **Department of Planning and Environment** at 320 Pitt Street, Sydney or on the Department's website ([www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/page/on-exhibition/](http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/page/on-exhibition/)). You may also view an electronic copy at a **NSW Service Centre** located near you ([www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre/service-nsw](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre/service-nsw)) and a hard copy may be inspected at the location(s) listed below from **Thursday 14 September 2017** until **Friday 27 October 2017** during the ordinary office or opening hours of the agency concerned:

- **City of Sydney Council:** Town Hall House, Level 2, 456 Kent Street, Sydney; and
- **City of Sydney Council Redfern NSC:** 158 Redfern Street, Redfern.

At the time of publishing this advertisement, the Minister for Planning has not directed that a public hearing should be held.

### Have your say

Anyone can make a written submission about the Modification Request and SSD Application during the exhibition period from **Thursday 14 September 2017** until **Friday 27 October 2017**.

**Your submission must reach the Department by Friday 27 October 2017.** Before making your submission, please read our Privacy Statement at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy) or telephone the number below for a copy. The Department will publish your submission on its website in accordance with our Privacy Statement.

To make a submission, use the online form if possible. This is available at [www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/page/on-exhibition/](http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/page/on-exhibition/)

**If you cannot lodge online,** you can write to the address below. If you want the Department to delete your personal information before publication, please make this clear at the top of your letter. You need to include:

- Your name and address, at the top of the letter only;
- The name of the application(s) and the application number(s);
- A statement on whether you support or object to the proposal(s);
- The reasons why you support or object to the proposal(s); and
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**For more information:** 1300 305 695

Planning Services, Department of Planning and Environment, GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001  
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## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



## A Yarn With...



## NADIA JOHANSEN

Gunggari woman  
Living in  
Toowoomba,  
Queensland

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Kangaroo.

**Favourite other food?**  
Mangoes.

**Favourite drink?**  
Vanilla Coke.

**Favourite music?**  
1990s R'n'B. And I really like  
the Red Hot Chilli Peppers.

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
Home to Mitchell (western  
Queensland) to see family and  
friends.

**What do you like in life?**  
Family and eating.

**What don't you like?**  
Social inequality.

**Who would you most like to meet?**  
Rapper the late Tupac Shakur.  
He was a true leader a lot of  
our people can identify with.

**If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous people?**  
I'd make it possible that our  
people could learn their  
traditional language and  
culture.

## Quote



**"Your sight is the one thing that can't be replaced. The worst part is not being able to see the faces of my children and my grandkids."**

— Aunt Mary Hooker on her passion of educating children how to take care of their sight

● See page 19

## Unquote

## Yet another UN blast on Aust

**Y**ET another report by the United Nations highlights the Australian Government's repeated disregard for the human rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous peoples Victoria Tauli-Corpuz has raised numerous serious issues in her recent report.

And one that perfectly sums up the Turnbull Government's respect – or complete lack of – for Indigenous rights.

Ms Tauli-Corpuz called for an end to compulsory income management – something Indigenous, human rights, legal and other organisations have been saying for years. Since the Howard Government's disgraceful suspension of the *Racial Discrimination Act* and the introduction of compulsory income management under the NT Intervention in 2007, in fact.

But, while Ms Tauli-Corpuz was scathing in her assessment about the Turnbull Government's willingness to ride roughshod over the rights of Indigenous people, what is the Government planning on doing?

Implementing harsh new regulations on welfare recipients.

And rolling out its compulsory income management scheme – cashless welfare – to more people, despite an independent review finding major flaws.

**S**onglines: *Tracking the Seven Sisters* at the National Museum of Australia in Canberra is an extraordinary exhibition that uses modern technology to allow viewers to walk songlines of central



## OUR SAY

Australia by following the story of the Seven Sisters.

The generosity of spirit in sharing their story in such a way, was beautifully summed up by Inawintji Williamson, senior law woman and custodian of the Seven Sisters songline at Kuli, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands.

"We have brought the song, story and paintings full of Tjukurpa, the creation spirit of the Seven Sisters, to put in our Canberra exhibition," she said. "We want to show this major creation story here so many other people can look, learn and increase their understanding. All people, white and black, can come and see and understand."

"And it's for teaching all our children, our granddaughters and grandsons — to keep the culture strong."

"That is why we are making this exhibition so everyone can see and understand that our Tjukurpa law stands strong today."

It might be instructive for some of the nation's politicians and policy makers to take a trip to the museum and see if they can learn that lesson.

## Koori Mail – 100% Aboriginal-owned

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



# King and diva

By JILLIAN MUNDY

**G**URINDJI man Kamahi Djordan King and his alter ego Constantina Bush are just as much about advocating for their people as they are entertainment.

In a recent performance at the Darwin Festival, the internationally celebrated visual artist, actor, singer and female impersonator, sporting revealing outfits and backed by a full band, showcased Constantina's commanding stage presence and vocal range, interspersed with comment and song about the ongoing injustices inflicted on Aboriginal people.

Constantina is costumes, kriol, comic and a sprinkling of cussing and crudeness. King, the man behind the fabulous diva, is a talented and accomplished singer and actor. He spent years performing 'croon' around Melbourne, and his alter ego – who King admits gets more work than him these days – has recently been invited to tour with Yothu Yindi.

Constantina is able to pull a talented and tight back-up band and one almost does a double take as she switches vocals from female Motown covers to a deep, rich tones for ballads.

One such number at the Darwin performance was a cover of Mutti Mutti songman Kutcha Edwards' *Is This What We Deserve*.

King said that was the song the audience was talking about after the Darwin gig, and hopes more people can be exposed to a song with such a powerful message.

"They say, 'Oh my God, the words in that song are so powerful. When did he write that?' I said, 'Ages ago and it's still relevant today.' The message is: Why aren't things changing fast enough for us? Must we always go around and round in circles and come back to the same point?" he said.

"We've got a long way to go. Constantina can make people aware of the sort of privileges they have as white people, because a lot of my audience are white, and the way to do things is not by being rough and aggressive about it, or being really extremist, it's about doing things subtly so a message gets in and a seed of that message gets through. Basically, they enjoy themselves. They have a laugh, but they are getting a strong message as well.

"Constantina is all about political messages."

While she is promoted as "a little girl from a dusty outback cattle station" who is "all grown up and has travelled the world with her show Constantina Bush and the Bushettes", Constantina was born of King taking opportunities as they came along, and a slip of the tongue.

Born and bred in and around Katherine and Ngukkur (Roper River), NT, King moved to Adelaide for boarding school when he was 12 and dreamed of being a vet. It soon became apparent that art was his calling, and as a young adult his visual art took him to Perth, where he landed a job in a gallery.

While he was there his uncle not only heard King's impressive singing in the shower, but also a call on the radio from Black Swan State Theatre Company, WA's flagship theatre institution, for auditions in the musical *Blood Link* and encouraged him to apply.

It was 1994, King was 21 – and he landed the lead role.

"I never really looked back then," he said.



Constantina Bush, complete with Afro, and Friends perform in Darwin.

King went on to be an inaugural graduate of Brisbane's Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts, picked up a sponsorship from an English theatre company and has written and acted in Australia and London.

His visual art has remained his bread and butter, winning him awards, with exhibitions in Australia and abroad.

In 2008, when a performer pulled out of an Aboriginal drag show his friend was running, King auditioned, thinking it would be easy. But he was told his lip-syncing was crap.

"So I said, 'What if I sing live?' So I did and it took off. Nobody was doing it," he said.

"I didn't have a name then. I walked out with my own name, Kamahi."

King wanted to take it to another level

"When I get there I give her the painting and the mobile rings, and I take it and I say to the person on the other end, 'Look I've got to go. I'm at a luncheon for the UN Ambassador, Constantina Bush,' and everyone just went quiet.

"She was right there. I was that shamed. She had a giggle; she was pretty cool."

A couple of years later pushed to name his alter-ego, it proved to be a fortunate slip of the tongue.

He is unsure if Ms Rice has any idea.

King adds that coincidentally, like a drag name, it breaks down to be a clever play on words. (Hint – say it slowly)

But he is quick to explain that he is a female impersonator, not a drag queen.

"If you look at the character of Mary G or the character of Dame Edna Everage they are both by straight guys," King says.

nails, scruffy hair and minimal makeup just to look like a girl and that's enough for her and that's what she is, she's a girl."

As Constantina became popular, King became aware that his 6 feet 2 inch (1.88m) – 7 feet (2.13m) with heels – stature and attitude may have warded off homophobia and harassment, as was happening to some other hopeful performers at the time.

He has never felt the sting of blatant homophobia directed at him, but is quick to defend anyone it is directed at.

"I never had anyone say much really. They must have talked about me behind my back, but they never said it to my face, because I could fight," he said.

And on same-sex marriage, while King is not interested in marriage – he is happy with how his life is – he has enrolled to vote and hopes people will bother to send in their yes vote.

"Either way, if you don't know, what's the harm in giving someone the same rights as everyone else where marriage is concerned?" he says.

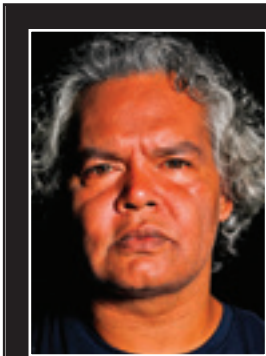
"Regardless of sexual orientation, you should be able to marry who you want."

King added that, while he has heard arguments that same-sex marriage may not be a 'Christian way', neither is Christianity a blackfella way at the end of the day.

See *An Evening with Constantina and Friends* is in Darwin on October 13 at the Railway Club and for the first time in her hometown of Katherine, at Lindsay St Outdoor Stage, on October 14.

Constantina Bush will be performing with Yothu Yindi and the Treaty Project, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the protest anthem *Treaty*, at the Strawberry Fields Festival in Tocomwal, NSW, and Queenscliff Music Festival, Victoria, in November.

An exhibition of video and paintings by Kamahi Djordan King, *Shifting Elements and Camp Dogs*, opens at the Wyndham Gallery in Werribee near Melbourne on



**"Either way, if you don't know, what's the harm in giving someone the same rights as everyone else where marriage is concerned? Regardless of sexual orientation, you should be able to marry who you want." – Kamahi Djordan King**

and pondered a name. Little did he know, it would come via a slip of the tongue.

He was invited to deliver a painting to the White House he had been commissioned to do for Condoleezza Rice, then the US Secretary of State during George W Bush's presidency.

"I didn't know who she was," King said of Rice. "I didn't follow American politics."

"So I do this little painting. I get there, go to meet her, and I asked the guy in the car what her name was, and he says Condoleezza Rice, US Secretary of the State."

"I was saying it over and over in my head."

"They don't even fall into the category of drag. They are straight guys playing a female character. I'm a gay guy playing a female character, so people want to say drag queen simply because Constantina is fabulous," he explains.

"It's more about the thing of drag queens lip-syncing their songs. I don't lip-sync. I've never worked in a bar or a club or anything like that. So I don't like to be called one, and it's an insult to them as well."

"Drag queens – it's a craft; it's an artform, the way they apply their makeup... Everything about them is so polished."

"Constantina will go out with broken



# Custodians tell story



AFTER five years' work, led by Aboriginal custodians, a major exhibition telling the story

of the Seven Sisters has been launched at the National Museum of Australia in Canberra.

*Songlines: Tracking the Seven Sisters* showcases segments of five Western Desert songlines, utilising paintings, installations, song and dance to allow visitors to "walk" the songlines by following the story of the Seven Sisters across 500,000 square kilometres, from west to east, through three states and three deserts.

Aboriginal Elders and artists, including Inawintji Williamson, senior law woman and custodian of the Seven Sisters songline at Kuli, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, agreed to share the story.

"The Seven Sisters Tjukurpa, our Dreaming creation law, is very important to us. We hold it strongly and teach it to the generations that come after us," she said.

"This Tjukurpa travels through many people's country: The Martu, Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara lands. This really big Tjukurpa belongs to many people in the north, east, south, west and the centre. Many people tell this story in different languages.

"We have brought the song, story and paintings full of Tjukurpa, the creation spirit of the Seven Sisters, to put in our Canberra exhibition. We want to show this major creation story here so many other people can look, learn and increase their understanding. All people, white and black, can come and see and understand.

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**Piti (bowl) with pokerwork of the Kungkarangkaipa Tjukurpa by Nyurpaya Kaika Burton.**



**The Tjanpi Desert weavers with the products of their creativity. Picture: Vicki Bosisto**

Tjukurpa law stands strong today."

The exhibition features the world's highest-resolution travelling DomeLab — a spectacular six-metre wide dome offering an immersive multimedia experience for visitors.

Visitors will be immersed in images of Seven Sisters rock art from the remote Cave Hill site in South Australia; animated art works; the transit of the Orion constellation and the Pleiades star cluster.

The project was initiated in 2010 by Anangu Elders from the APY Lands in central Australia and led by senior Seven Sisters custodians from across the Central and Western deserts.

The Elders were compelled by an urgent need to track the songlines, and preserve the knowledge primarily in the Aboriginal-managed digital archive Ara Irititja, in Alice Springs, for later generations.



**Kungkarangkaipa — Seven Sisters, Tjala Arts 2015, by Tjungkara Ken, Yaritji Young, Maringka Tunkin, Freda Brady and Sandra Ken.**



**Minyipuru at Pangkal, Martumili Artists 2016, by Mulyatingki Marney, Nancy Nyanjilpayi Chapman and May Maywokka Chapman.**



**Kungkarangkaipa Tjukurpa, 2015, by Anawari Inpiti Mitchell, Angilyiya Tjapiti, Mitchell, Lalla West, Jennifer Nginyaka Mitchell, Eileen Tjayanka Woods, Lesley Laidlaw and Robert Muntantji Woods, Papulankutja Artists.**



**Yakulyukulya site visit, Kanyirninpa Jukurpa, Martumil Artists.**



**Martumili Arts artists, from left, Ngamaru Bidu, Kumpaya Girgirba and Nola Ngalangka Taylor stand in front of Yarrkalpa (Hunting Ground) at Martumili Art Studio, Parnngurr. Picture: Gab Sullivan**





## Award a fitting recognition

GLADYS Elphick was the first president of the Council of Aboriginal Women of South Australia. She worked tirelessly alongside strong influential Aboriginal women such as Betty Watson, Margaret Lawrie, Maude Tongerie, Lowitja O'Donaghue, Faith Thomas and Shirley Peisley to establish vital services for Aboriginal people living in SA. These services include Tauondi Aboriginal College, Nunkunwarrin Yunti Community Health Centre and the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement. These women were pivotal in advancing the status of Aboriginal Australians at a state and national level.

Established in 2003, the Gladys Elphick Awards Ceremony honours the legacy of Aunty Gladys and the many amazing Aboriginal women who were trailblazers and visionaries of this era. The principles that underpin the work of the Gladys Elphick Awards Committee include equity and accessibility, zero tolerance of lateral violence and providing a culturally supportive and safe environment for Aboriginal women to participate in community and civic activities that enable our women to reach their fullest potential.

In the spirit of our predecessors, the Gladys



**Gladys Elphick Awards committee members Kerri Reilly, Lanore Bagnara and Danielle James.**

Elphick Awards recognise the significant contribution by outstanding Aboriginal woman who have dedicated themselves to the community and represent the spirit of Aunty Gladys, that being to improve the lives of Aboriginal people through progressive change, support, leadership and initiative.

The upcoming Gladys Elphick Awards Ceremony will be a gala event on Friday, October 13, at the Hotel

Chancellor, Hindley St, Adelaide. The event is themed Advancement Through Education.

At this time the successful nominee will be awarded in the presence of the community and dignitaries inclusive of SA Governor Hieu Van Le and members of Parliament.

The Gladys Elphick Awards Committee invites the community of SA to nominate an Aboriginal woman who contributes tirelessly towards

serving and supporting the community.

The committee is in the process of exploring funding opportunities and relies on our volunteer committee members to lobby and advocate within their networks to secure funds for our gala event, the Gladys Elphick Awards Ceremony. To date we have been able to formally partner with Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation over three years as part of seed funding.

Building on the event, our visionary goal is to establish a Gladys Elphick Foundation, the aim of which is to financially support Aboriginal women through their pursuit of leadership and education, education being the gateway to self-determination and advancement.

Tickets to the event can be purchased on line through [www.TriBooking.com](http://www.TriBooking.com) or alternatively through our website [www.gladyselphick.com](http://www.gladyselphick.com). The ticket will include a three course meal and entertainment by renowned comedian Sean Choolburra and the Tony Minneicon Band.

**Danielle James  
Chairperson, Gladys  
Elphick Awards Committee**

## POETRY

### Walkabout

Why do we go walkabout is it because we're lost or is it because we know the cost and all the pain is lost

Through our journey of walkabout we really find our peace and that no one out there will make our spirit decrease

Many years have passed being oppressed as people of this land has many of us rise and fight and make a united stand

Our culture and ancient spirit they continually try to take away and as we struggle to regain our lives they have left in disarray

Through ancient eyes and humble hearts, we continue to stay strong and there is no other race who have had to endure the fight for so bloody long

Moving through the generations like a plague of evil sin, the continual fight for justice as people we must win

No other time is right to make a united stand and help your brothers or sisters with an open hand, We as one and one for all power to the mobs we are those who have never walked like all the other snobs

Dreaming for our people dreaming for our cause we don't need your ignorance or small applause We as people of this land must stand united to make our presence felt in a proud humble culture where our dreamtime stories and language was never spelt

Passed down knowledge and dreamtime ways keeps us cultured and strong and with the continual connection to ancient ways we can move ourselves along

The ways of our ancestors have paved a humble trail and if we stay true to our culture it will never fail Staying strong and proud is something we often neglect but as a humbled people we need to continue to reflect

**Derek Hardman  
Barkandji, NSW**

### Aboriginal Brilliance

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Noel Pearson's Brilliant Speech Almost Brought Gough Whitlam Back To Life

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Will Not Be Pushed Away By Those That Are On Guard

Penetrating The Walls Of Pride That Gives Them No Defence

Against The Words Of Wisdom Like A Dart Will Hit A Fence

Smiting Every Target For Which The Words Prepared

Offering No Resistance As To The Challenge He Took The Dare

Fearing No One Or Anything As For God He Spoke

The Enemy Fell Defenceless As Their Consciences He Provoked

**Abi DRabi  
Sydney, NSW**

# Battalion tribute

THE National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (Congress) would like to congratulate the members of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion on their 75th commemorative anniversary of their formation.

The contributions of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion have brought great pride to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples since World War II.

The Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion was the first Indigenous infantry battalion

in the Australian Army.

More than 700 Islanders were recruited into the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion – almost the entire male population of the Torres Strait – despite having to endure a lack of respect and ill treatment.

No other portion of Australia has ever volunteered to serve at the same rate as Torres Strait Islanders.

Congress commends your exceptional contribution to the Australian Armed Forces.

The formation of this battalion led

Aboriginal and Torres Islander people to see ourselves as "one ilan (island) man". This sense of unity and harmony has become an important element of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

We thank the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion for their service, and will endeavour to keep their legacy alive in the regional, state and national memory.

**National Congress of Australia's First Peoples**

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# We need honest dialogue

ON September 13, the United Nations celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Australia was initially opposed to the Declaration, but now supports it.

Bidding for a seat on the UN Human Rights Council, our Government promotes itself as a model human rights citizen.

However, the recently released report of the UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples found that the policies of the Australian Government do not respect Indigenous rights to self-determination and effective participation; continue to contribute to the failure of meeting targets in the areas of health, education and employment; and fuel the escalating incarceration and child-removal rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

In the past few months alone, we've seen the Government's reaction to calls to shift Australia Day away from the divisive date of January 26, to debates about colonial memorials, to constitutional reform, and to the case of Elijah Doughty.

Of course, we no longer allow the kind of race discrimination permitted in my mother's generation, when racial segregation and forced assimilation was official policy. But too often it feels as though the Commonwealth hasn't progressed very far either.

Take a look at Western Australia, for example.

In 1967, Australians were asked to vote whether Aboriginal people should be counted as part of the Census and treated properly as citizens of the Commonwealth. The majority vote was overwhelmingly 'Yes', but WA had the highest 'No' vote in the nation.

Today, WA has the highest rates of incarceration of Aboriginal people, and the highest rates of Indigenous deaths in custody in Australia too. It removes more Aboriginal children from their mothers now than any other state, and more than it did at any other time in the history of Aboriginal child removal. Successive state governments of both persuasions have also refused to enact Aboriginal land rights – even though it has always been Labor policy.

Race has played a prominent part in Australian history, but non-Aboriginal society is still too reluctant to talk about it. In fact, any talk about race often seems to make white people feel too uncomfortable to get very far. This silencing of race does nothing to overcome racial inequality. Instead it likely perpetuates it.

In the 1970s, when my mother took me along to land rights protests, our leaders knew the Noongar lands were stolen from us and that nothing was given back. Even then it was clear that we were regarded as second-class citizens. Racist language and attitudes were shameful and commonplace.

As a young student I travelled to Sydney to protest the 1988



## Hannah McGlade

Bicentenary that celebrated Australia's wrongful dispossession of Aboriginal people and Aboriginal sovereignty. We also rallied against deaths in custody, like that of John Pat, who died after being bashed in the streets by off-duty policemen who were later acquitted by an all-white jury. John Pat's killing was not that different to that of Ms Dhu, who died in the Port Hedland lockup as she begged for help.

Recently, Aboriginal musician Dan Sultan – who has ties to the Kimberley region, which has the highest youth suicide rates in the

world – asked why we should celebrate Australia Day when it signified the start of the genocide of Aboriginal people?

Back in January, the Fremantle City Council bravely decided to hold a 'Not Australia Day' concert that drew a crowd of 15,000 people. Aboriginal and other people came together and truthfully acknowledged our past and our shared commitment to a nation built of racial respect and inclusivity.

Then came the white Commonwealth backlash, which could be observed again recently after two city councils in Melbourne moved to abandon official January 26 Australia Day celebrations in a show of respect to First Nations people.

Fortunately, there are many in the next generations of Aboriginal people, and people of all backgrounds, willing to wave the flag for Aboriginal justice and human rights.

In 2017, 50 years after the historic 1967 referendum, Indigenous people met at Uluru to consider how Indigenous people should be recognised in the Constitution. The report of the Referendum Council called for an Aboriginal advisory body to the Commonwealth Parliament to be enshrined in the Constitution to advise on laws relating to Indigenous people.

Not all Aboriginal people have supported this recommendation, arguing that an advisory body will not guarantee or lead to

self-determination. And remember, the right to determine our own future is an inherent right recognised by the UN Declaration.

Presently, there are calls again for a Makarrata and Treaty. Treaty remains outstanding because Australia was colonised illegally. The High Court in the case of *Mabo v The State of Queensland* (1992) denounced the colonial acquisition perpetrated on the basis of a racist doctrine known as *terra nullius* as "the darkest aspect of the history of this nation".

Elsewhere, treaties with indigenous peoples were made in Canada, the United States and New Zealand. Such agreements have constitutional status and allow for 'government to government' relationships between Indigenous people and the state. Aboriginal people in Australia deprived of Treaty agreements continue to be at the mercy of governments who don't have regard for their rights.

It's clear that government cannot keep saying it supports Aboriginal people and human rights when the evidence tells another story.

Talking about race and institutional systemic discrimination is hard work, but we won't achieve justice and equality without this honest dialogue.

This year is a good time to start.

● **Noongar woman Dr Hannah McGlade is the Senior Indigenous Research Fellow at Curtin University, Perth, and a human rights lawyer.**

# Remember who we are

I WAS talking to my boys about Budjaar, our Creator, and how much love comes from everything given to us and my son, 16, said: "You realise worms are more important to the earth than we are? If all the worms or bees or green frogs were destroyed there would be devastation to the ecosystem. The planet may not even recover because they are all so important to life. If man was destroyed the planet would flourish and repair itself."

I looked at him in amazement. He was right. There was a time when we played our role managing the environment, not building skyscrapers or monuments to ourselves, but through eco-land management, biodiversity and cohabitation, and our lands flourished. The greater majority of non-Aboriginal Australians still have no idea of the advancements, innovations in science, eco-farming and structures we possessed.

Neither are they told of the multi-layered and complex belief systems we once held. Even today we are seen as primitive nomads wondering the earth as aimless savages who benefited greatly from European culture, technology and civilisation in progressing beyond our stone-age existence.

It simply isn't true, with evidence demonstrating highly advanced stone-housing infrastructure, roads, science and ecological farming all part of our pre-history pre-invasion.

Most Australians also believe Aboriginal people receive millions of dollars in entitlements, which like our untold history creates division

and hate. Many comments you see on Aboriginal threads by white Australians posted on social media are either based on our being primitive savages, or benefiting from such 'entitlements'. Neither is true.

My son didn't just say what he did. He doesn't live in a vacuum. It comes from his being part of ceremony and culture since he was a little child. It comes from his having to collect sandlewood and ochre prior to ceremony and being told of the importance of kinship systems and how the sandlewood and ochre tie into the land.

Suddenly, current debate about memorials and dates of significance for me went far beyond any history wars. I had a lightbulb moment realising the effect on all those millions of kids around the world who are never introduced to an Aboriginal education the way my children have been. And how instead these kids, without input from Aboriginal knowledges and sustainability, become active contributors towards an environmental wasteland.

This is because instead of the world view inherent to my son, they accept without question the dominant culture's dependency/addiction to fossil fuels with no idea there is an alternative to seeing the world. It's not only environmental terrorism, but also borders on cultural genocide, because it comes at the expense of renewable energies, biodiversity cohabitation and our Aboriginal ways of life.

Not all Aboriginal people think like my son. Some are being



## Woolombi Waters

swayed by a white man's education, which can have catastrophic effects.

Tony McAvoy, one of Australia's leading native title lawyers, has spoken publicly as a traditional owner about the "proud and independent people" fighting to stop the Adani mine in Queensland, dismissing claims by Marcia Langton and Warren Mundine that our mob has become "collateral damage" through an "environmental industry" hijacking Aboriginal issues.

Mr McAvoy has said anyone who suggests that "the Greens are puppet masters pulling the strings and we're somehow puppets" in fighting for the environment is false, disrespectful,

and "wildly off the mark".

Now more than ever Aboriginal people have to reconnect to environmental issues as essential in understanding who we are and what we represent, not only here in Australia but across the world.

Only this year we witnessed US President Donald Trump pulling out of the Paris Climate Agreement. The US, together with China, Russia, Japan, India and the European Union countries contribute over half of the amount of global greenhouse gas emissions, more than every other nation in the world combined.

In taking office, Trump also approved the Dakota Keystone XL Pipeline by executive order. The pipeline had become a symbol of the environmental aboriginal struggle across the world.

The Dakota Pipeline protests became known by the hashtag #NoDAPL.

Recently in Australia, organised resistance was created via social media through #SOSBlakAustralia and in the US as we saw the emergence of #BlackLivesMatter. Both of these grassroots movements expose white fragility in all its hostility against people of colour who dare speak for themselves.

Trump's position amounts to nothing more than a false hope built, like Australia, on a pioneering myth and taking advantage of lowly educated whites who believe in their superiority.

As more carbon accumulates in the atmosphere, and global average temperatures continue to rise, the

odds of catastrophic future environmental outcomes increase dramatically.

I write this just after the powerful Atlantic storm Hurricane Irma swept across the Caribbean, leaving destruction in its wake.

The same people opposed to truth telling in history are often the same ones denying the impact of greenhouse emissions on our environment despite the evidence.

In Australia our Torres Strait Islander brothas and sistas have noted the rising sea levels are drowning their lands away.

The World Bank earlier this year released a report that estimates climate change could push 100 million people worldwide into poverty over the next 15 years.

Another recent report from the Climate Impact Lab projects that the most damaging effects on those 100 million people will be concentrated in indigenous communities across the world.

My son reminded me of the Cree prophesy out of Turtle Island as one of the most foundational beliefs of all Aboriginal concepts: "When all the trees have been cut down, when all the animals have been hunted, when all the waters are polluted, when all the air is unsafe to breathe, only then will you discover you cannot eat money."

We cannot ever forget who we are what we represent, where we came from and what we stand for. It's just too important.

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



# Native title and rights

LAND rights are the topic of much conjecture in our communities. From native title, 99-year government leases to Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) and all manner of other legal mechanisms, the topic of land rights is a legal mine field.

Opinions vary, but one thing all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can agree on is that land is intrinsic to Indigenous culture and identity.

We are raised to understand that we belong to the land, not that it belongs to us. With that belonging comes a responsibility to protect the land, which is why Aboriginal people pursue land rights following our dispossession – because land rights are, in fact, our birth right.

The current state of ‘land rights’ in Australia makes that task near impossible, with ‘land rights’ being eroded over time in favour of commercial activities that destroy the land we are culturally bound to protect.

Intertwined with the fight for land rights is the agitation for Treaty and, despite some prominent leaders advocating that ILUAs can be used as a form of treaty, that is not so in the sense of the land rights being sought because ILUAs are only enforceable between the two parties to the agreement and are voluntary. So the rights of Indigenous people of their land is subject to the property laws of the colonising force and, even when an agreement can be struck, it is usually from a weak negotiating position, given the repeated erosion of land rights.

What some prominent leaders and the Government consider ‘land rights’ to be and what a majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people consider land rights are two materially different notions.

At the time of invasion, the British Crown claimed the land under a racist application of the doctrine of terra nullius. In 1768, Lieutenant James Cook was instructed: “*You are ... with the consent of the natives to take possession of convenient situations in the country in the name of the King of Great Britain, or, if your find the country uninhabited take possession for His Majesty ...*”

In 1770, Cook attempted several landings all along the eastern coast of Australia and on multiple occasions the landing parties were repelled. Cook wrote in his journal in 1770: “*... from what I have seen in the Natives of New Holland, they may appear to some to be some of the most wretched people on Earth ...*”

And so began the racist lie of terra nullius, which dispossessed a people from their land. We have seen landmark success as a result of the modern land rights movement, which included the Yolngu people in 1963 with the Yirrkala bark petitions, to the



**Natalie Cromb**

Gove land rights case in 1971 and the Wave Hill Walk Off in 1966.

But it was not for more than 200 years that, following the Mabo decision in 1992, the notion of terra nullius was found by the High Court to be a lie that ignored the presence of people before European invasion. There was a great hope that this would result in land rights for Aboriginal people, particularly following Paul Keating legislating the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, which was intended to acknowledge and protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander connection to land.

The connection to land, however, chafes against the capitalist system of production and wealth. Much of that comes from destructive commercial practices, and the laws pertaining to the land, use of the land and the commercial activities that are being undertaken are being drafted, passed and implemented to benefit the powerful and undermine the oppressed.

## Erosion

With each success at law, we have seen successive erosion of the rights in the *Native Title Act*, with legislative amendments that seek to benefit the commercial interests of companies at the expense of native title holders. Native title is intended to provide:

- right to ‘share’ the land with other people or parties with an interest in the land; and
- it may also provide right to hunt, conduct ceremony and have a say over what development can occur on the land.

This is not the case with all native title claims or native title holders, as the conditions are largely set by the government body that administers native title. To succeed in a claim, the threshold is demonstrably obstructive, given that applicants need to prove continuous connection to land that has, for the most part, been forcibly taken.

Even if native title is granted, it is not certain and can be extinguished by freehold title and most leases over the land.

Although the Government has a duty to notify any native title holders of proposed mining

exploration, it can fast track approvals to mine on native title land if it deems it will have a ‘minor impact’ on native title.

If the fast track is used, the company does not have to negotiate with native title holders and can just carry out the exploration. If the Government decides the fast track does not apply, the company needs to negotiate (or talk) with native title holders about its plan.

The native title process is fraught for Aboriginal people. There is a sense of being forced to participate in a mechanism and process which does not provide the land rights sought, but rather operates as a ‘legal’ means of dispossession.

Given that there is no exclusive use or ownership of the land, it remains subject to governmental decisions and whims with respect to mining and use, so the very nature of land rights to Aboriginal people – the right to protect country and perform ceremony – is undermined by native title.

Aboriginal people do not want ‘title’ to land. Aboriginal people want their rights returned. The right to protect country, which means that we can banish mining companies and their destructive practices from their lands.

Aboriginal people do not want to be arrested for protesting the destruction of country by mining companies. Aboriginal people do not want to be told they’re trespassing when visiting sacred sites to perform ceremony.

Native title is the mechanism that the Government is using to allow the single largest and most destructive mine in Australia to proceed, despite a legitimate native title claim and community outcries against it proceeding.

The recent changes to the *Native Title Act* demonstrate that native title is simply a governmental instrument used at whim to achieve dispossession through ‘legal means’.

The Government fast tracked changes to pave the way for the proposed Adani coal mine in central Queensland to proceed and ameliorate mining interests against the traditional custodians of the land who are trying to protect country against what is a proven environmentally catastrophic mining company.

Aboriginal land rights cannot be achieved – and are in fact undermined – by native title. Native Title does not equate to land rights and it is essential that the Government understands that the constant colonial legal constructs undermine cultural cohesion in this country because it oppresses and further dispossesses Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

● **Gamilaraay woman Natalie Cromb is a writer and advocate.**

# A matter of priorities

LAST month I spent a few weeks in remote and regional Australia talking non-stop with Aboriginal people. Meanwhile, a debate raged about statues.

How many times do you think anyone mentioned statues to me during my trips? Exactly zero.

No-one talked to me about Constitutional recognition either. Or about local councils who banned Australia Day, supposedly in their name.

In Kununurra, I addressed the Wunan Foundation’s East Kimberley Aboriginal Achievement Awards. I spoke about how the narrative of Australia today being a racist society holds back Aboriginal people.

Many Aboriginal people thanked me for my comments, saying they’re sick of hearing racism is the cause of their communities’ problems. They were the only conversations I had about racism.

No doubt there’s a range of

opinions on these subjects among the people I spent time with. But whatever those opinions, they’re not front of mind. People wanted to talk to me about work and business opportunities and economic development for their communities.

Small and medium enterprises are the backbone of the Australian economy, employing millions of people. They’re the biggest employers in remote and regional Australia, where Indigenous people make up a high percentage of the population.

In those areas there’s plenty of work but not always plenty of jobs.

Starting a business and winning contracts can be critical to accessing the work and moving off welfare.

I met many Indigenous people who want to set up small businesses. Many of their challenges are the same as for other would-be and new small business owners: Getting new business finance with no trading history; securing equipment and premises; riding out uneven cash flows; grappling with supply contracts and finding reliable staff.

There can be additional challenges for Indigenous people, particularly those who’ve been reliant on welfare.

If you live in social housing or on traditional lands where private home ownership isn’t possible, you won’t have a house to put up as security.

Some people in remote communities have no assets or credit history. Some live in communities with no real economy, making it impossible to secure investment or finance on normal terms. Some haven’t grown up around people who worked at all, let alone run a business. Some are particularly prone to shame if they’re refused finance or experience cash flow problems and may not seek help until it’s too late.

But all of these challenges have solutions. Specific initiatives exist to

address some of these challenges, including funds to lend to Aboriginal business owners where mainstream funding isn’t accessible. Indigenous Business Australia has been around for decades. More recently there’s the Indigenous Entrepreneurs Fund and the Indigenous Procurement Policy, which sets aside contracts in remote areas for local Indigenous owned businesses who can perform for fair value.

But government programs come with government red tape. Experience on the ground is that accessing loans from these sources is like wading through wet cement. The funding simply isn’t getting through. The minister’s office is aware of this and wants to fix it.

I’m now visiting a snapshot of communities to advise on how.

There’s a complete disconnect between the national public dialogue on Indigenous affairs and the priorities of most Indigenous Australians. Partly

it’s a symptom of a broader disconnect between ordinary people and the political and commentariat classes.

But in Indigenous affairs, public dialogue is also marred by the notion there’s some special, mystical, cultural force that drives Indigenous Australians in everything we do. This notion of “otherness” is peddled particularly strongly by bleeding hearts and the Green left and it ties in with their big government, pro-handout and anti-development agendas.

It’s nonsense. Go back 1000 years and see how Indigenous people spent their time. They used

the land and sea to provide for themselves, their families and their people – in other words, as an economic resource.

No-one sat around waiting for someone else to provide for them. If they did they’d die. And that’s what will happen to our communities today if people don’t get off welfare and into work and enterprise.

If you want to know what Indigenous people think, don’t listen to inner-urban local councils, Twitter keyboard warriors or “progressive” commentators who rarely venture outside the cities.

No matter where (or when) humans live, what they look like, their culture, religion or language, what food they eat and whether they live in a hut or a mansion, all humans want to provide for themselves and their families and live in safe and strong communities.

People have different experiences and perspectives, many have different challenges, but ultimately what’s important to Indigenous Australians is the same as for anyone else.

● **Nyunggai Warren Mundine AO is executive chairman of the Yaabubiiin Instituted for Disruptive Thinking.**



**Nyunggai Warren Mundine**



# Short notice for fracking inquiry

By LIINA FLYNN



AN empty room was all that greeted a fracking inquiry panel when they arrived at Hermannsburg recently. The remote Northern Territory town was one of the places earmarked for community consultations in the NT Government's inquiry into hydraulic fracturing (the controversial mining method of blasting chemicals into rock to fracture it and release gas), but according to Arranta woman Que Kenny, locals were only given two business days' notice before the consultation was scheduled.

"This lack of notice is crazy in such a remote area," she said.

"None of the community could make it in such a short time, so I sat down with the inquiry panel when they arrived and had an off the record conversation about the community's concerns.

"I requested them to reschedule the consultation but they didn't and inquiry chair Justice Pepper said the next time they would return would be with the draft report."

Ms Kenny said she felt the lack of notice given to the community was disrespectful and believes the Government is rushing through the process.

"This is exactly what the mining companies have been doing to Aboriginal communities for decades," she said.

"The government is steamrolling over



Members of Frack Free NT.

our opposition to let the companies get out and start fracking.

"At our last meeting, we had more time to prepare and over 100 people turned up to have their say. Everyone was very clear they do not want fracking to go ahead.

"It's the same across other communities, where poor notice for the second consultation round has seen a massive drop in turnout from hundreds in some communities to just a handful."

Ms Kenny said a petition signed by hundreds of Territorians was calling for the Alice Springs, Katherine and Humpty Doo consultations to also be rescheduled after giving less than three days notice and scheduling the meetings during work hours.

Territory Frack-Free Alliance spokesperson Lauren Mellor said a report

written after the last round of community consultations said NT communities were anxious and didn't trust the hydraulic fracturing industry.

"Australian east coast gas prices have tripled in recent years since the three major export terminals came online, and gas companies have been taking advantage of unrestricted gas exports to artificially restrict supply and drive up domestic prices," Ms Mellor said.

"The NT Government also sponsors onshore gas conferences that government ministers are attending and talking about viability of the gas industry.

"The NT deadline for the consultations report is the end of this year and it feels there's a push this time for a pre-determined outcome.

"The Government didn't like the community response in the first round of consultations and is trying to rush this one."

Ms Kenny said comments by NT Nationals Senator Nigel Scullion about ending the current NT fracking moratorium were a desperate attempt to fix a gas export crisis of the Federal Government's own making.

"Instead of attempting to ride roughshod over the democratic will of Territorians, who voted overwhelmingly for a fracking ban that saw the Gunner Government elected, Senator Scullion should instead be trying to convince his Federal Liberal colleagues to take real action to fix the gas crisis they helped to create by restricting gas exports and stopping companies price gouging domestic gas customers."

# Inspection questioned

By KEIRA JENKINS



AN impromptu inspection of Eagle Arts and Vocational College's Western Sydney campus has left principal Gab McIntosh asking why an Aboriginal gardener was singled out for criticism.

The NSW Education Standard Authority (NESA) said they were prompted by a recent media article about the school – which features a picture of the gardener – to perform the inspection.

NESA's Catherine Henderson said NESA was responsible for monitoring the compliance of schools.

"This responsibility includes responding if new information about a school's compliance emerges," she said.

NESA notified the school the day before the inspection, saying that they were "concerned about the school's compliance with registration requirements".

But Ms McIntosh said the inspection was not handled well – she was in Broken Hill, in western NSW, at another of Eagle College's campuses, and said it

was extremely inconvenient for her to be able to get to Sydney at such late notice.

"When I objected to the unannounced inspection, a senior member of NESA threatened the school with prosecution, which more or less means a big fine or closing us up," she said.

"If we were closed, many of our kids would just return to the streets to commit crimes or do drugs."

Eagle College is a school for students who have struggled with a mainstream school environment.

## Half Indigenous

Instead of a traditional curriculum, Eagle College focuses on arts, sports, and practical skills alongside basic numeracy and literacy.

About half of the students at the college are Indigenous.

Ms McIntosh said the school passed a routine NESA inspection just four weeks before the impromptu inspection.

"It was a very thorough process, and we passed," she said.

Ms McIntosh said the inspection and questioning of the



These Indigenous students from the Broken Hill campus of Eagle Arts and Vocational College are from Broken Hill and Wilcannia. They are on an overnight camp in Silverton to build relationships and explore local and Indigenous culture.

school's gardener was just one small piece of a bigger picture of discrimination from NESA.

"NESA show the greatest disrespect for what our school is trying to achieve – provide an education for students who

cannot cope with mainstream schools," she said.

"Having worked with NESA on and off as a school principal for almost 20 years, it seems to me that they are determined to make decisions against the interests of

Indigenous staff and students as often as they can."

Ms McIntosh said this was not the first time she has experienced problems with NESA.

She said NESA had attempted to stop Indigenous teachers from teaching because of minor errors in their paper work.

"NESA tried to stop a teacher at our Broken Hill campus from teaching," she said.

"I explained that taking a teacher out of our Broken Hill campus would do a lot of damage to our school because it's hard to get teachers in Broken Hill.

"NESA was not interested. I explained it would have a very negative effect on our Indigenous kids. Again, they were not interested."

Ms McIntosh also said the waiting times for Indigenous staff to receive their children's check are 'appalling'.

"It takes three times as long to check Indigenous staff and they lose paid work as a result, because a long wait is difficult for schools," she said.

NESA said it was now reviewing the documents from the impromptu inspection and would advise the school of the outcome.

# Project aims to keep healers at home



THE traditional practice of selecting young people within a community to become healers (doctors) is still alive.

Through Malpa, an Aboriginal controlled organisation, the Malpa Young Doctor project supports young people in communities to be health ambassadors and positive role models.

Using a mix of traditional and contemporary approaches to creating good

health, communities design and run their own projects, based on the Malpa approach.

Malpa has recently partnered with Social Ventures Australia (SVA), a social purpose organisation that works with partners to improve the lives of people in need.

Malpa is supported by local health, education and cultural leaders and has grown from operating in one community in 2012 with 12 graduating young doctors, to working in 30 communities

across Australia. By the end of 2017, they hope to have 1000 graduating young doctors.

Malpa chief executive Don Palmer said Malpa's aim was to support young people to have "clear heads, strong hearts and long lives".

"By placing Aboriginal culture at the core of the Young Doctor projects, young people and communities are empowered to take control of their destiny and lead positive change," he said.

"Young people grow up with a sense of responsibility, cultural identity, and aspirations that support their engagement with education opportunities.

"Our partnership with SVA has the potential to empower more young people, provide a cultural connection between mainstream health services and Aboriginal Peoples, create stronger communities and advance reconciliation."

For more information visit [socialventures.com.au](http://socialventures.com.au)



# Removal fear hides violence



FEAR of having children removed from home is one of the major barriers to Aboriginal women reporting family violence and seeking the help and support they need, according to a review by Victoria Legal Aid (VLA) of its child protection program.

Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service (FVPLS) Victoria chief executive Antoinette Braybrook said the report highlighted the crucial role Aboriginal community-controlled legal assistance services played in supporting Aboriginal women experiencing family violence.

FVPLS Victoria is one of the organisations providing access to justice and maintaining the safe and ongoing

care of their children.

"Aboriginal women experiencing family violence need to be able to access culturally safe, specialist and holistic services to keep their children safe," Ms Braybrook said.

The VLA report says about one-third of child protection cases that go to court involve concerns that do not require the child to be immediately removed from the home.

## Failed

"This report recognises that the current legal service response has failed to meet the needs of Aboriginal women and their children," Ms Braybrook said. "Most importantly, the report identifies that a client-focused service model must prioritise

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families."

The report also identifies that Aboriginal children, young people and parents should be given the choice of being represented by an Aboriginal legal service.

"A lack of resources severely limits the number of vulnerable women and their children that we can assist," Ms Braybrook said.

VLA has committed to provide additional resources to the Aboriginal legal assistance services, including FVPLS Victoria, to enable them to deal with more child protection matters.

"This new approach recognises that family violence is the single biggest driver of the removal of Aboriginal children from their families and

communities," Ms Braybrook said.

"Aboriginal children are being removed at higher rates than at any time since white settlement.

## Legal rights

"If we are to turn this around, we must support Aboriginal victims/survivors of family violence to access preventative legal advice and support to understand their legal rights and put a plan in place to keep their children safe in every sense of the word. That means physically, emotionally, culturally and spiritually safe.

"Far too often we hear from the women we work with that they didn't understand child protection was a legal issue or that they needed to talk to a lawyer until it was too late."

# Bringing back Aboriginal culture



WIRADJURI man Hilton Naden grew up getting his groceries and tools from the bush and forest. But according to him, traditional cultural techniques such as hunting and gathering are becoming a lost art with the modern-day ease of driving to the shops.

That's why, with the support of the Glen Innes Aboriginal Land Council, he has organised an Indigenous cultural camp to help Aboriginal young people in out-of-home-care reconnect with their culture.

Mr Naden is the National Aboriginal Birth Certificate program coordinator for Pathfinders, a not-for-profit, out-of-home-care provider.

"The children and young people at the Pathfinders cultural camp will participate in Aboriginal traditions and activities that they might otherwise never get to experience," he said.

## Bring back traditions

"Having Aboriginal staff and community Elders attend and conduct a smoking ceremony, tell ghost stories and teach traditional song, dance and artwork will help bring these rich traditions back for the kids.

"The camp attendees will also get to learn how to fish, make coolamons, start a camp fire and cook a traditional Aboriginal meal."

The camp is a field-based learning camp influenced by traditional cultural practices. All staff and guest presenters at the camp will be Aboriginal, and the teachings will be culturally



Pathfinders National Aboriginal Birth Certificate program coordinator Hilton Naden, Glen Innes LALC admin officer Jaydyn Potter and chief executive Trevor Potter.

sensitive to local cultural protocols.

Pathfinders senior manager Sally McLennan said ensuring Aboriginal children remained connected to their culture was one of the most critical issues facing children and young people in care, and was a key

issue that staff working in out-of-home-care need to manage.

"A lot of our kids struggle with their cultural identity because they haven't been given the opportunity to learn and explore their culture and family origins," she said.

"It falls within our

responsibility as out-of-home-care providers and carers to help our kids reconnect with their culture, and that's exactly what we're aiming for with the Pathfinders Cultural Camp."

The four-day camp will be held at The Willows, at Glen Innes, NSW, during the October

school holidays and Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-homecare throughout NSW are invited to attend.

For bookings, pick up locations, costing and other enquiries, call Hilton Naden on 0427 726 559 or email [hiltonn@pathfinders.ngo](mailto:hiltonn@pathfinders.ngo)

# Prof Michael McDaniel new AIATSIS chairman



PROFESSOR Michael McDaniel has been appointed as the new chair of the Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

Professor McDaniel is a member of the Kalari Clan of the Wiradjuri Nation of central NSW and is the pro-vice chancellor (Indigenous Leadership and Engagement) at the University of Technology, Sydney.

He has a distinguished career in

Indigenous higher education and a strong record of service to the arts, culture and the community spanning almost three decades.

AIATSIS chief executive Craig Ritchie said Professor McDaniel's appointment had come at a pivotal period in the history of AIATSIS.

"At AIATSIS our mission is a profound yet simple one: To tell the story of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia, to create opportunities for encounter, engagement and transformation through this story, and to shape our

national narrative," Mr Ritchie said.

Education and Training Minister Simon Birmingham, who made the appointment, said Professor McDaniel's skills and experience "will ensure the long-term sustainability of AIATSIS and the protection of its cultural and heritage collection for generations to come".

The AIATSIS council consists of Prof McDaniel (chair), Donisha Duff, Stephen Kinnane, Rachel Perkins, Prof Cindy Shannon, Jodie Sizer, Dr Myfany Turpin and Geoffrey Winters.



Prof Michael McDaniel



# Deadly Kids Doing Well Awards



Alexandria Park Community School captain Aaliyah Munro gives the Student Voice speech.



The Deadly Kids Doing Well Award winners with guests.



NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Sarah Mitchell is with Year 12 award winners.



Junior and senior Deadly Kids Doing Well Award winners.



Deadly Kids Doing Well Award winners proudly show their certificates at the presentation event held in Sydney.

## Students honoured



A SCHOOL prefect, a maths whiz and an Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) ambassador are among 117 Aboriginal students from 114 Sydney public schools who received a Deadly Kids Doing Well Award. The awards recognise student improvement and aptitude, as well as leadership at school and in the local community.

NSW Education Department deputy secretary Murat Dizdar said the recent award ceremony was about celebrating young Aboriginal people who had been doing deadly work at school throughout the year.

"We not only acknowledge the students, but we also congratulate the families and schools of the students who have helped to ensure that their future looks bright," he said.

The Deadly Kids Doing Well Awards were established in 2009 to celebrate the achievements of Aboriginal public school students.

Each public school in Sydney can nominate one candidate who exhibits one or all of the following attributes: attends school regularly; completes set tasks (such as homework, assigned duties); demonstrates improvement in school work; is achieving at a high level; and is a positive leader and role model.



Alexandria Park Community School's The Alex Park Sapphires sing the national anthem in language and English.



Some of the 177 Deadly Kids Doing Well Award winners.



# Skateboarding clinics help youth

By LIINA FLYNN



WHEN youth worker Michael Connelly started skateboarding 15 years ago, he said it saved his life.

"Some days when you are overthinking things, life is difficult and you can't sort it in your mind," Mr Connelly told the *Koori Mail*.

"By skateboarding, you can move into your body and into a more expressive and meditational state."

For Mr Connelly, skateboarding is a passion that started from watching video games. Now, it's inspired him to combine his skateboarding skills with his passion for helping young people and he's created a 10-week skateboard clinic for Aboriginal young people, which he runs through Bendigo District Aboriginal Co-operative (BDAC).

"I ran a similar clinic in Canberra, but this is a new pilot for Indigenous youth and I'm hoping we can run more," he said.

Once a week on a Monday, young people in Bendigo come to the Eaglehawk skate park and learn how to skate and also get a chance to talk about whatever positive things the day has brought up for them.

"We have a skateboard message stick that was donated



BDAC youth worker Michael Connelly with some of the young people at the Bendigo skate clinic.

by local Bendigo company Lanbrohini," he said.

"When we are in the yarning circle, whoever has the board in their hands gets to talk.

"It's an opportunity for the kids to say what they want without with judgment, barriers and boundaries as they express themselves."

Many of the young people

who come to the skate clinic have never tried skateboarding.

"Now, three weeks in, they can roll down flat banks and do kick turns," he said.

## 'Drop-ins'

"They are already doing 'drop-ins', where they stand on the deck of a ramp, put their back foot on the tail of the

skateboard, and push it so that the back wheels just roll over the edge. They are learning pride and confidence in themselves and their bodies.

"One of them has already bought a board and another is doing extra chores to save up to buy a board."

Mr Connelly said some of the objectives of the program

were to encourage healthy relationships and reduce crime.

"Skateboarding can become a new passionate lifestyle for young people," he said.

"It's an artistic expression that keeps them involved and takes them away from things that can get them into trouble. They get out of their minds and into their bodies."

## Rare marsupial in Tiwi islands



IS it a mouse or a dunnart? Researchers have been looking for Butler's Dunnart, a tiny carnivorous marsupial that is so rare it was only officially sighted eight times from 1965 until 2002.

Now, thanks to a new monitoring technique developed by Charles Darwin University research student Larissa Potter, one of Australia's rarest animals is back in view.

Her research is contributing to the threatened species recovery hub of the National Environmental Science Program, which involves a number of groups including the Tiwi Land Council, rangers and traditional owners working together to improve threatened species management on the Tiwi islands. Presumed to have once been widespread, the tiny marsupial is now only known in the islands, 80km north of Darwin.

With little information available about Butler's Dunnart, deciding how best to protect it,

and even where it is has been, is challenging for researchers.

"Scientists have been actively looking for this species since 2002 and trialling different methods to detect it in wildlife surveys," Ms Potter said.

"Most traditional methods did not work, except for deep pitfall traps, which involve digging shafts 60cm deep.

"That is really hard work and makes monitoring for the species difficult and quite expensive."

Ms Potter, keen to improve on

previous detection methods, looked at using motion detection cameras, also called camera traps, to detect the species and how it compares to the deep pitfall traps.

"Given how

tiny the dunnart is and that there are sometimes other mouse-sized mammals in the same areas, we had to be sure that we could correctly identify it in camera images," she said.

"The great news is that we could, and have now detected the animal about 30 times in the past three years."



The Butler's Dunnart.

## 'Rethink' for WA scheme



NEW Western Australian Treasurer Ben Wyatt has been accused of "declaring war" on country areas after

announcing a major restructure of Royalties for Regions, but he denies the program is "dead".

Australia's first Aboriginal Treasurer handed down his inaugural state Budget last week and delivered the bad but well-flagged news, saying the program had been due for a rethink.

Mr Wyatt said the program was entirely borrowed money in 2015-16 because the fund – comprised of 25% of gross mining royalties, rather than net – was affected by the GST.

"You could get away with that while you had a balance sheet with a lot of capacity. We no longer have that," he said.

"We just simply couldn't do it."

Mr Wyatt said the program would still get \$1 billion a year that would be "very much targeted to regional spend".

"Whilst we've still got nearly \$700 million of our election commitments in there, we will



**"... we will be funding a range of regional programs that were previously funded from the consolidated account."**

– WA Treasurer Ben Wyatt

be funding a range of regional programs that were previously funded from the consolidated account," he said.

They include essential services to remote Aboriginal communities and the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme, which Mr Wyatt said would be "quite rightly" funded through Royalties for Regions.

The program traditionally funds infrastructure projects in neglected areas, but critics have said too much has been spent on facilities that local councils cannot afford to maintain.

Nationals Leader Mia Davies said the Budget confirmed the party's worst fears it was now nothing more than a Labor slush fund.

"It is extraordinarily disappointing to see \$861 million of general government funding pushed into the Royalties for Regions program, it was never designed to do that," she said.

"Royalties for Regions is there in name only ... it is all but gone, dead and buried."

Among the Royalties for Regions expenditure over the next four years will be \$591 million for 'job-creating projects', \$826 million for health care, \$377 million for schools and \$126 million for the environment.

There will also be \$1.25 billion for community infrastructure and \$463 million for rail, roads and ports. – AAP





Gunbalanya student Jayden Wurrkgidj does the driver training program in Arnhem Land.

# Gunbalanya students in driver's seat



GUNBALANYA students in Arnhem Land are driving their way into the future now they've received training to help

them get their driver's licences. Gunbalanya teacher Hira Morgan said getting a driver's licence confers greater freedom and allows them to move to different workplaces.

"It means students can be more adaptable in their choice of career," she said.

The 16 students enrolled in the program are taught by a

Department of Education instructor.

It is part of a semester-long program developed by the school in 2016 to help students drive safely and become work-ready.

Students undertake theory and practical assessments and the training counts towards the senior students' NT Certificate of Education and Training (the qualification awarded to Year 12 students).

"The community is really supportive of this and proud of their children as they complete it," Ms Morgan said.

"Through driver training, students are learning the road rules, as well as boosting their numeracy and literacy skills.

"Students are also learning about drivers' social responsibilities, and investigating a topic within the community, whether it be seat belts in cars, the use of baby seats, or safe driving in the township."

Gunbalanya School also provides other vocational education courses, including community services, business studies, and tourism and manufacturing.

# Larnie locks in haircut to help cousin



KAMILLAROI girl Larnie Waldorf has had very few haircuts in her life. But soon, her golden locks will be cut off to help her cousin Kaylene, who has cancer.

Nine-year-old Larnie is donating 15 inches (about 38 cm) of her hair to Variety, where it will be made into specialised wigs for those who have lost their hair due to a medical condition such as alopecia or cancer.

Originally from Lightning Ridge and Goodoga, Larnie now lives in Tasmania. She's in Grade 4.

Larnie's mum Eliza Mason-Williams said her daughter loves her hair which sits below her hips and it's very sentimental to her and her family. But she's willing to cut it off to raise money for Kaylene, who was diagnosed with breast cancer a few years ago.

With the support of others in the wider community, Larnie hopes to raise enough money for Kaylene to attend a cancer retreat next year in Melbourne so she can continue her fight against breast cancer while she is remission.

The money raised will cover the cost of the accommodation



Larnie Waldorf will cut her hair to help her cousin fight cancer.

and meals for Kaylene to travel from her home town Goodoga, north-west NSW, to the 11-day Gawler Cancer Foundation retreat.

During the retreat, Kaylene will learn to support her mind and body naturally with a holistic treatment program tailored to assist those in recovery from cancer.

Larnie has raised more than \$530 with a goal of \$3000. Donate at the Go Fund Me account Help Larnie Fundraise for Recovery.

# Action after slur at footy

By KEIRA JENKINS



WHEN 20-year-old Liam Kelly-Wynne was sidelined during a rugby league game in Coffs Harbour, northern NSW, he was shocked to hear a spectator yell to his trainer "keep control of your monkeys".

The slur came during a game between Mr Kelly-Wynne's team the Coffs Harbour Comets, and the Orara Valley Axemen.

A Dunghutti man, Mr Kelly-Wynne said it was the first time he had encountered racism during his time playing rugby league.

"I got pretty angry," he told the *Koori Mail*. "My trainer settled me down but my family was near and they got pretty wound up too.

"I went back on to the field but I just couldn't stop thinking about it."

Mr Kelly-Wynne said both football clubs took it seriously, with the Comets lodging an official complaint, which went to Country Rugby League officials.

The Orara Valley Axemen said the reports would be investigated by their club.

"This is totally unacceptable behaviour anywhere in society and is definitely not welcome at the Orara Valley Axemen RLFC," the club said in a statement.

"We pride ourselves on inclusiveness and being a multicultural club. Any person



Liam Kelly-Wynne

found to have made any racial comments will be banned from our ground and any club involvement.

"We would also like to publicly apologise to the player concerned, his family and friends."

Mr Kelly-Wynne said he hadn't expected the comment to be taken as seriously as it has been, but is pleased that this may mean spectators will think twice before shouting offensive slurs at players.

"The club has always looked after us," he said. "They wanted to take it further and they did."

"They got us all together after training and told us they were taking it further because it wasn't right what was said to me."



# Palm Island Spring Festival popular



Bwgcolman traditional dancers perform.



Members of the Komet Torres Strait Islander Dance Group have fun at the Spring Fair.

## Dancing, food and lots more

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island's Spring Festival proved a great success with plenty of dancing and craft and food stalls enjoyed by locals and visitors from the mainland. The drug- and

alcohol-free event had the theme of 'Looking Forward To Looking Back'.

Event MCs Lillian Lampton and comedian Kevin Kropinyeri kept people entertained along with local groups Yindinji Descendants, Great Northern Dancers, Pacific Flowers, Torres Strait Descendants and Bwgcolman traditional dancers.

Komet Torres Strait Islander group

from Townsville, Tiare Tipani Cook Island Dancers, and the Indigenous Hip Hop Program also performed for a crowd of more than 750.

Toby Castors, the mentor for the Bwgcolman dance group, said the festival provided a great opportunity to share culture.

### "Wonderful home"

"Palm Island is our wonderful home and this is where we live and who we are and we are all proud of that," he said. "Events like this keep our culture alive."

The event also included traditional food and tours by local guides.

Naiango Tamwoy-Mabo, a worker on the Torres Strait Islander food stall, said

people loved the opportunity to try something different. "By far their favourite dish was the jensishe, which is chicken cooked in soy, garlic and ginger. People love it," she said.

Tourist Robert Spencer said he came over on the public ferry after hearing about the Spring Fest on social media.

"This has been a great day on an island near the Great Barrier Reef and I have seen a beautiful island, tasted some delicious food with a difference and seen great entertainment. There has also been quality craft at the stalls," he said.

Federal Member for Herbert Cathy O'Toole was a guest on day two.

A fireworks display was another highlight.



Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey and his wife Melissa wear shirts made specially for this year's Spring Festival.



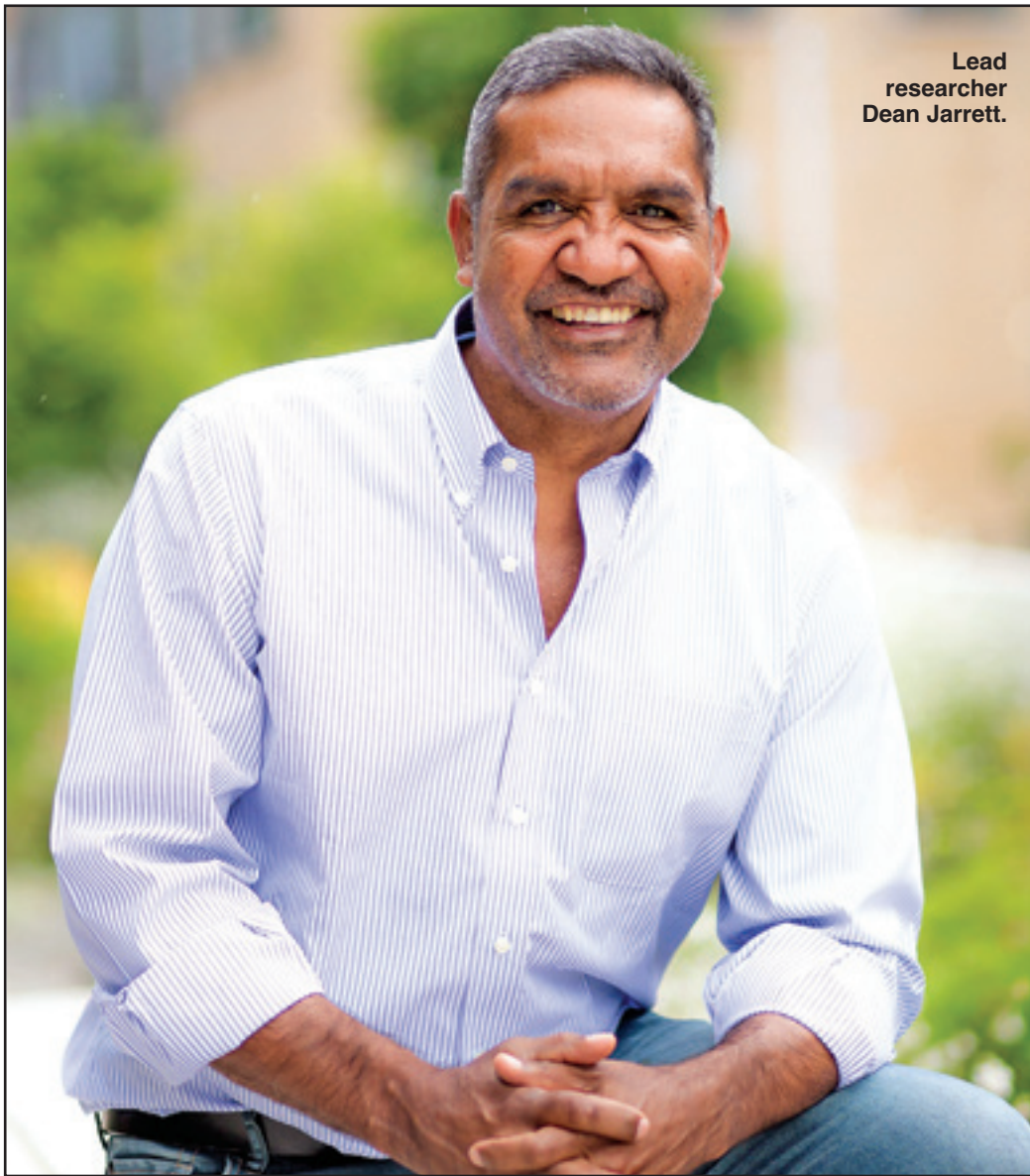
Clarissa Wales at her seashell stall.



● Above: The Ferdy's Haven Rehabilitation Centre Stall proves a popular place at this year's Palm Island Spring Fair.

● Left: A section of the fair crowd enjoys events on Palm Island.





Lead researcher  
Dean Jarrett.

## Barriers in sights of research team



A COLLABORATION between University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Business School and Supply

Nation will investigate barriers to effective partnerships between Indigenous businesses and their corporate and government buyers.

The collaboration, which will include an online survey, aims to gain insight into 'pain points' that may affect Indigenous businesses in their dealings with large corporate and government organisations.

"The survey will provide a greater understanding of the costs for Indigenous suppliers doing business with major corporations, which should support the development of more effective supplier diversity initiatives," said lead researcher Dean Jarrett, of UTS.

"For Indigenous suppliers, these costs include not only the business costs but the very personal costs of doing business in an environment where cultural and racial bias may be present.

Supply Nation, which has had critical input into the survey, says the results of the

research will feed into policy and its own work in connecting suppliers and buyers.

"We envisage that the findings will give our suppliers a voice and help improve strategic partnership development between our suppliers and members," chief executive Laura Berry says.

Mr Jarrett, a 2015 Fulbright Scholar and UTS Business PhD candidate, says the nature of relationships between Indigenous suppliers and their large corporate and government customers has been significantly under-researched. This is despite considerable growth in the number and size of Indigenous-owned companies providing goods and services to large organisations.

### Commitment

Often, such goods and services are procured as part of an organisation's commitment to 'supplier diversity' – a strategic business process that aims to provide companies owned by Indigenous peoples and minorities an equal opportunity to become suppliers to major corporations.

But Mr Jarrett's early research suggests that

despite extensive organisational commitment to supplier diversity, articulated in a range of internal policies and procedures, a number of key factors can still undermine the realisation of strong and effective partnerships. These include an uneven distribution of power, substandard levels of trust and a problematic approach to culturally appropriate behaviours.

"I started to notice these consistent themes emerging while interviewing numerous Indigenous businesses here in Australia, along with Native American businesses in the United States," Mr Jarrett said.

Mr Jarrett was the recipient of the 2015 Fulbright Indigenous Postgraduate Scholarship, which helped to fund research in the US. He spent almost 12 months at the University of Arizona, where he worked with Native American academics and business owners researching the relational factors that underpin economic transactions between Indigenous suppliers and corporate and government buyers.

For more information, or to take part in the survey, contact Dean Jarrett at dean.c.jarrett@uts.edu.au



Nyunggai Warren Mundine with Bianca Thorley in the store at Wyndham in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

## Moves in west to target challenges



AUSTRALIAN Indigenous Chamber of Commerce director Nyunggai Warren Mundine has been in the Kimberley to see first-hand the challenges of setting up small businesses in remote areas.

Mr Mundine has been working with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet on implementing policies and actions to create Indigenous private, commercial businesses in regional and remote Australia.

In a move to that end, iBase, a social enterprise entity of the Kimberley's Wunan Foundation, formed a partnership with

Indigenous Business Australia this year to help overcome some of the challenges faced by small business, including complex paperwork and limited access to basic business administration support. The partnership provides support for mum-and-dad Indigenous business start-ups.

"Our existing relationships in the Kimberley and our specialised Indigenous accounting and business servicing experiences means we're in a great position to introduce IBA's products to rural remote mum-and-dad entrepreneurs – this is a real opportunity to drive change for Aboriginal people in the area," iBase's David R S Selvendra said.

## New Qld policy in business



INDIGENOUS Queenslanders are in line to benefit from more business and employment opportunities, with the launch of a new

procurement policy. The Queensland Indigenous Procurement Policy (QIPP) forms part of the State Government's new multi-billion dollar 'Buy Queensland' procurement strategy, and aims to increase the share of Government procurement contracts awarded to Indigenous businesses to 3% by 2022.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Mark Furner said the initiative would support the growth and development of Indigenous businesses across Queensland.

"The Government is committed to increasing the economic participation

of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through employment, business ownership and growth," he said.

"During 2015-16, the Government spent around \$18 billion on procuring goods, services and infrastructure that keep our state running.

"That same year, Indigenous enterprises successfully bid for only around \$170 million – just over 1% of the State Government's total spend.

### "Huge potential"

"There is huge potential for Indigenous businesses to have a greater share of this procurement spend, and we want to seize that opportunity through our new policy.

"The QIPP will increase the capacity and capability of Indigenous businesses to successfully tender for State Government contracts and develop a diverse, sustainable Indigenous business sector."



# EDUCATION 2018

Your guide to what's happening in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education

## Top performers

**T**HE Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) says recent student outcome figures have confirmed that making performance partnerships a priority has been a successful strategy.

ACPA says regular opportunities to perform at major venues and with high-profile artists, combined with mentoring from award-winning teachers, has motivated students to commit to their studies, resulting in a steady retention rate of almost 90%.

ACPA says its Indigenous completion rates for diploma and higher level courses is at 59%, significantly higher than the state and national averages.

ACPA says that with 80% of last year's graduates continuing on to higher education and 17% securing employment in the performing arts and other industries, it has good reason to proclaim its performance partnerships strategy a success.

"ACPA is the only centre in Australia offering VET courses that incorporate all performing arts genres, including classes dedicated to Indigenous cultural fusion," chief executive Dimitri Kopanakis said.

"While our programs honour a rich heritage, we're actually preparing students for careers in today's global performing arts and entertainment industry, and connecting them early in their



A performance during this year's ACPA Student Showcase.  
Picture: Dylan Evans Photography

careers with influential people and places is central to that aim.

"Creating opportunities for students to perform for different types of audiences means they have to develop not only on their technical skills, but their business sense and professionalism too.

"Being able to put on their CVs that they've performed with or taken a class with artists from Bangarra Dance Theatre, The

Royal Ballet, La Boite, NIDA, CIRCA or Opera Queensland gives ACPA students a very significant advantage.

"These partnerships also extend to the university sector, with QUT and the University of Tasmania, for example, to define new pathways to employment and life-long learning."

ACPA says students usually have opportunities to take part in

more than 50 extra-curricular performances and workshops throughout the year. This includes supporting the Queensland Music Festival's annual Band Camp for Indigenous primary schools; learning from actors such as Miranda Tapsell; and auditioning for prestigious dance companies like the Banff Centre (Canada) and Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company (Israel).

While ACPA is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and the Department of Education and Training, students from all over Australia are welcome to apply. Auditions for 2018 are now under way, and potential students are invited to register for a live or video audition.

For more details about ACPA activities, visit [www.acpa.edu.au](http://www.acpa.edu.au)



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Yulu Burri Ba holding a dance workshop that was enjoyed by all.



Yerongpan Aboriginal Dancers



Wagga Torres Strait Islander Dance Company



Bush cuisine with First Food Co was a hit across the three days.



Our distinguished panel, Dr Lilla Watson, Sandra Creamer, Kaava Watson, QUT Law academic Peter Black, Dr. Chelsea Bond and Dr Sandra Phillips discuss the legacy of the 1967 referendum at our "Constituting Change: A legal, social or cultural shift?" evening.



Aunty Edna Billy's basket weaving workshops are always a favourite!



Yerongpan Aboriginal Dancer

## Get a solid start to your studies

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**QUT** Oodgeroo Unit







Australian National University student Sam Provost.

# Sam on course to learn more

**S**AM Provost wants to learn more about traditional Aboriginal land practices and integrate them with current Western land management practices.

That's why he's studying the Bachelor of Science (Resource and Environmental Management) degree course at the Australian National University in Canberra.

Mr Provost praises the support he receives at ANU and through the university's Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre.

"For people who have come from all over Australia to study at ANU, Tjabal is a family and a place to get together and yarn like we would at home," he said.

"Culture can get lost in a big institution

like this, and Tjabal reminds us of our culture and celebrates it.

"For me, the environment and my Indigenous culture fall into the same category. An intrinsic part of Aboriginal culture and lore values environmental systems, that connection with country and the land.

## "Traditional practices"

"Australia is an old, dry country, and European land management practices don't work here. I want to learn more about traditional Aboriginal land practices, developed over 20,000 years, and integrate them with current Western practices."

As well as studying the environment at ANU, Mr Provost is doing a cadetship

with the ABC through its Indigenous Cadetships Support initiative.

"It's given me the opportunity to do some really awesome things, like investigating the state of the native forest industry in Australia for Radio National," he said.

"It's also a foot in the door of the industry, if that's what I want.

"What I want in particular is to help to conserve the culture around the South Coast of NSW, where I'm from, and have it be a part of land management down there.

"I care about the environment and I want to be able to preserve it and conserve it."

More details on the Tjabal Centre at [www.anu.edu.au/students/contacts/](http://www.anu.edu.au/students/contacts/)



Darnley Island woman Daisy Ketchell.

## Busy Daisy overcomes remoteness

**I**MAGINE you have an assignment due in a week's time, yet you have extremely limited internet access, English is your second language, you're a fulltime worker, a mother, a grandmother and live on one of the most remote islands in Australia.

This is the reality for Australian Catholic University (ACU) student Daisy Ketchell.

Ms Ketchell is in her last semester studying an Associate Diploma in Business Administration and is completing her studies as an Away from Base (off-campus) student, where her study takes place primarily on-line.

She lives on Darnley Island, one of the far north-east of the Torres Strait islands, and has some difficulty with wi-fi access.

While beautiful beaches and tropical weather might sound like a paradise, Ms Ketchell says the lack of internet connection creates some significant barriers to learning.

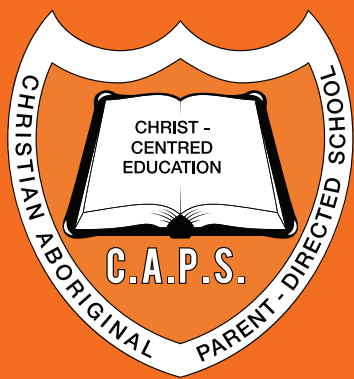
On top of this, she is executive officer for the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, is an active church member, and participant in her community.

Yet despite this, ACU says Ms Ketchell has excelled in her studies.

She's been assisted by support from ACU and its Indigenous Higher Education Unit, the Peter Faber School of Business and her workplace.

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# Huge family at Tranby

**T**HOUSANDS of students have become part of the Tranby family. For almost 60 years Sydney-based Tranby National Adult Indigenous Education and Training has been at the heart of Aboriginal community in Australia.

People like Les Atkinson have taken advantage of the opportunity to learn and grow at Tranby. Mr Atkinson, a Ngunnawal/Guringia man raised in Redfern and La Perouse, is known across many communities, including the Hunter Valley where he now lives and works.

He left home at 15 and had a swag of different jobs until, 20 years later, he found himself a single dad to two young daughters.

Mr Atkinson realised that if he wanted to be a role model to his kids, he needed to get an education.

"I started out getting a Certificate II in Community Service and Job Networking, then got a Certificate III in Sports Training and later a Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs, as well as an attainment in Dual Diagnosis (Mental Health and Comorbidity)," he said.

This educational pathway opened a world of new choices for Mr Atkinson and his family. He joined NSW Health Services as a



**Pictured at left, the Tranby National Adult Indigenous Education and Training graduating class of the CHC42115 Certificate IV in Community Development course and, at right, Les Atkinson on graduation day with Tranby lecturer Dion Barnett and student engagement coordinator Dr Sonya Pearce. Picture: Sam Martin**



mature-age trainee and now works as an Aboriginal health worker at the Newcastle Community Health Centre in Awabakal Country, supporting vulnerable people and those in need on a daily basis.

Mr Atkinson says doing little things can all add up to make a difference to the lives of Aboriginal colleagues, patients and community members. Giving back to his community makes him

proud of the effort he's put in to gaining a quality education.

But his learning journey hasn't stopped there. Mr Atkinson has just completed a Certificate IV in Community Development at Tranby and, through this program, represented the college as an ambassador in Bali, doing some work in Ubud's Sjakie Sarris special needs school in April.

"The Tranby environment is a great place for learning," he says.

"My new skillset can be applied for the benefits of my NSW Health clients as well as community. Knowing how to research and access resources means I can speak up more confidently on inequalities that affect our mob."

"I draw on what I learned at Tranby to help clients better themselves, avoid drugs and alcohol and improve their own health outcomes."

Mr Atkinson also applies his

learnings to his other passion – community footy.

"I now have additional tools to help to advocate for community and clients in the rugby league and union arenas," he says.

"I'm better equipped to help with decision making, budgeting and funding applications, and I'm more confident in my communications."

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are keen to work in (or already have a job in) community organisations that support their community's growth, wellness and prosperity.

### HOW DOES THE COURSE WORK?

It's delivered over two face-to-face training sessions (we call them 'Blocks'). Each Block runs for five days, and is held at Tranby's campus in Glebe, Sydney. We offer a unique and culturally competent learning environment that supports and nurtures Indigenous adult students. Students also spend at least 15 hours per week between Blocks undertaking research, reading and assessment activities. Assessments must be submitted prior to the second Block.

Students who successfully complete one or more units of competency will be awarded a statement of attainment towards **CHC42115 Certificate IV in Community Development**.



### WHAT DOES IT COST?

The training is subsidised by the NSW Government. Transport and accommodation costs for students travelling to Sydney is provided in accordance with Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet 'Away from Base' guidelines. ABSTUDY support is based on individual circumstances.

### WHAT WILL I STUDY?

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- CHCCDE005** Develop and support relevant community resources
- CHCCDE006** Work to empower Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities
- CHCNM002** Meet community information needs

### WHEN IS IT?

**BLOCK 1** - 5 days - November 2017  
**BLOCK 2** - 5 days - Early 2018

### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

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- BSBATSIC412** Maintain and protect cultural values in the community
- BSBATSIL411** Undertake the roles and responsibilities of a board member
- BSBATSIL503** Manage conflict
- BSBATSIM421** Support a positive and culturally appropriate workplace culture
- BSBATSIS414** Represent your organisation

### WHEN IS IT?

**BLOCK 1** - 5 days - November 2017  
**BLOCK 2** - 5 days - Early 2018

"If you're thinking about coming to Tranby, don't think too hard, just get in and do it. You'll get so much support to help achieve your goals."



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## K-Track puts Aboriginal students on the road to success

Aboriginal students are now travelling on the road to academic success, thanks to the award-winning K-Track bridging program at Murdoch University.

The 14-week course equips students with key skills to gain an alternative pathway into a broad range of undergraduate degrees and is available for study on campus or online.

Despite failing year 10, Jenna Woods gained a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Community Development and Political Science, and is now completing a Research Masters Degree, thanks to the educational and social support she received from staff and other students at the Kulbardi Centre.

She plans to pursue a PhD and make a significant contribution to Aboriginal-led research in areas broader than health.

While a body of evidence-based research about Aboriginal communities is available, Jenna says it is often generated by non-Aboriginal researchers who don't have the depth of understanding that Aboriginal academics can contribute.

"I want to bring the voice of Aboriginal experience from the community level into the academic space and provide evidence-based research that will produce positive change."

"I originally thought that I could set myself and my son up with a Law Degree or something like that. However, I soon realised that, even if our household was well off, my son will still grow up in the same extended family and community, so he will still experience those collective social issues. I want to support positive growth in my community so that we all move forwards together. I believe this is how I can give my son the best future."

"It's very hard to argue for policy or funding changes these days without evidence and that's what motivates me."

Kulbardi Centre manager Braden Hill said K-Track had helped launch many students on the path to success.

"We believe that education is freedom. It means you have choices and can make the decisions that you want, rather than what others expect of you," he said.

"What Jenna and others have done is set up a culture in their families so the expectation is that university is the best option for Aboriginal people."

Jenna said her success was all down to K-Track which taught her the basics — such as how to write — and helped build her self-esteem and confidence, provided the social support she needed to keep coming back each week and introduced her to a wide network of people who have inspired and mentored her along the way.

K-Track recently won the prestigious 2017 Vice Chancellor's Award for Programs and has been nominated for the Australian Awards for University Teaching.

**K-Track runs twice yearly at Murdoch University. To find out how you can apply to get started in Semester 1 2018, visit [murdoch.edu.au/Kulbardi](http://murdoch.edu.au/Kulbardi) or call (08) 9360 2128.**

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# Supporting story-tellers

**T**HE Australian Film, Television and Radio School established its Indigenous unit in 2016 to support story-tellers with an ambition to enter the film, TV or radio industries.

The Indigenous Unit is led by the experienced Kyas Sherriff, who has worked on feature films, documentaries, TV series and shorts as an actor and producer.

"We want talented Indigenous creatives to apply for the level of study that suits them so they leave here work-place ready," Ms Sherriff said.

"If you have a cousin or a family member who's good with a camera or likes telling their stories, encourage them to take a look. Koori students Australia-wide should consider AFTRS as an option."

Applications for the 2018 Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production close on October 3. This course gives students the knowledge and skills to create stories that are powerful, unique and Australian.

## Creative voice

AFTRS says it looks for students from a diverse range of backgrounds who are imaginative, collaborative and keen to develop their creative voice.

AFTRS graduates are sought after and many have gone on to create award-winning productions. Indigenous graduates include Warwick Thornton (*Samson and Delilah*), Rachel Perkins (*Redfern Now*), Ivan Sen (*Mystery Road*, *Goldstone*) Catriona McKenzie (*Satellite Boy*) and Cornel Ozies (*Kriol Kitchen* NITV). Recent graduates also include Carly Wallace, who works at NITV, and Sajarn Stow, a radio announcer on Melbourne's Joy FM.

Radio courses are popular with students, and many find fulltime employment on graduation.

For more information, contact the AFTRS Student Centre on [studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au](mailto:studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au) or phone 1300 13 14 61 or (02) 9805 6444. The centre can provide information and advice on student fees, FEE-HELP, scholarships and disability access.

Student Shiloh Jarrett works with cinematographer Allan Collins at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School.



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## Wirltu Yarlū Support Services

As the lead agent for Indigenous recruitment and support strategy at the University of Adelaide, Wirltu Yarlū strives towards excellence in all aspects of Aboriginal and

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- Scholarships assistance
- 24hr student computer lab and study area

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Wirltu Yarlū are passionate about assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in realising their education ambitions. The Access Scheme is an assistance program that creates pathways for, and entry into; undergraduate and preparatory programs, and the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (or CASM) Foundation program. Students participating in the Access Scheme have access to undergraduate programs in; Arts, Law, Health & Medical Sciences, Business, and Sciences.

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## For more information

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# Summer program at uni

**T**HE Wingara Mura-Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program is inviting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students from across Australia to the University of Sydney for five days.

Students attending the program will have the opportunity to build their academic and personal capacity, so they feel better supported and prepared to make the decision to go to university.

The university says self-motivation is key. During the program students have the opportunity to develop the experience and tools they need to determine their own educational journey and make informed choices about their future. They learn about what subjects they should study at school to get into the course of their dreams, how to improve their ATAR, how to apply for university, potential career paths and how to access the best scholarships, and support – all while making friends and connections that could stay with them for life.



**Dana Cutmore-Farina at the University of Sydney.**

Dana Cutmore-Farina, an Aboriginal woman from the Kamilaroi nation, is one of many students who attended the program and was then inspired to apply to the University of Sydney.

"The Summer Program changed my life. I wanted to come to Sydney Uni because of

the support; I feel very supported here," she says.

Moving from Sussex Inlet on the NSW south coast, Ms Cutmore-Farina received the university's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Accommodation Award. Her rent is subsidised and she receives free tutoring.

She has also received support from MOBS, the Mentoring Our Brothers and Sister program run by the university's Mana Yura support team, which connects first-year Indigenous students with other Indigenous students.

"It's really nice knowing that there is someone there for

you," Ms Cutmore-Farina says.

She said she was inspired to study a Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science, majoring in Medicinal Chemistry, because of her father's illness.

"My dad had leukaemia and I was watching the doctors. I wanted to get in there, so I chose medicinal chemistry and then I think I will do medicine afterwards," she said.

Ms Cutmore-Farina is also part of the university's Widening Participation and Outreach (WPO) program that supports the academic and personal preparation of school students who are generally under-represented in higher education.

With WPO, she worked with school students at the 2017 Garma Youth Forum in Arnhem Land (Northern Territory), and at other events on campus.

"As an Aboriginal person, you are capable of doing anything you set your heart on," Ms Cutmore-Farina said.

Find out more about the University of Sydney's support and outreach for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at [sydney.edu.au/indigenous](http://sydney.edu.au/indigenous).

## Policies in spotlight

**R**ESearchers have received a \$40,000 grant to investigate factors that influence Indigenous university student completion rates, and determine if institutions should adjust generic policies to provide more individual support.

Charles Darwin University senior research fellow Fiona Shalley will lead the study of Indigenous student

groups from CDU and Central Queensland University, collecting data dating back to 2005 to identify potential trends. "Our results will be used to investigate whether assumptions made by Indigenous higher education policy should be applied broadly, or should be more nuanced to suit specific circumstances," she said.

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Caspa Tull, current breadwinner

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# Program is paying off

**S**CHOOLS and early learning services across Australia are developing environments that foster a higher level of knowledge and pride in Indigenous histories and cultures, thanks to Reconciliation Australia's Narragunnawali program.

The Narragunnawali platform offers a wide range of free resources that help teachers and educators bring reconciliation into the classroom.

More than 1500 schools and early learning services – equivalent to 8% of schools and early learning services nationwide – are using the platform.

## Resources

Curriculum resources are provided for early learning, primary and secondary classroom environments, and have been developed by a team of Aboriginal and other teachers and educators, with input from expert bodies and communities.

Narragunnawali also supports schools and early learning services to develop their own Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs),



Reconciliation Australia's Narragunnawali program is helping to educate children about social justice, diversity and inclusion and bringing reconciliation into the classroom.

which help build strong relationships, respect and opportunities in classrooms

and communities. Educational leader of Wiradjuri Preschool Carmel

Richardson said having access to Narragunnawali resources helped to alleviate

some of the anxiety teachers and educators sometimes feel about not being

equipped to deliver classes that feature Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander content.

She said educating children about social justice, diversity and inclusion is essential to ensuring the next generation understands and embraces reconciliation.

"I think if we really want to move towards an authentic reconciliation some time in the future, we have got to do this work now," Ms Richardson said.

## Participate

She said that having a RAP at Wiradjuri Preschool enabled the students to learn about and participate in reconciliation on a daily basis.

"The children are involved in reconciliation because of the work we do with them on a day-to-day process," she said. "They are definitely a part of the RAP because our primary focus is the education of young children."

Teachers, educators, students, parents or community members can access the full suite of resources at [reconciliation.org.au/narragunnawali](http://reconciliation.org.au/narragunnawali)

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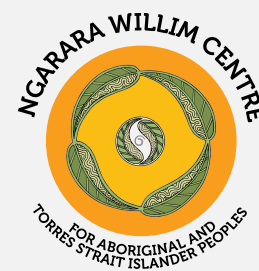
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# Busy time for Oorala

It has been a busy time for the Oorala Centre at the University of New England.

And it will culminate next month when the centre marks three decades.

Oorala has a range of entry pathway programs designed to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to succeed in higher education and provide support in their journey.

Vice-chancellor Professor Annabelle Duncan says UNE's support for Indigenous people "is built into our social contract, and our curriculum".

Oorala is set for a major celebration next month to mark its 30th anniversary.

A month-long program that includes art and cooking exhibitions, and live music headlined by Isaiah Firebrace, the 2016 winner of Australia's *X-Factor*, is planned.

Celebrations begin on October 18 with the opening of the Oorala Art Exhibition, which consists of paintings, photographs, weavings and sculptures by local and regional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. The exhibition will also include three bark paintings from Miligimbi dating back to the 1960s.

A Sunset Opening Ceremony, on the lawns of Booloominbah,



Happy students in the Oorala Aboriginal Centre at the University of New England.

will be held on October 23.

And in the main event, the Oorala 30 Open Day will be held from 10am-3pm on October 31.

Isaiah Firebrace will perform, there'll be cooking demonstrations

with Clayton Donovan and the Duval Deadly Dancers will perform. Markets stalls, workshops including a weaving circle with Dolly Jerome, community canvas painting with

artist Lloyd Hornsby, didgeridoo performances by Christian Page, a flint-knapping workshop with UNE archaeologist Mark Moore and many more activities are also on the agenda.

Meanwhile, Oorala sent 14 Indigenous students, four staff and five other researchers to Toronto in Canada for the World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education (WIPCE) in July.

They had the opportunity to choose from more than 800 presentations over five days focusing on the conference theme of Truth and Reconciliation.

The Oorala delegation had the opportunity to share culture and knowledge with nearly 4000 representatives from other First Nations.

Oorala director Greg Davison presented a paper on the implementation of a student engagement system tailored to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students that provided timely culturally-appropriate support.

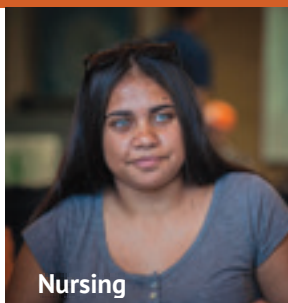
Oorala students also participated in the continuing discussion and development of reconciliation in Indigenous education.

Michael Kirk, a final-year education student at UNE, said that "developing a cultural awareness early in childhood allows it to then become part of a child's upbringing".

More details on Oorala at [www.une.edu.au/info-for/indigenous-matters/oorala](http://www.une.edu.au/info-for/indigenous-matters/oorala)

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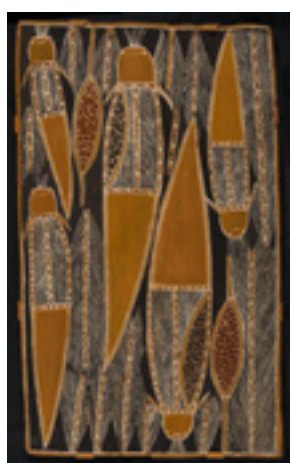
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# QUT graduate honoured

**Q**UT graduate Wayne Denning has been honoured at the university's 2017 Outstanding Alumni Awards for his work as founder of Carbon Creative, a creative agency designed to give a positive voice to Indigenous Australians.

Mr Denning received his Special Excellence Award at the recent annual event.

He and his company have received acclaim for their documentaries and children's television programs – including a high-profile *Sesame Street* segment, *5 Kangaroos*, created in 2013. It featured Jessica Mauboy, a team of Indigenous children and animated kangaroos and went on to be seen by an estimated 780 million viewers in 140 countries.

A Birri Gubba man from Blackwater, Mr Denning left a career in Federal Government to complete his MBA with QUT in 2006.

## Incubator

Carbon Creative was founded that same year, and was established over four years in QUT's Creative Enterprise Australia incubator in Brisbane.

It expanded to have a staff of 30, producing documentaries, Indigenous-themed commercial work and children's shows for NITV, ABC, SBS, corporations and governments.

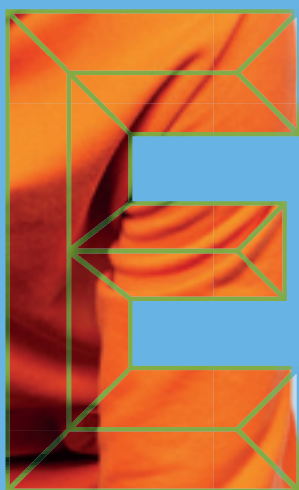
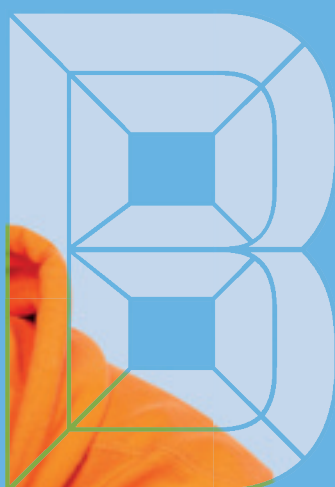
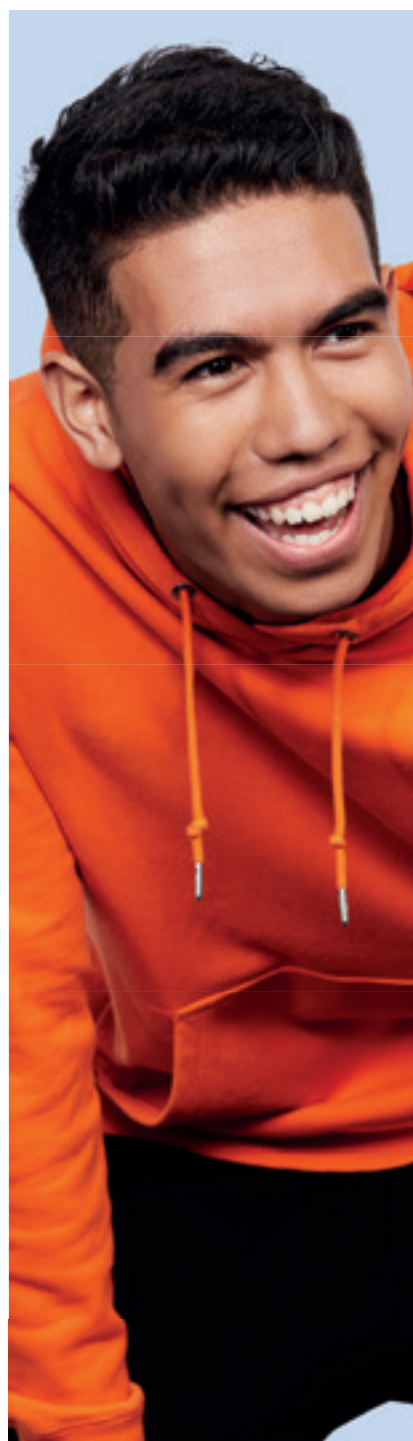
Mr Denning has overseen the production, as executive producer, of many television programs and series, including *5 Kangaroos* and the new *S is for Sibling* (featuring The Veronicas) for *Sesame Workshop*, *Handball Heroes* for ABC3, and children's game shows *Go Lingo!* and *Letterbox* for NITV.

He has also overseen ABC3 documentaries *Intune*, *Blacktracks*, *From the Ashes* and *ProppaNOW*, as well as the documentary series *First Footprints* for the ABC.

Mr Denning has a host of television projects under way, is developing apps for television shows and websites, and is working on corporate initiatives.



QUT graduate Wayne Denning, who is now a successful business operator, with Jessica Mauboy and Cookie Monster from the children's TV show *Sesame Street*.



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Teacher Allan Alipio with award-winning CAPS science student Cassiopeia Middleton.

# Science is popular in Coolgardie

**S**EARCHING for solutions through science has become highly popular with Aboriginal students at the Christian Aboriginal Parent-directed School (CAPS) in Coolgardie, Western Australia.

The school recently held the CAPS Science Fair, with the goal of stimulating excitement in the community by showing what can be achieved through science and encouraging guests to see the world around them in new and different ways.

Alan Alipio, the teacher who turned on the 'science light', said it was great to see the "enthusiasm, courage and a fearless exploration" for science at CAPS.

## Recognition

School principal Kurtis Leslie said recognition at last year's statewide science talent search competition, sponsored by Science Teachers Association of WA (STAWA), had increased CAPS students' enthusiasm in science, with many more keen to be part of this year's talent search.

"Last year our science students from

Years 9 and 11 focused on the natural environment and how our world could be protected," he said. "They looked at how waste produced from the slaughter of animals for human consumption might be used as a bio-diesel alternative.

"It was an experiment that saw them recognised as winners in the 58th National Science Talent Search competition."

CAPS Coolgardie was established in 1981 by parents seeking to create a strong Christian education for Aboriginal students to enable them to be workplace-ready or keen and prepared for tertiary education.

The school has Aboriginal and other students from the local area and outside of the region, and Australian and International teachers who live and work in the Coolgardie area, many who have moved to the area bringing their own children to become students at the school.

Former CAPS students include lawyers, educators, business operators and internationally recognised dancers, actors and creative directors.



Arrabella King Palawa Medical Student at Monash University

## Study for a Health Career at Monash University

**Monash University has many health science courses. These include Medicine, Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedics, Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Physiotherapy, Radiography and Medical Imaging, Nutrition Science and Biomedicine.**

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"Living on campus has been pretty useful because lots of people who do my course also live there and it's a nice environment where we study together, do questions together and motivate each other which is really good. Also the Indigenous VESPA (vertical peer program) I found really helpful, it's a really nice way for us to improve our clinical skills, it's a safe environment".

**Storm Henry** who graduated this year in Nursing and Midwifery, Storm says

"The university staff were really supportive, especially the Midwifery staff they kept in contact and asked how I was going. The Indigenous Unit is helpful for textbooks and tutoring. What really helped me succeed was taking a pathway because it was a year for me to figure out how uni timetables worked, how to do assignments, how to reference, it was sort of a practice year in a sense. You get to meet other Indigenous students too".

There are scholarships for Indigenous students studying health sciences at Monash. Students can apply to have costs of accommodation and course related expenses covered. There are regular gatherings of Indigenous health science students to discuss patient case studies and practice clinical skills. You can also take a six or 12-month preparation pathway to courses. For more information contact the Gukwonderuk Indigenous Engagement Unit, Indigenous Engagement Coordinator Peggy Swindle on 03 9905 3828 or med.indigenoushealth@monash.edu

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Photography by Joel Birnie 'The ancestors are looking after you'



# Engaging with culture

**A** NEW subject run by the Centre for the Advancement of Indigenous Knowledges (CAIK) at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) is giving all undergraduate students the opportunity to better engage with and understand Indigenous culture.

Hurrying through the UTS Tower foyer you might just miss it. But there, opposite the concierge desk, hanging proudly, is *Portrait of Aunt Joan Tranter*, a 2013 painting of UTS's inaugural Elder-in-residence.

It's this kind of easily-missed engagement with contemporary Indigenous culture that CAIK's Professor Susan Page wants students to take notice of in the new undergraduate subject, Aboriginal Sydney Now.

## Strategy

CAIK, established in 2015, focuses on the implementation of UTS's Indigenous Graduate Attributes, a strategy which aims to ensure all graduates understand and engage with Indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing in their chosen discipline. Aboriginal Sydney Now, offered to undergraduate students in all faculties as an online subject, is the first step to achieving these outcomes.

The subject, says Prof Page,

**“(The course is) designed to be an introduction to Indigenous studies and we’re hoping that, ultimately, a significant number of undergraduate students will take it in their first year.”**

**— CAIK's Professor Susan Page**



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It was launched last year and UTS says it has, so far, been well received, thanks in part to unique and authentic assessments and activities.

“The very first thing we did was to get students to look for something Aboriginal on campus,” Prof Page said.

“Students found all sorts of

things like flags, publications, and of course artworks like the portrait of Aunt Joan.”

Throughout the subject, students are encouraged to undertake walks around Sydney to find significant Aboriginal sites. They include Murawina childcare centre on Eveleigh Street, Redfern, the historic Bidura and Royleston children's homes in Glebe and the remnants of Lake Northam in Victoria Park, Glebe.

## Structure

They're guided by the City of Sydney's *Barani/Barrabugu (Yesterday/Tomorrow)* booklet which splits significant sites into four separate journeys. They also watch select episodes of the TV series *Redfern Now* which is used in the online lectures and discussions to structure and frame elements of learning.

Prof Page explains these activities all “have some emphasis on contemporary Indigenous Australia. “That's not to say that we forget about the past, and there are certainly parts of the subject that are about the past, but to remind students that there are Aboriginal people here now, and that even if we're in the city, we are on country,” she said.

More details on CAIK at [www.uts.edu.au/research-and-teaching/](http://www.uts.edu.au/research-and-teaching/)



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# Opportunities aplenty

**W**OOLYUNGAH Indigenous Centre (WIC) at the University of Wollongong has enjoyed student growth and innovation in 2017.

WIC says that with the implementation of the Indigenous Tailored Academic Program (ITAP), WIC-Ed and its partnerships with internal and external agencies, students are able to discover a range of opportunities.

The WIC-Ed program, developed, created and facilitated in partnership with University of Wollongong's Learning Development team, assists students to learn new study skills at various levels of tertiary education.

## Skillset

University can be a daunting and overwhelming experience, and WIC-Ed is designed to assist students navigate the world of academia while strengthening their existing skillset.

WIC says the program has been fundamental in equipping first-year students with the necessary knowledge to function at a tertiary level.

WIC's partnership with the NRL School to Work program has strengthened significantly over the past 18 months. The

university and WIC have welcomed 16 students in 2017, studying in degree areas including Health Science, Psychology, Nursing and Science Education.

A total of 57 Indigenous students have graduated from UOW this year – a 19% increase from 2016. Of those, WIC student support and recruitment advisor Lesli Kirwan was awarded the Graduate Certificate in Business.

"My mother was born Biripi, her mother Ngarabul, and I was born in Eora Country," she said.

"I have lived most of my life off country in the Yuin Nation, Wadi Wadi country on the South Coast of NSW. As part of the hidden generation I was not stolen, instead it was my country, my culture, and my language that were taken from me.

"I left school when I was 14 and just lived the best I could. As a single mother I wanted better for my kids. I went to TAFE and completed a Certificate IV Tertiary Preparation, then I went to university and graduated from a Bachelor of Arts with distinction.

"I am now studying a Masters of Science – Project Management."

For more information, go to [www.uow.edu.au/wic/](http://www.uow.edu.au/wic/)



Wollungah Indigenous Centre student support and recruitment advisor Lesli Kirwan.

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# Online learning tool in language

**A**N online learning tool is now available in the Djambarrpuyŋu language spoken in Arnhem Land. Blackboard Collaborate has been developed by Blackboard Inc in partnership with Charles Darwin University and a team of Djambarrpuyŋu speakers and translators.

The new language version aims at improving student engagement and retention by providing a more rewarding and inclusive virtual classroom experience.

Djambarrpuyŋu is one of several languages that make

up the Yolngu Matha group of languages spoken by the people of East Arnhem Land, in northern Australia.

According to the 2016 Australian Census, Djambarrpuyŋu has more than 4200 speakers.

## Partnerships

Charles Darwin University offers several study programs with a focus on Indigenous languages and has several key partnerships in place with the Yolngu community.

"The tailored Blackboard Collaborate experience will help make education more

accessible to people in a number of remote Indigenous communities," CDU pro vice-chancellor Professor Martin Carroll said.

"Imagine trying to use a new technology when the instructions aren't written in your first language. That barrier has now been removed for Djambarrpuyŋu-speaking learners.

"We are excited to enable stronger learner engagement and better student outcomes. The potential exists to reach new students in other remote areas through the addition of further languages over time."



At the launch of Blackboard Collaborate are CDU's Bill Searle and Brenda (Mutha) Muthamuluwuy, who led the translation team, while translation team member Kenisha Gumbala is on the screen.



## Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement)

The University of Queensland (UQ) contributes positively to society by engaging in the creation, preservation, transfer and application of knowledge. UQ helps shape the future by bringing together and developing leaders in their fields to inspire the next generation and to advance ideas that benefit the world. UQ is committed to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learning, discovery and engagement and seeks a Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement) to lead the University's strategies and objectives in this important area.

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement) is responsible for providing leadership for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit, and Indigenous Engagement across UQ and with communities. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement) advises upon and takes an active leadership role in developing broad strategic direction, and leading the implementation and monitoring of the whole-of-University approach to Indigenous Learning, Discovery and Engagement.

The successful candidate should possess deep experience in higher education, a track record of leadership and management, and a detailed knowledge of Indigenous engagement and education. Personal attributes include the ability to work collaboratively at all levels within the University as part of an executive team, stakeholder management skills of the highest order, and the capacity to establish effective partnerships with government and community.

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# ACU students look to future

**T**HEY say success is a decision, and for Geoff Fabila and Robert Caruso, the decision to change university degrees is working out just fine.

Both Brisbane-based young men are studying the Bachelor of Commerce course at Australian Catholic University (ACU) after starting studies in a different degree. For both the change was all about the future.

"I decided to change to a Business degree because I could clearly see my future career in business," Mr Caruso said.

He said knowing that he could access Weemala Indigenous Higher Education Unit for support made the choice easier.

"They helped by walking me through the whole process of transferring courses," Mr Caruso said.

"I was offered tutor support once I had chosen my subjects. Their support helped me to settle into study and allowed me to get the most out of it."

The same issues arose for Mr Fabila.

"I changed because after doing a year-and-a-half of study, I found my first choice of course wasn't for me," he said.

"Changing to a Bachelor of Commerce degree was a risk, though, as I didn't know too much about commerce. But my knowledge has improved a lot since starting this degree."

"I have been linked with a Career Trackers program which has provided me with an opportunity to work as an intern at Brisbane Airport Corporation."

"While studying I have been able to gain experience and learn from professionals. It has definitely improved my understanding of business and guided me to what I want to do after I graduate."



ACU student Geoff Fabila.

Staff from ACU's Weemala Indigenous Higher Education Unit were there to support both men.

"Exploring course options at university is not uncommon for students," support officer Leanne Long said.

"Sometimes it is hard to know what you want to do when you finish school."

## "Support"

"Rather than just leaving uni, it's great to have a chat to staff in your Indigenous support centre. They can help you work out what suits you best."

ACU says it is committed to supporting Indigenous students through their educational journey and into employment.

Students can study at one of the university's campuses in Canberra, Ballarat, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney or Adelaide, or they can use distance study. The Away from Base program offers access to specific multimodal study in Midwifery, Education and Business, especially for those students who live in rural and remote communities.

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# Aboriginal and Indigenous Knowledge

The *Uluru Statement from the Heart*, asserted the sovereignty of First Nations of this land over Country, and sought constitutional reform to determine our own destiny. Indigenous knowledge is a practical living connection to the knowledge of the ancestors that can also provide a vision for the future.

Indigenous Academics and postgraduate students from different nations, both Australian and overseas, gathered on Bundjalung country in Ballina, New South Wales to discuss the *Sovereignty of Indigenous Knowledge*. Southern Cross University's school of Indigenous Knowledge, Gnibi hosted the symposium that went from the 4th to the 8th September 2017. The symposium was opened by local Bundjalung Elder Aunty Nancy Walk and Bundjalung Elders Uncle Charles Moran and Aunty Irene Harrington led the first sessions. As an Aboriginal place of teaching and learning, Gnibi is reaching out to other Indigenous peoples to add to the discussion about the place Aboriginal and Indigenous Knowledge has within the university. Formal presentations and Yarning Circles were used to develop the participants' cultural capacity to engage respectfully, insightfully and sensitively.

Our overseas guests included Professor Graham Smith, a prominent Māori educationalist and advocate who is the foundation chairperson of the Council for Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi: Indigenous-University in Whakatāne. Professor Herman Pi'ikea Clark is the Mark Laws Chair of Technology, Innovation and Arts, and Director of the Tokorau Institute for Indigenous Innovation at Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi. He teaches Indigenous/Pacific cultural perspectives in Design while contributing to the development of Indigenous design theory and methodologies for research and professional practice. Dr Shawn Wilson is Opaskwayak Cree from northern Manitoba, Canada and now lives on Bundjalung land. His work focuses on theories that underlie Indigenous research methodologies and he is the Director of Research at Gnibi.

Aboriginal presenters included Professor Mary Graham is a Kombumerri person through her father affiliated with Wakka Wakka through her mother's people. Aunty Mary is a leading Aboriginal philosopher and academic and she teaches Aboriginal history, politics, and comparative philosophy in the School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland.

Mr Fred Hooper is a Murrawarri man and chair of both the Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations and the People's Council of the Murrawarri Republic. Professor Maggie Walter from Tasmania is a sociologist whose research is focuses on race relations, inequality, research methods and methodologies. She is the inaugural Pro Vice-Chancellor of Aboriginal Research and Leadership at the University of Tasmania.

Experts from Gnibi included Ms Rachel Lynwood, a Bundjalung woman who holds many positions at Southern Cross University including Deputy Director of Gnibi, Co-Chair of the Reconciliation Action Plan Committee, and is the incoming Chair of the Gnibi School Board. Mr Rod Williams is a Bundjalung man who has created a unique holistic business framework, incorporating social, cultural, environmental and economic outcomes. Professor Norm Sheehan, a Wiradjuri man is the Director of Gnibi. Ms Janine Dunleavy is of Aboriginal and Irish descent who teaches Indigenous Knowledge subjects and her research interest lies in nurturing the growth of Indigenous Knowledge and scholarship in tertiary education settings. Mr Lyndon Murphy has recently returned from the Uluru First Nations Constitutional Convention and is actively contributing to dialogue on the sovereignty of First Nations. Dr Stuart Barlo is from the Yuin Nation who used Indigenous Australians' understandings of yarning and its underlying principles and protocols to investigate the restoration of dignity for Aboriginal men. Dr Liz Rix has research interests in Indigenous health and chronic disease, reflexive practice and improving the cultural competence of non-Indigenous clinicians. Dr Deborah Donoghue is an epidemiologist and researcher.

Many of our postgraduate students attended the symposium as did other Aboriginal students from across Australia and from North America.

## Gnibi offers many choices of study both online and at the Lismore campus.

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## **QUT students cop valuable real-life advice**

**Q**UT students are tapping into decades of policing experience and real-life cases this year, thanks to Queensland Police officer Inspector Christopher Emzin (pictured) being recruited by QUT's School of Justice as the university's first visiting police associate.

Insp Emzin, who is a QUT law graduate, is half-way through a 12-month appointment that involves him delivering guest lectures, mentoring students and assisting with research. The role aims to improve links among law enforcement, QUT's policing and criminology students, and researchers in the QUT Crime and Justice Research Centre.

Professor Kerry Carrington, head of QUT's School of Justice, said Insp Emzin had a wealth of knowledge to share.

"He has an enormous amount of experience in the justice sector, and networks of great value to the school," Prof Carrington said.

"Insp Emzin is working collaboratively on projects with us, including those involving Indigenous

people, improving probation and parole and how to make policing systems more responsive to contemporary demands."

With more than 30 years of experience in the Queensland Police, Insp Emzin has worked in prosecutions, the flood crisis review group and counter terrorism.

"I complement the world-leading learning and research environment of QUT with my contemporary, real-life experiences in policing and in the law and the justice system generally," he said.

Insp Emzin has insights into the workings of prosecution cases from both a policing and legal perspective, as he holds a law degree from QUT, Master of Laws from Griffith University and is admitted as a barrister-at-law.

As an Indigenous officer, Insp Emzin is also working with QUT's Oodgeroo Unit to provide support to Indigenous students.

"I want to help the next generation of Indigenous police officers to be as successful as possible in roles throughout the justice profession," he said.

# **Graduates lead the way**



**TWENTY-SIX** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders from across Australia have graduated from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leaders Program (NATSILP), held in Canberra.

The NATSILP was designed by Indigenous people to develop leaders for the future. The program supports participants' leadership aspirations by providing them with experiences to learn from other leaders and each other.

Australian Rural Leadership Foundation program director Scott Gorrington said participants walk in the footsteps of remarkable Indigenous leaders.

"They connect with the leadership capacity of our past, and remember and learn from their stories to set a way

forward into the future," he said.

"These 26 leaders have already completed one session in either Shepparton (Victoria) or Cairns (Queensland), and have come together in Canberra to further develop their understanding of themselves as leaders.

"The participants have begun to co-create robust conversations that will engage significant shifts across the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander landscape."

This is the first year of the NATSILP, with more than 50 people graduating from the programs delivered by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation. The initiative is supported and funded by the Australian Government.

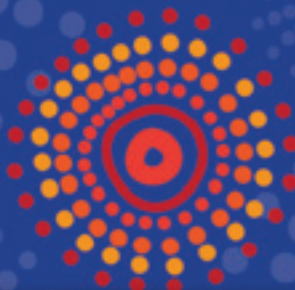
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# Funding to help female students



ABORIGINAL development organisation Wunan has received funding to help support female Aboriginal students from the East Kimberley with their education expenses.

The funding was raised by the sale of Rhodes grass hay, produced at the WA Water Corporation's Broome North Wastewater Treatment Plant with recycled water used to irrigate the crop.

The new partnership between the Water Corporation and

Wunan will assist 30 Aboriginal female students with tutoring services for science, technology and mathematics subjects, and other essential items.

Wunan's Kimberley Education Excellence Program provides Aboriginal high school students with the opportunity to attend

schools in Perth, Melbourne and Sydney.

The program was started by Wunan in 2012 and provides students studying away from home with support from Aboriginal 'house parents' in a model designed to assist students to excel academically.

The Water Corporation also uses funds raised by the sale of Rhodes grass hay for a community grants scheme for not-for-profit groups and schools in the West Kimberley, and has so far contributed more than \$80,000 to community projects.

# Yalari leader is giving back



RURAL Leadership Program graduate Waverley Stanley says he's grateful for all the opportunities he has received over the years.

That's why he's giving back as co-founder of Yalari, an organisation which provides secondary education scholarships at leading Australian boarding schools for Indigenous children from regional, rural and remote communities.

Mr Stanley was a member of Course 12 of the Australian Rural Leadership Program, and a Churchill Fellowship recipient.

But it was a scholarship he received as a boy that has paved the way for the life that followed.

"My work now revolves around finishing what was started, through that investment in me," he says.

Growing up in the town of Murgon, 300km north-west of Brisbane, the young Waverley Stanley attended the local state school. It was his Grade 7 teacher, Rosemary Bishop, who recognised his potential, and organised a scholarship for him to attend Toowoomba Grammar School.

From 1980-84, Mr Stanley said he seized every opportunity this education afforded him, and he finished school with an "unshakeable determination to pay it forward".

"You can be given all these opportunities, but in my view there are conditions. You have to be grateful for it, you have to use it and you also have to pay it forward," he says.

In 2005, following a career in education and the public service, Mr Stanley and his family found themselves in the position to realise a long-held dream. They created a business centred on this concept of giving something back.

"My experience going to a private school on a scholarship meant I'd always had a burning ambition to set up something to give other Indigenous children a similar opportunity. It was just a matter of when," he said.

From humble beginnings in 2005 when just three children benefitted from Yalari scholarships, 12 years later Mr Stanley's endeavour supports 172 Indigenous children in 27 schools around Australia.

Yalari alumni are 275-strong. Many of these former students are studying at university and using the opportunities they have been given.

It was at the same time as working to establish Yalari that Mr Stanley decided to sign up for the Australian



Waverley Stanley and Kayla Harrison, a Year 9 Yalari Scholar at St Catherine's School in Melbourne.



Waverley Stanley and Adan Taat, a Year 10 Yalari Scholar at St Peter's College in Adelaide.

Rural Leadership Program (ARLP).

"My expectations of the ARLP were about challenging myself to do something on a different level," he said.

"It was about an opportunity for growth, which is what I got. I think the ARLP works so well because of its length (15 months). I think that's what makes it so significant.

"Through the ARLP, I really learned the importance of knowing when to speak and when to listen; when to lead and when to follow."

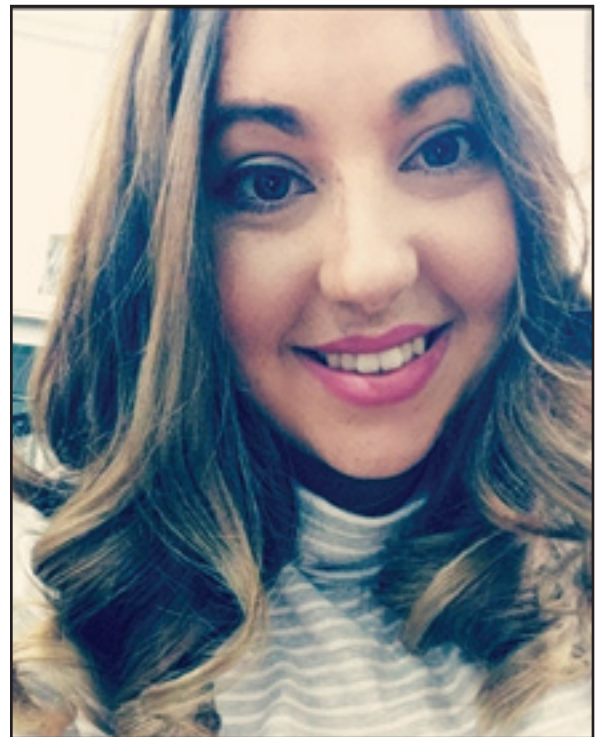
Ms Stanley is now working directly

with Australian Rural Leadership Foundation programs.

"I'm very grateful to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry which provided my scholarship on Course 12," he said.

"I am involved with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leaders Program as one of the facilitators because I want to give back to the foundation and what was invested in me. This is another way I can pay it forward."

To support Yalari, go to [www.yalari.org/pages/donation.php](http://www.yalari.org/pages/donation.php)



## USQ delivers degree for nurse-to-be



HANNAH Weribone was eight months pregnant when she started her studies at the University of Southern Queensland.

Four years on, her son was waiting to greet her this month after she collected her degree in nursing.

For Ms Weribone, university has meant balancing assignments, nappies, tutorials, prams and exams.

She says she wouldn't have had it any other way, thanks to the support she received at USQ.

"What I like most about the University of Southern Queensland is its flexibility," she said.

"I was able to switch between on-campus and online study depending on what suited me best at the time."

Ms Weribone was one of about 600 students to attend this month's USQ graduation ceremony in Toowoomba.

Ms Weribone, now a mother of two, has turned her eye to the future and is looking forward to a career in nursing.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," she said. "My mum is a nurse and my role model. Nursing is something I've grown up with."

Ms Weribone strongly encourages other Indigenous Australians to consider university study.

"My experience with USQ was easy thanks to support provided by the university's College for Indigenous Studies, Education and Research (CISER)," she said.

"Before undertaking a Bachelor of Nursing, I completed the Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP).

"CISER was an important part of my education as it connected me with other Aboriginal students who were either finished or currently studying with USQ."



# Major program for Vic



A MAJOR biennial exhibition, new Indigenous arts fellowships and support for curatorial positions are at the heart of a new six-year Indigenous arts program for Victoria.

Yalingwa, a Woiwurrung word that means both 'day' and 'light', is a new Victorian Government program being run with the

Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA) and the Tarrawarra Museum of Art in the Yarra Valley.

On a rotating biennial cycle, each gallery will develop and host a major exhibition of Indigenous art, with a focus on the art of south-eastern Australia. The exhibitions will focus on new commissions by contemporary Indigenous artists, with the first to

be hosted by ACCA in mid-2018.

An Indigenous curator will be employed by each institution for two years to develop and deliver the exhibition, build skills and bring new knowledge to the participating gallery.

## Fellowship

In between exhibitions, a Yalingwa Fellowship will be offered to a Victoria-based

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander artist to develop their practice. The \$60,000 fellowship will enable an artist to develop work and build skills.

The Yalingwa initiative will be overseen by a committee of Aboriginal community and cultural leaders who will act as advisors, ambassadors and mentors, together with gallery representatives.

"Yalingwa will shine a light on some of the nation's best Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art while opening up major new career opportunities for Aboriginal artists and curators in this state," Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins said. "This is a groundbreaking, collaborative model that will take our Aboriginal visual arts sector to a new level."



A ghost-net installation at the University of Virginia Library in the United States.

## Defending the Ocean at university library



A COLLECTION of contemporary Indigenous sculptural artworks and prints is now on display at the University of Virginia (UVA) in an exhibition sponsored by the Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection.

The exhibition, which is part of the *Australia: Defending the Ocean* international showcase project, made its American debut at the United Nations in New York this June as part of The Oceans Conference 2017.

Another part of the project has been displayed in France, with further exhibitions planned for later this year in Switzerland, and Britain in 2018.



Brian Robinson's *Ocean Guardian*.

*Australia: Defending the Ocean* will be at the UVA Library until January. The exhibition focuses primarily on the battle to curb ocean pollution and illegal fishing in order to conserve and sustain traditional

food sources, spiritual totems and marine ecosystems.

It features 18 ghost-net sculptures by Pormpuraaw Art & Culture Centre artists, three linocut prints by Brian Robinson as well as an edition of his cast aluminium, stingray sculpture titled *Ocean Guardian*, a larger edition of which features as the key component of the *Citizen's Gateway to the Great Barrier Reef* installation to be unveiled in Cairns, Queensland, this month.

For more information on the exhibition and the *Australia: Defending the Ocean* project go to [www.artsaustralia.com/defendingtheocean](http://www.artsaustralia.com/defendingtheocean). For more information on the exhibition at the UVA go to: [www.klugeruhe.org/news/](http://www.klugeruhe.org/news/)



JLF director and Jimmy Little's daughter, Frances Peters-Little on stage.

## Gathering for Jimmy



AS well as being a musical and arts celebration of culture, organisers hope The Jimmy Little Gathering in Bathurst this Saturday (September 23) will help raise the profile of the Jimmy Little Foundation.

The event will celebrate the music and legacy of Australian Aboriginal musician, actor and advocate Dr Jimmy Little (1937-2012).

Guest performers include James Henry and acclaimed soul, rap and spoken word artist Radical Son and band – artists who have a long history of supporting the Jimmy Little Foundation – alongside local acts Smith and Jones, and the Orient Royal Mail band.

There'll be an afternoon of workshops, performance and storytelling, all at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre.

"The concept for the Jimmy Little Gathering came from Bathurst Elder Kalmadyne Goombrydge who approached the Jimmy Little Foundation about an annual event as a way to acknowledge Jimmy Little as Australia's first successful Aboriginal recording artist and for his long-time humanitarian work," said JLF director and Mr Little's daughter, Frances Peters-Little, who is also a performer.

"The foundation was established in 2006 as a way for Jimmy Little to continue his humanitarian and charity work towards helping improve the lives of Indigenous Australians and their families affected by chronic diseases. Today the JLF is run by members of the Little family who are committed to carrying out his vision."

Donations will be taken on the day or online towards the foundation's nursing scholarships at Charles Sturt University. The scholarship is for Indigenous students or students from western region of NSW showing an interest in working with kidney health in regional areas.

The Jimmy Little Gathering begins at 3pm, with the main stage concert from 6.30pm. More details at [www.jlf.org.au](http://www.jlf.org.au)



# Deadly decks in Shepparton



Yorta Yorta artist Tammy-Lee Atkinson shows one of the deadly decks.  
Picture: Liz Arcus



PAINTED skateboards are now on show at Shepparton's Kaiela Arts.

They're the result of Deadly Decks, run by Multicultural Arts Victoria and Gandel Philanthropy's Emerge Cultural Leadership program. It's an initiative that celebrates and acknowledges newly arrived, emerging culturally diverse and

First Nations artists and communities, providing opportunities for crosscultural sharing, celebration and connection with the wider community.

Deadly Decks is the first of the Emerge Incubator projects to be delivered by an Emerge ambassador Tammy-Lee Atkinson with local arts partner Kaiela Arts.

In recent weeks Atkinson and

fellow Yorta Yorta visual artist Troy Firebrace have worked with the young people to explore their creativity and develop an exhibition of painted skateboards that tell their stories through Aboriginal signs and symbols.

"Deadly Decks has been designed for young Aboriginal people in our community who want to connect with culture and learn new creative skills," Atkinson says.

"The project aims to teach these kids about Aboriginal signs and symbols and Aboriginal art. In doing so, I hope that the experience also encourages life skills and a willingness to achieve, and that it shows them they can do anything they put their minds to."

The skateboards are on show at Kaiela Arts until September 28. More details at [www.gallerykaielamedia.wordpress.com](http://www.gallerykaielamedia.wordpress.com)

## Alarm sounds for initiative



SCREEN Australia's Indigenous Department is looking for Indigenous screen

content makers from around the country who are passionate about environmental issues to apply for a 'factual initiative' called *State of Alarm*.

Previous screen credits are not essential, but applicants are required to submit a pitch video outlining their concept.

*State of Alarm* aims to develop stories that look at the traditional practices of Indigenous people and how they can be used to combat climate change.

The successful projects can be either standalone documentaries of up to 25 minutes, or series proposals of

five- to seven-minute episodes and totalling 25 minutes.

Projects should appeal to a global audience and be aimed primarily at the 18-35 demographic.

"We're looking for ambitious projects that offer a unique Indigenous perspective on this significant global issue," Screen Australia's Penny Smallacombe said.

"We have seen how Australian documentaries such as *War on Waste* and *Frackman* have provoked audiences to act. We look forward to working with the successful creative teams to bring more stories to our screens that have the potential to inspire real change."

The deadline for applications is October 23. Successful applicants will be announced in late November.



Director-writer-producer and Ngarluma man Tyson Mowarin is passionate about environmental issues.

## Entries call for Koorie art display



ENTRIES are being sought for Victoria's largest Aboriginal art display. Artists

have until October 9 to submit entries for the *Koorie Art Show*, run by the Koorie Heritage Trust.

The show is the trust's annual event showcasing the talent of Victoria's Indigenous artists in one space. It is an open-entry, non-acquisitive award exhibition.

All eligible entries are exhibited in the trust's gallery at Federation Square, Melbourne, and all works on show are available for sale to the public.

Entries are eligible for the Creative Victoria Award for Excellence in Any Media Prize (\$5000) and the Koorie Heritage Trust Moogji Club People's Choice Award (\$500).

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





Mossman Gorge Social and Emotional Wellbeing Centre staff Eileen Miller, Bacho Salam and Ben Barba.

## R U OK? events in north Qld



THE north Queensland communities of Hopevale and Mossman Gorge have celebrated R U OK?, the national suicide prevention charity inspiring people to check in, listen, encourage action, and check in again.

Apunipima Cape York Health Council Social and Emotional Wellbeing Centre team, with support from My Pathway, ran the event. Social and emotional wellbeing counsellor Dorothy Deshong said the main message of R U OK? Day was the importance of checking in with people and encouraging them to take action.

“People who are feeling socially or emotionally unwell can often be helped simply by having someone care enough to listen to their problems and direct them on the

right path to receiving help,” she said.

“The message is also that the best way to know if someone is feeling bad is to take time out, and ask them directly, R U OK?”

At Mossman Gorge, touch footy was among a number of community events held to highlight the R U OK? message.

● **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support services can be found at**  
[www.naccho.org.au](http://www.naccho.org.au) or  
[www.sewbmh.org.au](http://www.sewbmh.org.au) or  
[www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au](http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au)

# New videos to help make FASD history



TELETHON Kids Institute has launched a series of health promotion videos that feature Aboriginal people sharing their stories around how to address the issue of drinking alcohol during pregnancy.

The videos, launched for International FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) Awareness Day, have been produced by the Pilbara Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Project ‘Warajanga Marnti Warrarnja – Together we walk on country, a collaboration between the Telethon Kids Institute, Wirraka Maya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation and BHP.

The five-year research project aims to make FASD history in Western Australia’s Pilbara, and reduce the prevalence and impact of FASD in the region, specifically in Port Hedland,



**Warralong residents and students from Strelley Community School are involved with filming of the FASD awareness video series.**

Warralong and Yandeyarra.

The research team is working with the community to support FASD prevention, diagnosis, treatment, family support, capacity building and policy advocacy. The work fosters community leadership, and ownership of issues related to alcohol and other substance use in pregnancy.

The videos were produced following feedback from the community that they wanted to receive health messages from fellow local community members. The video series will include

the community-developed health promotion messages ‘No Gurry (grog) for healthy babies’ and ‘Having alcohol at any time during your pregnancy can hurt your baby’ while celebrating the leadership shown by the Hedland communities to address FASD and alcohol use in pregnancy.

Telethon Kids researcher Dr James Fitzpatrick said communities of the Pilbara are inspirational for their courage in taking on the issue of FASD.

“Making FASD history is a priority for their current and future generations, and we are proud to be able to support them in this important work,” he said.

“Our work in partnership with Wirraka Maya and BHP is breaking new ground in FASD prevention, diagnosis and support and our research teams at Telethon Kids are committed to walking together to make FASD history.”

## Films focus on dangers of smoking



FILMMAKERS will work with youth in four Aboriginal communities in the East Pilbara to shed light on the personal stories of local smokers and warn about the perils of the deadly habit.

Young people, assisted by a professional production team, will create a series of short films as part of the You CAN Quit project, to document the stories of locals who have kicked the habit and those who have been affected by smoking-related illnesses in Jigalong, Parnngurr, Punmu and Kunawarritji.

Organised by Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service’s Tackling Indigenous Smoking team, the project will be held with funding from a Healthway Indigenous Health Promotion grant and the Federal Government’s Tackling Indigenous Smoking Program.

Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service regional tobacco coordinator Danika Tager said smoking rates in the East Pilbara were exceptionally high and more needed to be done to support communities to address tobacco addiction.

Statistics from the Federal Department of Health show that tobacco smoking is responsible for one in five Indigenous deaths, with the number substantially higher in remote areas.

“Smoking rates in remote East Pilbara communities are as high as 80% and tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in this population,” she said.

“Through this important film project we hope to encourage people to quit smoking.”

## NT houses for patients



PEOPLE with kidney disease who need to relocate to Tennant Creek or Alice Springs for ongoing treatment now have access to better accommodation following renovations to 10 houses.

Northern Territory Housing Minister Gerry McCarthy said the new houses – eight of them in Alice Springs – will allow Aboriginal people to receive the treatment they need, while providing respite from the financial and emotional stress of travelling regularly from their remote communities.

“This housing will give patients access to secure accommodation which is critical for their treatment,” he said.

The houses have been modified to suit patients with special needs, including the installation of adjustable kitchen benches for wheelchair accessibility, new laundries and new bedrooms with ensuite allowing easy access.



# Deadly choice by league stars



MEMBERS of the Australian Kangaroos Rugby League 2017 World Cup squad will headline the expansion of a successful grassroots campaign to improve Indigenous health.

Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt said Kangaroos coach Mal Meninga and other Indigenous and non-Indigenous players would become ambassadors for the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health's Deadly Choices program, to extend its reach across Australia.

"Deadly Choices is what I like to call a jewel in the crown of Indigenous health, achieving some stunning results since it kicked off in south-east Queensland four years ago," Mr Wyatt said.

"The Deadly Kangaroos is an expansion of this program, using the star power of the ambassadors and the excitement of this year's World Cup to reach even more communities.

"Our national rugby league stars need to be in peak physical condition to play at the top of their game and we appreciate the players' support to start discussions with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about ways to improve their health."

Deadly Choices is a community-based health lifestyle campaign launched in 2013. There is particular focus on young people and the importance of exercise, education, school attendance, quitting smoking and regular checks.

Through media campaigns, sports carnivals and community events Deadly



Federal Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt, right, is with officials and children at the campaign launch.

Choices has prompted:

- almost 19,000 annual health checkups in south-east Queensland;
- active patient numbers to triple to more than 330,000;
- 1155 smoke-free household pledges; and

- more than 3300 'smoker interventions'.

"Experience shows that sport and sporting legends can help communities kick major goals in health awareness and foster real change," Mr Wyatt said. "I encourage everyone to support

Australia in the World Cup, just as the Kangaroos are supporting better health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and all Australians."

The Rugby League World Cup runs from October 26-December 2.

# Report finds AFL is kicking health goals



INDIGENOUS adults who play Australian rules football are healthier, happier and better

connected, a new Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre report on Indigenous participation in AFL shows. The report 'After the Siren: The community benefits of Indigenous participation in Australian Rules Football' examines the physical health, mental wellbeing and community connectedness benefits that flow from playing football.

Principal research fellow and report author Associate Professor Mike Dockery said the report reveals the benefits of playing AFL extend beyond physical health benefits, highlighting the positive mental health and community results.

"Of significance is both the high rates of young Indigenous men participating in AFL – reaching up to 65% in remote areas – and the positive impact this has on mental health, even after controlling for a range of factors, including age, remoteness,

## Key findings from the report

- 46.6% of Indigenous children reported playing sport in the past 12 months.
- AFL is the second-most popular team sport among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, with almost 45,000 Indigenous players.
- One in four Indigenous men in Western Australia plays AFL, second only to the Northern Territory at 31.2%.
- Almost 50% of Indigenous males aged four to 19, living in the AFL states, participate in AFL.
- More than 65% of young men aged between 15 and 29 living in remote areas of Australia played AFL.
- Children who played football were six

percentage points less likely to be assessed as having learning difficulties due to health issues.

- Boys living in remote areas playing AFL had a 20% lower truancy incidence.
- Indigenous adults who played football in the previous 12 months reported higher life satisfaction than people who did not play sport.
- Those adults playing AFL were twice as likely as those playing no sport to rate their health as excellent.
- Mental health is estimated to be better among Indigenous men and women who participate in organised sport, after allowing for an extensive range of other factors.

socioeconomic, labour force and marital status," he said.

"This finding is particularly important given the high rates of psychological stress and incarceration experienced by Indigenous men. The incarceration rate for Indigenous juveniles is 24 times that of non-Indigenous youth. AFL has an important role to play in fostering mental health and positively

engaging disaffected youth."

The report highlights the role of AFL in bringing together people from all sectors of the community, including Indigenous, refugee and migrant groups, in a safe space of mutual respect.

Assoc Prof Dockery said footy was a vital part of life in remote Indigenous communities in WA and central Australia, including the Northern Territory and northern

South Australia, where football carnivals and festivals bring different family groups together.

"Football offers opportunities to strengthen and pass on kinship networks, and for men and women to gather separately to talk about issues," he said.

"It's not just players; it's umpires, bus drivers, cooks, administrators, friends, family – Australian football brings the

whole community together.

"We found playing football led to better school attendance for Indigenous boys in remote areas. Football clubs and carnivals are being used to deliver road safety and anti-domestic violence programs, to conduct health checks, and vehicle safety and seat-belt checks."

The report identifies considerable potential for deriving benefits from greater investment in structured AFL competitions and other sports programs in remote areas.

"Given the strong evidence of the benefits of AFL for Indigenous children and youth, along with their love of footy and the well-known issues facing many remote communities, we were surprised to find a number of remote centres had no junior football competition," Assoc Prof Dockery said.

"We recommend all tiers of government and local education, health, employment and justice agencies work with the AFL to get a footy competition up and running in these communities, possibly by coordinating funding for a sports development officer."



We welcome items for our Calendar of Events. Send them to any of the addresses in the panel on page 23.

## National

**Ongoing:** Lifeline – saving lives, crisis support, suicide prevention. For assistance telephone 13 11 14.

**Ongoing:** Carer Line is a free national telephone information and support service for and about carers that provides access to information, emotional support and referrals to a range of services. Call 1800 242 636.

**Until September 22:** The Adelaide Football Club is inviting people to submit a design and associated story for their 2018 Indigenous guernsey. Details: Anna Muecke on (08) 8440 666 or email amuecke@afc.com.au

**Until September 30:** Human Rights Photography Competition entries open to children and adults around the country, with a \$600 camera prize up for grabs for the most outstanding image. Details: [www.photocompetition.humanrights.gov.au](http://www.photocompetition.humanrights.gov.au) or email [photocomp@humanrights.gov.au](mailto:photocomp@humanrights.gov.au)

**Until October 3:** 2018 National Indigenous Arts Awards nomination open. Artists cannot self-nominate. Details: [www.australiacouncil.gov.au](http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au)

**Until February 25:** *Songlines: Tracking the Seven Sisters* exhibition at the National Museum of Australia in Canberra. It showcases sections of five Western and Central Desert songlines, utilising about 100 paintings and photographs, objects, song, dance and multimedia. More details at [www.nma.gov.au](http://www.nma.gov.au)

**September 29:** Indigenous Digital Excellence Awards and Showcase at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern, Sydney. More details at [www.idxawards.org.au](http://www.idxawards.org.au)

## Victoria

**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, Federation Square, Melbourne. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit [www.koorieheritagetrust.org](http://www.koorieheritagetrust.org)

**Until September 22:** *Border Lines* exhibition. Bringing together artworks from the Papulankutja and Warakurna community with sculptures by the Tjanpi Desert Weavers. Held at Linden New Art, South Yarra, Tues-Fri, 11am-4pm, Sat-Sun, 11am-5pm. Details: (03) 9534 0099 or visit [www.lindenarts.org](http://www.lindenarts.org)

**Until September 28:** *Deadly Decks* exhibition, showing the artwork of 10 young Aboriginal people in Shepparton. At Kaiela Arts, 137-139 High St, Shepparton. Details at [www.multiculturalarts.com.au/](http://www.multiculturalarts.com.au/)

**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/](http://www.sheppartonartmuseum.com.au/)

## NSW-ACT

**Ongoing:** ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan Street, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903.

**Ongoing:** TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous people across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

Live entertainment at the Blak Markets.



# Blak Markets on at Barangaroo



THERE will be Aboriginal art, crafts, bushfoods and entertainment at the Blak Markets in Barangaroo Reserve, Sydney, on September 24. Presented by First Hand Solutions, the markets will be at Stargazer Lawn from 10am-4pm.

The markets will open with a smoking ceremony, followed by live music, dance performances, workshops and traditional Indigenous games for children.

Triple J Unearthed High Indigenous Award winner 16-year-old Indigenous

singer-songwriter Rebecca Hatch will perform live, the Ngaran Ngaran traditional dancers will run dance workshops for children and adults, and Larry Brandy Storytellers will present interactive hunting and gathering performances for children.

A live bush tucker cooking demonstration will be hosted by celebrity chef The Black Olive (Mark Olive) and the Tribal Warrior bushfood van will serve up bush tucker alongside a range of local Aboriginal food producers.

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

**Ongoing:** Lismore women's and men's healing groups. Held at Rekindling The Spirit in 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](http://www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au)

**October school holidays:** Pathfinders Cultural Camp for Aboriginal youth, to be held at The Willows, near Glen Innes, northern NSW. More details Hilton Naden on 0427 726 559 or email [hiltonn@pathfinders.ngo](mailto:hiltonn@pathfinders.ngo)

**Until September 22:** 2017 Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award entries open. Details: [www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au](http://www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au)

**Until September 30:** Tell your story as part of the national review into access to justice. A Law Council of Australia justice project. Details: [www.justiceproject.com.au](http://www.justiceproject.com.au)

**Until October 22:** *Boomalli Biennale* exhibition. Includes a range of traditional and contemporary works from Aboriginal Artists across NSW. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Cop-op, 55-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt, Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit [www.boomalli.com.au](http://www.boomalli.com.au)

**September 22-23:** *Gudirr Gudirr* performance. A multilingual solo dance and video production by Broome dancer Dalisa Pigram. Held at Civic Theatre, 375 Hunter Street, Newcastle. Details: (02) 4929 1977 or visit [www.civictheatrenewcastle.com.au](http://www.civictheatrenewcastle.com.au)

**September 23:** Jimmy Little Gathering in Bathurst. The event celebrates the music and legacy of Aboriginal musician, actor and

advocate the late Jimmy Little. Tickets \$5 a person. Details: Arts OutWest on (02) 6338 4657 or email [artsoutwest@csu.edu.au](mailto:artsoutwest@csu.edu.au)

**September 25-October 6:** National Centre of Indigenous Excellence school holiday program. More details at [www.ncie.org.au](http://www.ncie.org.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](http://www.absec.org.au)

**September 29-October 8:** CoLabs school holiday program in Bungarribee, western Sydney. An outdoor event fusing art and science. Costs apply. Details at [www.colabs.org.au/](http://www.colabs.org.au/)

**September 29:** Closing the Prison Gap Focus on the Children event. Includes guest presenters and video on topics including Young People and the Justice System, Tackling Violence, Trauma Healing and more. Held at Visions Room, Twin Towns Club, Tweed Heads from 9am-5pm. \$165 regular fee, \$33 unwaged. Details: Email [megperkinsnsw@gmail.com](mailto:megperkinsnsw@gmail.com)

**September 29:** NSWALC Land Rights: 40 Years Strong Gala Dinner. Includes guest speakers, live entertainment and performances. Details: (02) 9689 4444 or visit [www.alc.org.au](http://www.alc.org.au)

**October 9-10:** 2017 Indigenous Affairs and Public Administration Conference with the theme Can't we do better? The conference questions the impact on Indigenous people of the past 50 years of public administration and raises issues for the next 50 years.

Held at The Refectory, University of Sydney. Details

[www.anzsog.edu.au/indigenous-affairs-conference](http://www.anzsog.edu.au/indigenous-affairs-conference)

**October 31:** NAACHO annual general meeting in Canberra. Details at [naccho.org.au](http://naccho.org.au)

**November 2:** Big Day of Culture, part of the Jacaranda Festival in Darwin. The Grafton Regional Gallery is seeking Aboriginal artists of the Clarence Valley interested in hosting a stall at the event. Those interested should call (02) 6642 3177.

## Queensland

**Ongoing:** *The Albert Namatjira Story*, a new display featuring early works by watercolour artist Albert Namatjira. Held at Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, daily from 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or visit [www.qagoma.qld.com.au](http://www.qagoma.qld.com.au)

**Until September 23:** *Christian Thompson: Ritual Intimacy* exhibition. The exhibition spans 15 years of Thompson's practice, bringing together photography, video, sculpture, performance and sound works. Held at Griffith University Art Gallery, 226 Grey Street, South Bank, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3735 7414 or visit [www.griffith.edu.au](http://www.griffith.edu.au)

**September 23:** Kunjiel (corroboree) closing event of the Quandamooka Festival at Goompi, Minjerribah (Dunwich, North Stradbroke Island) from 11am. Costs involved. Details at [www.quandamookafestival.com.au/](http://www.quandamookafestival.com.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](mailto:peta@jute.com.au)

## Northern Territory

**September 22-October 1:** Partjima – A Festival in Light. A 10-night celebration of Central Australian art and culture illuminating Alice Springs. More details at <http://partjimaaustralia.com.au/>

**Until September 23:** *Rooted Complexity* exhibition. Secrets of mangroves and the cultural and spiritual teachings of a Tiwi Elder are the inspiration behind this exhibition by Kerrie Taylor. Held at the Northern Centre for Contemporary Art, Parap Shopping Centre, from Wed-Fri, 10am-4pm and Sat, 9am-2pm. Details: (08) 8981 5368 or visit [www.nccart.com.au](http://www.nccart.com.au)

**Until September 30:** *Salon des Refusés, 2017* exhibition, featuring artworks rejected from inclusion in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award. Held at Charles Darwin University Art Gallery. Details at [cdu.edu.au/artgallery](http://cdu.edu.au/artgallery)

## South Australia

**Until October 8:** Aboriginal Heritage Project display. A project creating the first genetic map of Aboriginal Australia before European arrival has won national recognition with 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](http://www.samuseum.sa.gov.au)

**October 4:** Nunkuwarrin Yunti Inc of South Australia, in association with Aboriginal Sobriety Group, annual community day. It will be held at Whitmore Square, Adelaide, from 10.30am. More details on (08) 8169 7200.

**October 13:** Gladys Elphick Awards Ceremony at The Hotel Chancellor, Hindley Street Adelaide. The event is themed – Advancement Through Education. Details at [www.gladyselphick.com](http://www.gladyselphick.com)



## Fired up for their new role



FRNSW graduates Derek Walker, Joseph Griffin, Lance Tighe and Christopher Cassidy.



FOUR Indigenous Fire and Rescue Employment Strategy (IFARES) participants have joined the ranks of Fire & Rescue NSW. Derek Walker, Joseph Griffin, Lance Tighe and Christopher

Cassidy were welcomed into the service during a recent ceremony at the State Training College in Alexandria, Sydney. They were among 22 firefighters recruits who graduated on the day.

The recruits have been posted to fire

stations across greater Sydney.

NSW Minister for Emergency Services Troy Grant said the graduates have a unique and rewarding career ahead of them.

"Our latest class of fires has received advanced training in

firefighting, road-crash rescue, high-angle rescue, advanced first-aid, management of community risk, fire science and hazardous materials response," he said.

"They will use these new skills to help keep our community safe."

## Program lands jobs



A NEW Aboriginal marine training program in the Northern Territory has resulted in 13 students receiving the Certificate II in Fishing Operations and eight completing coxswain training.

The Aboriginal Marine Training Program, which won the People

Development Award at the NT Seafood Industry Awards, is aimed at increasing the skills and capacity of Aboriginal people and supporting their participation in the seafood industry and marine resource management.

NT Primary Industry Minister Ken Wovles said the Certificate II in Fishing Operations provides skills in commercial fishing

techniques, from how to maintain equipment to safe food handling and fish processing, while the coxswain training helps community fishing enterprises by providing the necessary skills to command a commercial vessel safely in compliance with national maritime standards.

"The Aboriginal coastal licences allow Aboriginal people

living in remote communities to catch a variety of fish and sell them in the local community, to shops, visitors, and even into Darwin or regional centres," he said.

"The first shipment of fish from Maningrida to Darwin Fish Market occurred in June.

"The Aboriginal Marine Training Program delivers a

range of courses designed to deliver jobs and drive development in remote communities.

"This brings a range of economic and social benefits by allowing coastal communities to develop small-scale fishing businesses and increase the supply of local, fresh, affordable seafood."

## It's your guide to employment

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## 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?

This is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander designated position, classified under "special measures" of section 12 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010*. The occupant must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

To view a Position Description and to apply please visit our website at [yourcareer.edu.au](http://yourcareer.edu.au) using the job ref #558107. For further information please contact Professor Charlie Xue on (03) 9925 7360. Applications should address the key selection criteria outlined in the position description and include your current curriculum vitae.

Applications close: Sunday 24th September 2017



[rmit.edu.au](http://rmit.edu.au)



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## Join our innovative team to tackle challenges for people with disability!

Northcott is a not-for-profit disability service provider that works with customers to realise their potential.

We are seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to join our crew in various locations throughout NSW and ACT. You will be part of team that commits to work creatively and relentlessly with all our customers, supporting and empowering them to be the best they can be now and in the future.

People of all abilities are encouraged to apply including those with a lived experience or knowledge of disability.

For more details and to apply, please visit:

[www.northcott.com.au](http://www.northcott.com.au)

For a confidential discussion call Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Programs Advisor, Debbie Frail on:

**(02) 9890 0502**

Essential pre-employment checks will be conducted.



## Aboriginal Education Assistant Macarthur Region

The Director of Schools invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced personnel for the position of Aboriginal Education Assistant in the Macarthur region, commencement date negotiable.

The successful applicant will be required to work closely with and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the areas that include literacy, numeracy and cultural initiatives as well as liaise with the school, parish and local communities. This role is part of the Aboriginal Education Assistant Program which will provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students according to their areas of need. Applicants will be supportive of the ethos and mission of Catholic Education, Diocese of Wollongong and understand the purpose of this position as ultimately serving the needs of the students and staff in our Catholic schools.

#### Essential Criteria:

The successful applicant must:

- Be from an Aboriginal background
- Have the ability to support the literacy and numeracy needs of students and/or cultural initiatives
- Have good communication skills and be comfortable with Aboriginal community liaison
- Be flexible and able to adapt to a variety working conditions
- Have the ability to interact positively with students
- Have the ability to work under limited direction
- Possess a current NSW Driver's Licence and own transport

#### Desirable Criteria:

- Experience in supporting boys cultural programs
- Experience working with children in classroom and small groups

#### Salary/Conditions:

- Salary and conditions are in accordance with the School Administrative Services Enterprise Agreement 2015 NSW and ACT Catholic Systemic Schools
- The position is child-related work and requires the person to have NSW Working With Children Check and obtain their clearance for paid work children
- On appointment, applicants will be required to complete Child Protection training and may also be required to undertake the Aboriginal Education Worker Certificate, depending on prior skills and experience
- Aboriginality authorised (under Section 14 D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977).

#### Application Process:

To receive an application package contact Larissa Berger via email [larissa.berger@dow.catholic.edu.au](mailto:larissa.berger@dow.catholic.edu.au). To confidentially discuss your application contact Karan Taylor, Indigenous Education Officer, on (02) 4253 0844.

Closing Date: Tuesday 26 September 2017



## ABORIGINAL FAMILY VIOLENCE CASE MANAGER

– WOMEN'S SAFETY SERVICES SA

The Aboriginal Family Violence Case Manager is responsible for providing support services to ATSI women and children experiencing family violence. For full details and to apply visit:

<http://www.womenssafetysservices.com.au/index.php/about/careers>

For further information contact Rachel Abdulla – [rachela@sdvs.org.au](mailto:rachela@sdvs.org.au) or 08 8297 9644.

Applications close 5pm Monday 9 October 2017.

This program is funded under the National Affordable Housing Agreement.

## Department of Justice and Attorney-General

### Indigenous Justice Officer

#### Justice Services, Queensland Courts Service

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.)

#### Department of Justice and Attorney-General

Salary: \$80 349 - \$87 333 p.a.

Location: Brisbane City

REF: QLD/253241/17

**Key Duties:** You will have the opportunity to liaise with stakeholders to promote and support the operations of programs established to assist vulnerable people coming into contact with the justice system.

**Skills/Abilities:** Assist with capacity building programs for Community Justice Groups and Murri Court to provide culturally appropriate responses for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

**Enquiries:** Renee Kyle 3109 9175. To apply please visit [www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Friday, 29 September 2017



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## Family & Community Services

## Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker

NSW Family and Community Services aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children by recruiting and developing outstanding individuals to be leaders in child protection practice.

As an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker you will be working with vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect, their families and communities and interagency partners to be agents of change in the lives of children.

**Being an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker is tough.  
It takes a special kind of person. But the rewards are huge.**

We are looking for people with a strong commitment to children, families and community capacity building, people who possess a high level of resilience to become part of a team of skilled and dedicated professionals.

**Do you identify as Aboriginal and have two years experience working with  
Aboriginal children, young people and families or communities?**

If so apply now! Please visit [www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and enter job reference no: 000041OM to join a team of dedicated and professional FACS caseworkers in your area and benefit from:

- Professional support and training
- Flexible working conditions
- Great career opportunities

**Aboriginal Caseworkers must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.**

More information available [www.facs.nsw.gov.au/careers/caseworker](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/careers/caseworker)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further  
Please call Recruitment on 1800 203 966 or email  
[caseworker.screenings@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:caseworker.screenings@facs.nsw.gov.au)



**Applications must be lodged electronically.  
Please go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search  
Job Reference Number 000041OM**

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Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre Inc.  
(WBAWLC)

**Fixed Term Position: Information and Support Officer**  
Part time: 56hrs per/fortnight

**Fixed Term Contract - Contract period: October/Nov 2017 – June 2020**

***This position is identified for an Aboriginal woman pursuant to sections 14 & 31 of the Anti Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW.***

Wirringa Baiya is a NSW statewide, gender specific community legal centre. Wirringa Baiya is an Aboriginal specialist service, which works primarily with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, children and youth.

Wirringa Baiya is seeking to employ an Information and Support Officer. This person must have excellent administrative, case management and organisational skills. They must have a good understanding of issues which impact on the Aboriginal community, specifically in relation to domestic and family violence.

The rate of pay is based on Level 3 Pay Point 4, as per the SCHADS award. Salary packaging is available. The Centre is located in Marrickville.

Being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification under sections 14 & 31 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Applicants must address all of the selection criteria contained in the job description.

Please contact the office for a job package on (02) 9569 3847 or email [Christine\\_Robinson@clc.net.au](mailto:Christine_Robinson@clc.net.au)

**Applications close: Friday 13th October 2017**



Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre Inc.  
(WBAWLC)

**Fixed Term Position: Part-time/ Solicitor**  
Part time: 56hrs per/fortnight

**Fixed Term Contract - Contract period: October 2017 – June 2020**

***This position is identified for a woman pursuant to section 31 of the Anti Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW.***

Wirringa Baiya is a NSW statewide, gender specific community legal centre. Wirringa Baiya is an Aboriginal specialist service, which works primarily with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, children and youth.

Wirringa Baiya is seeking to employ a solicitor to work in the area of family law and family violence. This person must have excellent administrative, time management and organisational skills. They must have a good understanding of issues which impact on the Aboriginal community, specifically in relation to domestic and family violence.

The rate of pay is based on Level 5 Paypoint 3, as per the SCHADS award. Salary packaging is available. The Centre is located in Marrickville.

Being a woman is a genuine occupational qualification under sections 31 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Applicants must address all of the selection criteria contained in the job description.

Please contact the office for a job package on (02) 9569 3847 or email [Christine\\_Robinson@clc.net.au](mailto:Christine_Robinson@clc.net.au)

**Applications close: Friday 13th October 2017.**



## Police Officer

- NSW Police Force
- Police and Emergency Service, Police Officer
- State-Wide
- Full-time
- Total Remuneration: \$70,062 (starting salary)

Ever thought about becoming a Police Officer? If you have then **Apply Now**. Come and join the other 600+ Aboriginal people currently working for the NSW Police Force.

Attend an information session to find out more about being a NSW Police Officer and the recruitment process. Session will be run at Parramatta on Saturday 28 October 2017, 9am - 12pm.

**Please Note: Due to limited availability and space, bookings will be accepted from prospective applicants only.** Register via [www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/events](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/events) from **24 October 2017**.

**Like NSW Police Force Academy Facebook page for future recruitment events details.**

**Closing Date: Ongoing**

Contact: 1800 222 122

NSWPF Recruitment Branch

**Applications must be lodged electronically.**  
**Please go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search Job Reference Number 00003MJ5**

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**Wuchopperen**  
HEALTH SERVICE LIMITED

*"Keeping our  
Generations  
growing strong"*

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- Focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
- Primary and Allied Health Care – Established Services
- Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation
- Cairns and Outreach Locations

Wuchopperen Health Service Limited is a community controlled organisation delivering holistic primary and allied health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Cairns and surrounding districts. Wuchopperen Health Service's vision of improving quality of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples underlines our commitment to providing high quality, safe and coordinated care for our people.

Wuchopperen is seeking a motivated and appropriately experienced CEO to deliver inspirational leadership and continue to drive our strategic aims to fully develop our organisations potential, enhance our capability and continue to expand the key role we already play within our community, now and into the future.

Reporting directly to the Board of Directors, the successful applicant will oversee an established organisational structure comprising of Clinic, Allied Health, Community and Mental Health Services, a Child and Family Centre along with

Corporate Support.

The CEO will provide clear direction in the effective coordination of our various health services and programs, and funding related activity. In addition, the CEO will be responsible for facilitating corporate governance responsibilities and working closely with and alongside the Board, and providing oversight of Wuchopperen's ongoing strict adherence to relevant Accreditation and Funding compliance standards.

This role presents an outstanding opportunity for a suitably inspired and credentialed Indigenous professional, to oversee the ongoing success and continual improvement of our organisation in accepting responsibility for the following key areas:

- Board Governance, Compliance and Coordination
- Leadership and Management of the Executive Team
- Strategic Management and Planning within a Competitive Health Market
- Budget, Finance, Risk Assessment and Funding
- Representation and Advocacy of Wuchopperen
- Local, Regional and National Stakeholder Engagement
- Business Development and Revenue Enhancement

Please submit your application, including a cover letter and resume, to Jenny Hall at [jenny@mjsp.com.au](mailto:jenny@mjsp.com.au).



## Could you be an Official Community Visitor (OCV)?

The role of an OCV is to protect and promote the interests of people with a disability and children and young people living in residential care by visiting services and seeking to resolve residents' issues at the local level. OCVs raise issues in regards to the quality of care being provided to residents. OCVs are appointed by the Minister for Disability Services and the Minister for Family and Community Services. The work is part-time, sessional work and visiting hours are variable (between 15-40 hrs per month) and includes evening and weekend work. Hourly remuneration is \$29.88 plus expenses.

Current employees of FACS: Community Services, and Ageing, Disability and Home Care are ineligible for appointment.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people with disability are encouraged to apply.

**Current areas we are recruiting in are:**

- Hunter
- Central West

Probity checks will be completed on recommended applicants following interview.

**No late applications will be accepted.**

**Applications Close: Sunday 15 October 2017**

**Further details on the OCV position and selection criteria to be addressed are available on line at [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au)**

**Apply online at [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au)**

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## Practice Leader (Aboriginal Family Decision Making) Child Protection



Health  
and Human  
Services

- Location: Horsham
- Employment Type: Ongoing Full-time
- Classification: CPP5.2
- Salary range: \$101,937 - \$111,619 per annum (plus superannuation)

The Practice Leader (AFDM) is responsible for supporting and developing Child Protection Practitioners in the integration of theory and practice whilst demonstrating their expertise through direct case practice and live supervision of child protection practitioners. This position will work collaboratively with practitioners and teams to strengthen case practice with Aboriginal children and families, to provide effective service delivery and to support other practitioners. This position is responsible for co-convening Aboriginal Family Decision Making (AFDM) meetings for Aboriginal clients, working in partnership with the community co-convenor and Aboriginal organisations in providing community education, training and consultation for Child Protection and Aboriginal agency employees.

In addition to this, the Practice Leader (AFDM) will perform a more senior leadership role and has some advanced accountabilities.

**We strongly encourage Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders to apply.**

For further information on the available positions, please contact Karen Priestley on 0418 831 870.

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit; [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au) and search reference number DHHS/WWD/488676

Job Reference numbers: **DHHS/WWD/488676**

Applications close: **Midnight, Sunday 1st October 2017**

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au) To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://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](mailto: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.





Screen Australia is a Federal Government agency charged with supporting Australian screen development, production and promotion. We aim to inspire, inform and engage audiences through compelling Australian storytelling.

We are seeking applicants for the following employment opportunity:

## Development and Investment Manager, Indigenous 2 year Contract, Full Time, Sydney

Screen Australia's Indigenous Department is recognised locally and internationally for its achievements. The celebrated team fosters and supports Indigenous talent and distinctive stories, maintaining the strong presence of Indigenous screen stories through development and production funding programs and innovative initiatives for practitioners.

An exciting opportunity now exists to join this team as a Development and Investment Manager.

Working closely with the other members of the team and across the full slate of the Indigenous Department's funding programs, you will be responsible for assessing applications for funding, preparing funding recommendation reports and papers, while also overseeing the development and production of funded projects you are allocated and managing these through to completion. This is a hands-on role, and you will be liaising with applicants on an individual basis, providing advice and feedback to assist with developing projects and improving skills, as well as managing practitioner workshops and initiatives. A certain amount of travel and after hours work is required with the role.

To be successful in this role, you will have knowledge of Indigenous Australian screen culture with recent credited experience at a creative level in any of the following: feature film, short film, documentary, animation and/or interactive media, e.g. producer, production manager, line producer, writer or script editor. You will also have good creative judgement, and a strong understanding of production budgets and finance plans and the commissioning processes. You will need to be adept in effective time management and managing your own administrative duties. Well-developed written and oral communication skills, combined with exceptional interpersonal skills and the ability to work collaboratively in a team focussed environment to achieve common goals are essential.

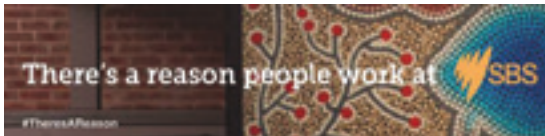
Please note that this is an Indigenous identified position. Applicants must be of Indigenous Australian descent, identify as an Indigenous Australian and be accepted as such by the community with which the applicant is associated.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act.

**Job Information:** For further information on this position and to apply, visit the Screen Australia website: <http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/jobs>

For any enquiries, please call Screen Australia's HR team on (02) 8113 5800.

**Closing Date: 5pm, Friday 13 October 2017**



## 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.)



## SA WATER VACANCIES

For more information and to apply for vacancies with SA Water, please visit [www.sawater.com.au](http://www.sawater.com.au) and follow the 'careers' link.

*Diversity is a key to our success - We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people from diverse backgrounds and those seeking flexible work options.*



## Aboriginal Trainee (Dental Assistant Grade 1)

Department: Sydney LHD

Location: Sydney Dental Hospital

Temp F/T up to January 2019

Salary: \$1,046.80 - \$1,122.50 pw

Enquiries: Marianne Weston (02) 9293 3262

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Closing Date:  
6 October 2017**

Applications must be lodged electronically.  
Please go to [nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au)  
and search Job Reference Number 415368

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## Indigenous Postdoctoral Fellowship

### Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts Indigenous Postdoctoral Fellowship provides the opportunity for a post-doctoral researcher to develop a research project in the humanities or social sciences, ideally in a field with already existing research strengths within the Faculty of Arts. As part of your application you will be required to articulate your research plans and if successful will be located in the School most relevant to their proposed research project.

The key goal of the two-year fellowship is for you to prepare a competitive application for a Category 1 government grant, e.g. ARC DECRA, ARC Discovery Indigenous or equivalent. You will be provided with an experienced research mentor relevant to your field of expertise to achieve this goal.

You must be able to show an understanding of the ethos and vision of the Indigenous development programs of the Faculty and the University. If so desired, you will have the opportunity to take on a (very broadly defined) leadership role in this area (up to a maximum of 0.2 FTE).

The Faculty of Arts Indigenous Postdoctoral Fellowship is remunerated at a starting salary of Level A.6 (Postdoctoral Grade 1) for candidate's near-completion of their PhD, and at a starting salary of Level B.1 (Postdoctoral Grade 2) for candidates whose PhD has been awarded. The successful candidate will be furthermore supported through an AUD16,000 fund for project costs (over two years) and has the opportunity to apply to the Faculty's Indigenous staff development fund for further assistance.

The Faculty of Arts Indigenous Postdoctoral Fellowship is an integral part of the Faculty's Reconciliation Action Plan which includes a range of measures and initiatives with the ultimate goal to create population parity for Indigenous students and staff. The fellowship represents a committed attempt to build a cohort of Indigenous academic staff within the Faculty of Arts and to enrich the Faculty's diverse scholarly community. It forms an important link in building a sustainable career pathway for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders within the Faculty of Arts from undergraduate to staff level.

**Salary:** Postdoctoral Grade 1 (Level A.6) \$87,415 – \$93,830 p.a. or Postdoctoral Grade 2 (Level B.1) \$98,755 – \$117,290 p.a., plus 17% superannuation

**Job No:** 0043955

For position information and to apply online go to <http://about.unimelb.edu.au/careers>, and under the relevant option ('Current Staff' or 'Prospective Staff') search by the job title or number.

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## Committee Member

- **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 maybe 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](mailto: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're looking for general information about our reasonable adjustment process, you can email [WorkforceAcquisition@facns.nsw.gov.au](mailto:WorkforceAcquisition@facns.nsw.gov.au) or phone (02) 8879 9115.

Thank you for your interest in our role.

**Applications Close: 3 October 2017 (11.59pm)**

If you would like to discuss the opportunity further please contact Ms Hui Tan, A/Manager, Housing Appeals Committee on (02) 8741 2541 or [Hui.Tan2@facns.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Hui.Tan2@facns.nsw.gov.au)

**For more information about the Housing Appeals Committee please visit the website [www.hac.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hac.nsw.gov.au)**

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## Two Solicitor Positions at Redfern Legal Centre

Redfern Legal Centre is NSW's oldest community legal centre, providing free confidential legal advice, community education and law reform. We're recruiting for two exciting solicitor positions.

### Solicitor - Employment Law (full-time, 35 hrs p/w, or part-time, 28 hrs p/w considered for right applicant)

This position will focus on employment law issues for local residents as well as international students across NSW.

### Solicitor - General Practice & Discrimination Law (fixed-term part-time, 21 hrs p/w)

This position will focus on discrimination law issues as well as assisting vulnerable clients with a range of issues other legal areas.

Redfern Legal Centre welcomes applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from diverse cultural backgrounds and people with disability.

#### Applications close:

Monday 25 September 2017 at 9am.

#### Details and selection criteria available at:

<http://rlc.org.au/jobs-volunteers>

For any inquiries email: [info@rlc.org.au](mailto:info@rlc.org.au)



## Aboriginal Mental Health Trainee

Department: Nepean Blue Mountains LHD Penrith

Aboriginal Health Worker

Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$51,608 - \$76,009 pa

Enquiries: Carolyn Durrant (02) 4725 9800

Reference Number: 411733

## Aboriginal Population Health Trainee

Department: Nepean Blue Mountains LHD Penrith Health Manager - Level 1

Temporary Full-Time

Salary: \$70,820 - \$83,043.27 pa

Enquiries: Bradley Forssman (02) 4734 2022

Reference Number: 410514

#### Closing Dates:

**27 September 2017**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au) and search Job Reference Numbers above.

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## Communications Coordinator

The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE), a not for profit social enterprise based in Redfern, is seeking an experienced communications team member.

You have:

- Experience in producing content for, & managing, external and internal digital media channels
- Strong fundamental communications skills: writing, photography, interviewing, research, production
- Experience in working in, or with, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.

**For more information and full job description: [ncie.org.au](http://ncie.org.au)**

**Applications close Monday 9 October**



## Diversity and Inclusion Officer

This role is responsible for driving positive social change among men from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities.

Through education, awareness-raising, creative campaigns, prevention programs and partnerships, White Ribbon Australia promotes the positive role men can play in preventing men's violence against women. We equip men from a wide range of backgrounds with the necessary knowledge and resources to be active advocates for changing the social norms, attitudes and behaviours that are at the root of men's violence against women.

**Application closes 9:00 am Monday 02 October 2017.**

For further information about this role:

<https://www.whiteribbon.org.au/diversity-inclusion-officer-pt/>

All applicants MUST submit a covering letter, resume and address the selection criteria.

This 12 months contract – part time role (30 hours) is based in North Sydney and the salary band is from \$60K – \$64K



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## Careers In Child Protection

### Principal Aboriginal Consultant

DEPARTMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

ONGOING/PERMANENT VACANCIES

VAC NO: 2017-23257

\$102,305 - \$ 111,854 p.a (AHP4)

The Principal Aboriginal Consultant is a role within DCP and is accountable to the Principal Practitioner for:

- Leading in operational and strategic interventions for Aboriginal children, young people and their families.
- Contributing to the development of Aboriginal culturally sensitive policies, programs and practices.
- Providing advice to management on regional Aboriginal needs.
- Providing advice to DCP staff, providers and other non-government agencies on Aboriginal culturally appropriate practices and systems.

**Essential Qualifications:** Appropriate degree or equivalent qualification which gives eligibility for full membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers.

**Persons of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, who have the appropriate background and skills but do not have the essential qualification, may apply for and be engaged/assigned to the role of Social Worker and will be entitled to apply for any Allied Health Professional roles requiring a qualification in Social Work in the Department for Child Protection.**

For further information about the role and to submit your application please visit:  
[www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/working-with-us](http://www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/working-with-us)

Enquiries to: Nicole Stasiak, (08) 8226 6467

Applications close 11pm Friday 29 September 2017



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## Daramu Youth Koori Court Caseworker

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Identified Position

One year contract

Based in Western Sydney region

#### The organisation

Marist180 is a not-for-profit organisation committed to empowering people to take steps to achieve positive change.

#### The position

The caseworker is responsible for providing intensive case management, support and referrals for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth engaged in the Youth Koori Court program. You will be required to participate in court processes in relation to the program, develop as well as support the implementation of case plans, and work effectively in collaboration with other court support services such as Justice Health, Legal Aid and Juvenile Justice.

**Applications will be reviewed as they arrive – apply as soon as possible**

For more information and to apply, visit our careers site at [www.marist180.org.au](http://www.marist180.org.au) and follow the link "**Work with Us**". Please ensure you submit your resume and address the selection criteria in your cover letter.



## Care Coordinator Primary Health and Community Liaison for Aboriginal Families

### The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network

The Care Coordinator will be responsible for co-ordinating, monitoring and evaluating the provision of integrated care, communication and information sharing across the community - hospital - community continuum of care for Aboriginal children, young people and families.

This position presents an exciting opportunity to work within the Kids Guided Personalised Service (Kids GPS) Care Coordination team at The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network and in partnership with western Sydney Primary Health Network (WentWest).

This position is Temporary Full-Time up to 31/10/2018 and the classification will depend on your qualification.

#### Applications Close: 22 September 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Christie Breen on (02) 9845 0085.

Applications must be lodged electronically.  
Please go to [nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au) and search Job Reference Number 384429

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## Exciting Position in Community Housing Non-Executive Director

Argyle Community Housing Ltd ("Argyle") is now seeking two individuals who have a strong personal belief in achieving Argyle's objectives to fill vacancies on Argyle's Board. In order to complement existing skills and experience of the other Board members, applicants with industry skills and experience in the following areas are sought:

- Residential property development and construction
- Financial literacy
- Long life asset management and maintenance
- Community and stakeholder engagement
- Community housing policy, planning and delivery

In addition, applicants should possess core governance skills or experience in a number of the following areas:

- Non-executive director
- Corporate governance qualifications
- Strategic thinking capability
- Leadership and senior management
- Risk management
- Commercial acumen
- Not-for-profit experience
- Ability to function in a team environment

Each Director works closely with other Board members, serves on one or more Board Committees and guides the management team and all aspects of the Company's strategy, operations and financial performance in conjunction with the CEO. Board meetings are held in Bowral, although some Board meetings are rotated across regional locations.

To enquire about the role or to request a copy of the position description, please contact the Company Secretary, Phil Mackey on [mackey@companymatters.com.au](mailto:mackey@companymatters.com.au) or (02) 9375 7978. Applications (with complete CV) should be submitted to the Company Secretary, Phil Mackey on [mackey@companymatters.com.au](mailto:mackey@companymatters.com.au)

**Applications Close: Close of business 29 September 2017**

*Argyle requires the preferred applicant to undertake a National Criminal History Record Check prior to employment. All applicants must provide a Working with Children Check Clearance Verification Number and/or a valid Vulnerable Persons Card*

*Argyle is an Equal Opportunity Employer and an Employer of Choice for Women. People of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and other culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. People living with a disability are encouraged to apply.*



## Housing Services Officer



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Housing Services Officers play a vital role in supporting the delivery of client-centred services to individuals and families who seek housing assistance or reside in public housing.

Are you

- Focused on client outcomes?
- Enthusiastic and committed?
- A team player?

**ONLY ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY AS THIS POSITION IS EXEMPT UNDER THE SPECIAL MEASURES PROVISION OF S12(1) OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT (VIC).**

**For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit; [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)**

or contact **Carla Donnoli, Tenancy and Property Manager 9479 0609**

Job Reference number: **DHHS/NND/394073**

Applications close: **Wednesday 4th October 2017**

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au) To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://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](mailto: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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## Aboriginal Human Rights Program (AHRP) Solicitor

### Full Time Position

**Annual salary range: \$67 727 to \$79 532 plus superannuation and salary packaging**

Canberra Community Law is a leading not for profit community legal centre in the ACT.

We are seeking an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Solicitor to work in our recently established Aboriginal Human Rights Program (AHRP). Our Program provides services in housing, social security and race discrimination law to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the ACT utilising a human rights framework. The Solicitor will work alongside the Senior Solicitor Program Manager and a part time Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander cadet.

This position is opened to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (mandatory requirement). Canberra Community Law considers that being an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under subsection 42(b) of the *Discrimination Act 1991* (ACT).

For more information about the position and how to apply please go to:  
<http://canberracommunitylaw.org.au/jobvolunteer-opportunities.html>.

If you have any queries regarding the position please contact Parastou Hatami on (02) 6218 7900 or at [phatami@canberracommunitylaw.org.au](mailto:phatami@canberracommunitylaw.org.au)

**Closing date for applications is Monday 2 October 2017 at 5pm.**

## Administration Assistant

Department: Hunter New England Local Health District  
New Lambton  
Enquires: Nicole Pettiford  
(02) 4921 3554

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Closing Date:  
1 October 2017**

**Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au) and search Job Reference Numbers 416085.**

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## Aboriginal Health Worker Peer Support

Department: Mid North Coast  
Local Health District

Location: Kempsey

Enquiries: Matthew Eldridge on  
(02) 6562 0256 or  
[mathew.eldridge@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mathew.eldridge@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Dates:  
29 September 2017**

**Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au) and search Job Reference Number 415593.**

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## “Employment Opportunities”

We offer a broad range of career opportunities for Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander workers in community and social service and mental health sectors in a diverse range of fields such as children and youth, family relationships and counselling, out of home care, refugee and migrant support, corporate services, financial counselling, mental health, disability and home care, social enterprises and specialist homelessness services.

**Our Vision for Reconciliation** - Anglicare NT's vision for reconciliation is a society that acknowledges and values the unique place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australian culture and the world, accepts our shared history and embraces equality.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment** - We aim to provide a supportive employment experience, professional development pathways and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff to shape the organisations' future.

**What we offer** - Anglicare NT offers great benefits including a commitment to further training and development options, flexible working conditions, five (5) week's annual leave and a strengths based environment. We also offer great salary packaging options that can significantly increase your take home pay.

We aim to ensure Aboriginal clients in the Northern Territory a culturally safe and effective service.

For many Anglicare NT staff, one of the most important benefits is that we live our values and provide diverse, family friendly, respectful and kind workplace.

**For further information please contact our Human Resource Services Team on 08 8985 0000 or email [hrss@anglicare-nt.org.au](mailto:hrss@anglicare-nt.org.au). To apply for a position with Anglicare NT visit our website: [www.anglicare-nt.org.au/vacancies](http://www.anglicare-nt.org.au/vacancies)**

**Experience of working closely with and having a strong understanding of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander culture would be considered an advantage.**

**Anglicare NT is a Child Safe, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) employer and strongly encourages Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people to apply.**

**Anglicare NT is a member of Anglicare Australia**



## Regional Support Officer

- Education - Aboriginal Affairs
- Clerk Grade 5/6
- Ongoing
- Position number and location: 178564 - Dubbo

**Total remuneration package:** \$99,522 Package includes salary (\$81,369 - \$89,781), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Aboriginal Affairs works with Aboriginal communities to promote social, economic and cultural well-being through opportunity, choice, healing, responsibility and empowerment. We implement OCHRE (Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility and Empowerment), the NSW Government's community focused plan for Aboriginal affairs, establish partnerships for economic development, support effective Aboriginal governance and strengthen cultural identity and language.

### About the role

Aboriginal Affairs works with Aboriginal communities to promote social, economic and cultural well-being through opportunity, choice, healing, responsibility and empowerment. Aboriginal Affairs is proud to be a leader in Aboriginal employment and development. Over 50 per cent of staff across the agency, including senior leadership, identify as Aboriginal. We are also committed to providing a culturally safe and supportive workplace for all staff. Our agency works very closely with Aboriginal communities across NSW, and our staffing reflects the diversity of these communities. To learn more about the work that Aboriginal Affairs does please visit: [www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au)

Please note that primary responsibility for issues relating to Aboriginal education in public schools sits with Aboriginal Education and Communities within the Department of Education and not with Aboriginal Affairs.

### About the role

This role assists in the effective operation of the Regional offices, by providing high level administrative support in gathering information, assisting in the formulation and compilation of relevant documents and assisting with the administration aspects of projects.

The role undertakes diary management, keeps track of regional coordination deadlines, books travel, progresses HR forms and completes purchase orders and credit card payments.

We are looking for someone who is experienced in:

1. Managing conflicting priorities whilst maintaining attention to detail.
2. Proactively following through a variety of work tasks to their satisfactory conclusion.
3. Building relationships with internal and external stakeholders through good communication and be able to adapt to changing situations.
4. Using administrative expertise to keep track of deadlines, complete purchasing and other key administrative duties on behalf of the team.
5. Reviewing written documentation to ensure appropriateness of templates, language, etc and provide feedback.
6. Understanding the importance of appropriate protocols and sensitivities related to working with Aboriginal people.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply for this role.

For enquiries about this role, contact: Julie Blackhall, Regional Manager - Greater Western Region, Regional Coordination Aboriginal Affairs, at (02) 6887 4408 or by email to [julie.l.blackhall@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:julie.l.blackhall@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au)

### Talent Pool

A talent pool may be created through this recruitment process. A talent pool is a group of candidates who have undergone an assessment process and have been identified suitable for this role or similar roles. The talent pool will be valid for a period of 12 months. Being part of a talent pool means that you may be considered for ongoing, temporary or term employment for a range of similar roles. This offers exciting opportunities for you to gain a wide range of experiences to build your public service career.

### How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

**Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via [iworkfor.nsw](http://iworkfor.nsw)**  
**No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.**

### Pre-screening questions:

1. Explain your experience working autonomously, to provide a range of business support tasks, detailing examples of the type of activities you were responsible for. (300 words)
2. Provide examples of how you have been a member of a team, where you have worked harmoniously and cooperatively to achieve the team goals, tasks and outcomes in a changing work situation. (300 words)

### Essential Requirements:

- Current NSW Driver's License and willingness to travel.
- Demonstrated appropriate cultural capability regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the approach and outcomes of daily activities.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

**Applications Close: 4 October 2017**

For further information please contact  
Julie Blackhall on (02) 6887 4408 or 0428 479 582.

**Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search for Reference Numbers 178564**

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## Director, AIATSIS Publishing

**APS Executive Level 2 – Ongoing, Fulltime  
\$106,861 - \$119,411 pa**

AIATSIS is seeking a creative soul who has business acumen and leadership capability that will take our publishing effort to new heights.

The successful candidate will be highly culturally competent, with knowledge of the contemporary publishing industry. They will be able to lead a small high performing team and work across AIATSIS to identify new publishing opportunities. They will have a strong outcomes orientation and the capacity to make a major contribution to the strategic leadership and direction of AIATSIS.

The role offers an exciting opportunity to lead the development of our publishing ethics resources and services.

As part of the AIATSIS leadership group, you will enjoy high level strategic and operational responsibilities, engage with authors, industry and sector partners, to identify and secure opportunities for new publishing ventures and develop markets for our existing products.

**Closing Date: 5pm Friday 29 September 2017**

### How to apply:

Please consult the AIATSIS website [www.aiatsis.gov.au](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au) for more information and download the Application Pack. Follow the instructions on the Application Pack and submit your application to [recruitment@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@aiatsis.gov.au) by the closing date.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate a high level of cultural proficiency in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and the capacity to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as stakeholders, colleagues and peers.

### This is an identified position

The Institute values a skilled and diverse workforce to meet the needs of the organisation in the promotion of knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



Formed from the amalgamation of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils, Inner West Council is now among Sydney's larger local government agencies looking after a vibrant community of 185,000 people living in some of the inner city's most vibrant, creative, liveable and diverse suburbs. As we continue to deliver quality, innovative and inclusive programs and services, we would love it if you can join in our journey towards becoming the best council for our community.

#### COORDINATOR, EASTERN REGION LOCAL GOVERNMENT ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FORUM

- **Temporary up to 2 years**
- **10-15 hours per week with increase hours around major events**
- **\$30.22 p hr + super**

We are currently seeking an energetic and organised individual to work with six Councils and Aboriginal people across the region. The forum is advancing reconciliation, community and cultural development, advocacy, engagement and education.

The Coordinator will produce the annual Pauline McLeod Awards for Reconciliation, working with communities and schools. The Coordinator will also be the secretariat for the bi monthly Forum meetings and deliver agreed projects.

##### Requirements include:

- Aboriginality – this position is designated as a specific Aboriginal position under
- section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977
- Higher School Certificate qualification or similar.
- Administrative experience with demonstrated attention to detail and accuracy.
- Strong communication skills and the ability to engage with diverse people.
- Strong organisational skills, including meetings and event organisation.
- Skills in the planning and delivery of community development projects and programs.
- Ability to work in a team capacity as well as work independently.
- Demonstrated initiative and problem solving skills.
- High level of computer skills with MS Word and Outlook.
- An understanding of EEO, WH&S and sustainability principles and their application in the workplace
- To demonstrate an awareness and maintain a high standard of quality customer service to which Inner West Council is committed; providing accurate information in a prompt and courteous manner.

**How to Apply:** Applications must be submitted through our online application process by visiting our website [www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/council/jobs](http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/council/jobs)

**Specific Enquiries:** Joe Banno, A/Team Leader, Community Planning and Development on (02) 9392 9216

**Closing Date:** Sunday 01 October 2017

#### Aboriginal Youth Access Worker

**Headspace Midland are seeing a Full-Time Aboriginal Youth Access Worker to work alongside other clinicians as part of a multi-disciplinary youth access team.**

This role will ensure that the Aboriginal young people and families that access our services are provided with high quality and culturally appropriate services.

##### Please note:

- This role is full-time and fixed-term til June 2018 with the possibility of extension.
- Aboriginality is an essential criteria for this role
- Successful candidates will have a tertiary qualification and accreditation in Social Work, Psychology, Mental Health Nursing or Occupational Therapy.

##### APPLICATIONS CLOSE

**5:00PM Thursday 21st September 2017**

For enquiries contact: Nikki or Stacey on (08) 9274 8860

#### Aboriginal Workforce Development Consultant

Department: South Eastern Sydney LHD

Temporary Full-Time

Enquiries: Donna Young 0404 001 582

**Closing Date:  
3 October 2017**

**Applications must be lodged electronically.  
Please go to [nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au)  
and search Job Reference Number 416629**

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#### INDUSTRY CAPABILITY & INCLUSION PROGRAM COORDINATOR

- **High profile rail infrastructure project**
- **\$64, 583 – \$78, 418 plus superannuation**
- **Full Time/Fixed Term (for up to 3 years)**

The Industry and Capability Inclusion (ICI) team within the Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) currently have an opportunity available for an Industry Capability & Inclusion Program Co-ordinator.

Reporting to the Manager, Industry Capability and Development you will be responsible for delivering high quality support to the ICI team on a range of program initiatives. This will include providing a range of administrative support services, to ensure program services at LXRA are being delivered seamlessly and in line with internal and external stakeholder expectations. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the development of process improvement activities that support program outcomes. Furthermore, you will be responsible for maintaining databases and spreadsheets, diary management, keeping accurate data and records and preparation of ad-hoc reports and other documentation.

Key to your application will be:

- Proven ability in providing a comprehensive support service to ensure business needs and objectives are delivered in regard to employment and training programs
- Demonstrated conceptual, analytical and problem solving skills
- Highly developed interpersonal and communication skills; and proven ability to liaise and communicate with all levels of staff
- Exceptional organisational skills

At LXRA, we recognise the benefits that a diverse and inclusive culture brings for our employees and in turn the Victorian community. We strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people with a disability and others from disadvantaged backgrounds to apply.

For further information about the role please contact Angela Brown, Manager, Industry Capability and Development on (03) 9095 4172.

**Applications close: Wednesday 04th October 2017.**

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#### Housing Services Officer HSO2

- Status: Ongoing – Full time (76.0 hours per fortnight)
- Location: Wodonga
- Salary: \$57,205 to \$71,502 + superannuation

As a Tenancy and Property Officer you will play a vital role in supporting the delivery of client-centered services to individuals and families who reside in public housing

Are you:

- A skilled problem solver who enjoys working in a fast-paced, ever changing environment?
- Committed to providing outstanding client service to people from a wide range of backgrounds?
- Willing to work with colleagues and other stakeholders to deliver positive outcomes for individuals, families and communities?

**For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit; [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au) or contact Janine Way ph 02 6055 7875**

Job Reference number: **DHHS/EED/380842**

Applications close: **Sunday 1st October 2017**

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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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#### Aboriginal Identified Roles – Training Services NSW

##### Training Advisor and Training Coordinator Role Opportunities at NSW Department of Industry, Training Services NSW

- Are you looking for a deadly career opportunity?
- Do you want to make a difference to Aboriginal employment and training outcomes in NSW?

The NSW Department of Industry is looking for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People to support the delivery of vocational education and training and employment programs and services to the community of NSW by creating Aboriginal identified **Clerk Grade 5/6 Training Advisor** and **Clerk Grade 7/8 Training Coordinator** roles.

The Department of Industry is committed to ensuring the sector reflects the NSW community it serves and is implementing a new and exciting Aboriginal employment and training initiative to build a pipeline of talent and increase the engagement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in vocational education and training in NSW.

Our Orange office is on Wiradjuri Land and our Lismore office is on Bundjalung Land and we acknowledge the Traditional Owners; their history, culture and Elders.

It is anticipated that the successful candidate for the training Coordinator role will work from the Lismore and/or Port Macquarie offices.

Information sessions will be held at the Lismore and Port Macquarie offices for people who are interested in applying for the Training Coordinator role.

These sessions will provide an opportunity to find out further details about the role, the region and its team and tips on how to apply.

Please contact Neil to register your interest in attending the sessions. Sessions will be held at:

##### Lismore Training Services NSW

Monday 18 September 2017, 1pm – 3pm  
Suite 3, Level 4 | 29 Molesworth Street Lismore

##### Port Macquarie TAFE

Tuesday 19 September 2017, 1pm – 3pm  
Building F, Level 1, Room 20 Widderson Street Port Macquarie

##### Applications Close: 6 October 2017

To have a yarn about the roles please call:

**Training Advisor role in Orange:** Tony Aumuller, Regional Manager on 0427 078 784

**Training Coordinator role in Lismore/Port Macquarie:** Neil Davies  
Training Services Manager (Aboriginal) on 0429 322 814 or (02) 6627 8419  
to register your interest in attending.

**Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search Job Title.**

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## Business Support Officer

An opportunity exists for a highly motivated Business Support Officer to join the Community Engagement Unit within Aboriginal Victoria at the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Reporting to the Assistant Director of Community Capabilities and the Assistant Director of Community Programs, the successful applicant will have responsibility for:

- coordinating and providing quality assurance on Ministerial advice and correspondence
- providing executive support, including diary management, co-ordination of meeting preparations and agendas
- providing a range of administrative business support functions as determined by the Assistant Directors

The successful applicant will have demonstrated knowledge of, and experience with, Aboriginal communities and a community-development, evidence-based engagement approach.

This role will operate with a high level of autonomy and requires effective relationship management of both internal and external stakeholders, strong written and verbal communication skills, effective planning and influencing and an analytical focus on details.

For further information, including a detailed position description, contact Erin Penberthy on 03 8392 5321 or [erin.penberthy@dpc.vic.gov.au](mailto:erin.penberthy@dpc.vic.gov.au)

The closing date for this position is **Tuesday 3 October 2017.**

**How to apply:** <https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1295069>

**This is a designated position under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.**

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Magistrates' Court of Victoria

## KOORI ASSESSMENT & REFERRAL PRACTITIONER

Magistrates' Court of Victoria

VPS Grade 3

\$64,583 - \$78,418

Role No: MC0117

(Ongoing, Full time)

The Magistrates' Court of Victoria is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic practitioner be part of the expansion and continued development of the CISP Remand Outreach Program (CROP). CROP is part of the Court's commitment to improving and strengthening outcomes for people on bail.

Working across the Melbourne-based remand prisons, the Koori Assessment and Referral Practitioner will provide assessments and post-release case planning to Koori prisoners on remand who present with a range of complex needs. You will also be responsible for establishing strong, respectful and effective relationships with the Victorian Aboriginal community.

We encourage you to apply if you possess the following:

- Extensive experience in assessing and engaging clients with complex needs
  - Sound knowledge of Victorian Aboriginal culture and society
  - Demonstrated ability to build collaborative relationships with internal and external stakeholders
  - Strong team player with effective communication skills and a flexible approach
- In return, Court Support Services offers a unique opportunity to develop your clinical skills within a supportive team environment. You will be provided with ongoing professional development opportunities and be part of a prison-based team committed to supporting people on bail to make changes in their lives.

*This is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.*

**Further information: Julian Lane - on 0419 667 148**

**Applications to: [careers.vic.gov.au](http://careers.vic.gov.au)**

**Applications close 28 September 2017**



## Aboriginal Youth and Community Development Officer (SCS108)

12 Month Maternity Leave Contract 2 days per week  
November 2017 - October 2018

**Are you interested in working with the local Aboriginal community and organisations in the development of programs and services that directly support the community?**

Council is seeking a dynamic and motivated team player to be part of our Social Planning Unit.

In this role you will develop and support a range of strategies, projects and programs and to create positive relationships between Council and the local Aboriginal community. You will liaise with Council and local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, working towards common goals that value culture and heritage and improve outcomes for Aboriginal people.

You will be a skilled relationship manager and have excellent communication skills, both written and oral, and enjoy working with a variety of people. You will have experience in project management and a passion for community development. Skills in grant writing is essential.

This position is subject to NSW Child Protection Legislation. As part of the interview process applicants must provide a working with children check number for verification purposes - [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au)

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Interviews will be held in the week commencing 16 October 2017.

**Remuneration:** Min \$1,048.49 gross per fortnight + super (pro-rata)

**Enquiries:** Lisa Saffery (02) 6926 9320

**Closing Date:** Friday, 6 October, 2017 @midnight AEST

*Please note: All applications must include three (3) documents; a covering letter, current resume and statement addressing the position criteria contained within the Position Description. A template has been provided (below) for use with applications.*

**For more information and to apply, please visit [www.wagga.nsw.gov.au/jobs](http://www.wagga.nsw.gov.au/jobs)**

*As a component of the recruitment process, police checks will be conducted.*

Wagga Wagga City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer, working to ensure Council's workforce is representative of the community we service and encourage diversity within our teams.



BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

## SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER

BOURKE ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PROSPERITY STRATEGY

POSITION NUMBER: 17/09:01

Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy is aimed at maximising local employment opportunities within Bourke Shire and is supported by the New South Wales State Government.

We are looking for a person with the skills and experience to further develop and implement the Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy to capitalize on the employment opportunities with the Shire which will be enhanced by the opening of a large abattoir complex in early 2018

This newly created role will coordinate the delivery of a wide range of employment and stakeholder engagement services within the Shire area and surrounding district.

The successful candidate will have a proven record in managing employment services and community engagement; have outstanding and relevant management experience; will be a team player and possess outstanding interpersonal skills.

The successful applicant will be rewarded by joining a dynamic team and vibrant community and will experience a friendly and relaxed outback lifestyle.

The position is Grade 7 with Council's Salary Structure with a salary range of \$95,934.00- to \$115,121.00 pa. plus compulsory superannuation. A Motor vehicle will be provided for official use and may be available for private use in accordance with Council's Motor Vehicle Policy.

Funding for the position is for a period of two (2) years and a two (2) year contract is offered

An information package for this position can be obtained by contacting Leanne Davis, Human Resource Officer on 02 6830 8000 and by e-mailing [ldavis@bourke.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ldavis@bourke.nsw.gov.au) or by visiting Council's website at [www.bourke.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bourke.nsw.gov.au).

The General Manager will be available to discuss the position and provide additional information if required.

Applicants must address all the selection criteria as detailed in the position description.

Applications addressed to the General Manager, marked "Confidential" will be received by Council up to 4:00 pm Friday 13th October 2017 and can be emailed to [ldavis@bourke.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ldavis@bourke.nsw.gov.au)

**Ross Earl  
GENERAL MANAGER**

**PO Box 21  
BOURKE NSW 2840**



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## Careers In Child Protection

### ADVENTURE ACTIVITY INSTRUCTOR / CHILD AND YOUTH WORKER

DEPARTMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION

ADELAIDE

ONGOING VACANCIES AND CASUAL POOL  
VACANCIES AVAILABLE

VAC NO: 2017-23456

\$59,181 - \$63,368 p.a OPS3

The Adventure Activity instructor / Child and Youth Worker is a role within Department for Child Protection (DCP) and is accountable to the YARS Team Leader for:

- The planning, delivery and evaluation of a range of outdoor experiential learning programs within a therapeutic environment with the aim of developing young people's skills and experiences to assist them in their future.
- Maintaining resources and partnerships to assist young people in their transition to other programs.

#### Special conditions:

- The successful applicant is required to gain a Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) Child-related employment screening prior to being employed which is required to be renewed every three years before expiry.
- A current driver's licence is essential.
- A current HLTAID004 - Provide Emergency First Aid in an Education Care Setting is essential prior to commencing in the role.
- Medically fit to participate in a wide range of physical outdoor activities.
- The incumbent may be assigned to another role at this remuneration or its equivalent.
- Required at times to work in remote or isolated areas which may include some interstate / intrastate travel involving overnight absences and camping.

#### Essential Qualifications:

The successful applicant must have, or be willing to obtain within twelve months, one or more specialist qualifications. All Australian National Training Accredited qualifications will be accepted

- Basic Skill Sailing Instructor: Yachting Australia
- Surf Coach Level 1: Surfing Australia
- High Ropes Instructor
- Top Rope Guide or Instruct qualification
- Bush Walking: easy untracked to remote
- Flat water, Kayak/Canoe Instructor: Australian Canoeing
- Snorkelling Instructor

The successful applicant will be required to undertake and successfully complete the Certificate IV in Child, Youth and Family Intervention within twelve months of commencing employment. Participation in this qualification will be funded by DCP.

**People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.**

**For further information about the role and to submit your application please visit: [www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/work-with-us](http://www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/work-with-us)**

**Enquiries to: Luke Collings, Ph: 0418 869 146**

**Email: [luke.collings@sa.gov.au](mailto:luke.collings@sa.gov.au)**

**Applications close 11pm Sunday, 1 October 2017**

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Government of South Australia  
Department for Child Protection

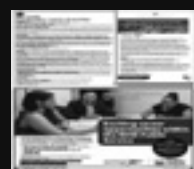
## EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION

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 ELA5542 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 165 units which is located approximately 64 kilometres south-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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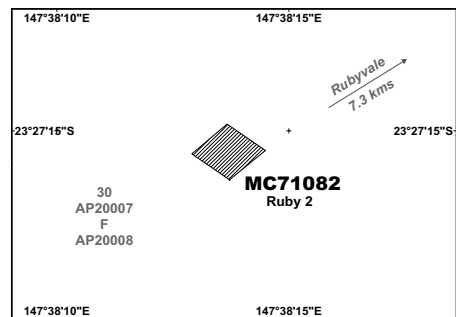


# NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL OF MINING CLAIMS

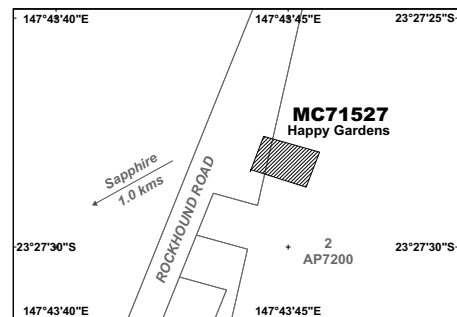
## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of MC71082, MC71527, MC71528, MC71687, MC71705, MC71721, MC71744, MC71769, MC71770, MC71772, MC71792, MC72211, MC72221, MC72230, MC72240, MC72245, MC72250, MC72251, MC72272 and MC72279, shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

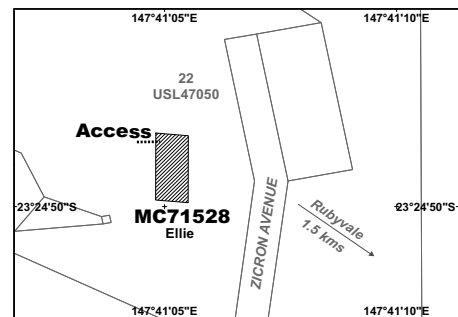
Mining Claim 71082 renewal sought by Lee John Greenhalgh (50%) and Richard Paul Webb (50%), over an area of 844 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 7.3 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



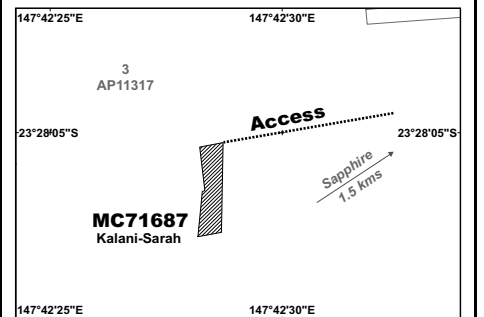
Mining Claim 71527 renewal sought by Amanda Jane Goldsmith, over an area of 872 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.0 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



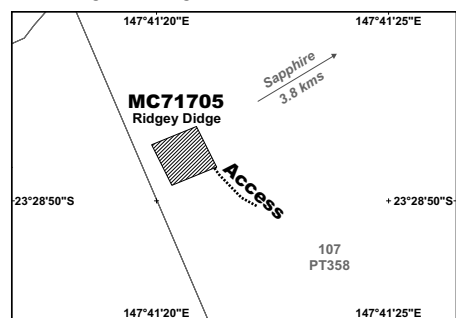
Mining Claim 71528 renewal sought by Priscilla Maree Walters, over an area of 897 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.5 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



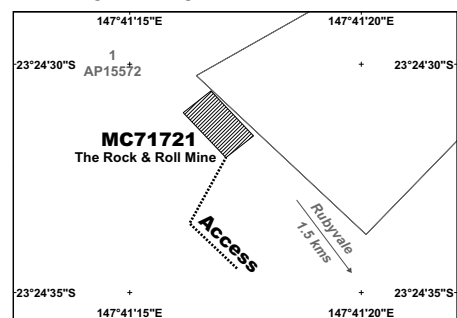
Mining Claim 71687 renewal sought by Jennifer Baird, over an area of 773 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.5 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



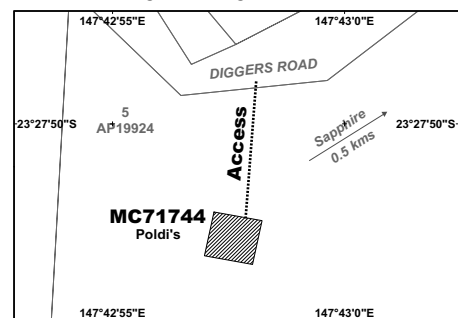
Mining Claim 71705 renewal sought by Allan Wayne Oliver, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 3.8 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



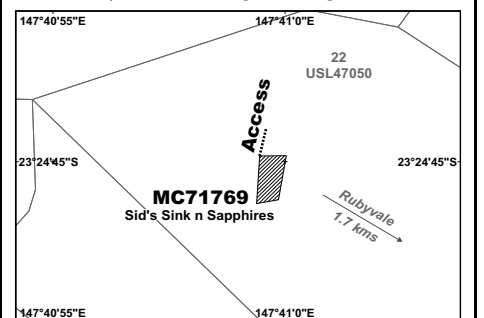
Mining Claim 71721 renewal sought by Darrell Oscar Duke, over an area of 896 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.5 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



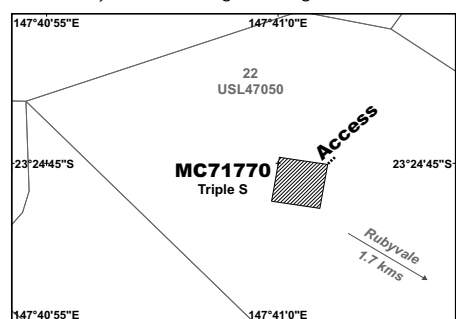
Mining Claim 71744 renewal sought by Ronald William Taylerson, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 0.5 km West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



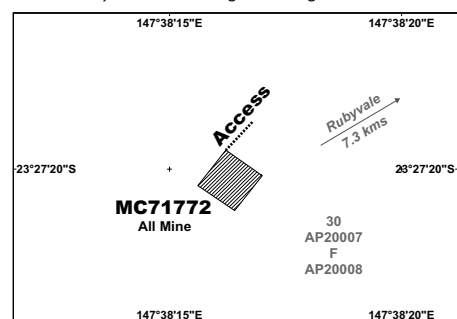
Mining Claim 71769 renewal sought by James Neville Peady (50%) and Vivienne Anne Peady (50%), over an area of 453 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.7 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



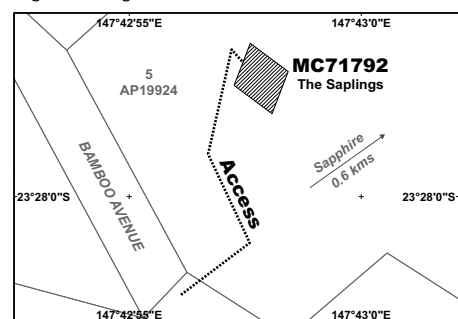
Mining Claim 71770 renewal sought by James Neville Peady (50%) and Vivienne Anne Peady (50%), over an area of 900m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.7 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



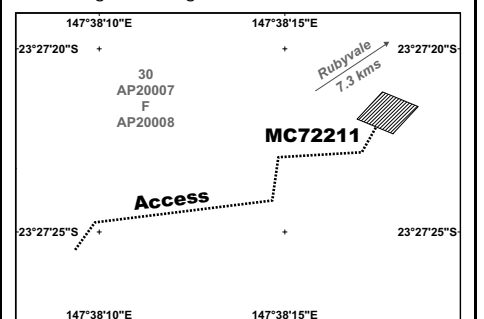
Mining Claim 71772 renewal sought by Wayne Robert Benson (50%) and Shane James McMullen (50%), over an area of 821 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 7.3 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



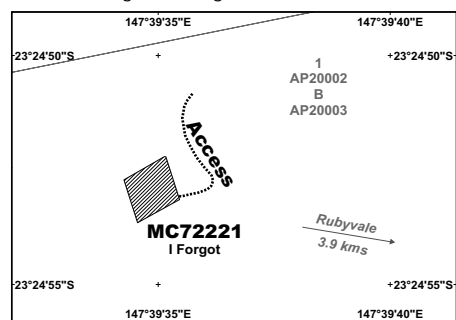
Mining Claim 71792 renewal sought Anna Read, over an area of 846 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 0.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



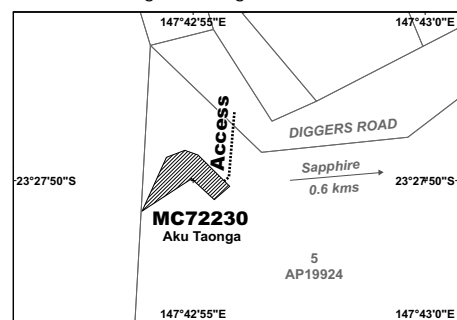
Mining Claim 72211 renewal sought by Margaret Fay Lewis, over an area of 865 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 7.3 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



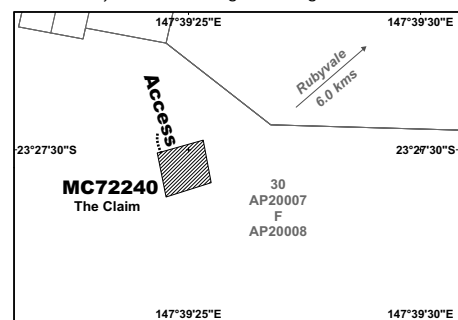
Mining Claim 72221 renewal sought by Daniel Jeffrey Kildey, over an area of 877 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 3.9 km West North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



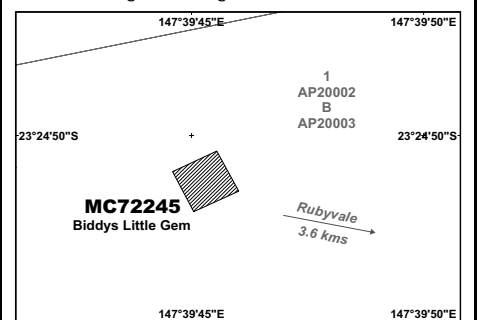
Mining Claim 72230 renewal sought by Te Kirihaehae Lilymae Ihakara, over an area of 897 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 0.6 km West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



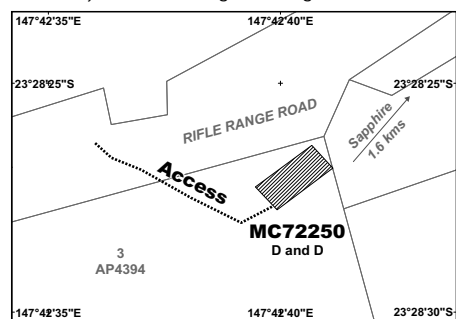
Mining Claim 72240 renewal sought by Francis Mervyn Wishart (50%) and Raymond George Plisch (50%), over an area of 856 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 6.0 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



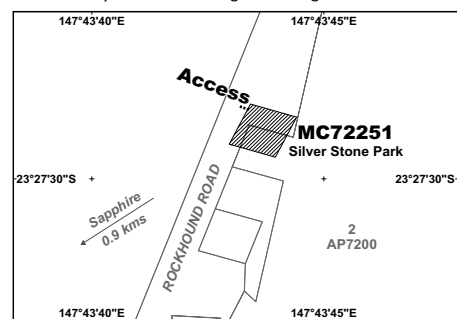
Mining Claim 72245 renewal sought by Lynda Mary Schoeck, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 3.6 km West North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



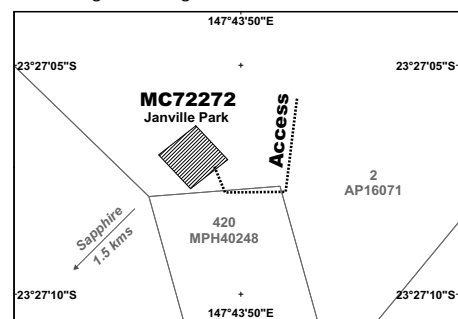
Mining Claim 72250 renewal sought by Dianne Marie Eve (50%) and Darcy Joseph Eve (50%), over an area of 895 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



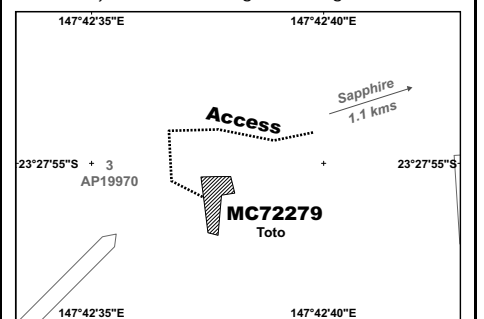
Mining Claim 72251 renewal sought by Kevin George Trusz (50%) and Desmond Albert Perkins (50%), over an area of 875 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 0.9 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72272 renewal sought by Cheryl Elizabeth Condon, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.5 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72279 renewal sought by Toni Maria Bertwistle, over an area of 457 m<sup>2</sup>, centred approximately 1.1 km West South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



**Nature of Act(s):** The renewal of Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Claims be renewed subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed renewal of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Renewals may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal of Mining Claims. Under section 30 of

the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 11 October 2017**





NOTICE 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 amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
15/1515	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	512967	187.16 HA	31km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 45' S Long: 121° 32' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
31/1065	STRINDBERG, Brooke Louise	512717	27.78 HA	78km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 29' S Long: 121° 48' E	MENZIES SHIRE
45/4070	HAOMA MINING NL	511878	24.03 HA	8km NW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 8' S Long: 119° 40' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.  
**Notification day: 20 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 the applications. The 3 month period closes on **20 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 the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.  
**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 20 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.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

All Kalamaia Kaalaako native title holders (the Proposed native title group) as described below are invited to attend a meeting to authorise a native title determination applications (the authorisation meeting) depicted on the map as attached in the State of Western Australia.

Under the traditional laws and customs of the Kalamaia Kaalaako Kapurn People, the Kalamaia Kaalaako Kapurn native title holders are those living Aboriginal people who identify as Kalamaia Kaalaako Kapurn Native Title holders because he or she is biologically descende or adopted from one or more of the following Kalamaia Kaalaako Kapurn apical ancestors:

a. Nellie Champion

b. Kaddee and Warrada

The Kalamaia Kaalaako Kapurn native title holders authorisation meeting is to be held at the following location:

Venue: Coolgardie Town Hall

Date: 13th October, 2017 at 10am (WA time)

Time: 10am

For further information please contact **James Champion** on 0498 452 689 or **Raelene Peel** on 0497 769 649.



Proposed Application name: Kalamaia Kaalaako Kapurn

**Description:** The application area covers about 98,000 sq km and is located in the vicinity of Southern Cross and Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

**Relevant LGA:** City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Shire Of Coolgardie, Dalwallinu, Dundas, Kondinin, Menzies, Merredin, Mount Magnet, Mount Marshall, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Sandstone, Trayning, Westonia, Wongan-Ballidu, Yilgarn.



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Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2935	NORTH ROSSA PTY LTD	2BL	24km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 115° 9' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1604	ABEH PTY LTD	2BL	18km SE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 18' S Long: 121° 49' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/925	SANDER, Thomas Peter	1BL	48km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 7' S Long: 118° 13' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/568	ARUMA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	5BL	34km N'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 47' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2649-I	REDCODE PTY LTD	14BL	92km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 122° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2691	CAREY MINING PTY LTD	2BL	79km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 122° 20' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/1020	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	3BL	30km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 29' S Long: 121° 14' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/1021	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	9BL	11km N'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 35' S Long: 121° 3' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/1022	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	14BL	31km N'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 24' S Long: 121° 1' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1310	MULGERNI GOLD PTY LTD	3BL	58km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 22' S Long: 121° 0' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1323	RYAN, Christopher Gene	1BL	59km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 17' S Long: 121° 7' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1324	RYAN, Christopher Gene	1BL	60km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 17' S Long: 121° 8' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3149	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	1BL	34km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 122° 37' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3232	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	2BL	13km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 31' S Long: 122° 27' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3241	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	1BL	24km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 122° 29' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3242	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	1BL	21km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 122° 31' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3243	MAJEKA MINERALS PTY LTD	11BL	103km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 123° 56' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3246 & 38/3251-2	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	21OBL	119km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 4' S Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3253	BUSHWIN PTY LTD	15BL	116km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 3' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3259	K20 MINERALS PTY LTD	71BL	118km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 123° 43' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1787	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	8BL	23km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 122° 11' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1950	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	5BL	36km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 122° 9' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2002	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	32BL	44km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 122° 6' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2004	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	16BL	36km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 122° 2' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2017	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	5BL	21km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 122° 11' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2022	AURIGEN PTY LTD	14BL	171km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 56' S Long: 123° 18' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2044	NEXUS MINERALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	1BL	131km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 47' S Long: 122° 36' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2045	NEXUS MINERALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	1BL	129km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 46' S Long: 122° 35' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2046	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	1BL	54km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 6' S Long: 122° 24' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2047	K20 MINERALS PTY LTD	20OBL	118km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 123° 28' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/366	KIN MINING NL	2BL	29km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 9' S Long: 121° 19' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4579	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	35BL	94km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 120° 40' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4936	GREATLAND PTY LTD	11BL	46km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 52' S Long: 119° 40' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4937-8	RUMBLE RESOURCES LIMITED	28OBL	106km NW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 20' S Long: 121° 17' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4950	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	8BL	65km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 21' S Long: 119° 9' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4952	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	3BL	61km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 26' S Long: 119° 14' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4953	ABEH PTY LTD	4BL	84km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 42' S Long: 119° 10' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	46/1163	RWG MINERALS PTY LTD	3BL	47km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 39' S Long: 120° 29' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1164	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	48BL	8km NW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 120° 2' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1167	RICHARDSON, Amy Teresa	1OBL	32km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 0' S Long: 119° 50' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1833	YANDAN GOLD MINES PTY LTD	35BL	116km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 49' S Long: 119° 17' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1840	JINDALEE RESOURCES LIMITED	22BL	42km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 58' S Long: 118° 29' E	CUE SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1845	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	9BL	73km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 6' S Long: 118° 57' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3544	AUSQUEST LIMITED	4OBL	65km E'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 30' S Long: 120° 21' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3559	RICHARDSON, Amy Teresa	27BL	54km SE'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 39' S Long: 120° 9' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1963	REDCODE PTY LTD	1OBL	27km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 49' S Long: 120° 47' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1964	REDCODE PTY LTD	2BL	32km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 52' S Long: 120° 51' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1069	MINEX (WEST) PTY LTD	2BL	85km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 12' S Long: 118° 59' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2262	PATRIZI, Scott Rocco	7BL	74km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 9' S Long: 116° 56' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2472	CLASSIC MINERALS LIMITED	16BL	75km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 16' S Long: 119° 37' E	KONIGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5092	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	15BL	127km NW'ly of Balgo Community	Lat: 19° 16' S Long: 127° 11' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6158	CARLSON, John Wayne	9.81HA	22km NW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 19' S Long: 121° 28' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3066-S	PRINCE, Jane Eleanor	10.04HA	67km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 120° 44' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2451 & 26/4287	LEFROY EXPLORATION LTD	371.07HA	32km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 121° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	37/9026	CGM (WA) PTY LTD	196.35HA	33km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 121° 37' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9062	BENSON, Thomas Michael	196.97HA	60km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 18' S Long: 121° 7' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9063-S	DENCH, Veronica Joy	9.60HA	51km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 15' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9064	EPIS, James Gregory	120.03HA	50km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 29' S Long: 121° 5' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4423-4	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	287.68HA	36km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 122° 33' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4427	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	24.18HA	92km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 35' S Long: 122° 4' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5498	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	46.71HA	40km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 122° 4' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5814-5	CREW, Christopher	367.67HA	58km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 121° 54' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5823	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	35.07HA	22km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 12' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5826	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	177.69HA	37km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 2' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5839	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	48.89HA	56km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 122° 23' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5840	SARACEN GOLD MINES PTY LTD	7.98HA	62km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 10' S Long: 122° 23' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5841	MATSA GOLD PTY LTD	47.33HA	76km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 122° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5842	DENING, Joshua Luke	193.13HA	52km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 121° 52' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA 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: 20 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 **20 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. 20 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 km<sup>2</sup>

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WATERSNW  
UPPER NAMOI ZONE 3 NAMOI VALLEY  
(BREEZA TO GUNNEDAH) GROUNDWATER  
SOURCE

An application to AMEND A WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **LOLA MARY EDITH WARMOLL, DAVID JOHN WARMOLL, PILLIP JOHN WARMOLL, LOUISE FRANCIS WARMOLL AND ANN MAREE WAUGH** to construct a new water supply work (bore) on Lot 142 DP 751029 .

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 550, TAMWORTH NSW 2340 or email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection (A10917).

Any queries please phone 1300 662 077 or email the above.  
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

A09455

WATERSNW  
NEW ENGLAND FOLD BELT (COAST)  
WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NSW PROPERTY TRUST (NAMBUCCA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL)** for a bore on Lot 89 DP261088, Parish of Nambucca, County of Raleigh for water supply for recreation purposes on Lot 86 DP 261088.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460 or email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A010894)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.  
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

A09446

WATERSNW  
PEEL FRACTURED ROCK WATER SOURCE  
AND UPPER PEEL TRIBUTARIES WATER  
SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **MR GRAEME BOON** for one (existing) groundwater work/bore and one overshot dam on Sandy Creek in Lot 32 DP855313 for irrigation purposes on Lot 32 DP855313 Parish of Loomberah County of Parry.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, P O Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 or email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A10514)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.  
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

A09441

WATERSNW  
RICHMOND COASTAL SANDS  
GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **TFITTEE PTY LIMITED** for an existing bore on Lot 10 DP865621 for irrigation 31ha (Macadamia trees/seedlings) on Lot 10 DP865621 (replacing existing approval 30WA321636 – change in use) (A010833).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.  
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

A09283

WATERSNW  
BANGALOW AREA WATER SOURCE

An application for A WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **SARATINI FARM PTY LTD** for 3 x 38mm centrifugal pumps on the Wilsons River, 6/578874, 1/123443 and 3/572748 and 1 x 38mm centrifugal pump on an Unnamed Watercourse, 6/578874 for irrigation of 40ha (avocados, turmeric, pecans) on 2/1076548, 6/578874, 1/123443 and 3/572748 (A010832).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

A09310

WATERSNW  
MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER  
WATER SOURCE (BILLABONG CREEK)

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS & WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from:

**GARRY VICTOR PARKER & JULIE ANN PARKER** for a 200mm pump on Lot 21 DP841042, Parish Coree South, County Urana for irrigation of part Lot 21 DP841042. (A10834)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, P O Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, 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 objection. Any queries please call 1300 662 077, or email the above.

Rob Monteith, Manager Water Regulation South.

A09278

WATERSNW  
LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER  
SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED COMBINED APPROVAL has been received from **BENJAMIN MURRAY SHAW**, for irrigation purposes, to included Lot 1 DP1193633 (Uri/Boyd).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156 Leeton, NSW 2705 or email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A010898)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077, or email the above.

Rob Monteith, Manager Water Regulation South.

A09368

WATERSNW  
COOPERS CREEK WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **FRASER ROSS DUDDY, SARA JANE DUDDY AND GWENDA ANN BRENNAN** for a 50mm pump on Boomerang Creek, 2/793686, for irrigation of 10ha (vegetables) and commercial (tourism cottages) purposes on 2/793686 (A010872). Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS  
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	12/67	THE GRIFFIN COAL MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	100.51HA	22km SE'ly of Collie	Lat: 33° 27' S Long: 116° 20' E	COLLIE SHIRE, WEST ARTHUR SHIRE
Mining Lease	16/544	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	538.19HA	42km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	16/554	HAYES MINING PTY LTD	599.16HA	54km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 120° 54' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	29/425	DONKIN, Barry James	3.48HA	63km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 120° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	38/1277	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	301.40HA	50km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 55' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE

**Nature of the act:** Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification day:** 20 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 **20 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. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 20 January 2018**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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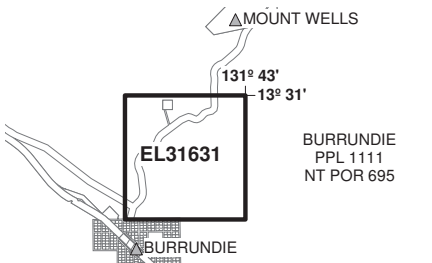
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kenneth Edward Vowles MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry and Resources, C/- Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

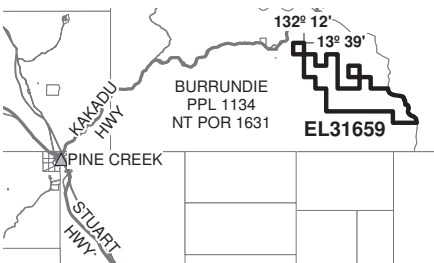
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 31631 sought by BACCHUS RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 606 340 872 over an area of 1 Block (4 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



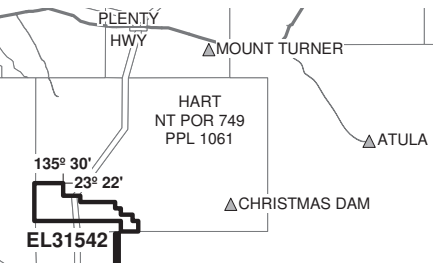
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Exploration Licence 31659 sought by BACCHUS RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 606 340 872 over an area of 28 BlockS (85 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RANFORD HILL locality.



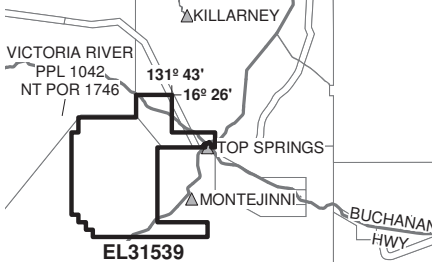
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Exploration Licence 31542 sought by GBE EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 121 535 948 over an area of 75 Blocks (228 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BRAHMA locality.



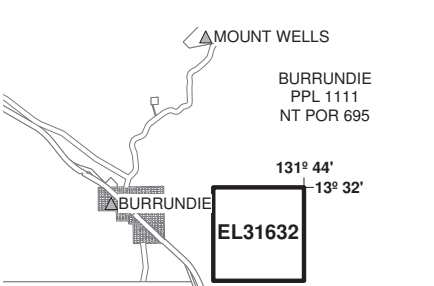
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Exploration Licence 31539 sought by MONTEJINNI RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 616 894 216 over an area of 233 Blocks (766 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MONTEJINNI locality.



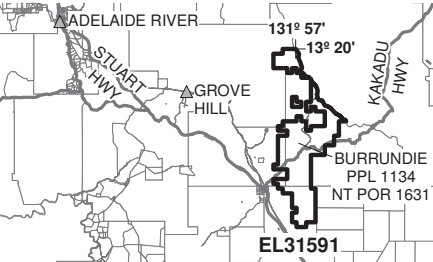
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Exploration Licence 31632 sought by ROCKWASH PTY LTD, ACN 611 356 837 over an area of 1 Block (4 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



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Exploration Licence 31591 sought by WOODLEIGH NOMINEES PTY LIMITED, ACN 050 120 057 over an area of 221 Blocks (693 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



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**Nature of act(s):** The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

**Native Title Parties:** Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

**Expedited Procedure:** The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

**Notification Day:** 20 September 2017



DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) - Water  
TOMAGO GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL** for a bore on Lot 7 DP 1006266 for the purpose of irrigation. (A010617)Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 2213, Dangar NSW 2309 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) 4904 2512, Estelle Avery, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

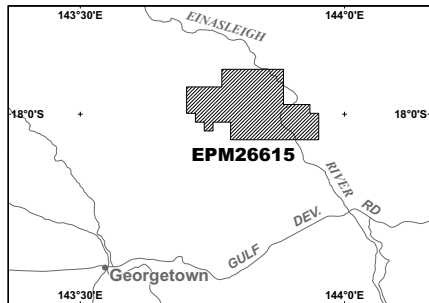
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR  
MINERALS AND A MINERAL DEVELOPMENT LICENCE

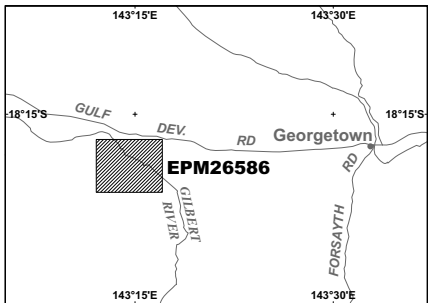
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of Exploration Permits for Minerals and a Mineral Development Licence as shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

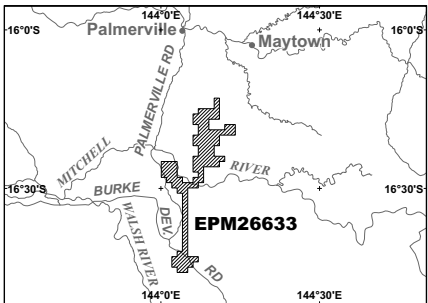
Exploration Permit 26615 sought by Newcrest Operations Limited, ACN 009 221 505, over an area of 85 sub-blocks (277 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 45 km North East of Georgetown, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.



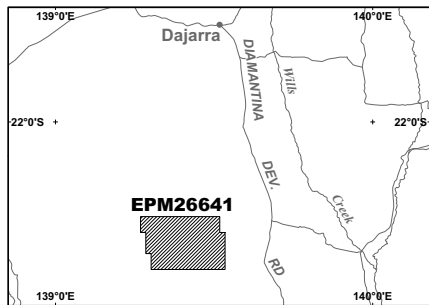
Exploration Permit 26586 sought by Ismins Pty Ltd, ACN 141 217 343, over an area of 20 sub-blocks (65 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 32 km West of Georgetown, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.



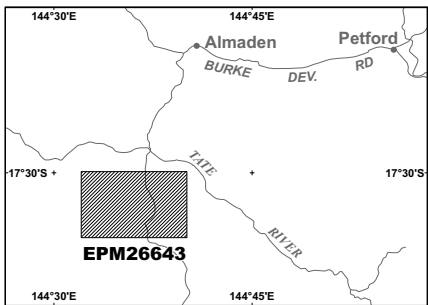
Exploration Permit 26633 sought by Prophet Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 615 031 359, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (328 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 55 km South of Palmerville, in the localities of the Cook Shire Council and Mareeba Shire Council.



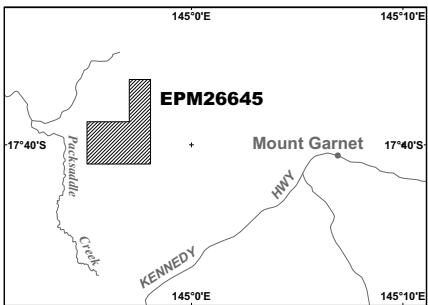
Exploration Permit 26641 sought by Timothy Edward Topham, over an area of 147 sub-blocks (467 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 77 km South West of Dajarra, in the locality of the Boulia Shire Council.



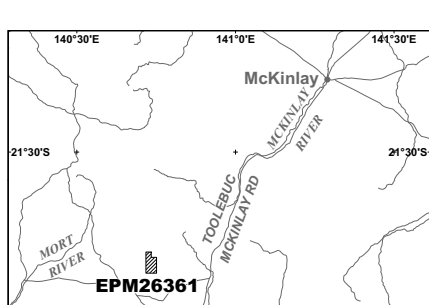
Exploration Permit 26643 sought by HPQ (Sugarbag Hill) Pty Ltd, ACN 619 309 063, over an area of 40 sub-blocks (127 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 24 km South South West of Almaden, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



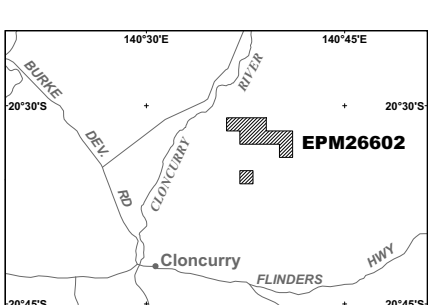
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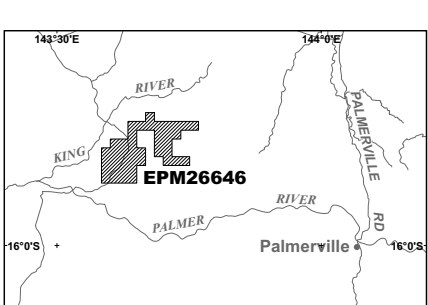
Exploration Permit 26361 sought by Sandfire Resources NL, ACN 105 154 185, over an area of 7 sub-blocks (22 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 85 km South West of McKinlay, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



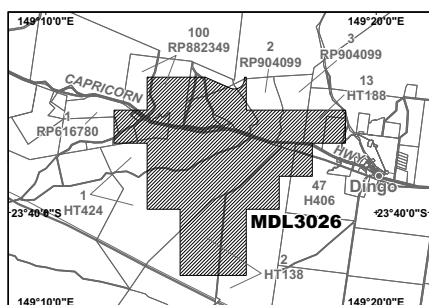
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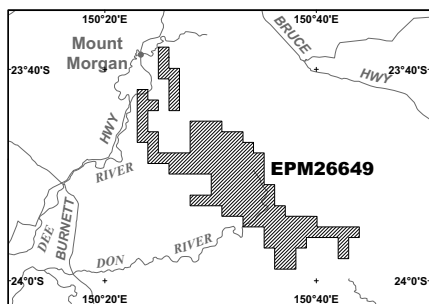
Exploration Permit 26646 sought by Muscovite Gold Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 619 061 899, over an area of 41 sub-blocks (135 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 46 km West North West of Palmerville, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



Mineral Development Licence 3026 sought by Magnetic South Pty Ltd, ACN 122 465 749, over an area of 7,142 ha, centred approximately 8 km West of Dingo, in the locality of Central Highlands Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 26649 sought by Prophet Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 615 031 359, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (313 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 26 km South East of Mount Morgan, in the localities of the Banana Shire Council, Gladstone Regional Council and Rockhampton Regional Council.



**Nature of Act(s):** The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 4, June 2017.

Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 4, June 2017, pursuant to s. 194(1) (j) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and s. 194AAA of that Act.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits or Mineral Development Licences. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

**Further Information:** Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Level 4, 1 William Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3199 8082, nativetitleservices@dnrm.qld.gov.au.

**Notification Day: 11 October 2017**



WATERSNSW  
CORAKI AREA WATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **BUHLAMBAR PTY LTD** for a 380mm centrifugal pump on Walshs Creek, Lot 2 DP791684 and an earthen dam and pump site on an Unnamed Watercourse, Lot 2 DP791684 for irrigation of 70ha (tea tree) on Lot 2 DP791684 (amendment of existing approval 30CA307240 – increased irrigation area, additional pump site, increased pump capacity and inclusion of earthen dam) (A010847).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY  
INDUSTRIES (DPI) - WATER  
PEEL FRACTURED ROCK  
GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application to amended a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL under section 92 of the Water Management Act, 2000 has been received from **Tamworth Regional Council** for a new bore and recreational use on Lot 135 DP 1185848, Parish of Parry, County of Calala (Ref: A010683).

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call (02) 6841 7469, Alice Buckley, Water Regulation Officer.

A09405

WATERSNSW  
PADDYS FLAT UPPER CLARENCE  
WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS & USE APPROVAL has been received from **RIVER RUN HOLDINGS PTY LTD** for a 200 megalitre off river storage and a 100 mm centrifugal pump on Lot 46 DP751062, Parish of Evans, County of Buller for water supply for irrigation of Lot 1 DP 668973 & Lot 46 DP 751062. (A010870)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460 or email customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

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WATERSNSW  
BEGA AND BROGO REGULATED  
RIVERS WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **BROOKE ANN EDWARDS, AND MARK ROBERT RYDING** for a pump on the Brogo River on Lot 1402 DP628436, Parish of Mumbulla, County of Auckland for irrigation. (A010698).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or email to Customer.Helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. Any queries should be directed to 1300 662 077 or the above email. Salim Vhora, Manager Dealings, Verification and Water Regulation Coastal.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY  
INDUSTRIES (DPI) - WATER  
PATERSON REGULATED RIVER WATER  
SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **C B ALEXANDER FOUNDATION (TICAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE)** for a pump upgrade (2 new pumps with total capacity 108.4 l/s on Lot 1 DP 752474 to replace an existing pump with capacity 42 l/s on Lot 2 DP 752474, Parish of Middlehope, County of Durham for the purpose of irrigation. (A010883)

Objections to the amendment of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 2213, Dangar NSW 2309, within 28 days of this publication. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection. Any queries should be directed to (02) 4904 2512, Estelle Avery, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY  
INDUSTRIES (DPI) - WATER  
SYDNEY BASIN – NORTH COAST  
GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **SINGLETON COUNCIL** for a bore at the western end of Glennie Street, Camberwell between Lot 1 Section 12 DP 758214 and Lot 7300 DP 1136870 for the purpose of town water supply (Ref: A010902). Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 2213, Dangar NSW 2309, within 28 days of this publication. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection. Any queries should be directed to (02) 4904 2512, Estelle Avery, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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# Multitalented Taimana



**NEWCASTLE** youngster Taimana Elers has been drafted into the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association (NSWPSSA) touch football team to contest the Schools Sports Australia Pacific School Games in Adelaide from December 1-9.

Taimana, who is a replacement for a player who had other commitments, attends Mayfield West Demonstration School and represented Hunter at the state carnival at Wagga Wagga in August. They finished third after losing a semifinal to Polding. He also received Hunter's most valuable player award.

Taimana plays representative touch football for Newcastle City and has done so since he was eight.

He's competed at regional and state events each year with many regional grand final appearances and with a very successful regionals win this year followed by a top eight finish at state cup for under-12s. He will go into camp in October with the NSW team at Narrabeen as they prepare for the Adelaide carnival.

Taimana also plays for Wests rugby league (Newcastle) 12-years division one. They have just won the grand final and also won the 11-years division one last year.

Taimana represented the Newcastle Barbarians rugby league team in an exhibition match at the state rugby league carnival after narrowly missing the Hunter team.

He plays up an age group in the Newcastle rugby union competition for Easts Junior Rugby Club under-13s who finished this season in fourth position.

He played 11s in 2016 and 12s in 2017 in the Newcastle rugby union Wildfires representative team.

He recently played at the state carnival for PSSA rugby union where he was named the 'Hunter's players' player.'

He is a talented track and field athlete – representing Hunter this

year for the 800m as well as competing at school zone level for many years. He is an active Little Athletics member and has been since the age of 4.

Taimana also represented the Hunter at the state cross-country in 2016 and 2017 after coming first two years in a row at zone and fifth and sixth respectively at Hunter level.

He plays social touch footy twice a week in preparation for the representative season, trains with NSW Little Athletics, trains for his Koori Knockout team NAB and attends personal training once a week and the local 5km park run each Saturday morning now that rugby union and rugby league have finished for another season.

He has recently been selected to attend Hunter Sports High School. He aspires to play high levels in all sports with his focus on the NRL, Super Rugby and touch football for Australia.

His favourite touch players are Dylan Hennessy, Jordan



**Taimana Elers gets the ball in touch footy. He is equally at home in rugby league, rugby union or on the athletics track.**

Marshall-King, Floyd Tighe and Matt Smith. His favourite league players

are Isaac Luke, Joe Tapine, Danny Levi and Jonathan Thurston. His favourite rugby

players are Kurtley Beale, Izzy Folau (Wallabies) and All Blacks TJ Perenara and Aaron Smith.

## Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

**Notification day: 4 October 2017**



**National Native Title Tribunal**

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 3 January 2018**. After **3 January 2018**, 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:** Marjorie May Strickland & Anor and State of Western Australia (Maduwongga)  
**Federal Court File No:** WAD186/2017  
**Date filed:** 21 April 2017  
**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.

**Description:** The application area covers about 25,476 sq km in the vicinity of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.  
**Relevant LGA:** City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Shire of Coolgardie and Shire of Menzies.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Claire Smith on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

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## Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

**Notification day: 4 October 2017**



**National Native Title Tribunal**

This application is a 'non-claimant' application, an application made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

**PLEASE NOTE:** A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 3 January 2018. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before 3 January 2018, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE, QLD, 4003, on or before 3 January 2018**. After **3 January 2018**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



**Applicant's name:** OMYA Australia Pty Ltd ACN 001 682 533 v State of Queensland  
**Federal Court File No:** QUD401/2017  
**Non-native title interest:** The applicant seeks to convert the land subject to the application (Lot 430 on OL168 and Lot 50 on USL34948) from Unallocated State Land to freehold tenure.  
**Order sought by Applicant:** The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

**Description:** The application area consists of approx. 84 ha of land located about 20km south of Bajool, known as Lot 430 on OL168 and Lot 50 on USL34948.  
**Relevant LGA:** Gladstone Regional Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

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### WATERNSW COMBOYNE BASALT WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS & USE APPROVAL has been received from **ERNST MINNE AND PENELOPE ROSE ANNE TIDEMAN** for an additional bore to the existing bores on Lot 1 DP372401, Parish of Walibree, County of Macquarie for water supply for irrigation of Lot 1 DP372401 & Lot 80 DP 754453. (A010716)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460 or email [customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au](mailto: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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### WATERNSW CORAKI AREA WATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **JWME PTY LIMITED** for a 610mm pump on the Richmond River, Lots 122 & 123 DP859240 and Lot 14 DP755611 and a turkey's nest storage dam located on Lot 14 DP755611 for irrigation of 120ha (tea tree) on Lots 13 & 14 DP755611, Lots 122 & 123 DP859240 and Lots 22 & 23 DP1006431 (amendment of existing approval 30CA305021 – increased irrigation area, additional pump sites and increased pump capacity, inclusion of storage dam) (A010633).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or email [customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au](mailto: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

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Tracey Lawson Manager Water Regulation North.

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# Netball thriving in west



By CHRIS PIKE

FOLLOWING the triumphs of NAIDOC netball carnivals in the north-west of Western Australia and in

Perth, the mid-west has now become involved with a big turnout for the inaugural event in Geraldton being hailed a tremendous success.

The Mid West NAIDOC Netball Carnival was held over the weekend of September 9-10 and with 16 teams competing, it was another successful initiative

by Netball WA. The carnival comes on the back of the NAIDOC Netball Carnival in Perth and the North-West NAIDOC Netball Carnival in Derby, which continue to be great successes.

Both events were scheduled during NAIDOC Week and this year ended up featuring more than 130 teams and 1000 individuals taking part, highlighting the growth and popularity of netball among Indigenous girls in Western Australia.

The Perth carnival saw 114 teams take part with more than 1000 players hitting the court ranging from under-fives to adults.

The second North West carnival was also successful in Derby with 18 teams taking part – up on the 14 from 2016. Players came from as far away as Halls Creek, Broome and Pandanus Park.

And now the latest of these successful events has taken place with the first ever Mid-West NAIDOC Netball Carnival featuring 16 teams at the Geraldton Netball Association.

The carnival was split into four

divisions made up of the under-12s, under-14s, under-16s and senior division.

The Shooting Stars program helped pull the event together with teams from as far away as Carnarvon, Meekatharra and Mullewa entering four teams, while four students from Mt Magnet Districts High School also took part.

Shooting Stars is in place throughout WA with the aim to use netball as the vehicle to encourage greater engagement and attendance at school by young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls living in WA's remote communities and regional towns while also working in metropolitan areas.

It proved a competitive weekend of action with the Mid-West team taking out the under-12 division, Geraldton winning the under-14 and under-16s while the Diamonds won the senior division.

Netball WA general manager of community netball Liz Booth was delighted with the success of the carnival.

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Notification day: 4 October 2017



## National Native Title Tribunal

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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:** Margaret McCarthy & Ors on behalf of the Yuggera Ugarapul People v State of Queensland  
**Federal Court File No:** QUD213/2017  
**Date filed:** 7 April 2017  
**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.

**Description:** The application area covers about 6166 sq km approx. 13 km south west of Brisbane.

**Relevant LGA:** Brisbane City Council, Somerset Regional Council, Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Ipswich City Council, Logan City Council, Scenic Rim Regional Council, Toowoomba Regional Council, Southern Downs Regional Council.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

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Department of Planning and Environment

## Exploration Licence Application Number 5539, Mining Act 1992

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

### Description of area that may be affected by the grant of an Exploration Licence

An area of 208 units, comprising of, (Area A) located approximately 30 kilometres North-West of the town of Gloucester, (Area B) 42 kilometres North-West of the town of Taree, and (Area C) 51 kilometres West of the town of Port Macquarie, as shown on the diagram below.

### Description of the nature of the act

Grant of an Exploration Licence under the *Mining Act 1992*.

Paul Smith (ABN 66201690170) is the applicant for Exploration Licence Application 5539 which, if granted, would authorise the prospecting for Group 1 minerals for a term of 2 years.

### Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

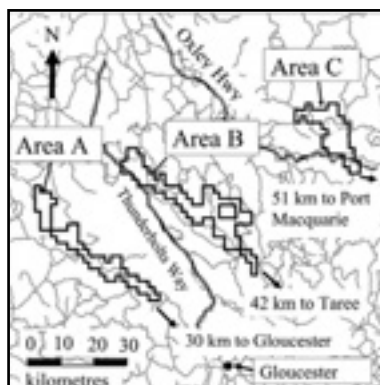
Minister for Resources, PO Box 344,  
Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

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

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

### Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **5 October 2017**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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

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The Carnarvon Breakers, in blue, and the Meekatharra Queens get together after their game in Geraldton.

## Hodgson in tears



WESTERN Force veteran Matt Hodgson is as tough as they get, but even he couldn't hold

back the tears as he mourned the death of his beloved rugby union team.

Hodgson has broken his nose 33 times. He's undergone three shoulder reconstructions, two knee reconstructions and two ankle reconstructions.

He's lost count of how many times he's been left battered, bruised and bleeding on a rugby field. Once, he almost had his ear ripped off.

Hodgson is well accustomed to wearing physical pain without so much as a whimper.

But Hodgson was a broken man when it was revealed the Force's appeal to stay in Super Rugby had failed in the NSW Supreme Court.

One of the hardest aspects to swallow for Hodgson is the fact

the Force was culled by the people he looked up to as protectors of the game – the Australian Rugby Union.

Hodgson has been a source of immense strength for Western Force players during the ARU's drawn-out saga to axe a team.

But when he looked across at his teammates while fronting the media, Hodgson couldn't hold back the tears.

"You see in the back, the people..." Hodgson stammered before breaking down.

"You see what it means to the people. You're here for 12 years serving a state, serving a country. And they take it away (because) of a stupid lettering of the law."

"But we're lucky we've got people here fighting. People at the ARU didn't fight for us."

Hodgson is angry at the ARU hierarchy because they continue to ignore his pleas for a full explanation behind their reasons for cutting the Force. – *With AAP*



# Quinlan back in the ring



RENOLD (Dunghutti Destroyer) Quinlan, who shocked the boxing world when he stopped Daniel Geale to claim the vacant International Boxing Organisation (IBO) world super middleweight title last year, has a fight lined up in Singapore on October 20.

Quinlan put up a brave showing, but lost his world title in his first defence when beaten by flashy Englishman Chris Eubank Jnr in London last February.

He is to fight veteran Indonesian Alexander (The Black Horse) Bajawa in Singapore.

Light-heavyweight Bajawa, 35, is well down in world rankings (476) and is ranked No 2 in Indonesia.

He has had 50 fights for 41 wins (14 KOs), five losses (five KOs) and four draws.

Quinlan, 28, has a global ranking of 18 and has had just 13 fights for 11 wins (seven KOs) and two losses (one KO).

His fight against Eubank Jnr was to be over 12 rounds at Kensington, London. It ended in the 10th round with a technical knockout.

Against Geale in October, 2016, Quinlan knocked out the former world champion in the second round in Launceston in a fight scheduled for 12 rounds.

MEANWHILE, a possible fight for Damien Hooper appears to have disappeared off the radar.

The rising light-heavyweight had been pencilled in for a fight at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on October 14.

But there is no longer any sign of that fight, according to the website boxrec.com

No opponent had been named for Hooper.

The Toowoomba-born Hooper made a stunning return to boxing when he scored a unanimous points win over 10 rounds over the previously unbeaten Russian Umar Salamov for Salamov's World Boxing Organisation (WBO) and the vacant International Boxing Federation (IBF) international light-heavyweight titles.

Salamov had a perfect 19-0 win-loss record before confronting Hooper on the undercard of the Jeff Horn-Manny Pacquiao welterweight world title fight at Lang Park, Brisbane, on July 2.



Renold Quinlan, right, attacks Chris Eubank Jnr, of Great Britain, with a left, during their IBO world super middleweight title fight at Olympia London on February 4, 2017. Picture: Getty

## Teams lining up in the NSW Knockout

### 2017 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.

#### Men's teams:

- 1 Redfern All Blacks 1
- 2 Redfern All Blacks 2
- 3 Taree Biripi Sharks
- 4 Come Back Dreaming
- 5 Narwan Eels Blue
- 6 Narwan Eels Gold
- 7 La Perouse Panthers
- 8 Lapa Bummers
- 9 Cabbage Tree Island
- 10 Dhinawan
- Birragal/Toomelah
- 11 Toomelah Tigers
- 12 Moree Boomerangs 1
- 13 Moree Boomerangs 2
- 14 Toomelah
- Descendants
- 15 Waterloo Storm
- 16 Waterloo Next
- Generation
- 17 Albury Wodonga
- Munyaas
- 18 Gundungarra
- Goannas
- 19 Newcastle Yowies
- 20 Kempsey United
- 21 Combined Countries
- 22 Newcastle All Blacks
- 23 Central Coast United
- 24 NSW Outblacks
- 25 Ecovic Southern Serpents
- 26 Castlereagh All Blacks
- 27 Campbelltown Ghosts
- 28 Blacktown Western Warriors
- 29 Cubawee
- Connections
- 30 Maitland United
- 31 Walgett Aboriginal Connection
- 32 Queanbeyan Canberra United
- 33 Walgett (The Gate)
- 34 South West Metro
- 35 Bloodlines
- 36 Dubbo Pacemakers
- 37 Wiradjuri Warriors
- 38 Erarnbie All Blacks
- 39 Googars
- 40 Cultural Brothers United
- 41 Newcastle Emus
- 42 Dindima
- 43 Yuin Monaro United
- 44 Nanima Common Connection
- 45 Griffith Three Ways United
- 46 Northern Goannas
- 47 Lake Macquarie Stingrays
- 48 Dunghutti Broncos

- 49 Tweed Connexions
- 50 Illawarra Titans
- 51 Bourke Warriors
- 52 Nanedewar Wedgetails
- 53 Nambucca Rams
- 54 Mt Druitt All Blacks
- 55 Narrandera
- Wiradjuri Warriors
- 56 South Coast United
- 57 Mungindi Grasshoppers

#### Women's teams:

- 1 Redfern All Blacks
- 2 Kawal Dreaming (Jacks Mud Crabs)
- 3 Taree Biripi Sharks
- 4 Yuin Fitt
- 5 Come Back Dreaming
- 6 Campbelltown Ghosts
- 7 Namina Common Connection
- 8 Blk Southern Serpents United
- 9 Maitland United
- 10 Newcastle Yowies
- 11 Narwanettes
- 12 Red Belly Blacks
- 13 Western Sydney United
- 14 Lapa Lovelies
- 15 Moree Boomerangs RLFC
- 16 Castlereagh All Blacks
- 17 Wellington Wedgetails
- 18 Gular Giddyurais
- 19 Queanbeyan Canberra United
- 20 Riverina Sistas
- 21 Waterloo Storm
- 22 Newcastle Emus
- 23 Dunghutti Jindas
- 24 Hunter Coast Tiddas

#### Under-12s:

- 1 Redfern All Blacks
- 2 Combined Countries
- 3 Newcastle All Blacks
- 4 Kempsey United
- 5 Newcastle Emus
- 6 Illawarra Titans
- 7 Blacktown Western Warriors
- 8 Campbelltown Ghosts
- 9 Glebe Gawuras
- 10 Narrandera
- Wiradjuri Warriors
- 11 Butucarbin Warriors
- 12 Southern Serpents United
- 13 Castlereagh Connection
- 14 La Perouse Panthers
- 15 Waterloo Storm
- 16 Tweed Connexions

- 17 Narwan Eels
- 18 Original Boomerangs United

#### Under-15s:

- 1 Redfern All Blacks
- 2 Wiradjuri United
- 3 Kempsey United
- 4 Newcastle Yowies
- 5 Illawarra Titans
- 6 Combined Countries
- 7 Central Coast United
- 8 2829 Boys
- 9 Barwon United Swans
- 10 Kempsey Sharks
- 11 Campbelltown Ghosts
- 12 Moree Boomerangs RLFC
- 13 Newcastle Emus
- 14 Butucarbin Warriors
- 15 Southern Serpents United
- 16 Maitland United
- 17 Waterloo Storm
- 18 La Perouse Panthers
- 19 Narwan Eels
- 20 Blacktown Western Warriors

#### Under-17s:

- 1 Redfern All Blacks
- 2 Gomerioi Roos
- 3 Wiradjuri United
- 4 Kempsey United
- 5 Taree Biripi Sharks
- 6 Illawarra Titans
- 7 Combined Countries
- 8 Central Coast United
- 9 Ngaku Warriors
- 10 Queanbeyan Canberra United
- 11 Western Koori Eels
- 12 Barwon United Swans
- 13 Original Boomerangs United
- 14 Tingha Native Tigers
- 15 Campbelltown Ghosts
- 16 Kempsey Sharks
- 17 Kamilaroi Goannas
- 18 Mungindi Grasshoppers
- 19 Southern Serpents United
- 20 Maitland United
- 21 Bundjalung Baygal RLFC
- 22 Waterloo Storm
- 23 Toomelah Tigers
- 24 Worimi Warriors
- 25 Western Sydney Red Belly Blacks
- 26 La Perouse Panthers

## Twins join Lees at Hurricanes Academy



RYAN Lees and the Ward twins – Rhys and Liam – are in the Cricket Tasmania (CT) revamped Hurricanes Academy to provide a clearer pathway for the best young cricketers in the state.

The Hurricanes Academy is designed to provide young and developing players with access to first-class coaches and facilities, and nurture their aspirations of playing for the Tasmanian Tigers (Sheffield Shield) or the Hurricanes (Big

Bash League). Batting coach Richard Allanby said the Hurricanes Academy was a great opportunity for talented cricketers to take the next step in their careers.

"It's a wonderful concept to be able to give club cricketers a vehicle to play first-class cricket that they might not have had in the past," he said.

"We will mirror everything a first-class team does in terms of coaching, strength and conditioning, analysis and opportunities to play matches outside

club cricket. CT will look at performances across the board.

"Opportunities are not limited to contracted players. It's all about performance with an eye on the future."

The current squad is compiled of Hurricanes-contracted players, current and former under-19 players and players looking to force their way into the first-class system from club cricket.

The group was to play matches against Kingborough in mid-September before travelling to Sydney to play

against against Pakistan's Lahore Qalandars Rising Stars, Sydney Sixers Academy and the Sydney Thunder Academy in October.

The Ward twins this year played for Tasmania at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) in Alice Springs.

Lees made his first-class debut for a Cricket Australia XI against the West Indies in Australia in December, 2015.

He has played two first-class and five List A matches.



# Jamie Bennell

## Pocket rocket

# Hocking's

## great season

By CHRIS PIKE



JAMIE Bennell returned to West Australian Football League (WAFL) club Swan Districts following his Australian Football League (AFL) career in 2017 and played well, helping them back to finals, but work with the Wirrpanda Foundation will now take him to Melbourne.

Bennell came through the ranks of Swan Districts in the colts team, having moved to Perth from Carey Park, in Bunbury.

He was a standout performer in his team's colts premiership triumph in 2008 and that saw him drafted into the AFL at the end of that year.

He landed at Melbourne and made an immediate impact, playing 51 games with the Demons in his first three seasons cementing his place in the side largely as a running and attacking half-back, but also putting in some standout performances as a small forward.

But by 2012, Bennell played just six games for the season with Melbourne while also hampered by a knee injury and he was moved on to the West Coast Eagles ahead of the 2013 season.

He didn't manage an AFL appearance at his new club in 2013, instead playing back with his

original WAFL club Swan Districts.

He remained listed at West Coast up until the end of 2016, but managed only 19 games in 2014, nine in 2015 and two in 2016.

In the end, his AFL career finished at the end of 2016 after 87 matches and he decided to commit himself to working full-time working with the Wirrpanda Foundation and playing in the WAFL with Swan Districts.

He put together a terrific season on the field for Swans. He started playing off half-back and playing some terrific games with his run and creativity out of defence also being named WAFL Player of the Week in round 14.

By the second half of the season, he moved into a role as a small forward, kicking 12 goals in the last 10 games of the season, including two finals.

Bennell's return to the club was a big factor in Swan Districts again playing finals, having finished last with just two wins in 2016.

But it is now his work with the Wirrpanda Foundation that brings an end to his 58-match WAFL career as he will move to Melbourne in 2018.

### New facilities

Meanwhile, the growth of the Wirrpanda Foundation continues in exciting fashion with the future now certain with the funding secured for the new facility to be built at Lathlain Park as part of the new home of the West Coast Eagles.

Construction of the new facilities at the home ground of WAFL club Perth has already started, but additional funding was required on top of what the State Government had provided to ensure the Wirrpanda Foundation headquarters would become a reality.

That has now been secured with the recent announcement that Lotterywest has provided a grant of \$2 million to assist in the construction of the new Wirrpanda Foundation head office.

The separate building for the foundation will be alongside the West Coast facilities being constructed as part of the Lathlain Precinct Redevelopment Project that will be completed in 2018.

The new Wirrpanda Foundation's building will provide a purpose-built facility to support core administration facilities to include culturally complementary landscaped gardens and an amphitheatre.

David Wirrpanda is delighted to now have all the funding secured to make the new facility a reality.

"The foundation opened its doors in 2005 and has since been housed in a number of temporary locations," Wirrpanda said.

"The funding is exciting as it helps to provide us with a permanent home, to ensure we can continue to deliver our programs and work in the community."



Jamie Bennell

By PETER ARGENT



TYRELL Hocking has produced a brilliant season for the Kapunda Bombers in the Baarossa, Light and Gawler Football Association

competition.

The 18-year-old collected 71 of a possible 80 votes from his 16-game season to secure the association's 2017 Rookie of the Year accolade.

Hocking became the first Indigenous player to win the trophy in the quarter of a century since the introduction of a first-year player award.

His outstanding performances in the 2017 minor round also resulted in the rookie gaining selection in the competition's team of the year.

He also polled 10 votes in the Mail Medal count on September 10.

### Small, but tough

Coach Michael McCarthy, a previous winner of this award two decades ago, said that despite his small build, Hocking had matched it with the best players in the competition – regarded as one of the best country leagues in South Australia.

"Tyrell is extremely tough at the contest," McCarthy said.

"For a lad who is small, he's a key member of our midfield rotations and has had a tremendous year, being very consistent.

"In some ways Tyrell is throwback to a different era.

"When you watch the role he plays, he reminds you of the true 'in and under' style rovers.

"He has good skills, wins a lot of hard balls and is a key part of this vibrant young group we have at the Bombers."

Hocking plays alongside his older brother Reece, who is also a member of the Kapunda side that won a grand

final berth, after upsetting flag favourites Barossa District in the second semifinal.

They are the sons of former Adelaide Crows inaugural team list member Eddie Hocking, who was runner-up to the 1990 SANFL Magarey Medal and played 11 AFL games in the first year along with being a league footballer at West Adelaide.

Tyrell Hocking season also included strong performances at the SA Country Championships where he won the Central Zone's best under-21 player.

"I've played a handful of games for Ironbank, in the Adelaide Hills, last year," Hocking told the *Koori Mail*.

"But this is been first full season of senior football.

"Before that, I was at West Adelaide and I started with North Clare at colts level.

Hocking is just 163cm tall – 2cm shorter than his father.

"I suppose my consistency can be traced back to having a strong group around me," Hocking said.

"I've also spent plenty of time in the midfield to get the opportunities.

"Having Dad around with his experience and knowledge has taught me a lot about the game.

"Dad has been important mentor and a great support – and taught me all that I know.

"Because of my heritage, I've had a lot of opportunities with State teams and playing for the Boomerangs and the national under-16s title on the Gold Coast in 2015.

"Playing alongside my brother is pretty exciting as well.

"Reece, who is 21, is pretty tough on me, but also supportive."

Playing mainly as a rover but with the capacity to go forward, Hocking is a ball magnet and loves the contest, but he is also smart enough to appreciate he needs to work on aspects of his game, including his defensive accountability.



Tyrell Hocking  
Picture: Peter Argent

## Jenni-Sue sole survivor



OF the seven Indigenous players in the expanded Jilloos rugby league training

squad of 40, only one – Queenslanders Jenni-Sui Hoepper – is in the team to take on Papua New Guinea in a Test match at Port Moresby on Saturday, September 23.

Indigenous players who failed to make the cut were Rebecca Riley, Caitlin Moran, Rebecca Young, Nakia Davis-Welsh, Lavine O'Mealey and Simone Smith.

But several NSW-based Jilloos representatives were excluded from national duties to participate in the NSWRL's Women's Premiership final series in Sydney occurring on the same weekend.

The uncapped Maddison Bennett, Talesha Quinn, Jessica Sergis, Lucy Lockhart, Sarah Walker and Med Warg have joined 14 others for a camp on the Gold Coast this week.

The Jilloos will take on the PNG national women's side as part of a triple-header on Saturday that will open with

an under-16 match between a Rugby League Young Achievers and a PNG Select side, before the PNG Kumuls and Prime Minister's XIII clash.

Jilloos squad: Kezie Apps, Chelsea Baker, Maddison Bennett, Annette Brander, Ali Briggins, Vanessa Foliaki, Steph Hancock, Jenni-Sue Hoepper, Kody House, Amelia Kuk, Renae Kunst, Lucy Lockhart, Corban McGregor, Talesha Quinn, Jessica Sergis, Ruan Sims, Zahara Temara, Sarah Walker, Elianna Walton, Med Warg. – *With AAP*



# Centres of attention

## RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

**L**ATRELL Mitchell and Will Chambers are each one match away from the National Rugby League (NRL) grand final.

They sit on opposite sides of the draw and have taken different pathways in their careers.

Come grand final day, however, they could respectively hold the hopes of the Roosters and the Storm in their hands if they come face to face in the battle for the premiership title.

It could be very much the battle of the rising star against the wily campaigner.

Chambers has had a stellar season and in my opinion is the best centre in the competition.

Mitchell has captured the imagination of the rugby league public with his match-winning try against the Broncos and is certain to be part of any highlights reel.

As I have written about in earlier columns, Mitchell has been burdened with comparisons with Greg Inglis even before he broke into the NRL.

It is even harder to escape now, given Roosters playmaker Luke Keary says the pair of game-breakers are made from the same mould.

Keary should know – he won a premiership title alongside GI in the Rabbitohs' winning team a couple of years ago.

"It was good for him," Keary said. "I've played next to him all year so it's been cool, watching him from when I first met him in pre-season and what he's been able to do for us during the year and come up with a good play for us on the weekend."

"I was really impressed with his defence. He's really strong. It's something he prides himself on and then he came up with that big play in attack. We all know he can do it. But to do it in those big games is pretty special."

The similarities between Inglis and Mitchell are there for all to see.



Latrell Mitchell fends off the Broncos' James Roberts to score the match-winning try for the Roosters during the National Rugby League (NRL) qualifying final at the Sydney Football Stadium on September 8. *Picture: Getty*

"They're very similar," Keary said. "They're big, strong, left-hand carries and right-hand fends."

"Their attitudes are very similar too. They work really hard. GI has been around for a long time and done a lot for the game and this is Latrell's second year. Physically, their attributes are very similar."

Mitchell was humbled by the comparison, but showed his maturity by declaring his desire to blaze his own trail in the NRL.

"I've had this sort of thing since SG Ball coming through. It's a good compliment at the end of the day, Greg Inglis – you've seen what he's done in the game," he said.

### Own legacy

"I'm here to make my own legacy and make my own name. I'm here to play footy, have fun, and enjoy being a 20-year-old."

Mitchell admitted he was tired when he received the ball with the Broncos match on the line, but trusted his natural instinct.

"I was tired. I was like, 'Here we go, I got to run now,'" Mitchell said of his try.

"I had Jimmy Roberts in front of me; he'd been aggressive all night. He just had that look about him. He stuffed up with one of

his movements and I just went with it.

"A gap opened up and I just went with instinct."

Dumped to reserve grade after a forgettable performance against the Broncos at Suncorp Stadium earlier in the year, Mitchell is back.

At his best.

"With Latrell I've seen him do it through the age groups at that level – win games in finals football – and that's a part of the attitude we've had this year," Roosters coach Trent Robinson said.

"But the strength of him in that play, the speed and power in that five metres, that's won us the game."

"He's been doing that his whole career. The making of him is all the work in between those moments. That's the making of his career. The guy was built to play those moments. And he's done it. It's the other bits he's come a long way."

Not quite as far as Will Chambers who started out in the Northern Territory!

I have written about the journey of the boy from Nhulunbuy.

Like Mitchell, there has been a lot of media attention comparing Chambers to Inglis

except in Chambers' case, it has been focus to replace the injured GI on the representative stage playing for Queensland and Australia.

It is a challenge that has taken Chambers to the next level. Ironically, as he potentially lines up against Mitchell in the grand final, Chambers has opened up on just how close he came to leaving Melbourne for a fresh challenge in Sydney with the Roosters.

"I met with the Roosters. For them to show interest in me and the way we spoke to each other was good. It gives you a good feeling about the whole situation," he said.

"I decided to stay in Melbourne and I think it'll be the best thing for my footy career."

Chambers made his NRL debut for the Storm in 2007, but left the club at the end of season 2009 to play rugby union for the Queensland Reds before returning to the Storm in 2012.

While he admits he genuinely thought about leaving the club, he ultimately had no reason to leave with Melbourne tabling him a three-year-deal.

"Yeah, it was very genuine. It was really close. Speaking to other clubs, I was very interested," he confessed.

"It was a bit of packing up and starting new. A new challenge for myself and I did look at it. The thought of moving to Sydney was scary, but at the same time it was to a club I thought was going in the right direction."

"At the end of the day, it worked out for my best interests to stay in Melbourne."

There is little doubt that staying with coach Craig Bellamy was a big part of his decision.

During the pre-season, Chambers sat down with Bellamy and said, "Make me a better player."

"I spoke to Craig about trying to improve my game. Getting back to rep footy was a goal," Chambers said.

"I just wanted to be more involved instead of just chilling. In the centres I wanted to get my hands on the ball more, go looking for a little bit of work, help our big men in the middle and execute out wide when we get the opportunity."

In my opinion, he will be the first centre chosen by Mal Meninga for the World Cup.

Before that, he may well line up against Mitchell in a battle to decide the premiership.

They will be at the centre of our attention.



# Kowanyama kids at Karumba



CHILDREN from Kowanyama have attended the Karumba Festival of Sport for the first time thanks to the landmark hockey and health program *Aspire to Be Deadly*.

A partnership between Apunipima, Kowanyama State School and Cairns Hockey saw the program roll out in Kowanyama in early August.

Kids who attend school, demonstrate good behaviour and conduct in and out of the classroom and practise good health and well-being choices were in the running to be selected to attend the festival which has been running for almost 15 years.

Cairns Hockey operations manager Julie McNeil said it was an exciting time for Kowanyama kids

"The team has been great, represented Kowanyama proudly and shown plenty of potential," she said.

"We are confident that through this partnership, good things will be achieved for everyone."

Apunipima Health promotion officer Fiona Millard, who coordinated the project, said the children who had been selected to attend had done Kowanyama proud.



Kowanyama children take part in the Karumba Festival of Sport.

"This program is teaching children about the importance of teamwork, physical activity and making healthy choices. The children selected to head to

Karumba have done themselves, and their amazing community proud," she said.

The festival, which ran from September 12-14, was a

massive community effort. This year 18 hockey teams competed and there are nearly 200 participants as well as teachers, parents, volunteers and

community supporters.

Kowanyama is inland from the Gulf of Carpentaria, and it's a 14.5-hour drive south to Karumba.

# Kaiwalagal cliffhanger

Story by ALF WILSON  
Pictures by Aaron Smith  
(Torres News)



cliffhanger.

Held at Thursday Island's Ken Brown Memorial Oval before a large crowd on September 9, the decider went into extra time after scores were deadlocked 22-all at fulltime.

Finals matches between these two teams are always thrilling.

Last year in the final, Mulga Tigers beat Suburbs 22-20.

This time, to take the game into extra time, Suburbs landed a goal just before the siren.

Cheered on by a mini army of supporters who had come from Badu in outboard-powered dinghies, Mulga Tigers led 16-8 by halftime.

Suburbs then clawed back to 16-all with 18 minutes remaining.

With 10 minutes on the clock, Mulga Tigers scored a try which was converted, which Suburbs matched with 20 seconds remaining in normal time.

It was a tough battle requiring five minutes each way in extra time, which saw the Mulga Tigers

drive home a penalty in the closing moments to once again seal the premiership.

Inspirational Mulga Tigers captain Remus Phineasa was awarded player of the grand final and was emotional.

"Win or lose, we are one community, and coming together as a community gives us the chance to do something good. We all win as a community, especially with the kids now coming up, we are moving forward," he said.

Long-serving referee Rod 'Hairy' McCrae has officiated at many carnivals and KRL finals over the past 15 years and rated this amongst the toughest.

"There was a huge crowd and I don't think many people would have been left on Badu Island. Most of the boats they came over in were anchored off the back suburb beaches on Thursday island because the winds were strong near the oval," he said.

McCrae said that there were many good players on both sides and he rated Remus Phineasa, Alex Namai and Lewis Whap as standouts for the Michael Zitha-coached Mulga Tigers.

He said that big forward Jaffa Cook, Daniel Mairu and Jack Sagigi shone for Suburbs.

Thursday island is now preparing for the biggest carnival on their calendar, the Zenadth Kes, from October 13-15.



Kaiwalagal Rugby League grand final winners Mulga Tigers are happy after their win over Suburbs.



Kaiwalagal Rugby League runners-up Suburbs put up a big fight.





Triston Reilly

## Triston rising rugby player



**TRISTON** Reilly, a Dunghutti youngster from South West Rocks, is making a name for himself in rugby union.

Triston is a Year 12 student at St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, and has earned selection in the 2017 GPS schoolboys rugby Team of the Year as fullback and also featured in the 2017 GPS Try of the Year.

This follows his 2016 GPS schoolboys Rising Star award.

It might be September, but for Triston, schoolboys rugby is not over after he was recently notified of his selection in the shadow squad for the 2017 under-18 Australian Schoolboys rugby team.

Triston is on standby if an injury/sickness occurs to a starting team player. Australian Schools will play several games against Fiji and New Zealand in October.

The selection follows on from Triston's earlier selection in the 2017 under-18 Australian Schoolboys rugby sevens squad for the World School Sevens tournament to be held in Auckland, New Zealand in December.

# On their bikes for IMF



A TEAM of cyclists last weekend arrived in Alice Springs as part of their 4000km journey from

Adelaide to Darwin to raise money for the Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF).

The money raised by the team, known as 4kUP, will go be split 60-40 between the IMF and the Starlight Children's Foundation.

The funds that IMF receives will be directed to one of its key programs – Indigenous Communities for Activity and Nutrition, or I-CAN.

I-CAN facilitates a number of school-based, eight-week programs based on improving school attendance through fun games and activities, addressing childhood obesity and unhealthy lifestyles, and installs running tracks and fitness equipment in primary schools or in Indigenous community parks and gives the community ownership of the equipment.

The IMF currently has programs at Bulla, Timber Creek, Canteen Creek and Galiwin'ku, all in the Northern Territory, with plans to expand to the APY Lands.

In Alice, the cyclists met up with Sarah Carmody, one of the graduates of the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) who ran the New York Marathon in 2014.

Four cyclists are making their way from Adelaide to Darwin. They are being led by Sydney

businessmen Peter Hurley and Brett Straatemeier.

Mr Hurley said that after meeting world champion marathon runner Rob de Castella and several members of the IMP on the flight to the US for the New York Marathon in November 2014, he wanted to see what he could do to further IMF's cause.

"IMF is not about handing out money," Mr Hurley said. "It is about using the marathon to promote self-worth, leadership and role models. It promotes healthy and active lifestyles throughout Indigenous communities nationally to reduce the incidence of Indigenous disease."

### "Extraordinary"

IMF director de Castella said, "What Peter, Brett and the 4kUP team are doing is extraordinary."

The team expects to be in the saddle for 30 days as they pedal through some of the country's most remote areas and toughest terrain, cycling about 130km a day in a self-supported and self-funded month-long adventure.

The trip takes in Uluru, Kata Tjuta and the Mereenie Loop, and covers more than 4000km from the starting point of Glenelg, South Australia, to Darwin.

The cyclists are all experienced endurance athletes, having competed in multiple ironman, marathons, ultramarathons, all-day and multi-day cycling and running events.

# Reuben knows way to tryline

By ALF WILSON



STAR Townsville Blackhawks winger Jonathon Reuben, of Darnley Island descent, has won the Queensland Super Cup competition's leading try scorer award for the second year in a row.

The flying speedster has also been named in the competition's 2017 Team of the Year.

Reuben scored 26 tries during the year which easily surpassed the 18 four pointers he scored in the 2016 season.

The Blackhawks finished sixth of 14 teams in the competition which is second only to the NRL in Queensland rugby league.

The Cairns-based Northern Pride finished 12th and took no part in the finals series that started on September 2.

Mackay Cutters wound up eighth.

Former Canberra Raiders and Sydney Roosters player Reuben has lined up at several North Queensland All Blacks carnivals in recent years.

Reuben has many family and relations living in the Torres Strait, Cairns and Townsville.

Reuben scored two tries when the Blackhawks were beaten 20-16 by East Tigers in an elimination semifinal on September 3.



Jonathon Reuben

# Gurrung Sports Carnival another roaring success



THE eighth annual Gurrung Sports Carnival at Jabiruda turned out to be a carbon copy of the 2016 event.

The Gurrung carnival, held from August 25-27, was hosted by West

Arnhem Regional Council and is the Northern Territory's largest regional sports event and a highlight of the West Arnhem sporting calendar.

Twenty-three teams competed in the men's Australian football, men's and women's basketball and the mixed touch football over the three days, with participants representing Jabiru, Gunbalanya, Minjilang, Waruwi, Maningrida, Daly River and St

John's College. In the end, it was almost a repeat of 2016.

Jabiru Heat once again won the men's basketball competition (for the sixth consecutive year!) and the Waruwi team won the women's basketball.

And for the fifth year in a row, the men's Australian football was won by the reigning champions Minjilang Eagles.

In the newest component of the competition, the mixed touch football, the Jabiru team beat Maningrida.

West Arnhem Regional Council sport and recreation coordinator Seide Ramadani said organisers are overjoyed with the success of Gurrung this year.

"A huge turnout of competitors and supporters made it a wonderful weekend

atmosphere. Gurrung is such a well-loved tournament and people travel far and wide to be part of it," Ramadani said.

"A lot of logistical planning goes into it to organise tournament draws, charter flights, tidal river crossings and vehicles. Council staff and community volunteers did a terrific job to ensure the competition was smoothly run."

Women's basketball final: Waruwi Storm d Jamiru Heat 14-13.

Men's basketball final: Jabiru Heat d Manangrida All Stars 22-12.

Men's football: Minjilang Eagles d Jabiru Bombers 15-12.

Mixed touch football: Jabirud Maningrida Blue 10-2.



# Made for September

## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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As I write this, I am uncertain whether the Swans have progressed through to meet the Crows in the preliminary final to set up my

dream contest between Eddie Betts and Buddy Franklin.

What I can be sure of is that Eddie is one magical performance away from taking Adelaide into the season decider.

Eddie was made for September.

Carlton must still be regretting the day they decided to let him go at the end of 2013.

### Amazing

His game against Greater Western Sydney (GWS) in the qualifying final was amazing and reinforced everything I have written about him across the season.

Eddie was dazzling from the start.

If he wasn't kicking goals off half a step, he was chasing down unsuspecting big men, getting out the back, kicking them from the boundary and dazzling defenders with his bag of tricks.

All this on a wet surface that was not made for attacking football.

Going into this year's September campaign, the

30-year-old had kicked 14 goals in four finals with the Crows.

His three-goal haul against the Giants takes that to 17 in five.

While his form since his return from having his appendix removed in July hasn't been up to his own high standards, he knew when to turn it on.

He was awesome and what made it even better was that before the game, GWS knew they couldn't afford to let Eddie 'off the leash'.

Prior to the final, the little Adelaide champion had kicked 17 goals and averaged 15 touches from his previous four games against GWS.

"He always manages to bob up and kick his three or four goals," Giants coach Leon Cameron said prior to the game.

"We can't have Eddie Betts spitting out at the end of the game with four goals, because we're probably going to be in a bit of strife."

And strife it was!

Betts only cost the Giants three goals.

But they were all kicked when the game was up for grabs.

By the time his third major had sailed through, it was all too late for GWS.

The game was over — and Eddie fever at the Adelaide Oval reached fever pitch.

Eddie's dominance is reflected in his match statistics.

### High conversion

Of his 13 disposals for the night, eight turned into scores, finishing with 3.2 himself. He also won eight disposals inside the forward 50 — the area where you don't want Betts winning the ball.

It was the quality behind the stats that was just as important as Melbourne veteran Jordan Lewis commented.

"What we've seen with Eddie Betts is he's been able to run the routes that he wants to run, he hasn't been pushed off his line," Lewis said during the game.

"What Eddie needs is space, and he's getting that."

There is no doubt that Eddie is a crowd favourite and has the ability to bring the Crows' parochial home fans into the game.

It's hard enough for teams to

ignore the Betts-inspired excitement during home and away games.

The noise during the first half of the final, however, was something else.

"It's amazing how they react and respond to whenever he's near the ball and whatever he does," Crow Josh Jenkins said after the game.

"He electrifies us. He electrifies the crowd."

"He was always around, his pressure was super... but he finishes well too — that's the crucial part."

### Special player

When a player's influence goes beyond his own personal performance, you have a very special player.

You can't give Betts an inch. The Giants gave him a mile and they paid the price.

It was Betts who was the true giant on the night.

Like all true champions, he was made for the big games.

The scene is made for player of his calibre — the stage awaits!

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

## Victorian cricketers train during winter



THREE Indigenous players have spent the winter months at the Victorian Futures League Winter Cricket Academy.

They are Ben Abbatangelo, Nick Boland and Damon Egan.

Northcote batsman Abbatangelo was one of returning members of last season's training squad.

Victorian chairman of selectors Andrew Lynch said this year's squad had been chosen with an eye on unearthing future Bushrangers.

"The side we've picked for the winter training program this year is much younger than we've previously had, which is a big part of our strategy going forward," Lynch said.

"We're looking to bring these talented young players through our system, which we have a lot

of faith in and has proven to be successful in the past, and prepare them as best we can for future possibilities at first-class level."

The squad has trained together under the guidance of high-performance coaches David Hussey and Mick Lewis, with a focus on strength and conditioning, skills and performance management.

"It's great to be able to bring the squad together during the winter, which gives us plenty of time to work on developing their skills and techniques for both batting and bowling," Hussey said.

The three Indigenous players were members of the victorious Victorian team at this year's National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) in Alice Springs.

It was the first time Victoria had won the carnival.

Gunai Kurnai man Abbatangelo, from the Northcote club, is a right-hand batsman and right-arm off-spinner.

Boland, from Frankston-Peninsula, is a Guldjian right-arm fast bowler, while Egan, from the Gunditjmarra mob, is a dashing right-handed batsman and bowls medium-pacers. He plays club cricket with St Kilda.

Ben Abbatangelo



## Tribute to Micky O



**KOORI Mail** columnist and Australian Football League (AFL) great Michael O'Loughlin has been inducted into the South Australian Football Hall of Fame. Our man Peter Argent was there and photographed O'Loughlin with his mum Murial. O'Loughlin played his entire 303-game AFL career with the Sydney Swans between 1995 and 2009. He was named in the Indigenous Team of the Century and was the third Indigenous player to reach the 300-game milestone. He kicked 520 career goals. He grew up in Adelaide and played his junior football with Centrals in the SANFL. Before that, he played with the Salisbury North Hawks in Adelaide's north.

## Program targets Indigenous kids



MALE and female cricketers aged between 12 and 18 are invited to attend an Indigenous junior development program in Melbourne next month.

Cricket Victoria's Noogal

Toengorrt Tani Cricket Program is organising two sessions at the Melbourne Cricket Ground indoor nets and the Northcote Cricket Club, Westgarth Street, Northcote.

The MCG session will be on Thursday, October 5, and the Northcote session on Friday, October 6.

Both sessions will run from 9am to 3pm.

Cricket Victoria said attendance could open opportunities of interstate cricket travel with the Noogal Toengorrt Tani Program.

Register at [www.cricketvictoria.com.au/get-involved/indigenous](http://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/get-involved/indigenous) or phone Ashley Sweet on (03) 9653 1100 or [asweet@cricketvictoria.com.au](mailto:asweet@cricketvictoria.com.au)



# Draft awaits Wallace

By PETER ARGENT



RUTH Wallace added to her impressive resume with another standout performance for the Adelaide University Blacks in their emphatic win over Salisbury Magpies in the South Australian Women's Football League (SAWFL) grand final.

Adelaide University, undefeated all year, won the season decider by more than 100 points at Thebarton Oval on Sunday, September 3.

Wallace was rewarded with best-on-ground honours and the accompanying medal for her stellar performance for a dominant Blacks side that had the game won at quarter-time.

"For Norwood in the inaugural SANFL Women's competition grand final earlier this year, Wallace would have laid 12 tackles, along with her offensive work," Blacks coach Krissie Steen said.

"She repeated that for performance in the SAWFL grand final.

"Her work rate was fantastic. Along with the defensive work and the three goals she kicked, there was a large number of score assists.

"Ruth is a fantastic team player and has that team-first attitude.



Ruth Wallace prepares to handball during the SAWFL grand final against Salisbury Magpies. Pictures: Peter Argent

"She is as tough at the contest as anyone in the women's game and along with all her attacking traits, her defensive pressure is one of her strengths."

The Blacks won the SAWFL final 19.12 (126) to 1.3 (9).

Wallace played 10 games in the 2017 SAWFL campaign, kicking 37 goals, to be the competition's

leading goalkicker, including hauls of seven and eight, both against the Modbury Hawks during the minor round.

She was among the Blacks' best player lists on seven occasions; in three of them she produced best-on-ground efforts.

"While the game was a bit of a blowout, winning individual awards

Ruth Wallace shows off her SAWFL premiership medal.



is not what you really think about when you're playing, but I was certainly humbled when my name was called out for the best on ground honours." Wallace told the *Koori Mail*.

Wallace played football with Morphetville Park Roos in the SAWFL in 2013 and lost a grand final to Greenacres.

In 2014 and 2015, she played soccer with West Adelaide in the Premier League before returning to Australian football last year with the Blacks.

She is one of four who have been asked from South Australia to attend the national AFL draft combine and is naturally keen to get a gig with an AFLW Club.

"I'm still training hard and looking forward to the draft combine in early October," Wallace said.

"I liked watching Andy McLeod play and these days it's fair to say I aspire to play like Eddie (Betts)."

Wallace is believed to be highly-touted prospect for the 2018 AFL women's draft.

## Big crowds at Lismore league carnival



A RECORD 20 teams contested this year's Lismore Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival at Crozier Oval, last Saturday and Sunday.

Some teams use the carnival as a final tune-up for the big NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout coming up during the long weekend.

Tweed Connections were defending their Lismore title, but competition was expected to be hot.



From left, Warren Williams, Wayne Caldwell, Earnest Hickling and granddaughter, Joey Walker and Thomas Walker, with Uncle Harold Avery (front).



Ngaku Warriors tackle a player from Cabbage Tree Island. Pictures: Shiloh Monkland



A player from Mulli Mulli runs the ball to meet Tommy Gunns Memorial's defence line.



Kale Frazier, Garnett Williams, Brody Williams and Kieran Johnson.



## Mundine not a high priority, says Horn's trainer



rematch with Manny Pacquiao fell through earlier this month, with the World Boxing

JEFF Horn's trainer Glenn Rushton won't say no to Anthony Mundine, but admits he isn't at the top of the world champion's boxing wish list. Horn's

Organisation (WBO) welterweight champion now searching for a replacement to fight in Brisbane later this year.

The 42-year-old Mundine has thrown his hat in the ring, but Rushton was hopeful of securing former world champions Jessie Vargas or Lamont Peterson for a November title defence.

"Mundine is not the fight that's hot on the radar, but you've got to keep the doors open," Rushton said. "There are more suitable opponents, but we are not saying no to anything because Jeff needs to stay active."

Rushton said fights against Vargas or Peterson would likely be held at the

Brisbane Entertainment Centre.

Mundine would at least be a crowd puller, given he is still the biggest drawcard on pay-per-view television in Australia.

"He's still got plenty of support, but I'm not sure we're seriously considering it," Rushton said of a fight against Mundine.

—AAP

# Cricket slumber ends



AUSTRALIA'S most promising Indigenous cricketers have just completed an exhausting series

of matches in Brisbane and the Queensland Sunshine Coast.

The National Indigenous Squad played matches over eight rounds, starting with a one-day loss to Queensland at Peter Burge Oval, Brisbane, on August 25.

They then beat Papua New Guinea at Bob Young Oval on August 26.

The next day they beat Cricket Australia's National Performance Squad at Alan Border Field, Brisbane.

They tied with Papua New Guinea at Peter Burge Oval on August 30 in round four.

On September 3, they beat Papua New Guinea at Ian Healy Oval, Kalinga, and two days later, this time at Maroochydore, they again beat Papua New Guinea.

Their best win of the tournament was over Victoria at Maroochydore on September 7 in a T20 match. Victorian Ben Abbatangelo led with charge with 65 runs from 44 deliveries as the National Indigenous Squad scored 6-170.

Victoria replied with 5-175.

Their last game was a 50-overs match against Victoria at Maroochydore.

The National Indigenous team needed three runs off the last ball, but only managed one run.

Cricket Australia Indigenous cricket officer Paul Stewart said the win over Victoria was most notable and the performances against Papua New Guinea were convincing.

### Hit by flu

Stewart said the Indigenous side was down on numbers in the tied match against Papua New Guinea. He said the team was hit by a flu outbreak and a tie was a good result considering that.

Missing from the men's squad was Indigenous international Dan Christian.

He has been busy overseas, first helping Notts win the NatWest T20 final in England, and then being drafted by the Trinbago Knight Riders, who won the Caribbean Premier League (CPL).

He was brought into the Knight Riders after New Zealand veteran Brendon McCullum was injured.

Christian played a crucial role in Nottinghamshire's 22-run victory against Warwickshire in the final of the T20 Blast, helping them to clinch their first ever domestic T20 title.

Christian next year will lead an



The National Indigenous men's squad in Brisbane earlier this month. Coach Jeff Cook is standing at far left and Cricket Australia Indigenous officer Paul Stewart is crouching at far left.

Indigenous Australian team on a tour of England to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the 1868 Aboriginal team that became the first sporting team from Australia to tour internationally.

National Indigenous coach Jeff Cook said the recent matches in Queensland were exactly the sort of contests his players needed in terms of exposure to a higher standard of cricket as they look to reach that level.

"These games mean a hell of a lot," Cook said.

"We always want bigger games. Playing games against Queensland, Victoria, PNG and the National Performance Squad, it tells our players where they're at."

"A lot of these guys are in squads with their states, or on the verge of Futures teams, so it gives them an indication of what's needed in order to get up to first-class cricket."

While the men were testing themselves in Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast, Australia's emerging Indigenous women's cricketers were at Cricket Australia's National Cricket Centre



The Indigenous women undertook intensive training at the National Cricket Centre in Brisbane.

in Brisbane undergoing intensive training under coach Shelley Nitschke.

The women's squad played two

internal games and took on the Queensland Fire, a team that included three Australian players – Delissa Kimmince, Holly Ferling

and Beth Mooney. The Queensland team was too strong, but the Indigenous girls took a lot out of the match.





The Crows' Eddie Betts kicks a goal from near the boundary line during the round nine AFL match against the Brisbane Lions at the Gabba on May 20, 2017. Picture: Getty



Buddy Franklin of the Swans gets away from Crows' Daniel Talia and sets off for a goal during the round 22 AFL match against the Adelaide Crows at the Adelaide Oval on August 18. Picture: Getty



Daniel Rioli kicks his miracle goal from the pocket during the 2017 AFL round 3 match against the West Coast Eagles at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on April 8, 2017. Picture: Getty

# Which will it be?



HERE'S a certainty for the 2017 Australian Football League season – the Goal of the Year winner will be an Indigenous player.

That's because the three finalists in the running to win the award are all Indigenous – Adelaide's Eddie Betts, Sydney's Lance Franklin and Richmond's Daniel Rioli.

Rioli kicked his amazing goal in round three against the West Coast Eagles while Betts' best was in round nine against the Brisbane Lions.

Franklin's contender for Goal of the Year

was a dubious one in round 22 against the Adelaide Crows.

The Sydney star burned off Crows defender Daniel Talia down the Adelaide Oval wing and then launched a bomb from just inside 50m.

It was reminiscent of his 2010 Goal of the Year at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) for Hawthorn against Essendon.

But a few days after the Adelaide Oval effort, umpires boss Hayden Kennedy said the four-times Coleman Medallist maybe ran too far just before taking his kick.

"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."

Adelaide small forward Betts has won the last two goals of the year and is a contender again after his masterful spoil, gather and snap in round nine against Brisbane.

But Richmond goalsneak Daniel Rioli is also among the favourites for his snap from the boundary against West Coast.

The AFL's All-Australian Selection

Committee selected the best three goals from a selection of 28 (the 23 weekly winners, along with five other contenders as determined by the AFL Media footy expert selectors). The best three goals were determined on a 5/4/3/2/1 vote given by each member of the selection committee.

The 2017 Coates Hire Goal of the Year will be decided by public voting that closed last Thursday.

The goal of the Year winner will be awarded at the 2017 Brownlow Medal ceremony at Crown Palladium on Monday, September 25.

# Cricket boss takes to the skies



CRICKET Australia boss James Sutherland has just completed a whirlwind tour

of Australia that took in a day at Alice Springs where CA confirmed an extension of its partnership with the Clontarf Foundation.

The latest CA census reveals that participation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players almost doubled in 2016-17 to 54,346, a whopping 47.3% yearly growth.

The CA-Clontarf Foundation partnership has been in existence since 2014. It has exposed many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander male students to cricket.

## Important step

Sutherland announced the partnership extension while he was in Alice Springs, playing cricket with young Aboriginal boys from the region, and said the work with the Clontarf Foundation was an important step in cricket's efforts to drive Indigenous participation in cricket and help drive social change.

"We're delighted that the growth of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in cricket has been so strong in the past couple of years, and

we're very proud to continue our partnership with Clontarf," he said.

"It's wonderful to see the great work Clontarf is doing with these young boys all around Australia, and it is a privilege to be able to meet some of the students during my Northern Territory visit.

"We want them to aspire to playing cricket at the highest levels. There are already 60 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players who are currently playing first grade premier cricket around the nation."

The next progression of the Clontarf partnership will have two key objectives:

- Engage all Clontarf staff and students with cricket.
- Inspire participation in primary schools and enhance student employment prospects.

Clontarf chairman Ross Kelly said the foundation's cricket program catered for more than 6000 students in WA, the Northern Territory, Victoria, Queensland and NSW.

Sutherland last week visited all eight states and territories – an unusual and original national tour that saw him showcase all formats of cricket that are available to Australians.

Each state and territory focused on a different area of grassroots cricket.



Cricket Australia chief executive James Sutherland, left, in Alice Springs with Australian Football League star Cyril Rioli, centre, and West Australian Indigenous cricketer D'Arcy Short. Short presented Rioli with an Australian Indigenous cricket team shirt.





The Maal-ya Indigenous women's team competed in Canada. Coach Danny Morseu is at left.

## Women finish 5th in Canada

By ALF WILSON



FORMER Australian Opals stars Rohanee Cox and Alana Fraser, who has Hammond Island descent, played a major role for the Australian

Maal-ya basketball team that finished fifth of 12 teams at the recent World Indigenous Basketball Challenge in Canada.

The 19-year-old Fraser, who now lives in Sydney, was used with great success

as a utility player.

Team coach was Thursday Island-born Danny Morseu, who, in 1980, became the first basketballer born and bred in the Torres Strait to represent Australia at an Olympic Games (in Moscow).

"Alana played exceptionally well in Canada and I rotated her as a guard and forward," Morseu said.

"She defended very well and shot well."

Morseu is a basketball trailblazer who, in 1979, played for the St Kilda team that

won Australia's inaugural National Basketball League (NBL) championship.

At the Moscow Olympics, he played in seven matches and in a further eight games for Australia at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984.

In 1987, playing for the Brisbane Bullets, he won an NBL title.

Then in April 2003, having played a total of 217 NBL matches over 10 seasons, he became the first Indigenous player to be inducted into the NBL's Hall of Fame.

Now aged 59 and still super fit,

Morseu is the president of the National Indigenous Basketball Academy which has its headquarters at Logan, Queensland.

Other standouts at Canada were former Australian Opals representative Rohanee Cox who was captain and leader, Sophie Atkinson and 15-year-olds Georgia Baldwin, and Sophie and Tyler Atkinson.

"I was very happy with the way the team played," Morseu said.

● Maal-ya means Swan in Bangerang language, from Victoria

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## From 271 to 37, Barty climbs world rankings



ASH Barty has received a further boost to her breakout season with news she and partner Casey Dellacqua have qualified for the

season-ending Doubles Championships.

The Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Finals is a women's tournament in Kallang, Singapore, and features eight of the world's best doubles teams.

Fresh off another boost to her singles ranking – earlier this month Barty moved

to No 37 in the world, up from No 271 at the beginning of the year – the Queenslander was announced as a starter for the Singapore tournament.

She now has an Australian ranking of No 2.

It will be the debut performance for the pair, who have reached six finals this year, including the decider at Roland Garros.

They've won three titles and are currently ranked fourth in the race to Singapore.

"It really is a dream to compete at our first WTA Finals and we can't wait to play in front of the fans in Singapore," said Barty.

Players taking part are chosen according to point totals calculated by any combination of 11 tournaments throughout the year.

The news of Barty and Dellacqua's qualification caps a trophy-laden year for the pair, who have reached six finals overall in 2017.

They lifted the title at Alya Malaysian

Open in Kuala Lumpur, the Internationaux de Strasbourg and the Aegon Classic Birmingham, and were finalists at Roland Garros, the Aegon International Eastbourne and the Connecticut Open in New Haven.

Their partnership began in 2012, and having reached the final at Roland Garros earlier in 2017, they have now played in the title match at each of the Grand Slams, finishing as runners-up at the Australian Open, Wimbledon and the US Open across 2013.– With AAP



The Cherbourg Hornets show they're number one after winning last year's Murri carnival at Redcliffe.

## Legends game feature of 2017 Murri carnival



MORE than 20,000 spectators and a record 53 teams featuring more than 1300 Aboriginal Torres and Strait Islander players will be part of the spectacle at the seventh annual Arthur

Beetson Foundation Murri Rugby League Carnival at Dolphin Oval, Redcliffe, starting today.

For the first time, a legends game will be a highlight tomorrow (Thursday) at 5pm.

It will feature more than 30 former National Rugby League (NRL) greats in the Arthur Beetson All Stars versus Brisbane Broncos Legends.

Players representing the Arthur Beetson All Stars include Gary Belcher, Steve Renouf, Preston Campbell, and Nathan Blacklock. The Broncos Old Boys will include Julian O'Neil, Jharal Yow Yeh,

Darren Smith, Cliff Lyons, Petero Civoniceva and Chris Walker.

Defending their 2016 title will be the Cherbourg Hornets, who beat Ipswich side the Purga Wagtails 28-25 in a thrilling final.

The Wagtails will be back this year.

Among the teams to come a long way to Redcliffe are the Torres Strait Dhadin Geai Warriors, the Gulf Warriors (Normanton) and Yarrabah Guayala.

### Strong contenders

Previous winners Southern Dingoes will have a strong presence.

Last year's women's finalists – Murri Sistas and Tiddas United – have also nominated.

Murri Sisters won last year's final 44-0.

Organisers say the carnival represents an innovative way to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community

members to take responsibility for their health – every single player is required to have a health check with their GP or health clinic before taking to the field or court.

In the 15 years division, players must also have achieved a 90% school attendance rate to be eligible to play.

Brad Beetson, son of the late Arthur Beetson and board member of the Arthur Beetson Foundation, said his father would have been proud to see so many people taking part.

"Dad was absolutely passionate about young Australians, and particularly young Indigenous Australians, achieving better health, education and welfare outcomes," he said.

"He would be proud that many of the NRL stars he had so much to do with have come out to play in the legends game to support the carnival and he would have

been so pleased to see the huge number of teams travelling from all over Queensland to compete in the under-15s, men's and women's competitions."

### Coming from afar

Deadly Choices ambassador Steve Renouf, who still holds the record for the most tries for the Brisbane Broncos (146), said teams attending were coming from all over Queensland, including from the Torres Strait, Mount Isa and the Gold Coast.

This year carnival for the first time will have a three-hour highlights package broadcasted on Fox League during the NRL grand final weekend. For the first time, every field will be live streamed, including the legends' match.

Further information is available at [www.murrirugbyleague.com.au](http://www.murrirugbyleague.com.au)





The Redfern All Blacks celebrate after winning their second consecutive NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout last year at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield. They are aiming for a 'threepeat' at this year's Knockout.

# Knockout time



THE Redfern All Blacks (RAB) will be aiming to make it three from three at this weekend's 47th NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield.

RAB won the right to host the 2017 Knockout when they beat Newcastle All Blacks 40-12 in last year's Knockout final, also at Leichhardt Oval.

For the Newcastle All Blacks, it was their third successive finals appearance, having won the Knockout in 2014 and then losing to RAB the following year.

In the women's final last year, the RAB beat the young Red Belly Blacks 24-4.

But with that experience behind them, the Red Belly Blacks, from Sydney's western suburbs, could be a different proposition this year.

La Perouse Panthers beat Combined Countries 26-10 in the under-17 final, while in the under-15 final, Kirinari Brothers United beat Kempsey Sharks 24-0.

South Taree-Taree Biripi beat Kempsey United 34-18 in the under-12 finals.

The Knockout, sometimes described as a modern-day corroboree, is regarded as the most important Aboriginal cultural gathering in NSW and this year will run from Friday, September 29, to Monday, October 2.

It attracts rugby league teams from

Indigenous communities throughout NSW.

In recent years Sydney and Newcastle teams have dominated the Knockout, but that doesn't stop teams from small country communities turning up each year to test themselves against the best Indigenous players in the state.

For most of the 45-year history of the Knockout, it has been organised by the winning team community.

Organisers are expecting this year's knockout to draw 60,000 people to Sydney.

The competition includes women and juniors.

The juniors include under-12s girls and boys and the under-15s and under-17s and provides opportunities for selection and talent scouts.

### Early completion

Knockout spokesman and RAB men's coach Dean Widders told the *Koori Mail* that all under-12 matches would be completed on Friday – the first day of the carnival – with the final to be played on Friday night.

This would clear the way for the under-12 players to attend the National Rugby League (NRL) grand final at Stadium Australia on Sunday, October 1, where they would present the medallions to the winning team.

Women and under-15s and under-17s

will be required to play matches on Friday and Saturday and possibly on Sunday before the finals on Monday.

Leaving the door open to possible Sunday matches was brought about because organisers lifted the cap on the number of teams entered.

### Draw at Ashfield

The draw for the Knockout will be held on Wednesday, September 27, at Wests Ashfield Leagues Club.

Doors for that function will open

at 6.30pm. Tickets cost \$25 and will be available at the door. There will be light refreshments and entertainment.

The Knockout entry fee will be \$10 Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and \$5 on Monday.

Weekend passes will be available for \$30. All aged pensioners (Senior Cards must be shown) and children 15 and under are free. (Photo ID such as library cards or school cards must be provided.)

● Teams nominated for the Knockout – see page 73

## NSWRL baulks on insurance

THE Redfern All Blacks (RAB) last week were organising insurance coverage for NSW Aboriginal Knockout players normally covered by the NSW Rugby League (NSWRL).

The NSWRL has refused to cover their players who will be taking part in the Knockout.

The National Rugby League (NRL) and the NSW country Rugby League (CRL) are providing insurance for their players.

The insurance the RAB is organising in the absence of the NSWRL coverage will also cover any Knockout player who is unregistered.

RAB spokeswoman Christine Robinson also announced that the Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS) had come on board as the Knockout's major sponsor.

Ms Robinson also urged clubs to nominate team players by September 25. She said there was a clause that allowed clubs to alter team lists up to 30 minutes before the start of their games.

She urged patrons to visit the Knockout Facebook page or the website to be kept abreast of late information.

She also said there would be more car parking at this year's Knockout.