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Native title battle giant awakens



TWENTY years ago, this giant painting became a centrepiece in a native title battle for a huge area of land in Western Australia's Kimberley. Two decades on more than 100 people, some of them pictured above, gathered in the Great Sandy Desert last month to 'awaken' the artwork, *Ngurrara Canvas II*, which became evidence for the vast Ngurrara native title claim, which wasn't won until 2007. See the full story and pictures on page 3. Picture: Kimberley Land Council

Mission manager

Turnbull accused after rejecting First Nations voice



AFTER rejecting an Indigenous Voice to Parliament, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has been labelled a "mission manager" by Referendum Council co-chair Pat Anderson.

The Voice to Parliament was one of the key recommendations to come from an Indigenous Constitutional meeting held at Uluru in May, along with treaty, a

truth-telling commission and makarrata.

It was also the key recommendation made by the Referendum Council in its final report, published in July.

Ms Anderson said the Referendum Council's report was the culmination of a 10-year process, which included a series of First Nations dialogues across the country.

"Malcolm Turnbull has turned

himself into the latest mission manager – he knows what's best for us," she told ABC TV.

Mr Turnbull, Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and Attorney-General George Brandis put out a statement saying that the Government did not believe such a "radical change" had any chance of winning a referendum.

Constitutional lawyer Professor Megan Davis, who was also a member of the Expert Panel on

Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous People, said Australia's First Peoples needed to be "front and centre" of any discussion regarding them.

"One of the problems with what the Prime Minister said yesterday was that he would revert to symbolic recognition proposals," she said.

"And those proposals were overwhelmingly ruled out and rejected by the dialogues

that we ran across Australia.

"What that suggests to me, in addition to probably that the report hasn't been carefully considered, is that it proves the point of Uluru: that they don't listen and we need more formal mechanisms of input and advice to the Parliament, because they don't listen."

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My FAMILY

Tjunkaya Ken – Pitjantjatjara woman from Amata (APY Lands), living in Adelaide, South Australia



MY partner Karum Fisher, our daughter Iwana Ken, me and my nephew Dom Barry are pictured here standing in front of Yoritji Young's painting, which was just sold at the Purple House art auction. Yoritji's my big sister, Anangu way.

A lot of my family are artists – they're pretty big at the moment. A lot of their works were in the auction.

While there we also went to the premier of the zombie apocalypse movie *Cargo* at the Adelaide Film Festival. Karum was in a support roll and my aunty, who has now passed away, was in it too.

Karum is from Queensland. His father is Aboriginal and his mother Maori.

Dom is from Fregon.

My grandfather had two wives, the first one from Amata. His second wife was from Fregon, so there is a whole lot of Kens living in Fregon who all come from the same grandfather.

I have been living in Adelaide since 1988, and I am studying social work at the moment.

I get back to Amata when I can. It is a long way to the far north-west corner of South

Australia, near the tri-state border.

The older I get, I feel I have to get to Amata more often, because of the older people going.

I have a lot of family affected by renal failure, and I see them all when they come down to Adelaide. Unfortunately a lot of them pass away here.

That's why the auction was really important; to get a dialysis machine so people can stay on country.

It's good to know some of them will be able to go back home now.

When I do go back to Amata the family take me out on the country to get bush food and eat bush tucker, like kangaroo and honey ants.

I like to sit back and watch my family paint, because that's how you learn.

It is important to know the stories so you can pass it down and Iwana will know her songlines.

I sketch and do portraits, but not in exhibitions – not until I go home and probably do all my stories.

– As told to Jillian Mundy

OUR CHILDREN



Moree girl Ann Maree Taylor gets behind the microphone for the BBC (Boomerangs Broadcast Corporation) as part of the First on the Ladder arts-meets-sport program. Get the full story on page 26. Picture: Simone Ruggiero

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Canvas returned to country



TWO decades after a giant Aboriginal painting was used in a successful native title claim in Western

Australia's remote north, the canvas has been returned for the first time to the traditional lands where it was created.

While fighting for the Kimberley region's largest native title claim in 1997, more than 40 traditional owners and desert artists travelled to Pirnini to map their homelands on a collective canvas measuring 8m x 10m.

More than 100 people gathered in the Great Sandy Desert last month to 'awaken' the artwork, which became evidence for the vast Ngurrara native title claim, which wasn't won until a decade later.

At 20, Terry Murray was the youngest of the 40 artists who worked on *Ngurrara Canvas II* and was one of whom celebrated its return to the banks of Lake Pirnini.

"It's time to 'Parnkimanu Ngurrara' (to awaken the canvas back out on Ngurrara country)," he said.

"Now is the time to celebrate, to Parnkimanu Ngurrara with the power of the Ngurrara artists that painted the canvas.

"We want to recognise those who are deceased, and those who are still standing. Now is the time to come together after 20 years to celebrate and awaken our unique Ngurrara canvas.

"We want to recognise those who are deceased, and those who are still standing.

"Now is the time to come together after 20 years."



Terry Murray points out his contribution to *Ngurrara Canvas II*. Pictures courtesy Kimberley Land Council

The immense artwork, which charts sacred water holes and soaks across the land claim, serves as an expression of connection to country.

The canvas illustrates the significant jila (springs) and jumu (soaks) across Ngurrara country, with the only concession to Western mapping a depiction of the Canning Stock Route.

Bigger than Tasmania

The Ngurrara claim covers almost 78,000 square kilometres of the Kimberley's southern desert region – an area bigger than Tasmania. It's comprised of people from the Walmajarri, Wangkajunga, Mangala and Juwaliny language groups.

Ngurrara Canvas II was the second artwork created to support the claim.

The first was a 5m x 10m painting, which is now displayed in the National Museum of Australia in Canberra. But it was deemed too small to tell the whole story. It had to be bigger and more collaborative.

The second was 80 square metres, which took two weeks to paint.

Ngurrara Canvas II was carefully removed from storage at Mangkaja Arts in Fitzroy Crossing for the event.

The community and the Yanunijarra Aboriginal Corporation will develop a plan to look after the canvas.

"We would like to take the next generation and the standing Elders on a journey to explore how we can celebrate the canvas's power going forward," Mr Murray said.



Locals check out *Ngurrara Canvas II* on the banks of Lake Pirnini.

Hate, fear in Alice



ABORIGINAL families in Mparntwe (Alice Springs) are concerned that vigilante groups are targeting their children after two

young boys were bashed by a group of men.

The two 13-year-olds were attacked outside a bank in Todd Mall on October 13 and two men, aged 21 and 27, have since been charged.

According to advocacy group Shut Youth Prisons Mparntwe, as a group of Aboriginal children were walking home, a ute pulled up and at least four men jumped out and chased them.

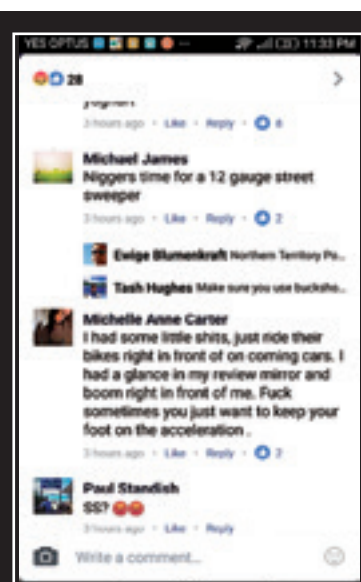
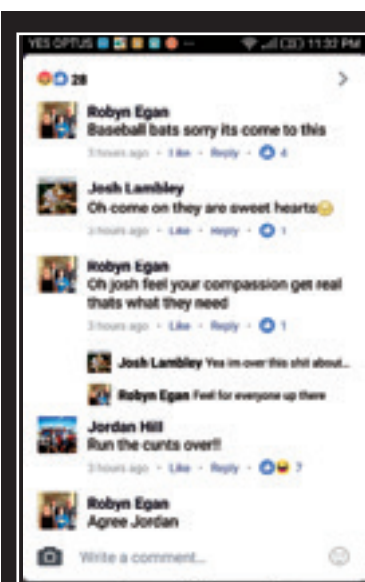
One boy was beaten unconscious after sustaining injuries to his head, while the other boy was kicked as he tried to shield his cousin from the blows, the organisation says.

The victims' grandfather, an Arrernte man, said he's concerned for his family's safety.

"Who gives them the right to bash our kids?" he asked.

"We have to put a stop to this. We don't want to wait until one of our kids dies."

The mother of one of the boys claimed police were slow to act.



Some of the hateful social media posts causing fear in Alice Springs.

"We fear for our lives and the police give us no answers," she said.

"The police have miscondacted themselves: They haven't kept us informed of the case; they did not attend the hospital after the incident to take statements; they did not take photos of the injuries for two days; they didn't let me, the mother and rightful guardian, enter

the interview room; and they refused us entry to the courthouse to follow the case."

NT Police did not answer questions from the *Koori Mail* about when they took statements or whether they had put out a public call for witnesses to the alleged assault.

However, at the time of going to press, there had been no public

appeal for information on the NT Police, Fire and Emergency website.

"As these matters are now before the courts, police are unable to comment further," a spokesperson said.

Shut Youth Prisons said Aboriginal people were concerned about racist Facebook posts and Youtube videos claiming to 'take

Alice Springs back' and death threats against children.

Vigilante groups have been organising online – with names such as the Nightwalkers and the Vigilant Group.

NT Deputy Police Commissioner Kate Vanderlaan said there was no place for vigilantism.

"It's really only becoming an offender and stooping to that level," she said. "We don't condone vigilante behaviour. We don't condone assaults on innocent people. We don't condone comments on Facebook that are ill-informed and fuel racist comments."

Shut Youth Prisons claimed the ute that had been used in the alleged attack on the two boys had been following young people for days.

"NT Police do not support or condone any vigilante activity or anyone taking the law into their own hands," the police spokesperson said.

"We request that members of the public stop and think before potentially putting themselves and others at risk. We encourage the public to call 131 444 or 000 when police assistance is needed."

Fury as Govt rejects voice to Parliament

By RUDI MAXWELL



REFERENDUM Council co-chair Pat Anderson and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people involved in the Uluru Statement from the Heart

have delivered a scathing assessment of Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's decision to reject out of hand an Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

"Malcolm Turnbull has turned himself into the latest mission manager – he knows what's best for us," Ms Anderson told ABC TV.

"But also he's omniscient because he knows how the Australian public are going to vote at a referendum.

"He has broken the bipartisan partnership he had with the other major parties. It's been a bad couple of days for us all – it definitely has.

"Why did he ask us? The work of the Referendum Council came at the end of a 10-year process. It's not something that just happened.

"Number one on our terms of reference was to go out and ask Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people what we wanted.

"We told him and he said, 'Nah, we're not doing that.' Why ask us? Just do it, like generations of decision makers have been doing to us."

The Referendum Council's final report, which was published in July, recommended an Indigenous voice to Parliament.

The report came after a council-led Indigenous consultation process, which consisted of a series of meetings, leading up to the Uluru Convention in May, when delegates delivered the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

The statement included a call for treaty, makarrata, truth-telling and an Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

The news that the Turnbull Government was going to reject the Referendum Council's recommendation leaked to Brisbane's *Courier Mail* last Wednesday. On Thursday night, Mr Turnbull, Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and Attorney-General George Brandis put out a statement, describing a voice to Parliament as a "radical change".

"The Turnbull Government has carefully considered the Referendum Council's call to amend the Constitution to provide for a national Indigenous representative assembly to constitute a 'Voice to Parliament'," they said.

"The Government does not believe such an addition to our national representative institutions is either desirable or capable of winning acceptance in a referendum.

"We have listened to the arguments put forward by proponents of the voice, and both understand and recognise the desire for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians to have a greater say in their own affairs.

"We acknowledge the values and the aspirations which lie at the heart of the Uluru Statement. People who ask for a voice feel voiceless or feel like they're not being heard. We remain committed to finding effective ways to develop stronger local voices and empowerment of local people.

"Our goal should be to see more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians serving in the House and the Senate – members of a Parliament which is elected by all Australians."



"Malcolm Turnbull has turned himself into the latest mission manager – he knows what's best for us."

– Referendum Council co-chair Pat Anderson

Labor senator Pat Dodson said the Government's response was a "kick in the guts" to Indigenous people.

"Well, it wasn't honourable," he told ABC radio. "It wasn't honourable because they didn't discuss any of this with their own advisory committee. They didn't discuss it with any of the Indigenous leadership.

"They certainly didn't discuss this with the Opposition before they allowed a leak or a leak took place – and we wouldn't even be having the discussion if the leak hadn't taken place.

"So there is nothing honourable about what's happened here. And certainly to then come back and say they made a judgment that a proposition that has been put by the First Nations people would not pass the referendum test... Now, who knows that?"

Very disappointing

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Rod Little told the *Koori Mail* that the Government's attitude was very disappointing.

"I think that some of the perceptions or assumptions that a Voice to Parliament was a 'radical' move, I think the language isn't compatible with what we've heard from Government about working with, not doing things to, us," he said.

"It also reinforces distrust between First Peoples and governments.

"There is a loss of hope, not only from First Peoples but also from other people who support recognition of First Peoples in the Constitution.

"The reconciliation work that has been done over the last 25 to 30 years, all of

this work has just been undone with this action."

Prominent Cape York Aboriginal man Noel Pearson said at least former prime minister John Howard had the grace to put the public question of a republic to the Australian people for their vote in 1999.

"There could have been a way to say no to this, without all the egregious dog whistling that is present in the Prime Minister's press release," Mr Pearson told ABC radio.

Senator Scullion was tightlipped when asked in Senate Estimates whether he was rolled by Cabinet colleagues on a constitutionally-enshrined indigenous voice to parliament.

However, he did indicate one of the reasons the Government decided to reject the proposal. "Speaking to 3% of the population when you're actually trying to deal with a national issue, I think was part of the fail," he said.

Mr Little pointed out that in the ACT, the Indigenous elected body (which he is a member of) has helped bring Indigenous voices to government.

"It's helped to make changes to ACT *Human Rights Act* – that's the kind progress that can be achieved, rather than simply reject the proposition," he said.

"Apparently when Mr Turnbull spoke to Cabinet he said he knows what it's like to lose a referendum (Mr Turnbull was the leader of the failed Republican cause), well we know what it's like to win.

"We won the '67 Referendum, and he's not giving due credit to the Australian people."

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– Government statement signed by Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion



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Jannawi dance group is one of the entrants in Dance Rites, part of Homeground.

First Nations art, culture on show at Opera House



HOME-GROUND, the Sydney Opera House's

annual celebration of First Nations art and culture, will move to the Opera House forecourt this year, from November 25-26.

Headlining this year's music lineup is Yothu Yindi, who will reform to mark the 25th anniversary of the release of global chart-topper *Treaty*.

Founding members Witiyana Marika, Stuart Kellaway and Kevin Marlangay will be joined by the next generation of Aboriginal performers, including Yirrma (grandson of Dr M Yunupingu) and Yirrnga (Yunupingu clan member), who will perform classic tracks and new material, all with an electronic twist.

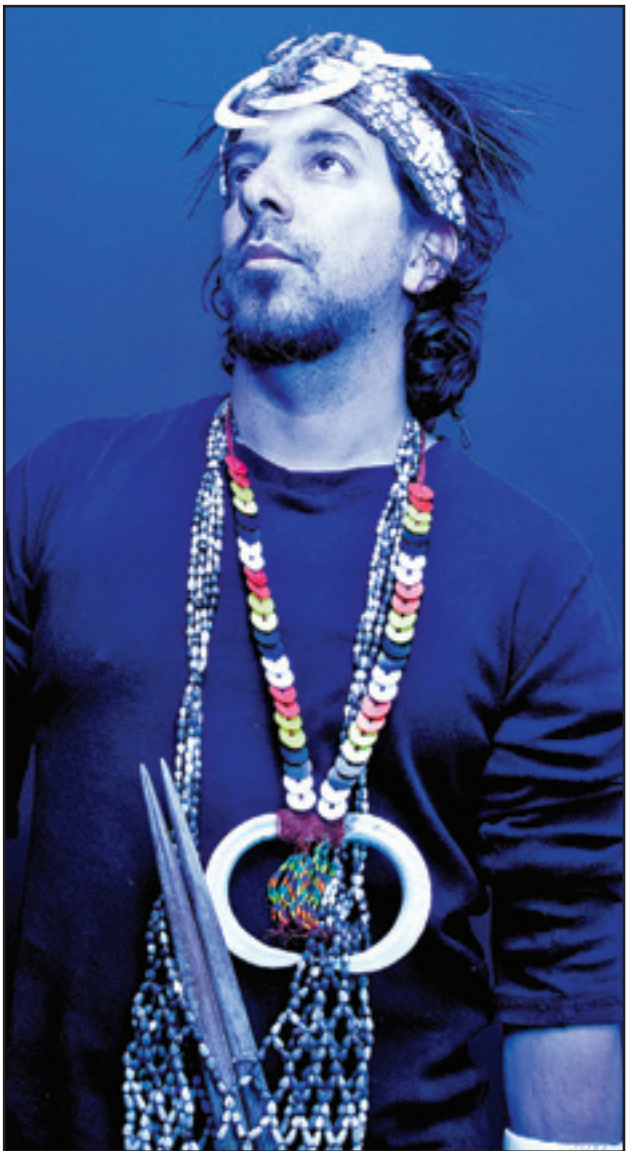
More than 260 dancers are expected to take part in this year's Dance Rites competition.

Showcasing the language, dance movements, instruments and skin markings of their communities in a specially-made harbourside sand circle, Dance Rites participants share knowledge between generations and communities to reignite ancient cultural practices.

Badu Gili, a seven-minute projection featuring artwork by Indigenous artists, will illuminate the Opera House's eastern Bennelong sail at sunset and over the course of the Homeground weekend. Badu Gili is a year-round free experience.

Sydney Opera House head of First Nations programming Rhoda Roberts said Homeground is "big, free and for everyone".

"It celebrates First



Papua New Guinean percussionist Airileke Ingram is one of the First Nations acts performing at Homeground, at the Sydney Opera House.

Nations artists from Australia and around the world, and the vibrancy and rich history of their cultures," she said.

"For thousands of years, Tubowgule (the land on which the Opera House stands) has been a place of gathering and ceremony. Homeground continues these traditions through the power of performance, cultural knowledge exchange and art."

Homeground is partnering with Imagine Native to present the Winda Indigenous Short Film Festival, showcasing First Nations filmmakers from around the world in a temporary yurt (round tent).

The program also includes tours of the Bennelong story, Mau Power, Airileke Ingram, The Malu Kiai Mura Buai Dance Troupe, Muggera, Electric Fields and more.

Outbreak results in free jabs



AN outbreak of a potentially deadly strain of meningococcal disease in central Australia has prompted health authorities in South Australia, Western

Australia and the Northern Territory to offer free vaccinations to remote communities.

The outbreak has mostly affected Aboriginal communities in the NT and SA.

NT Centre for Disease Control (CDC) community physician Dr Charles Douglas urged parents not to be alarmed, stressing meningococcal is rare and hard to contract, however, he urged the public to remain vigilant for symptoms which can include fever, headache, neck stiffness, an aversion to bright lights, a rash and joint pain.

So far this year there have been 27 cases of the W strain identified in communities from the Barkly, Katherine and Red Centre region.

The NT Government has launched a large-scale immunisation campaign in response. A free vaccine for the A, C, Y and W strains is being offered to all people aged between 12 months and 19 years in remote communities and Tennant Creek. It's also available to all Aboriginal people of the same ages living in Alice Springs and Katherine.

The Government plans to roll out the vaccination program to all one-year-old NT children by early 2018, and there are ongoing negotiations with the Commonwealth to develop it into a nationwide initiative.

WA health authorities said 29 cases of

meningococcal have been reported in the state this year, including 14 cases of the serious serogroup W infection.

WA Country Health Service is offering free vaccination against the A, C, W and Y strains to people of all ages until December 17.

In SA, a spate of meningococcal cases has been reported on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands.

SA Health says an 11-year-old boy, a three-year-old girl and a four-year-old boy were confirmed to have contracted the W strain of the disease.

All three were living on the APY Lands in SA's north, prompting authorities to offer free vaccines to all residents.

"Program"

"To reduce the likelihood of any further cases, we're working with local Aboriginal community health care services to implement an immunisation program for all residents of the APY Lands," acting Chief Medical Officer Nicola Spurrier said.

"People aged one to 19 years will be the first to receive the vaccination against meningococcal strains A, C, W and Y as part of the program."

Professor Spurrier said meningococcal infections were fairly rare and only passed person-to-person by close and prolonged contact.

But she said it was important for people to be aware of the symptoms, including fever, headache, difficulty looking at bright lights, stiff neck, confusion, drowsiness, vomiting, sore muscles, or a purple rash. — AAP

Burney on leave after son's death



FEDERAL Labor MP Linda Burney, a Wiradjuri woman, has taken leave from Parliament following the sudden death of her son.

Binni Kirkbright-Burney, 33, was found dead last week.

"I returned to Sydney to be with him this one last time," Ms Burney said in a statement, describing her son as a caring and loving man who struggled with mental health and with addiction.

"He tried so hard to conquer his demons as I and my family have tried so hard to support him in every way we could."

Ms Burney said police had told her there appeared to be no suspicious circumstances, but the cause of her son's death was yet to be determined.

"I don't want to pre-empt subsequent inquiry but we all thought we were getting somewhere. I don't know what life will be like without him," she said.

Hundreds of people posted messages of support and condolences for Ms

Burney and her family, including on the *Koori Mail* Facebook page.

"So very sad for you and your family Linda. There is way too much of this in our communities. Take care xx," Kate Lee wrote.

"From one mum to another, so very saddened and heartsick to hear of your son Binni's passing," Sam Clevens posted. "Much love and respects Linda for you and your immediate and extended families."

Ms Burney asked that instead of flowers, those who wish to contribute should donate to the Glen Centre Central Coast Drug Alcohol Rehabilitation.

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

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

Mum's the word for new work



A MOTHER calls home her three sons by conjuring up the waves in a new NORPA dance theatre work directed by Kirk Page. *Djurra* (meaning 'lore') is inspired by the northern NSW Bundjalung creation story of the three brothers, as told through a theatrical lens.

"It's about taking culture and artistically developing it," Mr Page told the *Koori Mail*.

"There's a theme of 'listen to your mother'. It's cyclic and timeless, with more talking than a dance theatre work and more movement than in a play."

The creative work is currently in the development stage, with the four dancers and actors working with the creative team to put together a complex performance of video projections, lighting, set design, as well as dancing and acting.

"The female character arrives through a projection," Mr Page said.

"She is omnipresent and calls up the wind and waves to bring the men home to the mainland."

"We are devising the work as we go. We get the dancers acting and the actors dancing and each of them brings their personal stories with them."

"The characters are elemental and they represent every man and every woman, not just mother, aunty or son."

The cast includes Bundjalung dancer and artist Sarah Bolt, Damion Hunter, James Slee and Joel Bray.

Mr Page, a Munundjali (south-east Queensland) man, said the show has been in development since 2015 and has already taken different forms with different casts.

"The idea for the production was sparked by NORPA wanting to create a



"My inspiration comes from playing with the art of storytelling and how to communicate with dance and not just be driven by words." – *Djurra* director Kirk Page

Picture: Kate Holmes

connection with the local community," he said.

"The team has been working closely with local knowledge keeper Roy Gordon as the cultural consultant. He advises on protocol and helps us to place the story in a contemporary context."

Djurra is Mr Page's first full-length creative work.

Now the associate director at Norpa,

Mr Page has 15 years' experience working in acting, dance and theatre development, including for Bangarra Dance Theatre and Legs on the Wall.

"Inspiration"

"My inspiration comes from playing with the art of storytelling and how to communicate with dance and not just be driven by words," he said.

"We are taking the audience on a journey that changes how they see things."

Djurra will be performed from November 29 until December 3 at Norpa, Lismore City Hall.

Mob tickets are available for \$20. To buy tickets, call the box office on 1300 066 722 or visit norpa.org.au and use the code MOB.

Criticism as Australia elected to UN council



AUSTRALIA has been elected to the United Nations Human Rights Council for a three-year term.

But that hasn't stopped the UN Human Rights Committee from slamming Australia for its "chronic non-compliance" to international human rights standards, including the rights of Indigenous peoples.

Vice-chair of the committee Yuval Shany said in Switzerland that Australia had an "unacceptable" approach to implementation of the human rights committee's decisions and "has very little to be proud of".

UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Victoria Tauli-Corpuz recently accused the Turnbull Government of riding roughshod over the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and called on the Government to completely revise its approach to Indigenous affairs.

Mr Shany said it's "unacceptable" for Australia to "routinely reject" the committee's views, or "self-judge" UN human rights treaties compliance, saying the country can't "pick and

choose" its compliance with human rights law.

The lack of implementation was "completely off the charts for the committee", Mr Shany said.

"It's incredible for a country that claims to have a leading role in global human rights," he said.

The Australian delegation responded that the implementation of views would have to be an area where the committee and Government "respectfully disagree" as Australia does not see the views of the committee and other treaty bodies as legally binding.

Australian ambassador and permanent representative to the UN in Geneva John Quinn said Australia "was not complacent" and acknowledged there were things the country "could do better".

He said violence against women and improving the lives of Indigenous people as well as constitutional recognition were particular issues for Australia.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop nominated the empowerment of women globally, Indigenous rights, abolition of the death penalty and crises in North Korea and Syria as

the issues Australia would pursue during its tenure.

Former prime minister Tony Abbott's attack on a 2015 report into children in immigration detention was also raised during the examination of Australia's human rights record, as was Attorney-General George Brandis' call for the resignation of then Australian Human Rights Commission president Gillian Triggs before the report's publication.

Plebiscite

The same-sex marriage plebiscite was also criticised by the committee, with member Sarah Cleveland remarking: "Human rights are not to be determined by opinion poll or a popular vote".

Other issues raised by the committee included, transgender and intersex rights, domestic violence, the sterilisation of intellectually disabled women and girls, and the balance between anti-terrorism laws and personal liberty.

The UN Human Rights Committee also took aim at the failure to scrap the fines laws that

resulted in Yamatji woman Ms Dhu's death in custody. Ms Dhu died in custody in a South Hedland police cell after being locked up for three days over unpaid fines.

Carol Roe, Ms Dhu's grandmother, said she was still waiting for truth and justice.

"Australia needs to answer for everything that they have done to my people and especially for how they treated my granddaughter. Australia must be held to account," she said.

In the past few weeks WA's fines laws have seen a breastfeeding mother put behind bars, and a heavily pregnant woman at risk of being jailed because she couldn't afford to pay her fines.

A promise to lead on Indigenous people's rights was a central pillar to Australia's successful bid to gain a seat on the UN Human Rights Council.

Indigenous Peoples' Network Australia's Michael Coughlan, who was in Geneva, said the fines laws are a driver of the high rates at which Aboriginal people are overimprisoned. "We know these laws are harmful and we know they unfairly trap too many

Aboriginal people," he said.

"They belong in the garbage. Nobody should be subjected to the indignity and dangers of prison simply because they cannot afford to pay a fine."

Amnesty International called on the Australian Government to end its hypocrisy on human rights at home.

Amnesty campaigns manager Michael Hayworth pointed out that Australia locks up Indigenous children 25 times more than other children and that cases of self-harm or abuse of Indigenous children have been reported in children's prisons in every state and territory.

"If we're serious about being a human rights leader we need to lead by example, instead of trampling on the rights of people fleeing persecution and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he said.

"Leadership comes with consistency. We can't say one thing on one hand and give wholehearted commitment to some human rights agendas while carrying out policies of deliberate abuse on the other. It's completely hypocritical."



Participants in the Oxfam Australia Straight Talk regional gathering at Broome. Picture: Michael Jalaru Thomas/Oxfam Aus

Women from the Kimberley get down to some straight talking



ABORIGINAL women from across the Kimberley have shared their knowledge, inspirations and challenges in Broome for the region's first Straight Talk event.

Straight Talk is a program run by Oxfam that connects Indigenous women with the political system and builds the capacity of women as change makers.

Including a focus on practical tools and confidence, Straight Talk brings people together to share, learn and be effective in making a difference.

The program includes opportunities for relationship-building between Indigenous women and parliamentarians, information-sharing and developing strategies for change in Indigenous communities.

The Broome gathering came after lobbying from Kimberley women who have participated in previous national Straight Talk summits. It was made possible by a partnership between Oxfam Australia and Kimberley Aboriginal membership organisation Aarnja.

Participants said the event was thought provoking and inspirational as they discussed issues in their communities.

Straight Talk facilitator Michelle Deshong, a member of Oxfam's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Board advisory committee, said the Kimberley event had been one of the biggest regional workshops and a great success.

"Opportunity"

"The women have really embraced the opportunity to have this space and to talk about some of the issues they are facing in their communities, and recognise how they can draw strength from each other," she said.

Among the women who attended were former senator and Olympic gold medallist Nova Peris, National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Jackie Huggins and Kimberley MP Josie Farrer.

Aarnja chief executive Janine Dureau said the regional event had been an opportunity for Aboriginal women from across the Kimberley to share their stories, struggles and aspirations.

"It has been an inspiration to observe the level of engagement and willingness from the women to learn new strategies and to be effective influential change makers," she said.

Native title for Budina



THE Budina people celebrated the determination of their native title claim at an on-country hearing at

Lyndon Pastoral Station recently.

The Budina determination area is about 4100 square kilometres and located about 300km south-east of Exmouth and 400km north-east of Carnarvon in northern Western Australia. It overlaps seven pastoral stations: Lyndon, Towera, Emu Creek, Uaroo, Middalya, Mangaroon and Maroonah.

Budina Elder Clive Lyndon thanked Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC), the representative body for the Murchison and Gascoyne region for the work they had done with the claim.

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Widening gap worry for WA



THE Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) is demanding urgent support for community health

as the disparity between the life expectancy of Aboriginal and other Western Australians widens, bucking a national trend.

The life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and other WA people increased from 14.7 years to 15.1 years in men and 12.9 years to 13.5 years in women in a comparison of data between 2005-2007 and 2010-2012, an Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report found.

Nationally, the gap decreased from 11.4 years to 10.6 years for men and remained stable at 9.6 years to 9.5 years for women during the same period.

There were small increases in the life expectancy of Indigenous males in WA from 64.5 to 65 years and Indigenous females from 70 to 70.2 years during that period.

"AHCWA urgently calls on government to provide further support to Aboriginal community controlled health services who continue to be the strongest, most effective means to addressing the gap in health outcomes," council chairperson Michelle Nelson-Cox said.

The rate of Indigenous

women smoking during pregnancy was five times higher than other women and sexually transmitted infection rates and death rates for chronic diseases were much higher for Indigenous Australians.

There were some improvements in Aboriginal health, including a 48% drop in deaths from circulatory diseases and five-fold increase in the rate of Indigenous health checks being claimed, Ms Nelson-Cox said.

That showed health education campaigns and making health checks more available to Aboriginal communities were having an impact, she said. — AAP

Search for treaty head



THE Victorian Government is looking for someone to be the new

State Treaty Advancement Commissioner.

As head of the Victorian Treaty Advancement Commission, the commissioner will strengthen independence for the Victorian Aboriginal community on the path to treaty, and keep them at the heart of the process.

The person will work closely with the Aboriginal Treaty Working Group to guide the development of the representative body and the process to treaty.

Applications for the new role close on November 7.

For more information on the Victorian Treaty Advancement Commissioner, how to apply and the treaty process, visit vic.gov.au/aboriginalvictoria/treaty.

Education levels up in latest ABS data



STRONG improvements in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education levels have marked the latest data released from the 2016 census.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) results show the proportion of Indigenous people who had completed Year 12 or its equivalent rose by 15% from 2006 to 2016.

Nearly half (47%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 20 to 24 reported they had finished Year 12 during the 2016 census.

There has been further improvement across other educational categories, with an increase of more than 150% in the number of people holding Certificate III and IV level qualifications.

Tertiary institution attendance has also doubled from 7000 in 2006 (2.6% of the Indigenous population) to 15,400 in 2016 (3.9%).

When it comes to jobs, the construction industry has become the fastest growing employment sector for Indigenous people.

While the health care and social assistance industry remains Indigenous people's largest employer, construction has increased by 37.5% since 2011.

The second fastest growing industry was accommodation and food services (36.6% growth), followed by retail trade (33.4% growth).

The latest data also reveals professional occupations, such as health and education, are on the rise among Indigenous people, with a 76% increase in 10 years.

Community and personal service workers, including aged care, child care, emergency services and

Indigenous people with tertiary qualifications:

- 21,780 Indigenous people held a bachelor degree or higher qualification in 2016, compared to 14,171 in 2011
- The most common non-school qualification (70,935 people) was a certificate III and IV Level
- The most popular field of study for tertiary education was society and culture, followed by management and commerce, engineering and related technologies

The top five employment categories of Indigenous people:

1. Community and personal service workers
2. Labourers
3. Technicians and trades workers
4. Professionals
5. Clerical and administrative workers

The top three occupations for Indigenous people:

1. Carers and aides: 14,000
2. Sales assistants and salespeople: 11,000
3. Cleaners and laundry workers: 6600.

(Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing)

personal services, have become the overall largest occupational grouping among the demographic.

The most commonly listed occupation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women was community and personal service worker (25%), while the top pick for men was technician and trades worker (22%). – AAP



Wiradjuri woman Dr Claudia Paul has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford University in England.

Wiradjuri doctor to study at Oxford



WIRADJURI woman Dr Claudia Paul has become the third Indigenous Australian to

be awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, having been named the 2018 Rhodes Scholar for South Australia.

Dr Paul, 24, an Adelaide University medical graduate from Broken Hill, will use her scholarship to undertake a Masters of International Health and Tropical Medicine at Oxford University in England from next year.

One of the world's most prestigious scholarships, the Rhodes recognises outstanding academic achievement, character, leadership, and a commitment to community service.

"I had a dream to study overseas but I didn't think

it would ever happen," Dr Paul said. "The Rhodes is something I never imagined applying for until fairly recently. Right now, it's a little overwhelming, but exciting."

During her time at the University of Adelaide, Dr Paul was a student representative with the Australian Indigenous

2016 AIDA conference.

Dr Paul follows in the footsteps of fellow University of Adelaide graduate Rebecca Richards, who in 2010 was the first Australian Indigenous person to be awarded a Rhodes Scholarship.

"I'm not the first Indigenous Rhodes Scholar and that's awesome," Dr Paul said.

"It's definitely special. To have started university just after Rebecca Richards was announced as a Rhodes Scholar it felt very special to me."

Dr Paul has her sights set on becoming one of the first female Indigenous surgeons in Australia and eventually hopes to establish a surgical outreach service to rural and remote Australia, treating patients in their communities.

"I had a dream to study overseas but I didn't think it would ever happen."

Doctors' Association (AIDA), was active in a mentoring group that fostered links between Indigenous medical students and medical practitioners, and presented her research into the impact of cancer on Indigenous youth at the



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Buyers dig deep at latest

Dialysis clinic on way for Pukatja



Senior Anungu law woman and artist Nyurpaya Kaika Burton makes an impassioned plea before the auction: "Our family members are all gone. They are living in the towns and the cities far away from their family. They far away from their country, far away from their culture. They're missing all of us and we're missing them. In wanting our family members back we have told government, we've told them and told them, and they've heard the story and they haven't done anything. So we've gone okay, we're all artists, we're going to put our canvases up, we're going to do it ourselves, we're going to make this happen, so this is what you see." Beside her is APY Lands deputy chair Sally Scales, who interpreted.



A photograph by Brenda Douglas of her father. He had died only weeks earlier on country, rather than going to the city for dialysis. His funeral has not been held yet.



"I will roll my swag up. I was ready to hear the good news, hit the road to Ernabella," said Tjimpuna Wells, from Pukatja, who has been living in Adelaide to receive dialysis to stay alive. She danced with joy when she was told that enough funds had been raised.

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TEARS rolled down the cheeks of dialysis patients, their families, artists, buyers, organisers and onlookers when the \$169,300 tally from Purple House's art auction, in

Adelaide last month, was announced.

The money raised means Anungu kidney dialysis patients, displaced from their loved ones and their country to receive life-saving treatment in the city, will be able to start coming home to Pukatja (Ernabella) in the APY lands, as soon as next year.

Aboriginal desert communities have the highest rate of kidney disease in the world, and 15 to 30 times the national average.

When dialysis is not available in the bush, patients have to choose between staying home surrounded by all that is dear to them and dying unnecessarily prematurely, or moving to the city for treatment for the rest of their life. It isn't an option to commute three times a week when you live 440km from the hospital.

For those choosing treatment in the city, the next time they return home to their family is usually in a coffin.

Sarah Brown, chief executive of Purple House – official name Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation or Western Desert Dialysis as it is also known – vows to have the new four-seat Pukatja dialysis clinic open "by hook or by crook" on July 1, 2018.

People in the APY Lands began asking Purple House for help to get dialysis in the bush a decade ago, and Ms Brown says it has been a long, hard slog to raise funds.

Two years ago \$1.7 million of Commonwealth funding was directed toward building the clinic and nurses housing in Pukatja, but fell short of funding dialysis machines, associated equipment, a vehicle for nurses and other essential equipment.

Thirty-four works of art were donated for the auction in Adelaide, mainly by Aboriginal artists from the seven art centres on the APY Lands.

Behind most works was a story of the artist's connection to renal failure and

their plight for accessible treatment.

Brenda Douglas took a picture of her father. He had died only weeks before the auction, choosing to die prematurely on country rather than going to the city for dialysis. His funeral had not been held yet.

As a work by Rhonda Dick went up for auction, the packed room was told her mother was in Adelaide, away from her country and family, receiving dialysis.

There was another by an artist who had passed recently, donated before his death, and another donated by an artist's family after she had died, knowing it was too late to help her, but so others would have the opportunity to stay on country.

The largest painting on offer was a massive canvas 2.5x2m, painted by a group of artists from Amata, another APY Lands community west of Pukatja.

It went for \$64,000 to French art collector Béregère Primat, who is leaving it in Australia on loan to the South Australian Art Gallery.

"People power"

"They painted it to support people getting back to Pukatja. It's generosity of spirit; it's people power," Ms Brown said.

"We know not everyone on dialysis in the APY lands has family in Ernabella and somewhere to stay, but we had to start somewhere and make it a howling success."

When the clinic opens in Pukatja next year, the aim is to start small and slowly increase capacity to treat eight people and, in times of high demand, 12.

Pukatja is one of the largest APY communities, with up to 800 people.

The clinic will be named in honour of Mr K McKenzie, who – with end-stage kidney disease and worrying for the future of his people with their leaders lost to dialysis in Alice Springs, Port Augusta and Adelaide – campaigned to bring dialysis to Pukatja.

"Towards the end of his life he knew he probably wouldn't see it in his lifetime but he didn't stop fighting," his sister Tjankaya Tapaya explained in the art auction catalogue.

"He was speaking not for himself any more, but for the next generation. He was looking toward the future and also thinking about our past, our history."

The number of Aboriginal people in

Purple House art auction



A visibly overwhelmed Inawantji Williamson, who has been living in Adelaide for more than a decade to receive dialysis, cried tears of joy as she spoke of her happiness at being able to return home to Pukatja (Ernabella).



Curator Georges Petitjean, from Belgium, artists Nyurpaya Kaika Burton, Tuppy Goodwin and Nyumiti Burton, from the APY Lands, and art collector from France Béregère Primat, who won the bid on the painting behind them for \$64,000.

Patients given hope

● From facing page

remote communities needing dialysis for kidney disease, or renal failure, is rising steadily.

Self-dialysis at home is unusual. It requires expert knowledge and support, and is even more unusual in remote communities, where telecommunications, housing and other essential services are nowhere near the same standard as cities. By the time patients need dialysis they are often frail, suffer from other diseases and have poor eyesight.

Dialysis nurses require postgraduate qualifications.

"It is a disease of dispossession, powerlessness and poverty," Ms Brown explains.

There is no one reason. Factors like high blood pressure, diabetes, being born prematurely with small kidneys that have a lessened ability to fight infection and limited access to fresh food all contribute, and they all fall back to the sudden changes inflicted on a hunter and gatherer people by invasion, with no time to adapt.

"In Kiwirrkurra where we have a dialysis unit, 700km west of Alice, it was in 1985 that people walked in from the desert naked, having never seen white people before," Ms Brown said.

"They went from that life to sitting next to a shop with meat pies and bloody Coca-Cola overnight."

There is a misconception in mainstream Australia that renal failure is connected to alcohol use.

"It has nothing to do with grog – grog is livers," Ms Brown said.

"All our communities are dry." Many people where Purple House works have never touched a drop of alcohol in their lives.

Purple House first delivered bush dialysis in 2004 with one machine in Kintore, 550km west of Alice Springs. Four years earlier,

Western Desert artists auctioned their works in NSW, raising more than \$1 million and setting up a kidney committee, then an organisation.

"Because it was independent money it was their chance to come up with a model for dialysis out bush and prove that it worked," said Ms Brown, who has a background in nursing, and came on board in 2003.

At the time no-one else was talking about bush dialysis. It was available only in Alice Springs and Darwin.

"We started to get people back to country, quietly, slowly, one person at a time, because everyone, government and health department folks, were telling us 'it won't work'," Ms Brown said.

"We wouldn't take no for an answer. We started to get people home and suddenly people had something to look forward to."

"They were getting back to country. When they were on country having dialysis in their dialysis centre with their nurses they never missed dialysis."

"They were taking their tablets. Their bloods got better. They were living longer. They were asking for extra dialysis."

Stay well

It was also having an impact on patients in town – they did everything to stay well, because they now had hope, hope they would get back home while they were still alive.

With that one machine in Kintore, patients would take turns to return home and be surrounded by their family on their country for a few weeks each, then have to go back to town.

"We were very risk adverse, everyone was waiting for us to fall on our arses," Ms Brown said.

A dialysis machine was also set up in Alice Springs at the Purple House. It soon became an



Purple House chief executive Sarah Brown.

Aboriginal community hub where bush balms are made to raise funds, pet chooks run about, there's a karaoke machine, pizza oven and a fire burning out the back where kangaroo tails are cooked.

Word caught on, remote communities from all over Central Australia started coming forward with lease and royalty money, offering disused buildings and wanting to know how to do dialysis in their communities.

Purple House has grown from strength to strength. In a little over a decade it has set up 24 dialysis machines in 12 communities from Arnhem Land to the Great Sandy Desert.

It also runs a range of complementary support and health services.

Another two machines are on the Purple Truck, a mobile dialysis unit that has been taking patients back to country for 'dialysis holidays' since 2010, or to places at times of important events such as ceremony or sorry business.

The truck is only limited by the

philanthropic funds and fundraising from which it was built and, in the height of summer, by heat.

At present it's 300km west of Alice Springs at Mt Liebig, helping support the set up of the new unit out there.

Purple House's fundraising is continuous, from selling bush balms online and at art fairs and community events, to a pumpkin soup stall at the annual Beanie Festival in Alice Springs.

When the *Koori Mail* spoke with Ms Brown after the art auction she recalled the final decade of one old man's life – Mr H Tjapaltjarri Gideon.

He was able to spend his final years back on country when the first bush dialysis came to Kintore, surrounded by his family, passing on his culture, eating bush tucker, painting at the arts centre and supporting his community and the Northern Territory economy with art that sold around the world.

Dodgy art dealers

Bush dialysis rescued Mr H Tjapaltjarri Gideon from a life of living on the edge of an Alice Springs town camp under a tree, being scooped up by dodgy art dealers on his non-dialysis days to paint in a 'battery farm painting sweatshop', where he was paid in KFC for lunch and a bit of money to cover his meagre existence in town.

"He'd be worrying for his grandkids, worrying for his country, waiting for people to come into town to visit him," Ms Brown explained.

"He went from being in hospital all the time because he was sick and miserable to never being in hospital. It saved government a fortune, living in his own house, looked after by his own family. He didn't need social workers, didn't need interpreters, didn't need hospitals. Going to the Purple

House in Kintore he had dialysis with the nurses who loved him to bits.

"He had 10 years back on country where he belonged, just being a source of inspiration to all of us and making our lives richer. Being able to do that for these people in Ernabella is just the best thing."

Ms Brown said the pending opening of the dialysis clinic in Pukatja is making a difference, not just for the people who are waiting in Adelaide and Port Augusta and Alice Springs, but for the people whose kidneys are not so good at the moment.

"They've been thinking that they might have had to leave their community and never come back, a one-way trip, only home for their own funeral," she said.

"Now they have some hope that they'll be back on country with their family, eating bush tucker, teaching their grandkids their cultural heritage, and it's so important we make these opportunities for people to pass on their cultural heritage, because if it's lost it's lost forever and we all lose."

A few days before the auction, Rotary International confirmed its ongoing support to Purple House, with clubs as far away as Kansas in the United States raising funds.

Ms Brown also donated the \$10,000 prizemoney she won when named 2017 Nurse of the Year to setting up the Pukatja clinic – not that she told the *Koori Mail*. We read it in news reports.

A few weeks earlier Ngurratjuta Aboriginal Corporation donated an original Albert Namatjira painting from its collection, to help fund a dialysis nurse in Papunya, 240km west of Alice Springs. A time and place for it to be auctioned will be announced soon.

For more details or to donate or buy Purple House goods, go to www.westerndesertdialysis.com

Warning over CDP



REFORMING the Federal Government's 'discriminatory' work-for-the-dole scheme is doomed to fail without proper Indigenous consultation, Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT (APO NT) has warned. A promised review of the Coalition's controversial Community Development Program (CDP) urgently needs an independent and transparent reform process, APO NT's John Paterson says.

Under the initiative, jobseekers from remote regions, 83% of whom are Aboriginal, must do 25 hours of work a week to receive welfare payments.

That's up to three times longer than other unemployed people.

Following heavy criticism, the Turnbull Government in May promised to develop a new CDP model in partnership with Aboriginal groups.

Mr Paterson has been calling on Aboriginal Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion to clarify and formalise the reform process since

December. "Every request is met with silence," he said.

"Here is a program that affects the lives of 29,000 Indigenous people and has caused immense harm, and we still can't get confirmation of a process that includes us."

Feedback

A spokesperson for Senator Scullion said he's been discussing the revamp with stakeholders during the past 18 months, and will consider feedback presented to a Senate inquiry

called to investigate the issue.

"The minister has met as recently as last month with APO NT to discuss their ideas on how to move forward to the next phase," he said.

"Consultations are ongoing as part of the minister's travel around remote communities and discussions have commenced with the Indigenous Advisory Council."

Senator Scullion has already flagged introducing a wage-based system allowing participants to earn top-up money,

weekly payments and more funding for local community activities.

APO NT is pushing for a community-driven alternative that would reduce hourly requirements, and allow providers to tailor hours to suit local conditions.

It would also remove the financial disincentive for providers to use their discretion in cases of non compliance, and establish an independent national organisation to oversee the program's delivery. —AAP



Wurundjeri Elders and community members gather to celebrate the water release at Bolin Bolin Billabong in Bulleen.



Auntie Joy Murphy-Wandin, State Water Minister Lisa Neville and Auntie Alice Kolasa officially release the water into the Bolin Bolin system.

Water flows back into Bolin Bolin



A PARTNERSHIP between the Wurundjeri Council and Melbourne Water has seen

water flow into a highly significant river system.

The Bolin Bolin Billabong, next to the Birrarung (Yarra River) in Bulleen, Victoria, is part of a much larger and culturally significant river landscape that has been a special place for the Wurundjeri people for thousands of years.

Bolin Bolin means 'the place of many lagoons' in Woi-wurrung, the traditional language of the Wurundjeri people.

The billabong is part of a culturally important river system of billabongs, wetlands and floodplain that extends from the confluence of the Yarra and Plenty rivers in the north through to (at least) Kew Billabong in the south.

Before colonisation, the billabongs would fill with water in the cooler months when the Birrarung burst its banks and reconnected with the surrounding country. Eels and other fish would come into the billabong with the flowing water.

During the warm and hotter months, the waters of the Birrarung would recede to the river channel, with the eels left behind in the billabongs cut off from the waterway.

At eel harvest time (the end of the warmer season) the river flats were a place where the Woi-wurrung people held important ceremonial meetings, negotiations, and traded with neighbouring tribes of the Kulin.

The gatherings at eel harvest time were large, comprising hundreds of people. Prior to European contact (and for a few years post contact) Bolin Bolin and nearby billabongs had such a plentiful eel population, that they were able to sustain these large gatherings in the river valley for eight to 12 weeks at a time.

The billabong's biodiversity, ecological and cultural health has suffered greatly over the past 175 years from significant changes in land use and management practices

in its catchment area, leading to marked changes to its wetting and drying cycles. Climate change is seen as a further threat.

On October 25, the Wurundjeri Council with Melbourne Water briefly reconnected the river with its billabong to deliver water inflows.

Wurundjeri Elder Alice Kolasa said it was a proud day.

"Having water from our beautiful Birrarung finally flowing into Bolin Bolin billabong has been such a long time coming," she said.

Wurundjeri Elder Margaret Gardiner said she was impressed with the Victorian Government's approach to working with traditional owners, particularly given the *Yarra River Protection (Wilip gin Birrarung Murrn) Act*, introduced earlier this year.

"Aspiration"

"Our aspiration is to be structurally involved in each level of government regarding the decision making and management of our lands and waterways," she said. "We want this to be standard practice, not the exception."

It is the first step to establishing a more permanent solution for regular river inflows to Bolin Bolin and the restoration of Bolin Bolin as the centre of a cultural riverscape that is a significant place of gathering and re-invigorated cultural practice.

"This powerful river, the Birrarung, has always been central to our identity," the Wurundjeri Council said.

"In addition to supporting Wurundjeri's social, spiritual, and cultural wellbeing prior to European contact, the river provided a basis for our trade and economic prosperity.

"Moving forward we will be seeking support from the State Government and the Victorian Environmental Water Holder for a dedicated annual water allocation.

"Once attained, this water will be used to support Wurundjeri people's cultural and economic health into the future."

Seen 'little people'? Then let this researcher know



LARRAKIA man Dr Curtis Roman is searching for stories of the 'little man' or 'hairy man'.

Dr Roman, the head of Charles Darwin University's School of Indigenous Knowledges and Public Policy, hopes to collect stories from Indigenous people living in Darwin who have experienced little people anywhere in Australia.

He wants to investigate consistencies in people's beliefs, along with the reported behaviour and appearance of little people.

"I've heard people talk about little people since I was a kid growing up in Darwin," Dr Roman said.

"Some people I know are adamant they have seen them; their parents and grandparents, who are respected and well-credentialed people, also talk about these stories seriously."

Literature also refers to people in remote communities telling stories about battles between little people and Indigenous people in the past.

"Some Indigenous people who come to town from out bush tell stories about having to move while sitting on the beach



Dr Curtis Roman says he has heard many reports of the presence of 'little people' on the beach between Rapid Creek and Casuarina in Darwin. Picture: Julianne Osborne

between Rapid Creek and Casuarina, because little people throw rocks at them," Dr Roman said.

"Some people believe that little people are able to disappear into cracks in rocks and come out at night."

Little people can be described as strong, dark-skinned and ugly beings that stand about knee-high.

They are tricksters by nature and can be aggressive, and some people believe they

appear as omens.

Experiences are not necessarily ceremonial or sacred, and had existed for generations among Indigenous families from various backgrounds across Australia.

Dr Roman is appealing for more Darwin residents to share their stories and to help explore an integral part of Indigenous culture.

Contact Dr Curtis Roman on (08) 8946 6067 or email curtis.roman@cdu.edu.au

Warning given over jail rates



BY 2025 one in two Australian prisoners will be Aboriginal unless generational disadvantage is addressed now, a prison reform expert warns.

Indigenous Australians currently make up about a quarter of the national prison population despite comprising only 3% of the total population.

Researcher Gerry Georgatos estimates that within eight years, two out of three prisoners in Western Australia will be Indigenous, and in the Northern Territory it will edge near the 100% mark.

Darwin's adult jail population – 84% of whom are Aboriginal – reached a record high in April.

"If governments fail to invest to transform the lives of prisoners and former inmates, (more) prisons will be built," Mr Georgatos said.

He says while education is the key to breaking the cycle of crime, very few Indigenous inmates have completed Year 12, and he wants

to overhaul schooling inside correctional facilities.

Not only would inmates gain qualifications with increased educational programs, but they will also be psycho-socially validated and strengthened, which in turn reduces trauma, he said.

Without action, Mr Georgatos predicts Aboriginal suicide and jail rates, already among the highest in the world, will worsen.

"Nation should weep"

"The nation should weep, but more importantly should act, when 80% of suicides of children aged 12 years and (under are Aboriginal)," he said.

The suicide prevention advocate said nearly 40% of Indigenous people remain trapped below the poverty line.

"Prisons are filled with the low-level offending borne of the tsunami of poverty-related issues," he said.

"If we do not respond to the elevated risk groups then we are discriminating; we are leaving them behind to rot." – AAP



Indigenous Medical Scholarship 2018

Applications are now being sought for the 2018 Australian Medical Association (AMA) Indigenous Medical Scholarship. Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background.

Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time at an Australian medical school and at least in their first year of medicine. Preference will be given to applicants who do not already hold any other scholarship or bursary.

The Scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of a selection panel appointed by the AMA. The value of the Scholarship for 2018 will be \$10,000 per annum. This amount will be paid in a lump sum for each year of study.

The duration of the Scholarship will be for the full course of a medical degree, however this is subject to review.

Applications close 31 January 2018.

To receive further information on how to apply, please contact Sandra Riley, Administration Officer, AMA on (02) 6270 5400 or email indigenousscholarship@ama.com.au. An application package can be also downloaded from the AMA website www.ama.com.au/indigenous-medical-scholarship-2018.

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REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL ELECTORAL DIVISIONS IN VICTORIA

Members of the public are now invited to submit written suggestions relating to the redistribution of federal electoral divisions in Victoria.

The redistribution is being undertaken as Victoria's entitlement to members of the House of Representatives has increased from 37 to 38.

Due to the increase in enrolment in areas of Victoria there will need to be changes made to most, if not all, existing Victorian electoral division boundaries. On the existing boundaries, 27 of Victoria's electoral divisions do not meet the numerical requirements of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.

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- **In person:** Redistribution Committee for Victoria, Australian Electoral Commission, Level 1 Urban Workshop, 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne
- **Mail:** Redistribution Committee for Victoria, Australian Electoral Commission, GPO Box 768, Melbourne VIC 3001
- **Fax:** 02 6293 7664

Suggestions must be received by the Redistribution Committee by **6pm AEDT Friday 17 November 2017**.

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COMMENTS ON SUGGESTIONS

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Members of the public can then lodge written comments on the suggestions up until **6pm AEDT Friday 1 December 2017**. Comments on suggestions can support or disagree with suggestions to the redistribution.

REDISTRIBUTION PROPOSAL

After considering the suggestions and comments received the Redistribution Committee will release proposed names and boundaries. Maps will be published in selected newspapers, on the AEC website and made available at all AEC offices in Victoria.

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Literature in spotlight

By LIINA FLYNN



THE recent harassment of Mununjali poet Ellen van Neerven by NSW HSC school students on social media has raised criticism about the understanding of modern Indigenous literature in the education system.

Ms van Neerven's poem *Mango* was included in a 2017 HSC English paper and students were asked to "explain how the poet conveys the delight of discovery". Later, some of the students sent abusive messages to the poet via social media and many more made racist and offensive posts.

University of Melbourne creative writing and Aboriginal literature lecturer Dr Jeanine Leane said students were confused and "thrown" by the question about a poem they had never studied before.

"It was a serious poem outlining the experience of an eight-year-old child in Queensland," Dr Leane told the *Koori Mail*. "There were different levels of meaning and it could have been interpreted as simply eating mangoes, or as something sexual."

"The question asked was inappropriate and it indicates a lack of understanding by teachers who are accessing the work of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers."

"We need to question how Indigenous literature is being engaged with and the knowledge of the people delivering it, and bring more cultural awareness into context. The fact the students didn't get it indicates a lack."

Dr Leane said there is a need to bring more Indigenous literature into the public eye, especially for young people.

"When I teach Aboriginal writing at university, I introduce 10 Aboriginal texts and what I hear from my students is that they didn't do any at high school," she said.

"We need more engagement with Aboriginal literature and a change in policy direction within the educational curriculum. And we need professional development for teachers to teach an Indigenous perspective, so people understand the background of the texts."

Understanding issues

Dr Leane, a Wiradjuri woman who grew up writing as a child, sees writing as an important way of dealing with life, including understanding issues like anger and justice.

"I studied as a historian and studied Western writing and looked at the voices it left out," she said.

"I needed to understand what settlers' values were – reading and writing. Aboriginal people value stories. Then I

wanted to see how they can come together.

"Writing is a tool. Literature influences people and Aboriginal people need to write or we will get left out of the sociocultural narrative."

"Many Aboriginal people are interested in literature and it doesn't get the same reportage as football."

"People are talking about literature as something that's flourishing in this community and it's cause to celebrate. More people are becoming interested in joining writers' groups like the Canberra-based Us Mob, which I joined a few years ago."

Dr Leane's novel *PurpleThreads* won the 2010 David Unipon literary award for Indigenous writing.

She said the long-running Unipon Award was just one of an increasing number of prizes now available for Indigenous literature in Queensland, along with the black&write! Indigenous writing fellowships. Other new prizes include the Oodgeroo Prize (Qld in 2016) and the University of Canberra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Poetry Prize this year.

"*Dancing Home* by Paul Collis won the Unipon award last year," Dr Leane said. "You need to understand the context of the book because you step into different sociocultural territory and out of your comfort zone."



Writer and lecturer Dr Jeanine Leane.

Native title claim ruling celebrated



THE Wajarri Yamatji people have celebrated the native title determination for the majority of their claim

area (68,743 square kilometres of the total 97,676 square kilometres), which encompasses parts of the shires of Meekatharra, Mount Magnet, Murchison, Upper Gascoyne, Cue and Yalgoo, as well as 56 pastoral leases.

The Wajarri Yamatji claim area is about 500km north to south, and lies between the towns of Meekatharra, Cue, Yalgoo and just north of Mullewa. The area encompasses Mt Augustus (Burringurrah) and stretches of the Murchison and Gascoyne Rivers.

The celebration was organised by Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC), the native title representative body for the Murchison and Gascoyne regions.

The Wajarri Organising Committee said the determination finding was a historic day.

"It recognises our connection to our country (barna) that has existed since long before European colonisation," they said.

"We have always known where we come from, but this determination means that our connection to our barna is recognised by Australian law. "On this day, we'd like to



The Wajarri Yamatji community celebrates the legal recognition of their land and culture at an on-country Federal Court hearing at Wooleen Station.

pay our respects to Wajarri Elders past and present, and our youth, who carry the future of our Wajarri people with them."

The journey to the determination began in 1995 and involved the coming together of many families.

In 2009, the Wajarri Yamatji, the Western Australian and Federal governments entered into the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory Agreement,

which has led to the development of the Murchison Widefield Array and the Australian Square Kilometre Array (SKA) Pathfinder as SKA precursor telescopes.

Deep connection

The Wajarri people have inhabited their country since time immemorial, and have continued to look after their country. Through their culture and knowledge, Wajarri

people have maintained a deep connection to their land that continues to be passed on through the generations.

Federal Court judge John Griffiths congratulated all who had been involved with the claim. "After more than 20 years we gather together at Wooleen Station to recognise the native title rights and interests of the Wajarri Yamatji in this land," he said.

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Business to be conducted at this meeting is as follows:

- Attendance, welcome and apologies
- Acceptance of the previous AGM Minutes
- Presentation of the Annual Report
- Presentation of Financial Statements; Auditors Report
- Election of Board Members 2017/18
- Appointment of the Auditor 2017/18
- Close of meeting

NOMINATIONS
Nominations are open to all current Members for Community Director Positions on the FVLSAC Board. Applications for Director positions can be collected from your local FVLSAC office or accessed from our website www.fvlsac.org.au

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A member has a right to appoint a proxy. A proxy does not have to be a member. Please contact the office to obtain a proxy form.

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Movie focus on Minjerribah

By LIINA FLYNN



PLAYING the female lead in her first movie *Refraction* on her family's traditional lands on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) was a powerful experience for Nunukal woman Kaleenah Edwards.

Ms Edwards, 25, is the great granddaughter of Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker), the Australian poet, political activist, artist and educator whose stories inspired the movie.

"I grew up with my great grandmother's storybook and I wanted to keep her stories going," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"The movie's producers were inspired by her story about the curlews representing the passing of someone close to you, so they came to the island and wanted someone from my family's bloodlines to be a part of the show."

Both Ms Edwards and Quandamooka songman Joshua Walker, the grandson of Kath Walker, play roles in the film, with Aboriginal actor Heath Bergersen.

Ms Edwards has received a diploma in the performing arts and is a keen cultural dancer, performing with Minjerribah dance troupe Yulu Burri Ba.

She has been nominated for Best Actress in the Australian

Screen Industry Network (ASIN) Awards, along with Bergersen, who has been nominated for Best Actor. *Refraction* has also been nominated for another five ASIN awards.

"I was a bit nervous at first," Ms Edwards said. "I normally act in theatre, not movies."

"But there were times during the filming you could feel how powerful our spiritual connection was because it was our people with our story, on our own land."

"One day as we were dancing on the beach I felt like the spirits were there watching us and dancing with us."

Dedication

Producer Kaushik Das, who also acted in the 18-minute film, said the movie was a dedication "to mother nature, mother land and mothers".

Refraction tells the story of how two people from different walks of life pay homage to their families.

Movie director Mirko Grillin said *Refraction* was a thriller about an Aboriginal man who returns to where he was born 30 years after his mother was jailed for accidentally killing his brother.

"He has let go of his traditions but, in his mother's house, his memories come back and he gets in touch with this spirituality again," Mr Grillin said.

"Then on the beach he meets a strange character from Bangladesh

(played by Das) and they learn to open their hearts and see each other differently."

The idea for the movie came from Mr Das.

"It's a dedication to Australia's Indigenous people and the refugees risking their lives to reach Australian shores," he said. "It's a tribute to Australia's First People and those yet to arrive."

Mr Das said he had listened to a lot of Yolngu music and it reminded him of the Indian music he listened to when he was young.

"I also had a lot of Indian friends mistake me for Australian Aboriginal and it made me wonder if we are reflections of each other in some way," he said.

"That ancient connection between the two peoples was the first spark of the idea for the movie for me. I want the audience to understand they are different, but to look beyond that and see two men are human beings."

Refraction has won several awards overseas including the Social Justice and Liberation Film Category at the IndieFest Film Awards in the United States.

Mr Grillin said the movie has now expanded into a "humanitarian mission".

"We've been invited to screen the movie at festivals in India and hope to see it launched in Australia next year," he said. "We hope to make a mini-series out of it."



Nunukal woman Kaleenah Edwards plays the lead in *Refraction*.

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Improvement needed, Qld inquiry finds

By LIINA FLYNN



SERVICE delivery in remote Indigenous communities in Queensland is in dire need of improvement,

according to the findings of an independent inquiry by the Queensland Productivity Commission.

Commissioner Bronwyn Fredericks, a Murri woman from south-east Queensland, said the inquiry team was asked to investigate what the Queensland Government currently spends on services including what's being delivered across education, health care, housing and community safety and to look at opportunities to improve services and outcomes for communities.

In Queensland, 20% (40,000 people) of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population live in remote or very remote parts of the state in 40 discrete communities, from Cherbourg to the Torres Strait.

After months of gathering evidence and consulting with people in these communities, as well as Indigenous leaders and government, the inquiry has released a draft report making 16 reform recommendations focusing on structural, service delivery and economic reform.

"While some services are being delivered well, many are not," Professor Fredericks told the *Koori Mail*.

"All stakeholders agree the current system is not meeting community, provider or government expectations."

Some of the key reforms needed were in funding and resourcing, the transfer of accountability and decision making and monitoring progress.

Prof Fredericks said traditional funding models had been bureaucratic and supply driven, rather than needs driven.

"It results in duplication and poor coordination across departments and communities and that has resulted in needs not getting met," she said.

"Communities are grasping at what they can get, rather than having a planned process of identifying needs and planning around capacity building or training delivery."

The population of remote Indigenous communities is younger than the rest of Queensland, with more than half the population under 25.

Prof Fredericks said the inquiry team held individual consultations with young Indigenous people who said current funding models provided

only limited assistance for them in finding a job.

"I don't want to be a barista and run a coffee shop," said one young person," Prof Fredericks said.

"They had their own dreams and wanted to contribute to their community.

"They want to be proud, strong Indigenous people but there was no money to support them in what they see they need for the future and no capacity to move the funding around to the right places to help them with training options and having a nice, safe place to live with good services."

Prof Fredericks said the proposed reforms aim to achieve two long sought-after goals—enabling communities to develop ways to improve outcomes for themselves; and ensuring genuine accountability for outcomes.

"People will be able to see hope for their communities if governance reforms give them

sector activity compared to other communities, partly because of past government policies.

These policies include land-holding arrangements, which have not enabled conditions for economic development, resulting in a lack of effective property rights for residents.

The Government's role as 'service provider' has contributed to a culture of dependency, undermining individual initiative and capability, reducing incentives for individual responsibility, the report found.

And in some cases, governments directly displaced or crowded out market opportunities (for example, government-owned retail stores).

"We need to look at why government is providing the stores and if people still want that, not just to roll with it because we inherited it as a result of the historical process," Prof Fredericks said.

"Behind that is the issue of accountability. If a privately

owned store failed, what would happen? Would the government step in? There are pros and cons to the community model versus the private enterprise model.

"Some of the community leaders said to me, 'Why can't Aboriginal people be allowed to fail sometimes? Why is there one set of rules for Aboriginal people and another for white people?'"

When consulted about land tenure, Prof Fredericks said many people became very emotional because of the stress and health problems caused by working through the maze of native title issues.

"Land issues need to be resolved so communities can move on in economic ways," she said.

"These reforms touch every single aspect of life, including women birthing on country.

"When talking about old age and health care, people fear having to go away to the big city for health treatment like renal care. They are afraid it is really goodbye because they might die away from country.

"The Government now needs to work through a process with the community to reach outcomes and measure progress."

Prof Fredericks said more evidence and feedback on the draft report was needed before the report is delivered to the Government in December.

Stakeholders from all sectors – including community members, councils, service providers and government – have until November 8 to respond via the website www.qpc.qld.gov.au/



Professor Bronwyn Fredericks hands over the report to Queensland Treasurer Curtis Pitt.

greater ownership and control to drive their own agendas and decide how they want it to be in the future," she said.

Prof Fredericks said the inquiry looked at structural reform and ways communities can feed into an overall representative structure to work with government and contribute to decision making.

"In the report, we call it a regional body or entity, but it's something a community can define for itself. Maybe it can be a council, or a leadership group," she said.

The inquiry identified that in communities where governance autonomy had remained strong, such as in the Torres Strait, there were better socioeconomic outcomes for residents.

The inquiry also reported that the poor outcomes in health, education, and economic development in remote Indigenous communities were a legacy of the effects of colonisation and government control and intervention.

The report states that in many remote and discrete communities, there are high rates of unemployment, welfare dependency and little private



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Bourke	Diggers on Darling, Monday 21 August, 10am – 4pm	Coonabarabran	Acacia Motor Lodge, Thursday 7 September, 10am – 4pm
Brewarrina	Brewarrina Visitor Information Centre, Tuesday 22 August, 10am – 4pm	Mudgee	Club Mudgee, Monday 18 September, 10am – 4pm
Nyngan	Nyngan RSL, Wednesday 23 August, 10am – 4pm	Wellington	Hermitage Hill, Tuesday 19 September, 10am – 4pm
Lightning Ridge	Lightning Ridge Bowling Club, Monday 4 September, 10am – 4pm	Narromine	Narromine United Services Club, Wednesday 20 September, 10am – 4pm
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KARI says that as part of the trek, participants will stand on ancient escarpments and see the ochre-coloured landscapes of Central Australia. They will also follow Aboriginal Dreaming tracks and trek beside one of the world's oldest river systems.

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Members of the public are now invited to submit written suggestions relating to the redistribution of federal electoral divisions in the ACT.

The redistribution is being undertaken as the ACT's entitlement to members of the House of Representatives has increased from two to three.

Due to the increase in enrolment in areas of the ACT there will need to be significant changes made to the ACT's electoral division boundaries.

Under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, the Jervis Bay Territory and Norfolk Island are to be located in different electoral divisions in the ACT. Norfolk Island is currently located in the Division of Canberra and the Jervis Bay Territory is currently located in the Division of Fenner.

SUBMITTING A SUGGESTION

- Online: www.aec.gov.au/act-redistribution
- Email: FedRedistribution-ACT@aec.gov.au
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- Mail: Redistribution Committee for the ACT, Australian Electoral Commission, Locked Bag 4007, Canberra ACT 2601
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Suggestions must be received by the Redistribution Committee by **6pm AEDT Friday 24 November 2017.**

Suggestions may refer to the names of electoral divisions, their geographical boundaries or a combination of both these elements. In making a suggestion, members of the public may find it helpful to consider the following material available on the AEC website at

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COMMENTS ON SUGGESTIONS

All suggestions received by the deadline will be made available for public inspection from Monday 27 November 2017 on the AEC website and at the office of the senior Divisional Returning Officer for the ACT (50 Marcus Clarke Street, Canberra).

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Justice award for pioneer



MURRAWARRA man Rick Welsh has won the 2017 Aboriginal Justice Award from the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW.

Mr Welsh was presented with the award in Sydney's Parliament House, where he was honoured for his commitment to building new relationships between Aboriginal people and the legal system.

Mr Welsh is a pioneer in preparing and delivering legal literacy courses in family law and care and protection law to the Aboriginal community. He sits on the Indigenous Access Committee for the Federal Circuit Court, where he is the only non-judicial member and the only Aboriginal person.

He helps clients to make applications to the court and provides court support and referrals to therapeutic services, and last year he assisted and supported Judge Robyn Sexton to establish the first specialist Indigenous families list in the Federal Circuit Court at Sydney.

Mr Welsh is a founding member of the Sydney Regional Koori Men's Network and is on the NSW Men's Health Representative Committee.

As coordinator of The Shed in Mount Druitt, a community therapeutic service, Mr Welsh works with Aboriginal people to address their health and legal needs. He is also co-chair of the Aboriginal Family Law Pathways Network, where he works to connect legal services, health services, cultural organisations and mainstream agencies.

Mr Welsh is a supporter of



Barrister Tony McAvoy, SC, right, presents the 2017 Aboriginal Justice Award to Rick Welsh.

Aboriginal Elders and maintains close ties to the Kinchela Boys Home and the Baabayn Aboriginal Women's Corporation.

The Justice Awards are an opportunity to recognise the work that is being done by individuals and organisations to improve access to justice for the people of NSW. Typically this work is beyond what is required in their role, or on a pro bono (free) or voluntary basis.

Deal a boost for NT



A NEW agreement between Australia's largest building contractor and Northern Territory traditional owners aims to boost Indigenous economic participation in the region.

Lendlease and the Northern Land Council (NLC) recently signed a memorandum of understanding that will connect Aboriginal people to jobs and encourage Indigenous businesses to supply goods and services to projects.

The company, which has been operating in the NT for 45 years, has six current and upcoming projects spanning the health and defence sectors.

Another objective is to make those sites culturally competent and safe, while recognising the custodians of the land.

NLC chief executive Joe Morrison said the new partnership signals the huge stake Aboriginal people have in the development of the north.

"Indigenous people make up 30% of the Territory's population and are also the fastest growing and youngest sector," he said.

Mr Morrison said some 36,000 people stand to benefit from sustainable business growth, and training and employment opportunities.

"We believe Lendlease has a genuine commitment to ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities get a fair go in these development and construction projects," he said.

Some of these include the Palmerston Regional Hospital and air traffic control towers at air force bases in Darwin and Katherine. — AAP

Wes Thompson, from Jontom Car Sales, with Rekindling the Spirit youth workers Alice Exton and Paul Dooner.



'Motovation' for youth

By SHILO MONKLAND



IMAGINE your mind and body are a vehicle. A vehicle needs maintenance and fuel to operate properly. If not, it will eventually break down.

This is the approach Rekindling the Spirit (RTS) youth workers Paul Dooner and Alice Exton have taken with their new program Motovation, based in Bundjalung country in northern NSW.

Motovation addresses youth mental health with practical therapy.

It aims to help young people speak their minds, learn new skills and develop self-worth.

In six weeks, clients aged 14 to 25 learn the basics of car maintenance and attend educational sessions that help them deal with this stage of their lives.

Health professionals as well as local role models attend sessions.

Motovation's casual approach enables the clients to feel safe in their

environment. The program tackles issues such as drugs and alcohol, trauma and peer pressure.

Organisations have banded together to make this program a reality. Jontom Car Sales in Lismore has donated the vehicle and mental health organisation Head Space has also come on board.

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Location	Workshop 9.30 am-2.30 pm	Venue
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Bega	6 February	Bega Valley Civic Centre
Bourke	20 February	Bourke Bowling Club
Broken Hill	1 March	Musicians Club
Coffs Harbour	13 February	Coffs Harbour CEX
Dubbo	22 February	Taronga Western Plains Zoo
Gosford	29 November	The Erina Centre
Griffith	1 December	Quest Apartments
Muswellbrook	6 December	Muswellbrook RSL Club
Narrabri	11 December	Narrabri Bowling Club
Newcastle	16 February	Newcastle City Hall
Nowra	7 February	Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre
Penrith	9 February	Mercure Hotel Penrith
Port Macquarie	14 February	Port Macquarie Panthers Club
Queanbeyan	7 December	Jerrabomberra Community Centre
Sydney	13 December	SMC Conference and Function Centre
Wentworth	27 February	Wentworth Shire Community Centre

Refreshments will be provided. Register at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/aboriginal-cultural-heritage-consultation or phone Jackie Puckeridge from MEC on 0481 959 813.

More information is available on our consultation page: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/aboriginal-cultural-heritage-consultation> or by phoning Environment Line on 131555.

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A Yarn With...



Serena Nowee

Kukatja woman and artist from Balgo, WA

Favourite bush tucker?
Bush turkey cooked on the fire.

Favourite other food?
Spaghetti bolognese.

Favourite drink?
Sprite.

Favourite music?
Sean Kingston
(Jamaican/American rapper).

Favourite sport?
AFL. I support Fremantle.

Favourite read?
Fashion magazines.

Favourite holiday destination?
Broome in the Kimberley for Christmas and new year.

What do you like on TV?
Nothing.

What do you like in life?
To do painting and listen to music.

What don't you like in life?
Being at home and doing nothing.

Which three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My cousins Bonita, Stephanie and Letisha.

What would you do to better the situation for your mob?
More and more painting. It makes me feel good, and it's the only work we have in Balgo.

Quote



"There could have been a way to say no to this, without all the egregious dog whistling that is present in the Prime Minister's press release."

— Noel Pearson on the Government's rejection of an Indigenous Voice to Parliament

● See page 5

Unquote

Nothing but a slap in the face

THE Turnbull Government's out-of-hand rejection of an Indigenous Voice to Parliament is a deliberate slap in the face to self-determination.

And the language used by our Prime Minister, Indigenous Affairs Minister and Attorney-General in their statement is, as Noel Pearson said, "egregious dog-whistling".

It's also pretty close to race-baiting, reinforcing the harmful and untrue stereotype that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people get 'special treatment'.

The proposal for a First Nations Voice to Parliament has not just come out of thin air.

It was one of the consistent ideas arising from a series of First Nations dialogues, held at locations around the country, to discussion Constitutional change.

A First Nations voice having a say and an advisory – not legislative – role in Indigenous affairs.

And the PM has the absolute hide to call it "radical change".

How radical is it for First Nations people to have input into policy that affects their lives?

What is the point of asking Indigenous people what they want if the answer is going to be 'We've listened to what you've said, but no,



we actually know what's best for you?"

It's insulting, patronising and, as Referendum Council co-chair Pat Anderson so eloquently said, it's a return to mission manager mindset.

And coming just a week after the United Nations gave Australia such a grilling on its failure of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy just adds to the offence.

'Nothing to us, without us', isn't 'radical change' – it's self-determination and it's treating people with respect.

And it's also one of the principles underlying the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – something Malcolm Turnbull, Nigel Scullion and George Brandis should take the time to read.

And then talk about "radical change" to their own paternalistic approach.

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Rugby league champion James Storer at a Yuin Fitt boot camp and, at right, surrounded by youth he's been helping in Fiji. "I want to make a difference in kids' lives," he says.

League of his own

By LIINA FLYNN

YOU can use anything around you to become strong. That's what rugby league player James Storer believes, and he's been putting it into practice his whole life.

"That includes situations to make you grow and become resilient," the Yuin (southern NSW) man says.

Mr Storer grew up in Mogo Aboriginal community on the NSW south coast with his Aboriginal mother and Fijian father, but said he never saw his father that much.

"Mum struggled with alcohol and Dad spent a lot of time in prison," he said.

"I can't sugar coat that now, but it's been a blessing growing up with those challenges.

"I see the setbacks in life as fuel.

"My grandmother looked after me when I was a kid and made me feel safe.

"I told her I would play for Fiji and she laughed at me. Now she has my World Cup jerseys framed on her wall.

"As a kid, not having anyone to take me to footy training made me more hungry for success. And when the coach said I was too small, I didn't take it. It made me train harder."

Mr Storer doesn't drink or smoke, and trains hard.

"To this day, I've never tried alcohol or drugs, but I grew up with it," he said.

The 35-year-old has been in the rugby league game since he was 11, and has played NRL for St George under-20s and toured England with the Australian Indigenous team. He's played for the Rabbitohs, the Parramatta Eels, the Cronulla Sharks, was well as in two rugby league World Cup tournaments.

Now in Fiji training to play in his third World Cup, he says he's "looking forward to the battle".

"This will be my last World Cup," he said.

"It was my dream to play for Fiji. I was lucky enough to captain the team in 2015 in the game against Papua New Guinea, and it's an honour to do it again going into this year's cup."



A Yuin Fitt boot camp class.

Mr Storer also runs Yuin Fitt, a personal training business in Wollongong where he runs boot camps showing people they can use anything as training tools, from tyres to ropes and even coconuts.

"I'm taking the excuses out of not having equipment," he said.

"You don't need much talent to achieve your goal – 90% of it is how much you are willing to sacrifice and want it."

Mr Storer said rugby league "saved his life" and now, he wants to give back to the community.

"I've had every reason to drink and be a criminal, but I chose not to," he says.

"Biggest winner"

"The biggest winner for me is to show other kids they have a chance too.

"I'm near the end of my footy career and I see myself as a farmer. I want to plant positive seeds into young kids' hearts and help them to get to the top."

Two years ago Mr Storer took on coaching league team the Port Kembla Blacks.

"After playing in the 2013 World Cup for Fiji, I came home and saw the Port Kembla Blacks hadn't won a game in two years," he said. "I saw they needed fuel. Everyone laughed at me when I took on the

captain-coach job, working with the kids.

"Now they are a competitive team.

"My idea is to develop young boys into men, and good players into better players. It's about creating a culture and leading by example. It sinks in deeper than talking about it.

"I always keep up and go out with the boys and they see I don't drink and they hide their smokes or drink from me.

"After a game, when the young kids put money into the pokies, I just chat to them and say things like, 'If you save your money, this is what you can do with it.'"

Now, Mr Storer runs his boot camps in Aboriginal communities and Fiji and makes online videos. Some of them have even gone viral.

"I create videos so people in rural areas who don't have access to gym equipment see it's cool to use a tyre or ropes to train, to build core strength and arms – it's challenging," he said.

"When I go out to the villages in Fiji it's similar to home. Some of them are even less fortunate.

"I use coconuts as witches hats and as a medicine ball for passing, and use the stairs to get faster at running."

Mr Storer also puts parents and children together in training groups, to encourage

them to motivate each other.

"Young kids look up to parents as role models and I'm tapping into 'mother' instinct," he said.

"They know they have to work harder because their kids are there."

Mr Storer said that while he was in Fiji, he learned about God.

"Before we play, we sing a hymn to God – that's our secret weapon in the World Cup," he said.

"I look at the scriptures and it makes so much sense to my life.

"There's a line: 'First you must be crushed for the full potential to come out.'

"When you make wine, you need to crush the grapes first. When I was a kid, I was crushed and it took that for the goodness in me to come out.

"Now, I want to make a difference in kids' lives."

Mr Storer's been collecting football clothes and boots and donating them to young players in need of footy gear, and also introducing young players to some of his famous footy mates.

"I plant the seeds"

"I plant the seeds and the kids think, 'I can do this,'" he said.

"These athletes help them with technique and strategy and they get better.

"As soon as I get home from the World Cup I will bring my young forwards to meet some of the boys and have a chat."

Mr Storer also wants to do more 'boot drives' and said that if any Indigenous players in Australia are struggling, he can help by finding and supplying them with footy boots and jerseys.

He also wants to offer Indigenous musicians an opportunity to have their music featured in the online videos he makes.

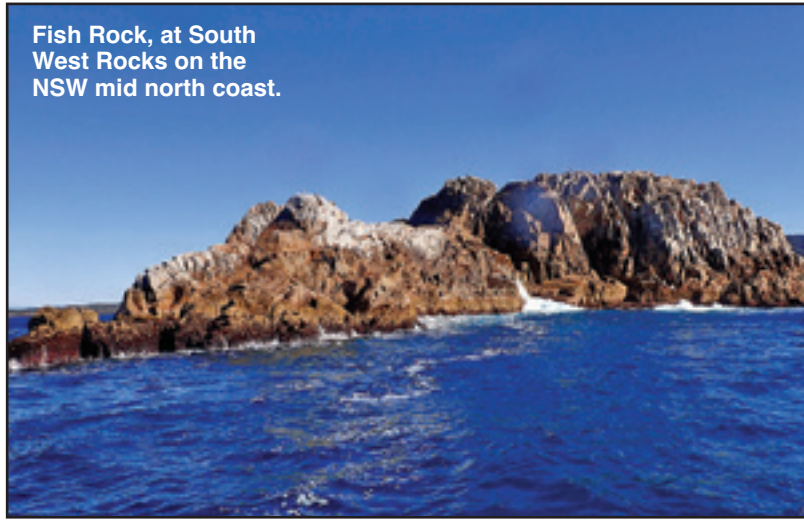
"If there's any rappers out there, or other musicians, I can help them to get exposure," he said.

"I already had one million hits on one of my videos, so contact me."

To find out more about Mr Storer's training and videos, look for Yuin Fitt on Facebook

Marine studies course proves popular

Fish Rock, at South West Rocks on the NSW mid north coast.



Aboriginal marine studies students are all at sea near Fish Rock.



Students take the plunge

By **BRADLEY MAITLAND**,
Aboriginal studies and
marine studies teacher



ON the mid north coast of NSW there's a group of young

Indigenous students who are breaking barriers and challenging themselves to rise above the scourges of drugs, alcohol, racism, crime and unemployment that mar the local township; scourges that reflect the bitter history of the Macleay Valley.

These young men and women often as not hail from backgrounds characterised by extreme poverty and hardships, backgrounds spent growing up in broken neighbourhoods on the wrong side of the tracks.

Many of their peer group have already been lost to drug abuse or incarceration and have given up on education and engaging with the wider community before even reaching their mid-teens.

Many Indigenous children in the Macleay Valley don't see the point of education as the system has failed them and doesn't reflect their cultural needs.

Not so with this group.

Students from Macleay Vocational College, a small independent school in the town of Kempsey, have chosen to walk a different path, a positive path of achievement and success.

The school, which is more than 80% Indigenous,

teaches the Dunghutti language, centres itself around the local Indigenous community and has an active Marine Studies program that the students have adopted and made their own.

During each school year, groups of Dunghutti students from the college's Marine Studies program choose to engage with the ocean and volunteer to step out of their comfort zone to don the thick scuba wetsuits provided by Fish Rock Dive Centre before four gruelling days of dive training and testing.

If they are able to master the skills of buoyancy and depth, they go on to dive Fish Rock, one of the premier sites on the east coast of Australia, if not the country.

Ceremonial place

Fish Rock was used as a shelter and ceremonial place by the Dunghutti inhabitants of the region up to 6000 years ago, before the rise of water levels around the world.

The rock was once a place that housed cave art, cultural expression, religious ceremonies and practices and abundant food sources.

With the rise of the tides and mass flooding 6000 years ago Fish Rock was lost to the Dunghutti as a place of ceremony and cultural learning and was submerged. Now only a third of the massive rock stands above water with the cave complex and the two entrances being lost to the oceans along with the artwork

and artefacts contained within.

Despite this, there is still a deep connection through history with the rock and a lot of local lore and teachings associated with it.

The Indigenous students of Macleay Vocational College choose to go on a deep sea excursion to the rock and swim through the underwater cave system, coming face to face with grey nurse sharks, bull rays, packs of dolphins and hammerheads, moray eels and other pelagic ocean life.

The system takes them through 100m of twisting underwater cave system filled with sponges and rare corals and home to lobsters and wobbegong sharks.

The students also get the chance to climb on the rock and see the craters filled with fresh water, life-sustaining rock pools for the Dunghutti people in times of drought.

At the end of four days of diving and learning, the students have attained the first of many qualifications, this being an openwater scuba diving licence that enables them to scuba dive anywhere in the world as well as getting them credit through university and TAFE pathways.

This licence opens up a great many career pathways in commercial and tourist diving throughout Australia and overseas while still renewing the students relationship with a local underwater area of historical and spiritual significance.



A Dunghutti student enjoys a dive at Fish Rock.



Dunghutti students negotiate the underwater caves at Fish Rock.



Students learn to dive in a pool before they hit the open water.

New agenda needed

ALL these years we have been fighting for our identity, and the protection and development of our cultural survival, and all along the government itself could not acknowledge its own rules and regulations.

I'm talking about section 44 of the Constitution, where it states you cannot be a citizen of another country and be a federal Member of Parliament.

The question is how many past parliamentary representatives breached this law?

Do they not have to follow the Constitution?

And yet they cannot recognise and accept the fact that we are people ourselves and that we have inhabited this land since the beginning of time. It is now about time that these leaders who were supposed to have stood up and been counted actually represent the people they are supposed to.

We have too many divisions and too many departments controlling our lives. They will not work with us. They will not talk with us in a true sense that will

improve our living standards and protect our cultural heritage.

We now have a government that is dysfunctional.

Here in NSW, the best example of dysfunctional leadership comes with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.

Apparently, zone representatives cannot intervene in local land council disputes.

I found this out completely by accident, when I asked a previous NSWALC chair about how to fix internal disputes. The reply was we cannot intervene because the

Land Rights Act prevents us.

The question I ask here is how in the hell are we to improve our social living and employment standards if we cannot call upon the people who we elect to represent us?

I think it is now time that we did away with all these obstacles and start a whole new agenda that will work for us and not for government.

Patrick Lock
Son of a Ngunnawal woman
Muswellbrook, NSW

Why he is voting no

DURING the Q&A program aired on ABC TV on Monday, October 23, references were made to the 1967 Referendum on the rights for Indigenous peoples to be counted in the Census – for Indigenous Australians to have a voice within their traditional lands. To give a dispossessed, oppressed, unrepresented, minority group the right to a voice.

For actor Magda Szubanski to put the same-sex marriage postal survey on the same level is highly offensive to me as an Aboriginal man and a sad attempt to try to gain moral leverage.

The two are completely different issues and are not on the same level.

Traditional Aboriginal practices on marriage would, in fact, be in alignment with the current policy – that is, being a marriage between a man and a woman.

It is this traditional practice that has served the oldest living civilisation on Earth.

Therefore, it is on this knowledge, that I will be voting No!

Peter Walker
Bundjalung Elder and Pastor

Saved by the Lord



Letter writer Roy Williams, a Githabul Elder.

GREETINGS in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am senior traditional Elder of the Githabul tribe, from Muli Muli, near Woodenbong in northern NSW.

One night, around the table at home I had a stroke. I went down like a wet rag.

So my family put me in an ambulance and they rushed me to Kyogle and from Kyogle they rushed me to Lismore Base Hospital.

Just as I was coming into Lismore they turned off the ambulance lights. They thought I was dead.

When I arrived at the hospital I couldn't even toilet myself, nor shave or shower.

I was supposed to be there for about three months. I was only there for about two weeks and then they transferred me to Ballina rehab. I was supposed to be there for about nine months. I was only there for about six weeks.

I believe in my heart that I met the doctor of all doctors, the psychiatrist of all psychiatrists: Doctor Lord Jesus Christ.

God Bless.

Roy Williams
Caboolture, Qld

POETRY

Ignite

Last week, in a class I did not sign up for
A boy raised his hand in a group discussion and said
"Aboriginal people massacred themselves because they didn't assimilate to white folk."
Such ignorance was hard to swallow,
Tasted bitter on my tongue.
I was shamed

Another girl raised her hand
Voice dripping with judgment and added
"And like if it wasn't a law for Aboriginal kids to go to school, none of them would be educated."
Her words were hard to swallow
Felt sticky in my mouth.
I was shamed

Not because I am ashamed of who I am
But because I didn't say anything
Because the words stuck in my throat
Like a body struggling in a straitjacket
Because my lips stayed sealed and my eyes cast down,
I was shamed.

Because sometimes I care more about staying invisible
Than I care about changing the world
I was shamed
From the age of eight, defending my identity to strangers
Who believed the pigment of my skin was just too light
Not black enough,
I was shamed.

At the age of 12, kicked out of the local shop
Because a man said I made him uncomfortable
My soul being there was just too much,
Too much culture, too much woman,
I was shamed
And I struggle now to understand how I could
Be both too black and not black enough?
I was shamed.

See, I don't know where I came from
Don't know whose freckles are scattered on my back
Because the government stole our Nanna's babies,
Babies taught to swallow their language,
To hold their tongues
Trained to forget who they were.
We were shamed.

Blaze Ferguson
Hobart, Tas

● Editor's note: Blaze Ferguson's poem *Ignite* won a writing competition at her school and received one of only four highly commended awards in the national Dorothea Mackellar poetry competition.

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The lessons of history

WHEN discussing higher thought or understanding in our Aboriginal knowledges, terms such as winangi-li (Kamilaroi) become lost in translation.

Best understood as consciousness, the full complexities and interrelationship of winangi-li is not fully understood because of the limitation of English. In other words, there is no direct translation.

There is so much knowledge lost because of the silencing of the Aboriginal voice, which is denying the world's true potential and growth.

Winangi-li is but one example. I am writing this just as Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has announced he is rejecting evidence supplied by Australia's Chief Scientist and a recommendation towards clean energy. The Federal Government instead is proposing a new plan maintaining our dependence on coal-fired power as opposed to clean and renewable energy.

In announcing the policy, Turnbull stated, "It's important that states do the right thing by customers, their voters, their consumers in getting energy prices down ..."

Here lies the problem. This is business jargon connected to industry based on short-term profit and individual entitlement, whereas winangi-li is the collective philosophy of inheritance and the right of our great, great grandchildren to have clean living, fresh water and air based on self-sustainable practices over tens of thousands of years. Despite having invaded this

country more than 200 years ago, non-Aboriginal governance, industry and business still have no idea of the most basic concepts of Aboriginal longevity, innovation and science that led to us claiming our rightful place as the oldest living culture in the world.

Instead, we challenge the very foundations of their understanding and identity.

What we are witnessing is denial of truth and a lack of accountability in accepting that their society has been built on crimes committed against Aboriginal people throughout history.

And rather than accept the truth, which would open up proper discussion in regards to Aboriginal knowledges and sustainability, their pride continues us towards a pathway of self-destruction, environmental vandalism and intellectual terrorism.

Why? Because their lies and denial of the truth over centuries have created the illusion that they are intellectually superior and more advanced and civilised in their thinking despite all the evidence highlighting just how limited, immediate and simplistic their thinking is in regards to environmental and social issues.

In response to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jnr almost 50 years ago, internationally renowned teacher and lecturer Jane Elliott devised the controversial and insightful 'Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes' exercise.

This now-famous exercise explains why so much confusion, privilege and hate exists. The experiments labelled participants as inferior or superior based solely



Woolombi Waters

on the colour of their eyes, and exposed them to the experience of being either (1) an oppressed minority or (2) a superior majority.

Rather than through race, Elliott stated those who had brown eyes were superior to those who had blue eyes. Those with brown eyes were smarter because the darker the person's eyes, the more intelligent they were.

"Brown-eyed people were better than those with blue eyes," Elliott said. "Blue-eyed people sit around and do nothing. You give them something nice and they just wreck it."

What Elliott noted almost immediately was the division that occurred very quickly between the

two groups of students once this association towards inferiority and superiority was made clear.

"Do blue-eyed people remember what they've been taught?" Elliott asked. "No!" the brown-eyed kids said.

Elliott rattled off the rules for the exercise, saying "blue-eyed kids had to use paper cups if they drank from the water fountain because we might catch something because blue-eyed kids were dirty". As the exercise wore on, brown-eyed kids began openly criticising their blue-eyed classmates and calling them names. This was not part of the exercise. It came out of their sense of superiority.

The results years later in assessing the significance of these exercises are mixed.

Not surprisingly, those most critical are conservatives who in themselves represent white privilege.

Two such professors in England, Ivor F Goodson and Pat Sikes, suggest that Elliott's experiment was unethical because the participants weren't informed of its real purpose beforehand, which kind of defeats the purpose of the experiment.

Then there is Alan Charles Kors, a professor of history at the University of Pennsylvania, who wrote that Elliott's exercise taught "blood-guilt and self-contempt to whites", and yet the experiment was not divided through race but instead eye colour. Which again was the point.

Others have praised Elliott's exercise. Educational psychologist Michele Borda says it "teaches our children to counter stereotypes

before they become full-fledged, lasting prejudices and to recognise that every human being has the right to be treated with respect".

Amitai Etzioni, an internationally acclaimed sociologist, says the exercise helps develop character and empathy. And Stanford University psychologist Philip G Zimbardo writes in his 1979 textbook *Psychology and Life* that Elliott's "remarkable" experiment showed "how easily prejudiced attitudes may be formed and how arbitrary and illogical they can be".

Others have gone on the record saying Elliott's exercise is "more compelling than many done by professional psychologists".

What is most significant decades after this ground-breaking exercise is that white supremacy is growing under the guise of ultra-conservative neo-liberalism. We have Nazis marching openly on US streets and a US President who refuses to condemn them.

And an Australian prime minister who despite all the evidence has sentenced us to environmental destruction dividing an entire nation based on profit margins, and industry ignoring the pleas of Aboriginal people and land title.

Now more than ever the lessons of history have to be understood. As Aboriginal people we have to remain true to our conviction and values.

And the results of a classroom experiment designed by a woman in despair after the assassination of one of our great civil rights leaders can never be forgotten.

● Dr Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail columnist.

Govt must heed words

By ANNA CODY, associate professor and director at the Kingsford Legal Centre, UNSW, and MARIA NAWAZ, law reform solicitor/clinical legal supervisor at the Kingsford Legal Centre

IT was a big week for Australia at the United Nations last week. The nation won a seat on the leading international human rights body, the UN Human Rights Council, for a three-year term.

The UN Human Rights Committee also reviewed Australia's compliance with a key human rights treaty, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

One would assume the Human Rights Council seat means Australia will lead on issues of human rights domestically, including in the area of Indigenous rights (one of the five pillars of Australia's bid) and self-determination.

However, as the UN Human Rights Committee review showed, Australia is failing to meet basic human rights standards for Indigenous peoples.

Violence against women in Indigenous communities

To its credit, the Australian Government delegation was open and frank in its dialogue with the committee. The delegation acknowledged key areas in which the country needs to improve.

One of the pressing issues affecting Indigenous communities is family violence. Indigenous women are 45 times more likely to experience violence than other women. The severity of the violence is also greater, with higher rates of hospitalisation.

The government delegation acknowledged that the rate of violence against Indigenous women was "appalling". It referred to "\$25 million for Indigenous-specific measures" and a "trauma-informed approach for children affected by violence". This is just one measure the Government is adopting to deal with violence against Indigenous women.

The NGO coalition, led by Kingsford Legal Centre and the Human Rights Law Centre, agreed with the Government delegation that an area for hope was the recent appointment of June Oscar as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner at the Human Rights Commission. Oscar has been at the forefront of effective, Aboriginal-led initiatives to deal with family violence in Fitzroy Crossing.

Indeed, the NGO coalition called for the Government to include Indigenous women in the monitoring and evaluation of the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children. It also called on it to fund Indigenous community-controlled services with expertise in working with victims/survivors of family violence.

Indigenous incarceration rates

An area in which Australia continues to breach international human rights standards is Indigenous incarceration rates. The national imprisonment rate for Indigenous adults is 13 times higher than that for other adults. While Indigenous people are only 2% of the population, they account for 27% of the prison population.

Mandatory sentencing and imprisonment for fine default, as canvassed by the current Australian Law Reform Commission inquiry, are key contributors to these statistics.

The UN Human Rights Committee repeatedly noted its concern about Indigenous incarceration rates and focused on policing of Indigenous communities. A committee member raised the case of Ms Dhu, who died in custody in Western Australia after being arrested for defaulting on fines. He asked why the laws providing for imprisonment for fine default had not yet been scrapped.

The committee also raised the recent case of an Aboriginal woman who called WA police for help in a domestic violence situation. She was taken into custody for a fine default, leaving her five children without support.

The Australian Government was asked how this represented a "trauma-informed" approach to dealing with family violence.

Self-determination and constitutional reform

One of the key areas of interest for the NGO delegation and the committee was the response to entrenched disadvantage through effective policy. This connected closely with the identification of constitutional reform as advocated by Indigenous delegates at the regional dialogue process that produced the Uluru Statement.

The NGO delegation highlighted the need for Aboriginal-led policy design as articulated in the Redfern Statement and by numerous movements agitating for Indigenous rights

since colonisation. The Government delegation was keen to focus on constitutional recognition, while the NGO delegation advocated strongly for constitutional reform in accordance with the Uluru Statement.

In fairness to the Australian delegation, it certainly recognised the need for Indigenous-designed policy and implementation. This flies in the face of the Government's actions in cutting funding to Indigenous-controlled organisations, including the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

In 2014, funding for Aboriginal services was substantially cut from \$2.4 billion to \$860 million under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy. And 55% of grants were allocated to non-Indigenous bodies, effectively mainstreaming services.

Where to from here?

The UN Human Rights Committee challenged the Australian Government to produce policy that truly includes Indigenous people.

One of the challenges of human rights treaty reviews is to ensure that the Government implements the recommendations the committee makes.

Australia has a terrible record in this area, being called out for "chronic non-compliance" by the committee.

Hopefully, the seat on the Human Rights Council will encourage the Government to heed the words of the UN Human Rights Committee and ensure real progress on Indigenous rights.

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First on the Ladder scores with youth



Shepparton participants Tallara Saunders, Ellie Morgan, Miah Saunders, Marnie Morgan and Jarris Tass.



Christopher Graham is painted up in Moree.

Arts meets sport

FOOTBALL, netball and theatre came together in a new arts-meets-sport collaboration. Polyglot Theatre and Beyond Empathy partnered with Rumbalara Football and Netball Club in Shepparton, Victoria, and the Moree Boomerangs in NSW, for First on the Ladder.

The project centred around 150 young people from these two Indigenous sports clubs who celebrate their culture and achievements through a range of creative experiences including zine-making (self-published work), street art, radio broadcasting and play workshops.

In Shepparton, Melbourne artist Michael Fikaris and local Yorta Yorta artist Tammy-Lee Atkinson worked with participants on game days at the club to create zines, stickers and large-scale paste-ups that were displayed publicly.

Four editions of the zine *Rumba* were published, and 54 paste-ups were exhibited in laneways and on buildings with the help of 13 local partners.

In Moree, local artists Janelle Boyd, Auntie Paula Duncan and Darlene Gillon, together with



Peta-Maree and Kaitlin Ahgan get painting in Shepparton.
Pictures: Simone Ruggiero

project coordinator Skyela Gillon, organised workshops at the Barwon Learning Centre after

game days to create paste-ups, zines and animations.

With 10 community partners,

two editions of the zine *Boom* were published and 18 paste-ups exhibited.

Two radio stations were also established – Rumba Radio in Shepparton and the BBC (Boomerangs Broadcast Corporation) in Moree. The broadcasts gave participants the opportunity to deliver live broadcasts on game days, building their skills in sports commentary, DJ-ing and audio production.

Creative play workshops were also held for younger children, with drawing activities, developing characters and storylines, and constructing sets (including a complete cafe), costumes, and parades of creatures.

Beyond Empathy director Kim McConville said the project allowed both arts companies to combine their practices and expertise.

"Polyglot's practice in devising immersive children's theatre experiences and Beyond Empathy's expertise in community development, working with First Nation communities has created a groundbreaking collaboration," she said.

First on the Ladder is supported by the Australia Council for the Arts and the project will restart in February.



Boys broadcast for the BBC (Boomerangs Broadcast Corporation) in Moree.



Charmaine Mansfield and Seth Mansfield are busy in Shepparton.

Rangers meet on Burrup

By LIINA FLYNN



SHOWING 25,000-year-old rock art images of thylacines and megafauna on Western Australia's Burrup Peninsula to visiting ranger groups was just another work day for Malgana man Sean McNear.

"Vandalism and graffiti is our biggest issue here," Mr McNear told the *Koori Mail*. "Some of the graffiti dates back to the late 1800s, where people have scratched the names of ships over the top of the rock art."

"These days, we get spray paint graffiti and battery-powered grinder etchings covering our sacred art. It gets me frustrated – I don't understand why they do it."

Mr McNear is manager of the Murujuga Land and Sea Unit for the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC), and recently hosted a Marnda Gardairri workshop for about 50 rangers from around Australia.

For three days, the rangers explored and discussed issues in the National Heritage listed Burrup Peninsula, in WA's Pilbara, which contains one of the densest concentrations of rock engravings in Australia.

Mr McNear said one of the topics discussed was the protection of ancient rock art sites.

"It's our culturally significant heritage, telling our stories, and once it's damaged, it's gone forever," he said.

Mr McNear said some of the rock art had been dated to 25,000 years, but that some of it



Rangers gather on the heritage-rich Burrup Peninsula in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

still had not been dated due to scientists not agreeing on carbon dating methods for the rock types.

"Some of the stone structures date to 10,000 years ago," he said.

"We've had Aboriginal occupancy here a lot longer than other areas. We believe that here is the origin of where our stories started. The rock art here shows things depicted further inland in Australia."

"Our ancestors documented our way of our life and it diversified through Australia with the songlines."

Mr McNear said that when

the local rangers find graffiti on the rocks, they discuss what to do about it with the local Elders and report the damage to government.

"We are trained in how to remove graffiti, but there are a lot of gender-specific sacred sites where the rock art is found," he said.

"Advice"

"The Elders guide us with advice on what we can show to the public."

"Then we like to promote awareness programs in schools and community events so people can learn how important

our cultural heritage is."

The rangers discussed cultural governance, World Heritage listing, strategies for sustainability, public promotion of rock art and knowledge, research partnerships and processes, mapping, data capture and databases, and coastal land management.

Mr McNear said fire management was also discussed, as the heritage area and national park are near many gas and mining developments, which could potentially cause fire damage.

"The workshop was also a knowledge exchange for the

rangers, so each group could learn about what they do from each other," he said.

"We want to make our networks stronger and create an annual event that we can take turns hosting around Australia."

Last year, more than 100 Indigenous ranger programs operated across Australia, with the equivalent of more than 770 fulltime rangers employed.

The workshop was co-facilitated by Nulungu Research Institute from the University of Notre Dame Australia, and funded by Rio Tinto and Woodside Energy.

Burning issue is addressed



A NEW savanna burning training course for Aboriginal rangers and traditional owners is under development, in the hope that it can help reduce Australia's climate emissions.

Savanna woodlands and grasslands cover about a quarter of the Australian continent. Large savanna fires occur naturally in northern Australia, where the cycle of wet and dry seasons makes the land particularly prone to fire.

Large wildfires in the dry season release significant amounts of greenhouse gas, increasing Australia's climate emissions.

Aboriginal rangers and traditional owners are working to burn savanna throughout the wet season, when vegetation still contains moisture. As the vegetation is not as dry, these fires

are smaller so they release less greenhouse gas.

By burning smaller fires in the wet season, larger fires in the dry season are less likely to occur.

The new five-day training course is being developed by the Aboriginal Carbon Fund with the Centre for Appropriate Technology Ltd and Caritas Australia, with funding from the Queensland Government.

Letters of support

Prominent Australian individuals and organisations, including the Central Land Council, Qantas and the Queensland Environment Minister, have signed letters in support of the new training regime.

Aboriginal Carbon Fund manager Rowan Foley said the support of Indigenous groups, the business community, carbon industry and the Queensland Government was important.

"The benefits of Aboriginal

carbon farming are clear – it supports local jobs, enables investment in Indigenous lands and reduces carbon pollution caused by wildfires," he said.

"With more and more businesses looking to offset their carbon pollution through buying carbon credits with real, measurable and verifiable core benefits, the demand for Aboriginal carbon farming is increasing."

"The training will provide rangers and traditional owners with the skills to verify the social, cultural and environmental core benefits of carbon farming. This will mean that business can invest in Aboriginal carbon farming outcomes with greater confidence across northern Australia."

Centre for Appropriate Technology chief executive Steve Rogers said his organisation will apply to have the course accredited as nationally recognised training.

Racial profiling action backed



A RESEARCHER from the Australian National University (ANU) has recommended that police should record the perceived ethnicity of every person they stop.

Tamar Hopkins said the data could then be cross-referenced with Census data to determine whether racial profiling is occurring.

"There is no data across Australia to determine whether racial profiling is occurring," she said.

"Data of this type has been collected for 25 years in Britain, and many parts of the United States and Canada."

"We also think the scheme itself will have some effect in reducing the level of racial profiling by forcing police to think about whether there is a justification for the stop."

The ANU report has recently been submitted to the Federal Law Reform Commission Inquiry into the Over-representation of Indigenous Australians in Prison.

"At this stage there is no way of monitoring if there is a problem, and we know anecdotally that there is," Ms Hopkins said.

The Monitoring Racial Profiling report is part of the Police Stop Data Working Group and recommends police begin keeping data on pedestrian and traffic stops with a view to monitoring for, and preventing, racial profiling.

The report was submitted to the inquiry due to concerns that racial profiling was contributing to the high rate of Indigenous people jailed in Australia.

"Obviously there's a host of reasons for the overincarceration of Indigenous people, but racial profiling is one of them," Ms Hopkins said.

"When police focus their attention on a group of people they are going to find crimes in that group, which skews the prison population to reflect whoever police are targeting."

Institutes sign deal



AUSTRALIAN and American Indigenous cultures are set to learn from each other now that two of their dedicated institutes have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) have signed the agreement, which sets out the terms for a two-year consultative and planning process between the two institutions.

AIATSIS chief executive Craig Ritchie said both institutions were dedicated exclusively to the histories and cultures of indigenous peoples and held important positions in their countries.

"This agreement to collaborate in areas of mutual interest and concern means we can learn from each other's strengths and expertise, and continue to build our capabilities in a

relationship of shared commitment and two-way exchange," he said.

Over the two-year project, the two institutions will learn about current research projects and operational capabilities, and discuss research compatibility with the goal of identifying joint collaborations.

The NMAI is part of the Smithsonian in the United States, the world's largest museum, education, and research complex, with 19 museums and a national zoo.

The NMAI is devoted exclusively to the history and art of cultures indigenous to the Americas and holds one of the most extensive collections of Native American arts and artefacts in the world.

The NMAI Research and Scholarship Group aims to advance understanding of native knowledge, history, culture, art, and self-determination in collaboration with native communities and scholars through research, scholarship, and repatriation.



AIATSIS chief executive Craig Ritchie and National Museum of the American Indian director Kevin Gover at the signing of the memorandum in Washington DC. Picture: Mali Pearson

Centenarians celebrate

By ALF WILSON and Nolear Ramsamy's family



NOLEAR Ramsamy celebrated her 100th birthday on October 6 and had a huge party surrounded by family and friends at the Mackay PCYC. 'Nan', as she is affectionately known, had families travel from the Torres Strait Islands, Queensland, the Northern Territory and NSW.

Mrs Ramsamy is one of the oldest living Torres Strait Islander women. The grand old lady has 198 direct family members, consisting of 11 children, 39 grandchildren, 97 great-grandchildren, 48 great-great-grandchildren and three great-great-great-grandchildren.

Nolear Ramsamy was born in Port Litu, on Prince of Wales Island in the Torres Strait, on October 6, 1917.

She is the fourth of 13 children born to father Siat Bin Baba and mother Mariam Moy.

Siat was from Malacca and at 17 years old he came to Thursday Island, where he met Mariam, who was born on Badu Island.

As a young woman, Nan enjoyed life in the Torres Strait, going fishing and hunting with her brothers and going to the picture show with her sisters.

Her younger life was full of fun and mischief but always working hard to support the growing family, cleaning or working with her father cutting firewood and on pearl farms.

To get picture show money she would use a broomstick to knock rats from the rafters and get paid a bounty. She became an expert rat catcher but the downside was the holes that were left in the roof of their home.

War with Japan started in 1941 and most of the civilian population of TI was evacuated to the mainland in January 1942. At age 24, as a mother of two – Rhonda and Nami – and pregnant



Nolear Ramsamy

with Salma, Nan and her family were evacuated to Cherbourg.

In Cherbourg, the family lived on rations. Nan and her sisters would walk 7km to Murgon to get supplies to put food on the table.

She made friends in the local Aboriginal community, with Aunt Rita Huggins becoming one of Nan's best friends.

The family left Cherbourg in 1943, settling in Mackay.

Nan's mother, father, four siblings and her three young children lived in a three-bedroom house on Harbour Road, North Mackay.

To support the family, Nan worked several jobs as a cleaner, laundry hand and ticket seller at the local show.

While working at the show, she met a handsome showman of Indian descent from Lawrence, NSW – Edward Royce Ramsamy – known as Ram Chandra.

Nan and Pop were married in 1944 at the Mackay Court House, which was followed by a reception at the family home in North Mackay. The newlyweds soon moved to Thornber Street.

Over the next 40 years, the Wren Street property would become not only the local for family Christmas gatherings but Nan created a menagerie of animals which included snakes, chickens, goats, sheep, aviaries

of birds and cockatoos and ponds for fish.

While Pop travelled the countryside educating people about the taipan and snake bites, Nan, with the support of older children, took care of her large family. Although at times life was hard, Nan had strong faith and family came first.

Nan would make sure that any new suitor or potential in-law was able to provide for the family; making them go into the mangroves to collect mussels or pick oysters and pennywinkles from the rocks. This became a rite of passage.

As a Torres Strait Islander family, living off the ocean and mangroves, hunting and fishing were always considered important – both a source of food and a celebration of culture.

Cultural celebrations would also be marked by a huge gathering of family members preparing vermicelli and curry chicken, namus, a kap mari, dancing and laughter.

Nan would not be left out of activities by her children or grandchildren.

When her sons would go crocodile hunting, Nan, in her 70s, would be the first in the boat holding the spotlight and directing her sons where to go.

She would be the loudest barracker on the sideline at football matches when her grandchildren were playing.

Nan would always be willing to travel back to the Torres Strait whenever possible and to other far-flung places such as Melbourne, Darwin, Canberra and Newcastle to see her growing and extended family.

A shopping trip to town with Nan would take twice as long as planned as she would meet so many people who would come up to say hello to Nan Ramsamy.

Not letting age define her, her love of fishing and competitive spirit is still strong today. Only four weeks ago, she was out fishing with grandson Michael and wife at Grasstree; still competitive, trying to out-fish him.



Flora Hoolihan celebrates her 102nd birthday.

By ALF WILSON



FLORA Hoolihan (nee Illin) believes hard work is one of the main reasons she has reached the remarkable age of 102.

The respected Ms Hoolihan recently celebrated her birthday with family and friends at Shalom Elders Village in Townsville.

So, what's the secret of living a long life?

"You will have to ask God above," Ms Hoolihan, who is believed to be one of the oldest Aboriginal women in Australia, said.

Some of her family suggested that the waters of the Burdekin and Herbert rivers may have had something to do with Ms Hoolihan's longevity.

Others said the closeness of her family also played a major role.

Ms Hoolihan is a mother of four, grandmother of 20, great-grandmother of 47 and great-great-grandmother of 22.

Noel Gertz, 59, is her eldest grandchild.

"Granny has very special place in her grandchildren's, nephews' and nieces' hearts," she said.

"She still provides wisdom and

unconditional care and concern for any of us who have any difficulty, big or small.

"She still provides wisdom and we should cherish every precious moment with her while we can. I can't even imagine the changes that she has witnessed through her long and eventful life, and if there is a title that ranks higher than a professor, then surely she is entitled to be a recipient."

Friend Eva Kennedy also paid tribute to Ms Hoolihan.

"I first met Flora 56 years ago and we have been dear friends for as many years," she said.

"She has been my teacher and mentor ever since. We are so happy to share this amazing milestone with Flora turning 102 years.

"She has been truly an inspiration and guide for us on how to live a happy, healthy and joyful life."

Flora was born on October 20, 1915, at Peeramon on the Atherton Tablelands in the heart of Ngadjonji country.

She is the daughter of Leandro Illin, a Russian man who fled from Russia before the 1917 revolution, and Kitty Clarke, a Ngadjonji woman from the Atherton Tablelands.

Jonathan Jones has been named the Create NSW and Artbank NSW Visual Arts Fellow 2018 for mid-career and established artists.



Water the theme for fellowship winner



WIRADJURI/Kamilaroi artist Jonathan Jones will have the opportunity to explore the Wiradjuri philosophy of galing (water) through his art now that he's been awarded an annual fellowship with Create NSW Visual Arts.

Mr Jones will use his professional development opportunity to create a site-specific installation at one of the rivers in Wiradjuri country, under the guidance of Wiradjuri Elder Stan Grant Snr, an expert in Wiradjuri language.

As part of the fellowship for mid-career/established artists, Mr Jones will receive \$30,000 from Create NSW, a major Artbank commission of up to \$20,000 and the opportunity to take up a five-week residency at one of the supporting NSW regional galleries.

Mr Jones will use locally sourced materials to create his research project, mapping concepts of galing and highlighting Wiradjuri thinking and philosophy.

Ideas of water as a cleansing force, a source of strength and a provider of life within a Wiradjuri worldview will be central to the project, along with the learning of language and traditional practices such as carving with river red gum and weaving with river rushes.

Relationships

Mr Jones works across a range of mediums, from printmaking and drawing to sculpture and film. He will combine interviews, soundscapes, drawings, light, subtle shadow and the repetition of shape and form to explore Aboriginal practices, relationships and

ideas, and said his work champions local knowledge systems and builds on community aspirations.

At the heart of Mr Jones' practice is working with other artists and communities on projects. He has worked with Stan Grant Snr on several projects including *Defying empire: 3rd National Indigenous Art Triennial 2017* at the National Gallery of Australia.

Create NSW's Sophia Zachariou presented the fellowship to Mr Jones at the launch of an exhibition showcasing the works of shortlisted artists at Artbank, Waterloo.

"It is an honour to be recognised amongst such a group of talented artists. I feel very privileged to receive this fellowship," Mr Jones said.

The shortlist exhibition will run at Artbank until February 16, 2018.



Hunter Page-Lochard is one of the finalists in the inaugural Dreamtime Awards.

Picture: Lisa Tomasetti

Dreamtime Awards set for Sydney



THE finalists have been chosen in the inaugural Quit B Fit National Dreamtime Awards, to be held at The Star in Sydney, on Friday, November 17.

Dreamtime Awards organiser Matt Rose said the event offered an opportunity to celebrate Indigenous excellence in sport, the arts, academia and community champions.

"We're really excited to host these awards recognising how great our mob are doing in so many different areas," he said.

"We have been missing this type of celebration in our community for a long time.

"We can't wait to join together as one and celebrate each other and our rich culture.

"The competition is tough because we have so many amazing people doing phenomenal things in their chosen fields and it's going to be great to see who wins in each of the 18 categories."

The community awards celebrate First Nations people and community organisations at a grassroots level while the finalists in the sports and arts categories are some of the best recognised talent in Australia.

Major awards will be the Dreamtime Person of the Year, Dreamtime Elder of the Year and Dreamtime Lifetime Achievement Award.

For bookings visit www.dreamtimeawards.com.au/

Finalists

Community Person of the Year: Jeffery Amatto, Jessica Duncan, Karen Fusi and Hazel Vale.

Community Organisation: Miromaa, Taungurung, Yothu Yindi Foundation and Institute for Urban Indigenous Health – Deadly Choices.

Community Business of the Year: Something Wild, Waddi Springs, Rusca Bros, Boodjera.

Educational Institute of the Year: Australian Catholic University, Yalbalanga Indigenous Higher Education Unit, Australian Indigenous Education Foundation, RMIT Indigenous Education and Engagement and Go TAFE Victoria.

Male Actor of the Year: Hunter Page-Lochard, Rob Collins, Aaron Pedersen and Jimi Bani.

Female Actor: Shareena Clanton, Miranda Tapsell, Deborah Mailman and Shari Sebbens.

Male Music Artist of the Year: Gawurra, Dan Sultan, Isaiah Firebrace and A.B. Original.

Female Music Artist: Jessica Mauboy, Emily Wurramara, Alice Skye and Leah Flanagan.

Media Person of the Year: Allan Clarke, Hannah Hollis, Stan Grant and Bernard Namok.

Male Sportsperson of the Year: Dane Gagai, Eddie Betts, Buddy Franklin and Patty Mills.

Female Sportsperson of the Year: Ashleigh Barty, Torita Blake, Lydia Williams and Taliqua Clancy.

Best New Sports Talent: Summer Simon, Charlie Cameron, Daniel Rioli and Josh Addo-Carr.

International Sportsperson of the Year: Patty Mills, Kurtley Beale, Ashleigh Barty and Lydia Williams.

No penalty for guilty police



TWO police officers who locked an eight-year-old Aboriginal boy in the back of a paddy wagon for more than an hour in the northern NSW town of Coraki have escaped any penalty – despite being found guilty of leaving a child in a motor vehicle causing emotional distress.

Lismore Local Court Magistrate Jeff Linden dismissed the charge of neglect of duty against senior constables Michael

Writer and Brian Quinn and gave both officers a section 10 (no conviction recorded for first offence) ruling on the other offence.

In April last year the officers picked up two young boys, after responding to reports of them throwing rocks.

They dropped one at his aunty's house, but the other was still in the police wagon when it was parked outside the local station.

The boy was discovered when his mother arrived about an hour later.

The magistrate said the officers showed remorse and concern for the boy's welfare when their mistake was discovered.

The boy's family said they were disappointed by the ruling, with his grandmother telling the ABC that leaving a child in a car was neglect.

"This little boy is never going to be the same," she said.

"He breaks down and cries too. So that's what has happened to him. He's traumatised."

Funding available for 'experiences'



EVENTS which deliver authentic Aboriginal experiences in Western Australia are now eligible for a share in \$150,000 as part of the 2018-19 Regional Events Scheme.

The new scheme supports smaller, developing regional events and includes the Regional Aboriginal Events Scheme, which will fund events that showcase Aboriginal experiences through leadership and participation of Aboriginal people.

Applications close on December 12. Details at www.tourism.wa.gov.au/res

Knockout scores NSW MPs' praise



THE NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout has been given a big thumbs up in NSW Parliament's Upper House.

A motion from Liberal Upper House MP Scot MacDonald to acknowledge and commend the success of the 2017 Koori Knockout was passed with a unanimous vote.

"The Kori Knockout has become an iconic fixture on the sporting calendar since the first match was held in 1971," Mr MacDonald said.

Reconciliation the goal of film club



THE Reconciliation Film Club is now online. It's a platform that supports organisations in hosting screenings of Indigenous documentaries from Australia's leading Indigenous filmmakers.

The initiative is the result of a partnership between NITV, SBS and Reconciliation Australia in an effort to develop a deeper understanding of Indigenous people's perspectives and histories, ignite conversation and spark change.

Organisations around Australia are encouraged to host film screenings for their staff, as part of their Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) to engage staff in cultural learning and build respect for Indigenous cultures.

For more details and to book a screening, go to sbs.com.au/reconciliationfilmclub

Brimbank Council looking for artists



BRIMBANK Council in Melbourne is seeking artists to create a new public artwork celebrating Indigenous culture as part of the new Sunvale Community Park, due to open in early 2018.

Brimbank Mayor John Hedditch said the council was seeking one or more artworks as part of the park's planned circuit path.

"Creating an indigenously-themed circuit path was one of the many wonderful ideas for this park that was suggested by our community," Mr Hedditch said.

Expressions of interest close December 1. Details at brimbank.vic.gov.au/sunvaleEOI

Bama seals contract



INDIGENOUS company Bama Civil has won a contract to seal a 1.65km stretch of Queensland's Peninsula Developmental Road at Ten Mile Creek.

The work is part of a major upgrade to infrastructure on the Cape York Peninsula.

It will give remote communities more reliable access during the wet season and safer, quicker trips during the dry season.

Correction

In the previous edition of the *Koori Mail*, on the story on page 22, a picture was incorrectly captioned. The model in the photo is Billi Hamlet, not Hannah Collard. The *Koori Mail* apologises for the error.



Gilbert Laurie, Thelma James and Mickey Ryan enjoy the Lismore Show Bundjalung Elders tent.

Elders looked after at show



BUNDJALUNG Elders had a tent to showcase culture and reconnect with the community at this year's Lismore Show.

Elders and others gathered at the show in the northern NSW city to share stories of the old times and

caught up on what's new with their families and their lives.

Wiy:bul man Gilbert Laurie performed a smoking ceremony.

"In the past we all used to sit on the hill, so it was great for the show to organise us an Elders tent," he said.

"It allowed us to gather at a special place and to practise what our ancestors did and that is to care and share for our mob."

At the tent, local schools showcased students' artworks featuring Indigenous landscapes as well as animals.

Beswick seniors are right at home



UNTIL recently, Barry Weston was living in a derelict building in his community in Beswick, about 110km east of

Katherine in the Northern Territory.

Now he rents a unit in a council-owned property, and receives daily meals and assistance through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP).

Mr Weston and three other men, Norman Lane, Tony Johnson and Tom Kelly, are benefitting from Roper Gulf Regional Council's aged-care and disability support services.

Before being able to rent one of the council flats, the other men were also staying in derelict or overcrowded premises with family.

Now they can sit and yarn with each other about their formative years, which included working with heavy machinery during the development of the area, and as stockmen on Beswick Station.

Mr Weston said the move from the dilapidated single men's quarters to his new unit, which is outside the community's flood zone, represented a life change for him.

"It's a lot better than that other place we were in," he



Roper Gulf Regional Council community services officer Revonna Urban, left, and community services regional manager Annalisa Bowden with Commonwealth Home Support Program clients Tom Kelly, Barry Weston, Norman Lane and Tony Johnson.

said. "Down there was not safe and too noisy – this place is quiet for us old fellas."

Projects

In addition to improving safety and quality of life, the move has paved the way for the men to undertake regular recreational projects.

"We're looking forward to doing outings and fishing, and we're gonna clean up a space in the yard to put in veggies," Mr Weston said.

"Then we'll have fresh veggies for us and people who want them."

During Carers Week 2017, the council showcased the

benefits of its range of aged-care and disability services in six communities across the Roper Gulf region.

The services were provided on behalf of the Federal Government and include training and employment opportunities for local people.

Royal recognition for Faebella



LUXURY active wear brand creator Alisha Geary will pitch her business to royalty next month.

The young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander woman will be in London after her business

Faebella was named one of three national winners in the inaugural Pitch@Palace Australia start-up competition. She received her award from the Queen's son Prince Andrew.

Faebella will now compete against other winning start-ups from around the world.

It's a busy time for Ms Geary, who will also graduate this month from Bond University on the Gold Coast.

Her idea for Faebella was inspired through her volunteer work as a guide for the Corrigan Walk Art Tour, Australia's largest, private modern Indigenous art collection on public display, which is displayed throughout the Bond University campus.

Faebella started and through Bond Business Accelerator, the university's incubator program for early stage start-ups, she developed her fledgling business concept.

Faebella's mission is to share the culture and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by presenting their art on active wear.

Ms Geary, who grew up between Cairns and the Torres Strait Islands, received the 2013 Bond University Indigenous Community Excellence Scholarship to study Business/Laws.

"I am the first person in my family to attend university, so receiving the Indigenous Scholarship to study at Bond University really changed my life," she said.



Alisha Geary models her Faebella active wear.

Fence company right fit for Nyiyaparli mob



THE Nyiyaparli people of the east Pilbara region have moved closer towards their goal of long-

term economic independence and social prosperity with the acquisition of national Australian security fencing company FenceWright.

It was bought by Karlka Developments, the commercial arm of the Karlka Nyiyaparli Aboriginal Corporation which represents the Nyiyaparli people and is 100% Aboriginal owned.

Karlka Developments chair Natalie Parker said Nyiyaparli traditional owners are delighted with the acquisition.

"It is considered a landmark announcement as we move towards economic self-determination," she said.

The purchase of the Australian security fencing company is the first addition of Karlka Development's planned acquisition agenda.

Karlka Developments chief executive John Valuri said the company bought FenceWright because the fit was right and it provided multiple benefits for the Nyiyaparli community.

"We want our entire community to take advantage of the opportunities



Karlka Developments chair Natalie Parker, FenceWright chief executive Matthew Sivewright and Karlka Developments chief executive John Valuri announced the deal.

FenceWright will deliver," he said.

"These acquisitions allow our community to gain on-the-job experience in a range of skilled and unskilled roles.

"This is about actively creating the future we want – to be independent and creating our own employment opportunities."

Karlka Developments is considering business purchases in civil

construction, retail and other related sectors.

"It's our first acquisition and I expect there will be more to come," Mr Valuri said.

"Ultimately we are looking to buy businesses that link with our vision, provides scalability and leverage with our other businesses, diversifies our income and delivers a range of employment opportunities."

Big month for our business



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander business growth and achievement was celebrated throughout October during the third annual Indigenous Business Month.

Indigenous Business Month is an initiative by graduates of Melbourne Business School's MURRA Indigenous Business Master Class, who see business as a way of providing positive role models for young Indigenous people and improving quality of life in Indigenous communities.

This year's theme was 'Indigenous Business is BIG Business'.

Celebration organisers say the Indigenous business sector has had some significant positive changes, including a rise in the number of Indigenous tech companies, the launch of First Australians Capital, Indigenous business sector strategy consultations, and the launch of Walan Mayinygu, a touring week-long entrepreneurial workshop and business networking event for Indigenous communities in NSW.

In Queensland, the State Government's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Business and Innovation Reference Group has been

established, South East Queensland Indigenous Chamber of Commerce and the Townsville Region Indigenous Business Network have set up the grassroots Black Coffee Networking initiative, and the Office of the Commonwealth Games with Queensland TAFE have launched Creating Tracks, bringing small business education to 160 Indigenous business owners.

Game-changer

The Indigenous Procurement Policy has also been a game-changer. In 2015-16 almost 500 Indigenous businesses won 1509 Commonwealth Government contracts, with a total value of \$284.2 million, up from \$6.2 million in 2012-13.

For Supply Nation-registered Indigenous businesses, total revenue is at \$1.15 billion with annual average growth over four years at 12.5%, and average revenue per firm at \$1.65 million.

"We are seeing growth in Indigenous businesses both through the socially progressive Indigenous Procurement Policy but also through the diligent effort of Indigenous business leaders across the country," MURRA Program director Associate Professor Michelle Evans said.

Boomalli celebrates three decades



BOOMALLI
Aboriginal Arts
Co-operative has
been around for
three decades.

To mark that milestone, its founders – Bronwyn Bancroft, Euphemia Bostock, Brenda L Croft, Fiona Foley, Fernanda Martins, Arone Raymond Meeks, Tracey Moffatt, Avril Quail, Michael Riley and Jeffrey Samuels (known as the 'Boomalli Ten') – will be showcasing their works in an exhibition on November 3 at the Boomalli Gallery in Leichhardt, Sydney.

The establishment of 'Boomalli' – meaning 'to strike' or 'make a mark' in at least three Aboriginal languages: Bandjalung, Kamilaroi/Gamilaraay and Wiradjuri – was motivated by disappointment in the lack of action and progress on Aboriginal issues since the 1967 Referendum 20 years earlier.

"Boomalli was the result of 20 years of political action. It was



Flashback to 1987 and the 10 artists who founded Boomalli Aboriginal Arts Co-operative.

largely female in number, gay, communal and widely open to ideas and new artists," said artist Djon Mundine, who will be

curating the exhibition.

The founding Boomalli members were a diverse group in terms of age, gender and

artistic training. Seven were women, two gay men, and all had attended or were attending art courses and schools at the

time. Collectively, they represented a 'next generation' of Aboriginal youth who were angered with the lack of progress in Aboriginal affairs and determined to take action.

After appearing in the *Koori84* exhibition at Sydney's Artspace in 1984, and visiting Northern Territory Aboriginal art cooperatives as part of their Western art school courses, these younger artists decided to begin their own 'urban' Aboriginal artist cooperative.

"Their art used Western school technologies, concepts and metaphors to tell their same but different Aboriginal history and personal struggles and triumph," Mundine said.

"They were Aboriginal, and they were artists, and would not be denied their recognition, voice or place in history."

The exhibition runs until January 28 next year.

More details on the exhibition at www.boomalli.com.au

In Cahoots on show in Fremantle



ARTISTS from six Aboriginal art centres have partnered with leading Australian independent artists to produce new works through a series of residencies.

These works will feature in *In Cahoots: artists collaborate across Country*, an exhibition at the Fremantle Arts Centre opening on November 24.

As part of the program, Perth-based artist Curtis Taylor has been with Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Arts Centre in the Northern Territory.

And Queensland-based multi-award-winning artist Tony Albert has been working with Warakurna artists from Western Australia.

Albert and 40 Warakurna artists have created a large installation of sculptural works from discarded tin and detritus.

"Collaborating with other artists is my favourite thing to do," Albert said.

"The sharing of knowledge and ideas is something that I was brought up with and is very important.

"One of the best ways of learning about different people is the opportunity to live, work and collaborate with them. I was very surprised at how supportive the community was to one another given the incredible restrictions of remote life."

In Cahoots curator Erin Coates said the program is about artists working together in unexpected ways, "combining different skills and knowledge to create rich, unique and surprising artworks".

"We are thrilled to be developing this



Warakurna Superhero 1 by Tony Albert Kieran Lawson and David Collins.

Image courtesy of the artists Sullivan+Strumpf and Warakurna Artists

ambitious project with the six Aboriginal art centres and selected artists, and to have the opportunity to explore the incredibly exciting and challenging nature of creative collaboration in Australia today," she said.

Details at www.fac.org.au/whats-on/

Mämburrkmam burrk, the grouping of the clouds, by Mundaŋtju Mununggurr, a single channel HD digital video using projection, is one of the finalists.



NT pair in running



NINE finalists have been named for the National Portrait Gallery's Digital Portraiture Award 2017.

Among them are works by two artists from the Northern Territory, Mundaŋtju Mununggurr and Guttiarra Yunupiu.

Judge and director of learning and visitor experience at the Portrait Gallery Karen Vickery says the nine finalists' submissions are "strong examples of the breadth and application of digital portraiture".

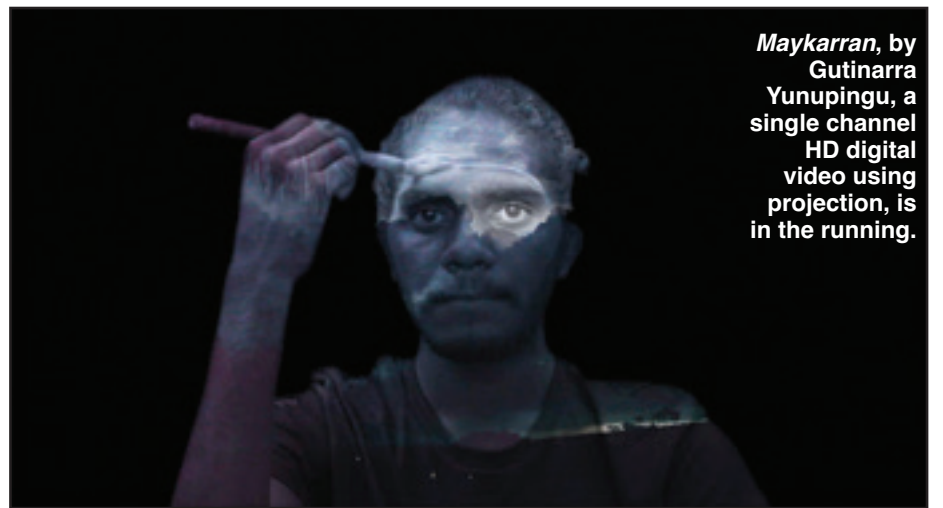
"The judges were impressed by the quality of entries this year, particularly in the area of sound application," she said.

"Themes of female, male, queer and racial identity flow through many of the finalists' works. Each one is beautifully executed in the exploration of identity, contributing a different voice and interpretation.

"There are also some firsts this year. Two artists from the Northern Territory entered as individuals but created their works side by side.

"While selected independently, their works speak to each other in a unique and expressive way."

Winners will be announced on December 1 and entries will be on show until February 18. More details at www.dpa.portrait.gov.au/



Maykarran, by Guttiarra Yunupingu, a single channel HD digital video using projection, is in the running.



Ceduna artist Ashley Pompey is at work on *Creation of The Echidna*, as part of *Our Mob*.

Adelaide venue for *Our Mob*



WORKS by some of South Australia's best Indigenous artists are now on show at Adelaide Festival Centre.

They are part of *Our Mob: Art by South Australian Aboriginal Artists*, a free, statewide exhibition running with *Tarnanthi: Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art*. The works will be on show until December 2 in the centre's Artspace Gallery and Dunstan Playhouse and Space Theatre foyers.

The *Our Mob* program celebrates SA Aboriginal artists of all ages and

levels of experience, and features three main components: *Our Mob*, an exhibition of works by SA Aboriginal artists; *Our Young Mob*, an exhibition of works by artists aged under 18, including some children of parents exhibiting in *Our Mob*; and the Don Dunstan Foundation Prize Showcase, including a selection of works produced by last year's Don Dunstan Emerging Artist Award recipient Josephine Lennon.

Many of the works on display from more than 90 artists will be available for sale.

More details at www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au



Our Mob artist Natalie Austin, from Ceduna, works on her painting *Coloured Wildflowers*.

Fellowships available for writers



INDIGENOUS writers will be able to apply for new fellowships under a new program developed by the

National Writers' House Varuna, Magabala Books, Sydney University and the Copyright Agency's Cultural Fund.

Applications close of December 15 for the inaugural Copyright Agency Fellowships for First Nations Writers.

Under the program, unpublished and published Indigenous writers can apply for a one-week residency at Varuna, the National Writers' House, in the Blue Mountains west of Sydney.

Each residency includes full board and accommodation including a room and writing studio for each writer, and all travel expenses to and from Varuna.

For further details, including how to apply, go to www.varuna.com.au/ or phone (02) 4782 5674.

Input sought for roadmap



SUBMISSIONS for the Museums Galleries Australia (MGA) Indigenous 10-Year Roadmap project will be accepted until November 30.

The project aims to determine how best to advance the participation and representation of Indigenous people in museums and galleries over the next 10 years.

Terri Janke and Company has been commissioned to develop the roadmap, which MGA says will be shaped through information gathered in consultations, nationally run workshops, an audit, literature review and submissions received in response to the issues paper.

For more information, call Sarah Grant on (02) 9693 2577 or email sarah@terrijanke.com.au

Strong Indigenous focus at Artstate Lismore event



INDIGENOUS events are front and centre for Artstate Lismore, a four-day event for arts industry delegates across the Northern Rivers of NSW from November 30-December 3.

Produced by Regional Arts NSW with Arts Northern Rivers, Artstate includes a two-day speakers program and an arts program showcasing arts and performance from Northern NSW creatives.

Bundjalung woman Rhoda Roberts, the head of Indigenous programming at the Sydney Opera House, will curate the opening night dance ceremony *Djanda Mandi Gingerlah*, bringing together

Aboriginal dance clans Jannawi, Excelsior, Muggerah and Bundjalung groups Nini Nahri-Gali and The Deadly Bunhams.

A highlight of the arts program will be the premiere of *Djurra* at NORPA. Written by Romaine Moreton and directed by Kirk Page, *Djurra* is inspired by a Bundjalung creation story.

Weavers

The Weavers Gathering event will bring together First Nations weavers on Bundjalung country.

Coinciding with the launch of the new Lismore Regional Gallery, *Dreaming Trails* – a partnership between the gallery and Yarrowarra Aboriginal

Cultural Centre – has been curated by Gumbaynggirr cultural worker Alison Williams.

Djon Mundine has curated a second exhibition, *Four Women (I do belong)*, inspired by the 1966 Nina Simone song *Four Women*.

Rounding out the event will be a free concert by award-winning Indigenous singer, songwriter and producer Blackboi, who will be presenting a new work commissioned by Artstate.

Artstate arts events are open to the public and many of the performances are presented free of charge.

For full details of the Artstate program and tickets to the event, visit www.artstate.com.au

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NORPA presents

Djurra

Inspired by a Bundjalung creation story

DIRECTED BY KIRK PAGE

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The steering committee in Nauiyu who will guide trauma research: from left, Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, Joseph Banjo, William Marranya, doctoral candidate Gavin Morris and Nikita Jason.

Healing trauma the goal



INDIGENOUS Elders and a Charles Darwin University researcher are investigating how traditional healing practices could be incorporated into mainstream health services, to address intergenerational trauma in a remote Northern Territory community.

The pioneering grassroots project at Nauiyu, about 220km south-west of Darwin, is the first of its kind in the NT, and one of only four Australian studies to explore Indigenous trauma and healing from a community Doctoral candidate Gavin Morris will interview about 20 adults from the small community on the Daly River to investigate their life stories.

He said research indicated that past events, including the arrival of Jesuit

missionaries, the 1884 Copper Mine Massacre, and government policies – including Stolen Generations and the NT Intervention – continued to affect the people of Nauiyu.

“Six generations on from European colonisation, trauma has resulted in a loss of connection to identity and culture, which can manifest in many ways, including substance abuse, violence and increased child, parent and family risk factors,” Mr Morris said.

“Primary purpose”

“The primary purpose of this study is to empower Indigenous people and promote healing.”

Mr Morris said the community designed the research to hear people’s stories, privileging Indigenous voice and world views.

“We will explore the potential benefits of constructing positive new life stories through collective sharing of the past,” he said.

Mr Morris said educating people about what happened before their time could help them understand why they felt and behaved a certain way, and be part of the healing process.

His research uses the spiritual practice of ‘Dadirri’, or deep listening, which is specific to the Daly River tribes and was distinguished globally by one of his research supervisors, Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann.

Ms Ungunmerr-Baumann was the first qualified Indigenous teacher to work in the NT, in 1975, and is a dedicated champion for young Indigenous people learning to balance life in traditional and Western worlds.

Tracking nutrition found to be vital



MEASURING what people eat is important for informing food and nutrition policy and programs, according to research from Menzies

School of Health Research published in the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health*.

The paper, *A comparison of dietary estimates from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSINPAS) to food and beverage purchase data*, shows there is a need to track community nutrition over time using food and beverage data to support decision makers in improving the health of Indigenous people in remote communities.

Menzies research fellow and lead author Dr Emma McMahon said while measuring what people eat is important for informing food and nutrition policy and programs, the difficulties of doing so accurately and cost-effectively are well known.

“Current studies do not give us the whole picture as people generally report eating less food because they don’t remember everything they have eaten or they underestimate the amount they have eaten, and people report eating more healthier foods and less unhealthy foods than they actually consume,” she said.

“Energy intake”

“In the 2012-2013 NATSINPAS, energy intake was 25%-30% lower than expected, suggesting underreporting and reporting bias.

“We compared the results from the very remote sample of the NATSINPAS to data of all foods and drinks purchases over one year from 20 very remote Indigenous communities (10% of the very remote Indigenous Australian population). Both datasets incorporated large samples of Indigenous Australians who live very remotely, providing a unique opportunity to compare the food and nutrition estimates.

“We found that reported intake of less healthy foods tended to be lower and healthy foods tended to be higher in the self-reported data than the sales data.

“For example sales of table sugar, soft drinks, sweet biscuits, processed meats and cordials were higher than reported, while fruit, vegetables, fish, eggs and meat were lower.

“While there are limitations with using food and beverage sales data to estimate dietary intake such as limited data on food wastage or traditional foods, these findings are consistent with the types of foods and drinks we would expect to be under- and over-reported.

“We are currently investigating options to support decision makers track community nutrition over time using food and beverage data in improving the health of their communities.”

Thumbs up for new food app



A NEW mobile phone app promises to help Indigenous people in remote areas make healthy food choices.

Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt said the Uncle Jimmy’s Good Tucker app was easy to use and a first for remote communities.

“Users simply scan the barcode of a product with their phone to see if it’s a healthy choice,” he said.

“Once scanned, the app gives a ‘thumbs up’, ‘thumbs down’, or ‘thumbs sideways’ message, according to how healthy the product is. One of the app’s best features is that, once it’s downloaded, all the information is on your phone and there’s no need for the internet, so it’s ideal for

people living in remote areas.”

The thumbs rating is based on the Government’s Health Star Rating system and the Australian Dietary Guidelines.

“The app is named in honour of legendary singer Jimmy Little, who established the Jimmy Little Foundation and dedicated much of his life to promoting better Indigenous health,” Mr Wyatt said.

“Challenges”

“People in remote communities can face considerable food challenges, from the combination of limited supplies, particularly the difficulty in getting fresh fruit and vegetables, and limited storage.

“Uncle Jimmy’s app will complement our work to make good food more accessible in

remote areas, through the Outback Stores scheme. The accredited stores provide healthy food cheaper than in other remote area stores and implement a nutrition strategy that includes health promotion activities and cooking demonstrations.

“Improving food choices is one of the most effective ways of helping close the gap in Indigenous health, with poor diet behind 10% of diseases.”

The Good Tucker app was created by the Jimmy Little Foundation, with the Menzies School of Health Research, the University of South Australia and the George Institute for Global Health. It links with the Health Star Ratings system, which has more than 7500 food products displaying the Health Star Rating logo.

Medal for NT health stalwart



FRANCES Turner, the Aboriginal health promotions officer for the Primary Health Care Central Australia Health Service, is this year's recipient of an Administrator's Medal in Primary Health Care.

The medals recognise excellence in people who have contributed significantly to the provision of primary health care in the Northern Territory.

A senior Arrernte woman who was born and raised in Alice Springs, and an Elder who has held many roles over more than nearly 50 years in health, Ms Turner has been focused on improving the health of her people.

"I started out working with children who were put in care as wards of the state," she said.

"That was my first job at age 17 and that's where I got the passion to work with women and children and to work with my own people to improve their health."

Ms Turner's nominees cited her for her "heartfelt collaboration" with other health care stakeholders and women facing domestic and family violence, Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) prevention, sexual diversity, child protection and sexual abuse work and adolescent health education.

She also was praised for her culturally appropriate safe and



Administrator's Medal in Primary Health Care winner Frances Turner, centre, is with her sister Barbara Cox, left, and Primary Health Care Central Australia Health Service deputy director Sally Banfield.

acceptable manner with the local people, and the fact that she does nothing without community consultation, involvement and invitation of the people with whom she is working, something she believes is the only way she

can make any inroads into changing health beliefs.

"I have always wanted to help my own people, help Aboriginal people, to better their lives, improve their health and live longer and be able to continue to

hold their culture strong," she said.

Ms Turner spends three out of every four weeks travelling to remote communities to champion health promotion and good health practices.

"I love working out bush and once people get to know that you are really passionate about what you do and really care about their health and for them as a person, then they accept you... it's a privilege, isn't it?" she said.

Youth asked for health priorities



ABORIGINAL Health Council of Western Australia staff have travelled to the Pilbara as part of a national-first project exploring the most significant health issues facing young Aboriginal people in regional WA.

AHCWA staff are hosting a series of age-appropriate workshops with young Indigenous people and health workers across the state, including in the Mid-West, Kimberley, Pilbara, Goldfields and South West.

Results of the workshops will form part of AHCWA's Aboriginal Youth Health Strategy, a new blueprint that will document the most important health concerns and priorities of young people and the availability of local health services.

"We are excited to undertake the first ever WA Aboriginal Youth Health Strategy in Australia and hear directly from young people in WA about the health issues they are most concerned about," AHCWA Aboriginal youth coordinator Hayley Thompson said.



"This plan will help us to navigate the most significant health issues facing young Aboriginal people in remote Western Australia, determine how accessible health services are and the best way forward to provide the support they need." – AHCWA's Hayley Thompson

"Over the years there have been general strategies conducted about youth health in Australia but this is the first time a strategy has been undertaken exclusively for young Aboriginal people in WA.

"Pressing issues"

"We know that mental health, drugs and alcohol are among the most pressing issues facing young indigenous youth today, along with boredom, which can lead to young people engaging in

criminal activity and violent behaviours.

"This plan will help us to navigate the most significant health issues facing young Aboriginal people in remote Western Australia, determine how accessible health services are and the best way forward to provide the support they need."

AHCWA is the peak body for Aboriginal health in WA, with 22 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) currently engaged as members.

College backs birthing plan



THE Australian College of Midwives has committed to Birthing on Country, an Indigenous maternity services program calling for reform to maternity care services for

Indigenous women. The National Health and Medical Research Council will provide an extra \$1.1 million grant to college partner the University of Queensland for three Birthing on Country demonstration sites (Brisbane, Shoalhaven and a third site to be determined) before an intended nationwide rollout.

College Birthing on Country project manager Cherisse Buzzacott said Indigenous communities in the Shoalhaven (NSW) are excited by the change in maternity services.

"Through yarning circles, Aboriginal community members are identifying values around what Birthing on Country should look like in their communities," she said.

"This includes birthing in their own traditional country in a culturally safe space and building trusting relationships with health care providers.

"Access to support services before and after they give birth is key. With more funding, we are able to provide more support and establish culturally safe and holistic care centres.

"We have the means to build the Aboriginal workforce and provide a cultural education package to implement into all health services who care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

"The additional \$1.1million will fund better maternity care for Aboriginal women, babies and families, and will see improvements on outcomes for all of the community."

More funds for Bubup Wilam



NEW funding of almost \$850,000 will be used to expand services at the Bubup Wilam Early Learning Aboriginal Child and Family Centre in Melbourne.

The organisation provides a range of services, which bring together health, housing, welfare and education support, designed to improve opportunities for children and their families.

Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt praised Bubup Wilam, saying it was having a positive effect on health and wellbeing.

"Bubup Wilam is a place of gathering and community engagement and this funding will enable the existing proven initiatives to be boosted and consolidated to provide a joined-up approach that will make an even bigger difference in the lives of local children and their families," he said.

"Having all these services in one location which is trusted by the community is vital for improving Aboriginal health."

Bubup Wilam president Tony McCartney said it was good to get recognition of the success of the organisation.

"Bubup Wilam provides critical support for Aboriginal children and families, and



Children from Bubup Wilam perform *So Young* with musician Dave Arden at the funding launch.

access to employment and training for Aboriginal people," he said.

Chief executive Lisa Thorpe said the new funding through

the Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network means Bubup Wilam can help achieve its vision of 'Children who are proud and have a

strong Aboriginal identity as their foundation for lifelong learning, health and wellbeing'.

"We are already seeing

positive results in the lives of our families," she said.

Bubup Wilam means 'Children's Place' in Woi Wurrung language.

Elders in School program works



AN Elders in School program has been proving successful at Rosebery Middle School in Palmerston, near Darwin.

The program, which aims to connect students with country, is run with The Smith Family. Respected local Aboriginal people work as leaders and role models in the school to share their cultural knowledge with students.

It is designed to improve wellbeing and reinforce positive relationships between students and their teachers, families and the community.

Rosebery Middle School principal Krystal Smith said the program is inspired by the vision of Aboriginal education worker Darren Harris, Aboriginal community leader Kathleen Irwin, The Smith Family



Participants in the program at Rosebery Middle School: from left, Elder Halpin Hart, Jackson Philpott, Aboriginal Islander education worker Darren Harris, Coby Marks, and Elder Robert Birch.

and the support of many local Indigenous people.

"Their combined passion for improving educational opportunities for young Indigenous people in the Palmerston community has been a key factor to the

success of this program," Ms Smith said.

"It has real purpose and we've seen a huge change in some of our students. The program has created a sense of pride and leadership within them, of

who they are and where they've come from.

"While the program has improved student engagement, it is doing so much more than that. It is building confidence, understanding, empathy and respect in these young people, all skills that will benefit them moving into the future.

"The inspiring moments have been watching the relationships grow between the young people and Elders and the genuine understanding that students are gaining about the opportunities open to them."

Northern Territory Education Minister Eva Lawler said the Elders in Schools program was a perfect example of schools building strong relationships with community and working together to deliver education.

Scholarship a sound move



A NEW scholarship is being offered to Indigenous students to undertake the Master of Audiology course at Flinders University.

The Australian Hearing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Master of Audiology Scholarship comes at a time when Indigenous Australians face some of the highest levels of ear disease and hearing loss in the world, with rates up to 10 times more than those for other Australians.

It is worth a total of \$15,000 over two years.

"We want to encourage prospective students who have not previously considered a career in audiology to now see it as a genuine opportunity to positively influence hearing health outcomes," said Flinders' senior lecturer in audiology Dr Sarosh Kapadia.

The course is offered as a two-year fulltime master's degree, providing students with the skills to assess, diagnose and treat hearing-related problems and provide ways for managing long-term hearing impairment. It is the only problem-based learning audiology program in Australia.

"Scholarship recipients will receive \$2000 per semester in their first year of study and \$4000 per semester in their second year," Dr Kapadia said. "They will also have the opportunity to undertake a unique outreach trip to remote Australia valued at up to \$3000.

"This trip provides exceptional real-world experience for scholarship recipients and enables them to help address the prevalence of hearing loss in Australian Indigenous communities."

In order to be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must have completed an undergraduate degree in any discipline and have already been accepted into the Master of Audiology program at Flinders.

More details at news.flinders.edu.au/

Entrepreneurs are on the right course



THREE Aboriginal students are among 40 to complete The Navigator unit at the Sydney School of Entrepreneurship (SSE).

SSE is a partnership between all 11 NSW universities and TAFE NSW and The Navigator is designed as an opportunity for students to develop their understanding of how entrepreneurship works in their local community.

The successful Aboriginal students are Laurence Holzhauser and Simon Sutton, from Lismore, and Jesse Slok, from Tamworth.

Students from across the state took part in online and face-to-face study, where they gained a deeper understanding of the entrepreneurial mindset.

Mr Slok, 22, is completing his final semester of a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in International Business and Entrepreneurship at Macquarie University.

He is the first person in his family to attend university and has taken full



Sydney School of Entrepreneurship graduates Laurence Holzhauser, Simon Sutton and Jesse Slok.

advantage of the experience, completing internships and co-curricular programs throughout his course.

In addition to his studies, Mr Slok has also founded his own charity, Bawurra Foundation, which helps improve Indigenous children's literacy.

"The Navigator unit has been an amazing experience for me, and a great way to get in the same room as like-minded students and discuss what entrepreneurship is, and what it means to us," he said.

Port deal will help SA youth



THE University of Adelaide has signed a three-year agreement with Port Adelaide Football Club community organisation Power Community Ltd to support Aboriginal youth education.

The university has become a major partner with the club's Aboriginal AFL Academy Program and over the next three years will work with the club to encourage and support young Indigenous people into university education.

"This is a big step for the University of Adelaide. It will not only increase our profile within the Aboriginal community but help us contribute towards closing the gap," said Professor Shane Hearn, dean of Indigenous research and education strategy.

"Over the next three years, we will be supporting the next generation of young Indigenous leaders within the Aboriginal AFL Academy to consider a university education. We will show

them how they can access university, what the pathways are and the support they can expect.

"Young Aboriginal people have the same aspirations as non-Aboriginal people when it comes to career and achievement, but their challenges can be quite different and sometimes harder. They often don't know what options are available to them.

"The Port Adelaide Football Club has achieved great recognition for its

Aboriginal programs. As a partner of the club's Aboriginal AFL Academy Program, we will be able to reach many more young Aboriginal people, and work together to inspire and support them to consider university education."

The university's participation in the partnership will be through its Wirltu Yarlur Aboriginal Education Unit.

Wirltu Yarlur is responsible for recruiting Indigenous students to foundation and degree programs, administers special entry access schemes and provides support services to all Indigenous students at the university.

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Boggabilla man Falou (Paul) Talbot, who has qualified as a dental technician.

Poche graduates leading the way



THE first intake of students in the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health's scholarship program has graduated.

Eleven Aboriginal cadets from across NSW received the Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice, a registered qualification through the Australian Health Practitioner Registration Agency (AHPRA).

"This is the first time we've offered this unique program that enables students in rural areas to undertake intensive theory

during block lessons and learn their practice skills on the job," said Kylie Gwynne, director of the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health at the University of Sydney.

"Part of our strategy is to provide clinical training for local Aboriginal people, so they're able to return home and be the health experts in their own communities."

Boggabilla man Falou (Paul) Talbot has now qualified as a dental technician having obtained a Certificate IV in Oral Health Promotion following earlier completion of a Certificate III in Dental Assisting. He took part in the Dental Technology

Scholarship Program, run between the Poche Centre, NSW Health, NSW Dental Council and the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District.

"I'm hoping to go on to train as a dental prosthetist, and, in the meantime, I'll work on Poche's denture clinic," he said.

The denture clinic forms part of the Poche Centre's award-winning mobile oral health services. A van kitted out with dental laboratory facilities travels through regional NSW towns fitting and supplying up to 12 sets of dentures in four days to people living in rural and remote Aboriginal communities.

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 December 15: Applications open for the inaugural Copyright Agency Fellowships for First Nations Writers. More details at www.varuna.com.au/varuna/

Until February 25: *Songlines: Tracking the Seven Sisters* exhibition at the National Museum of Australia. It showcases sections of five Indigenous Western and Central Desert songlines, utilising some 100 paintings and photographs, objects, song, dance and multimedia. More details at www.nma.gov.au

Until November 2: NACCHO annual general meeting members meeting in Canberra. Details at naccho.org.au

November 16-17: National Indigenous Legal Conference, being held at the University of South Australia. More details at www.lawsocietysa.asn.au/LSSA/

Victoria

November 9: Respecting and Protecting: Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property, Copyright and Moral Rights Workshop at the Koorie Heritage Trust, Melbourne. Details at www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au/event/

November 9: Official opening of *Black Day Sun Rises Blood Runs*, a new permanent exhibition of frontier violence in Victoria at Bunjilaka, Melbourne Museum. Details at www.museumsvictoria.com.au/

November 10: Closing date for 2018 Marrung Education Scholarships for Indigenous secondary students. Details at www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/

November 19: Yothu Yindi and the Treaty Project Melbourne show at the Croxton Band Room, with other events to follow. Details at www.facebook.com/YothuYindiTreatyProject/

February 3, 2018: Yalukut Weelam Ngargee Festival, part of the St Kilda Festival, opening day with Indigenous arts and music on display. More details at www.facebook.com/events/120062345351198/

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 yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

Ongoing: Lismore women's and men's healing groups. Held at Rekindling The Spirit, Lismore, Monday and Wednesday, 11am-2pm. Details: (02) 6622 5534.

Until November 4: *Fresh Salt* exhibition and music performance at the Australian National University's Foyer Gallery in Canberra. It shines a light on the estuaries of the NSW far south coast – Yuin Country. More details at www.fourwinds.com.au



This artwork is part of Penny Evans' *YiiY: A Method To Decolonise* exhibition.

Busy in Grafton



THERE is a strong focus on Indigenous-related events this week at the Grafton Regional Gallery, in northern NSW.

It's all part of a Big Day of Culture program being held during the city's annual Jacaranda Festival.

Today (November 1), the winners of the 2017 Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award will be announced.

Tomorrow (November 2) is the launch of the *Photographs Are Never Still* exhibition by the Lindt Research Group.

And the gallery is hosting *YiiY: A Method To Decolonise*, an exhibition of ceramic and other artworks by Gamilaraay woman Penny Evans.

Until November 23: Applications open for Aboriginal Community Grants to Support Country and Culture, run by South East Local Land Services, with Catchment Action NSW. More details at www.southeast.ils.nsw.gov.au

Until December 9: *YiiY: A Method To Decolonise* exhibition of ceramic and other objects by Penny Evans at the Grafton Regional Gallery. Details at www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au/

November 2: Launch of the publication *Photographs Are Never Still* exhibition by the Lindt Research Group at the Grafton Regional Gallery. More details on (02) 6643 0230.

November 2: Sydney Peace Prize presentation to Black Lives Matter Global Network. Held at Sydney Town Hall. Costs to attend apply. More details at www.sydneypeacefoundation.org.au/

November 3: Official opening at 6pm of the *Boomalli Ten* exhibition at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Cooperative in Sydney. It features works by Boomalli's 10 founding members. More details at www.boomalli.com.au

November 4: Trivia night fundraiser for Pink Bits, a Last Man Stands cricket team from Casino to play at the Australian Championships. Held at St Mark's Hall, Barker Street, Casino from 7pm. Details on (02) 6667 1231.

The art award, judged this year by Aboriginal photographer, curator and historian Michael Aird, offers a \$5000 acquisitive first prize and the \$1000 encouragement award. The exhibition of entries opens on November 2.

The Lindt Research Group resulted from the donation of photographs of Aboriginal people living in the Clarence Valley during the 19th century from the collection of local man John William Lindt. Group members have now compiled a history of those Aboriginal people, which will be part of the exhibition.

And the works of Penny Evans, who won last year's Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award, will be on show until December 9.

November 4: Fundraising event for a bronze statue of early Indigenous rights campaigner William Ferguson. Held at The Australia House, Elizabeth Street, Sydney, from 6pm. Tickets \$100. Details: (02) 6284 8229.

November 9: Opening of free exhibition *Gapu-Monuk Saltwater* at the Australian National Maritime Museum. It uses the historic collection of Yirkala Bark Paintings of Sea Country to show how Yolngu people of north-east Arnhem Land fought for and won their case for Indigenous sea rights. More information at www.anmm.gov.au/saltwater or call (02) 9298 3777.

November 22: Aboriginal Community Service Forum at Byron Bay, northern NSW. More details on (02) 66 841 286.

November 22-25: Performances of *Restoration*, NAISDA Dance College's 2017 end-of-year season, at Carriageworks, Sydney. More details at www.carriageworks.com.au

November 24-December 2: *Ones Country*, a triple bill of stories from Bangarra Dance Theatre, at Carriageworks, Sydney. More details at www.bangarra.com.au

November 29-December 2: Performances of *Djurma*, a dance theatre work directed by Kirk Page and inspired by a Bundjalung creation story, at NORPA at

Lismore City Hall. Details www.norpa.org.au or 1300 066 772.

November 30-December 3: *Four Women (I do belong)* at the Lismore Regional Gallery, northern NSW. Curated by Djon Mundine, the exhibition is inspired by the 1966 Nina Simone song *Four Women*, which speaks of the perception of Black women and their inherent pain and strength. Details at www.artstate.com.au/artstate-arts-program/

Queensland

Ongoing: *The Albert Namatjira Story*, a new display featuring early works by Albert Namatjira. Held at Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, daily from 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or visit www.qagoma.qld.com.au

Until 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

Until January 31, 2018: Nominations open for the black&write fellowships for Indigenous writers. Full details at slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on/awards

Until March 4, 2018: *Jabu Birriny (land and sea)* exhibition focusing on the community of Yarrabah, north Queensland. Held at the State Library of Queensland, Brisbane. Details at jabubirriny.slq.qld.gov.au

November 3: Bond University Indigenous Gala on the Gold Coast. Special guest is Dan Sultan. More details at www.bond.edu.au

November 5: Yugambah War Memorial Service at Jebbribilum Bora Ground from 8-9am. The service honours the contribution of Indigenous service personnel. Those interested in attending or taking part should call (07) 3807 6155.

November 8: Queensland Tourism Indigenous Employment Forum at the Pullman Hotel, Brisbane. More details at www.qtic.com.au

November 9-12: Performances at the Visy Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse, of *Nineteen*, a dark comedy about four young men living in a share house. It stars Indigenous man Leonard Donahue. More details at www.brisbanepowerhouse.org/

Western Australia

November 4: *Mission Songs*, part of the Fremantle Festival. The event is the culmination of years of travels by musician Jessie Lloyd to uncover and preserve the songs and stories of Aboriginal people who were relocated to Christian missions and settlements from 1900-1999. More details at www.fac.org.au/whats-on/post/mission-songs/

South Australia

Until December 2: Our Mob 2017 program at Adelaide Festival Centre. It features a range of artworks from around the state. Details at www.countryarts.org.au/programs/

November 9, 2018: The fifth National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference, in Adelaide. More details at www.nidaconference.com.au

Tasmania

December 16: Official opening of the Kooparoona Niara Cultural Trail in Deloraine, Tasmania. More Details through martinh@colony47.com.au

Employment

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Ngadju ready to go it alone



INDIGENOUS organisation Ngadju Conservation has secured federal funding to manage its ranger program independently.

Over the past six years, the Ngadju Conservation, Gondwana Link and Rangeland NRM program, funded through the National Landcare Program and other sources, have covered a large area in the south of Western Australia.

For the next stage of the program, Ngadju Conservation Aboriginal Corporation has received \$696,000 through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy to assume overall management of the program and its expansion into a community based on-country ranger skills training and employment program.

Ngadju Conservation Aboriginal Corporation chair Les Schultz said the long-term goal has been to stand alone and take responsibility for managing traditional lands.

"We have valued the ongoing support provided by Gondwana Link and Rangelands NRM over the past six years," he said.

"This has enabled us to build the program and our capacity to the stage where Ngadju Conservation can drive and manage the next important phase ourselves."



The Ngadju rangers look after country in the south of Western Australia. *Picture: Peter Price*

Qld deal means jobs



A NEW agreement between the State Government and Construction Skills Queensland aims to help Indigenous Queenslanders into jobs.

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Mark Furner said the two-year agreement with the state's leading industry-funded building and construction body would generate jobs, career development and economic opportunities for Indigenous Queenslanders.

"Construction is one of the state's most profitable industries and is a sector we should be harnessing to enhance skill

development, job opportunities and financial inclusion for First Nations peoples," he said.

"This partnership will boost opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders at all ends of the spectrum, from young people entering industry to skilled workers looking to diversify and build on their construction experience.

"As a strong foundation to Queensland's economy, the construction sector offers solid opportunities to create and sustain local Indigenous workforces, including in remote communities."

Construction Skills Qld chief executive Brett Schimming said the new partnership supported the organisation's efforts to get

Indigenous Queenslanders into the construction workforce.

"We actively promote and support initiatives to boost Indigenous participation in construction, by partnering with key stakeholders on major projects such as Amrun, Adani, the North Queensland Stadium and across all significant projects in Queensland," he said.

"Lasting legacy"

"The way the construction industry attracts, retains and develops apprentices, trainees, employees — including our Indigenous workforce — will leave a lasting legacy for Queensland's economic future.

"We recognise that a diverse and talented workforce contributes strongly to the building and construction industry's capacity to deliver projects on time, to budget, and of a quality standard.

"Indigenous construction apprentices account for about 4.3% of Queensland construction apprentices, which is more than double the number of Indigenous apprentices completing compared to 10 years ago.

"Partnering with the Government will help us deliver our vision to support a skilled workforce, including an even higher representation of Indigenous Queenslanders, to meet the evolving needs of the state's building and construction industry."

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website — www.koorimail.com

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Policy Officer 2 years Fixed Term



As a Policy Officer, you will provide secretariat and logistical support across a broad range of Aboriginal governance and engagement structures to address family violence against Aboriginal Victorians. You will assist to build partnerships across communities, departments, portfolio areas and sector stakeholders. You will lead the development and management of clear and efficient information and stakeholder management systems to support work priorities. You will support policy development and management of projects associated with the implementation of actions, initiatives and RCFV recommendations that will reduce family violence and its impact on Aboriginal communities.

Are you

- Able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal communities and the issues impacting on it?
- Able to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal stakeholders?
- Effective at working in a busy policy, program and stakeholder environment?
- Organised and efficient in managing a range of priorities?

This role is based in a CBD location

Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply as this position is exempt under the special measures provision, section 12(1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic).

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit; www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact Alan Dewis on (03) 9194 3223

Job Reference number: **DHHS/FSV/509956**

Applications close: **8th November 2017**

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SA WATER VACANCIES

For more information and to apply for vacancies with SA Water, please visit www.sawater.com.au and follow the 'careers' link.

Diversity is a key to our success - We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people from diverse backgrounds and those seeking flexible work options.

Aboriginal Caseworker / Counsellor Trauma Support Service

- **Seeking an Aboriginal Caseworker/Counsellor with a trauma support background**
- **4 days per week role**
- **Based in Harris Park, Sydney**

This is an exciting opportunity for Aboriginal Caseworkers/Counsellors for our Trauma Support Service (Wattle Place).

The successful candidate will provide:

- Quality therapeutic case management and counselling to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Forgotten Australians and people who have been impacted by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses into Child Sexual Abuse.
- Trauma informed support, information and referral to facilitate client well-being;
- Quality support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Forgotten Australians with supported file reading and family tracing and reunion.

Wattle Place Trauma Support Service is committed to long term work with Aboriginal families and community.

Please note this is an Aboriginal Identified Position

Relationships Australia NSW considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

For more information about the role and details on how to apply, click on the link below:
<http://ransw.applynow.net.au/jobs/RANSW213>

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2017



2 x PROJECT MANAGER

The National Native Title Council (NNTC) is a not-for-profit peak body representing native title organisations from across the country. We have a broad membership base and provide a national voice for the Indigenous native title sector on matters of national significance affecting the native title rights and interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The NNTC has received Government funding to: conduct a series of case studies of native title organisations that have engaged in economic development activity; and to provide a series of information sessions for native title organisations in various locations throughout Australia. We are looking for 2 enthusiastic, well organised professional Project Managers.

You will both be able to hit the ground running and work with minimal supervision. You will have excellent communication skills and the ability to build relationships with a diverse range of internal and external stakeholders. We are looking for a person with proven project management skills and outstanding communication skills. A knowledge of native title processes, and familiarity with the political, cultural and legal issues affecting native title would be beneficial. If you have well-developed teamwork capacity, and the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, then we want to hear from you.

PROJECT MANAGER – Case Studies

We can offer a two-year part time fixed term position. The salary range is \$79k - \$89k per annum plus superannuation and is negotiable based on skills and experience. In addition, we offer the opportunity to maximise benefits with our salary packaging scheme.

If you are interested in joining a small team of passionate people dedicated to having a real impact on people's lives we would like to hear from you.

PROJECT MANAGER – Regional Forums

To facilitate these forums we are looking for an enthusiastic, well organised professional to join our small team located in North Melbourne.

We can offer an eight-month part time fixed term position. The salary range is \$79k - \$89k per annum plus superannuation and is negotiable based on skills and experience. In addition we offer the opportunity to maximise benefits with our salary packaging scheme. Our friendly workplace culture includes flexible working arrangements.

Applications should address the selection criteria in the position description and provide a current resume which includes contact details of two referees. A copy of the position description is available from carolyn.betts@nntc.com.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



Australian Government
Director of National Parks

PARK MANAGER

Kakadu National Park, NT

Executive level 2

Full-Time Ongoing

EL2 - \$120,881 - \$140,445 pa (plus allowances)

People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

Take a walk on the wilder side of life and sign up for crocs, buffalo and 20,000 square kilometres of remote natural beauty. We dare you to challenge yourself and tackle the ultimate job - leading Kakadu National Park.

This is the top job in the park and it's not for the faint-hearted. You'll be a unique combination of CEO and host of one of the most amazing destinations in the world. You'll use every lesson you've ever learnt, every skerrick of drive and every ounce of experience to liaise with a diverse range of stakeholders, manage day-to-day operations, bring in the cash and get the best reviews on Trip Advisor. You'll be responsible for managing a team of up to 75 staff, while engaging with Aboriginal Traditional Owners to understand and work towards their vision for the future of the park. You'll be a warden of the north (though winter never comes).

Kakadu National Park has been home to Bininj/Mungguy for thousands of years and is a place of enormous cultural significance and ecological and biological diversity. It is the jewel in the crown of Australia's tourism industry and when you're standing in it, it's not hard to see why. With the Ranger uranium mine set to close in 2021, the community is at a turning point. We need you to take the buffalo by the horns, work closely with the joint Board of Management, lead a dedicated team and enrich this iconic World Heritage listed park.

This is a challenging but incredibly rewarding job for the right candidate. **Apply today!**

- Salary Range \$120,881 to \$140,445 (plus allowances)
- Generous leave fares assistance
- 27 days paid recreation leave per year
- Live and work in the iconic World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park
- Subsidised accommodation in Jabiru
- Sole use of a 4WD vehicle for both personal and business use.

Applications should be made through the department's online recruitment system by visiting <http://www.environment.gov.au/jobs/opportunities/index.html>. For further information please contact the person below:

Contact Officer:

Name: Sally Barnes, Director of National Parks

Phone: 02 6274 2220

Email: Sally.Barnes@environment.gov.au

Applications must be submitted by: 11.30pm (Canberra time): 22 November 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 and enter job reference no: 000041OM to join a team of dedicated and professional FACS caseworkers in your area and benefit from:

- Professional support and training
- Flexible working conditions
- Great career opportunities

Aboriginal Caseworkers must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

More information available www.facs.nsw.gov.au/careers/caseworker

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further Please call Recruitment on 1800 203 966 or email caseworker.screenings@facs.nsw.gov.au



Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search Job Reference Number 000041OM

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Chief Executive Officer

Exciting Management Role with Great Benefits!!!
(Salary up to \$80K plus Salary Sacrifice benefits)

Are you looking for an exciting new challenge and have a desire to work directly with community members in a rewarding and fulfilling career? The Coffs Harbour & District Local Aboriginal Land Council (CH&DLALC) are searching for an experienced and committed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who can take the organisation in a positive direction and accomplish a number of key projects that will secure the financial future of the CH&DLALC. This role requires a person with key organisational and planning skills and an ability to multi task. You will be surrounded by a supportive and committed Board and Membership and have access to great salary benefits including salary sacrificing. The CH&DLALC is one of the region's largest land owners and have unlimited potential in terms of economic and social development opportunities. For information on the position and to obtain a recruitment package please contact the contact officer: **Rowan Lisson** on (02) 6659 1213 or rowan.lisson@alc.org.au to obtain further information.

Applications marked "Confidential" and must be posted to:
The Contact Officer
PO Box 1912, Coffs Harbour, NSW 2450
or e-mailed to above address by close of business:
Friday 17 November 2017



KEMPSEY LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Exciting Management Role with Great Benefits!!!
(Remuneration Negotiable plus Salary Sacrifice benefits)

Chief Executive Officer

Are you looking for an exciting new challenge and have a desire to work directly with community members in a rewarding and fulfilling career? The Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council (KLALC) are searching for an experienced and committed Chief Executive Officer who can take the organisation in a positive direction and accomplish a number of key projects that will secure the financial future of the KLALC. This role requires a person with key organisation and planning skills and an ability to multi task. You will be surrounded by a supportive and committed Board and Membership and have access to great salary benefits including salary sacrificing. The KLALC are one of the region's largest land owners and have unlimited potential in terms of economic and social development opportunities. For information on the position and to obtain a recruitment package please contact the contact officer, **Rowan Lisson** on (02) 6659 1213 or rowan.lisson@alc.org.au to obtain further information.

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PO Box 1912, Coffs Harbour, NSW 2450
Or via email – rowan.lisson@alc.org.au
Applications close: Friday, 10th November 2017

Senior Policy Officer 2 years Fixed Term



As a Senior Policy Officer, you will prepare high level reports and papers to advise senior management, internal and external stakeholders on the progress of Aboriginal initiatives and manage the implementation of key initiatives relating to family violence, including supporting the development of the next Aboriginal 10 Year Family Violence Plan. You will initiate and maintain collaborative partnerships with Aboriginal communities and services, and work across Government to support the development and implementation of innovative solutions.

Are you

- Able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal communities and the issues impacting on it?
- Skilled at communicating sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal communities?
- Experienced in family violence policy or social services reform?
- Able to form strong relationships with a broad range of Government, community and sector stakeholders?
- Able to develop complex policy and program advice?

This role is based in a Melbourne CBD location

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit:
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Job Reference number: **DHHS/FSV/509955**

Applications close: **8th November 2017**

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Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO)

- Department of Education
- Location: Forster
- Temporary full time appointment up to: 30 June 2018

The NSW Department of Education provides, funds and regulates education services for NSW students from early childhood to secondary school, delivering world-class education through its public schools and providing funding support to non-government schools. We employ, develop and support teachers, leaders and other staff to deliver the best outcomes for students and to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

About the Role

The role works as part of a team to develop partnerships and understanding between the Aboriginal community and the Department of Education at all levels, thereby helping to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal school students.

How to Apply

The NSW Department of Education is committed to a diverse and inclusive workforce as an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) employer. We encourage diverse applicants from a range of backgrounds to apply for roles in the department.

To apply for this role, please submit an application by clicking "Apply Online" below. To apply, you will need to attach a cover letter (max. 2 pages) and your resume (max. 5 pages) in either Word or PDF format. Please address **any pre-screening questions and any essential requirements**. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the role description in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

This is a child-related role. If you are the successful candidate you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit:
<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>.

In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. How do you see yourself personally working with the local Aboriginal community and highlight for us how you see yourself establishing the links between the school and the community? (300 words maximum)
2. How have you worked as a member of a team to ensure that partnerships with the Aboriginal community are strengthened, resulting in improved outcomes for students? (300 words maximum)

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Applications Close: Wednesday 15 November 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Raelene Mordecai on (02) 6623 5900.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number: 174159

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Team Leader Cultural Heritage

Job No: 496258

Location: Lake Victoria (NSW)

This role manages the protection of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage within the Lake Victoria consent area and adjacent properties. The successful candidate will have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of cultural heritage values and issues and will provide advice and education, promote values and be actively involved with the community on cultural heritage matters.

To be successful in the role, you will have a broad range of skills, including the ability to lead and supervise a small team of employees and contractors, be able to manage a budget and have a strong commitment to work health and safety and the environment. You will be collaborative, genuine, accountable and innovative in your approach.

To be considered you will need to display a clear understanding of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage issues and have the ability to communicate, facilitate and negotiate across cultures with a wide variety of people including the BMEC, LVAC, MDBA, and other Government and interested parties.

The successful applicant will have a current drivers licence, experience in land management, knowledge of protection works, animal and weed control, good computer skills, be able to keep records and generate reports and ideally have qualifications in Management and Indigenous Cultural Heritage. You will be required to live in the area and house is available for which rent is payable.

Based at Lake Victoria, which is located north of the River Murray in NSW, approximately 100 km north east of Renmark and 70 km west of Wentworth. Nearest shopping, medical and educational facilities are at Renmark and Wentworth.

For further information please contact Shane Blogg on 08 74241137.

To see the full job description and apply, simply go to the SA Water Careers page at <http://www.sawater.com.au/about-us/careers> no later than Sunday 12 November 2017.

We believe innovation and great outcomes for our customers are best delivered by a diverse and inclusive workplace that reflects our community. That's why we encourage people from all backgrounds, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, as well as people seeking flexible working arrangements to apply and join our team.



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COURT SUPPORT SERVICES KOORI CASE MANAGER

Court Support Services
MAGISTRATES' COURT

- Melbourne CBD
- Ongoing, Full time

The Magistrates' Court of Victoria is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic person to join its Court Support Services (CSS) team based at Melbourne Magistrates' Court.

The Koori Case manager is an integral member of the CSS team, delivering high quality case management to Koori clients with complex needs who are involved with the court system. 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:

- o Case management experience in assessing and engaging clients with complex needs
- o Sound knowledge of Victorian Aboriginal culture and society
- o Demonstrated ability to build collaborative relationships with internal and external stakeholders
- o 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.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by 8 November 2017.

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We at Curijo are looking for people who strive for excellence to join our team.

We are an Indigenous professional services firm based in Canberra and working across Australia. We have several positions available, if you are looking for a new position in a dynamic and high quality business we would love to hear from you. We are looking for self-motivated, experienced and dedicated people to be a part of our team where we provide a culturally safe, fast paced working environment. We are committed to building capability through our two-way learning philosophy and providing high level leadership.

The roles we have available include:

Principal Consultant – Canberra based
Aboriginal Consultants – Aboriginal Family Group Conference Facilitator & Aboriginal Carer Assessor (Several casual positions across Canberra and NSW)
Office Administration - Canberra based
Audio Typist/Document Quality (Casual position)

We strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to apply.

Please contact Belinda Kendall on Belinda.Kendall@curijo.com.au or 02 62854802 for further details or visit our website www.curijo.com.au

Closing date: COB Friday 24th November

Department of
Justice and Attorney-General

Detention Youth Worker

Youth Justice, Brisbane Youth Detention Centre

Continuous Applicant Pool

Department of Justice and Attorney-General

Salary per hour: \$39.86 - \$42.35,

Training hourly rate: \$25.52 - \$27.11

Location: Wacol

REF: QLD/257767/17

Key Duties: Detention youth workers ensure that young people in detention have a safe and secure living environment and are engaged in activities and programs that help integrate them back into the community.

Skills/Abilities: They are culturally capable, respectful, adaptable, resilient, good communicators and team players.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Enquiries: Emma McConnell 0436 653 641 or yjobs@justice.qld.gov.au

To apply please visit www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Continuous Application Pool



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Dubbo Community Integration Team Clinician (HM1) Aboriginal Identified

Reference Number: 423417

Classification: Health Managers/Health Mgr Lvl 1

Salary: \$70,820.00 - \$95,267.00

Location: Dubbo

Employment Status: Permanent Full Time

Contact Details: Jeanette Toole, (02) 9700 2178

Email: Jeanette.Toole@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

This is a dedicated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants must be able to prove Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act. JH&FMHN deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginal status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or prior to commencement of the position.

Closing Date:
9 November 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference number 421800.

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Service Manager – Rural New Street Adolescent Service

Location: Tamworth

Reference ID: 423408

Enquiries: Maree Bacigalupo, (02) 6763 7403 or (02) 6767 8680

Closing Date:
26 November, 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to <https://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?id=423408>

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

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

There are a number of full time permanent roles available.

Caseworker
Carer Support
Practice Compliance & Quality Officer
Finance Officer
Clerical Officer

A satisfactory "Working with Children Check" must be provided and a National Police Check will be conducted.

Salary: As per Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010. A generous remuneration package plus superannuation, leave loading and including a generous salary sacrificing arrangement will be negotiated.

In these positions an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination act 1977.

Location: Lismore and Grafton.

Contact: Kylie Jacky on (02) 6626 3700 or via email jarjum@ngunyajarjum.com

Information Packages: Must be obtained prior to submission of the application and is available on request by contacting the office on (02) 6626 3700.

Send Applications to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 580, Lismore NSW 2480 or email jarjum@ngunyajarjum.com

Closing Date: 5pm Monday 6th November 2017

Curatorial Officer, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Programs

Be responsible for the delivery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programming and establishing and maintaining strong networks with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, and assist the Curatorial Team in the care and development of the MAMA visual art collection.

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Senior Policy Officer (Aboriginal)

- This is an identified position – applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Permanent position
- Sydney CBD location

We're looking for an experienced and motivated Senior Policy Officer to assist LGNSW to pursue improved outcomes for Aboriginal communities in NSW and provide support and advice on local government policy issues as required.

How to apply

For more information and to obtain the position description and essential requirements, visit <http://www.lgnsw.org.au/about-us/lgnsw-positions-vacant>

Applications should include:

- a covering letter which clearly details your skills and experience as relevant to the position accountabilities and essential requirements detailed in the position description
- an up-to-date resume

Please send applications to jobs@lgnsw.org.au Please contact Margaret Kay on 02 9242 4082 if you have any enquiries.

Applications close Monday 13 November 2017 at 9:00am.



Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer (Aboriginal Health Worker)

Liverpool Hospital, SWSLHD

Permanent Full-Time

Enquires: Kerry Welsh 0457 547 210

Reference ID: 423425

Salary: \$51,608 - \$76,009 pa

Closing Date: 15 November 2017

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles in NSW Health organisations.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au/>

Assistant In Nursing – Undergraduate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

John Hunter Hospital

Enquires: Chris Sharkey (02) 4921 4467

Reference ID: 415489

Closing Date: 13 November 2017

Administrative Assistant

New Lambton

Enquires: Caran Playtong 0407 615 257

Reference ID: 423854

Closing Date: 5 November 2017

Clinical Support Officer

New Lambton

Enquires: Nicole Pettiford (02) 4921 3554

Reference ID: 423802

Closing Date: 5 November 2017

These are targeted Aboriginal Positions. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

2 x Aboriginal Health Worker

Tamworth Community Health Centre

Enquires: Sophie Scott (02) 6767 8148

Reference ID: 423484 & 423502

Closing Date: 15 November 2017

Applicants must be female. This is a genuine qualification under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Registered Nurse Integrated Chronic Care for Aboriginal People Program

Newcastle

Enquiries: Susan Williams (02) 4924 2552

Reference ID: 424578

Closing Date: 19 November 2017

These positions are identified for Aboriginal people and exemption is claimed under 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number As Above

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Unit Coordinator, Radio Sport

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The Aboriginal Family Practitioner is accountable to the Supervisor for making and supporting referrals for culturally appropriate interventions and the safety and well-being of Aboriginal children and young people while assisting in the development and implementation of a holistic culturally based service that provides specialised and innovative services. You will develop and maintain effective working relationships with the Aboriginal community to continuing quality outcomes for Aboriginal families and their children.

For further information on role duties, special conditions and essential qualifications please refer to website below for a role description.

For further information and to submit your application please visit: www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/work-with-us

Enquiries to: Kirsty Lawrence, (08) 8626 2444,

Applications close 11pm Wednesday, 8 November 2017



Government of South Australia
Department for Child Protection



Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited

People Employment & Workforce Manager

Re-advertised (Identified Position)

For over 45 years, Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited (ALS) has been providing professional and culturally appropriate legal services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, women and children in NSW and ACT. Presently, we are an established Aboriginal controlled community organisation with 24 offices and 185 staff working in urban, regional and remote NSW and ACT, towards improving justice outcomes for Aboriginal people in and outside the courtroom.

The ALS is now seeking to recruit for the position of People Employment & Workforce Manager to provide these services across the organisation, with a focus on customer service to a decentralised workforce that fosters culture, adaptive and innovative workforce practices, recognises excellence and allows people to reach their full potential.

The Manager is responsible for resolving people employment & workplace matters supporting long-term workforce planning and people development and capacity building. The Manager also works collaboratively to provide all key people employment & workplace related services. This is a hands-on role, with responsibility for delivering the full-range of People Employment & Workforce functions including: employment, recruitment, employee lifecycle, salaries and remuneration policies, "on-boarding" and induction, workforce conditions of employment.

High quality candidates will have a comprehensive knowledge of contemporary people employment, human resource and workplace management and industrial relations practices combined with relevant tertiary qualifications in People Employment & Workplace and Human Resources related discipline and/or extensive experience. They will also need to possess in-depth knowledge and proven capacity to consult on Industrial Relations and Enterprise Bargaining (EB) matters including EB development, interpretation and negotiation.

An attractive remuneration, benefits and salary packaging options will be offered.

All enquiries about the position and applications to Felix Orcullo (Acting Chief Operating Officer) on 0409 775 220 or felix.orcullo@alsnswact.org.au. Information about ALS is available on www.alsnswact.org.au.

Application closing date midnight - 15th Nov. 2017

This role is an Aboriginal identified position as authorised by s14d of the Antidiscrimination Act 1977.



Koori Family Violence Team Leader Family Violence Program & Initiatives Unit MAGISTRATES' COURT

- Melbourne CBD
- Ongoing, Full time

The Koori Family Violence Team Leader role is a new position, responsible for leading the re-establishment and expansion of the Koori Family Violence and Victim Support Program (KFVVSP) and managing a team of Koori FV Practitioners (formerly KFVVSP Support workers) based at the courts.

The Team Leader will support the implementation of recommendation 149 of the RCFV – the Magistrates' Court of Victoria resume the Koori Family Violence and Victims Support Program.

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.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by 14 November 2017

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(Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander Position)

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Charles Sturt University develops far-sighted people with a holistic world view who help their communities grow and flourish. Acknowledging the culture and insight of Indigenous Australians, CSU's ethos is clearly described by the Wiradjuri phrase: 'yindyamarra winhang-nha' ('the wisdom of respectfully knowing how to live well in a world worth living in').

Staff in the Division of Student Services work collaboratively with Faculties and Divisions to enhance students' University experience. We recognise that successful transition into University depends upon a holistic approach involving academic and social integration. Through inclusive practices we build aspiration levels for Higher Education, enhance participation in chosen courses of study and enable people to make smooth transitions into University, successful study, and become effective members of their profession.

The Director Indigenous Student Success will provide senior leadership and direction for the University with respect to services that facilitate access to University by Indigenous peoples, and participation and success of Indigenous students. Success in this role is dependent upon effective collaboration with CSU Faculties and Divisions and with external partners to establish innovative and efficient strategies and services that support CSU's strategic plans.

Applicants are expected to apply online and address the selection criteria listed in the position description.

This is an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander position under section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Please be aware you may be asked to provide confirmation of Indigenous Australian Identity.

Applications close: 26 November 2017

www.csu.edu.au/jobs



Education
and Training

Koorie Engagement Support Officer – ES1.4

Department of Education and Training

Salary Range: \$75,501 to \$89,022

1 Ongoing Position

Hume Moreland Area

The Victorian Department of Education & Training is seeking a suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person to work in the North-Western Victoria Region as a Koorie Engagement Support Officer.

The position will be based in Coburg and support schools and early childhood services across Hume Moreland and neighbouring local government areas.

The successful applicants will work as a member of the regional Koorie Education Workforce responsible for the implementation of the Marrung Aboriginal Education Plan 2016 – 2026. You will be responsible for facilitating and managing the delivery of programs for Koorie children and young people through early childhood to school completion.

The occupant of the position will possess strong leadership skills to ensure the successful delivery of educational support services, provide advice to schools, kindergartens, families and the Koorie community on strategies aimed at improving educational outcomes for Koorie children and young people, have a high level of understanding of Koorie education and community needs and have suitable qualification/s.

This role is an identified position and is available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. **VCAT exemption # A195/2009**

Applicants are encouraged to apply on-line via the Recruitment Online website at www.education.vic.gov.au/schooljobs Please refer to position number 1099068

Applications close Wednesday 8th November 2017.

Contact Elliejean Singh, Koorie Education Co-ordinator for further position information.

singh.elliejean.m@edumail.vic.gov.au or **Ph: 0457 517 133**



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Senior Project Manager Koori Programs and Initiatives Court Services Victoria (Designated/ Ongoing)

Koori Programs and Initiatives (KPI) is based within Jurisdiction Services, in the Office of the Chief Executive and plays an instrumental role on behalf of Court Services Victoria as secretariat to the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement – Aboriginal Justice Forum (AJF), engaging all of Court jurisdictions in a response to the Victorian Aboriginal over-representation within the criminal justice system.

KPI has been established to support cultural program and policy development, to implement and evaluate programs across all jurisdictions of courts and tribunals to lend support in improving service models and data collation. The workload of KPI is in part determined by actions arising from the AJF, directive from the Courts Koori Reference Group and the Koori Portfolio Committee, working to address key gaps and limitations across Court Services Victoria (CSV) that will reduce the over-representation, for example improving data collection across all jurisdictions. KPI provides cultural advice to the jurisdictions across a range of areas, particularly to the development and implementation of jurisdictional Koori Inclusion Action Plans (KIAP). KPI oversees the Koori Employment Policy, performing a Koori Human Resource advisory role and is privy to sensitive information that must be managed with sensitivity and confidentiality.

The Senior Project Manager is responsible for supporting the manager to develop and implement a range of strategic initiatives that increase positive engagement with Victorian Koori communities and other stakeholders to deliver effective court initiatives. This includes providing advice and guidance to staff within Victoria's Courts and Tribunals about working and consulting with the Koori Community, key project include the development and implementation of the Cultural debriefing model, data collection monitoring, secretariat to key committees and cultural support to Koori initiatives across CSV. KPI is currently supporting Courts and Tribunals to establish initiatives for AJA 4 with a primary focus on business planning and funding bids- an instrumental part of this role is engagement with the Koori community and therefore requires occasional statewide travel.

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For further information please email
melissa.harrison@courts.vic.gov.au
Applications close: 12 November 2017

KOORI EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS



Prison officer vacancies: Loddon Prison (Castlemaine) & Tarrengower Prison

- Ongoing vacancies (\$51,806 - \$66,527 p/a) and casual vacancies (\$31.03 p/h) + super + penalty rates are available
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Eight weeks paid training to ensure you have the skills to succeed
- Five weeks paid annual leave per year + paid cultural and ceremonial leave
- Access to Koori staff networks, mentors and cultural liaison officers

To find out more, we invite you to attend one of our free information sessions; you will meet staff members from both Loddon and Tarrengower Prisons:

i) Bendigo: Saturday, 4 November from 11am to 12pm
The Capital, 50 View St, Bendigo

ii) Castlemaine: Wednesday, 8 November from 6pm to 7pm
Loddon Prison, Matheson Rd, Castlemaine

As numbers are limited, please ensure you register at
www.correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au/events

For more information, please contact the Koori Employment Team
on 03 8684 1751 or koori.employment@justice.vic.gov.au

To apply, please visit www.correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au

Applications close **Wednesday, 22 November**

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Department
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Queensland Police Service

Regional Operations, Central Region, Capricornia District

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$58 964 - \$64 720 p.a.

Location: Rockhampton

REF: QLD/257803/17

Key Duties:

- Knowledge and understanding of local cultures, customs and community organisations
- The capacity to be accepted by the local community

Skills/Abilities:

- Learn and apply relevant laws, Queensland Police Service and other government policies
- Problem solve and organise
- Effectively communicate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community

Enquiries: Senior Sergeant Kelly Hanlen

Ph: (07) 4932 3571

To apply please visit www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 10 November 2017



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Closing Date: 12pm Monday 13 November 2017

How to apply: Visit www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au for
job description and selection criteria, which must
be addressed.



The Northern NSW Aboriginal Tenants Advice and Advocacy
Service (NATAAS)

Aboriginal Caseworker/Tenant Advocate Grafton NSW

The Northern NSW Aboriginal Tenants Advice and
Advocacy Service (NATAAS) are seeking to employ an
Aboriginal Tenants Advice and Advocacy Case Worker based
in Grafton. The successful applicant will provide advice,
advocacy and community education to Aboriginal communities
within the coverage area.

Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent, able to work with
minimal supervision, able to manage own workload and have a
current driver's licence. We are seeking someone who has
case management experience and if they have a working
knowledge of the NSW Residential Tenancies Act 2010 this will
be held in high regard.

If you are interested in this role please submit your application
against the selection criteria. Your application should highlight
your experience in case management of Aboriginal clients in a
community services environment and should include your
resume.

The selection criteria and duty statement for this position can
be obtained by ringing Victor Webb on (02) 6643 4426.

For further information regarding the position please contact
Brett Webb on (02) 6643 4426.

Applications close at **5pm Friday 24th November 2017** and
should be marked "Confidential" and either mailed to: The
Manager, NATAAS, PO Box 1075, Grafton NSW 2460 or
emailed to info@aboriginaltaap.com.au

Starting Salary: \$68,835.00

**Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification
and is authorised by S140 of the Anti-Discrimination Act
1987 (NSW).**



ABORIGINAL TENANTS SERVICE

**Tenant Advocate Position – Western Aboriginal Tenant
Advice and Advocacy Service, Dubbo**

The Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited (ALS)
is the auspice body for the Greater Sydney Aboriginal
Tenancy Service (GSATS) and the Western Aboriginal
Tenant Advice and Advocacy Service (WATAAS).

A vacancy currently exists at the WATAAS office based in
Dubbo.

GSATS and WATAAS provide advice, advocacy and support
to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with their
tenancy matters.

WATAAS catchment area covers as far as Broken Hill,
Bourke, Walgett, Collarenebri, Lake Cargelligo, West
Wyalong, Cowra and Lithgow.

Our experienced staff provides assistance to tenants such
as: telephone advice regarding the Residential Tenancy Act;
negotiations with landlords; assist with applications for
housing support including transfers; appeals and attendance
at the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT).

The NSW/ACT ALS is seeking applications for the above
position from Aboriginal people who have the required skills,
experience and commitment to work in a dynamic
organisation and service delivery area.

Go to our web www.alsnswact.org.au/ jobs for a full
employment package

Applications close at midnight on Wednesday 15th
November 2017 must be submitted by mail or email marked
Confidential to:

Mr Jamie Love
Coordinator
WATAAS
PO Box 2025 DUBBO NSW 2830
Email: jlove_wataas@alsnswact.org.au
Enquiries regarding the positions can be made to Jamie
Love on 02 6884 0969.

**These roles is an Aboriginal identified position as
authorised by s14d of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.**





The Australia Council is seeking applications for the following positions:

MANAGER GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Full time, 3 year contract. Surry Hills location

This role manages the Australia Council's government relations function providing high level strategic advice to internal and external stakeholders, and effective management of key government relationships.

Applications close
8 November 2017 at 5.00pm (AEST)



Albury & District Local Aboriginal Land Council

ALBURY & DISTRICT LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL (A&DLALC)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Salary - \$60,000 - \$70,000 p.a.
(full-time equivalent salary)

The A&DLALC is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role as part-time Chief Executive Officer of the A&DLALC.

For more information and to receive a recruitment package, please contact Fergus McFarlane on (02) 6276-3038 or via email at fergus.mcfarlane@au.ey.com

Authorised by:
Henry Kazar
Administrator



Victorian Treaty Advancement Commissioner

The Victorian Government is leading the nation with a progressive agenda to deliver treaty and self-determination in partnership with Aboriginal Victorians. The newly established Victorian Treaty Advancement Commission is a landmark step towards strengthening the independence of the Aboriginal community in the treaty process.

The Victorian Treaty Advancement Commissioner is a unique and exciting opportunity to support progress of treaty discussions in Victoria and ensure Aboriginal Victorians remain at the heart of the treaty process. Working closely with the Aboriginal Treaty Working Group, this pivotal leadership role will drive the work of the Victorian Treaty Advancement Commission to establish the Aboriginal Representative Body, maintain momentum towards treaty, engage and consult with Victorian Aboriginal communities, and provide advice and research to government and Aboriginal communities.

The successful candidate will be a highly credible leader, have strong networks with Aboriginal Victorians, communities and organisations across Victoria, and have demonstrated experience in delivering large scale projects.

Note: 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.

To obtain a position description, please go to www.careers.vic.gov.au.

Applications close midnight on **Tuesday 7 November 2017**.

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Senior Leader Community Engagement

- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Temporary full time appointment up to: 31 December 2018
- Role number and location: 171958 - Bourke Public School

The NSW Department of Education provides, funds and regulates education services for NSW students from early childhood to secondary school, delivering world-class education through its public schools and providing funding support to non-government schools. We employ, develop and support teachers, leaders and other staff to deliver the best outcomes for students and to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

About the role

Developing and maintaining strong relationships with the local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, school staff, the wider community and local members of other government departments as well as providing quality strategic advice to the Executive Principal.

How to apply

The NSW Department of Education is committed to a diverse and inclusive workforce as an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) employer. We encourage diverse applicants from a range of backgrounds to apply for roles in the department.

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (max. 2 pages) and your resume (max. 5 pages). Please address any pre-screening questions and any essential requirements. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the role description in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

Note: It is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw

No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

This is a child-related role. If you are the successful candidate you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>.

In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Tell us about a time when you developed an initiative to build the partnership between a school and the local community. Tell us the purpose of the program and how you worked with the organisation's leader (such as a Principal)? How did you go about involving the community members to make sure that the program achieved its goals? If you were to repeat this, what would you do differently next time and why? (300 words maximum).
2. At Bourke Public School, strengthening the links between the community and the school is a high priority. Tell us what you would do to improve the understanding between the staff at the school and the local Aboriginal community. How would your actions make a better future for the students? In your answer, you might want to write about the goals and aspirations of the community for their children. Think about how you could help the staff better understand the local culture and why this is important. (300 words maximum).

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies

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**Closing date:
15 November 2017**

Inquiries: Kylie Pennell (02) 6872 2051 or email kylie.pennell@det.nsw.edu.au

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program National Manager (Indigenous Identified)

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- Permanent, 35 hours per week
- Melbourne based
- Flexible and supportive workplace

The Role

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program plays a central role in planning, managing and delivering programs and developing strong partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Having worked for more than 30 years to support self-determination, Oxfam Australia is seeking a committed leader to lead the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program's team in strategy development, program funding, awareness raising and to develop and maintain relationships with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders.

We can offer you

A base salary of \$107,720 plus superannuation and access to generous NFP tax concessions (specifically, a salary packaging scheme offering up to \$18,450 of your salary tax free)

How to apply

Please follow this link <https://www.oxfam.org.au/jobs/job/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-peoples-program-national-manager/> to Oxfam Australia vacancies webpage.

This is an Indigenous Identified role only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The filling of this position is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth), and s 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic).



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Manager, Governance

Aboriginal Identified

Parramatta Location

Salary \$157,056 plus 9.5% super and other benefits

The Opportunity

The Manager, Governance will ensure that all Council actions are sound, transparent and in accordance with the provisions of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA) and related legislation.

To be successful in this role, the Manager, Governance will have:

- High level management skills with experience in public administration, working in a strong regulatory environment and interacting with government and statutory bodies.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience of corporate governance, corruption prevention and risk management practices in a statutory body.
- Demonstrated leadership, interpersonal, influencing, negotiation and people management skills.
- Experience in dispute resolution, complaints handling and a sound knowledge of relevant legislation and compliance requirements.
- High level conceptual and analytical skills.

About us

As the State's peak representative body in Aboriginal Affairs, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community. NSWALC is a not for profit organisation. More information about NSWALC can be found at www.alc.org.au

To apply for this position

Please obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Role Description and Success Profile by contacting Diane Lee by email: recruitment@alc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4499. Applications close **9.00 AM Monday, 13 November 2017** and can be forwarded to recruitment@alc.org.au

Job Status: Contract up to three (3) years

Job Reference: 0025

Aboriginality - this is an Identified position under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.



The Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation is a large and successful Aboriginal owned and operated not for profit community organisation in the Illawarra which has been in operation for more than twenty five years delivering a range of programs and projects including Housing, Home Care, Child Care, Emergency Relief, Employment and Training, and Child, Youth and Family Services.

Warrigal Employment

Warrigal Employment the Aboriginal Employment, Training and Community Support department of the IAC aims to improve the lives of Aboriginal people through training, employment, community involvement and community development.

Aims of the program are to

- Close the Gap' between the rates of Indigenous and non Indigenous Employment
- Help Indigenous people to access suitable employment and training opportunities to meet their needs and to achieve their aspirations
- Provide Culturally appropriate programs to service the needs of the Local Indigenous Community

Warrigal Manager

The Manager is responsible for the overall planning and coordination of operations ensuring that Warrigal Employment operates within its mission statement, principles and strategies. The Manager develops and monitors program plans, identifies new opportunities within the organisation and community and source new funding opportunities.

Training & Placement Officer

The TPO is responsible for assisting clients understand and fully utilise the services offer by Warrigal. The TPO develops plans identifying current skills and training needs and assists Clients through each step of the job seeking process as well as providing high quality recruitment services to local employers.

Full details on these positions & selection criteria are available at <http://www.iac.org.au/employment/>

Aboriginal identified positions authorised under S14d of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977.



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We are looking for someone who, as part of our Aboriginal Studies Press team, is able to promote our values and provide leadership at a time of opportunity and change.

You will have a high level of cultural competency and ability to apply this in an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander context across client and stakeholder engagement, and the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander content across a range of products and services.

You will have strong editorial skills and aptitude and a sound knowledge of the requirements for the delivery of publications in print and ebook formats. You will have high level communication and organisational skills to bring together a network of authors, assessors, editors, proofreaders, designers/typesetters and other experts to assist in delivering a high quality publications program

Special Measures

This will be filled using the Special Measures provision, which allows for the targeted recruitment of Indigenous Australians into the Australian Public Service. The vacancy is only open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

Closing Date: 5pm Wednesday 15 November 2017

How to apply:

Please consult the AIATSIS website www.aiatsis.gov.au for more information and download the Application Pack. Follow the instructions on the Application Pack and submit your application to recruitment@aiatsis.gov.au by the closing date.

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.

The Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation is a large and successful Aboriginal owned and operated not for profit community organisation in the Illawarra which has been in operation for more than twenty five years delivering a range of programs and projects including Housing, Home Care, Child Care, Emergency Relief, Employment and Training, and Child, Youth and Family Services.



Myimbarr – Permanency Support Program (Out of Home Care)

Myimbarr is an Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Program under the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation. When children or young people cannot live with their family, we try to restore them with their natural (or birth) family. When this is not possible, we support children & young people in culturally aware, trained and loving Aboriginal foster families. We recruit, train and support Aboriginal people in foster care roles.

Aims of the program are to

- Keep Aboriginal children and young people safe
- Protect children and young people from abuse and exploitation by offering a place of safety in times when it is needed
- Support foster families provide the best possible care to meet the unique needs of the child or young person
- Meet the child or young person's physical, social, emotional, educational and cultural needs whilst within a Myimbarr program
- Assist in keeping children and young people (CYPs) in their families and communities

Team Leader Foster Carer Support

Responsible for leading a team that delivers high quality, culturally appropriate, effective client services aligned to organisational, service and individual client outcomes. They will identify, recruit, retain and support the best Foster Carers to maximise outcomes for CYPs who need support on their journey during foster care, particularly those returning home.

Foster Carer Support Worker

The Foster Carer Support Worker is responsible for recruitment and assessment of suitable new Foster Carers and the provision of ongoing support for Carers to ensure the provision of the best possible care for CYPs within our program.

Out of Home Care Case Workers (2 positions)

The Case Workers are responsible for supporting and case-managing children in our foster care program. This involves the supervision and support of foster carers, CYPs and keeping children connected with their natural family. Where appropriate it will also involve planning for and implementing restoration with their natural family.

Supervised Contact Workers (Casual Pool)

Supervised Contact Workers facilitate and support contact visits between Aboriginal children & young people and their families while ensuring the safety of CYPs during these visits. The role requires transportation of CYPs to the visit location, supervision and support during the visit and completion of file notes and reports. Contact visits take place on weekdays and/or weekends and can occasionally involve overnight stays.

Full details on these positions & selection criteria are available at <http://www.iac.org.au/employment/>

Aboriginal identified position authorised under S14d of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation Yorta Yorta Nation AC Logo CMYK 2012



Is looking to attract applicants for the position of

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

About the Organisation

The Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation (YYNAC) was established in 1998 to represent the descendants of the original Yorta Yorta peoples in making decisions and acting on any matters of significance to the Yorta Yorta peoples and to enter into agreements with any person, government agency or authority in relation to the protection of the Yorta Yorta Country. The Yorta Yorta traditional lands covers a unique stretch of forest-wetlands located in what is now known as the central Murray-Goulburn region in North-Central Victoria and Southern News South Wales approximately 20,000 square kilometres. The YYNAC has maintained its status as a Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) under the Cultural Heritage Act since 2007.

YYNAC is a not-for-profit organisation working towards a better future for its people through numerous projects and partnerships with local, state, national and international organisations and governments. For more information please visit: www.yynac.com.au.

About the Opportunity

YYNAC is looking for an inspirational and resilient leader with the ability to think strategically, develop creative solutions and adapt rapidly to solve challenges for the organisation. Reporting to the Board of Directors you will be responsible for the day to day operations of the corporation and its concerns. Your key responsibility will be to oversee the implementation of projects to ensure achievement of the strategic objectives of the corporation, including the development of organisational capacity to serve the needs of the community.

To be successful in this role you will possess:

- Senior level management experience and formal

qualifications;

- A proven knowledge and understanding of Yorta Yorta People and other First Nations Peoples, and their culture and history in south eastern Australia;
- Conversant knowledge of legislation and conventions that advance the rights and interests of indigenous people such as the UN Declaration of Rights, CATSI Act and Aboriginal Heritage Act;
- Effective communication and leadership skills;
- Demonstrated financial management skills;
- Sound Knowledge of Yorta Yorta history, culture and an ability to communicate effectively with and advocate on behalf of Yorta Yorta people; and
- An attitude of good will and a sense of humour.

Obtain a detailed position description and the key selection criteria from Damian Acting CEO, by emailing yyjbeo@yynac.com.au.

About the Benefits

In return we will offer an attractive executive remuneration package, to be negotiated relevant to the skills and experience of the successful applicant, including:

- a vehicle, phone allowance, superannuation and salary sacrifice options to increase your take-home pay;
- the support of a professional and competent team of administrative and managerial staff;

Aboriginal Applicants are encouraged to apply, Preferably of Yorta Yorta Descent

To be considered for this role please submit your cover letter, statement addressing the key selection criteria and your resume by email to yyjbeo@yynac.com.au

Applications Close 23/11/2017.

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Indigenous Driving Change Program - Aboriginal Driving Change Youth Worker

(Being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977(NSW))

Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre Inc. is seeking to employ an **Aboriginal Driving Change Youth Worker** to coordinate its Indigenous Driving Change Program that will service clients in the Kempsey LGA and surrounding locations. This is a 28 hours per week position and salary will be paid under the SCHADS award at level 4 pay point 1. Benefits include salary packaging entitlements and ongoing training and development.

This position will report to the office manager and duties will include

- Day to day administrative duties, including record keeping and statistical maintenance
- Developing and maintaining networks in the Aboriginal communities.

- Recruiting and training volunteer mentors
- Assessing clients licensing requirements
- Supporting clients to obtain required documents of identification
- Supporting and encouraging clients through the licensing process
- Refer clients to appropriate services
- Monitoring fuel, water and oil levels in Driving Change Vehicle and reporting any malfunctions immediately they become apparent.

The successful applicant will be subject to working with children and criminal background checks, and a driving record check.

For a detailed job description, selection criteria and information on how to apply for this position please contact Kay Parkes, on 02 6562 8300 or email kay@kncfcs.com.au

Closing date:
COB on Friday 17th November 2017.



Chief Executive Officer

Balranald, perched on the mighty Murrumbidgee River, is the gateway to Outback NSW and is located on the Sturt Highway, approximately half way between Sydney and Adelaide.

The town is surrounded by unique land and riverscapes which encompasses five iconic rivers, the spectacular outback landscape of the world heritage listed Mungo National Park and the magical wetlands of Yanga National Park. The area boasts spectacular bird life and fauna, and heritage sites such as the Yanga Wool Shed and the Yanga Homestead, both of which are in close proximity to the town.

The Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council is seeking suitable applicants for

the above position. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will be responsible to the Members and will report to the Chair and Board of Directors.

DUTIES: To undertake duties involving the day to day administration and financial management of the Land Council in accordance with the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1983). This will include maintaining the organisation's policies and guidelines in its endeavours to achieve community objectives set out in the Community Land and Business Plan, with an emphasis on submissions, maintaining accountability and capacity building.

ESSENTIAL: Applicants must have experience in office management and administration, the ability to work as part of a team and communicate effectively with Aboriginal people. Strong communication and negotiation skills together with an understanding of Aboriginal issues and experience in WH&S practices. Solid practical experience running funded projects and programs. A NSW Driver's Licence is also essential.

Applicants are required to address the Selection criteria in writing.

A recruitment pack containing the selection criteria, position description and major accountabilities is available upon request.

Salary is negotiable dependent on skills, experience and qualifications. Access to salary sacrifice as a PBI, and a 4wd vehicle is provided.

Applications close 5:00pm Monday 6th November 2017.

It is envisaged that interviews would be conducted during the week beginning 23rd October. Criminal record and probity checks will be undertaken, and will form an essential component of the selection process.

For further details on the position please contact David Kelly, CEO on 0467 810 406

For copies of the Recruitment Pack please contact Chloe Bennett, NSWALC Director, Far West Zone on 08 8087 7909 or 0476 809 376

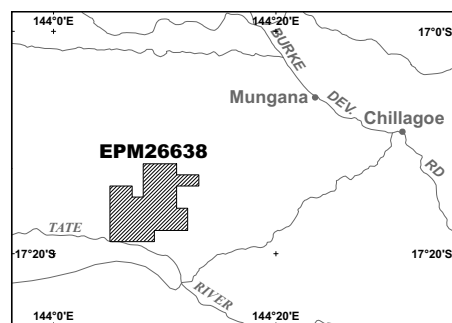
Email your application, including cover letter, response to Selection Criteria and current CV, to;

Chloe.Bennett@alc.org.au

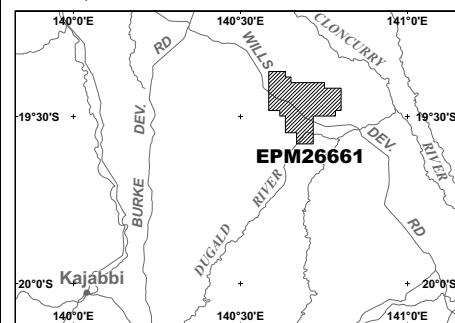
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of Exploration Permits for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

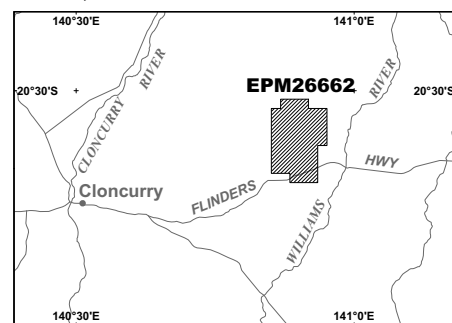
Exploration Permit 26638 sought by Bacchus Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 606 340 872, over an area of 37 sub-blocks (121 km²), centred approximately 31 km South West of Mungana, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



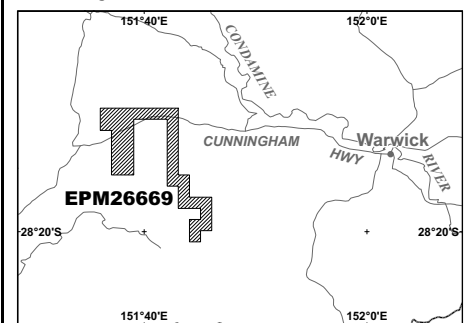
Exploration Permit 26661 sought by Newcrest Operations Limited, ACN 009 221 505, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (322 km²), centred approximately 90 km North East of Kajabbi, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



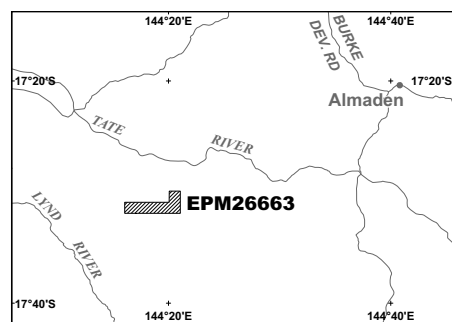
Exploration Permit 26662 sought by Newcrest Operations Limited, ACN 009 221 505, over an area of 45 sub-blocks (144 km²), centred approximately 40 km North East of Cloncurry, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



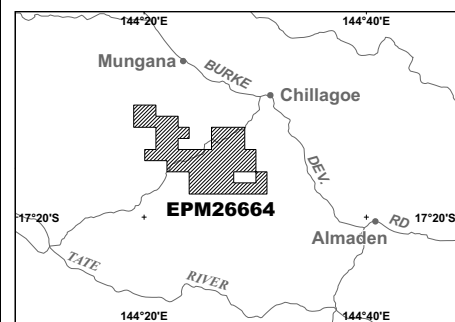
Exploration Permit 26669 sought by Gold Hunter Pty Ltd, ACN 621 526 547, over an area of 33 sub-blocks (100 km²), centred approximately 35 km West of Warwick, in the locality of the Southern Downs Regional Council.



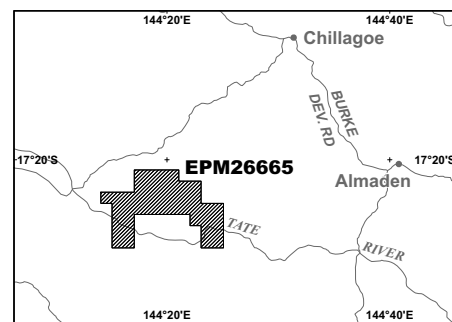
Exploration Permit 26663 sought by Lithium Australia NL, ACN 126 129 413, over an area of 6 sub-blocks (20 km²), centred approximately 44 km South West of Almaden, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



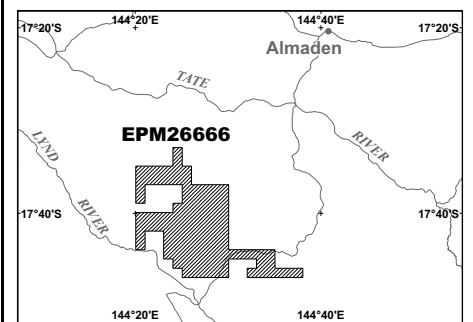
Exploration Permit 26664 sought by Lithium Australia NL, ACN 126 129 413, over an area of 47 sub-blocks (153 km²), centred approximately 14 km South West of Chillagoe, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



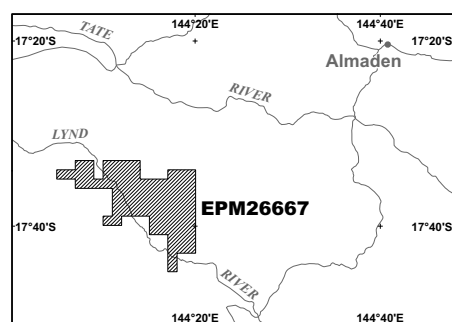
Exploration Permit 26665 sought by Lithium Australia NL, ACN 126 129 413, over an area of 49 sub-blocks (137 km²), centred approximately 33 km South West of Chillagoe, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



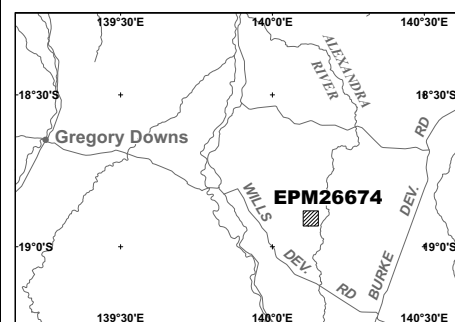
Exploration Permit 26666 sought by Lithium Australia NL, ACN 126 129 413, over an area of 99 sub-blocks (324 km²), centred approximately 43 km South West of Almaden, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



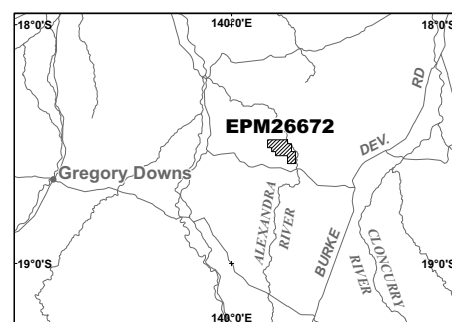
Exploration Permit 26667 sought by Lithium Australia NL, ACN 126 129 413, over an area of 77 sub-blocks (251 km²), centred approximately 55 km South West of Almaden, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



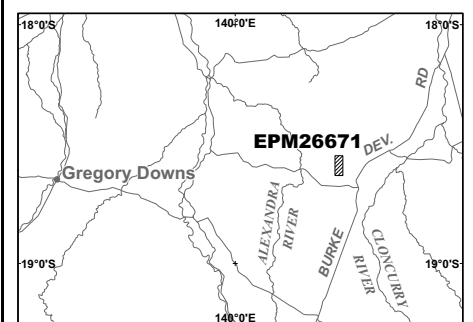
Exploration Permit 26674 sought by Red Metal Limited, ACN 103 367 684, over an area of 9 sub-blocks (29 km²), centred approximately 95 km East South East of Gregory Downs, in the locality of the Carpentaria Shire Council.



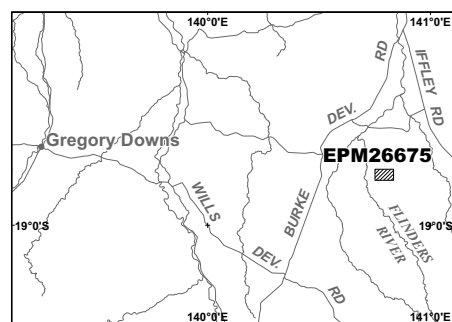
Exploration Permit 26672 sought by Red Metal Limited, ACN 103 367 684, over an area of 25 sub-blocks (81 km²), centred approximately 102 km East of Gregory Downs, in the locality of the Carpentaria Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26671 sought by Red Metal Limited, ACN 103 367 684, over an area of 10 sub-blocks (32 km²), centred approximately 125 km East of Gregory Downs, in the locality of the Carpentaria Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26675 sought by Red Metal Limited, ACN 103 367 684, over an area of 15 sub-blocks (48 km²), centred approximately 162 km East of Gregory Downs, in the locality of the Carpentaria Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 4, June 2017.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

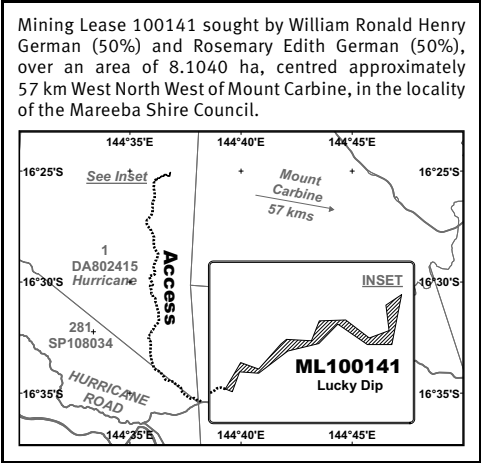
Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Level 4, 1 William Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3199 8082, nativetitleservices@dnrm.qld.gov.au.

Notification Day: 22 November 2017

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mining Lease shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)



Nature of Act(s): The grant of the Mining Lease 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 fifteen (15) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease Application may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Mineral Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland 4810, Telephone: (07) 4447 9230, or email MineralHub@dnrm.qld.gov.au

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 the Mining Lease. 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

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: 15th November 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 tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2940	NORTH ROSSA PTY LTD	200BL	109km E'ly of Coral Bay	Lat: 22° 47' S Long: 114° 45' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, EXMOUTH SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2243	KAPITANY, Tamas PAS, Johan Pieter	2BL	98km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 28' S Long: 115° 56' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2248	SERENA MINERALS PTY LTD	9BL	84km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 32' S Long: 115° 49' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2249	SERENA MINERALS PTY LTD	6BL	72km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 35' S Long: 115° 43' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2250	SERENA MINERALS PTY LTD	9BL	78km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 36' S Long: 115° 48' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2252	SERENA MINERALS PTY LTD	33BL	86km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 29' S Long: 115° 47' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1582	BEACON MINING PTY LTD	39BL	28km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 121° 1' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1606	BUIKS, Steven Peter	24BL	17km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 120° 59' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1607	BUIKS, Steven Peter	18BL	32km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 120° 50' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1614	JINDALEE RESOURCES LIMITED	5BL	25km S'ly of Widgeemooltha	Lat: 31° 43' S Long: 121° 33' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/500	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	6BL	71km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 120° 45' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/539-I	SERENDIPITY RESOURCES PTY LTD	70BL	70km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 122° 23' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	25/541-I	SERENDIPITY RESOURCES PTY LTD	38BL	59km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 122° 12' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	25/562	JINDALEE RESOURCES LIMITED	8BL	41km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 122° 5' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2706	ARUMA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	40BL	84km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 122° 2' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2707	ARUMA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	42BL	76km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 122° 6' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/1003	POTASH WEST NL	64BL	123km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 119° 46' E	MENZIES SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/1019	MANDURAH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	42BL	22km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 121° 16' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/1025	PUCA, Carlo	20BL	23km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 53' S Long: 121° 6' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1162	APOLLO PHOENIX RESOURCES PTY LTD	31BL	77km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 5' S Long: 121° 43' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/910	JINDALEE RESOURCES LIMITED	21BL	31km S'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 12' S Long: 120° 42' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3264	GREENWOOD RESOURCES PTY LTD	82BL	51km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 123° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3265	GARDNER MINING PTY LTD	106BL	133km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 5' S Long: 123° 46' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2020	ODIN RESOURCES PTY LTD				
Exploration Licence	45/4972	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	15BL	27km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 122° 11' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4972	DRUMMOND EAST PTY LTD	67BL	21km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 17' S Long: 119° 35' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4973	DRUMMOND EAST PTY LTD	69BL	70km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 20' S Long: 120° 26' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5006	PROTEROZOIC GOLD PTY LTD	29BL	52km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 7' S Long: 119° 15' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1171	DRUMMOND EAST PTY LTD	6BL	19km NW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 49' S Long: 119° 56' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1172	DRUMMOND EAST PTY LTD	3BL	22km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 41' S Long: 120° 5' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3772	KARRATHA GOLD PTY LTD	41BL	46km S'ly of Dampier	Lat: 21° 3' S Long: 116° 34' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	47/3773	MEENTHEENA GOLD PTY LTD	6BL	91km E'ly of Roebourne	Lat: 20° 56' S Long: 118° 0' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	47/3782	MEENTHEENA GOLD PTY LTD	4BL	79km E'ly of Roebourne	Lat: 21° 2' S Long: 117° 51' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	53/1965	WARREN, Phillip Winton	12BL	94km E'ly Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 47' S Long: 119° 25' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2274	LIVINGSTONE, Jason Newton	1BL	14km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 116° 44' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5011	TERRAIN MINERALS LTD	28BL	113km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 27° 31' S Long: 115° 30' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5017	CYGNUS GOLD LIMITED	200BL	45km E'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 33° 14' S Long: 118° 54' E	KENT SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5018	CYGNUS GOLD LIMITED	105BL	47km W'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 30' S Long: 118° 21' E	KONDININ SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5019	CYGNUS GOLD LIMITED	120BL	27km S'ly of Narembreen	Lat: 32° 18' S Long: 118° 21' E	KONDININ SHIRE, NAREMBREEN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5020	CYGNUS GOLD LIMITED	48BL	21km NE'ly of Narembreen	Lat: 31° 57' S Long: 118° 34' E	NAREMBREEN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/617	GALAXY RESOURCES LIMITED	11BL	20km SW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 44' S Long: 119° 56' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2349	MINE BUILDER PTY LTD	33BL	85km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 10' S Long: 119° 42' E	KONDININ SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5125	GAZARD INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	14BL	32km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 26' S Long: 127° 28' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6065	GALEA, Michael	4.90HA	19km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 6' S Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6174	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	83.23HA	20km E'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 22' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6175-S	BRANCH, Ian Robert	9.80HA	16km NW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 121° 31' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3070	COEN, Andrew Roy	152.35HA	47km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 120° 53' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3073	VULETA, Adrian				
Prospecting Licence	16/3073	HAWKE, Raymond Kenneth	4.89HA	73km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 120° 37' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5194	EDWARDS, Robert Glenn	191.89HA	33km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 121° 25' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5213	BORROMEI, Rino	9.98HA	61km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 121° 2' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5223	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	9.44HA	33km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 121° 15' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5229-32	NOGUNONGLY RESOURCES PTY LTD	783.67HA	67km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 120° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5233	NOGUNONGLY RESOURCES PTY LTD	200.04HA	65km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 120° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5237-S	DALLA-COSTA, Troy Gavin	9.12HA	41km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 17' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2411	IRIDIUM RESOURCES PTY LTD	150.53HA	39km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2449	SOUTHERN GOLD LIMITED	21.31HA	29km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 46' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2450	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LIMITED	199.87HA	17km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 38' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2452	WOOLLETT, Bradley John	57.82HA	40km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2454-61	TION, Nardyn Andre				
Prospecting Licence	25/2462	KALGOORLIE NICKEL PTY LTD	959.80HA	35km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 50' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2462	SELF, Paul	17.63HA	36km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2465	SELF, Elizabeth Marie				
Prospecting Licence	25/2465	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	57.59HA	43km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4285	EDWARDS, Robert Glenn	19.14HA	23km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4292	CASCADE RESOURCES PTY LTD	16.99HA	25km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 121° 48' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1322-3	KURNALPI GOLD PTY LTD	392.98HA	73km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 122° 12' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2388-S	CHASSAING, Henri Vincent Andre	9.89HA	41km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 2' S Long: 121° 10' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2389-S	CHASSAING, Henri Vincent Andre	9.89HA	41km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 2' S Long: 121° 10' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2116	AVATADE, Abhay Vishwas	191.70HA	125km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 47' S Long: 122° 19' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9076-7	DIXON, Trevor John	242.72HA	19km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9078	CAMPANELLA, Joseph	7.89HA	37km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 36' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5847-8	KEOGH, James Patrick	389.15HA	68km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 11' S Long: 122° 7' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2137	KEOGH, Terrence Leonard				
Prospecting Licence	59/2138	MERIDIAN 120 MINING PTY LTD	195.84HA	68km SW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 117° 16' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4482	COOKE, Jessica May	48.82HA	24km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 8' S Long: 116° 45' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4482	JUUNOVICH, Nathan	2.49HA	6km SE'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 119° 8' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 1 November 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 1 February 2018. 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. 1 March 2018), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518. * - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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Peris, Williams, playing for Australia, but in different teams



BROOKE Peris and Mariah Williams are in separate Australian hockey teams facing international competition this month. Northern Territorian Peris is in the Australian team to take part in the International Festival of Hockey in Bendigo and Melbourne from November 6. Williams is in the Australian team for a

three-Test series against Japan in Adelaide from November 15-18. Australia will play world number one and Rio Olympics silver medallists Netherlands, World League semifinal winners USA and world number 11 Japan at the International Festival of Hockey. Australia last month won the Oceania Cup in Sydney after defeating New Zealand 2-0 in the final.

Peris was a late call-up to the Australian squad for that tournament, but Williams was out injured. Coach Paul Gaudoin praised the next generation of Hockeyroos after his team claimed the Oceania Cup with a hard-fought 2-0 win over New Zealand in Sydney. The victory ensures the women's national team is likely to retain fifth spot in the world rankings, one slot ahead of

their trans-Tasman rivals. Gaudoin said the development of their squad was key ahead of the Commonwealth Games and World Cup next year. Earlier, the Hockeyroos claimed a morale-boosting 2-1 victory over New Zealand ahead of the Oceania Cup final where they again beat the Black Sticks. Peris scored one of Australia's two goals.



Ashley Taylor during the round 24 NRL match against the Parramatta Eels at Stadium Australia, Sydney, last August 17. Picture: Getty

Taylor to remain a Titan



ASH Taylor insists he never gave a National Rugby League (NRL) return to Brisbane serious thought, saying his chance to own Gold Coast's fortunes was the reason for staying put. Taylor last week signed a three-year extension with the Titans, reported to be worth \$1 million a season, in a show of faith that will see the 22-year-old at the club until at least 2021. The Broncos were keen on luring the halfback to Red Hill, where he played under-20s and made one NRL appearance in 2015, once off contract with Gold Coast next season. But Taylor says a move north would have been a mistake and that he was happy to re-sign before rival clubs could enter the race to secure him on November 1. "I didn't really think about that; it wasn't really an option for me," he said about a possible Broncos approach. "There's lots of key players there and they couldn't really fit me in the system. "Obviously Wayne (Bennett) wanted me back there, as we saw in the media, but I just don't think that was the best option for me." While admitting the halfback still had a lot of work to do, new coach Garth Brennan anointed the Toowoomba product as the man to

"own" the team and deliver a premiership. It is a massive investment in a player entering just his third NRL season, but Brennan has a high opinion of Taylor having served as his private mentor for the last 18 months. "At the end of the day, your halfback needs to own the football team, and it's time for Ash to say, 'You're the halfback; take control,'" Brennan said. "I think he is (capable of leading the Titans to a premiership) ... the spotlight's going to be on him now, with that contract signed, but I'm sure he'll embrace it and be the kind of person that can handle that." Taylor said Brennan's arrival was a massive factor in his decision and that talk of him taking control of the struggling club was "all part of the process". "That was a big decision in making my decision: Garth being coach," Taylor said. "The future's bright here at the club with Garth." The club has made no secret of its urgency to retain the man they see as the future of their club with Titans boss Graham Annesley not missing a chance to trumpet Taylor's potential last week. "I think he can go on and be one of the most outstanding players in the game over the next seven, eight, nine years," Annesley said. - AAP



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	29/424	HERON RESOURCES LIMITED	200.00HA	35km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 59' S Long: 121° 8' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	37/1328	NAVIGATOR MINING PTY LTD	315.21HA	25km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 33' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	57/641	MURCHISON EARTHMOVING & REHABILITATION PTY LTD	300.52HA	103km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 118° 47' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Mining Lease	57/642	TAYLOR, Douglas Ernest	59.18HA	98km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 118° 47' E	SANDSTONE 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: 1 November 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 1 February 2018. 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. 1 March 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. adcorp WG22721



Department of Planning and Environment Exploration Licence Application Number 5554, 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 266 units comprising six areas: (Area A) 31 kilometres North-West of the town of Gloucester which comprises 126 units or 378 square kilometres, (Area B) 111 kilometres South-West of the town of Port Macquarie which comprises 35 units or 105 square kilometres, (Area C) 27 kilometres West of the town of Taree which comprises 49 units or 147 square kilometres, (Area D) 15 km North-West of the town of Taree which comprises 26 units or 78 square kilometres, (Area E) 50 kilometres West of the town of Port Macquarie which comprises 21 units or 63 square kilometres and (Area F) 63 kilometres West of the town of Port Macquarie which comprises 9 units or 27 square kilometres as shown on the accompanying two diagrams.

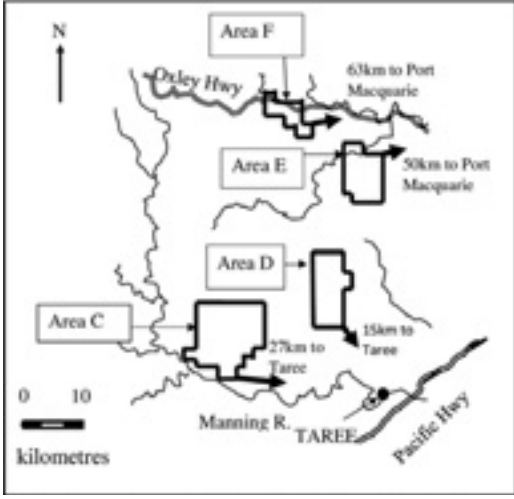
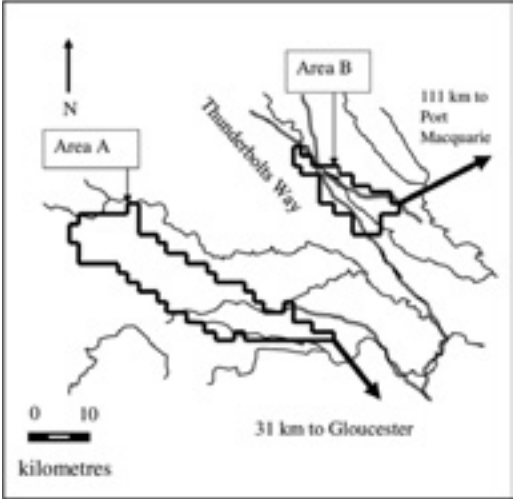
Description of the nature of the act
Grant of an Exploration Licence under the Mining Act 1992.

Paul Smith (ABN66201690170) is the applicant for Exploration Licence Application 5554 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 16 November 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.



Short chips in with wickets



D'Arcy Short



D'ARCY Short played a hand in Western Australia's comprehensive win over South

Australia in the final of cricket's One-Day Cup in Hobart on October 21.

The former Northern Territory Indigenous player chipped in with 2-47 in the middle overs, including taking

the big scalp of heavy-hitter Tom Cooper for 63.

Mitch Marsh blasted Western Australia to a comprehensive six-wicket win.

The Warriors skipper clubbed nine fours in an unbeaten 80 off as many balls as they easily chased down South Australia's 9-248 with 38 balls to spare at Bellerive Oval.

Short is a part-time left-arm wrist-spinner.



Department of Industry

Draft Crown lands Community Engagement Strategy on show

A draft Crown land Community Engagement Strategy and supporting draft Community Engagement Guidance and Resources document will be on public exhibition from 16 October to 26 November 2017.

The *Crown Land Management Act 2016* requires the creation of a Community Engagement Strategy for Crown land. The strategy provides a framework for engagement on decisions that have the potential to impact community use and enjoyment of Crown land.

The draft Community Engagement Strategy defines when engagement is required and the types of engagement that can occur for a variety of dealings and activities associated with Crown land.

The draft Guidance and Resources document has been developed to support the strategy, and contains engagement assessment template documents, resources and a detailed glossary of the Crown land engagement activities covered by the strategy.

Have your say

Copies of both the draft Community Engagement Strategy and draft Guidance and Resources Document can be found on the Department of Industry, Crown Lands & Water website www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/engagement and the NSW Government Have Your Say website www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/have-your-say.

If you would like further information about the strategy and its implementation, join us at one of the community drop-in sessions being held in various locations around the state.

Dubbo - Tuesday 31 October 3-6pm
Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre
Oxley Room
155 Darling Street
Dubbo NSW 2830

Ballina - Wednesday 1 November 3-6pm
Ballina Surf Club
Gawandi Room
65 Lighthouse Parade
East Ballina NSW 2478

Wagga Wagga - Thursday 2 November 3-6pm
Charles Sturt University
Gulballanna Room C
Boorooma Street
Wagga Wagga NSW 2678

Newcastle - Monday 6 November 3-6pm
Newcastle City Hall
Mulubinba Room
290 King Street
Newcastle NSW 2300

Sydney - Thursday 9 November 3-6pm
Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts
280 Pitt Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Submit feedback on the draft Community Engagement Strategy:

- by email: ces.submissions@crownland.nsw.gov.au
- online: submission form
- by mail: Community Engagement Strategy Submissions
PO Box 2185
Dangar NSW 2309
- in person: hand in a submission form at one of the community drop-in sessions to be held during the exhibition period.

Submissions must be received by Sunday 26 November 2017.

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WATERNSW LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from:

STUART HENRY TUCK for a bore on Lot 1 DP612286, Parish Tocumwal, County Denison for the purpose of irrigation.

Objections to granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 453, 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.

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WATERNSW LOWER NAMOI GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER USE AMENDMENT has been received from **AUSCOTT PROPERTIES LIMITED** for, irrigation purposes on Lot 10 DP 594667.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 382, Narrabri 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, Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

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WATERNSW YASS CATCHMENT GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **JOHN WILLIAM DOWNING SEKORANJA** for a bore for the purpose of irrigation, on Lot 9 DP 248210, Parish Wallaroo, County Murray. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, LEETON NSW 2705 or email to 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. Rob Monteith, Water Regulation Manager South.

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WATERNSW LOWER LACHLAN GROUNDWATER WATER SHARING PLAN LOWER LACHLAN GROUND WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND/OR WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **MITOLO BRUSHED TRADING PTY LTD** for a Bore (Capacity 15ML/Day) on Lot 8 DP755157, Parish East Marowie, County Nicholson, for Irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871, 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. Rob Monteith, Manager Water Regulation South.

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WATERNSW LOWER MACQUARIE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **JACK EDWARD MCCUTCHEON** for one additional groundwater bore to be located on Lot 1 of DP 580621, Parish of Backwater, County of Narromine, for the purpose of irrigation on the said land portion.

Objections to the granting of the above approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 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. Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

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Hollie Hicks and Rosies Artful Breeze at the 2017 Paint Nationals.
Pictures: Teeghan Hicks

Hollie to ride for Australia



QUEENSLANDER Hollie Hicks will be the first Indigenous rider to represent Australia in Western Pleasure

horse riding when she contests the 2018 American junior Paint Horse Association (AjPHA) Youth World Show in Fort Worth, Texas.

Hollie, from Amamoor, 20km south of Gympie, rides in a discipline known as Western Pleasure. Basically, Western Pleasure is a Western style competition at horse shows that evaluates horses on manners and suitability of the horse for a relaxed but collected gait cadence and relatively slow speed of gait, along with calm and responsive disposition.

The horse is to appear to be a "pleasure" to ride and very comfortable while being very smooth.

Recently, there has been the introduction of Ranch Riding into the Western Pleasure competitions which is where the horse is shown individually in a pattern work class and judged on the precision of the pattern manoeuvres and the horse's movements. Hollie has also been chosen to complete in Ranch Riding as her nominated event. This will be the first time that Ranch Riding has been included in the Youth World Games.

Hollie only started riding in 2013 purely by accident while holidaying on a farm stay at Warwick.

In 2014, she had a serious fall from her first horse and suffered fractures to her lumbar back that also bought out another medical condition known as reflex sympathetic dystrophy.

This condition took its toll on Hollie, proving the most simplest of tasks impossible where she would at times experience hot as cold and cold as hot, where at times her lower limb would become poorly perfused.

Hollie battled on with the assistance of a high-level pain/nerve block and acupuncture and her continual love for horses; she managed at times to ride even though she was using crutches to mount her horse.

This was her freedom.

Family affair

Hollie shares her passion with her younger sister Peta and her proud eldest sister Teeghan who is an equine photographer. The girls work as a team, encouraging each other.

Hollie's current horse is *Rosies Artful Breeze* and they have won the All Breeds 2017 Youth Showmanship Championship, the 2016-17 Gunalda and District Western Performance Club High Point Youth championship and were the reserve champions at the 2017 Queensland Paint Horse Show Western Pleasure.

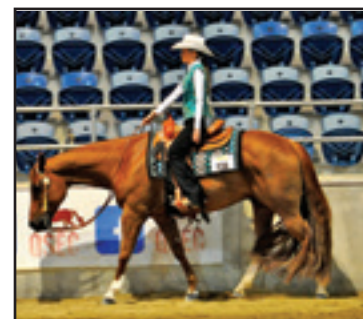
Hollie's proud mum Lynda Hicks said her daughter was a great ambassador for other youth.

She said Hollie donated a lot of her ribbons to the local Riding for the Disabled.

Hollie is required to fundraise a minimum of \$6000 in order to make the trip to Fort Worth.

Her family is busy finding sponsors, donations and fundraising suggestions in order to make her dream a reality.

Lynda Hicks' email address is hicksy222@hotmail.com.au



Peta Hicks and Deckin Hot at the Queensland Paint State Show.

Kulpiyam reigns in the rain

By ALF WILSON



IT was played in wet and muggy conditions and Torres Strait Islander teams continued their dominance of North Queensland All Blacks carnivals when a Kulpiyam side including former NRL star Dane Nielsen beat Malu Kiwai 22-10 in the final of the Gindaja Cup in Cairns.

Nines men's sides along with three women's teams and two under-18 sides competed in the carnival at Cairns Jones Park on October 21-22.

It was organised by Yarrabah and the other men's teams were Bukki Buna, East Coast Marlins, Descendants, DT Raiders, Djengji Warriors, Mooroooboo

Young Guns and IYMP.

It was played in wet and rainy conditions which tested the skills of the players.

"Standouts for us for the men's final were Bernard Mosby, Shaun Nona, Yamba Bowie, Maipela Morseu, Alex Sala, Masi Nona and Raymond Baira," a Kulpiyam spokesman told the *Koori Mail*.

"Yamba picked up the player of the final award.

"It rained all day. It was a very good performance from the entire squad throughout the carnival."

Kulpiyam is a Badu Island side while Malu Kiwai had mostly players of Boigu descent who live in Cairns, the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) or Torres Strait Islands (TSI).



Kulpiyam are happy after their win.



Kulpiyam players covered in water and mud, from left, Dane Nielsen, Ivan Matasia, Maipela Morseu, Jack David, Lewis Whap and Raymond Baira.

Hodgson rethinks retirement



FORMER Wallabies and Western Force forward Matt Hodgson is prepared to come

out of retirement and play in the proposed Indo-Pacific Rugby Championship.

The rugged backrower retired after the Western Force completed their 2017 Super Rugby schedule and before they were cut from the competition.

Hodgson, who was with the Force throughout their 12-season existence, hasn't been able to stay out of the action for long.

He was part of the Barbarians side playing the Wallabies in Sydney last Saturday afternoon.

"I'm looking forward to putting the boots on again, I've had a couple of runs with the classic Wallabies," Hodgson said.

"It's a hard thing to retire, but I think the way the season was with the Force I needed to finish Super Rugby when I did.

"The body is pretty good and I'm looking forward to playing again, because it's exciting to be in a group of teammates again and that's what you miss."

Hodgson, 36, feels he still has enough in the tank to play in the IPRC, which mining billionaire Andrew Forrest plans to get up and running in either 2018 or 2019.

The mooted competition would include the Force and five overseas teams.



Matt Hodgson, left, at a media conference at Rugby WA headquarters in Perth on September 5, 2017.

Picture: Getty

"Hopefully when the new comp starts I might put the boots on and help one of the countries, or one of the teams in that," Hodgson said.

"If an opportunity arises whether that be overseas or in Perth, I'll definitely put my hand up and help out there."

While Hodgson hasn't had the issue of trying to find a new club, he feels for old teammates, who have been forced to look elsewhere.

"You think of someone like (prop) Pek Cowan that's put 12 years into the club, and now he's sort of stuck in limbo.

"There's even people now that had contracts with the Western Force for next year and now they can't get placement anywhere," Hodgson said.

"The way they've gone through this process for a long period is tough on them and draining."

— AAP

Coach says sky limit for Ash Gardner



AUST- RALIA'S Women's cricket assistant coach Tim

Coyle says the sky is the limit for talented allrounder Ashleigh Gardner.

"She's got great instinct and she talks about it — she sees the ball and she hits the ball," Coyle told *The Unplayable Podcast*.

"It's a really nice simple message.

"We need to continue the work fine-tuning ... there will be days when she has to bat 50 balls because we need her to do it to win the game.

"When she gets her head around that and understands how to put an innings together, significant innings together in that middle order area, she'll be a complete player.

"Her off-spin is world-class; she spins the ball, she bounces the ball, she's got a couple of weapons there that not many female spinners have.

"A great all-round package, raw, but you love the way she plays instinctively."

Mulga wins at Zenadth Kes carnival



Story by ALF WILSON

STRONG Badu Island side Mulga, which included national (NRL) star Brenko Lee and former South Sydney and Parramatta Eels back Chris Sandow, won the men's final of the Zenadth Kes rugby league carnival on Thursday Island, defeating

Saibai Stags 20-10.

Nine men's and two women's teams battled it out in dry, hot conditions at Ken Brown Oval from October 13-15 in the Torres Strait's biggest rugby league carnival.

Teams from across the region, including the communities of Mer, Mabuiag, Saibai, Coconut, Moa and Thursday Island, competed with

quarter-, semi- and grand finals played on Sunday, October 15.

In the decider, Maipele Morseu scored two tries for the Robert Yorkston-coached Mulga, with singles to Ono Soialo and Alex Namai.

Mareko Daniel and Coleridge Dabah kicked goals.

For the gallant Saibai Stags, Matthew Gibuma and Aiona Nona

scored tries and Daniel Mairu booted the goal.

In the semifinals, Mulga beat Kulka Balas in a close game while Saibai Stags had a convincing win over the Gladiators.

In the women's match, Badu United were in front 14-10 against TRAWQ Sisters, but failed to score again, with TRAWQ Sisters romping home 32-14.



Mulga and Saibai Stags players pose for the after-final photo. Picture: Aaron Smith/Torres News

All-Palm Island final

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island side Aja's Boyz won the men's final of the Bindal Sharks All Blacks rugby league carnival in Townsville, beating Palm Island team Barracudas Gold 22-10.

Sixteen men's sides contested North Queensland's biggest All

Blacks carnival at Townsville Sports Reserve on October 14-15.

Aja's Boyz had many players from the Geia family and is named after the late Eva Geia, who years ago became famous when she beat a drum while supporting the Palm Island Barracudas when they contested the Townsville and District Rugby League competition.

The star-studded Aja's Boyz, captained by former Cowboys back Obe Geia Jnr, also took home a swathe of trophies – best forward was Walter Geia, best back Fred Haines Jnr, player of the final Ezekiel Baira, and player of the carnival Anthony Gadd.

To get to the final, Aja's Boyz beat Coastal Balaz 16-14 in the first semifinal. Coastal Balaz had won the previous two Bindal carnivals.

In the other semifinal, Barracudas Gold beat Gulf Bulls 22-4.

The Bulls included former Cowboys champion Matty Bowen, who played four games.

After the qualifying games on day one, the bottom-placed eight sides battled it out for the Plate for the Kevin Aldridge Shield.

In the final, Merinya Warriors beat Young Bloods.

Australian Jillaroos star Jenni-Sue Hoepper lined up for the Aja's Girlz side that beat Bowen 18-16 in a hotly-contested women's exhibition game.



Aja's Boyz ball carrier Vernon Baira fends off a Black Bream defender.



A Barracudas Green players is tackled by Coastal Balaz.



Barracudas Gold defenders tackle a Walkabouts player..



Aja's Boyz players – from left, William Georgetown, Simone Dabea, Gordon Daisy and Fred Haines – defend against Black Bream.

Wanted: revived career

Injured Socceroo says he's ready for comeback

By CHRIS PIKE



return.

Sarota was a player on the rise, having played three times for the Socceroos and playing successfully for Dutch club FC Utrecht either side of time in the A-League at the Brisbane Roar from 2008-10 and then again during the 2014-15 season.

But then the injury bug began to strike the central midfielder. It was a run of two serious leg injuries that put a halt to his professional career, at least for now.

The first blow came late in that 2014-15 season when Sarota ruptured the anterior cruciate ligament in his knee and required a full reconstruction.

He was able to return and signed at Dutch club Go Ahead Eagles for the last 11 games of the 2015-16 season, but it was in the very last match where tragedy struck.

Sarota suffered a horror broken leg that put his future in serious jeopardy given there was a real chance he would never recover from such a severe break.

It is now more than 18 months since Sarota suffered the broken leg and he is yet to play another professional game, but it's not for a lack of desire.

The severity of the injury meant it wouldn't have been possible for at least a year anyway, but Sarota has now settled alongside his family in Cairns where he has been training hard to get back into peak shape.

He's also been enjoying some quality time with his family and nature.

"I do my hard training and rehabilitation in the mornings but after that I try to keep the mind fresh as much as I can," Sarota said.

"Being up in Cairns, with it being so outdoorsy, I get to go spear fishing, hiking and camping pretty often which takes my mind off training.

"I was like that even when I was playing regularly which isn't usual for a footballer although I do throw in a game of golf every now and again. I love it. It's the most time I've had with my family since I was 16."

Awaiting offers

While enjoying his current lifestyle, the 28-year-old is determined to make it back to professional football and he is waiting patiently for an offer to come his way.

"I'm desperate to get back. You forget just how much you love the game and you really don't know what you've got until it's gone. It's been an incredibly difficult time but because I love the game so much I keep working hard to get back to that professional level," he said.

"At the moment, because of the injury, the interest isn't that strong.

"I've just got to assess the options and it does start to play on your mind not knowing the end point but I've got that goal to come back still.

"I can understand why clubs might be sceptical considering my injuries, but I feel 100% fine now. I think if I was given the opportunity with any team in Australia or abroad, I'd prove I still have plenty more to give.

"Taking into account my experience and quality, there's still something there and if I didn't truly believe that, I'd just hang up the boots."

Adam Sarota runs out for the team presentation of FC Utrecht in July 2015, at the Galgenwaard Stadium in Utrecht, The Netherlands.
Picture: Getty



Waiting in the wings

By CHRIS PIKE



TIM Kelly has continued to develop into an elite player in the West Australian Football League (WAFL)

over several years to the point where he deserves a chance at Australian Football League (AFL) level.

Kelly began his career playing colts (under 19s) football in the WAFL with South Fremantle where he played in a premiership in 2012 before making his league debut a year later.

He went on to play in the reserves premiership of 2013 and has continued to grow at league level.

He was so impressive that he was runner-up in South Fremantle fairest and best voting in 2014 before finishing seventh in 2015 and fourth in 2016.

Already a strong performer at WAFL level, Kelly simply went to another level in 2017 and keen judges say his performances deserve to be rewarded with an opportunity in the AFL.

The midfielder averaged 27.1 possessions a game for the Bulldogs with his work in tight winning the contested ball and earning clearances for his team.

But he could also run and carry

the ball away from the packs, and in open space to set up dangerous forward targets.

Not only that, but Kelly also showed an ability to kick goals and play up forward – highlighted by his seven-goal performance against East Fremantle on the same day he had 35 possessions.

A season that saw him average 27.1 possessions, kick 22 goals and be outstanding as an inside and outside midfielder should be enough to be not ignored.

On top of that, Kelly played in the history-making WAFL state team that beat the VFL in Melbourne. He also finished second in the Sandover Medal as the league's best player, and second in his club's fairest and best voting. He finished runner-up to teammate Haiden Schloithe in both awards.

Kelly is also a level-headed and mature 23-year-old. He is the father of one, with twins soon due with partner Caitlin.

Kelly is proud of the way he has dedicated his life to his young family while splitting his time between earning a living and playing football.

At a time when many of his teammates are enjoying a life of socialising, he wouldn't change a thing about having a young family and has no doubt it's helped him grow up quickly.

"My life away from footy is fairly different from most of my

teammates but I wouldn't want it any other way. I have a family of my own and I've been with my beautiful partner Caitlin going on six years now and we have a beautiful baby boy Tykeem who is two," Kelly said.

"No doubt it's an exciting time ahead when you consider the twins are due in January. If we ended up having to move somewhere for my footy, as long as the right support system was in place, there'd be no dramas. But my family is my responsibility and main priority so they'll always come first."

Draft candidate

Kelly is pleased with the way he is developing as a footballer. While his dream would be to get a chance in the AFL in the upcoming national draft, he knows it's out of his control but he will rest easy knowing he's done all the right things.

"I'm feeling pretty confident with the way my footy is going, but I get that confidence from my teammates and the coaches. They back me in every week and I run as hard as I can for them when I'm out there," Kelly said.

"I get my confidence from them, but also from the work I do during the week. I take pride in knowing that I tick all the boxes so that when I walk out on to the oval, I've done everything I can to be ready. A lot of hard work goes into what you see on the field."



Tim Kelly

Little Athletics tribute to WA woman



NOONGAR woman Rishelle Hume has been inducted into Little Athletics' Roll of Excellence (Hall of Fame) for her contribution to the sport.

The induction was in Hobart on October 21.

Mother of three, Hume has traditional ties to the Whadjuk, Ballardong and Gnaala Karla Booja people.

She was inducted as an achiever – one of five categories.

Hume is a direct descendant and granddaughter of respected Noongar Elders Patrick and Lorna Hume, who spent their lives promoting Aboriginal rights and Noongar culture.

Like her grandparents, Hume has devoted her working life to the advancement of Aboriginal people and her Noongar culture.

Vast experience

She has more than 22 years experience in Aboriginal engagement ranging from employment, education, sporting, justice and health.

She is involved in the Aboriginal community within the Perth region as

the chair of the Mandjah Boodjah Aboriginal Corporation, co-ambassador and founder of the Yorga Djenna Bidi Leadership Program, Noongar Charitable Trust Advisory Council member, co-chair Department of Sport and Recreation Aboriginal Advisory Council and was recently appointed by MP Julie Bishop to the National/Australian United Nations Education Science Culture.

Hume has completed her Bachelor of Commence with a double major in Human Resource Management and is currently the senior human resources Aboriginal employment consultant with Chevron Australia.

Champion athlete

In her younger days she was a champion athlete and has had a long association with Little Athletics, first as a competitor and later as an administrator.

Her personal best was winning the discus gold medal at the 1984-85 West Australian championships. It remains the record today, 33 years later.

She won numerous state titles in shot put, javelin and discus and held state records as a junior in all three disciplines.

She still holds the WA discus record for under-9, under-11 and under-12 and the state under-13.

She still holds the start record for the under 12 shot put.

As a cross-country runner, she represented Western Australia and in 1990 was a member of an Australian junior team.

Hume told the *Koori Mail* that without athletics setting the early foundations, she would not be the person she was.

"I believe that my time in athletics helped me gain high levels of discipline, structure and a drive attitude to never give up on what I believe in, and knowing that I can achieve whatever I desire and all I must do is believe in myself," she said.

In 1999, she was the NAIDOC Week WA Senior Sportswoman of the Year and in 2016 was the Aboriginal winner, West Australian of the Year Award. The same year she was the NAIDOC Community Person of the Year.

This year she was acknowledged by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull as one of the top 10 Aboriginal people around Australia in closing the gap in employment, education, health and culture.

Road to redemption

By PETER ARGENT



BYRON Sumner has always been a talented footballer. Seeing the emotion and the tears in his eyes

following the final siren in the 2017 South Australian National Football League (SANFL) grand final was a clear indication of what this result meant to him after experiencing a large series of peaks and troughs.

This year's SANFL grand final was an incredible game of attrition, with Sumner playing a pivotal role in defence in the Double Blues' exhilarating one-point premiership win.

"I've watched the game three or four times now and there is an unbelievable mixture of emotions – satisfaction, happiness and relief," Sumner, who turned 26 on October 31, said.

"There was also a sense of purpose that I'd actually achieved something significant in my football.

"I feel really comfortable now and being in a supportive club environment was important.

"I had some tough times and family issues during the year and didn't see my son Chays for six months over the first half of the season.

"The support I received from partner Sarah, my family, Sturt senior coach Marty Mattner, football manager David Oatey and senior players like Zane Kirkwood, Aiden Riley and Mark Evans helped a lot."

Sumner started his junior football in Adelaide's inner western suburbs club Woodville South Cats.



Byron Sumner, with SANFL trophy in hand, is congratulated by Sturt fans. Picture: Peter Argent

By his mid-teens he was already playing SANFL Under-19s and he completed a pair of league pre-seasons under Ron Fuller in 2008 and 2009 before being drafted to Sydney with their pick number 54 in the third round of the 2009 Australian Football League (AFL) draft.

He spent the 2010 season playing for Sydney in the North East Australian Football League (NEAFL) competition, living with his nephew Lewis Jetta, Shane Mumford and Campbell Heath

He played for the Swans at AFL level in 2011, but by the end of the 2011 campaign, Sumner was living back in his home state and not playing football.

Inmature

Sumner freely admits that he was immature, selfish and stubborn at that time.

"I returned to Adelaide through a mixture of homesickness, immaturity and stubbornness," he said.

"I remember thinking at the

time all I want is to be with back in Adelaide and although we did have strong support systems at the Swans, there were a number of people I could have spoken to. I didn't utilise them.

"By the end of that year, I was living off the money I was receiving from the Swans and not playing football."

Michael Godden gave Sumner a second chance back at Woodville West Torrens, but he started from a long way back.

"I rocked up to the Eagles in

2012 and I would have been around 100kg," Sumner, 180cm tall, said.

"I started in the reserves trials and played the first round of the season in the seconds, but was promoted to the league side by round two against Norwood.

"I played the remainder of the season in the ones and one of the highlights of my football career to that point was playing in the league side alongside (brother) Timmy. Coincidentally it (the game) was against Sturt at Unley.

"By the end of 2013 season, Sumner was again playing reserves football and while the general consensus was that he was better than most of the talent on the field and won the Bob Lee Medal for best on ground in the Eagles' reserves flag, question marks arose about why he was playing at this level.

Over the following three seasons, Sumner played another year with the Eagles, being devastated for being dropped to the reserves at the end of 2014.

With his son, Chays arriving in late October 2014, finances became a priority and Sumner had a season with Gaza in the Amateur league and the last year played with Jervios in the River Murray country league.

Sumner is a great proponent of the AFL draft age been pushed up a couple of years.

"I believe that kids coming out of school generally haven't got the worldly skills required to make the most of their sporting opportunities," Sumner said.

He should know as this is exactly what happened to him and it was a similar case with his younger brother, Tim Sumner, at the Gold Coast Suns.



Jersey – it's a start

Wallabies coach pushes for Indigenous focus



WALLABIES coach Michael Cheika knew simply wearing a special jersey wasn't going to magically increase Indigenous representation in rugby union overnight.

But he is confident the gesture – together with a little more "concerted effort" across the board – can make rugby a more attractive pursuit for young Indigenous talents.

The Wallabies defeated New Zealand 23-18 in a Bledisloe Cup clash for the ages at a rain-soaked Brisbane Lang Park on Saturday, October 21.

The match came down to the final moments as the Wallabies, holding a narrow lead, held out a late surge by the New Zealanders to register their first win over their Trans-Tasman rivals since August 2015.

Three tries to two

Australia outscored New Zealand three tries to two for a thrilling five-point victory before 45,107 delirious fans.

The Wallabies ran out in a special Indigenous jersey for the match, honouring the 14 Indigenous players who have represented Australia throughout history.

Australia became the first national side to wear an Indigenous jersey.

It was an olive branch gesture from a sport that knows it has plenty of work to do to boost Indigenous playing numbers and

make up ground on rugby league and Australian football.

Only 14 Indigenous men have played Test rugby out of the 914 to have worn Wallaby gold – and Cheika admitted "not enough" was being done to improve that number.

"Let's be honest, I'm not going to try and pretend you wear a jersey and everything's (fixed)," he said.

"It's the intent to say we need to be doing better in that area and we embrace the parts of that culture that are with us.

"Fine players"

"We've had many fine players, Indigenous persons who have played for the Wallabies and they've been represented in that jersey.

"But it's also a sign for the future that says, have a look at the talent that's out there.

"They're playing in AFL and rugby league, no doubt about it, and we'd like to think that rugby union's something that those talented footballers would like to be a part of."

Cheika said there was no single reason why rugby lagged behind the other codes on the Indigenous front.

"It's just the way it is at this point," he said.

"I see the talent that's out there and I know that with a little bit more concerted effort from our end that we will get one more here, one more there at the elite level.

"At the junior level, there's a lot of kids playing. It's about



Kurtley Beale of the Wallabies takes on the defence during the Bledisloe Cup match against the New Zealand All Blacks at Lang Park, Brisbane, on October 21. Picture: Getty

transitioning those kids into the elite level and getting more role models so we can go that way." The Indigenous Wallaby

contingent was represented on the jersey by a striking pattern of 14 waterholes, ringed around a stylised design of the team's

mascot. Cheika said wearing it made the Lang Park clash an "even more memorable" occasion. – AAP

Barty now 19 in world rankings



Ashleigh Barty



ASHLEIGH Barty has capped her watershed women's tennis season with the Australian No 1

ranking and No 19 in the world. Daria Gavrilova's second-round exit from the Kremlin Cup, where she was runner-up last year, ensured Barty leapfrogged her in the rankings and climbed to a career-high 20th in the world.

But a subsequent injury to Britain's Johanna Konta means Barty will climb one more spot to 19.

Gavrilova fell two spots to 24th. In Russia, the 23-year-old Gavrilova was trailing Belarusian qualifier Vera Lapko 6-3 3-1 when she quit with a right leg injury.

Fatigue also likely played a part in her mid-match retirement after Gavrilova lost a sapping three-hour three-set final to Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in Hong Kong before making a mad dash to Europe for her opening match in Moscow less than 24 hours later.

"My body is very confused what time zone it's in ?!?!?!?!?," Gavrilova tweeted after her Moscow defeat.

But the Russian-born star still may get the chance to jostle with Barty for the year-end Australian No 1 ranking, which she has held since Samantha Stosur relinquished in June after a record 442 consecutive weeks.

Remarkable rise

Incredibly, Barty began 2017 ranked 271st in the world after her return to the tour last season following a 20-month sabbatical and stint playing cricket in the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) with Brisbane Heat.

The 21-year-old's breakout season has included a maiden WTA singles title in Kuala Lumpur and further finals in Birmingham and Wuhan.

Barty has sneaked into the field for the Elite Trophy in China on the back of a superb season on the WTA Tour – and an injury to a rival.

She toppled three world top 10 players – including reigning French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko – on her way to the Wuhan final.

Last week she teamed up with fellow Australian Casey Dellacqua as one of the world's top eight doubles teams at the year-end WTA Finals in Singapore.

They were beaten in their quarterfinal 7-6 (9-7) 6-7 (7-2) 10-8 by Kiki Bertens (Netherlands) and Swede Johanna Larsson.

Barty will head to the Chinese city of Zhuhai for the event that features players ranked nine to 19 in the WTA singles rankings.

Barty finished the season ranked 20th, however Britain's Johanna Konta has pulled out of any tournaments for the rest of the season after suffering a foot injury.

This means Barty will move up one spot in the rankings, enough to qualify her for the event.

Also playing there will be US Open champion Sloane Stephens and one-time Australian Open winner Angelique Kerber.

McLeod assistant coach in AFLW



Andrew McLeod



ANDREW McLeod has been appointed an assistant coach of Australian Football League Women's (AFLW) side Adelaide Crows.

He has joined Peter Caven as a new assistant coach.

McLeod and Caven, both two-time premiership players with the Crows, will work under senior coach Bec Goddard who led the team to the League's inaugural premiership.

Senior assistant coach Andrew Hodges, who is based in the Northern Territory, assistant coach Mark Moody and opposition

and game analyst Brooke Copeland will all return to the coaching panel for the competition's second season.

McLeod played a club record 340 games for Adelaide from 1995 to 2010 and has previously coached with Norwood in the SANFL Reserves and St Michael's College.

Through the McLeod Centre of Excellence, he leads a suite of programs designed to inspire, motivate and empower Indigenous students to achieve their potential.

Crows general manager football administration Phil Harper said the appointment of McLeod and Caven would

strengthen the side's coaching ranks for the second season.

"Andrew and Peter bring a wealth of experience and a key part of their roles will be one-on-one craft education sessions with our players," Harper said.

"While Andrew's experience in football is obviously impressive, he also brings a strong focus on personal development and culture which is important.

"He designed the team's striking Indigenous guernsey and has been extremely supportive of our AFLW team from the beginning, so to secure him in this role is a big win."

Grassroots growth

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



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National Under-15 Kickstart program which has been running for five years, and the National Under-15 All Nations Cup which provides a clear elite pathway for girls in these programs.

Importantly, the championships not only provide players with the chance to showcase their talent, but they also engage in a number of education sessions.

It is great to see the AFL engage female role models in these programs, with Brisbane Lions' Sabrina Frederick-Traub and Ally Anderson, Fremantle's Akec Chuot, Adelaide Crows' Tayla Thorn, GWS Giants' Codie Briggs, Carlton's Natalie Plane and Melbourne's Emma Humphries all being involved.

The focus is not just on young Indigenous women fulfilling their AFL dream, but for them to also develop important skills for success off the field.

Twenty-five of the best performing participants will be selected to represent the Woomeras team.

Great advances

Meanwhile, the Port Adelaide Aboriginal AFL Academy continues to kick goals.

Wayne Milera is the poster boy.

Brandan Parfitt, Tyson Stengle and Kym Lebois followed in the Crow's footsteps and now raw teenagers Brenton Watts and Frank Szekely are making their presence felt as they chase their AFL dream.

"That is the goal," said Watts, who is one of 20 young Indigenous students who are about to graduate.

"We've seen what some of the graduates before us have achieved and it gives you something to aim for."

Eighteen-year-old small forward/midfielders Watts and Szekely are the latest in the academy production line.

Draft smokies this year — they could go as a late pick or in the rookie draft, says former Power player and Aboriginal Programs coordinator Marlon Motlop — the pair played under-18s and reserves for Central District and North Adelaide respectively last season.

Marlon Motlop



"There is a bit of interest in them but I've told them there is no rush to get drafted at 18 anymore and that in the current AFL environment they've still got plenty of time to chase their AFL dream.

"The good thing is that they are both very talented young footballers and are on the right track — on and off the field."

Motlop hailed the Power's Aboriginal Academy program as being critical for the development of Indigenous players.

"An elite football program with 37 Aboriginal-Torres Strait Islanders (17 are Year 11 students who won't graduate until next year) is pretty remarkable," he said.

"Just nine years ago, I was at high school and there weren't programs like this around, so for Port to have this academy is pretty special.

"The effectiveness of the program in having 37 Indigenous lads complete a Certificate 3 for fitness on top of having an elite sporting facility to train in is special."

Port Adelaide established its academy in 2014, becoming the first AFL club to house and dedicate its time to the educational success of school-aged Indigenous footballers.

They are building a state-of-the-art centre to foster Aboriginal excellence and leadership while it has just entered a partnership with the University of Adelaide with a focus of getting young people into tertiary education.

Meanwhile, in another case, it has been the impact of one player giving his time that has changed a life for the better.

Adam Sambono was a couple of years away from playing

organised football when a visit from Lance Franklin changed his life.

Franklin was still at Hawthorn, around 2011 or 2012, when the Indigenous star visited the community of Nauiyu, or Daly River, about 220km south of Darwin.

The locals took their visitors hunting and Sambono talked to Franklin.

"I was really shocked, meeting a famous person," Sambono said.

"I actually talked to him, asked him about the AFL and he told me a bit about what I could achieve in my future.

"He actually put that in my mind."

When Sambono met Franklin, the extent of his football experience was local scratch matches.

In 2014, he went to Darwin to try his luck.

That led to the 20-year-old's invitation to the AFL draft combine.

"It's amazing I'm getting this opportunity," he said.

If he is drafted, Sambono will be the first player from Nauiyu to make an AFL list.

"Massive challenge"

"It's going to be a massive challenge for me — so different, full-on," he said about the prospect of joining an AFL club.

But then he watched the AFL grand final and is reminded about why he is doing this.

Daniel Rioli helped Richmond end their long premiership drought.

"Watching him in the grand final, it's something special, a Territory boy," Sambono said.

"A couple of years ago, he was in the same situation I'm in now and he was drafted. It's something I look up to.

"I rate him as probably a role model for me."

The AFL continues to provide opportunities — on and off the field — for our youth.

It is something we should celebrate.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Sliding doors

By PETER ARGENT



FIVE Indigenous Australian rules football talents have decided that a change of scenery will be the best option to further their careers.

Over the AFL trade period from Monday, October 9, to Thursday, October 19, no less than 34 individual trade deals were completed, which included a quintet of precocious talented Aboriginals moving clubs.

Interestingly, 22 of the trades were completed on the final day alone.

Early in the trade period, Port Adelaide swapped Jarman Impey – a Victorian country recruit from Shepparton – for a range of selections, while they also made an offer that wasn't matched by Geelong for mercurial restricted free agent Steven Motlop.

Both of these were undertaken in the first week.

Three-year deal

Impey, who was given a three-year deal by Hawthorn, sent a message on social media thanking them for their help during his "dark times" following the passing of his father.

"Almost a year ago my dad, my best friend, my #1 supporter, the man who single handedly raised me left this earth," Impey messaged.

"Unfortunately, my best football left with him. I'm sorry that I wasn't able to give you my best during the season. Sometimes the pressures outside of football can get a bit much. My perspective on life has changed and as important as football is to me, family will always come first."

After 135-game career with Geelong that included being runner-up to the club's best and fairest in 2015, Steven Motlop decided to take up an opportunity with Port Adelaide.



Steven Motlop

Motlop, a Port Adelaide fan in his youth, signed a four-year deal at Alberton.

"Definitely Kenny (Power coach Ken Hinkley) made a difference," Motlop, 26, said.

"We had one year together at Geelong where they still hold him in a high regard.

"But for me there is more than football – it also is about my love for family.

"My brother Daniel, (who runs a business based in Adelaide) and my cousin Marlon (who works at the Power in an Indigenous program) were part of my decision. I also want to win a premiership and I think Port Adelaide is where that can

happen for me."

Interestingly, all three Motlop siblings – Shannon, Daniel and Steven – are two-club AFL footballers.

Shannon played with the Kangaroos and Melbourne Demons, Daniel with North Melbourne and played six years with the Power and now Steven at Geelong and Port.

For the Power, who have also acquired the Tom Rockcliff and Jack Watts, equally traded out Jackson Trengove (Western Bulldogs) and Brendon Ah Chee, who returns to Western Australia and the West Coast Eagles.

He was runner-up to the 2017 SANFL Magarey Medal.



Brendon Ah Chee

He is still only 23 but could only manage 27 games with Port after being initially recruited in 2011.

The 188 cm 84 kg midfielder dominated in the SANFL during 2017 and finished with 67 games in the SANFL Magpies jumper

Ah Chee targeted

The West Coast recruited Brendon Ah Chee from Port Adelaide.

"He's a big body who can play through the midfield but also plays forward and has some impact down there as well," Eagles list manager Brady Rawlings said.

"Especially with the retirement of Matt Priddis and Sam Mitchell, we felt like we could do with



Brandon Matera

another player of that type and we thought Brendon ticked a few boxes."

On the final day of the trade period, and in a surprise move, Brandon Matera, a West Australian junior with a strong family heritage from the Perth, transferred from the Gold Coast Suns to Fremantle.

Also on that final day, the Charlie Cameron deal was done. Initially the Crows' number seven selection at the 2013 AFL Rookie Draft, it was known in the inner circles at West Lakes that Cameron wanted to go to Brisbane mid-season.

"This is what is best for Charlie, on and off the field," Crows list manager Justin Reid said.

"The Adelaide Football Club did the right thing by Charlie and (getting) pick 12 is a great result.

Brisbane Lions general manager of football David Noble said that although the trade went right down to the wire, pick 12 was a fair deal.

Pre-listed by the Suns as a 17-year-old back in 2010, Matera had his father, Wally and two uncles, Norm Smith Medallist Peter and Phillip play AFL football.

Brandon Matera played 101 games for the Suns and kicked 124 goals. As a part of the deal to secure Matera, the Suns received Lachie Weller, pick 41 and a future third round pick.



Jarman Impey
Pictures: Peter Argent



Charlie Cameron

Welcome the world

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With **PRESTON CAMPBELL**

ONE of my favourite memories of the 'Welcome to Country' game was the sight of the Serpent Story being represented on the field as Greg Inglis narrated the story on the big screen at the Sydney Football Stadium.

Memories of that occasion came flooding back last week when Johnathan Thurston said he wanted the Kangaroos' long-planned acknowledgement

of country before the World Cup opener to "unite the country" before Australia took on England in the opening game.

JT was part of the Kangaroos squad and along with GI and Scott Prince, joined us at a dinner during the week where they signed a mural that told the Serpent Story and was used as part of our community engagement that week.

As I have written on a number of occasions, this week was central in us eventually getting the All Stars concept off the ground with JT and GI joining the push after that week.

Highlight

There is no doubt that the "war dance" captured the imagination of many and, since then, my good mate has worked with the players in developing their own dance that has been a highlight of recent All Stars matches with GI being prominent in its delivery.

JT developed this with the "Acknowledgment of Country" being largely player-driven, but with the important support of coach Mal Meninga.

I think it important to also acknowledge the continued support of Kangaroos skipper Cameron Smith whose support was also integral in getting up the All Stars concept.

I know JT and GI are good friends of Smith's, but their

combined support was true leadership and player power in action.

JT showed great pride in the Kangaroos' push to recognise the traditional owners of the Australian land in a special welcome before the opening clash.

Thurston worked for months on the words to accompany it.

He discussed the idea with coach Meninga during the Anzac Test this year and flew into Melbourne to put the finishing touches on the acknowledgement.

"I've seen the boys do it," Thurston said ahead of the World Cup opener.

"Immense pride watching the boys do it. It's never been done before.

"Years ago the Kangaroos attempted something like this, about uniting the team. Also what we stand for. It's going to be pretty special. It's going to be great.

"We're acknowledging the traditional owners of our country and also a welcoming to the other nations who will be playing on our soil.

"The boys have grabbed it (with) two hands. The lines the boys are using, they are united in the green and gold jersey.

"We want to unite Australia."

This is not just a glib statement by JT.

At a time when politicians

have once again gone quiet of the issues of recognition and reconciliation, it takes events such as these to keep the public's attention alive.

And the impact is not just on the public.

For one of our own rising stars in Dane Gagai, the significance of such an act of recognition was not lost.

As a debutant, Gagai was one of three Kangaroos players with Indigenous heritage in Meninga's 17 for the clash against England, along with Will Chambers and fellow-rookie Wade Graham.

Meninga's overhaul of the Australian culture has put an emphasis just as much on off-the-field endeavours as on-field pursuits, where the Kangaroos will be favoured to defend their World Cup crown.

"It will be 50 years since a war cry was used by the Kangaroos so that was symbolic for us," Meninga said.

"This is not specifically a war cry – but an acknowledgement.

"Importantly, it was driven by the players. This would never work without the support of the players, and they have bought in.

"Johnathan really drove the process and I think his passion for this acknowledgement is reflected in the words and the movement. It's also an important year in Indigenous

history which is another reason Johnathan was so passionate about making it happen."

The Wallabies wore a specially designed Indigenous jersey in their Bledisloe Cup upset of the All Blacks in Brisbane recently, a fact not lost on Gagai, who made his Kangaroos bow after being the standout player in this year's State of Origin series.

"I thought it was great for the game and for Indigenous people," Gagai said.

"Having this is just going to, get everyone closer together. It should be great."

Asked about being told of his selection a couple of days before it was made official on Tuesday, Gagai laughed:

"I called up the family to tell them the news, but told them to keep their mouths shut and not leak it yet," he said.

"Obviously I told the important people who have been there my whole life and career, which is my family. It was tough keeping it a secret. You just want to sing out and let everyone know. It's out there now.

"You dream of representing your state and country as a kid and to be able to do that is a dream come true."

The players leading the Acknowledgment of Country to me is also a dream come true.

Go the Kangaroos!



Dane Gagai didn't miss a beat in his World Cup debut for Australia against England in Melbourne last Friday night. He safely handled several bombs and played with precision. Australia won the match 18-4, but were pushed hard. Picture: Getty

Quinlan lines up Russia fight after Singapore victory



PROFESSIONAL boxer Renold "Dunghutti Destroyer" Quinlan has lined up a fight in Russia after returning to the winner's circle in

Singapore on October 20.

Quinlan, who shocked Daniel Geale with a second-round knockout in a super-

middleweight 12-rounder in Launceston 12 months ago, beat Indonesian Alexander Bajawa in his latest bout.

The four-round super-middleweight fight ended in the first round at the Singapore Convention Centre.

Quinlan now is lined up to fight Russian Fedor Chudinov in a non-title fight in the Russian city of

Kemerovo on December 12.

Chudinov has had 17 fights for 15 wins (11 KOs) and two losses.

Quinlan's record stands at 11 wins (8 KOs) and two losses.

Chudinov has a global ranking of 14, while Quinlan's ranking is 18.

Chudinov unsuccessfully challenged for the World Boxing Association (WBA)

super world middleweight title in Sheffield, England, last May 27. He was beaten by Englishman George Groves.

Quinlan also made an unsuccessful world title tilt when he was beaten by Chris Eubank Jr for the International Boxing Organisation (IBO) world super middleweight crown in London last February.

Now for the big test: NY Marathon



THE time has come for the 2017 Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) to face their big challenge – the 2017 New York City Marathon. The race is on Sunday, November 5.

Just like previous years, the 2017 IMP squad of 11 comes from remote communities and from cities and towns across Australia, from diverse backgrounds, each with their own set of challenges.

But they have one goal in common: to use running to drive change and celebrate Indigenous achievement.

Completing the New York will signify the start of the next chapter of their journey.

Former world champion runner and Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) director Rob de Castella said the squad had shown commitment and dedication as they juggled work, family and study with the rigours of their individual training programs.

"These 11 young men and women have been selected from more than 140 applicants, as young leaders. In life the hard things can break you, or they can make you strong," de Castella said.

"All these young Indigenous Australians have struggled, and they have used this hardship to fuel their hunger for change. It is a privilege to take them on this journey so they can make a real and significant difference to their families, communities and Australia."

With some of the squad coming from non-running backgrounds, all that they have learned about themselves over the past seven months will be put to the test when they take on one of the biggest races in the world, in one of the biggest cities in the world. And for each runner, the anticipation is building.

Maletta Seriat, of Thursday Island, said she felt "honoured, nervous and excited" in the lead-up to the journey.

"I'm super keen and ready, but getting butterflies just thinking about it, good butterflies," Ms Seriat said.

For Natasha Shires, of Karratha, it's a chance to show her three daughters what hard work can achieve, while Scott Cox, of Broome, said he still couldn't believe he was going to be running in New York.

"I'm so nervous, but I'm as ready as I can be... and I'm going to give it all I've got," Cox said.

Final selection for the New York City Marathon was determined by runners who completed a 30km test run through Alice Springs, but it also hinged on completion of their education component.

The IMP is a leadership program of the Indigenous Marathon Foundation, a not-for-profit foundation established by de Castella. Each year IMP selects a squad of 12 young Indigenous men and women, to train for the New York City Marathon in November, complete a compulsory education component – a Certificate IV in Sport and Recreation, media training, coaching accreditation and a mental health first aid Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander course – and through their achievements celebrate Indigenous resilience and success.

Idris hangs his boots



INJURY-hit National Rugby League (NRL) player Jamal Idris has announced his retirement at the

age of 27.

Idris took a break from the NRL in 2016 before resuming his career this year on a one-season deal with the Wests Tigers.

He played only five games for the Tigers before being ruled out for the season with a ruptured ACL suffered at training.

Last month Idris took to Instagram to announce the end of his career.

"Thank you all for sharing this game and journey with me. Unfortunately due to injury, it's ended my time at 27 in this great game," he said.

"The game has given me so much, more than anything it has given me character, a way to express myself and the ability to change the lives of others, but as my brother once told me 'football is a very small part of your life and you will not finish growing when football stops, if anything that is when life will truly begin for you.'"

"I just want to thank everyone who has stood by me through the good times and the bad throughout my amazing time in the nrl, so thank you to my amazing family, my awesome friends and the truly amazing fans that make the game what it is... onto the next chapter where ever that may be."

Idris played a total of 136 NRL games from 2008. He had four seasons with Canterbury, before two-year stints at Gold Coast and Penrith and his 12 months with the Tigers.

Idris played one State of Origin match in 2010 for NSW and represented Australia the following year in one Test.

He is the son of an Aboriginal mother and Nigerian father.

Wikipedia says Idris spent two years growing up on an Aboriginal mission at Forster, on the NSW Mid-North Coast. The family moved to Sydney because of Idris' interest in athletics, especially javelin throwing.

He pursued athletics for several seasons, then started playing rugby league at high school. –AAP



Jamal Idris has the ball for the Tigers in their National Rugby League (NRL) round six match against the North Queensland Cowboys at Townsville last April 8. Picture: Getty

New rugby league



ORGANISERS of the inaugural National Indigenous Rugby League Championship at Wollongong on October 21-22 were

delighted with the outcome.

More than 5000 were at the finals on the second day at Figtree, where NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout team Nanima Common Connection beat the Dave Smith Memorial side 26-0 in the men's final.

In the women's division, Gadhu Sisters beat Yuinfitt 36-0 in an all-South Coast final.

The Dave Smith Memorial team was made up of players from the Newcastle Yowies, Newcastle All Blacks and Newcastle Emus.

Turning out for Nanima Common Connection were players of the calibre of Blake Ferguson, Tyrone Peachey and David Fifita.

One of the best matches of the tournament was between CB Warriors and Dave Smith Memorial.

The game was decided by golden point.

CB Warriors was a mixture of players from Bourke and Cabbage Tree Island.

Sixteen teams entered the men's division, allowing organisers to run a Plate division for first-round losers.

In the final of the Plate division, Dunghutti beat the Illawarra Titans.

Spokesman Matt Rose said that amazingly, all of the junior boys' finals (under-10, under-12, under-14 and under-16) were decided in the final minute.

Rose told the *Koori Mail* that feedback from the carnival had been encouraging.

"To get 50-plus teams at our first carnival was a big achievement," he said.



Gadhu Sisters (grey jumpers) and Yuinfitt players get together after their women's final.



Dave Smith Memorial player Isaac Briggs attempts to offload as he is set upon by Nanima Common Connection defenders in the men's final.



Gadhu Sisters' Sharon McGrady cops a 'don't argue' from Yuinfitt's Priscilla Archibald while Melanie Sutton joins the tackle in the women's final.



Sharon McGrady has room to move for Gadhu Sisters in the final against Uinfitt. Gadhu Sisters won 36-0.



Australian, NSW and Sydney Roosters player Blake Ferguson gets serious for Nanima Common Connection in the men's final.



Yuinfitt's Allana Crutchley comes in for some attention in the women's final.



Madison Farrell is on the charge for Yuinfitt in the women's final.

carnival 'a winner'



Nanima Common Connection players (in blue) and Dave Smith Memorial players after the men's final, won 26-0 by Nanima Common Connection. *Pictures: Joseph Mayers*



Dave Smith Memorial players get ready before the men's final.



Freddie Campbell (Memorial) is tackled by Nanima Common Connection.



Gadhu Sisters' Jasmin Allende tries to break free from Yuinfitt defenders in the women's final.



Chloe Caldwell pushes forward for Gadhu Sisters against Yuinfitt in the women's final.



Penrith NRL star Tyrone Peachey shows his magic for Nanima Common Connection in the men's final.

Queensland debutant Brendan Doggett bowls during day one of the Sheffield Shield match against Victoria at the Gabba last Thursday. Doggett finished with 4-33 in a stunning first day of first-class cricket. *Picture: Getty*



Doggett's great debut



A DREAM debut from Brendan Doggett – Queensland's first Indigenous Sheffield Shield cricketer since 1983 – put Queensland in a strong position on the first day in the day-night Shield match against Victoria at Brisbane's Gabba last Thursday.

The Bulls were bowled out for 166 on day one and while it looked a dodgy total at first, it proved more than enough.

The Vics were bowled out for 148, with Doggett claiming 4-33 in a stunning debut.

At stumps on the second day, Queensland were 5-254 and were in the box seat.

Victoria were 3-43 at stumps, on the first day, having already lost openers Travis Dean (13) and Marcus Harris (10) plus nightwatchman Peter Siddle (3) who all floundered on a tricky green-coloured deck under lights.

Doggett dismissed Dean and Harris, with the former edging behind to wicketkeeper Jimmy Peirson and the latter trapped lbw, finishing the day with figures of 2-13 off three overs.

"It's definitely defensible, that's for sure," Doggett said of the small Queensland total at stumps on the first day.

"It's a pretty good wicket. It's the first time I've bowled out here and I was loving it. The ball's moving around a bit, which helps.

"I think we can take the seven wickets needed and have a good second innings and hopefully wrap the game up.

"Hopefully the wicket's still got a bit of spice and we can make the ball talk."

Doggett is Queensland's first player of Indigenous heritage since Michael Mainhardt in 1983, and grabbed his first

Shield wicket with just his second ball.

"I don't think I turned around and looked at the umpire. I just kept running," he said.

"It's a pretty good day. I was stoked with that."

Conditions are warm and sunny in Brisbane but a thunderstorm has been forecast for Thursday afternoon.

Earlier, Doggett was presented with his Queensland Sheffield Shield cap.

There were two Indigenous players in the Victorian lineup – Dan Christian and Scott Boland.

Christian fined



VICTORIAN allrounder Dan Christian, who recently featured in Australia's Twenty20 side, has been fined for dissent in the domestic One-Day Cup

elimination final.

Christian was reported while bowling during the knockout clash between Victoria and South Australia in Hobart.

Match referee Steve Bernard docked Christian half of his match fee, about \$1000, for "showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision during a match".

The 34-year-old, who returned for Victoria after contesting the T20 series in India, admitted the offence and accepted the punishment.

The South Australian Redbacks had a 176-run (DLS method) victory over the Victorian Bushrangers to qualify the One-Day Cup final.

The Redbacks were subsequently beaten by the West Australian Warriors in the final.



Queensland captain Usman Khawaja congratulates debutant Brendan Doggett before day one of the Sheffield Shield match between Queensland and Victoria at the Gabba last Thursday. *Picture: Getty*

Ash wins Health Women in Sport award



THE accolades keep coming for Indigenous cricketer Ashleigh Gardner – she has now won the One To Watch award at the Health

Women in Sport Awards at the International Convention Centre in Sydney.

Gardner, who had a standout summer in the last Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) season, which saw her selected for Australia and become the first Indigenous female player to pull on the Aussie colours in a World Cup, beat a field

including Emma Kearney (AFL and cricket), Joany Badenhorst (para-snowboard), Sam Poolman (netball) and Sam Bremner (rugby league).

While Gardner wasn't on hand to accept her award due to Ashes preparations in Brisbane, she did send a pre-recorded message to thank Women's Health for the recognition.

"I obviously can't be there tonight as I'm preparing for the Ashes up in Brisbane, but I'm really honoured to receive this award," she said.

The award caps off a successful professional year for the 20-year-old that

saw her win the Women's National Cricket League (WNCL) title with the NSW Breakers, the WBBL title with the Sydney Sixers, and international selection where she made her mark with the ball, taking eight wickets across eight matches.

Sixers general manager Dominic Remond said the award was appropriate acknowledgement of a breakout summer.

"Ash really stood up last year, scoring 627 runs and featuring in the top five run scorers of the tournament, as well as taking 10 wickets and being winning WBBL Young Gun of the Year," he said.

"To continue to see her performances

recognised at this level is an incredible achievement and we look forward to another big year from her this coming WBBL tournament."

The Women's Ashes began in Brisbane on October 2 and continued in Coffs Harbour on October 26 and 29 before the day-night Test match at North Sydney Oval from November 9-12 and continuing at North Sydney on November 17 and Canberra on November 19 and 21.

The WBBL will begin on December 9 at North Sydney Oval with the Sixers defending their title with an opening game against the Melbourne Stars.

Gardner on fire early



A THRILLING cameo from Ashleigh Gardner carried Australia to an exciting win over England in

the first one-day Women's Ashes match at Allan Border Field, Brisbane.

Australia drew first blood in the Women's Ashes series with a pulsating two-wicket win on October 22.

It was the Ash Gardner show in Brisbane. Her hard-hitting cameo in the tense closing stages turned the match in the hosts' favour after earlier taking three wickets with the ball.

Gardner struck two thrilling sixes in her 18-ball 27 to perfectly complement the patient and all-important innings from veteran Alex Blackwell, who finished unbeaten on 67.

It meant Australia took a two-point lead in the multi-format series. The two sides were to play two ODIs at Coffs last Thursday and Sunday before the day-night Test in Sydney and three T20 internationals.

England batted first and was dismissed for 231 from 49.12 overs.

Australia began the run chase aggressively, but fell behind and things did not look good until Gardner entered the scene.

Gardner changed the complexion of the game with a series of furious blows that brought the crowd of 2020 to their feet. The right-hander sent her first two balls to the boundary; a flick behind backward square then a sumptuous square drive, but that was before a soaring six on to the adjacent Ray Lindwall Oval.

Another six was crashed in the same direction as her first, but her innings was ended when a tortoise-like slower ball from Jenny Gunn was toe-ended to point.

Australia eventually won with five balls to spare.

Gardner has also debuted for South Australia in the Women's National Cricket League (WNCL) competition.

In her first game since leaving the NSW Breakers, Gardner took 1-25 in Tasmania's innings of 216 from 49.4 overs, and was 7 not out when South Australia passed Tasmania's total in 35.4 overs with six wickets in hand.

Unfortunately for Gardner, she



Ashleigh Gardner enjoys the dismissal of Sarah Taylor during the Women's One-Day International against England at Allan Border Field, Brisbane, on October 22. Picture: Getty

was ruled out of the Australian team for the second Women's Ashes one-day international in Coffs Harbour with concussion.

Gardner top-edged England fast-bowler Katherine Brunt into her helmet in the 47th over of Australia's thrilling two-wicket win in Brisbane, but showed no immediate signs of concussion.

However, following the match, the 20-year-old developed symptoms of concussion.

She did not train with her teammates on Tuesday and only lightly the next day at Coffs Harbour International Sports Stadium. On the morning of Thursday's day-night ODI against England, she failed a concussion test, ruling her out of the fixture.

"Ash took a slight hit by the ball towards the end of the first ODI in Brisbane, and subsequently presented with mild concussion symptoms," said Australian women's physiotherapist Kate Mahony.

"To give her the best chance to play, she was placed on lighter training duties this week, and following concussion testing this morning, symptoms have not cleared and unfortunately she will not be able to take part in this match."

"We expect her to be fully fit for the third ODI on Sunday."



Ashleigh Gardner, right, and Amanda Wellington shake hands after hitting the winning run in the WNCL one-day match against Tasmania in Adelaide on October 7. Picture: Getty



Barty climbs higher in rankings
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Taliqua Clancy, left, and Mariafe Artacho del Solar celebrate their FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Qinzhou Open win in China.

Gold, gold, gold!

Aussie pair's stunning world stage debut



THEY are going to be the team to beat in the world – that's the view of beach volleyball legend Kerri Pottharst about Taliqua Clancy and Mariafe

Artacho del Solar – the sport's hottest property.

Pottharst was a Sydney 2000 Olympics beach volleyball gold medalist.

Indigenous athlete Clancy and Artacho del Solar partnered each other a few times as juniors in 2012 and have set the beach volleyball world alight with stunning results.

They were reunited just a couple of months ago and are undefeated in 16 international matches and are yet to drop a set.

The pair have just returned from their first international tour where they won three consecutive gold medals in their first time as a combination, including a World Tour

event in China.

Clancy and Artacho del Solar were trialled as a pair for a tournament in Japan last month.

They won that tournament, then won in China and then Indonesia.

Senior Australian women's coach Simon Naismith said the wonder duo had ramped up local competition in the sport ahead of the Commonwealth Games.

Beat hot favourites

Clancy and Artacho del Solar shocked the world with a gutsy performance in just their second tournament together at the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) Beach Volleyball World Tour Qinzhou Open.

The new Aussie pairing upset top seeds and home favourites Wang Fan and Xia Xinyi 29-27 and 21-18.

The first set was a real war as the two sides went toe to toe from points 17 to 27.

Then Clancy nailed it with two shots in a row to claim the opener for the Australians.

The Aussies led 19-15 in the second set before Wang/Xia rattled off three points in a row to get to 19-18, but Clancy showed all her class yet again to slam home the next two.

"We are so excited. It was our first semifinal on a World Tour event together and it's really special," said Clancy.

"It's always hard to play the Chinese, especially at their home, so it's really nice to get the win."

Clancy said belief in each other was the key to their current form.

"It's just the patience and trust in our game," she said.

The Aussie girls won gold against Poland's 30th seeds Kinga Kolosinska and Katarzyna Kocielek who stunned second seeds Brooke Sweat and Summer Ross of the United States in straight sets to earn

their place in the gold medal showdown.

The Aussies' gold medal win came on the back of their gold medal in Japan in their first tournament together.

Their latest gold strike came in Indonesia, taking out the South Sumatera Governors Cup by defeating Kazakhstan's Mashkova/Samalikova in a devastating straight sets 21-14, 21-18.

Clancy declared that she and her new partner could win gold at the Commonwealth Games.

Clancy, 25, and Artacho del Solar, 23, made Olympic debuts last year in Rio de Janeiro but with different partners.

Clancy grew up in the Queensland town of Kingaroy and was scouted for beach volleyball at 15 after playing indoor volleyball.

She became the first Indigenous volleyballer to represent Australia at an Olympics when she competed in Rio.

● Doggett's brilliant Sheffield Shield debut – See page 62