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CDP under fire



Switzerland, the UN expert committee on

THE United Nations has again rebuked the Turnbull Government's approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs. After a hearing in Geneva,

racial discrimination issued a plea explain to the Australian Government, asking how it will eliminate racial discrimination from the Community Development Program (CDP), a remote work-for-the-dole program.

The UN's criticism comes on top of a

report by the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous peoples earlier this year that called on the Australian Government to completely revise its approach to Indigenous policy.

The Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT says CDP has about 35,000 participants,

around 83% identifying as Indigenous, and that penalties, such as stopping welfare payments for weeks, are applied to CDP participants at a disproportionate rate.

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Garina's powerful Xmas wish



ALL Garina Hart wants from Santa this year is solar panels for his family's run-down home on Cape Barren Island in Bass Strait. The 11-year-old asked Father Christmas for the panels in a letter he wrote at school. And maybe – just maybe – his wish will come true, after the powers that be at the Cape Barren Island Aboriginal Association got wind of his plea to the Bearded One. Get the full story on page 7. (Garina is hoping Santa might also find his way to bringing a motorbike, trampoline or Sony games, which, naturally, will work better with power.) *Picture: Jillian Mundy*

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My FAMILY

Matthew Kennedy – Walgett, NSW



THIS is me with my wife Paula and our daughter Carrisa and behind us is our son Kieran, with Clifford and Petey.

This picture was taken at the Rekindling the Spirit Christmas party in Lismore, northern NSW.

Paula and I have 10 kids and have raised 15 children together, all aged from seven to 25.

Christmas is a big time for our family – you can't see the tree because there's so many presents.

All the mob come to our house in Lismore for Christmas from all over Australia.

Walgett in north-western NSW is where I'm from, and Paula's from Gunnedah in NSW.

Everyone drops in all the time because we have a pool and they want to swim. It's my job to clean the pool.

We spend the whole day before Christmas cooking food for everyone and they all stay at our place. There's bodies everywhere and they sleep wherever they can get a spot.

Our house has quietened down now that some of the older children have moved out.

But we still like to do things as a family. There's trips to Dreamworld on the Gold Coast, and camping with our 12-person tent and a few other small tents is also popular.

For the new year we like to drive to Brisbane and be near the water and the lights, and we do a lot of swimming.

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OUR CHILDREN



Jesse Butcher Junior Egan and Leo Malbunka are at the Gap Youth and Community Centre in Alice Springs. For 40 years the centre has kept its doors open providing services for at-risk youth. It recently celebrated this milestone with a family fun day bringing together more than 100 people. The event included a free barbecue, kids' activities and live entertainment from Reason & Eloquor, Fly990 and the Gap's own MB Reggae, who put their tracks together in the centre's music room.

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Dynamic duo reclaim ARIAs



INDIGENOUS duo A.B.Original have reclaimed the ARIAs.

The hip-hop group won two awards at Australia's annual awards ceremony. "We made this album for our community, in our community, from our community," Briggs said as they accepted their first award of the night for Best Urban Release for the album *Reclaim Australia*.

"Change doesn't come from everyone being comfortable."

The duo have been vocal in pushing for a change in the country around rights for Indigenous people, with Briggs saying that celebrating Australia Day on the anniversary of English invasion is "trash".

The pair also accepted the award for Best Independent Release.

"The main point of this whole record was to spark a change, an expectation and an idea of what an Indigenous artist could be," Briggs said.

"We've made it. We've persisted. We've been here for 80,000 years."

The duo then took to the stage for one of the night's most charged performances alongside Paul Kelly, performing his two songs *Life Is Fine* and *Dumb Things* with Dan Sultan on guitar.

But it was pop star Jessica Mauboy and dance duo Peking Duk who stole the show, with an explosive performance of their songs *Fallin'* and *Stranger*, complete with a fireworks-shooting guitar. — AAP



Briggs and Trials of A.B. Original accept the ARIA Award for Best Urban Release during the 31st ARIA Awards at The Star, in Sydney.

Equal love in the air



YOU know something big has happened when a joyous croc hunter from far north

Queensland lifts a rival politician in the air on the floor of Parliament.

Veteran Liberal Warren Entsch, with a grin ear-to-ear, embraced Labor's Linda Burney as same-sex marriage became legal in Australia.

It summed up a unifying moment rarely seen in politics.

Mr Entsch has championed the cause for years, but — in his own words — it had been a very lonely journey as a member of the Coalition.

He was one of the five men who helped draft the private bill that finally became law this month. The four others are openly gay.

Before the final vote, Mr Entsch made special note of Ms Burney's contribution to the debate in which she honoured her late gay son Binni.

Earlier in the week, Ms Burney gave a tear-filled tribute



Linda Burney is jubilant after same-sex marriage is approved in Parliament.

to her son during a powerful speech on same-sex marriage.

The Labor frontbencher rose in Parliament to explain her longstanding support for marriage equality.

"I have never had a second thought. It seemed so obvious to me," she said.

Ms Burney lost her 33-year-old son Binni Kirkbright-Burney,

who was gay, only a few weeks ago.

He was found dead in their Sydney home. Police said there were no suspicious circumstances.

"I support marriage equality as someone who has, and has had, loved ones who identify as LGBTIQ," Ms Burney told Parliament through tears.

"To them, marriage equality would mean so much. I honour these people and, in particular, my late son Binni."

Ms Burney said she had seen firsthand the confusion, anxiety and pain many young people experienced in dealing with their sexuality.

Ms Burney, a Wiradjuri woman, said she also supported marriage equality "as someone who is a member of a community that has experienced great discrimination and injustice".

She knew all too well "what it means to be rejected, understands what intergenerational trauma feels like, and what hurt and distress does to you". — AAP



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Perfect place for cultural feast



THE
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forecourt

was alive with First Nations culture over the last weekend in November, as the annual Homeground festival showcased music, dance, arts and craft.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performers, including Electric Fields, Mau Power and Yothu Yindi and the Treaty Project, shared the stage with Indigenous artists from Tibet, the Pacific Islands and New Zealand.

And Dance Rites, the national Indigenous dance competition, continues to grow, with First Nations groups sharing their culture. To find out who won and see lots more pictures, see page 32-33.

● **Pictured:** Torres Strait Islander dance group Malu Kiai Mura Buai from Boigu Island performs in Dance Rites, the annual First Nations dance competition, staged at the Sydney Opera House as part of Homeground.

Picture: Daniel Boud



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Apologies as evil pair jailed



THE NSW
director of public
prosecutions has
apologised to
Aboriginal

woman Lynette Daley's family for delays in the case after two men were jailed over her sexual assault and death.

Ms Daley, 33, died after a violent sex act with her boyfriend Adrian Attwater and his friend, Paul Maris, on a drunken 2011 Australia Day camping trip to Ten Mile Beach near Iluka, northern NSW.

Although the pair were initially charged over her death, the DPP in 2012 decided not to proceed with their prosecution and in 2015 declined to restart proceedings.

When they eventually went to trial this year, it took a jury just 32 minutes to find Attwater guilty of manslaughter and aggravated sexual assault and Maris guilty of aggravated sexual assault and hindering the discovery of evidence.

"Some of the evidence that informed the earlier decisions not to proceed with the prosecution was different to the evidence that was before the jury," NSW Director of Public Prosecutions Lloyd Babb, SC, said in a statement.

"Nonetheless, I sincerely

Snapshot of the Daley case

FACTS: Adrian Attwater and Paul Maris sexually assaulted Ms Daley, Attwater's girlfriend, at Ten Mile Beach near Iluka during an Australia Day camping trip in 2011. Maris burnt a blood-soaked mattress and Ms Daley's clothes to hide evidence of the sexual assault.

ARREST: Attwater in April 2011 was charged with manslaughter and Maris was charged with being an accessory. But in March 2012 the Director of Public Prosecutions declined to continue with the prosecution. The NSW State Coroner referred

the matter back to the DPP after a 2014 inquest. In February 2016 the NSW Attorney-General requested the DPP review the case. An ABC *Four Corners* program aired in May 2016 brought the case back into the spotlight. Attwater and Maris were charged again in June 2016. They faced a trial in Coffs Harbour in August 2017.

SENTENCE: Attwater: 19 years' jail, with a non-parole period of 14 years and three months.

Maris: Nine years' jail, with a non-parole period of six years and nine months.

regret my office's involvement in the delay."

In the NSW Supreme Court in Coffs Harbour last week, Justice Elizabeth Fullerton sentenced Attwater to at least 14 years and three months' jail.

Maris was sentenced to at least six years and nine months behind bars.

Justice Fullerton criticised the DPP, saying there was still no explanation for the delay in prosecuting the men.

"A lengthy or unexplained delay in the decision to prosecute is unacceptable,"

Justice Fullerton said, adding the delay "operated unfairly" on Attwater and Maris.

"It has also operated to the direct detriment of the family of the deceased and has had the potential to undermine public confidence in the administration of justice generally."

NSW Attorney-General Mark Speakman also apologised to Ms Daley's family in a statement.

It is understood that the person who made the decisions not to prosecute was not Mr Babb. – AAP

25 years on, *Treaty* still rocks

By JILLIAN MUNDY



NO doubt about it, more than 25 years on and Yothu Yindi's protest anthem *Treaty* is every bit as current as the day it was written, and as popular with audiences as when it burst onto the charts in 1991.

Under the banner of Yothu Yindi and the Treaty Project, founding members and special guests are bringing the Filthy Lucre dance remix version to live audiences for the first time in a series of performances. The song list features different versions of *Treaty*, remixes of other Yothu Yindi classics and new material.

Lining up are Yothu Yindi's Witiyana Marika, Stuart Kellaway and Malangay Yunupingu, DJ Gavin Campbell of Filthy Lucre, special guests including popular Indigenous singer/songwriters Yirrma, Constantina Bush and Yirrnga Yunupingu, keyboard player and saxophonist Ania Reynolds and guitarist Megan Bernard (both also on vocals), and former Goanna frontman Shane Howard.

One highlight of the show is witnessing rising star Yirrma, the 24-year-old son of Witiyana Marika.

Treaty may have been written before he was born, but Yirrma's conviction in the delivery of every lyric is as if he penned it himself.

His voice is so powerful, his energy and passion so real, that members of an almost entirely English-speaking audience at a recent show were moved to tears listening to a song sung nearly all in Yirrma's first language – Yolngu Matha.

The song *Warwu* is a tribute to the late singers Dr G Yunupingu and Dr M Yunupingu.

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Yirrnga Yunupingu, Yirrma Marika and Malangay Yunupingu in full song on stage.

CDP under attack

By JILLIAN MUNDY



A UNITED Nations committee has asked the Australian Government to explain how it is going to rid racism from the remote area Community Development Program (CDP).

CDP is the equivalent of Jobactive (formerly JSA) and Disability Employment Services in the rest of the country.

This compulsory work-for-the-dole regime, which unions label as undermining basic rights to waged work and income equality, mainly for Aboriginal people, came to the attention of United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at a hearing in Geneva last month.

John Paterson, a spokesperson for the Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT (APO NT) alliance, said the program has been called out on the world stage.

"We already knew that the Government's program is a racially discriminatory one, which is displacing waged work and causing suffering in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," he said.

"What else will it take for the Government to listen to us and end CDP?"

Mr Paterson said CDP requires people on welfare payments in remote communities to work up to 760 hours more a year for the same basic payment as people in non-Indigenous majority urban areas.

APO NT says CDP has about 35,000 participants, around 83% identifying as Indigenous, and that penalties, such as stopping welfare payments for weeks at a time, are applied to CDP participants at a

disproportionate rate to Jobactive participants.

Between July 2015 and March this year, 299,055 financial penalties were applied to CDP participants, compared to 237,333 applied to Jobactive participants over the same period – despite CDP's caseload being less than 5% of Jobactive's.

People being penalised are some of the most economically disadvantaged in the country, live in communities with very few job opportunities, speak little or no English and have to contend with a welfare system that regularly leaves clients on hold for hours, if the phone line works at all, when they attempt to call.

In some cases they are simply left with no food on the table.

Aboriginal people have explained they have felt hoodwinked by the new system rolled out with a similar name to the community controlled CDEP (Community Development Employment Program).

Scrapped

The CDEP, which started in the 1970s and was applauded as instilling a sense of pride and dignity, as well as providing a basic income to participants in remote communities, was scrapped under the Howard Government's Northern Territory National Emergency Response (the Intervention) in 2007.

Last year, a spokesperson from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet told the *Koori Mail* that the compulsory work-for-the-dole program, is virtually the same as CDEP, just under a different government, and little more than getting rid of the 'E' in the name.

Cheryl Axleby, chief executive of South Australia's Aboriginal

community controlled legal service, the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM), has likened the CDP regime to the days of indentured labour on cattle stations.

She said the Government does not understand that when people are kicked off welfare, it has a ripple effect across families.

"What worries me is our people who struggle, through no fault of their own; that's the reality of life. Some people struggle to get through one day. They're the fellas who get greatly impacted all the time," Ms Axleby said.

"Any wonder our suicide rates are high, that our life expectancy is a lot less and the level of stress we live with is very high.

"These sort of things just continue to perpetuate the type of violence against our family, because it is violence against our communities, in my view."

Ms Axleby said it appears to be people being ordered to do unrealistic things to tick a box to meet government agendas.

"It's not giving them good life choices with employment. They might do training but it leads to no further employment. They go and do another training, and another one... Our mob are the most trained people in this country," she said.

"And on very minimum wages.

"It's a breach of basic human rights, and it's sending a message out there if you're on a benefit that you're less of a human being for being so. There's a lot of circumstances why people end up on benefits. If you look at Aboriginal people, intergenerational trauma, intergenerational unemployment, it's not easy for people to just get up and make a difference in their lives."

Ms Axleby described the dismantled CDEP as deadly.

"It (CDEP) led to genuine employment and fostered collectiveness and connectedness," she said.

Ms Axleby said that since it was scrapped, in some regions, there have been disputes between levels of governments over who is responsible for municipal services.

She criticised CDP for its "punitive approach" and accused the Government of using it as a way to boost employment statistics to make itself look good.

"Why should our mob have to have to work more than any other general Australian? It's slave labour," she said.

Strangling

Adrianne Walters, a director of legal advocacy at the Human Rights Law Centre, said the program is also strangling opportunities for waged work in remote communities.

"Some people are required to do work that they should be employed to do," she said.

"Instead, they receive a paltry social security payment that is nearly half of the minimum wage in Australia.

"It shouldn't take being hauled over the human rights coals for Australia to realise that this program must come to an end and be replaced by a community-led approach."

In September, APO NT developed an alternative model – the Remote Development and Employment Scheme – aimed at fair work and strong, resilient communities, designed around services, opportunities and institutional arrangements.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in remote

communities want to take up the reins and drive job creation and community development," Mr Paterson said.

"Communities need a program that sees people employed on decent pay and conditions, to work on projects the community needs. Our alternative scheme will do just that. It's time for Government to work with us."

A Senate Committee inquiry into the appropriateness and effectiveness of the objectives, design, implementation and evaluation of the CDP is scheduled to table its report tomorrow (Thursday).

Submissions have criticised the Government for developing the CDP without consulting with the people it affects and called for the CDEP to be returned.

Derek Harris, chairman of the Ngaanyatjarra Council, in remote Western Australia, wrote in a submission to the inquiry that his people felt the government had stolen their self-respect when the CDEP was taken away, and they felt tricked by the similar naming of the CDP.

"The Ngaanyatjarra people have worked hard since before our grandparents' time to learn how we can look after each other now that we live in communities.

"Living in communities has been a big change for us," he wrote.

"We now find ourselves in a situation where desert people cannot feed their families."

Mr Harris said they felt frustrated and helpless, and that people had moved from their country to be closer to Centrelink offices.

"Many get into trouble when they are away from their country," he said.

Aboriginal Australia has lost a great man

By GARY HIGHLAND



WHEN a wide-eyed Sol Bellear visited Harlem, New York City, for the first time he broke into a sprint to escape a rain shower.

"Stop running," one of his hosts from the Black Panther Party yelled at him.

"Do you want to get yourself shot?"

Sol would often tell that story to friends and colleagues, explaining that if you ran the police would think you had done something wrong and were trying to escape.

It was just one of many lessons from his travels that Sol Bellear, who died peacefully at his home on Wednesday, November 29, would learn on his path to becoming one of Australia's most significant and respected Aboriginal leaders.

Sol's visit to Harlem took place in 1970, when he went to the United States as part of an Aboriginal delegation to the UN General Assembly and then stayed on for a further six months working with the Black Panthers.

This experience and subsequent ones would give him a valuable international perspective.

He looked at the Sami Parliament in Europe, visited reservations in the US and Canada, and spent time in Maori communities.

"What I found in my travels shames our nation and makes a mockery of our fear of a 'nation within a nation'," he said.

"Dozens of treaties have been signed in the US and Canada which afford First Nations communities varying degrees of genuine self-determination, from controlling their own schooling to giving them a real capacity to generate an economic base."

A Bundjalung man, Sol was born at Murwillumbah District Hospital in northern NSW, one of nine children.

Like many young Aboriginal people at the time, he moved to Sydney shortly after the 1967 referendum.

He played rugby league for the South



The state funeral procession for Sol Bellear arrives at Redfern Oval. Many family members acted as pall bearers. Picture: Naomi Moran

Sydney Rabbitohs and Redfern All Blacks and became politicised by the racism he experienced in the city, telling the ABC: "That hard-on racism I got when I moved to Sydney I could not believe. It was shocking. It was really, really horrible."

Sol encouraged non-Aboriginal people who had begun protesting against apartheid and other racial inequalities overseas to also turn their attention to Australia.

"We said, 'Hang on, these things are happening here,'" he said. "That's when the focus started on a political movement here for Aboriginal people."

At the forefront

Sol was at the forefront of that movement, as Aboriginal people took control of the services that governed their lives.

His achievements were considerable and straddled the worlds of health, land

rights, politics, the law and sport.

He was the one of the founding members of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) and the Aboriginal Housing Company, was inaugural chair of the Aboriginal Legal Service and Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council and was the long-time chair of the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service. Later he would serve as a director and patron of the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence.

Sol was also among the most influential national Aboriginal leaders of his generation.

In the 1990s he was the deputy chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC), at that time the organisation's most senior elected position.

In 1999, he was awarded an Order of Australia for his services to the Aboriginal community. Earlier this year he was

appointed to the board of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation and was a delegate to the recent Uluru Constitutional Convention.

Sol's friendships and political influence crossed party lines. He shared a flat with future Labor Minister Robert Tickner, and was friends with Liberal NSW Opposition Leader Peter Collins.

In announcing his state funeral, NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian said: "Sol was one of Australia's greatest Aboriginal leaders. He dedicated his whole life and energy to Aboriginal land rights and welfare, fighting for equality and improving the lives of future generations, and for that, we are very grateful to him."

"Justice warrior"

On learning of Sol's death, Labor Senator, Patrick Dodson described him as: "A true activist and justice warrior for First Nations People ... Sol Bellear AM will be remembered for his uncompromising drive for justice and all he achieved for First Nations People in Australia and internationally."

A committed multiculturalist, Sol nurtured strong relationships within both the Muslim and Jewish communities, reasoning that the suffering they experienced would enable them to empathise with Aboriginal people.

No discussion of Sol's life would be complete without mention of his infectious joy for rugby league, a love that continued after his playing days. He was a mainstay of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout, served as a director of the South Sydney Rabbitohs and manager of Indigenous All Stars Representative team, where he mentored many of the game's biggest stars.

However, the many demands of Sol's public life were never permitted to compromise time with family. He was a loving father, poppy and uncle. His sister LaVerne recalls that Sol never missed family get togethers and was always among the first to RSVP.

Sol Bellear was 66. He is survived by Naomi Mayers and their children Tamara and Joseph.

Proud family members give thanks



Members of Sol Bellear's family at the state funeral service in Redfern.

WE will always be grateful for the many expressions of kindness, love and support we have received following the loss of our father and brother, Sol Bellear, who passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday night, November 29.

We have been overwhelmed by the numbers of people who have reached out to us in this very difficult time. Sol touched many lives in the movement for Aboriginal rights, the game of rugby league and the community of Redfern that he loved. Now the people whose lives he touched are comforting us with their memories of him.

Sol stood for many things including self-determination, proper treaties with our people, Aboriginal control of our people's health and legal services, land rights and a better understanding of our history.

Although Sol achieved many great

victories, much of this work remained unfinished at the end of his life. We ask all those who loved Sol to please continue his work so that the vision he had for his country and people might one day be fulfilled.

One of Sol's last wishes was for the Sydney City Council to erect a plaque at Redfern Park to help people remember and reflect on the Redfern Speech delivered on that site by former Prime Minister Paul Keating.

We will always treasure the time we had with him. He was the most loving and committed father, brother, poppy and uncle any family could hope for.

We would like to particularly thank the NSW Premier and the staff from her department, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, Joshua Roxburgh and our brother Shane Phillips for their generous assistance in organising Sol's funeral.

In the past couple of weeks, Indigenous Australia has lost two other important figures. See our tribute to Lester Bostock on page 22, and look for our tribute to Denis Walker in the first edition next year.

Will Santa bring solar panels?

By JILLIAN MUNDY



WHEN Cape Barren Island administrators got wind of 11-year-old Garina Hart's letter to Santa

asking for solar panels for his family's home, they got moving on it before the ol' bearded fella had a chance.

"I just thought that was amazing coming from a kid," said Cape Barren Island Aboriginal Association (CBIAA) general manager Denise Gardner.

"It prompted me to start investigating how we could get power to the house.

"What I thought was it was just beautiful. He thought about his family without their knowledge. He used his initiative."

CBIAA has since had someone out to quote and is seeking funds to install clean energy to the rundown house, which is too far out to connect to the island's power grid.

Garina and the other six students at Cape Barren Island School all wrote letters to Santa.

Their teacher Mrs White wanted to make it more than a literacy exercise, or a shopping list.

She said they discussed gratitude and how fortunate they were living with their community on a remote island in the Bass Strait, and values of thinking beyond themselves.

Garina, his parents and sister moved from mainland Tasmania to the island, for health reasons, in October. They are expecting a new baby in April.

Their home on a former sheep and cattle station, situated



Garina Hart meets Matthew Harvey from In2 Electrical when he came to quote on a solar power set up for his family's home on Cape Barren Island.

among Aboriginal land handed back through legislation in 2005, was returned through a 2011 Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) purchase.

It's a tranquil setting, disturbed only by the petrol generator, which chews through about 40 litres of fuel a week to provide the home with around three hours of power a day.

CBIAA manages the property on behalf of the Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania (ALCT) and a nominal rent is put in a kitty for upgrades and maintenance.

The solar quote is expected to come in at around \$20,000, leaving a \$16,000 shortfall in the kitty.

CBIAA and ALCT are approaching the ILC and hoping an in-kind donation could be part of a funding partnership.

Funding

They are searching for further funding to give the family a decent bathroom. At the moment Garina and his family have no hot water, and shower at the school. Ms Gardner sees the house

as a potential showcase of clean, green self-sufficiency.

Garina's parents Mona-Lisa and Kahdan, with a little help from other islanders, have been working on restoring the home. They've been growing their own vegetables and are looking forward to enjoying clean, silent energy for their home.

Most homes on the island are powered by the CBIAA's power station, made up of a windmill, eight solar panels, 120 x two volt batteries and a back-up diesel generator.

Lionel Longey, who looks after the station, which he affectionately refers to as 'Gen' (his wife's name is also Jen), said wear and tear as well as salt air take their toll.

There is an additional windmill lying on its side and an out-of-action generator, both in need of maintenance.

When the wind blows at more than 25 kmh, which can be seven days a week, the island's township, The Corner, is powered entirely on renewable energy.

Mr Longey said other weeks there is no wind. That's when the generator kicks in, using up to 75 litres of diesel a week.

The fuel, delivered on the monthly supply barge, also powers other machinery and vehicles, and on occasion has been rationed, depending on the weather – too little wind and the power station and essential services needs it, too much wind and the barge can't come in to deliver it.

Up until the 1970s, kerosene powered domestic lighting and some families had kerosene-powered refrigeration. Fires were used for heating and cooking. In the decades that followed, diesel and wind power was introduced and less than a decade ago solar panels were added to the power station.

The long-term vision is to have a large bank of high efficiency solar panels, and between sun and wind – there is usually plenty of one or the other – the back-up diesel generators will become obsolete.

Garina is hoping Santa might also bring a motorbike, trampoline or Sony games, which, of course, would work better with power.

High cost of scheme



IN the same week that the Federal Government moved to further extend its income management program, new research has found that compulsory income management in the Northern Territory had negative effects on birthweight and school attendance.

The research team from the School of Economics at the University of Sydney and the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin found the income management scheme, introduced by the Howard Government in 2007 as part of the NT Intervention, coincided with significant negative outcomes for children in the short term, and showed no noticeable improvements in the long run.

Lead investigator of the studies Associate Professor Stefanie Schurer, from the University of Sydney's School of Economics and Charles Perkins Centre, said the research showed the average birthweight of babies who were in utero when income management was introduced to their community was over 100 grams lighter, and that the babies were at slightly higher risk of low birthweight (less than 2500g).

The research team examined daily school attendance records of children attending NT Government schools in the 73 Aboriginal communities and 10 town camps affected by the policy.

As income management was introduced to communities in stages between September 2007 and October 2008, the

researchers used this as a 'natural experiment' and compared the pre- and post-school attendance outcomes for children in each of these communities. The researchers found school attendance declined by 4% on average in the first five months, after which attendance rates eventually returned to their initial levels.

"We were surprised by the findings," Prof Schurer said. "We expected to find a positive impact or, at worst, no impact at all to the introduction of income management."

Last week the Senate Inquiry released its report into the Federal Government's most recent income management scheme, the cashless welfare card, which was the brainchild of billionaire miner Andrew Forrest.

The program was originally trialled in Ceduna, South Australia, and the East Kimberley in Western Australia – both areas with a high Aboriginal population.

The Senate committee was investigating whether the trial of the program should be extended from the original two sites, to include the WA Goldfields, and the Bundaberg region of Queensland.

The Coalition senators on the committee recommended extending the trial, but both Labor and the Greens wrote dissenting reports.

Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS) chief executive Cassandra Goldie called on the Senate to reject mandatory cashless debit cards and instead support a voluntary income management scheme.

"Mandatory cashless debit cards are not backed by reliable evidence," she said.

"Legislation to expand the cards does not have support of a broad range of individuals and organisations within and without trial sites, including the Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar, and the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

"There is wide-ranging concern that mandatory cashless debit has been imposed on communities without proper consultation and consent.

"This is a totally unacceptable approach to policy making. Communities must be listened to and have control over their futures.

"We know that the card is making people's lives more difficult. The government's own interim evaluation found that half of the people subjected to the card said their lives had become worse since its introduction.

"Made lives worse"

"Research conducted by the ANU found that 34 of 35 people interviewed in the East Kimberley said the card had made their lives worse.

"The cashless debit card applies to anyone receiving a working-age income support payment in trial site communities, irrespective of whether they have an addiction to alcohol, drugs or gambling."

Cheryl Axleby, the chief executive of South Australia's Aboriginal community-controlled legal service, the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM), said she has spoken to people who have worked and paid taxes all their lives, bought up kids, never had any trouble with child welfare and because of the postcode area they live in

their pension is subject to income management.

"It just crushes them. It takes our mob back to living on the missions – that time when government had full control of their lives," she said.

"It's insulting going up to the shop with your Basics Card. It's shame. Our mob live with enough shame.

"Why do we keep having to make our mob feel so different from society and disconnected all the time? That's all it does – it should be voluntary."

Professor Sven Silburn, a co-investigator into the studies into income management in the NT from the Menzies School of Health Research, said they couldn't say whether the negative impacts were because of the policy itself, because of administrative challenges and implementation problems or because of negative sentiment surrounding its compulsory introduction in these communities.

Associate Prof Schurer said they had also accessed alternative data sources.

"A preliminary analysis of data from the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children (LSIC) showed that a transition into income management was associated with an increase in the mother's experience of being humbugged, or receiving excessive demands for money, and reporting that children were being upset by family arguments," she said.

"Income management changes the way household resources are allocated and consumed and therefore may affect the dynamics of family decision making."



Curtis Taylor with one of his artworks.
Picture: Tash Gillespie

Artists are in cahoots

By TASH GILLESPIE



A NEW exhibition at the Fremantle Arts Centre is showing the results of a major collaborative project. *In Cahoots: artists collaborate across Country* paired

artists from Aboriginal art centres with other artists.

Young Aboriginal filmmakers, Martu artist Curtis Taylor and Yolngu artist Ishmael Marika, worked on a piece. Both grew up in remote communities.

With the support of the Buku-Larranggay Mulka Art Centre, they undertook a two-way residency. They learned the traditional wood carving techniques of each region, as well as hair spinning and nunba (hair belts) from Taylor's grandmother

for their collaborative sculptural and video works.

Their work comprises of a stack of old TVs playing video works they have made, documenting aspects of cultural production in their Martu and Yolngu communities, as well as an installation of about 70 wooden spears hung from the ceiling.

"*In Cahoots* was such a great opportunity because I worked with new materials and techniques and advanced my skills," Taylor said.

"It was my first time collaborating with Ishmael Marika, who's someone I have been watching for many years. To be finally working together, and seeing this collaboration come to fruition after crossing paths many times is really exciting."

● Full report and more pictures, pages 30-31

Season's greetings

The directors and staff of the *Koori Mail* wish our readers a merry and safe Christmas and a happy new year. This is our last edition for 2017 and we'll be kicking back and taking a two-week break. Our office will be closed from 5pm AEDT this Friday, December 15, reopening at 9am on Tuesday, January 2. Our first edition for 2018 is out on January 10.



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Qld has first Torres Strait Islander MP

By ALF WILSON



CYNTHIA Lui has become the first Torres Strait Islander to be elected to the Queensland Parliament after she won the far north seat of Cook for Labor in the November 25 election.

Cairns-based Ms Lui will be a new member of the returned Anastacia Palaszczuk-led Government.

Cook is a vast electorate that extends north from Cairns to include Port Douglas, Mossman, Cooktown, the Aboriginal, mining and pastoral communities of Cape York, as well as all of the Torres Strait islands. West of Cairns on the Atherton Tablelands it also includes Mareeba and Chillagoe.

Ms Lui told the *Koori Mail* she was a proud Torres Strait Islander woman who was blessed to be the Member for Cook.

"My main priorities will be education, improving health, and looking at ways to reduce unemployment, which are big issues in the communities," she said.

"I will be working with local government as well."

Ms Lui is also the first woman to win the seat of Cook. She replaces the controversial Billy Gordon, who did not stand.

She has strong connections to the Cook electorate, having been born on Thursday Island and raised on Yam Island.

Ms Lui received more than 40% of the primary votes, compared with a near-even split between the Liberal-National Party, One Nation and Katter's Australia Party, of about 16% to 18% each, with the Greens taking 6%. It became a close race after preferences in the two-party preferred count.

But Ms Lui claimed the seat on November 28.

Ms Lui said she always knew the Torres Strait was going to be her homeground advantage, but even she was surprised at just how strong that support was, with polling booths there delivering her from 70% to more than 90% of the primary vote.

"I have my family and friends to thank because they all got on board and Torres Strait was always going to be behind me because of my connection to the region," she said.

"Everyone is related to everyone, but



Returned Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk with new Labor MP for the state seat of Cook Cynthia Lui, a Torres Strait Islander woman.

looking back now my friends and family took it to another level."

Ms Lui comes from a politically active family.

Her grandfather Getano Lui Snr was instrumental in the Border No Change movement, a 1970s grassroots push that led to the formation of the Torres Strait Treaty. Her father, Getano Lui Jnr, has a long history working in local politics as a councillor for lama, and also serving on the board of the TSRA. He remains a strong advocate for the region to gain autonomy.

Getano Lui Jnr also had an unsuccessful

try at state politics when Ms Lui was young.

"He ran for the LNP back then, but I made sure he voted for me this time," Ms Lui said.

"Very proud"

"Dad is very proud, almost if history is repeating itself, and it was that vision and that belief that you could achieve more, that I actually followed.

"I couldn't be any prouder. I've come to follow my father's footsteps and to receive this outcome is just amazing."

As well as her father's and grandfather's

political history, there are other leaders Ms Lui said were important role models for her.

"I have the privilege through my father that I got have a bit of their influence in my life as well, such as Uncle Pedro Stephen and Uncle John Abednego," she said.

"I have always had a high level of respect for them and I hope to continue that dialogue in my own political journey, because I will look for guidance from them.

"We have always had passionate leaders wanting to make a difference. I think my achievement is a shift and positive step into the future, not only for Torres Strait Islanders but for all people."

Ms Lui also has the support of her three children, aged 23, 18 and 13.

"I don't think I could do this if they were just littles, being a single mum and holding the fort as well, so the fact that they are all older and supporting me has been a blessing in disguise," she said.

Being a mother and a Torres Strait Islander woman means that the million-dollar election commitment of the Palaszczuk Government to legitimise traditional or Ailan adoption was something that is close to heart for Ms Lui, and she "most definitely" will make sure is delivered.

"I'm very grateful for the outcome and the support," she said.

"It was a lot of hard work coming into this with building my own profile and building the Labor brand, and I think we delivered a really strong campaign and it's paid off," she said.

"I was blessed with the family I was born into, there's no doubt about that. I had big influences before me and they were the foundations that I stood upon to pave my own path into the future.

"I hope from me being elected it will inspire others to take the same journey."

Meanwhile, Indigenous Cabinet minister Leeanne Enoch retained her seat of Algeria for Labor.

During a TV interview on the night of the election, Ms Enoch proudly showed socks she was wearing that were decorated with Aboriginal art.

In 2015 Ms Enoch became the first Aboriginal woman to be elected to the Queensland Parliament.

At the time of going to press, Ms Palaszczuk was yet to name the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.



"I've surprised myself in many ways - my confidence to network with other people has grown and I've made so many friendships along the way."

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Women's views sought



FOR the first time since 1986 the views of Indigenous women are being sought by Government, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social justice commissioner June Oscar said it's well overdue.

Ms Oscar has just launched the Wiyi Yani U Thangani ('Women's Voices' in Bunuba language) project where a series of community visits and conversations with Indigenous women and girls will take place around the country next year.

The project is being led by the Australian Human Rights Commission with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

"The last time Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women were consulted was in 1986 for the Women's Business report," Ms Oscar said.

"That report recorded concerns about issues such as education, employment, training and child welfare.

"Women have made some great achievements since then and they've also had to continually respond on a daily basis to many complex issues."

Ms Oscar said it was especially important that the views of young women and girls were heard, as they make up a large percentage of Indigenous people.

"We need to hear and learn from them about what their priorities are and what issues support their sense of security in families and organisations, and also what undermines that," she said.

Ms Oscar said she hoped to respond to the issues raised over the next 12 to 18 months while the consultations were happening, not just wait until the report was finalised and given to government.

"We want to work with women's



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar is with the Redfern Dance Company performers at the launch of the Wiyi Yani U Thangani project.

organisations in states and territories and be guided by them, especially in issues dealing with family," she said.

"We hope to work with women and girls to enable ongoing monitoring of the issues impacting on them. We don't want to wait another 30 years before we bring them into visibility."

The project has an advisory board of nine women across Australia who are being guided by their networks, key

organisations and communities.

Ms Oscar encouraged interested individuals and organisations to get involved by visiting the project website.

"Submissions"

"We'd like to receive written submissions or video and voice recordings," she said.

"We need to work together to ensure this has a positive impact in effecting change, empowering and acknowledging women.

"We need to ensure that our needs and aspirations and our voices are at the forefront of the Government's agenda – beyond the narrow frame of victimhood and dysfunction.

"Together we will raise our voices and together, we will deliver a message to Government that demands to be heard."

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Setting records straight



LARRY Walsh was two years old when he was charged with a crime – and it changed the course of his life. The criminal conviction he received was for being a child “in need of care and protection” when he was removed from his family and was made a ward of the state.

Because of this conviction, he was effectively criminalised for the rest of his life.

From the age of nine onwards he was targeted by police, and as he grew older he was restricted from undertaking activities such as sitting on boards of management.

Mr Walsh’s story is one of many of Aboriginal people who have been discriminated against because they have an irrelevant criminal record.

Some of these stories have been released in a report by the Criminal Record Discrimination Project (CRDP), which hopes to see drastic changes made to the legal system to improve human rights for Aboriginal people.

CRDP convenor and Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Michael Bell said the project has involved two years of collaboration and research by Aboriginal community and legal organisations though the organisation Woor-Dungin.

“We started by looking at the barriers to Aboriginal people getting employment,” he said.

“This is one of the major issues arising from the overrepresentation

of Indigenous people in the criminal justice system.”

Aboriginal people make up 28% of the prison population but only 3% of the total Australian population. They are also 20% less likely to participate in the labour force.

“As a result, discrimination on the basis of old or irrelevant criminal records compounds the disadvantage they already face on top of poverty, institutionalisation and racism,” Mr Bell said.

“Our organisation works with out-of-home care and children in Victoria and we need criminal record checks for our staff. We noticed some of the mob were walking away from applying for jobs when asked to provide information for the checks.

“No consideration”

“Sometimes it’s what happened 20 years ago that comes up on the check and there’s no consideration of what they’ve done or contributed to their communities since the offence.”

Mr Bell said Victoria was the only state in Australia that did not have spent convictions legislation, which means minor offences from more than 10 years ago can still appear on a police check when people are applying for jobs. In other states and territories, the crime will show up for at least 10 years if you were an adult (18 or over), and at least five years if you were a child.

“A 60-year-old Aboriginal man recently wanted to apply for the job as the school bus driver but was

knocked back because of the working with children police record check,” he said. “He told me 20 years ago he had a punch up. He was ready to walk away and not take the job opportunity, but I helped him investigate it and make a response.”

After working with the Aboriginal Legal Service for eight years, Mr Bell said he has seen the intergenerational impact of Aboriginal people’s over-representation in the criminal justice system and not getting access to employment.

“Employment is a self-determining factor in empowering Aboriginal people to grow and be resilient,” he said.

“We hope that this report will affect the State Government and help to bring about a fairer system for all people. We want to see the introduction of a legislated spent convictions scheme in Victoria, and an amendment to the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic)* to prohibit discrimination against people with an irrelevant criminal record.

“Some people’s past convictions are life experiences they can bring to the table in future jobs.

“When I spoke to Larry Walsh about his life experiences, he told me he was active in community forms and panels, but couldn’t get a position on a board because of his childhood conviction.

“He’s a leader in the Aboriginal community, but what more could he have achieved without this dragging him back?”



Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Michael Bell: “We want to see the introduction of a legislated spent convictions scheme in Victoria ...”



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Wright launches new book

By JACK LATIMORE



AWARD-winning writer Alexis Wright launched her latest book in Melbourne

recently at an event where it was also announced that she would be the new Boisbouvier Chair in Australian Literature.

Titled *Tracker*, Ms Wright's book is a biography "of many voices" examining the life and times of charismatic Aboriginal advocate Leigh Bruce 'Tracker' Tilmouth, an Arrernte man and member of the Stolen Generations who passed away in Darwin in early 2015. The book has since been shortlisted in the non-fiction category for the 2018 Victorian Premier's Literary Prize.

"I'm so pleased and grateful that I was able to work with Tracker in completing this book. It gave me the opportunity to stay close to him, to be company of some sort while he was sick," Ms Wright said.

"He wanted this book. He would have been proud of it. He would have taken it round the place, walked in wherever he wanted to, thrown it onto the table and said, 'Read this and weep.' That's the sort of person he was."

Ms Wright described the book



Author Alexis Wright and Aboriginal rights campaigner Jacqui Katona at the launch of *Tracker*.

as an important history for all Australians about a man with a huge vision for his people.

"Build our future"

"He was starting to hit his straps in terms of getting people to see what was needed to build an Aboriginal economy based on traditional principles from which we

could build our future," Ms Wright said.

"That, to him, was the true meaning of land rights."

During the launch, State Library Victoria chief executive Kate Torney announced that Ms Wright would be the second Boisbouvier Chair in Australian Literature. Established in 2015 thanks to a

\$5 million gift from John Wylie and Myriam Boisbouvier-Wylie, the chair is a partnership between the University of Melbourne and State Library Victoria. Novelist Richard Flanagan was named inaugural chair in 2015.

Mrs Boisbouvier-Wylie said she was delighted by the announcement.

"Alexis' writing made me discover the ancient Indigenous stories and shone a light on the spiritual interconnection between the land and the Aboriginal civilisation," she said.

Ms Wright is the author of six other books including the 2007 Miles Franklin Award-winning novel *Carpentaria* and acclaimed 1997 non-fiction book *Grog War*. Her work is internationally renowned, having been published in countries including China, Poland and France.

She regularly sets her fiction in the ancestral country of her Waanyi people in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Broad vision

Ms Wright said she would try to create a broad vision for Australian literature while occupying the chair.

"We need to have more meaningful conversations with each other: Who we are, where we're heading, what we think about each other," she said.

"Get some of the real stories out, the hidden stories. Not from just our own mob, but from other people too."

"Hear their stories so we can have those conversations instead of hiding away, keeping it all bottled up. I want to take work into 'other' places."

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Strategy targets fires



ABORIGINAL traditional knowledge is being used to reduce the threat of bushfires to Witjira National Park, on the western edge of the Simpson Desert.

Last month a prescribed burn in the far north of South Australia was the first cultural burn on land co-managed by the SA Government and Aboriginal groups.

Witjira National Park co-management board member and Irrwanyere Aboriginal Corporation co-chair Arthur Ah Chee said the burn represented the cultural fire management aims of the Lower Southern Arrernte and Wangkangurru people and was part of a new 10-year strategy to reduce the threat of bushfires.

"This is a co-operative approach which looks to manage fire across the park for the next 10 years by combining our traditional and cultural knowledge with science to support looking after and caring for country," he said.

The burn of about 338ha reflected cultural burning practices used to manage reeds around springs, protect their cultural values and provide access to water.

Park co-management board member Marilyn Ah Chee said cultural burning resulted in greater habitat diversity and more niches for animals to live in.

"Lower Southern Arrernte people and Wangkangurru people



Witjira cultural ranger Dean Ah Chee oversees a burn on South Australia's arid lands.

have cared for this country for many, many generations," she said.

"This country needs to be cared for and fire is a great tool for achieving that. Our aspiration is to use cultural fire management

across Witjira to help care for country for the benefit of all."

The draft Witjira Waru Pulka (fire management) strategy incorporates the National Heritage-listed Witjira-Dalhousie Springs complex, which is vital for

supporting local species.

Inappropriate fire regimes, with either too frequent or too few fires, are a threat to several nationally significant species, including the critically endangered fish species Dalhousie Gudgeon (*Mogurnda*

thermophila) and Dalhousie Goby (*Chlamydogobius gloveri*).

The draft strategy was developed by the Witjira National Park co-management board, which is represented by the traditional custodians and staff from the Department of Environment Water and Natural Resources.

It includes a seasonal calendar showing how country responds to seasonal changes and when certain activities are undertaken.

SA Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Minister Ian Hunter said the cultural values of the traditional custodians are at the heart of the fire management strategy, making it the first of its kind for SA. It considers the risk of fire on Aboriginal cultural aspirations and values, community and environmental assets, and essential infrastructure.

As well as identifying priority areas, the strategy considers on-ground works and activities such as burning at strategic locations to reflect cultural practices, as well as reducing the bushfire risk to life, property, cultural assets and values and the environment.

"This strategy represents an important partnership with the traditional owners of Witjira National Park and the department, builds on reconciliation and further increases the resilience of this landscape," Mr Hunter said.

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Africa trip an inspiration

By BRITTA LYSTER



ONE Aboriginal leader's journey to address social and economic inequity in Indigenous communities throughout Australia has taken him to South Africa.

Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council chief executive Sean Gordon, a Gamilaroi man, has recently returned from South Africa, where he toured culturally and historically significant sites with 14 other participants of the Atlantic Fellows Program.

The trip has left him determined to change the Australian narrative as we know it.

The Atlantic Fellows Program at the International Inequalities Institute in Melbourne is part of a coalition of community leaders, journalists, artists, activists, health professionals, researchers, teachers and lawyers who work across disciplines and borders to advance equity, justice and human dignity.

Mr Gordon said that he initially participated in the program with the idea of investigating the barriers to Aboriginal economic development. But after taking into consideration the current Australian political climate, including the debates surrounding constitutional recognition and same-sex marriage, he decided to attempt to write a "true Australian history" acknowledging the many thousands of years of Indigenous history and the contribution of ethnic minorities to the development of Australia.

"I probably felt that I wasn't aiming high enough in regards to what I could potentially achieve out of this," Mr Gordon said.

"I don't think any of our leaders have properly articulated the Australian narrative and who we are as a country."

Mr Gordon admits that before he went to South Africa, he had some pre-conceived



Sean Gordon visits former president Nelson Mandela's jail cell on Robben Island in South Africa, and stands in front of an image from the African nation's apartheid era.

ideas about what he would encounter. When he arrived his ears were ringing from warnings to "never to walk around alone".

But as the jet lag wore off and he was given the opportunity to visit several world-renowned sites, Mr Gordon said his eyes and mind were opened about a nation that has experienced huge change since the official abolition of apartheid in 1994.

"To my surprise and delight the whole experience far exceeded my expectations and the people were amazing, sharing and very pleasant," he said.

"In fact the whole trip went by without incident. However, the black people of South



Africa are still fighting for a fairer and more just society that is committed to improving their people's circumstances while recognising their right to retain their unique identity as First Peoples.

"Determined"

"I came away from South Africa determined and ready to fight the continuing atrocities being committed to my people and to bring greater awareness to the issues facing the Indigenous people of Australia.

"How do we come together as a nation and recognise the First People of this country? How do we celebrate and recognise

not only British settlement but also multicultural settlement?"

"If you look back through the history of this country there has been little if any recognition of multicultural Australia."

Mr Gordon said his project may take longer than the 12-month timeframe outlined in the Atlantic Fellows brief and he will in all likelihood be working on it throughout the remainder of his career.

During his eight-day stay in South Africa, Mr Gordon visited significant sites such as Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was jailed, Constitution Hill Prison and the Apartheid and Hector Pieterse museums. He said one of the highlights was the chance to meet members of the First Nations people the San bushmen.

The program also involved a week in Melbourne preparing for the trip and then another week following their return from South Africa.

Mr Gordon said he relished the final week in Melbourne, using the opportunity to discuss his experiences with the other Atlantic Fellows, who will also take the time they spent in South Africa back to their own communities.

He says his visit was a "real eye-opener" and he was easily able to find parallels between the treatment of black South Africans and Indigenous Australians.

"What I want to try and do is just really highlight the significant contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia," Mr Gordon said.

"I came away from South Africa determined and ready to fight the continuing atrocities being committed on my people and to bring greater public awareness to the issues facing the Indigenous people of Australia.

"It's time to be empowered and lead from the front."



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Melati joins chef masterclasses



MELATI Boombi's passion for hospitality has seen the 15-year-old from Kununurra chosen to take part in the Kartagup Djinda Ngardak masterclasses with a group of potential Indigenous chefs.

Ms Boombi is a student in the Youth Engagement Scheme (YES) run by Kununurra District High School and Save the Children.

Local youth have been involved with Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) classes

and also in hospitality, with the idea of eventually qualifying through GATE (Gaining Access and Training in Education).

Melati found inspiration in classes run by Darragh Cribbin, a casual lecturer in hospitality from North Regional TAFE's Kununurra Campus.

Chefs from Perth travelled to the Kimberley Moon Festival and students were able to see them using bush tucker herbs and spices in their gourmet dishes.

After a conversation with Melati's teachers, chef Paul Iskov invited Melati to take part in the Kartagup Djinda Ngardak

masterclasses with a group of potential Indigenous chefs.

These young people will cook and learn from professional chefs in Perth including Iskov (aka Yoda) and Aboriginal chef Clayton Donovan, and prepare a meal for Parliament House.

Mr Cribbin said Melati had the potential to become a top chef.

"She earned her place in this masterclass by the effort she put into the program, her 100% attendance, her effort and drive," he said. "She is a grounded young woman with a fantastic ability and could go a long way."



Kununurra teenager Melati Boombi in Kununurra with her family.

Languages meet on the Gold Coast



THE Federal Government will host a national Indigenous languages convention on the Gold Coast in February next year.

Of the more than 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, about 120 are still spoken, but most of these remain in danger of being lost.

The convention will explore how digital technologies can be used to protect and preserve Indigenous languages and encourage collaborations between language experts, communities and technology providers.

The convention will be held on February 23.

For more information visit www.arts.gov.au/indigenoulanguages

Job milestone for Human Services



THE Department of Human Services has reached an Indigenous workforce milestone target of 5%.

More than 1720 of the largest Federal Government department's 33,500 employees now identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, with 148 new Indigenous apprentices joining the department in November.

The department says its Indigenous Apprenticeships Program, mentoring and support network, cultural awareness and competency programs and Reconciliation Action Plan have all helped it reach the significant milestone.

This year up to 280 Indigenous apprentices will be employed across 13 agencies.

The department says it also exceeded its target for using Indigenous businesses. In 2016-17, 424 contracts worth \$11.7 million were awarded to Indigenous businesses – exceeding its Reconciliation Action Plan target of \$3.7 million.

Department of Human Services General Manager Hank Jongen welcomed the new Indigenous apprentices and congratulated the department on reaching the significant milestone.

Report correction

IN our previous edition (November 29), the *Koori Mail* made two errors in the story on page 22 (Healing as Mungo Man comes home).

The story said that Dr Ann McGrath works for both the Australian National University (ANU) and the National Museum.

Dr McGrath works only at ANU.

The story incorrectly stated that Mungo Man had been kept at the National Museum since 1992. Mungo Man was only transferred from ANU to the National Museum of Australia, in November 2015.

The remains were transferred to the National Museum's repatriation unit in November 2015 at the request of the Willandra communities, as part of their journey back to country.

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Awards for Noongar Radio



NOONGAR Radio picked up two awards at the 2017 Community Broadcasting Association of Australia community radio awards, announced recently.

The Perth-based Aboriginal radio station won the awards for Excellence in Indigenous Engagement and Contribution to Australian Music for its *Indigenous Beats* program.

Noongar Radio has been broadcasting from schools, hospitals, prisons, courthouses and even the beach, with new

programs including a dedicated news service and LGBTI program. It also held a special outside broadcast in January after partnering with the City of Fremantle for the One Day concert, as part of Fremantle's alternative celebration to Australia Day, held on January 28.

Listeners

As the only Indigenous radio station in Perth, Noongar Radio strongly supports playing music by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musicians. *Indigenous Beats*, brought to listeners by Western Australian of the Year

nominee Phil Walley-Stack and Marissa Pell, showcases local and national talent. It's Perth's only radio program featuring 100% Indigenous talent.

With just four fulltime staff and a team of volunteers, Noongar Radio delivered 40 hours of specialised outside broadcasting at 11 events over 10 locations during NAIDOC Week.

In September, the station broadcast live at the University of Western Australia's research week and recently opened Mental Health Week with a live broadcast from the City of Armadale.



Noongar Radio broadcaster and program manager Jeff Michael, Indigenous Remote Communications Association (IRCA) chair Dot West and Noongar Radio station manager Paul Whitton.

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Funding on offer for *Treaty Docs*



FILM Victoria and National Indigenous Television will offer up to \$20,000 to selected Indigenous Victorian filmmakers to create a digital short documentary centred on what 'Treaty' means to them and/or their local community.

Called *Treaty Docs*, the content, tone and style of the short films will be open to the creator's imagination, so all forms of the documentary medium are encouraged.

The successful shorts will be commissioned as online content with the potential for projects to screen on NITV as well.

Indigenous practitioners from across all disciplines are encouraged to apply. Stay tuned for application dates and details. More information at www.film.vic.gov.au

Murri School will tackle trauma



THE Murri School in Brisbane has been selected to take on a Healing Foundation program to tackle trauma passed down through generations. The foundation says statistics show this project has led to a significant improvement in students' education and wellbeing.

Foundation chair Steve Larkin said there would be many benefits if the program were expanded to schools across Australia where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people live.

"We've developed a successful and proven model here in Queensland that's turning around some alarming social trends," he said.

"As part of the healing program, children participate in a range of activities from cultural camps to formal counselling.

"The key to success is a whole-of-school program where families take the lead, supported by trauma-informed teachers, family support workers and psychologists."

Grants to protect Aboriginal sites



INDIGENOUS not-for-profit organisations from across Western Australia have been invited to apply for a share of \$250,000 in grants to support the protection, preservation and promotion of the state's Aboriginal sites.

The funding will be provided through the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage's Preserving our Aboriginal Sites Grants Program.

Previously funded projects include graffiti removal from rock art sites, installation of fences to protect restricted sites, and interpretation projects to promote awareness of Aboriginal heritage.

A maximum of \$30,000 per funding application is available.

Applications close at 4pm on February 14. Details at www.daa.wa.gov.au



Indigenous cattlemen at Roxby Downs Station: from left, Nicole Thompson, Mel Agius, Daisy Goodwin, Gina Howard holding daughter Aleen, Sophie Keen, Sandy Clinch, Brenda Kepple, Barbara Amos, Madeline Anderson, Darrylin Gordon and Lexine Mourambine.

Cattlemen on the job



BEING a cattlemen (or cattlemen) is not just about working with cattle. It's also about keeping weeds and feral animals under control – and knowing where to put fencing.

According to Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) chief executive John Maher, being a cattlemen is about working with the land and learning how to develop a sustainable enterprise on country.

It's a profession that's attracting more women, as seen in a recent Indigenous cattlemen's workshop held in Port Augusta, South Australia, where one third of the participants were women.

"It's important that women are becoming

more involved and empowered to embrace the career pathway of agriculture," Mr Maher told the *Koori Mail*.

At the workshop, Indigenous pastoral workers learned about management, best pastoral practice, managing mental health and creating a peer support network.

It's one of a series of national workshops as part of the North West Indigenous Pastoral Project and is managed by ILC with Primary Industries and Regions SA.

Mr Maher said training the pastoralists in how to develop the land sustainably with good environmental, social, cultural and economic models was part of creating a long-term future for Indigenous people.

"The agricultural business has been

identified as a means by which we can generate new enterprises with sustainable careers for Indigenous people," he said.

"It's about knowledge sharing and turning unproductive land into productive land. ILC has a mandate to acquire land and make sure it's managed for Indigenous people's benefit. A big part of it is getting Indigenous people back on country.

"We bought properties in the Kimberley and invested in fencing, dams and pasture to make them a going concern. At the moment, we manage 14 properties across northern Australia and they are also used for cultural purposes."

Mr Maher said the project has helped train and employ 67 pastoral workers and returned

more than 272,000 hectares of Indigenous-owned land back to sustainable, commercial, primary production.

In SA, Indigenous-owned properties in the project are Andamooka, Purple Downs, and Roxby Downs Stations (Kokatha Pastoral Pty Ltd); Emeroo Station (Bungala Aboriginal Corporation); Mabel Creek Station (AMY Nominees) and parts of the APY Lands.

"The pastoralists involved now collectively manage more than 70,000 head of cattle," Mr Maher said. "Indigenous Australians have a rich heritage and this invaluable experience along with knowledge and skills of traditional land management practices means they have a unique contribution to make to the pastoral industry."

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Healthy living pays off

By LIINA FLYNN



AUNTY Anita (Nita) Walker didn't even realise she was turning 80 until her niece Pauline Huston organised to take her and her sister Hazel Roberts out for lunch to celebrate.

"It's just another day and another year," Aunty Nita told the *Koori Mail*. "God looks after us, that's why we are still here."

Aunty Nita has never been a drinker, never smoked and never eaten takeaway food.

According to her and Aunty Hazel, the secret to long life is healthy living.

Their mother Minnie Jarrett lived to over 100, and their brother Cecil is still alive and well at 93.

"He never drank or smoke and worked all his life," Aunty Hazel said.

Aunty Nita was born in Lismore, and Aunty Hazel in Casino, in northern NSW. The sisters grew up living between Lismore and Casino, in Victory Camp, which was built for Indonesian soldiers during World War II.

"We grew up living off the land," Aunty Nita said. "We would put down traps to catch rabbits and put our hands in to drag them out. We never worried about snakes. "We grew veges and went fishing a lot and would get up at 5am to milk the cows.

"Theses days kids couldn't live off the land. I tell my grandkids that and they sit and listen."

With Aunty Nita's six children and Aunty Hazel's five children and the combined grandchildren, the Walker and Roberts families have a lot of people dropping in at Aunty Nita's house in Casino to see how she is doing.



Aunty Hazel Roberts, Pauline Huston and Aunty Nita Walker celebrate Aunty Nita's 80th birthday at the Casino RSM Club in northern NSW.

"I've lost count of how many grandchildren I've got," Aunty Nita said. "I've had five generations come through my house."

For most of her life, Aunty Nita washed her clothes by hand, just like her mother did, with Sunlight soap. Once a week the family would take the train from a small station near Victory Camp into Lismore for the day.

Occasionally, the sisters would ride their

horse to Cubawee, a self-managed Aboriginal settlement near Lismore which existed until 1965, and there they would stay for the week with relatives.

At the time, segregation was still widely practised in Australia and Aunty Hazel said in Casino her Aboriginal father, Raymond Jarrett, who worked on the railway, and her white mother couldn't walk together on the same side of the street.

"Mum told us not to speak out if we saw

something wrong," Aunty Hazel said.

"My family speak out now, but it was different in those days, when we weren't even allowed to speak lingo."

The sisters went to public school in Casino, where Aunty Hazel – four years younger than her sister – was the naughty one getting into trouble, and Aunty Nita was the shy one who always looked after her sister.

"At the time, there were not many Aboriginal children at school," Aunty Nita said. "The authorities told Mum they would take us away from her if we didn't go to school, so we went and got an education."

The sisters left school in 1950 and went to work as waitresses on the Gold Coast, the area where their relatives originally came from.

"Our grandmother was born on Mount Tamborine in the 1800s and our mother Minnie (Monica) Edwards married in Tweed Heads," Aunty Nita said.

In the 1950s, Aunty Nita married her husband who played football with the Casino All-Blacks, and Aunty Hazel married her boxer husband. Now they both have numerous family members who are skilled in boxing and football.

"The Walkers are footy players and the Roberts are boxers," Aunty Nita said.

"When the kids were growing up, it was important they had a sport to fall back on."

After living in Bundjalung country for so long, Aunty Nita said she has been accepted as part of the local Aboriginal community.

Having family and friends around is what it's all about for Aunty Nita, who got her driver's licence early and was the driver for her friends and family for years.

"We looked after our kids, now they look after us," she said.

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Yaegl Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation chair Billy Walker.

Cruise ship terminal site worry

By LIINA FLYNN



YAEGL and Gumbaynggir people from the NSW north coast are angry that the NSW

Government is investigating cruise ship terminal sites in the region without consulting traditional owners.

Despite having native title land and sea rights, the Yaegl people were not consulted about a cruise ship terminal proposal for Yamba.

Yaegl Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation chair Billy Walker told the *Koori Mail* the first he heard about the proposal was "talking to people on the street".

"Then we saw it published in the papers and the local MP was saying it's good for the economy and mentioned something about talking to local Indigenous community," he said.

"We're still waiting for the Government to talk to us about it.

"Under the *Native Title Act* there's a future act, which says local Aboriginal communities need to be notified about future proposals in their country that can affect their rights and interests."

The proposed cruise ship terminal is part of the draft NSW Future Transport 2056 Strategy, which was released in October.

Sacred site

The Yaegl people's native title rights over their sea country were recognised by the Federal Court in August. The determination included increased protections for the Dirrungan sacred site at the mouth of the Clarence River, with a 350m buffer zone to protect it from developments.

"I find the Government's behaviour very offensive and ignorant," Mr Walker said. "We spent two years working toward our native title consent determination.

"Our aspiration in the first place for the claim was to protect the reef. This now shows a lack of understanding and empathy in regards to our culture and heritage."

Mr Walker said the proposed terminal would mean dredging the shallow river mouth to allow for larger ships to enter, and he was concerned about its impact on the reef, as well as on hunting areas and fishing access rights.

Mr Walker is also concerned about what this means for any native title consent determination in Australia.

"If the court recognised our interests, the Government needs to take it on board and work with the policies and procedures that come from the *Native Title Act*," he said.

"Protected"

"We don't want these big ships to destroy our reef, and need to see it protected under law."

Another proposed place of development for the shipping terminal is Coffs Harbour.

Coffs Harbour Local Aboriginal Land Council chair Fileisha Laurie, a Gumbaynggir woman, said the local Aboriginal community was concerned about any such developments.

"There's way too much connection to country here and a shipping terminal would mean destruction of that connection," she said.

"Near the jetty is where we have a lot of gatherings and it would also impact on Mutton Bird Island, where we conduct men's business."

Ms Laurie said she was not aware of any consultations with local Aboriginal people about the proposed development.

"It's common courtesy to talk to us about these things," she said.

"This will be huge for our community."

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My daughter Gregstina and staying in the bush and teaching knowledge.

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Beer.

Which black or indigenous person would you most like to meet?
Traditional owners. I'd like them to show me around their country.

Who/what inspires you?
Being a ranger and staying on country.

What is your ultimate goal?
Looking forward, not going back.

What would you do to better the situation for your mob?
Take them out of town to live in the bush.

Quote



"I think my achievement is a shift and positive step into the future, not only for Torres Strait Islanders but for all people."

– Newly elected Qld MP for the seat of Cook Cynthia Lui, a Torres Strait Islander woman

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Unquote

Are they ever going to listen?

WHAT will it take for the Turnbull Government to finally start listening to the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

Another rebuke by the United Nations? The UN called out the Turnbull Government on the world stage for its racist work-for-the-dole scheme, the Community Development Program (CDP), echoing what Indigenous people, organisations and supporters have been saying for years: It's discriminatory, counterproductive and causing real harm.

More evidence-backed research? New studies released last week showed that compulsory income management has detrimental effects on birthweights and school attendance, echoing mountains of earlier analysis saying similar things.

Compulsory income management doesn't actually achieve the government's stated aims of reducing harm and helping people. In fact, it makes their lives significantly more difficult.

And yet, what has the Turnbull Government decided to try and do?

Extend compulsory income management to more communities.

This Government has truly shown its nature this year.

It doesn't care about evidence.

It doesn't want to listen to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

It just wants to forge ahead with its own agenda, no matter the cost to First Nations people.



OUR SAY

We've seen another milestone, with Cynthia Lui becoming the first Torres Strait Islander person elected to the Queensland Parliament. Ms Lui told the *Koori Mail* her priorities would be "education, improving health and looking at ways to reduce unemployment" for her north Queensland electorate.

There's no doubt that the entire state can only benefit from another strong Indigenous voice. Great work Ms Lui!

What a year 2017 has been for First Nations people. Check out our year in review on pages 37 to 40 for a recap.

And thanks from all of us at the *Koori Mail* for reading the paper, helping us tell stories about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and letting us know your thoughts. We love getting your story ideas, feedback and suggestions, so keep it coming whether by mail, email or social media.

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True high-flyer

By LIINA FLYNN

THE first time Renae Isaacs flew in a plane, from Perth to Broome at the age of nine, she knew her dream was to work in aviation.

"I said to Mum, 'I want to be a flight attendant,' and Mum said 'Well, go to school,'" Ms Isaacs told the *Koori Mail*.

Now, Ms Isaacs is Australia's first Indigenous cabin safety inspector at the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), the national aviation regulator.

"I ensure operators follow the rules and regulations and make sure our skies are safe for all people," she said.

"Just recently I did surveillance on a flight, where I sit on board and look at everything.

"I was watching how passengers react to the safety video at the beginning of the flight, and many people were ignoring it. It's hard to control people using their mobile phones and electronic devices, so we look at this and give guidance to operators on how to get their attention."

Ms Isaacs is a Noongar/Yawuru/Karadjarie woman based in Perth who has already spent 20 years working in the aviation industry.

She started working as a flight attendant when she was 22. Back then, there were only two main flight operators in Australia – Ansett and Qantas.

"Competition for a place was big, you had to be one of the best," she said.

"To get work I had to move from my community in Perth to where the flying was on the east coast and I never knew where I might be going next.

"Then I moved to Alice Springs to work on regional flights on a 36-person aircraft and there was only one flight attendant – me.

"It was tough. I worked in 40-degree regional airports and on flights with bad air-conditioning and a full load of passengers who were all complaining about the heat."

Determination

It might look like a glamorous profession travelling around the country, but Ms Isaacs said it takes determination, passion and humour to make it in an industry where you are dealing with people, their safety and their lives.

"Someone played a prank during a flight safety demonstration and put a live life jacket in place of the demo one," she said.

"When I pulled the cord, it actually inflated with a big hissing noise in front of



Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) cabin safety inspector Renae Isaacs, who says she has had a long and rewarding career in aviation.

everyone. We normally use one that doesn't have an inflation cartridge.

"At the time I wasn't happy, but I said, 'At least it works,' and put a smile on everyone's faces."

Ms Isaacs' determination saw her move onwards and upwards into bigger planes with more cabin crew, and then into a new role as a cabin crew trainer, and as a training manager with Virgin.

"When I started there were only about five Indigenous cabin crew in the Qantas fleet," she said.

"Now there are programs and support in place to recruit more Aboriginal people.

"But when I started, we had to find what we needed ourselves like getting our first-aid certificates and passports."

As a crew trainer, Ms Isaacs said it was rewarding to train

and help new Indigenous staff move on in their careers.

"I became a role model for them," she said.

"It's important to see an Aboriginal person flying as cabin crew. It helps other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people know they, too, can become this, if they put the effort in."

Ms Isaacs said she also became a role model for the non-Indigenous crew, teaching

them about Aboriginal culture and respect for the country they were on, and what they could or couldn't do.

"It was an honour to fly into remote Aboriginal communities and help your own people," she said.

"I would often reassure people who were scared and on an aircraft for the first time.

"I remember when some first-timers flew to the big city of Perth and they didn't know where to go. So, I went above and beyond to help my countrymen from a remote community by helping them through the airport to get a taxi and telling the taxi driver where to go.

"That's so rewarding."

Aviation has always been close to her heart. Even her husband, Robert, an Aboriginal man from Kakadu, is working as a pilot.

"I met him when I was at university," she said.

"He was flying with QantasLink and was an inspiration to me. There were only two Aboriginal pilots in Australia and I said to my friends, 'This man is great.' Now I have a son with him."

Support

Ms Isaacs said the support of her family has been very important to her over her career.

"When I was pregnant, I was still flying, then Mum and Dad looked after my son when he was born so I could keep working," she said.

Her dad, Robert Isaacs, was named WA Australian of the Year in 2015 and both her parents have have Medals of the Order of Australia (OAMs). Her sister is a senior medical doctor in Broome and her whole family has been making a difference by working for their communities.

Ms Isaacs sees herself working in the aviation industry until she retires.

"I'm just settling into my new role in CASA," she said.

"It's an honour to be the first Indigenous cabin safety inspector – there are only five inspectors in the whole of Australia.

"The flight operators are given notice when we come onboard, and if we see something that compromises safety, we can enforce regulations to see things are changed."

Ms Isaacs wants to see more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in inspector roles like hers.

"If you are determined you can go for it," she said. "Education is so important these days, so stay at school and believe that you can achieve what you set out to do."

"It's important to see an Aboriginal person flying as cabin crew. It helps other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people know they, too, can become this, if they put the effort in."

Fighter for his people



UNCLE Lester Bostock passed away peacefully on November 23.

A proud Bundjalung man, he was a leader of the Aboriginal disability movement and pioneer of Aboriginal filmmaking and media. He was also a central figure of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Rights movement in the 1960s and 1970s.

Uncle Lester paved the way for many Aboriginal journalists and filmmakers. He was a founding member of Black Theatre and Metro Screen, and later Radio Redfern (now Koori Radio).

His was the first Aboriginal voice heard on SBS radio, and a scholarship for Aboriginal filmmakers is named in his honour.

Many Aboriginal filmmakers credit Uncle Lester Bostock

as a mentor and trailblazer.

Uncle Lester was a driving force behind the Aboriginal disability rights movement. In 1991 he gave the Meares Oration, where he raised the concept of intersectional discrimination in his paper *Access and equity for people with a double disadvantage*.

Founding member

Uncle Lester was a founding member and long-serving board member of the First Peoples Disability Network (FPDN), the national peak representative organisation of and for First People with disability.

FPDN chief executive Damian Griffis said Uncle Lester Bostock was always generous with his time and wisdom.

"Our organisation is forever indebted to him," he said.

"He was a humble man whose achievements were many and varied. We mourn his loss and acknowledge all that he has done to improve the lives and opportunities of others. He leaves a lasting legacy. Our thoughts are with his family and friends."

Uncle Lester received the Centenary Medal and the NSW Law and Justice Foundation Award for Aboriginal justice. He was the 2010 NAIDOC Elder of the Year and was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2011.

Uncle Lester was awarded an honorary doctorate of Arts from the Australian Film, Television and Radio School in 2016.

In 2014 Uncle Lester Bostock said: "I have done so many things. My whole life has been reacting to needs. That was what it was all about: helping other people and creating change."



Auntie Maureen Logan with Uncle Lester Bostock. Picture courtesy First Peoples Disability Network

Tribute to a great man

By DAMIAN GRIFFIS, First Peoples Disability Network chief executive

ON behalf of myself and all of us at the First Peoples Disability Network we offer our deepest condolences to Auntie Phemie, to George, to Cheryl and Tracey, to Marley and Health, to Craig and Scott, Blake and to the whole Bostock clan.

I also want to offer my deepest condolences to Auntie Maureen, in particular. Your devotion to this great man has been an extraordinary thing to witness. Your story together is the greatest love story.

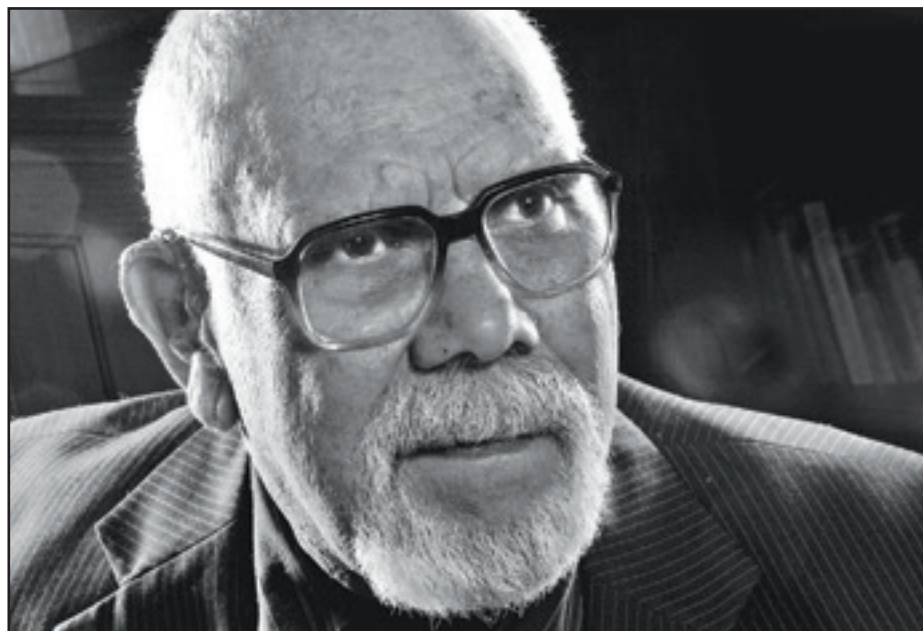
It is a great privilege to be given this opportunity to reflect on the life of this great man. He is my hero. This great man is the noblest of men. I often felt in awe of this great man, his patience, his quiet determination, his profound sense of purpose.

I have been honoured and humbled to know this great man for the best part of the last 20 years of his life. I have had the great privilege of travelling widely with him, to places as far afield as New York, South Korea and Samoa.

But it's our road trips through his country, Bundjalung country, that stay with me the most, when he showed me around country from Coraki to Baryulgil to Grafton to the Tweed. I felt like I was in the presence of an extraordinary Elder and felt humbled that he would take me on that journey with him.

But before I add my own reflections on this great man's life, Opposition Leader Bill Shorten has asked me to say a few words on his behalf.

"Today we mourn a man who changed his country for the better. Uncle found a unique way to tell the Australian story and he owns a special place in it. For his exceptional contribution to Aboriginal filmmaking, media and the disability movement, Uncle was honoured and recognised throughout his life, particularly as NAIDOC Elder of the Year in 2010 and when he received an honorary doctorate



Lester Bostock. Picture: Belinda Mason, as part of her Unfinished Business exhibition

from the Australian Film Television and Radio School last year.

"Uncle's decades of advocacy for Aboriginal people with disability faced his fellow Australians up to their responsibilities and his influence and inspiration will live on in the next generation of leaders he inspired."

As Bill Shorten says, this man's passing is a sad moment in time. This is a man who has been involved in some of the pivotal moments in recent Australian history.

This great man is a nation builder. This great man is a healing man. This great man is a reconciliation man. This man is a story teller. This is the humblest of men.

They should build monuments to men like this great man. This man lived his life knowing his place in it. He knew he was part of a long line of Elders and leaders and he knew his role was to educate and mentor future leaders. He has done that and more. This man's songlines will sing and sing and sing.

I never saw him angry, yet he had much to be angry about. I can remember him telling me stories of the outrageous discrimination he experienced, particularly back in the 1960s.

When he told me those stories it made me angry. How could any other man seek to discriminate against this great man? This most humble and generous of men. But he never sat in anger. He had moved through his anger to a place of deep harmony. He was at peace with himself and the world around him.

In my time with him I never heard him once get angry or frustrated about his disability. He lived with grace, despite the physical pain that his disability often caused him. I never heard him ever speak with regret about his disability.

He has achieved so many things and touched so many lives he leaves an extraordinary legacy. Many people have benefitted from his legacy. He had a deep affection for young people; he was a

mentor to many. I know that this great man helped to shape me. He was a grandfather to me. He will forever be a quiet whisper at my shoulder.

How is it possible that one man can achieve so much in one life? Over this past week I've been trying to answer this question. I think it's because of courage. This great man had almost impossible courage. He was profoundly disabled for 60 years of his life, yet he stood amongst the tallest of men.

He was subjected to racism throughout his life, in particular during his formative years, yet he was the first to build a bridge to the other side.

He has many friends from the non-Indigenous community. This is a man who deserves the deepest of respect and the greatest of accolades. Yet he would most likely shun that in favour of knowing that there are others rising in his place. This is surely the mark of a great man.

The passing of this great man marks the end of an era in many ways. There are fewer and fewer of the pioneering leaders still with us today.

This man has been there for those nation-shaping moments. He was a leading campaigner during the 1967 Referendum. He was advocating for the rights of Aboriginal people with disabilities as far back as 1991. And he was a pioneer of Aboriginal media.

For his extraordinary contribution to public life he was awarded an Order of Australia Medal.

This great man has lived a full life. This man's legacy demands of all of us that we seek to build a better local community, a better Australia.

He saw progress in his life there is no doubt, but I know he was restless to see more.

So here lies a great Marrickville man, here lies a truly great Australian.

Here lies a proud and strong and noble and wise Bundjalung warrior.

● This is one of the eulogies delivered at Uncle Lester's funeral.



On page 24, *Koori Mail* columnist Dr Woolombi Waters says that despite a tough year, we have to find hope within the despair.

Block to Rock



Greg Walford and some of the kids he and Auntie Beryl Van-Oploo took from the Block to the Rock.

Hi. I lived in Walgett (north-western NSW) and I got a job working for Aboriginal kids at Life for Koori Kids in Sydney.

I've travelled around Australia a couple of times doing Aboriginal culture for schools, tourists and Life for Koori Kids.

Recently I took a mob of 13 kids from Sydney to Uluru with Life for Koori Kids.

It was the best time I have had in my life and the best thing I've ever done in my life.

I come from the bush and came down to Sydney to get my kids educated and away from Walgett. Now I'm on top of the world working with Aboriginal kids in Sydney.

I do culture for the churches and show them my way. I am in a dance group called

Koomurri and we show our culture for the kids, doing our dances and telling them Koomurri stories.

When I first got to Uluru the spirit came out of me and I saw everything.

I showed the kids where all our Aboriginal people used to live, how they used to sleep, how they used to wash.

I showed them the water holes and the bush tucker. I showed them the outback and how Aboriginal people got around.

All the kids had respect and listened to what Auntie Beryl Van-Oploo and I told them about culture.

We climbed King's Canyon and we showed the mob everywhere the Aboriginal

kids used to go to. We showed them the land they lived on and how they lived.

We went swimming in the water holes and I got the boys to paint up. We painted up and posed for photos. The boys took it with pride and joy.

We took the flag from Redfern and it had "From the Block to the Rock" written on it.

Flying out from Uluru we had a last chance to see the land from above. It was a sight to see for Aboriginal kids.

It made them proud and connected.

Greg Walford
Sydney, NSW

Place to give pride back to communities

I'M looking to start a community-based village for our Elders and people with disabilities.

They can have their own cottages with assistance from staff. We can run community-based programs, educational, youth groups, men sheds and forums encouraging the wider community's involvement.

Elders can attend and be part of the community.

If you have child care available for staff and Elders' families, they might want to join them for lunch or tell them a Dreamtime story.

A small cafe to meet in, a corner shop for bits and pieces. Doctor, dentist and heated therapy pool... Community looking after community... Giving pride and culture back to our communities.

Nanncie Sturzaker

It's time we took control of our land

IF you take a good look at history, and the treatment of Aboriginal people by the British in the early days of colonisation, you will see no goodwill in their actions towards the local natives of the 'newfound colony'. From the very first day the shots were fired and continued so for years to come.

We need to remember the number of women and children run over cliffs. There are many gruesome tales that colonisation left behind, including massacres.

We now need to look at the current government structure that has so many cracks in it, that a little boy could not put his finger in the dike to save it from collapsing.

All the rules and regulations that authorities have tried to shove down our throats have been thrown out the door by the very parliamentarians elected to make laws while upholding the Constitution.

I have nothing against refugees coming to this country. Why are we made refugees in our own country? If we go to other lands we must learn their language and their customs and abide by their laws. But that is not the case here.

The time has now come for us stand up and take control in our own country, the lands of our forefathers and of their ancestors.

Have we forgotten the stories that were told to us as children by our grandparents, mums, dads, uncles and aunts?

When we move far away from our cultural upbringing, we see humiliation laid upon us and our children for generations to come.

I believe we need to take the government structure to court. There are still questions to answer regarding the frontier wars.

This will at least bring them to the table with the support of all grassroots Australians in questioning their ability to govern this land.

Patrick Norman Lock
Son of a Ngunnawal Woman

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We must step up pressure

This is the first column by Belinda Lowe, pictured, who has been an Indigenous Rights Campaigner with Amnesty International since September. Belinda reflects on the steps forward this year for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in prisons around the country, and where we need to go in 2018.

HELLO to all *Koori Mail* readers. My name is Belinda Lowe, and I'm honoured to be working with the Indigenous Rights Team at Amnesty International, based on Gadigal land (Sydney).

This is our last column for this year, and what a rollercoaster this year has been for our Community Is Everything campaign to see Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children out of prisons, and thriving in their communities.

Last month, the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory finally released its report, and its findings were scathing.

We were in Darwin for the report launch, where the Aboriginal Peak Organisations of the NT called for a new therapeutic approach, and for Aboriginal-controlled organisations to be

resourced to support children and families.

But as shocking as the findings were, the most shocking thing is that these abuses are happening all over the country.

Don Dale's Abu-Ghraib (a notorious jail in Iraq) type hooding of children has also been practised in Banksia Hill, Western Australia.

Don Dale's hog-tying children's wrists and ankles together behind their backs like an animal has also been done in Cleveland Youth Detention Centre in Queensland. Solitary confinement for days on end, where children sometimes had to defecate on the floor in their cell, also happened in Victoria, Queensland, WA and has been alleged in NSW. The same racist insults inflicted on children in Don Dale were also alleged at ACT's child prison.

All of this has been reported publicly.

And these abuses are still far more likely to happen to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids.

Last week the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare released its annual statistics on youth detention, which showed more than half of children in detention are Indigenous, on an average night in Australia. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids are 24 times more likely to be locked up



than other kids around the country.

This is not just an NT problem – it is an Australian shame, and we need federal leadership to end it.

On the day the Royal Commission report was released, Prime Minister Turnbull acknowledged that many of the recommendations were relevant to all jurisdictions. The Federal Government also committed to leading national change on the issue of youth justice.

It's almost a month now since that report, and we haven't seen any sign yet of this national leadership. The Royal Commission report cannot be left to gather dust like so many more before it, and we will hold Mr Turnbull and Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion to

their commitment for a brighter future for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Following the report, the Change The Record coalition, including Amnesty, joined forces in Canberra to release an eight-point plan for Prime Minister Turnbull to end the abuse and overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Australian prisons.

Over the past two weeks we have met with dozens of federal politicians from every party, presenting them with petitions signed by thousands of people around the country, calling for this national plan of action to make justice fair for all young people.

One of the most important recommendations

from the Royal Commission is that children should not be held criminally responsible at the tender age of 10.

This call has been picked up across the country, and two weeks ago, we joined with 60 organisations to call on Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews to #RaiseTheAge of criminal responsibility to 14.

That same week, the United Nations yet again urged Australia to raise the age, with the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination accusing Australia: "You are arresting 10 year olds on the street."

But, while there is still so far to go, as the year wraps up I'd like to acknowledge the steps forward that we all took together this year, on this long road:

- After a strong community battle, children were removed from Barwon adult prison, and abuses were exposed in Parkville, Bimberi and Banksia detention centres.

- An independent inquiry into youth detention in Queensland released recommendations that would hugely improve the youth justice system, and all recommendations were adopted by the Queensland Government.

- Indigenous-led programs, like the Yinda program in Mount Isa, received government funding to run new programs

to keep kids out of detention and on country.

- The UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples Rights toured Australia, slamming the soaring rates of Indigenous children being locked up, and recommending a national plan of action to overhaul the justice system.

- The Federal Government committed to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT), which would help put an end to inhumane treatment in detention.

As we move into 2018, we must step up the pressure on the federal, state and territory governments to include justice targets when they refresh the Closing the Gap goals.

Already, the powers that be are trying to cut Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices out of this process, so we'll be supporting Indigenous leaders to demand genuine consultation on these goals.

The Council of Australian Governments meeting in February will be a key opportunity to push state and federal leaders to adopt Change the Record's national plan, which makes justice fair for all kids, so we can look to a brighter future for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in 2018.

There's always hope

THE year comes full circle as I write my last piece for the year. In my first piece I wrote how important it is to start each year in a positive light. At times it feels almost as if being Aboriginal only compounds a world of negativity with a never-ending story of violence, poverty, racism and abuse.

Then, before you know it, January 26 comes around celebrating our attempted genocide as the rest of the country parties on Australia Day.

Then soon after celebrating genocide and invasion the Prime Minister releases the Closing the Gap report, highlighting our segregation as we rate, once again, behind in every social quality of life indicator in this country in health, housing and education. The life expectancy gap remains more than a decade apart for our mob compared with the rest of Australia.

Aboriginal deaths in custody are still happening, highlighting the high rates of Aboriginal incarceration, systemic violence and substance abuse in our communities.

And if that isn't bad enough, government expenditure is contributing to such trauma, committing \$3.4 billion to child protection strategies that remove our children and place them in care compared with \$68 million on keeping our families together.

Then there are the racist work-

for-the-dole schemes that target our communities and are enforced by punitive measures that cut income.

And income management that limits families' independence and spending.

The people hit the hardest through such policies are those right at the bottom – the unemployed, young people, those in remote communities, the sick, the poor, the aged and disabled.

All this madness came to a head in 2017, carried on the shoulders of Clinton Pryor – our own 'Spirit Walker'. Clinton walked from Perth to the Northern Territory, to South Australia, across to Victoria, up to Sydney and then on to Canberra to protest the closure of remote communities and highlight the despair our people are feeling.

During his walk, Clinton stayed in Aboriginal communities, and met with Elders across the country, hoping to take their concerns to the Prime Minister. But when he reached Canberra, the Prime Minister refused to come to the Tent Embassy to meet with Clinton and Aboriginal Elders. Instead, Clinton, Elders and others went to a private forecourt for a meeting that lasted less than 20 minutes.

The Prime Minister apparently spoke over the top of the delegation, showing he wasn't interested in listening. Clinton turned his back and made one final walk in protest



Woolombi Waters

out of the meeting.

Then there's the rejection of the Uluru Statement of the Heart.

But I stand by my call at the beginning of the year to remain positive and find hope within the despair. We have no other choice, otherwise we can become overwhelmed and fall into a deep societal depression that will never allow us to live healthy lives.

When up against it you have to

find hope within yourself, there is no other choice.

Life is filled with wrongs and injustices, but it is the courage to seek truth and reason beyond despair that continues to give meaning to life. We can't allow ourselves to drown in pain, wondering why us, why are we the ones with such trauma?

Instead, educate yourselves. Understand your history and what we have overcome and remain grateful that we are strong enough to survive.

Because life, in itself, is a gift. Although we can become numb, life is also filled with hope, belief and moments of joy. These are what we have to cling to and value over and above the hardship we face.

Along any path of darkness there will always be a light waiting to be seen by those who can find happiness in the smile of a child, the sound of the rain... For me towards the end of the year it was the joy of seeing so many of our young people graduating from high schools celebrated across the country on social media.

Our heart is gifted to see this hope as light. We have lived for tens of thousands of years and we remain today as we were yesterday, so never give up. No matter what we are faced with today, know that through our very longevity we remain survivors and there is

nothing we cannot overcome.

I have learned that for all I have achieved through travel and education that my happiest times are when I am surrounded by family and people who love me.

Blessed you are to have such people in your life. Sometimes they are the light that shines your path in some of the darkest places. No matter what you do you can never give up hope.

There are hardships – some you just can't understand. No-one can. But you just can't curl up and worry about how the future might be and allow it to overcome you.

All you can do is plan a way out, create a strategy that creates an alternative to the life you are living, if it has become too much.

You need to see the bigger picture of where you come from so you can begin to fight for your future. You have a right to a future; we all do.

You just have to keep moving forward, developing your path, and at the same time accept there will be ups and downs, but look for happiness. You have to take ownership and accept responsibility for the path you are on. You have to gain faith in yourself and remain calm no matter the obstacles you are faced with and never lose hope and never give in.

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

Rights action needed

IN this past year, events including Indigenous youth being assaulted in detention, the killing of young Elijah Doherty and the treatment of refugees on Manus Island, have highlighted Australian race relations are not as they should be.

Having recently been elected unopposed to the United Nations Human Rights Council, Australia has a fundamental obligation to ensure that it acts as a world leader in regards to human rights.

The UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights expects Australia will start to lead by example when it comes to human rights – our government must show through actions, and not just words, that human rights really matter and we will uphold our treaty obligations as we have agreed to.

One of those key treaties is the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination or ICERD. Australia signed the ICERD in 1975 and implemented it nationally through the *Race Discrimination Act 1975*.

Unfortunately, race discrimination, racism and racist violence remain a significant, if not a severe, problem today in Australia.

While our laws and policies today are not overtly or

expressly racist, systemic, institutional and structural forms of race discrimination continue to impact Indigenous people and people from the CALD (culturally and linguistically diverse) migrant and refugee communities.

We can acknowledge the progress made, but we also have to have an honest dialogue about the challenges we face.

Too many Aboriginal lives are blighted by lack of realisation of the right to racial equality. For migrants and refugees, the situation is also troubling, and the recent treatment of people at Manus Island does not make us proud as a nation.

This week in Geneva, Australia's compliance with ICERD will be reviewed by a committee of independent experts who will also hear from the Australian civil society represented by non-government organisations (NGOs) concerned about the human rights set out in the Treaty.

Our delegation has arrived in Geneva, Switzerland, to speak to a 'shadow report' we have prepared for the committee and endorsed by 53 community-based organisations in Australia. The report outlines issues that need to be addressed as a priority, being inconsistent with our treaty obligation to ensure non-discrimination on the basis



Hannah McGlade

of race, culture and ethnicity.

The committee will be engaging in important dialogue with the Australian Government and also asking questions about issues of concern.

As independent experts appointed by their countries, they bring a wealth of knowledge to the table and Australia should use this as an opportunity to seek to improve its human rights record.

The committee's exchange with Australia about its human

rights record is likely to be informative, robust and critical. By the end of the committee's questioning, the Australian Government should be left in no doubt we must do better when it comes to race relations in our country.

The shadow report outlines the key areas of concern, including racism as a growing problem in Australia, the shortcomings in anti-discrimination law, violence and discrimination against Aboriginal women, deficiencies with native title, the over-representation of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care, issues facing migrant workers, refugees and Australia's offshore detention process.

The report notes a visit in 2017 by the UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples that "found deeply disturbing the numerous reports on the prevalence of racism against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples".

The impacts of race discrimination and prejudice on migrants and refugees in Australia are also being recognised as pervasive and traumatic for those experiencing them.

The report acknowledges the need to combat racism through proactive legal and policy reforms and calls on the

Australian Government to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and refugee and migrant communities to support, strengthen and develop anti-racism education programs.

The UN committee will identify progress and make significant recommendations to Australia about issues of concern.

Unfortunately our Government has not always considered reports of the treaty bodies with the respect they deserve.

However, this attitude reflects a serious error of judgement as the reports are international law and Australia is bound to give effect to our treaty obligations.

It's time we made up our minds on human rights we are either for or against, and our commitment to human rights must be clear and unambiguous.

Unquestionably, it is in our interests to improve our engagement and commitment to human rights, by treating more seriously international human rights law developed by way of the treaty body committee processes.

● Noongar woman Hannah McGlade is a lawyer. Last year she was appointed senior Indigenous fellow in the office of the UN Commissioner for Human Rights.

Too many of our mob are dying on our roads.

The road is no place for excuses.



Bring the mob home safely.

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Perspectives from the opera house



THE Sydney Opera House has launched a new series of its podcast *Deadly Voices from the*

House. The second series, *Perspectives*, is hosted by opera house head of First Nations programming Rhoda Roberts and features interviews with First Nations personalities from the arts, sport, social services and the entertainment industry who identify as LGBTQI+. Each episode explores gender, sexuality and marriage equality from an Indigenous and personal perspective.

"The recent postal survey result delivered a resounding yes vote on same-sex marriage," Ms Roberts said. "However, the intersection of race, sexuality, gender and culture will continue to be very precarious for First Nations Australians who identify as LGBTQI+."

"I wanted this series to highlight the enduring spirit, trust



Beau James and Rhoda Roberts.
Picture: Anna Kucera

and pride of the community, both in the city and the bush, discussing some of the social justice challenges and cultural

nuances that our LGBTQI+ community face."

The first episode, *Transitioning*, features Beau

James (who was known as Donna Carstens at the time of recording) – from the Mununjali clan of the Yugambah Nation

from south-east Queensland, with links to Stradbroke Island.

Beau is an accomplished physical theatre/circus performer working in the community, arts, social-justice and education sectors. He has worked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia and is currently employed as the manager of Indigenous programs at the Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney.

"I'm so happy in my life at the moment, and who I'm becoming," Mr James says in the episode.

"It's not becoming someone different, it's becoming ... the person that I've always wanted to be. I look at pictures of myself these days and I love what I see. I didn't used to like pictures of myself – but now the outside matches the inside."

The first few episodes are available now on iTunes and Stitcher, with the final episode released on December 18.

Heritage Act 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

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

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of the following place on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

White Hart Inn Archaeological Site, Beaumont Hills
Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 9 January 2018. Enquiries to Aleisha Buckler on (02) 9585 6944 or Aleisha.Buckler@environment.nsw.gov.au.

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

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

Direct submissions to:
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Parramatta NSW 2124
heritage@heritage.nsw.gov.au
(02) 9873 8500

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ORANA HAVEN ABORIGINAL CORPORATION Expression of Interest to become a Director or Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation

Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation is looking for board members who believe in the objectives of the corporation's vision of improving the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who suffer the effects of alcohol and drug abuse in the Far Western Region of NSW. The primary responsibility of a board member is to attend regular board meetings and be active in their roles of steering the Corporation towards a sustainable future. For further information please contact Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation on 02 68744886 or 02 68744983.



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.

The Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship Trust Fund was established in 1994 with a contribution from the Australian Government. In 2016, the Trust Fund became The AMA Indigenous Medical Scholarship Foundation. The Foundation is administered by AMA Pty Ltd.

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The Maltings, Mittagong
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Eskbank House, Lithgow
Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 9 January 2018. Enquiries to David Campbell on (02) 4927 3193 or david.s.campbell@environment.nsw.gov.au

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Maralinga ill winds taking toll



SUE Coleman-Haseldine was a baby crawling around in the dirt when the winds brought the black mist. Her white nappies on the washing line were burnt.

It was in the 1950s when the British began testing nuclear weapons at Maralinga in the South Australian outback.

The legacy of the bombs dropped continues to haunt the 67-year-old Aboriginal grandmother.

"We weren't on ground zero at Maralinga, otherwise we would all be dead," she said.

"I was born and grew up on a mission at Koonibba, but the winds came to us."

Ceduna, the main township before the Nullarbor, is the cancer capital of Australia, Ms Coleman-Haseldine says.

She's had her thyroid removed and will be on medication for the rest of her life.

Her 15-year-old granddaughter is also battling thyroid cancer.

There are birth defects and cancers right across the community.

"It's changed our genes," Ms Coleman-Haseldine said.

"These diseases weren't around before the bombs."

On December 10, Ms Coleman-Haseldine was in Oslo, Norway, for the Nobel Peace Prize award ceremony. The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) was recognised for its work to achieve a treaty-based ban on nuclear weapons.

So far 122 countries have adopted the treaty, excluding Australia and countries with nuclear weapons – the United States, Great

Britain, Russia, China, France, India, Pakistan, North Korea and Israel.

Only three countries have ratified the treaty and 50 are needed for it to become international law.

ICAN is a grassroots movement that began in Carlton, Melbourne, more than a decade ago.

In Norway, Ms Coleman-Haseldine told the story of her people and their contaminated land.

"You've got to keep the past alive to protect the future," she said.

Ms Coleman-Haseldine hopes Australia will reverse its opposition and sign the treaty.

The Turnbull Government has ruled that out, but the Labor Party will debate the issue at its national conference next year. – AAP

**"You've
got to keep
the past
alive to
protect the
future."**

SCU signs up for RAP



STUDENTS at Southern Cross University (SCU) will soon see signs written in both the language of the local traditional owners and

English. The new signage at campuses in Lismore and Coffs Harbour, north-eastern NSW, and the Gold Coast, is part of the university's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Along with a new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education and employment strategy, the recently launched RAP will bring about changes in the day-to-day operations of the university.

Director of SCU's Gribi College of Indigenous Peoples Professor Norman Sheehan, a Wiradjuri man, said the RAP is about bringing cultural safety and security to the university.

"The RAP gives us an opportunity to engage with the difficult issues that reconciliation addresses and start to make a difference in Aboriginal higher education and research," he said.

Prof Sheehan said the RAP will see procedures and process structures built into the university's operations, including sourcing Aboriginal businesses as preferred suppliers to the university.

"We'll also increase numbers of Indigenous staff and students and make sure there is an acknowledgement of country at the university in courses, classes and on websites," he said.

Prof Sheehan said it's been a long process of consultation and working with traditional owners and Elders from several Aboriginal nations, and SCU staff and students, to shape the direction of the RAP.

"We have an Elders Council of 24 people from Kempsey to Beenleigh and they've worked together," he said. "Our RAP committee was co-chaired by Aunty Irene



SCU RAP committee members, local people and university staff celebrate the new Reconciliation Action Plan: back from left, Greg Harrington, Professor Norman Sheehan, Liz Rix, Wayne Fossey, Herb Roberts, Simon Sutton, Jenni Nielson, Rob Cummings, Stuart Barlo and Virginia Ingham and, front from left, Sasha Roberts, Oaka Deaves, Gwen Hickling-Williams, Deborah Donoghue, Nicole Tujague, Janine Dunleavy, Rachel Lynwood and Cheryl Forester.

Harrington, Rachel Lynwood and Aunty Bertha Kapeen, a leader in Aboriginal education who passed away earlier this year.

"The RAP provides an example of respectful relationships as the basis for deeper engagement and effective learning among our communities. We can teach staff and students to be trauma-aware and build the creation of Aboriginal agency."

Prof Sheehan said the RAP was the beginning of bigger things for Gribi's Indigenous knowledge curriculum at the

university, including offering new study units in Bundjaung language.

"Gribi was a college, but now it is a school equal to the others and we'll offer new degrees in Indigenous knowledge, including integrating our knowledge into the sciences," he said. "We've started designing the curriculum already and a big focus is climate change. I get excited about that."

"Our knowledge is equal."

Prof Sheehan said the university was currently in consultation with Indigenous

Elders in order to determine the direction of Gribi's academic research.

"If we are to build our academic research work, we need to make sure any research we do is relevant to the community," he said.

"It's time for us to step in front and show how strong our commitment is to reconciliation. Now, as we operationalise the RAP, every student in every session will commence with knowledge as we develop Indigenous knowledge as a discipline throughout the whole university and beyond."

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE QAIHC 2017 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE WINNERS

The Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) Awards for Excellence recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of individuals and organisations within the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health Sector. QAIHC congratulates this year's award winners for their dedication and commitment to improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service Aboriginal Corporation, Yarrabah QAIHC Member of the Year Award Winner

The QAIHC Member of the Year Award recognises a Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health Service that has achieved outstanding results in 2017 through initiatives that demonstrate leadership and a commitment to organisational excellence.

Aunty Gail Wason, Mulungu Aboriginal Corporation, Mareeba QAIHC Leader of the Year Award Winner

The QAIHC Leader of the Year Award recognises an executive or board member in a Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health Service who has made an outstanding contribution to leadership excellence during 2017.

Dental Team, Wuchopperen Health Service, Cairns QAIHC Patient Satisfaction & Service Excellence Award Winner

The QAIHC Patient Satisfaction & Service Excellence Award recognises a Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health Service team that has achieved outstanding results in 2017 through initiatives that demonstrate leadership and a commitment to excellence in customer service.

Carbal Medical Services, Toowoomba QAIHC Innovation Excellence Award Winner

The QAIHC Innovation Excellence Award recognises a Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health Service team that has achieved outstanding results in 2017 through the implementation of initiatives that demonstrate leadership and a commitment to excellence in innovation.

Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health, Cunnamulla QAIHC Partnership Excellence Award Winner

The QAIHC Partnership Excellence Award recognises a Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health Service team that has achieved outstanding results in 2017 through initiatives that demonstrate leadership and a commitment to excellence in partnering with external organisations.

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Three decades of giving



AFTER a 30-year career giving service to the health of her community, Biripi woman Leonie Morcome is still giving.

From humble beginnings as a trainee health worker for the Taree-based Biripi Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS), Ms Morcome now wants to add a management degree to her list of qualifications. She also wants to get a bus driver's licence.

"If I have the bus licence, then I can drive all the kids around," she told the *Koori Mail*. "It helps with sorry business."

"Working for an Aboriginal controlled community organisation, I've had a lot of support from staff and community. The community has given to me and I want to give back to them."

Ms Morcome has seen staff come and go in the AMS over 30 years and she's worked with a lot of community members. They came together to celebrate her 30-year career with a party and a bull ride, which she was the first to try.

"I started working with the service when I was 18," she said.

"There were only about five staff back then and the chief executive at the time asked me if I wanted a traineeship as a health worker. The next week I started working and I never looked back."

Ms Morcome went on to study Aboriginal health and community development and later became a senior health worker. Now, she's worked in all areas of health, from family health to domestic violence and sexual assault and is currently studying for a frontline management degree.

"I already had two weeks as acting manager," she said.



Biripi Aboriginal Medical Service's Leonie Morcome with her father Herbert Nixon.

"That's the goal I want to reach. I'd like to take on the role as manager one day."

Ms Morcome said she's seen changes in Aboriginal community health over the past 30 years. These days, there is less diabetes and infant

mortality, but more major health problems like cancer and chronic illness such as renal (kidney) disease.

"I try to control it with education promotion," she said.

"If we can influence people to change their lifestyles, we can

show them they can live longer for their family and community."

"As health professionals, we can walk alongside and work with them to give them the individual care and support they need."

"We've all got to walk the

walk and talk the talk together."

Ms Morcome has recently been working as the cultural security and safety coordinator at the AMS, training doctors how to take a holistic approach when working with Aboriginal patients.

"Cultural safety is the action that comes from cultural awareness and health workers are key people to knowing Aboriginal people," she said.

"We need to understand their life situations and backgrounds. It's about being part of the community."

Ms Morcome has been a leader and a mentor to young people in her community. She's helped establish basketball events and been instrumental in getting a basketball court built on the original community mission site.

"The kids who have grown up now all remember the programs I brought in years ago and say they wish we had that for the kids now," she said.

"My work has left an impression on them. In 2013, my staff nominated me for the honour of being health worker of the year. It was so good to have that pat on the back."

"When I got back from the award ceremony, the tears were overwhelming. My family and the community were on the side of the road waiting for me."

"I love working for my community and will continue to encourage the next lot of young ones to come through and get involved in Aboriginal health."

Ms Morcome's father's eyesight was affected by diabetes and her mother is a paraplegic, but Ms Morcome said it's because of their support that she has become who she is.

"My mum always said to me to be a leader and stand proud and tall and continue what you need to do," she said.



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Fortescue will appeal ruling



FORTESCUE Metals Group, the mining company founded by billionaire Andrew Forrest, is appealing against

a native title ruling covering more than 2700sq km of Pilbara land in Western Australia, including where the company operates its Solomon iron ore mine.

When the Federal Court recognised the Yindjibarndi people as having exclusive rights to the land in July, the company said it would likely appeal the ruling.

Justice Steven Rares travelled to the Millstream Chichester National Park in November to make his final

determination, triggering a 21-day period for Fortescue to lodge an appeal.

Last week, the company said in a statement that it had lodged a notice of appeal against the judgment, ensuring the long-running native title dispute will continue.

Fortescue previously said the court decision had no effect on the mining tenure at the Solomon Hub.

Fortescue chief executive Nev Power said the company had always welcomed recognition of Yindjibarndi native title.

"However, the Federal Court decision relating to the concept of exclusive possession has potentially wide-ranging implications for new investment

in resources, agriculture and tourism," he said.

At FMG's annual general meeting in Perth last month, Mr Power said 2017 was a "record-breaking year for Fortescue".

"We are the lowest-cost producer of iron ore in the world," he said.

In August, Mr Forrest pocketed a \$445 million dividend after FMG's net profit jumped more than 100%.

Mr Power said the company would "continue to provide employment for Aboriginal people to ensure communities benefited from the growth of Fortescue".

The claim was first lodged in 2003, making it one of the longest-running native title claims in Australia. — *With AAP*

Engineer is breaking new ground

By LIINA FLYNN



BUNDJALUNG man Shane Kennelly wanted to be a doctor when he was young, but then he saw the movie *Top Gun* and realised he had a 'need for speed'.

"That's when I got interested in aircraft and flying," Mr Kennelly told the *Koori Mail*.

"When I was 17, I tried to get into the defence force but missed out, so I took up the challenge of studying aeronautical engineering at Sydney University."

Mr Kennelly's made a life of breaking new ground. He was the first in his family to get a university degree and now he's been appointed as the first Indigenous board director of Engineers Without Borders (EWB) Australia.

"I saw EWB were doing great stuff in Australia and overseas," Mr Kennelly said.

"As a director I can bring my engineering experience to work with communities, implement new programs and get more government support and partnerships."

"As a not-for-profit organisation with a core aim of creating social value through engineering, EWB can create sustainable economic and social benefits for Indigenous communities."

As an engineer and a businessman who directs his own company, Kennelly Constructions, Mr Kennelly is passionate about getting more young people involved in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).

"My passion is solving problems and seeing something like a bit of dirt and turning it into a road or a building," he said.

"Seeing your work being built is satisfying."

"I'd like to provide young kids with a window into what engineers can do. There are so many disciplines – you can be sitting in an office designing an aircraft or a building structure, or in the field managing a project."

Mr Kennelly said he hopes more young people will be inspired to take on construction and design challenges in their own communities.

"In the Northern Territory, there are problems like overcrowded housing," he said.

"If young Aboriginal people take up

engineering as a career, they could create housing designs that suit their community and be sustainable with water usage and solar power to minimise the costs of living in remote areas."

Mr Kennelly's own career saw him move around Australia to work with companies like Telstra in pay TV design work and mobile base stations and then into project management and construction work. He then went on to study a Masters of Business degree.

"I've always had a passion to run business and to be in general management," Mr Kennelly said.

Now, running his own business allows him to work with smaller Indigenous businesses and help them expand.

His company had also set up two civil engineering scholarships for Indigenous people – one in Lismore on Bundjalung country, and one at Charles Darwin University.

"I had to move to the big smoke in Sydney to study at university and I had no financial support from my parents," he said.

"These scholarships mean kids don't have to move away from their home and they get four years of financial support."

"If we can take away those problems so kids don't need to work two jobs like I did while studying, then we give them the best opportunity to succeed and complete their degree."

Mr Kennelly said his mission is to get more Indigenous people involved with STEM.

"We need to encourage kids to look at it as a pathway, especially with technology and digitisation," he said.

"If you are connected to the internet, you are connected to the globe."

"Kids can start thinking about how

to create apps on their phones to enable communities to connect .

"They need to study maths and science at school – these are the foundations of what's required to help you become a computer programmer and be the next person to create a Facebook or Google Chrome."

"There's also great stuff being done with robotics. Rangers are using drones to help manage country to see where areas need to be burnt off, or with feral animal management."

"It's a great opportunity to integrate technology with traditional ways of doing things."



Pastors William and Sandra Dumas.

Religion, education and now art at Ganggalah



BRINGING together religion, art and education, the Ganggalah

Church, Training and Arts Centre has opened in South Tweed Heads.

Pastors William and Sandra Dumas said their vision was to "see people of all cultures restored and released into God's purposes for their lives".

William chairs the Australian Christian Churches National Indigenous Initiative and believes "God has called them to be a family of all cultures".

"We wanted to build a church that is a place of belonging and a home where families are strengthened," he said.

Ten years ago, the pastors established Ganggalah Training Centre and they now intend to bring a chaplaincy course as well a Certificate III in Ministry and Leadership course to the new centre in the coming year.

The inclusion of arts in the new centre focuses on training and promoting Aboriginal art, cultural dance, drama, media and craft.

"We recognise that

Indigenous artists have a unique, compelling way of sharing biblical messages creatively in new forms," William said.

"We aim to pass on this valuable knowledge, whilst highlighting the spiritual and significant importance and meaning of our rich heritage."

The Ganggalah Church also holds men's, women's, youth and children's ministries.

The couple invites the community to visit the new centre at 2/139-141 Minjungbal Drive.

More information at www.ganggalah.com

Warning of kids' crisis



AUSTRALIA could be facing a national crisis as the number of Indigenous children being

removed from their families threatens to soar, a new report warns. Without urgent attention, the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care will more than triple in the next 20 years, according to the Family Matters report, launched recently at Parliament House.

Family Matters co-chair Natalie Lewis said governments needed to resource Indigenous organisations so they could support children and families.

"Supportive and preventative services ... are crucial to addressing the over-

representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care," she said.

The report found that Indigenous children are nearly 10 times more likely to be removed from their families than other children.

Only one in every five dollars spent on child protection is invested in family support.

Attention

Labor senator Doug Cameron said the report demanded greater attention to Indigenous affairs.

"I think there's an urgent need to look at the Closing the Gap issues more effectively than the Turnbull Government has been doing," he said.

The report also found that only seven in 10 Indigenous children are placed with family,

kin or other Indigenous carers.

Liberal Democrats senator David Leyonhjelm said he believed there were circumstances in which the kinship placement principle shouldn't apply.

"Placing them with other Aboriginal households just because they are Aboriginal households I think is the wrong thing to do," he said.

Greens senator Janet Rice said the report findings were disturbing.

"Essentially it shows there is still unfinished business," she said.

"We've still got a long way to go before we are providing the right level of support to Aboriginal families to ensure that their families can stay together." – AAP

Fremantle Arts Centre the



Matt Maguire gives the welcome to country in Fremantle.



Curtis Taylor, Tina Giglia, Ishmael Marika and Matt McVeigh at the exhibition opening.



Judith Chambers and Eunice Porter, from Warakurna, with their artwork.



Philip McDaid, Glenn Iseger-Pilkington and Eva Fernandez.



Aaron Chambers, from Warakurna in Western Australia's far eastern region.



Gavin Wanganeen officially opens the exhibition.



Thelma Judson, Claire Healy and Kumpaya Girgiba from Martumili Artists, based in Newman, Western Australia.



Lea Taylor and John Mogridge.



Sherryl Coffey and Vanessa Nikellys.



Exhibition guests in main gallery of the Fremantle Arts Centre.



Pippa Wanganeen and Megan Salman.

venue for new exhibition



Katherine Shepherd, from Warakurnu, with her artwork at the exhibition.



Joylene Frazer and Bryan Barlow with their daughter Brynesha Barlow.

Top art centres are in cahoots

By TASH GILLESPIE



ARTISTS from six Aboriginal art centres have partnered with leading Australian independent artists for a new exhibition at the Fremantle Arts Centre.

Called *In Cahoots: artists collaborate across Country*, the artists have produced new works through a series of artist residencies.

Led by the Aboriginal art centres at every stage, from selecting the visiting artists and planning the exhibition to engaging directly with audiences, the exhibition explores the challenging nature of collaboration between art centres and Aboriginal and other artists.

Curator Erin Coates said the exhibition was a testament



Curator Erin Coates and Martu artist Curtis Taylor.

to what can happen when artists get "in cahoots" with each other.

"The artists have had to negotiate different cultural spaces, but all of the challenges were worth it," she said.

The exhibition was officially opened by former AFL player

and artist Gavin Wanganeen, who explained how he became involved in art following his football career and after going through a period of uncertainty of what to do with his life.

"It was a really tough time in my life to figure out what to do next. I was only good at

football, so what am I going to be good at?" he said.

"Art has been a really powerful experience for me. It's given me an opportunity to meet my mum's people. She's a Kokatha Mula woman, a Western Desert woman.

"It has been an opportunity for me to connect back to culture."

As part of the exhibition, Warakurnu artists worked with Tony Albert, Baluk artists worked with Neil Aldum, artists from the Mangkaja Arts Resource Agency worked with Trent Jansen, Martumili artists worked with Claire Healy and Sean Cordeiro, and the Papulankutja artists worked with Louise Haselton.

The *In Cahoots* public program also included artist talks, a gallery tour, panel discussions and workshops with the artists. It runs until January 28.



Megan Cooper and Shannon Lethbridge.



Ron Bradfield with his son Finn.



Brandi Hansen and Gavin Wanganeen with Clifford and Ellen Smith.



Myarn Lawford, Audrey Bolger, Rita Minga from Mangkaja Arts in Fitzroy Crossing.

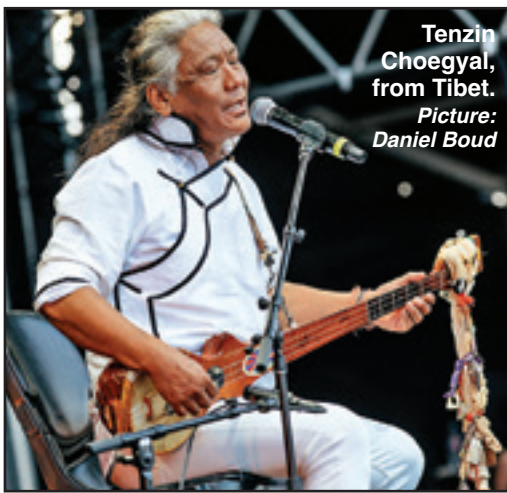
2017 Homeground Festival



Q-Town Mura Buai Kebile
Picture: Daniel Boud



Q-Town Mura Buai Kebile



Tenzin Choegyal, from Tibet.
Picture: Daniel Boud



Yothu Yindi and the Treaty Project on stage. Picture: Daniel Boud



Mau Power
Picture: Daniel Boud



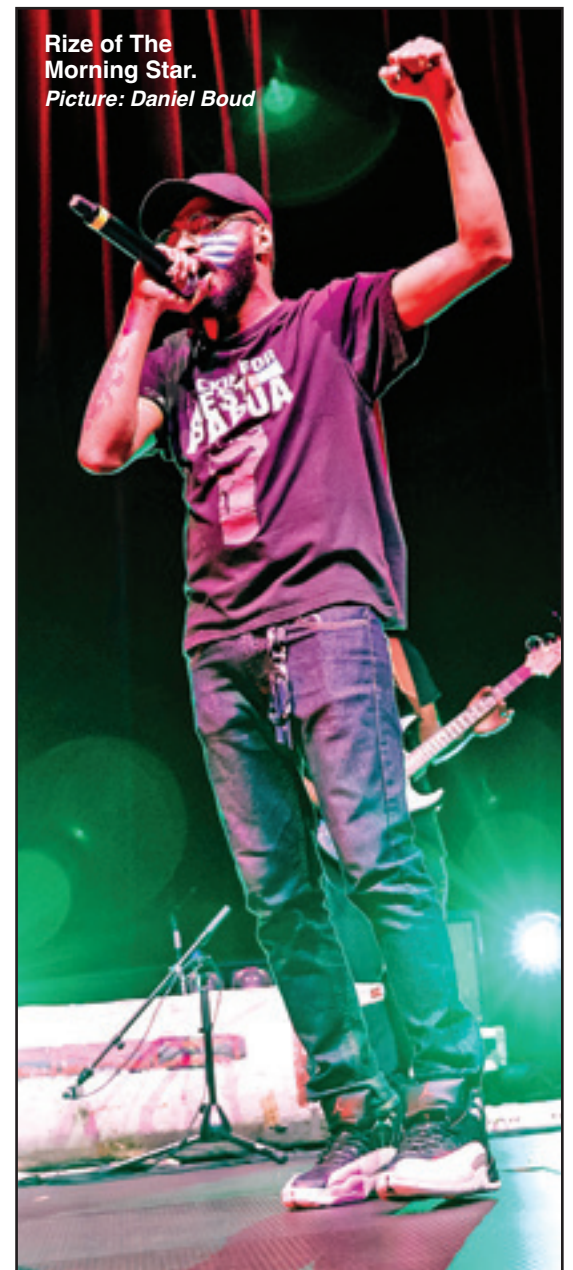
Rako Pasefika dancers.
Picture: Daniel Boud



One of the Te Rua Mauri dancers from New Zealand. Picture: Daniel Boud



The Malu-Kiai Mura Buai dancers in Sydney. Picture: Daniel Boud



Rize of The Morning Star.
Picture: Daniel Boud



A weaving workshop held at Homeground.
Picture: Daniel Boud

at the Sydney Opera House

Madhu Yinaa performs at the Sydney Opera House.
Picture: Daniel Boud



A Wabuan Geth dancer.
Picture: Syrenne Anu



Crowd enjoys cultural feast

Kulgoodah dancers from Woorabinda claim their \$20,000 prize.



NSW DOZENS of First Nations groups shared their culture for Dance Rites, as part of the Homeground Festival at the Sydney Opera House last month.

The Kulgoodah dancers from Woorabinda, Queensland, were eventually declared the winners of the national Indigenous dance competition, taking home \$20,000.

Allkumo Malpa Paman, from Coen, Cape York, won the \$3000 wildcard prize.

Homeground attracted thousands of spectators over the weekend, with Yothu Yindi and the Treaty Project, including special guest Constantina Bush, proving one of the many crowd favourites.

Sorong Samurai, a collaboration of Pacific nations musicians, including Rize of the Morning Star, from West Papua, combined log-drumming from the Manus Islands and vocals by Papua New Guinean artists Twin Tribe, with the hip-hop beats of Airileke Ingram for a unique mix of traditional and modern sounds.

Other performers included Electric Fields, Mau Power, Tibetan throat singer Tenzin Choegyal and Rako Pase ka.

The Winda First Nations Film Festival screened as part of Homeground for the first time.



An Allukmo Malpa Paman dancer shares culture at Dance Rites. Picture: Daniel Boud



Allkumo Malpa Paman. Picture: Daniel Boud



Mayi Wunba dancers.
Picture: Daniel Boud

Gamarada celebrates 10 years



REDFERN-based community organisation Gamarada recently celebrated its first decade. The Aboriginal community-controlled organisation held a 10th anniversary party, which featured guest speakers Deputy Opposition Leader Tanya Plibersek, former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioners Tom Calma and Mick Gooda and City of Sydney councillor Linda Scott.

The party provided an opportunity for Gamarada to detail its Indigenous healing programs and the affect they have on those who attend.

Since 2007, Gamarada and its volunteers have provided therapeutic healing and cultural renewal to more than 5000 participants through challenges including contact with the criminal justice system, family violence, addiction, suicide prevention and treatment, the Stolen Generations, grief, loss and trauma, while also training dozens of community workers and professionals in skills for working in the Indigenous trauma field.

David Leha came to Gamarada to participate in one of the programs.

"For many years now, from a background of violence and anger, I have learned to open my mind and to take in things which can help me with my own healing," he said.

"Gamarada has inspired me and given me many new tools, which I now share with others who are also trying to change for the better."



Guests at community organisation Gamarada's recent 10th anniversary celebration in Redfern.



AHL students Keiran Fields, Dermott Fields, Christian Prince and Garry Able.

Record number of Year 12 graduates for Hostels



ABORIGINAL Hostels Ltd (AHL) has been home to 14 students who completed their Year 12 studies this year.

It's a record number for the nationwide organisation, which has nine secondary education hostels.

After hearing about AHL through family, Dermott (originally from Walgett in western NSW) decided AHL's Kirinari hostel for boys in Sydney would be his home away from home while he completed his Higher School Certificate.

"It's a good feeling to have finally finished after so much effort and time being dedicated to school. It's also a good feeling to have made my family proud," Dermott said.

Christian, a young Mungindi man, heard about AHL through family members who

had previously attended. Kirinari became his second home last year.

"I have never looked back," he said.

Both young men graduated from Endeavour Sports High, and both took advantage of the school's sporting program as well as the employment-focused study options on offer.

Christian said hospitality was his favourite subject.

"I'm just so happy that I can say that I have completed Year 12," he said.

AHL chief executive Tony Usher said it's a credit to the young men and women who worked hard to achieve their educational goals.

"In the end, this is the students' success we're celebrating," he said.

"Hostels are there to provide all the support we can so they can reach their goals."

Heat on as ABC moves Hottest 100



THE Turnbull Government has criticised the ABC over radio station Triple J's decision to shift the Hottest 100 countdown from Australia Day.

The radio station announced it will no longer hold its popular music countdown on January 26, moving it to the fourth weekend of the month, prompting Communications Minister Mitch Fifield to urge the public broadcaster's board to intervene.

"It is a political statement," Senator Fifield told ABC TV.

"If you're saying that there are people who have an issue with Australia Day and you are changing your programming as a result, that is a political intervention by the public broadcaster."

Triple J has defended its decision, pointing to a survey of its listeners showing 60% supported changing the date amid debate about Australia Day's meaning to Indigenous Australians.

It will now rebrand the countdown as the Hottest 100 Weekend, with next year's being broadcast on January 27.

The ABC insists that benefits everyone.

"The network conducted extensive research showing that the Triple J audience wanted to decouple the countdown from the politics, with a focus

exclusively on the music," a spokesman said.

"Triple J's community continues to celebrate the countdown and the great music, now over an extended weekend, while the network has more time to join the rest of the ABC in providing comprehensive coverage of Australia Day."

The Hottest 100 has been held on a few different dates in the past. The first countdown was held on March 5, 1989, and it didn't regularly match up with January 26 until 1998. The 2004 countdown was on January 25.

Backed

At the ARIA awards, musicians backed Triple J's decision.

"We want to remove the associations with difficult sociopolitical issues away from something that should be about the music," Gang Of Youths frontman David Le'aupepe said.

The Preatures guitarist Jack Moffitt said it was a really monumental thing for the national broadcaster to do.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples is urging Triple J and the ABC to hold firm. "For many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Australia Day represents oppression and dispossession," co-chair Jackie Huggins said. — AAP



Laura Copeland, Georgina Cohen and Lindy Whitney at the party.



Catherine Ah-See with Kiyanna and Dwayne O'Connor in the Christmas spirit.



Virginia Walker at the Christmas party.

Good spirit in Lismore

NSW WHAT does Christmas look like with and without alcohol? Staff from Aboriginal community organisation Rekindling the Spirit tackled the subject at their community Christmas party in Lismore with a series of skits that echoed what happens at many Christmas celebrations.

Rekindling the Spirit counsellor Dwayne O'Connor said that while the Christmas party was all about bringing together the community, staff and their families, it was also about raising awareness around alcohol, drugs and behaviours that can happen during the holiday period.

"We hope we can have fun

and still help minimise the risks of alcohol," he said.

Mr O'Connor took part in both of the Christmas skits.

In the first skit, with drunken dancing and inappropriate behaviour, he played the role of a family member who drinks too much and ruins Christmas for everybody else.

In a turnaround, the second skit showed how having an alcohol-free Christmas can make for harmonious relationships where people talk to each other and build trust and support.

The comedy in the skits wasn't lost on those watching, who laughed and clapped.

Elders and children played pass the parcel, and face painting was popular with children from toddlers to teenagers.



Joe Gala with daughter Emily Wightman and grandson LJ King.



Quaidyn Roberts, Alicia Roberts and Rylan Cox at the party.



Paula Kennedy works on some gifts.



Charlotte Williams, Lillian King and Coral Roberts.



Auntie Vivienne Laurie King, Mick Ryan and Marie Delbridge, from the Bundjalung Elders Council.



Shar Keogh has a Christmas kiss for Evelyn Robinson.



Annie and Tina Sailor all painted up.



Back from left: Yirmal Marika, Witiyana Marika, Yirrnga Yunupingu, Gavin Campbell, Stuart Kellaway, Malangay Yunupingu; and in the front, Ania Reynolds and Megan Bernard. They are backstage after a recent Yothu Yindi show at the Croxton Bandroom in Thornbury, Melbourne.

25 years of *Treaty*

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Yothu Yindi Treaty project marks the 25th anniversary of the ARIA

winning *Treaty* (Filthy Lucre Remix). There's also seven fresh remixes, including a hip hop version featuring rising Yolngu star Baker Boy and Dhapanbal Yunupingu, the daughter of the late Dr M Yunupingu, and a techno house version, to be released in the new year.

The man behind the project is Filthy Lucre's Gavin Campbell. Back in 1992 his vision was to 'hear ceremony in a nightclub' with the original chart topping remix.

He refers to his involvement with the *Treaty* song as the 'magnum opus' (masterpiece) of his career and wants to keep people reminded and raise awareness of what that original song is about.

The song was written by Dr M Yunupingu and Dr G Yunupingu, the older Yunupingu brother Galarrwuy, Stuart Kellaway and Paul Kelly, as a protest to a broken promise by Prime Minister Bob Hawke. It was originally released in 1991, with vocal arrangements by Peter Garrett, and Tim Finn in backing vocals.

Three years earlier, on the June 12, 1988, at the Barunga Festival in the NT, Galarrwuy Yunupingu had handed Mr Hawke two paintings



Founding Yothu Yindi member Witiyana Marika's energy on stage is contagious. He's pictured here with bilma (ironwood clapsticks). Marika also joins in with manikay (traditional vocals) and is an accomplished dancer.

and a statement calling for recognition of Indigenous rights and a treaty. Hawke responded, saying there would be a treaty by 1990.

It became known as the Barunga Statement. In 1991, outgoing Prime Minister Hawke hung it on the wall in Parliament House.

With another call for recognition of rights, the Uluru Statement from the Heart,

seemingly shelved by the current government only months ago, the lyrics to *Treaty* are just as poignant as the day they were written.

Further shows

Yothu Yindi and the Treaty Project play at the Enmore Theatre in Sydney on January 12. There will be further shows and special guests announced in the new year, including a

Queensland gig in April.

A planned remix album is due to be released in early 2018, taking shape from the Yothu Yindi archive with some rarely heard international remixes of hit songs including William Orbit, K Klass and Dario G remixes of *Treaty*, the David Burnham remix of *Djpana* and the Angelique Cooper remix of *World Turning*, among many others.



Constantina Bush is part of the project.



Yirrnga Yunupingu sings.

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A year of tumult

WELL, what a year 2017 was! From the highs of the Uluru Statement from the Heart – a message of hope and strength – to the dashing of those hopes by the Federal Government, there's no doubt it's been a tumultuous year.

Hip hop sensation A.B. Original seem to have taken out just about every music award possible for their hard-hitting album *Reclaim Australia*, and Briggs and Trials took every opportunity to tell their stories and start a conversation about Indigenous incarceration and the brutality of celebrating Australia Day on January 26.

And speaking of awards, Aboriginal filmmaker Warwick Thornton's *Sweet Country* has picked up a swag too, taking gongs at international festivals including in Venice, Toronto, the Asia-Pacific Screen Awards and Adelaide. The film tells the story of an Aboriginal stockman who shoots a white man in self-defence.

In one of the most significant native title decisions in years, a full bench of the Federal Court ruled that a \$1.3 billion native title deal with the Noongar people could not be registered because some of the named applicants refused to sign it. The ruling in the *McGlade* decision overturned a previous decision, known as *Bygrave*, that said only a majority of native title applicants need to sign off on an Indigenous Land Use Agreement. The new ruling held that all named applicants must agree.

The Federal Government moved quickly to



**2017 was a big year for
Aboriginal filmmaker
Warwick Thornton.**

introduce legislation to amend the *Native Title Act* but, due to inadequate consultation with Indigenous people, the changes were blocked for months by the Senate, until eventually a deal was hammered out with Labor.

The Northern Territory royal commission into youth detention and out-of-home care conducted hearings and heard first-hand testimony from Aboriginal children. The inquiry

recently published its final report, with more than 200 recommendations. It also published several other reports, including the heartbreaking words of some of the children brave enough to share their stories.

And while the Federal Government may not have the sense to listen to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people regarding calls for treaties, two states began the process on their

own. South Australian and Victoria took significant steps towards treaty, and it looks like the Northern Territory is set to follow next year.

We lost some of our best this year, with Dr G Yunupingu, Yami Lester, Jimmy Chi, Alice Rigney, Lester Rigney, Merv Maynard and Sol Belleard among those who passed.

To all of our readers and contributors, thanks for sharing the stories. That's what makes the *Koori Mail* a national community newspaper for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Here's our edition-by-edition look at the year that was.

Edition 642 – January 11: A Tribal Warrior team became the first Aboriginal crew to sail in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Referendum dialogues began, with the first talk in Hobart.

Lowitja Institute chair Pat Anderson was awarded the 2016 Human Rights medal.

Aboriginal fashion designer Colleen Tighe Johnson prepared to take her wearable art to New York Fashion Week.

Tennis star Ashleigh Barty kicked off the year with a solid showing at the Australian Open, pushing world number one Angelique Kerber to three sets in the second round.

Wotjobaluk Elder Richard Kennedy presented a message stick to Melbourne Cricket Club president Steve Smith on Boxing

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Horror stories

Royal commission told of rape threats, girls strip-searched with men present and more

NT Male guards being present while teenage girls were arrested. Young people arrested and sexually abused, tried to throw water. Youths forced to sleep naked or else risked being raped.

Detention being labelled "dark times NSW". These are some of the shocking stories heard yesterday at the Royal Commission into sexual offences, including the ongoing Royal Commission into corruption.

Detention in the Northern Territory. The inquiry, opened by Justice Catherine Hollingworth at the Darwin Old Court House, heard reports, including in the Koori Mail, and last week in Alice Springs.

The inquiry heard from three women and women support workers who provided a disturbing picture of abuse and privatised detention. **Full report, page 5**
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Isaiah our hope for Eurovision

His debut in the country with some brilliant performance to take last year's 'X Factor' hit singing, *Isaiah*. From last year's *Eurovision* he has been singing to the world after being crowned Australia's winner in the year's Eurovision Song Contest.

The 17-year-old Melbourne-born, Jude Victoria, 1st of the Gurrumul duo, is a complete sensation, the most successful 22-year-old artist in the world. *Isaiah* has 22 competing weeks in the world. *Isaiah* has 22 competing weeks in the world. *Isaiah* has 22 competing weeks in the world.

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To mark Anzac Day on April 25, a group of students from Ntaria School rode on horseback from Ntaria (Hermannsburg) to Alice Springs to acknowledge the role of Indigenous people in the defence forces and the Central Desert brumbies used by the Light Horse Infantry in World War I.

Thursday Islander Harold Matthew became the first Indigenous Australian to compete in the London Marathon, as part of the Indigenous Marathon Project.

Five Indigenous players made the Jillaroos squad for the Anzac Test against New Zealand – Caitlan Moran, Simone Smith, Rebecca Young, Rebecca Riley and Nakia Davis-Welsh.

Edition 651 – May 17: Young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander environmental activists sent a candlelit message to government on the lawns of Parliament House – 'Land rights, not mining rights'.

Isaiah Firebrace performed his song *Don't Come Easy* at the Eurovision song contest, held in Ukraine, and finished in the top 10.

Indigenous health organisation Deadly Choices sacked rugby league player Sam Thaiday from his job as an ambassador for sexist and racist comments he made on *The Footy Show*.

Matildas soccer player Lydia Williams was named Football Federation Australia's female goalkeeper of the year.

Edition 652 – May 31: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegates released the Uluru Statement from the Heart, a series of guiding principles to map out a way forward for Constitutional change, emphasising Indigenous sovereignty. It included treaty, a First Nations Voice to Parliament, makarrata and a truth-telling commission. The constitutional meeting at Uluru was the culmination of a series of dialogues around the country.

The 50-year anniversary of the 1967 Referendum to count Aboriginal people in the Census and amend the Constitution was marked. May 27, the date of the referendum, also marked the start of National Reconciliation Week.

During the AFL's annual Indigenous round, Richmond won the Dreamtime at the 'G match, defeating Essendon by 15 points.

Edition 653 – June 14: On the 25th anniversary of the historic Mabo decision, which overturned the legal fiction of terra nullius, tribute was paid to the five claimants. On June 3, Mabo Day, respects were paid to



It was a huge year for Aboriginal tennis ace Ashleigh Barty, who became Australia's top-ranked female tennis player and broke into the world top 20 in October.

Meriam claimants Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo, Deacon Sam Passi, James Rice, Celuia Mapo Salee and Rev David Passi along with key witness Henry Kabere. On Mer (Murray Island, the island that the Mabo case was fought over) celebrations were held over a week.

Otis Carey claimed his second Australian Indigenous surfing title on Bells Beach, Victoria. Summer Simon took out the women's title at the tender age of 15.

Basketballer Abby Cubillo, from the NT, was named in the squad for the Under-19 World Cup in Italy.

Acclaimed Aboriginal poet Ali Cobby Eckerman won the inaugural Red Room Poetry Fellowship.

Edition 654 – June 28: Aboriginal leaders condemned the NT Intervention as a complete failure, after marking 10 years since the Howard Government ordered the military in to remote Aboriginal communities. Measures on

Aboriginal people in the NT under the Intervention included compulsory income management and health checks for children, alcohol restrictions on Aboriginal land and linking welfare payments to children's attendance at school.

The *Yarra River Protection (Wilip-gin Birrarung murrn – Keep the Yarra alive) Bill* was introduced in Victoria, which combined traditional First Nations wisdom with modern conservation.

Changes to the *Native Title Act* regarding Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) passed the Senate, meaning all the named applicants no longer need to sign off on an ILUA. Queensland rugby league star Johnathan Thurston was ruled out of the State of Origin decider with a shoulder injury.

Edition 655 – July 12: NAIDOC Week celebrations were held around the country with Cairns playing host

to this year's national NAIDOC Ball and awards night. Basketballer Paddy Mills was named NAIDOC Person of the Year and Noongar woman Dianne Ryder took out the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award.

An inquest began into youth suicide in WA's Kimberley.

Jimmy Chi, the acclaimed Aboriginal playwright, musician and composer who penned *Bran Nue Dae*, died in hospital, aged 69.

Light-heavyweight boxer Damien Hooper took the World Boxing Organisation and International Boxing Federation belts off Russian Uman Salamov after defeating him in a unanimous points decision in Brisbane.

Mahalia Murphy was named in the Wallaroos women's rugby union squad for the World Cup, starting in Ireland on August 9.

Edition 656 – July 26: Protests were staged around the country when it was heard that a white man

would receive just three years in jail for killing 14-year-old Elijah Doughty. The man ran down Elijah while he was riding a stolen motorcycle in WA's Goldfields region.

The Referendum Council's report was released, calling for a First Nations Voice to Parliament.

Yankunytjatjara leader and Elder Yami Lester, a well-known anti-nuclear campaigner who campaigned for the clean-up at Maralinga and compensation for Aboriginal people, died, aged 75.

In the 2017 Aboriginal Lands Cup, played as a curtain-raiser to an AFL game in Adelaide, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands beat Maralinga by 25 points.

Edition 657 – August 9: As always, the Garma Festival, hosted by the Yothu Yindi Foundation at Gulkula in Arnhem Land, provided a hotbed of issues, discussion, arts and culture. This year there was a special tribute to Dr G Yunupingu. The main topics for discussion were the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the failure of both Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten to respond adequately to the list of recommendations by First Nations people.

Betty Kuntiwa Pumani, from Amata in South Australia, won the 2017 Art Gallery of NSW \$50,000 Wynne Prize for the best landscape painting of Australian scenery or figurative sculpture.

Basketball star Paddy Mills joined Cathy Freeman as an ambassador of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Lawyer Megan Davis joined the board of the Australian Rugby League Commission.

Edition 658 – August 23: Hip hop band A.B. Original and country music star Troy Cassar-Daley were the big winners at this year's National Indigenous Music Awards in Darwin. A special presentation night also included a tribute to the late Dr G Yunupingu.

Artists from SA's APY Lands dominated the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards, held in Darwin. Pitjantjatjara artists Anwar Young, Frank Young and Unrupa Rhonda Dick took out the \$50,000 prize with an installation *Kulata Tjuta – Watti kulunypa tjukurpa (Many spears – young fella story)*, about the over-incarceration of young Aboriginal men and keeping culture alive.

This year's hosts Redfern All Blacks rejected a move from the newly formed NSW Annual Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Inc to take over this year's Koori Knockout.

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Emotions run high

Testing times

Welfare trial extended to WA Goldfields

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Our super league

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The Australian Indigenous All Stars finished 11th at the World Indigenous Basketball Challenge in Vancouver, Canada.

Edition 659 – September 6: The Federal Government said it would expand its trial of the controversial cashless welfare card to the WA Goldfields region, despite an independent assessment showing more people in the original trial sites felt it made their lives worse rather than better.

A senate inquiry into the Federal Government's Community Development Program (CDP – a work-for-the-dole scheme that overwhelmingly targets Aboriginal people in regional and remote communities) heard that the fines for those who breach the conditions are so extensive that families in some areas are starving.

Sydney Swans AFL star Lance 'Buddy' Franklin won his fourth Coleman Medal, which recognises the player who kicks the most goals in a season.

Ashleigh Gardner was one of eight of Australia's most promising female cricketers to be named in Cricket Australia's inaugural women's national performance squad.

Edition 660 – September 20: United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of

Indigenous Peoples Victoria Taui-Corpus 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.

Clinton Pryor, who walked from Perth to Canberra, was disappointed in Malcolm Turnbull, after the Prime Minister refused to attend a meeting at the Tent Embassy and he was only granted a 20-minute audience after walking 6000km.

The Australian women's Maal-ya basketball team finished fifth in the World Indigenous Basketball Challenge in Canada.

Edition 661 – October 4: The Newcastle Yowies won the men's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout at Leichhardt Oval in Sydney, beating Griffith Three Ways United 22-8 in the final. In the women's final, Redfern All Blacks beat Dunghutti 12-8.

In Queensland, Brisbane Natives beat Gundalu Gadyu 22-4 in the women's Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Rugby League Carnival at Redcliffe. In the men's final, Badu Island side Dhadhin Geai Warriors thrashed the South East Queensland Indigenous All Stars 48-0.

Protests against deaths in custody and the treatment of children in detention were



It was another vintage year for *Koori Mail* cartoonist Danny Eastwood, including this cracker which is featured in the current exhibition of political cartoons being held at the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, Canberra.

held around the country. In Alice Springs, young Aboriginal man Dylan Voller, who made headlines around the world when pictured hooded and restrained as a child in Don Dale detention centre, and seven other protesters were arrested. They were released after a few hours and served with infringement notices.

Edition 662 – October 16: Albert Namatjira's family finally won back the rights to the great artist's work after being denied for more than 30 years.

Traditional owners from the NT raised concerns over an inquiry into the controversial mining practice

of hydraulic fracturing (fracking, where toxic chemicals are blasted into a rock seam to release gas), after supposedly independent contractors were recorded telling Aboriginal people that fracking was inevitable.

More than 1000 First Nations artists showed their work at the Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art in Adelaide.

Ashleigh Barty moved up to number 23 on the women's tennis world rankings.

Four Indigenous women were picked in the Jillaroos squad for the Rugby League World Cup – Caitlan Moran, Rebecca Young, Nakia Davis-Welsh and Lavina O'Mealey

Edition 663 – November 1: Prime Minister Turnbull raised the anger of many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people after rejecting an Indigenous Voice to Parliament, 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 a key recommendation from the Referendum Council.

A huge artwork, *Ngurrara Canvas II*, which was painted to be used as evidence in a native title claim, returned home to the Great Sandy Desert after 20 years.

Beach volleyball star Taliqua Clancy returned from an international tour after winning three consecutive gold medals with partner Mariafe Artacho de Solar, a former Peruvian.

And Brendan Doggett became Queensland's first Indigenous Sheffield Shield cricketer since 1983 after making his debut against Victoria at the Gabba. Doggett took 4-33 on his first day.

Edition 664 – November 15: Anangu traditional owners made the decision to ban people from climbing Uluru. The last day of climbing will be October 26, 2019.

One of the oldest Aboriginal community controlled organisations in the

country, the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service (CAALAS), received the news that it would no longer receive government funding. The Federal Government awarded the tender for Aboriginal legal services in central Australia to the North Australia Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA).

Aboriginal figure skater Harley Windsor became the first Indigenous Australian to be named in a Winter Olympics squad, after being chosen for next year's games in South Korea.

Edition 665 - November 29: The NT royal commission handed down its final report, making more than 200 recommendations, including the closure of the notorious Don Dale and Alice Springs youth detention centres.

Gunnia/Gunditjamarra Greens MP Lidia Thorpe became the first Aboriginal woman elected to the Victorian Parliament when she won the seat of Northcote in a by-election.

The inaugural Dreamtime Awards were announced at a gala function in Sydney, with 'Spirit Walker' Clinton Pryor named the Dreamtime Person of the Year.

Indigenous Marathon Project runner and coach Adrian Shaw became the first Aboriginal person to run Chile's Volcano Marathon, in the Atacama Desert in South America.

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Justice at last

Copyright finally back with Namatjira family

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Native title battle giant awakens

Mission manager

Turnbull accused after rejecting First Nations voice

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Because of her, we can!

Uluru climb ban

Our first Winter Olympian has his skates on – back page

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Stars shine at Dreamtime Awards

Don Dale to go

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Budding entrepreneurs get chance



FOUR Indigenous entrepreneurs have been selected for Barayamal's three-month Budding Entrepreneurs Program at Australia's largest community of scalable tech startups, Fishburners.

Barayamal, meaning 'Black Swan' in Kamilaroi language, aims to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people build successful businesses through entrepreneurship training and programs.

In May, Barayamal organised Give

Backathon – a national charity hackathon that helped four Indigenous charities by providing tech-based solutions to increase their social impact.

The winning hackathon team received a three-month membership at Fishburners valued at \$900 a team member (total of \$3600). But the hackathon team 'paid it forward' by donating their prize back to Barayamal so four Indigenous entrepreneurs could have the opportunity to work on their startup ideas and help their communities.

Barayamal's Budding Entrepreneurs Program aims to accelerate the success of Indigenous entrepreneurs by providing free three-month memberships. Support will also include an entrepreneur development program from Barayamal and will provide one-on-one mentoring from successful Indigenous and other entrepreneurs. The program will officially start in January.

Barayamal founder Dean Foley said Indigenous entrepreneurs can make a valuable contribution and help close

the gap through innovative businesses.

Fishburners chief executive Annie Parker said 'paying it forward' is everything the organisation is about.

"We are really proud to partner with Barayamal and welcome four new teams of Indigenous entrepreneurs as members of Fishburners," she said.

"Our values are centred on collaboration, brilliance, community and diversity, and all of our members contribute and give back to our community and I'm thrilled the winning hackathon team did just that."

Fuel deal sealed by Bunuwal



RIRRATJINGU Aboriginal Corporation's Bunuwal Fuel has sealed a deal with Rio Tinto to continue supplying diesel to the miner's Gove operations in North-East Arnhem Land.

Rirratjingu chair Bakamumu Marika said the agreement will support jobs and development in the region.

"This is a great result for us and the broader Arnhem Land community," he said. "To have Rio Tinto continuing to buy our fuel is a really positive development and it is significant that an Indigenous company is winning such important contracts."

"This means that the profits stay in the community, will support further development and will also provide jobs and training."

Rio Tinto's Linda Murry said the new contract further demonstrates Gove's successful model of working with local Yolngu businesses to provide economic opportunities for the region.

"Stable fuel supply is one of the most important components of our operations and we're pleased to be able to continue our partnership with Rirratjingu," she said.

Bunuwal Fuel imports the diesel from Singapore and then works closely with another Arnhem Land-based firm, YBE, to have it transported from Gove Peninsula to mining operations, ancillary projects and for power generation on the peninsula.

Rirratjingu chief executive Stuart Maclean said the new agreement will further empower the local community.

"This agreement will allow us to continue to support the local community and invest in the vital services and infrastructure that are needed," he said.

"These contracts allows us to deliver programs to improve health, education and employment outcomes for the people."

Mr Maclean said the new agreement was another sign that Indigenous companies can deliver for their local communities. "We work out of a pretty small office in a remote Aboriginal community, so to go toe-to-toe with some of the biggest fuel giants in the world and win is a great result," he said.

"We won this contract again because of the price and reliability of supply we can offer. This shows that Indigenous companies can deliver for their communities."



Charcoal Lane chef Suzzy Szwed and trainee River Carroll and, from left, Rork Projects' John Paul Janke and Steven Raymond, William Angliss Institute's Jon Belling and Rork Projects managing director Brian O'Rourke.

A tasty festive way to raise awareness



A PARTNERSHIP between Rork Projects, the William Angliss Institute of TAFE and the Charcoal Lane restaurant has caught the

attention of Melbourne's construction and property management sector.

Indigenous building design and construction firm Rork Projects engaged Fitzroy-based Charcoal Lane to supply platters to its clients and key stakeholders in Melbourne to celebrate the festive season.

The specifically created platters highlight traditional Indigenous meats including emu and wallaby and herbs and spices including lemon myrtle, native pepper and karkalla (a succulent coastal plant native to southern Australia).

Charcoal Lane is a social enterprise launched in 2009 by Mission providing employment, national accredited training in hospitality and personal resources.

Rork Projects managing director Brian O'Rourke said the partnership is an opportunity to help promote and celebrate the work of Charcoal Lane and the William Angliss Institute.

"We hope that we can elevate the awareness of the important and amazing work of both these great institutions to a whole new corporate sector," he said.

"Charcoal Lane's menu beautifully showcases the incredible array of fruits, vegetables and herbs this land has to offer, by creatively combining them to produce modern native Australian cuisine," he added.

Charcoal Lane restaurant manager Nick

Temple said the organisation engages 30 Aboriginal youth a year and now offers catering options from a simple corporate lunch through to fully staffed and serviced event dinners, while maintaining the founding ethos of

providing training and employment and highlighting Indigenous ingredients.

Rork Projects communications director John Paul Janke said the partnership was an opportunity to promote Indigenous foods and flavours to a wider audience.

"As an Indigenous company, we wanted to celebrate the foods and ingredients that have sustained our people for tens of thousands of years, and Charcoal Lane is such a perfect way to do that," he said.

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Spotlight on Mundine



SKY News has launched a 12-part national affairs program *Mundine Means Business* hosted by Indigenous leader Nyunggai Warren

Mundine. *Mundine Means Business* highlights the success and entrepreneurship of Indigenous communities and examines where the potential lies for improvement.

Each week the program will feature Indigenous people who are running successful commercial operations, as they share their stories of success, culture and empowerment.

"We often focus on the negatives, without looking at where the potential for improvement lies," Mr Mundine said.

"I want to smash the myth there are no jobs or business opportunities in Indigenous communities."

"*Mundine Means Business* will inspire others to get themselves out of welfare dependency and instead become movers and shakers in the corporate and entrepreneurial world."

Joining Mr Mundine on the program each week will be Sky News anchor and business journalist Helen Dalley, alongside Indigenous leaders and business innovators, to offer their insights and analysis.

Mundine Means Business screens at 8pm each Sunday on Sky News Live (Foxtel Channel 601), with encore screenings at 9pm on Sundays on Sky News Business (Foxtel Channel 602).

Nursing is Jessie's goal



TAFE Queensland graduate Jessie Blitner has her sights on a nursing career.

To that end, the 17-year-old has completed a Certificate III in Health Services Assistance as a school-based trainee in Townsville.

Jessie gained her qualification while boarding at St Patrick's College and finalising Year 12 away from her home on Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

"I decided to enrol at TAFE Queensland to get a pathway into nursing," she said.

"I am hoping to continue my studies at university next year and become a registered nurse working in community.

"Knowledge"

"I learned a lot of skills and knowledge through my TAFE Queensland course, more than I initially thought or expected.

"I really enjoyed the whole practical side of my studies, like working at the Mater Hospital (Brisbane) and interacting with patients and nurses.

"By the end of my studies, I was responsible for a range of jobs at the hospital including making beds, helping patients shower and groom, taking patients to surgery and x-ray and cleaning rooms."

TAFE Queensland North Region general manager Joann Pyne said Jessie is "proof that you're never too young to start chasing your career dreams".

"It's wonderful that Jessie chose to



Jessie Blitner, from Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria, has her sights set on a career as a registered nurse.

kick-start her career and gain valuable hands-on experience by studying at TAFE Qld," Ms Pyne said.

"Through her school-based traineeship, Jessie has already had a positive impact supporting the wellbeing of others and I

have no doubts that she'll continue to make a real difference to the health of people in the future," she said.

TAFE Queensland is taking 2018 enrolments. More details at tafenorth.edu.au

Threat of asthma underlined



BABIES hospitalised with a severe respiratory illness before the age of two are twice as likely to develop childhood

asthma, a large study has found.

Almost all Australian children will have Respiratory Syncytial Viral disease (RSV) before they turn three.

A study of all children born in NSW between 2000 and 2010, published in journal *BMJ Open*, found the risk of developing asthma was double that among the children hospitalised for RSV before their second birthday compared with children who were not hospitalised for RSV.

Those at greatest risk of developing asthma were babies born preterm and Indigenous children, said lead investigator Nusrat Homaira, from UNSW.

"In a previous study, we have already shown that the risk of developing severe RSV bronchiolitis, compared to otherwise healthy children, is 10 times more for children who are born preterm and two times more for Indigenous children," Dr Nusrat said.

Australia has a high prevalence of pediatric asthma compared with other developed countries.

Nursing & Midwifery

Enrolled Nurse Scholarships 2018

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NSW Health, in partnership with TAFE NSW and NSW Health Registered Training Organisation, is offering scholarships for the Diploma of Nursing program across NSW.

Scholarships include a position in HLT54115 Diploma of Nursing program and an offer of employment in a NSW Health facility (subject to standard recruitment processes).

HLT54115 Diploma of Nursing commences from March 2018 and takes 12 – 18 months to complete.

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.



For an applicant information package and to apply, visit:
health.nsw.gov.au/enrollednurse

\$3m move to help stop falls



A PROJECT to tackle the leading cause of hospitalisation for older Indigenous people has been given a \$3 million

boost. The Ironbark program, developed by researchers at The George Institute for Global Health working with local communities, will tackle the high rate of falls, which can have a devastating impact on people and communities.

The funds, from the National Health and Medical Research Council, will be used to run a trial on group-based balance and strength exercise classes across NSW, South Australia and Western Australia involving about 600 people.

Dr Tamara Mackean, the senior research fellow in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health at The George Institute, said that with falls affecting one in three Indigenous people each year, the funds were urgently needed.

"Fall-related injuries are rising each year and can have a major impact in older age," she said.

"They can lead to long-term

disability, reduced mobility, poor quality of life, aged-care admission and even death, and impact not just the individual but also their family and the larger community."

Fall injury is a rapidly increasing public health issue for older Indigenous people. About one in three such people fall each year, and fall-related injury cases rose by an average of 10.2% a year from 2007-08 to 2010-11, compared to a 4.3% average annual increase for all other older Australians.

Effectiveness

The aim of Ironbark is to establish the effectiveness of the community-based fall-prevention program on the rate of falls in Indigenous people 45 and older, compared with controls on those who receive a healthy ageing program. If successful, it's hoped the project will be rolled out nationwide.

Improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is a major priority for The George Institute.

The trial is expected to start mid-2018.



Reasons to smile in Hunter



ABORIGINAL people in the Hunter Valley region of NSW now have even more reasons to smile. That's because the University of Newcastle has donated its oral health van to the Singleton-based Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation to provide a permanent facility for much-needed dental services in the community.

The van is being staffed by volunteer dentists and final-year Bachelor of Oral Health Therapy degree students from Newcastle University.

It's all thanks to a Wrigley Company Foundation and an Australian Dental Health Foundation (ADHF) community service grant.

Scores of people have already received treatment thanks to the news arrangement.

The Wrigley Company Foundation and ADHF grants initiative provide funding to volunteer dentists and dentistry students to tackle the gap in oral care education and services in disadvantaged communities across Australia.

● Pictured left: Dental health workers at the oral health van in Singleton, NSW.

Fair access demanded for patients



REMOTE Aboriginal Australians with kidney disease have demanded equitable access to life-saving treatment closer to home to prevent the removal of people from their traditional homelands.

In a new report released by Menzies School of Health Research, patients and carers from across northern and central Australia called on state, territory and federal government health ministers to overhaul the system to provide more holistic care.

Report lead author Dr Jaquelyne Hughes says the current model meets medical needs, but missed the mark in helping Indigenous people feel connected to their country, families and culture.

"We heard, overwhelmingly,

of how people felt lonely, distressed and isolated following relocation to access treatment," she said.

Some patients reported homelessness and desperation because of this disconnect, describing having to stay in the 'long grass' when Darwin hostels are booked out.

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A Torres Strait Islander person said many sick people are forced to travel up to 1000km to Cairns and Townsville to receive dialysis.

"And they cry, their tears are running, because they want to go back home. They miss their

families. They miss the lifestyle of the islands, because they are islanders," the patient said.

Many noted the disease can fracture communities as Elders become ill and are relocated together with their relatives, who miss out on cultural obligations and suffer disruptions to education and employment.

"We want them (the Elders) to stay in communities. They are the old people; they have to hold country and family together for us," one patient said.

"Families living in Darwin (for dialysis) are missing out on ceremonies, funerals and other important stuff," another person said.

Dr Hughes said the only type of care available to most Indigenous renal failure sufferers was designed by and for people in cities at the expense of those living in the bush. — AAP



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Participants in the National Empowerment Project (NEP) held in Perth.



16 complete empowerment course



SIXTEEN Aboriginal people have graduated from the National Empowerment Project (NEP), launched recently in Perth.

The project, developed under the leadership of Professor Pat Dudgeon, of the University

of Western Australia, aims to empower Indigenous people and communities through the promotion of cultural, social and emotional wellbeing.

The new graduates completed the Cultural, Social and Emotional Wellbeing (CSEWB) course at the Canning River Eco Education Centre (CREEC). The

12-week program was run by Noongar Elders Angela Ryder, of Relationships Australia WA, and Liz Hayden, a community consultant engaged by Langford Aboriginal Association (LAA).

The program will continue, with participants engaging in a community garden project at LAA as well as being

linked in with community groups and taking part in life skills each month.

Programs are being held consecutively at Wadjak Northside Aboriginal Community Group in Balga, and in Kwinana in partnership with the Medina Aboriginal Cultural Community Centre and Moorditj Koort Aboriginal Corporation.

Bush uni to have new base



CURTIN University architecture students will design a new base for Nowanup Bush University, on the site of an important meeting place for Nyungar people about 50km west of Bremer Bay in Western Australia.

The bush university concept, initiated by Professor Simon Forrest from Curtin University, Nowanup Nyungar Elder Eugene Eades and Gondwana Link chief executive Keith Bradby, aims to provide a bush setting for learning.

Curtin University Elder-in-Residence Professor Simon Forrest said the project offered an opportunity for five groups of Curtin University architecture students to each work with an architecture firm to create a new design and model for the facilities at Nowanup.

"We are always looking for innovative ways to educate students and this project will allow students to learn in an unusual and significant setting, surrounded by Indigenous culture and history," Prof Forrest said.

"Once the suggested designs are submitted by the five student groups, the most appropriate will be selected. The winning designs will

be announced in April.

"The project has a range of potential collaborations for student groups across the university, which will initially begin with the architecture students, and may see engineering students involved in site works and other aspects of the facility."

Once the building works are completed, Nowanup Bush University will incorporate programs for university students, school groups, and community groups to interact and learn in an environment that is delivered in and from a Nyungar point of view and principles.

Leadership

Under Mr Eades' leadership, Nowanup has been used as a cultural knowledge camp – an alternative to detention for young Indigenous people since 2009.

The 750ha Nowanup property was one of the first bought to help achieve the Gondwana Link project, which aims to reconnect native habitats across the south-west of Western Australia.

Gondwana Link is considered one of the largest and most ambitious conservation projects in Australia's history, with its goal to restore 1000km of continuous habitat.



Mollie Jackson with Oorala director Greg Davison and UNE's Toni Widders.

Oorala helps Mollie home in on grant



AN Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) University Accommodation Grant has provided much-needed help to a University of New England student.

Mollie Jackson, a law and criminology student from Forbes, applied successfully for the \$5000 grant after advice from UNE's Oorala Aboriginal Centre.

The 21-year-old, who was struggling financially, met the criteria for the AHO grant.

"I would not be where I am if it was not for the assistance of the Oorala Aboriginal Centre at UNE," Ms Jackson said.

"It was through Oorala that I became aware of the AHO grant and became a successful recipient. It has allowed me to continue focusing on my studies without

enormous financial stress.

"After completing my degree, I hope to undertake my practical legal training and be admitted to practise as a solicitor."

AHO is also offering the grants at Charles Sturt University, Dubbo, and the University of Technology, Sydney.

The accommodation grants are part of the Future Aboriginal Housing Strategy.



Scholarship winners Breanna Nolan-Dixon and Karee Carney.

Scholarships for girls



TWO Dubbo College Higher School Certificate graduates have been awarded \$5000 scholarships towards their ongoing education.

Breanna Nolan-Dixon, 17, and 18-year-old Karee Carney applied successfully for the 2018 Nestle AYDP Girls' Academy Scholarships, open to Year 12 students in Girls' Academies throughout Australia.

Breanna is hoping to study social work. "I aim to co-enrol in TAFE and Charles Sturt University Dubbo to study social work and I really hope to be able to give back to

my local community," she said.

"Through the years I have received support myself from foster care and from hospitals and it's important for me to be able to pay my community back."

Fellow Wiradjuri woman Karee hopes to study to become a modern history and visual arts teacher.

"Accepted"

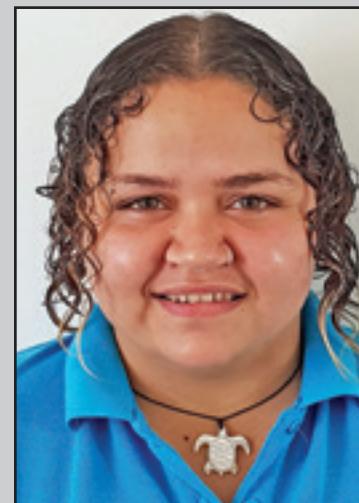
"At this stage I have been accepted to study at Macquarie University but that is my backup plan because I would really love to study a Bachelor of Secondary Education in

Humanities and Social Science at the University of Sydney," she said.

"Ultimately I would like to get back to rural and regional NSW and work in an area that is socio-economically disadvantaged."

The Nestle scholarships provide girls with money for educational resources and travel.

The Dubbo College Girls' Academies were launched at the start of 2017 to cater for the educational needs of Indigenous girls. Academies have been established at Dubbo College Senior Campus, as well as Delroy and South Campuses.



Madeina David

Madeina is first cadet



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority has welcomed its first fisheries program cadet.

Madeina David, from Ima Island,

secured the sought-after position. She is now based in Townsville where she is undertaking a Bachelor of Science (Marine Biology) course at James Cook University.

"I want to help to maintain our marine life to ensure future generations have access to what the sea has to offer," she said.

Ms David will continue her studies in Townsville while undertaking 12 weeks of work experience each year in the TSRA Fisheries Program.

TSRA chairperson Napau Pedro Stephen said the cadetship is one of the program's initiatives to encourage more Torres Strait Islander people with relevant qualifications to join the TSRA Fisheries team and gain experience for a career in the TSRA and in the public service.

Healing is on course



THE Mannum Community Hub in South Australia is continuing to host a popular family wellbeing training course.

Seven people recently graduated from the course, being run by TAFE SA's Aboriginal Access Centre.

The program is an education and counselling skills program focused on relationship skills, coping with grief and loss and understanding the issues of family violence.

The course was part of the Family Wellbeing: Strengthening

Aboriginal Identity Project, funded by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy.

TAFE SA family wellbeing lecturer Shirley Prider said the focus of the training is always on

"This group have been on a journey, with each taking a different pathway but coming together to support each other."

healing. "This group have been on a journey, with each taking a different pathway but coming together to support each other," she said.

Graduate Angela Cooper praised the course.

"I see things from a more positive view now, more than I used to," she said.

"I know more about myself and I am more resilient. I consider I am better at listening, have more empathy, feel I understand people more and am able to help them."

TAFE SA's Aboriginal Access Centre will continue to offer the Certificate II in Family Wellbeing

across South Australia in rural and metropolitan regions.

For information about the course or how to enrol, contact Shirley Prider on (08) 7210 3028.



Higher Degree by Research Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Stipend Scholarships

FedUni is calling for applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people seeking to undertake a **Research Masters or PhD** in one of the following project areas: Cultural and ecological evolution of the Murray River floodplain; Use of Indigenous Knowledge to Inform Environmental Water and Cultural Water Decisions; or Aboriginal people's roles in Australian gold mining (1840s-1920).

The **Research Training Program (RTP) Stipend Scholarship** is valued at **\$27,082 per annum** (annual CPI) for three years with up to **\$2000 per year ancillary support**. Further details and eligibility criteria can be found at: federation.edu.au/indigenous-hdr-scholarships or call **1800 333 864** for more information.



Shellie Morris

Morris helps Elders



ONE of Australia's top Indigenous singers is helping Elders from a remote Northern Territory community pass on knowledge to children through music to keep their culture strong.

Award-winning musician Shellie Morris has been in Borroloola running a three-week language workshop with 40 members of the current and next generation of songwomen and songmen.

Recognising a decline in the number of people able to perform at traditional performances, the Yanyuwa, Mara, Garwa and Gurdanji clan groups invited Morris, who has

family connections to Borroloola. The Darwin-based composer grew up in Sydney after she was adopted by a non-Indigenous family, but returned to the Northern Territory in 1999 to meet her biological mother and reconnect with her roots.

Thankful

Morris said that after a busy international tour, she was thankful to end the year with her Yanyuwa people in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

"Coming home to the country of my grandmother is incredibly special," she said.

The 2014 NT Australian of the Year said she felt lucky to have the opportunity to "pass on knowledge through song and storytelling,

which is incredibly important for us as we walk in two worlds".

Morris performs on the world's concert stages, but the 2014 NAIDOC Artist of the Year has also worked in more than 80 remote communities engaging in music as a healing tool.

The project has been organised by Artback NT and Malandarri Festival, and director Marlene Timothy says youngsters in the Borroloola and Robinson River community need dedicated time to learn and take over stories and songs.

"This is really important to keep that alive," she said.

"It means a great deal to us to keep our language and culture strong." — AAP



Indigenous photographer Peggy Kasabad Lane with CIAF artistic director Janina Harding and Ports North chairman Russell Beer.

Photography prize on offer



THE Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) will offer a new \$5000 prize for photographic excellence next year. And the total prize pool for next year will rise to \$50,000.

CIAF artistic director Janina Harding welcomed the photography prize, which has been backed by Ports North.

"Photography can give the artist agency to show the complexity of our culture and life experience in a minimalist way," she said.

"We are excited at the prospect of adding photography to the list of award categories that will effectively broaden the scope of artworks submitted for the curated art exhibition

in 2018 that will take their cue from the theme 'Country', an artistic response to what it means to be on homeland.

Ms Harding said the art fair was introduced to support and expand professional development of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.

"Vibrant identity"

"It is my opinion that over time, the CIAF Art Awards will brighten the spotlight on the vibrant identity of Queensland's Indigenous art movement while inspiring artists to reach even higher in their practice," she said.

CIAF Art Awards for 2018:

- Premier's Award for Excellence

sponsored by Queensland Government (\$15,000);

- Photography Award sponsored by Ports North (\$5000);

- Emerging Artist Award sponsored by Marsh Property (\$5000);

- Award for Innovation sponsored by Viscopy (\$10,000);

- People's Choice sponsored by Fibre Optics NQ (\$5000); and

- Art Centre Award, sponsored by Cairns Regional Council (\$10,000).

The judging of works will take place on July 11, with a formal presentation (with the exception of the People's Choice award announced at the close of CIAF on July 15) the following evening at CIAF's opening night party. More details at www.ciaf.com.au



Award-winner Briggs raps on stage.

Super result for rapper Briggs



ABORIGINAL rapper Briggs has won his first Screen Music Award.

Briggs, who is one half of the award-winning Indigenous hip-hop group A.B. Original, beat Sarah Blasko to take home Best Television

Theme at the annual awards.

The annual Screen Music Awards are presented by APRA AMCOS in conjunction with the Australian Guild of Screen Composers. They acknowledge excellence and innovation in the field of screen composition.

Briggs performed his winning track, which he wrote with Justin Shave and Charlton Hill for Fox League's *Super Saturday*.

"I created this track as a theme for the Fox League channel," he said.

"The song reflects the journey of the Indigenous players, who give so much excitement and leadership to the sport and community week in and week out, not just the specific Indigenous round."



New book aimed at educating the young

By ALF WILSON



NEW book *Big Fella Rain*, by Aboriginal woman Beryl Webber and illustrated by Fern Martins, is designed to educate youth in remote communities.

The author says her book is a celebration of northern Australia "as animals, birds, trees and a parched earth await the first rain".

"It is almost as if country stands still as the sparse yet evocative text pays homage to the transition from dry season to wet season in a country that is like no other place in the world," the Gunggari woman told the *Koori Mail*.

"I intend doing a series. The book will be an educational tool and we are especially hoping children from remote communities around Australia get to read it."

Published by Magabala Books, *Big Fella Rain* costs \$18 at selected stores.

● Pictured left: Beryl Webber with a copy of her book in Townsville.

\$80,000 on offer



ENTRIES are now open for the 2018 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (NATSIAA). Hosted by the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) in Darwin, with the support of Telstra, the annual awards showcases some of the best Indigenous art from across the country.

Started in 1984, the awards now attract more than 65,000 visitors each year.

MAGNT director Marcus Schutenko said the NATSIAA's were a calendar highlight.

"It is the key event in the most important weekend in the country for Indigenous art,

Seven categories for 2018 Telstra awards

unearthing new artistic developments in contemporary Indigenous art whilst showcasing major works by some of Australia's most revered artists," he said.

Next year there will be seven awards totalling \$80,000 in prizemoney.

The categories are:

- Telstra Art Award – \$50,000;
- Telstra General Painting Award – \$5000;
- Telstra Bark Painting Award – \$5000;
- Telstra Works on Paper Award – \$5000;
- Wandjuk Marika 3D Memorial Award

(also sponsored by Telstra) – \$5000;

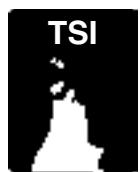
- Telstra Multimedia Award – \$5000; and
- Emerging Artists Award – \$5000.

The awards are open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists over age 18. There is no particular theme or restriction regarding work that can be entered. Indigenous artists can submit one original work that has not been exhibited or made available for sale.

Entries close on March 16. See magnt.net.au to apply.

Finalists' works will be exhibited at MAGNT from Friday, August 10, when seven winners will be announced at the awards ceremony.

Forum in the Torres Strait



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority Economic Development Program has hosted its first arts and creative industries business forum as part of the Regional Economic Investment Strategy (REIS). The forum is designed to

provide opportunities for local businesses to foster economic development in the region.

The two-day forum included presenters from local arts, media and entertainment industries as well as advisors from the Australian Taxation Office, QUT Creative Enterprise and cultural strategists.

TSRA Chairperson Napau

Pedro Stephen said delivering assistance to local businesses was one of the main priorities for the organisation, with the arts and creative industries the second identified sector.

"This forum ... recognises the importance arts and creative industries plays in our culture and for business opportunities in the region," he said.



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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.

Each Sunday from now: *Mundine Means Business*, a new program on Indigenous businesses hosted by Nyunggai Warren Mundine. Screened from 8pm each Sunday on Sky News Live (Foxtel Channel 601) and again at 9pm on Sky News Business (Channel 602).

Until December 15: Applications open for the inaugural Copyright Agency Fellowships for First Nations Writers. More details at www.varuna.com.au/varuna/index.php/programs/.

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 March 16: Entries open for the 35th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards. Full details at www.magnt.net.au

February 23: National Indigenous Languages Convention on the Gold Coast, Queensland. The aim is to protect and preserve Indigenous languages. More details at www.arts.gov.au/indigenoulanguages

June 5-7: 2018 National Native Title Conference, to be held in Broome, Western Australia. Details at www.aiatsis.gov.au

Victoria

During December: Wathaurong Glass delayed sale days will be held. Full details at www.wathaurongglass.com.au or on (03) 5272 2881.

December 16: Koorie Heritage Trust's A Very Koorie Krismas, from 3pm at the Trust in Federation Square. Koori Klaus will be a guest. More details at www.koorieheritagetrust.com

December 17: Aborigines Advancement League 60th anniversary festival at the league headquarters in Thornbury, Melbourne. Free entry. Details on (03) 9480 7777.

February 3: Yalukut Weelam Ngargee Festival, part of the St Kilda Festival, opening day with Indigenous arts and music on



Bangarra youth program director Sidney Saltner is with students from the Ernabella Anangu School in Pukatja, South Australia, taking part in the 2017 Rekindling program. Picture: Brendan Blacklock.

Bangarra program is aimed at youth



BANGARRA Dance Theatre's youth outreach program, Rekindling, will return in 2018

with dance residencies in Queensland, the Northern Territory and the Torres Strait islands.

Now in its sixth year, Rekindling will visit Darwin (NT), Charleville (Qld), and Thursday Island (Torres Strait) to work with secondary school-aged students from each community.

As part of the 2018 program, the Rekindling team is working with 60 Indigenous young people and Elders from the Yugambeh Nation (south-east Queensland) who will perform at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games

opening ceremony on April 4 with Bangarra's professional dance company. This project expands on the connections the Rekindling team has made with many communities across the Yugambeh Nation.

Rekindling's vision is to promote creativity, positive life choices and a sense of custodianship in young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Participants and Elders are encouraged to share local cultural stories, song and dance through a series of gatherings, which culminate in a community performance of the newly created dances by the youth.

The youth program is being delivered by former Bangarra students Sidney Saltner, Chantal Kerr and Patrick

Thaiday. Program director Sidney Saltner said Rekindling is a vibrant, physical learning experience for the students involved.

"It is dedicated to empowering the next generation of cultural leaders to develop a sense of pride and place in this world and has left a lasting imprint in each community visited," he said.

"The program allows us to pass on our knowledge, strengthen connections to culture and create new opportunities for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders that weren't available to our parents and grandparents."

Full details including Rekindling venues at www.bangarra.com.au

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 regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

Ongoing: Lismore women's and men's healing groups. Held at Rekindling The Spirit, Lismore, Monday and

Wednesday, 11am-2pm. Details: (02) 6622 5534.

Until January 31: Applications open for the NSW Education Department's Aboriginal Early Childhood Education Scholarships program. Successful applicants will be offered a scholarship of up to \$20,000 to complete a four-year bachelor level early childhood teaching qualification. Details at www.dec.nsw.gov.au/

From December 6: National Film and Sound Archive in Canberra will be screening Indigenous films as part of its new exhibition *Starstruck: Australian Movie Portraits*. Full details at www.nfsa.gov.au

From January 5: Torres Strait Islander performer Jimi Bani's

new show *My Name is Jimi* on stage at Belvoir St Theatre, Sydney. Details at www.belvoir.com.au/

February 10: Performance by Indigenous singer Isaiiah Firebrace at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre, southern Sydney. More details at www.suthentcent.com.au

February 10: Kick off for the second Festival of Indigenous Rugby League, with a week-long celebration and games at Redfern Oval, Sydney. Details www.nrl.com

February 16-March 3: Celebrations to mark the 40th anniversary of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras. More details at www.mardigras.org.au

Queensland

Ongoing: *The Albert Namatjira Story*, a new display featuring early works by Albert Namatjira. Held at Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, daily from 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or visit www.qagoma.qld.com.au

Until January 31: Nominations open for the black&write fellowships for Indigenous writers. Full details at slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on/awards

Until March 4: *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.

December 13: Mookai Rosie-Bi-Bayan house 30th anniversary dinner celebration at the Pullman International, Cairns. Costs apply. Details www.mookairosie.org.au/

January 26-27: Warba Wangarunya Rugby League Carnival in Rockhampton. Men's and women's competitions. Details on (07) 4922 6180.

Western Australia

From December 16: Celebrations to mark the 20th anniversary of the South West Aboriginal Medical Service. Events will be held in Bunbury, Busselton, Collie, Harvey and Manjimup. Details at www.swams.com.au/

Until January 28: *In Cahoots*, a new creative project between Indigenous and others artists at the Fremantle Arts Centre. More details at www.fac.org.au

South Australia

December 30: Launch of the book *A Celebration of God's Faithfulness: AEF History, Testimonials, Indigenous Theology, Sermons and Bible Studies* at the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship Convention at Port Augusta in the state's north.

February 16-March 18: Adelaide Fringe festival. It includes many shows with an Indigenous theme. More details at www.adelaidefringe.com.au

Tasmania

December 14-15: Community Stone Tool Workshop at piyura kitina/Risdon Cover. Details from Andry Sculthorpe on (03) 6243 1761.

December 16: Official opening of the Kooparoona Niara Cultural Trail in Deloraine, Tasmania. More Details through martinh@colony47.com.au

New Year's Eve: Revival of two Devil Devil Aboriginal dance performances at Gasp Light NYE 2017.

Held at GASP Pavilion, Wilkinson's Point, Hobart. More details at www.gasp.org.au

Workforce celebrates decade of funding



THE Remote Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Workforce Program team from the

Northern Territory Department of Health has celebrated 10 years of continuous funding.

The achievements of this Commonwealth-funded program that employs local Aboriginal people as drug and alcohol workers in remote communities was celebrated at a recent forum.

About 45 workers attended the forum in Darwin, which offered a combination of community

development activities and AOD skills-based education and training for delegates through a series of presentations and workshops.

Department of Health deputy chief officer Janet Anderson acknowledged the achievements of the workers over the past decade.

Workers were officially recognised for service with a number of awards. Diane Mayers, from Elliot, was named worker of the year.

A message stick was also presented to the workforce from the Tiwi Islands as recognition of the work conducted by the them.



Remote Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Workforce Program team members at the Darwin celebration.

Ready to fight fires



TWENTY-SIX Indigenous students have just graduated from Fire & Rescue NSW's (FRNSW) employment strategy program.

A joint program between FRNSW and TAFE NSW, the Indigenous Fire & Rescue Employment Strategy (IFARES) is designed to help Indigenous people apply to become firefighters.

Participants in the latest group received a TAFE NSW Certificate IV in Fitness and completed an intensive week of training at the FRNSW State Training College.

Students received an introduction to firefighting equipment, breathing apparatus and HAZMAT gear, urban search and rescue, bushfire fighting, fire investigation and building fire safety.

They also gained vital job-application skills and received mentoring from Aboriginal FRNSW firefighters.

FRNSW's Deputy Commissioner Graeme Finney said the organisation is committed



Indigenous Fire & Rescue Employment Strategy graduates and officials at the recent ceremony in Sydney.

to ensuring the representation of Indigenous people.

"Thousands of people apply to be firefighters every year and the information and experience these graduates have gained will help them with the application process," he said.

"Completing the course doesn't

guarantee a position, but it has given graduates a unique insight into the job and the process."

Graduates

Since it started in 2014, a total of 36 IFARES graduates have become firefighters.

TAFE NSW regional general

manager Madelinka Sulic said TAFE is proud to support the program, now in its fourth year.

"It has positive impacts for individuals, their families and the community," she said.

"Not only do the students gain the Certificate IV in Fitness, they also develop skills in teamwork,

collaboration, resilience and develop supportive networks that will carry them through life, putting them in great stead for a career with the fire service.

"The program is helping to give Aboriginal people who want a career in FRNSW an incredible insight into how to achieve that."

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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:

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- Great career opportunities

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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



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\$106,861 - \$119,411 pa**

AIATSIS is seeking a dynamic individual to fill the role of Director in the Business Development and Marketing Unit. Applicants are expected to possess sound business and commercial acumen and have relevant leadership experience adaptable to this unique role. The role offers an exciting opportunity to lead the development of innovative flagship AIATSIS projects and commercialisation activities, including large scale eLearning courses, education resources, internationally acclaimed ethics Guidelines and other service offerings.

Closing Date: 5pm Friday, 22nd December 2017

How to apply:

Please consult the AIATSIS website www.aiatsis.gov.au for more information and download the Position Description and application form. Follow the instructions on the Position Description 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.



Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Targeted Position
- Richmond Local Area Command, Lismore
- Clerk Grade 3/4
- Ongoing Full-Time
- *I Work for NSW* Requisition No.00005SGQ

Salary Package: \$83,288. **Salary:** \$68,929 - \$75,476. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About the role

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Office (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to commands in the management of local Aboriginal issues. They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen cooperation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

About you

- will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration, in accordance with the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*;
- is responsible for applying for their own WWCC (**an employer cannot apply on behalf of a worker**); and
- will be subject to a National Police Check (criminal record check), NSW Police Force Security Clearance check, probity and prior employment checks.

Essential requirements

- Aboriginality and a sound knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and culture;
- Current Drivers Licence (clear driving record for 6 months); and
- Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance.

The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement and will be required to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed.

Applications Close: Sunday 7 January 2018

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Shellie Smyth - Local Area Manager on (02) 6626 0701

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00005SGQ

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South West Aboriginal Land & Sea Council

Expressions of Interest

Gnaala Karla Booja (GKB) Representatives

Newmont Boddington Gold - Moorditj Booja Community Partnership Agreement (CPA) Relationship Committee is seeking 7 GKB Representatives to inter alia monitor the progress of the implementation of the CPA against the principles and targets set out in the CPA.

Term and time commitment

The term of appointment will be for 3 years, beginning from the first meeting in 2018. During the three-year term the appointed representative will meet on a quarterly basis, usually at NBG premises in Boddington.

Remuneration

The appointed representatives will be entitled to sitting fees for the day they attend the meeting and eligible to claim travel allowance reimbursements for fuel.

Selection Criteria

To be eligible for this appointment you must:

1. Be a member of the GKB Claim Group and have;
2. Well-developed communication and interpersonal skills;
3. Advanced conceptual and problem-solving skills;
4. Awareness of and ability to identify areas of need in GKB community;
5. Ability to liaise with external stakeholders;
6. Good standing within the GKB community.

The selection process will be facilitated by an independent selection panel, administered by the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) and appointed by the GKB Working Party.

How to apply

Applicants should provide evidence of their experience and knowledge relevant to the role and must address each of the above selection criteria on the attached application form. **Note:** the ONLY applications considered will be the ones submitted on the official application form, no email, over the phone or other expressions of interest will be considered.

Application forms can be obtained by phoning Angela on 9358 7400 or emailing human.resources@noongar.org.au, and completed forms can be emailed to human.resources@noongar.org.au or handed in to SWALSC reception at 1490 Albany Hwy, Cannington.

Applications close on 2 February 2018.

Should you require any further information, please contact Peter Nettleton, peter.nettleton@noongar.org.au or on 9358 7400.



Administration Reliever - Cardiology

Department: Hunter New England Local Health District
Location: John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Nicole Pettiford
Nicole.Pettiford@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date:
14 January 2018

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnsw.gov.referrals.selectminds.com/hnelhd and search Job Reference Numbers REQ8462.

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Aboriginal Health Worker

Department: Hunter New England Local Health District
Location: Population Health, Wallsend or Tamworth
Enquiries: Patrick Cashman (02) 4924 6477

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date:
24 December 2017

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnsw.gov.referrals.selectminds.com/hnelhd and search Job Reference Numbers REQ7590.

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Kalkadoon Office Coordinator

Salary Range - \$67,475.20 - \$70,127.20 plus superannuation of 9.5% (Level 8, Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Award 2010)

Salary will be negotiated based on skills and experience

Position based in Mount Isa

Full-time – 12 month fixed-term contract

Kalkadoon Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC is offering an exciting opportunity to work with the new Board to build a strong and thriving Kalkadoon Nation. The Kalkadoon People are looking for a person who is committed to our values and brings new skills and experience to our organisation.

The ideal candidate demonstrates respect for culture and a willingness to learn more about our law and customs. We are looking for a person who can coach, mentor and build a team.

You will be an excellent communicator and be able to work in a complex environment that can be challenging and rewarding.

Skills and attributes:

- Commitment to the vision and goals of the Kalkadoon People
- Demonstrated ability to communicate with respect with all people
- High degree of cultural competency and openness to learn more
- High level of capability to adapt to diverse situations and people
- Demonstrated capability to lead, coach and build a team
- Knowledge of stakeholder engagement and capacity to build effective relationships and partnerships
- Strong organisational skills, ability to work under pressure and in complex environments
- Sound financial management experience and commitment to accountability and reporting

If you would like to join us on our journey, please submit:

- A covering letter (no longer than two pages) outlining how you meet the above skills and attributes
- Your current resume

To: recruitment@qsnts.com.au

Alternatively, applications can be posted to:

QSNTS Human Resource Manager
PO Box 10832, Adelaide Street
BRISBANE Q 4000

If you would like a copy of the position description, please send an email to the above email address or alternatively contact QSNTS Human Resource Officer Leah Campbell on (07) 3224 1200.

Applications close: 5.00pm, Friday, 12 January 2018



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**Education
Aboriginal Affairs**



Senior Project Officer – Aboriginal Affairs

- Identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only
- Clerk Grade 9/10
- Temporary Full-Time
- Position number and location: 194363 (Sydney)

Total remuneration package: \$128,760 Package includes salary (\$105,409- \$116,157), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Aboriginal Affairs works with Aboriginal communities to promote social, economic and cultural well-being. We implement OCHRE (Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility and Empowerment), the NSW Government's community focused plan for Aboriginal affairs, establish partnerships for economic development, support effective Aboriginal governance and strengthen cultural identity and language.

About the role

As part of a Regional team, the Senior Regional Project Officer manages a small team, working across government agencies to facilitate partnerships to address Aboriginal Affairs priorities and broker solutions to matters requiring cross-agency collaboration with, and for Aboriginal communities within the region. The role facilitates a coordinated and cooperative approach across Aboriginal communities, government, non-government organisations (NGOs) and the private sectors to deliver agreed projects; broker solutions to leverage emerging opportunities or resolve significant issues consistent with community priorities and aspirations.

To be successful in this role, you will be an experienced project officer with extensive experience in working with Aboriginal communities; resolving complex matters involving a number of different stakeholders; and have a demonstrated experience in negotiating and problem solving outcomes.

Talent Pool

A talent pool may be created through this recruitment process. A talent pool is a group of candidates who have undergone an assessment process and have been identified suitable for this role or similar roles. The talent pool will be valid for a period of 12 months. Being part of a talent pool means that you may be considered for ongoing, temporary or term employment for a range of similar roles. This offers exciting opportunities for you to gain a wide range of experiences to build your public service career.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw
No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Explain your experience working with Aboriginal people, and/or Aboriginal communities. What have you learnt and how would you apply these learnings to this role? (300 words)
2. This role often requires managing relationships with a number of stakeholders, whose own priorities and expectations may not coincide with your own priorities. Please provide an example of where you have had to influence others to achieve your outcome and keep the integrity of the interpersonal relations intact. (300 words)

Essential Requirements:

- Identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only
- Current Driver's Licence and willingness to undertake regional travel
- Demonstrated appropriate cultural capability regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the approach and outcomes of daily activities

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Applications Close: 14 January 2018

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Lisa Madden on 0459 861 643.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for Reference Number 194363.

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Koori Liaison Worker Child Protection



Health
and Human
Services

- Fixed term until 31.12.2018, Full Time
- Location: Bairnsdale or Sale
- \$79,955 - \$90,716 + superannuation

The Koori Liaison Worker will assist, inform, support and advocate for Aboriginal families in contact with Child Protection. The role will facilitate links and understanding between Child Protection and Aboriginal agencies and organisations, provide advice and support to Child Protection in relation to their work with the community and embed culturally sensitive practice within the Child Protection teams.

Are you

- An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander committed to working with children, young people and families?
- Able to effectively engage to provide Aboriginal families with the optimum capacity for change?

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit:
www.careers.vic.gov.au

For further information please contact Kathy Dickinson on phone 5150 4500

Job Reference number: **DHHS/SSD/00521327**

Applications close: **Thursday 11 January 2018**

Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply as this position is exempt under the Special Measure Provision, Section 12 (1) of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* (Vic).

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit **www.dhhs.vic.gov.au**. To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit **www.careers.vic.gov.au**

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health and Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

The department is committed to the safety of its clients. The department takes a zero tolerance approach to abuse, including child abuse and abuse of people with disability. Departmental employees are required to comply with all legal requirements including the Child Safe Standards to keep children safe from harm and abuse.

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Orana Haven Brewarrina, has a vacancy for permanent Alcohol and Other Drugs Worker to provide A&OD group facilitation, Case Management, guidance and mentoring to adults engaged in an Aboriginal Residential Alcohol and Drug Healing Program.

Successful applicants will be people whose conduct models the aims and objectives of the service which include positive behaviours and beliefs, respect (for self and others), independent living skills and a sober/clean lifestyle.

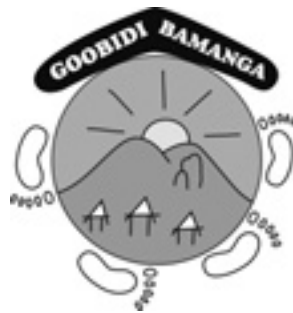
ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Diploma in A&OD/Mental Health
- Experience as A&OD Worker in a Residential Rehabilitation Service.
- Previous experience in case management
- Demonstrated ability to facilitate A&OD groups.
- Previous experience with data entry using Commuicare is desirable.
- Minimum LR Licence.
- Applicants for the position will be required to undertake National Criminal Checks.

Please send a resume to Alan Bennett, email alanbennett@oranahaven.com.au

For further information phone Orana Haven on 0268744983.

Closing date: 4th January 2018.



Domestic Violence Counsellor/Support Worker

Based in Mossman, Far North Queensland, where the Rainforest meets the ocean. Work in an Indigenous owned and managed organisation.

We seek a qualified, experienced counsellor used to working with Indigenous women and families.

Call Jennifer on 07 4098 3244 or email dsco@goobidi.org.au for further information.

Closes at 9 a.m. Monday 18th December 2017.

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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.

Koorie Mental Health Liaison Officer

Job Reference: 152074

As the Koorie Mental Health Liaison Officer you will assist Mental Health, Drugs and Alcohol (MHDAS) staff in facilitating access to mental health, drugs and alcohol services for Aboriginal people in the Barwon region.

For more information or to apply, visit our website www.barwonhealth.org.au/careers

Closing Date: Monday 18th December 2017



Our motto Respect Fairness and Community articulates our values of cultural respect, social justice and partnership. As an organisation we are committed to child safe, strength based and community development practices. Join us in making a lasting difference in the lives of Territorians!

Join a well recognised and respected, supported, social justice and community development organisation!

“Employment Opportunities”

We offer a broad range of career opportunities for Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander workers in community and social service and mental health sectors in a diverse range of fields such as children and youth, family relationships and counselling, out of home care, refugee and migrant support, corporate services, financial counselling, mental health, disability and home care, social enterprises and specialist homelessness services.

Our Vision for Reconciliation - Anglicare NT's vision for reconciliation is a society that acknowledges and values the unique place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australian culture and the world, accepts our shared history and embraces equality.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment - We aim to provide a supportive employment experience, professional development pathways and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff to shape the organisations' future.

What we offer - Anglicare NT offers great benefits including a commitment to further training and development options, flexible working conditions, five (5) week's annual leave and a strengths based environment. We also offer great salary packaging options that can significantly increase your take home pay.

We aim to ensure Aboriginal clients in the Northern Territory a culturally safe and effective service.

For many Anglicare NT staff, one of the most important benefits is that we live our values and provide diverse, family friendly, respectful and kind workplace.

For further information please contact our Human Resource Services Team on 08 8985 0000 or email hrss@anglicare-nt.org.au. To apply for a position with Anglicare NT visit our website: www.anglicare-nt.org.au/vacancies

Experience of working closely with and having a strong understanding of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander culture would be considered an advantage.

Anglicare NT is a Child Safe, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) employer and strongly encourages Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

Anglicare NT is a member of Anglicare Australia



Education Aboriginal Affairs



Principal Project Officer – LDM Operations

- Clerk Grade 11/12
- Full-time ongoing appointment.
- Role number and location: 201783 – Sydney (negotiable)

Aboriginal Affairs works with Aboriginal communities to promote social, economic and cultural well-being through opportunity, choice, healing, responsibility and empowerment. Aboriginal Affairs is proud to be a leader in Aboriginal employment and development. Over 50 per cent of staff across the agency, including senior leadership, identify as Aboriginal. We are also committed to providing a culturally safe and supportive workplace for all staff. Our agency works very closely with Aboriginal communities across NSW, and our staffing reflects the diversity of these communities. To learn more about the work that Aboriginal Affairs does please visit: www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au

About the role

Local Decision Making is a lead initiative under OCHRE (Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility and Empowerment) the NSW Government's Plan for Aboriginal Affairs. OCHRE and Local Decision Making are ambitious, unique programs with high aims for the future economic, social and cultural needs of our First Nations peoples.

The Principal Project Officer for Local Decision Making Operations leads a team supporting Aboriginal Alliances participating in Local Decision Making. You will assist Alliances undertaking negotiations with senior government decision makers, manage Alliance funding, identify capacity and capability needs and work creatively to promote the success of Alliances. You will be prepared to travel throughout NSW to engage with communities and other practitioners.

To be successful in this role, you will be an experienced policy or project officer with extensive experience in community engagement, negotiation and conflict management. You will demonstrate cultural proficiency in engaging with Aboriginal communities, and leadership skills in motivating and leading small teams. You will have well developed communication skills, be highly organized and demonstrate an ability to deliver outcomes in a project based environment.

You will work closely with the Local Decision Making Strategy team, as well as Aboriginal Affairs Regional Coordination Directorate; building and nurturing close relationships with regional staff directly supporting Alliances and Aboriginal communities across NSW.

How to apply

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.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. What particular personal or professional qualities can you bring to Community Partnerships that will help ensure the ongoing success of Local Decision Making? (300 words maximum)
2. What has motivated you to apply to work at Aboriginal Affairs? (300 words maximum)

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Current Driver's Licence
- Demonstrated appropriate cultural capability regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the approach and outcomes of daily activities.

Applications Close: 14 January 2018

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Belinda Cormack on (02) 9561 1242 or Belinda.Cormack@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for Reference Number 201783

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service

Bullinah is an Aboriginal Health Service established for the Goori people in and around Ballina NSW.

Vision

A strong, empowered and healthy Goori Community

Purpose

Bullinah, as a leading Aboriginal organisation, working together with our communities and partners to achieve better health and wellbeing by delivering sustainable, holistic health and wellbeing services in a culturally strong environment

Come, live and work in the beautiful Ballina shire in the Northern Rivers of NSW. Ballina is 20 minutes from Byron Bay, and one hour from the Tweed and Gold Coasts. With a great community and pristine beaches, rainforest and hinterland, a great lifestyle awaits the successful applicant.

Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service (BAHS) is currently seeking a motivated and highly experienced CEO to lead BAHS to a new level of sustainable growth and positive outcomes for Indigenous health.

BAHS is entering an important time in its growth and development, and requires a CEO with vision, who can also be "hands on" to lead the organisation to a sustainable future, achieve outcomes in the strategic plan, and build capacity.

Working within a friendly, supportive and committed environment, with the Board of Directors, staff of BAHS and the community, funding bodies and stakeholders this role will suit a candidate who has experience working within Aboriginal health.

The successful applicant must have a strong commitment to serving the interests of Indigenous people, and have proven leadership qualities with a strong focus on strategic planning and delivery of quality outcomes.

The person must have a proven record of fostering collegial teams of staff to build capacity and be able to provide a culturally sensitive workplace for Indigenous people and services to the community. This role is an active CEO role, working with a small team to achieve positive outcomes for Indigenous people within the community.

The salary offered is within the range of \$110 000 to \$130 000 pa (exclusive of superannuation) dependent on skills, knowledge and experience. Attractive salary sacrifice options are available after 6 months employment. Use of a fleet vehicle is also offered.

This position is re-advertised and previous applicants need not apply. For a position description and selection criteria, email adminsupt@bullinahahs.org.au

To discuss the position, email Chairperson, Brenda Holt on brendaholt7@gmail.com

Applications close 5 pm Friday 12 January 2018 and may be emailed to adminsupt@bullinahahs.org.au or by post, marked Confidential to Chairperson, Bullinah AHS PO Box 148, Ballina NSW 2478.

Aboriginal Family Advisors

Western Sydney Family Referral Service

- Assist and support aboriginal families
- Full time fixed term position
- Based in Mount Druitt and Rouse Hill

This is an exciting opportunity for an Aboriginal workers to join Relationships Australia's Western Sydney Family Referral Service (WSFRS). Work with families to support safe healthy relationships and assist families in conflict.

Your responsibilities include:

- Provide intake, assessment, case management and referrals for families, with a primary focus on Aboriginal clients;
- Represent RANSW at community events and interagency meetings, assist maintain and develop relationships with community service providers and stakeholders.

Western Sydney Family Referral Service is committed to long term work with Aboriginal families and community.

Please note this is an Aboriginal Identified Position:
In accordance with Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification.

For more information and to apply for the role please click:
www.applynow.net.au/jobs/RANSW112-aboriginal-family-advisor
APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER 2017

Relationships Australia
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Reporter/Producer, Darwin

The ABC strives for equity and diversity in the workplace, and to promote a culture of opportunity. Through its services the ABC seeks to represent, connect and engage with all of the Australian community. In line with our focus on diversity, applications are strongly encouraged from Indigenous Australians.

- Darwin Location
- \$83K - \$91K + choice of 15.4% super

Come and join ABC News, the most respected name in news and current affairs and the nation's leading independent news service on television, radio, digital and social media.

Are you an experienced and passionate reporter with strong investigative, digital and video journalist skills? Do you have a deep understanding and dedication to source and build authentic content for the needs of our audience? This is an excellent opportunity to join our dynamic and vibrant newsroom based in Darwin.

For a full job description and application form visit:
abc.net.au/careers



BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER RE-ADVERTISED

BOURKE ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PROSPERITY STRATEGY
POSITION NUMBER: 17/09:01

Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy is aimed at maximising local employment opportunities within Bourke Shire and is supported by the New South Wales State Government.

We are looking for a person with the skills and experience to further develop and implement the Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy to capitalize on the employment opportunities with the Shire which will be enhanced by the opening of a large abattoir complex in early 2018

This newly created role will coordinate the delivery of a wide range of employment and stakeholder engagement services within the Shire area and surrounding district.

The successful candidate will have a proven record in managing employment services and community engagement; have outstanding and relevant management experience; will be a team player and possess outstanding interpersonal skills.

Applicants must have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultures; demonstrated experience in engaging and advising on Aboriginal matters and have demonstrated success in establishing links with Aboriginal communities. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

The successful applicant will be rewarded by joining a dynamic team and vibrant community and will experience a friendly and relaxed outback lifestyle.

The position is Grade 7 with Council's Salary Structure with a salary range of \$95,934.00- to \$115,121.00 pa. plus compulsory superannuation. A Motor vehicle will be provided for official use and may be available for private use in accordance with Council's Motor Vehicle Policy.

Funding for the position is for a period of two (2) years and a two (2) year contract is offered

An information package for this position can be obtained by contacting Leanne Davis, Human Resource Officer on 02 6830 8000 and by e-mailing ldavis@bourke.nsw.gov.au or by visiting Council's website at www.bourke.nsw.gov.au.

The General Manager will be available to discuss the position and provide additional information if required.

Applicants must address all the selection criteria as detailed in the position description.

Applications addressed to the General Manager, marked "Confidential" will be received by Council up to 4:00 pm Friday 22nd December 2017 and can be emailed to ldavis@bourke.nsw.gov.au

Ross Earl
GENERAL MANAGER

PO Box 21
BOURKE NSW 2840



Education
Aboriginal Affairs



Policy Officer – Aboriginal Affairs

- Identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only
- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Temporary (12 month appointment)
- Position number and location: 178540 – Sydney CBD
(office move in early 2018 within Sydney area)

Total remuneration package: \$113,465 Package includes salary (\$92,470 – \$102,359), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Aboriginal Affairs works with Aboriginal communities to promote social, economic and cultural well-being. We implement OCHRE (Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility and Empowerment), the NSW Government's community focused plan for Aboriginal affairs, establish partnerships for economic development, support effective Aboriginal governance and strengthen cultural identity and language.

About the role

The Policy Officer coordinates and undertakes policy development, providing analysis and advice to support the development and implementation of key policy and reform activities for Aboriginal Affairs. The role also contributes to the work of the Directorate by assisting the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs to administer the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. This is an identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants.

Talent Pool

A talent pool may be created through this recruitment process. A talent pool is a group of candidates who have undergone an assessment process and have been identified suitable for this role or similar roles. The talent pool will be valid for a period of 12 months. Being part of a talent pool means that you may be considered for ongoing, temporary or term employment for a range of similar roles. This offers exciting opportunities for you to gain a wide range of experiences to build your public service career.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) your response to the 2 pre-screening question and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw
No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Describe a policy-related project that you participated in, including your role, how you worked with management and team to support its delivery, the project outcomes and what you learnt from the project. (300 word maximum)
2. Provide an example or examples that demonstrate your policy research, analysis, development and reporting skills. (300 word maximum)

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or equivalent relevant experience.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

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Applications Close: 14 January 2018

For further information please contact
Tara Mason on (02) 9561 1262.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to
iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for Reference Numbers 178540

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FINANCE OFFICER

- Impressive and exciting opportunity
- Orange based
- Fulltime position (35 hrs per week)

Finance Officer

Client Details

Our Client, **Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council**, is constituted by the ALRA and their objectives are to improve, protect and foster the best interests of all Aboriginal persons within the region area and other persons who are members of the Council.

Description

The key responsibilities for this role include:

- Oversight of day to day financial operations,
- Completion of month end and year end reconciliations (Xero accounting software used),
- Ensure GST, PAYG and Superannuation obligations are met,
- Prepare monthly financial reports,
- Present financial reports at bi-monthly board meetings,
- Provide financial information to LALC Members as well as the NSWALC,
- Prepare and present an annual budget for approval and preparing budget variation submissions,
- Co-ordinate and participate in annual audit with the aim of obtaining an unqualified audit (ensuring compliance with the Public Finance and Audit Act including the Australian Accounting Standards),
- Provide support, assistance and advice to the CEO to ensure that all financial and reporting obligations are met, and
- Other duties as directed by the CEO.

To be successful in this role, the qualifications and experience required include:

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Essential

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Part 2, division 2, Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

- Tertiary qualifications in bookkeeping and/or accounting (minimum Cert IV in Accounting) or equivalent,
- Sound oral and written communication skills,
- Knowledge and experience with computerised accounting packages (preferably Xero) and Microsoft Office programs including Word, Excel and Outlook or similar programs,
- Financial processing experience including the preparation of BAS and payroll transactions;
- Ability to prepare, interpret and present financial reports including Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss (Budget v Actual),
- Knowledge and understanding of accounting principles and practices, and
- Ability to work alone or in a team, meet conflicting deadlines and manage a demanding workload.

Job Offer

Desirable

- Sound knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal people in society,
- Knowledge of the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983,
- Experience in, or knowledge of, the functioning of a community managed organisation, and
- A current driver's license.

For a confidential discussion and a complete PD in regards to this role, please email or phone Samantha.tilley@adecco.com.au or 63301100.

Closing Date 15/01/2018

All applicants must submit a cover letter and a resume.

To apply for this role, please click the Apply now button

Please note, only short listed candidates will be contacted for interviews following the closing date.

**For all your advertising needs
email: advertising@koorimail.com
or call 02 6622 2666**

www.csiro.au



Senior Coordinator – Inquiry for Indigenous Science Students (I2S2)

CSIRO Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) is one of the largest and most diverse scientific organisations in the world. By igniting the creative spirit of our people, we deliver great science and innovative solutions that benefit industry, society and the environment.

- Are you looking for your next challenge in teacher professional development?
- Utilise your experience in an Indigenous context and have a positive impact on schools & communities
- Join a national team and make a difference in both teachers' and students' educational experience!

CSIRO Education and Outreach are seeking an experienced professional to join their team as Senior Coordinator - Inquiry for Indigenous Science Students (I2S2). In this role, you will work closely with the I2S2 Manager to develop and deliver the I2S2 element of the Indigenous STEM Project. You will also be responsible for developing, and coordinating the delivery of, teacher professional development in student-centred inquiry-based STEM projects in an indigenous context in schools.

Location: Brisbane (Dutton Park), QLD preferred; other locations negotiable

Salary: AU \$95K to \$103K plus up to 15.4% superannuation

Tenure: Specified Term of 1 year and 7 months

Job reference: 52625

Applications close on Thursday 21st December 2017

To find out more or apply: <https://jobs.csiro.au>

Enter the job reference no. in the 'Search by Keyword' field

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Coordinators – Inquiry for Indigenous Science Students (I2S2)

CSIRO Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) is one of the largest and most diverse scientific organisations in the world. By igniting the creative spirit of our people, we deliver great science and innovative solutions that benefit industry, society and the environment.

- Are you passionate about working in classrooms and encouraging students' interest in STEM?
- Work with, review and develop education programs in an Indigenous context
- Join a national team and make a difference in students' educational experience!

We are seeking 3 Coordinators and 1 Online Learning Coordinator to be a part of the Inquiry for Indigenous Science Students (I2S2) program. This is a national program that targets students in years 5 to 9 in mainstream metropolitan and regional schools with the main aim of increasing the achievement, engagement and attendance of Indigenous students in science.

Working as part of a national team, you will work with teachers and Indigenous students to implement student-centred inquiry-based STEM projects in schools and in nurturing and encouraging students' interest in STEM.

Location: Negotiable

Salary: AU \$80K to \$91K plus up to 15.4% superannuation

Tenure: Coordinator - 2 x terms of 1 year 7 months; 1 x term of 10 months;
Online Learning Coordinator - 1 x term of 1 year and 7 months

Job reference: 52481 (Coordinator) and 52482 (Online Learning Coordinator)

Applications close on Wednesday 20th December 2017

To find out more or apply: <https://jobs.csiro.au>

Enter the job reference no. in the 'Search by Keyword' field

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Project Coordinator

Ongoing (Part Time 4 days per week)

Are you passionate about the arts and creative industries? Do you want to be part of a dynamic team? If so, AFTRS is currently seeking applications for a Project Coordinator to join the Indigenous Unit Team. The AFTRS Indigenous Unit facilitates the creation and development of Indigenous pathways across the organisation and is at the forefront of the development of Indigenous screen. The Unit initiates structured educational and training pathways for all potential Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. In this role, you will be providing high level administrative support to the Head of Indigenous Unit and the Project Officer in the design and delivery of workshops, as well as providing support to our Indigenous students.

If you have the following skills we want to hear from you:

- High level administrative support including preparing contracts; booking facilities; travel and accommodation.
- Experience in preparing and monitoring budgets.
- Project Coordination.
- Be able to undertake less complex marketing communications with the focus on lifting the profile of AFTRS in the Indigenous Community.
- Good computer skills including database experience and some data entry

You will also have the following attributes:

- well-developed communication, liaison and negotiation skills
- Highly organised and be able to prioritise work to plan for peak periods and deadlines.

This position is open to all Australian citizens or Permanent Residents.

AFTRS is committed to building a richly diverse staff and faculty. We encourage all to apply as each individual life experience is unique and valuable, so we would love to hear from you.

All applicants will receive equal consideration for employment without regard to race, colour, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, or any other characteristic protected by law. We strongly encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from diverse cultural backgrounds and people with a disability.

The Project Coordinator will be required to successfully complete a Working with Children Check.

Salary: \$60,204 to \$62,870 pro rata.

How to Apply: Visit the AFTRS website for a copy of the position description and selection criteria. Please email your current resume with covering letter addressing how your skills, experience, qualifications meet the selection criteria to jobs@aftrs.edu.au by 9.00 am, 19 December 2017.

Applicants that have specifically addressed the selection criteria will be prioritised.
Enquiries: Human Resources Team - jobs@aftrs.edu.au.



Mutawintji Local Aboriginal Land Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Salary Package – To be negotiated upon successful appointment
Full Time Position (35 Hours per week)

The Mutawintji Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of full-time Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide strategic advice and an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Mutawintji LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the LALC's Community Land and Business Plan as approved by membership.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills and the ability to supervise and manage staff and programs.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues is also required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Kristy Matthews, by email: kristy.matthews@alc.org.au or on 08 8087 9587. The office will be closed from Friday 22nd December 2017 to Friday 5th January 2018.

Applications can be forwarded to; kristy.matthews@alc.org.au or chloe.bennett@alc.org.au, marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The CEO Recruitment Panel
Mutawintji Local Aboriginal Land Council
32 Sulphide Street
Broken Hill NSW 2880

Applications close Friday 5th January 2018.

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.



Education
Aboriginal Affairs



Coordination Officer – Aboriginal Affairs

- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Temporary full time appointment for a period up to: 12 months (with the possibility to extend)
- Position number and location: 179509 – Sydney metropolitan area (office move in early 2018 within Sydney area)

Total remuneration package: \$113,465 Package includes salary (\$92,470 – \$102,359), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

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About the role

The Coordination Officer is responsible for providing high quality, professional administrative services and support to the Director, Policy and Reform and to the broader team, as well as coordinate team workflow systems, to support the efficient and effective operation of the Policy and Reform Directorate and optimal utilisation of the Director's time and resources.

Talent Pool

A talent pool may be created through this recruitment process. A talent pool is a group of candidates who have undergone an assessment process and have been identified suitable for this role or similar roles. The talent pool will be valid for a period of 12 months. Being part of a talent pool means that you may be considered for ongoing, temporary or term employment for a range of similar roles. This offers exciting opportunities for you to gain a wide range of experiences to build your public service career.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) your response to the two pre-screening question, and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw
No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Outline your approach to prioritising tasks and give an example of when you have used your time management skills to manage a high workload and competing deadlines. (300 word maximum).
2. Provide an example of a process or systems improvement you have developed. How did you identify the need for improvement, what did you do, and what was the outcome? (300 word maximum).

Essential Requirements:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or equivalent relevant experience.
- Demonstrated appropriate cultural capability regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the approach and outcomes of daily activities.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Applications Close: 14 January 2018

For further information please contact
Tara Mason on (02) 9561 1262.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for Reference Numbers 179509

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traineeship (Diploma of Business)

The role UQ offers trainees the opportunity to take the first step in their career through this 12 month traineeship which results in a Diploma of Business. You will enjoy great working conditions including 4 weeks leave per year; time allocated to complete your diploma study and a supportive team environment to help you to succeed.

Remuneration \$46,599 – \$48,665 p.a., plus up to 9.5% super. Twelve month full-time, fixed-term appointment at HEW Level 1.

Applications close 5 January 2018

Job No. 501597

Visit www.uq.edu.au/uqjobs for more career opportunities and to obtain a copy of the position description and application process. The University of Queensland values diversity and inclusion.



The Australia Council is seeking applications for the following position:

Digital Coordinator

Full time, 2 year contract. Surry Hills location

The Digital Coordinator will maximise the effectiveness of the Australia Council's website and SharePoint platforms to support the organisations communications, strategic and corporate plans. These platforms are used to support and engage staff, clients and the wider arts community to increase awareness of Australia Council programs.

A full job description can be found on www.australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers

Applications close: 14 January 2018 at 11:59pm (AEST)



General Manager

Warlpiri Media Aboriginal Corporation, trading as PAW Media and Communications has a unique opportunity for an experienced and people-focused

General Manager to work with the Indigenous community at Yuendumu, NT.

A unique Management opportunity in stunning and remote Central Australia

Use your skills to support an Indigenous Board strengthening their organisation

Must have passion for supporting the expression of local language and culture

For further information, and an application package, please contact Daniel Featherstone at manager@irca.net.au or telephone (08) 8952 6465.



Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation

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 New 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;

To be considered for this role please submit your cover letter, statement addressing the key selection criteria and your resume by email to chairperson@yynac.com.au

Applications Close 12/01/2017.

The position is an Aboriginal identified position



Kimberley Land Council | Position Available

The Kimberley Land Council Aboriginal Corporation is a native title representative body under the Native Title Act 1993. It was established in 1978 as a community organisation to represent the rights and interests of Kimberley Aboriginal People. The Kimberley Land Council is currently seeking an enthusiastic and energetic candidate for the following role:

SENIOR LEGAL OFFICER (EL1)

An exciting opportunity has presented itself within our Legal team in Broome for a Senior Legal Officer. Under the direction of the Principal Legal Officer you will participate in a team of legal practitioners and other KLC staff and consultants, to ensure the effective delivery of legal services to the Kimberley Land Council and to Native Title Groups throughout the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

The Senior Legal Officer will play a leading and hands on role in growing the capacity and capabilities of Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs). This will be through the provision of legal advice in respect of governance and compliance requirements as well as future act matters and Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs), attendance at meetings, and assisting in representation during proceedings.

Salary and Benefits:

24 month contract with likely extension. An attractive salary package (base salary between \$82000 to \$97000) with significant benefits including 5 weeks annual leave, relocation allowance, leave loading, district allowance, rental subsidy, air conditioning subsidy, an annual airfare (subject to qualifying period) and the option to salary sacrifice up to \$15,889 per annum will be offered to the successful candidates.

Indigenous people are particularly encouraged to apply.

Job application packs including selection criteria are available online at www.klc.org.au

Please forward your application addressing the Selection Criteria and enclosing a CV providing contact details for three referees to:

HR Coordinator, Kimberley Land Council
PO Box 2145 Broome WA 6725
By Email: hr@klc.org.au

Closing date for applications: 20 December 2017

We reserve the right to commence recruitment proceedings immediately and to close this advertisement early should a suitable candidate be located.



Lecturer in Australian Indigenous Studies (Indigenous Applicants Only)

School of Culture and Communication

Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply as this position is exempt under the Special Measure Provision, Section 12 (1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2011 (Vic).

We are seeking a person able to enrich and advance the School of Culture and Communication's contributions to Australian Indigenous Studies. The appointee will have expertise and publications in areas of Australian Indigenous Studies that complement and enhance the work undertaken in this field by members of our staff within one of the discipline areas within the School.

The incumbent will be a committed, engaging teacher and researcher, who is able to teach at the undergraduate and postgraduate level.

The successful candidate will contribute to the teaching of Australian Indigenous studies in subjects available within the School of Culture and Communication; assist in the development of new subjects as appropriate; make a significant contribution to the research reputation of the School; foster engagement links with external communities/networks/partners; and will take on administrative tasks associated with the appointment.

The successful candidate will also be required to actively contribute to the Faculty's overall plan for further developing and diversifying Indigenous curriculum and research.

The School of Culture and Communication is a thriving research hub for critical thinking in the humanities. This agenda is led by world-leading scholars whose fields of research

include literary and cultural studies, art history, creative writing, cinema and performance, media and communication and Australian Indigenous studies. The School is also host to a range of funded research concentrations, such as the ARC Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions, the Australian Centre, the Centre for Advancing Journalism, the Research Unit in Public Cultures. More broadly, our academics publish, speak and blog on topics as diverse as romanticism, poetry, Asian popular culture, digital media, climate change, network societies, gender and sexuality, racism, cosmopolitanism, and contemporary arts.

One of the largest Schools in the Faculty of Arts, we contribute exciting majors and subjects to the Bachelor of Arts, as well as offering unique Masters level courses that lead towards professional vocations in publishing, writing, museums and galleries, and other arts and media institutions. Our extensive doctoral program includes coursework, as well as many opportunities to participate in reading groups, seminars, conferences and other events that augment the intellectual values of the School.

Our School considers the public life of the humanities an enduring tradition that enriches contemporary society, and we have many community and industry partnerships through which we engage with a wider audience.

Salary: \$98,775 - \$117,290 p.a. plus 17% superannuation

Job No: 0000206

Find out more at:
<http://go.unimelb.edu.au/cs26>

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Policy and Projects Officer, Aboriginal Affairs Policy

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic Policy and Projects Officer to join the Aboriginal Affairs Policy branch within the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The Policy and Projects Officer will support the Victorian Aboriginal Economic Board to build Aboriginal employment, economic prosperity and enterprise across Victoria.

The successful candidate will be relationship focused, work collaboratively and have strong planning and organisational skills.

The role is based in Melbourne and offered on a fixed term basis until 30 June 2019. It is a full-time position and the hours of work are flexible.

The closing date for this position is **Wednesday 20 December 2017**.

To obtain position description, selection criteria, and apply, please go to **www.careers.vic.gov.au** and search reference number **1311114**

This is a designated position under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010.

Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.

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...make a positive contribution to Aboriginal Health

I can influence positive changes towards the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in South Australia. My cultural knowledge and life experience will help to break down barriers and improve an understanding of the challenges facing Aboriginal people. At SA Health, my career is varied and diverse, enabling me to do truly meaningful and interesting work.

Aboriginal Health Worker
Oodnadatta Community Health
Oodnadatta
Job Refs: 638947 & 642146

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers
1300 882 992

 
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Opportunities at the Victorian Treaty Advancement Commission

12 – 18 month Fixed Term Contracts – Full-time flexible work hours

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 (the Commission) is a landmark step towards strengthening the independence of Victorian Aboriginal communities in the treaty process.

Opportunities exist for five enthusiastic and passionate team members to join the Commission. Commission staff will work closely with the Commissioner and the Aboriginal Treaty Working Group and engage with Aboriginal communities across Victoria on treaty.

Three of the roles are dedicated positions under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply:

- VPS6 Manager
- VPS5 Senior Communications and Engagement Officer
- VPS3 Policy Officer

The following two roles are open to all applicants:

- VPS5 Senior Policy Officer
- VPS3 Executive Assistant

To obtain position descriptions, selection criteria, and apply, please go to **www.careers.vic.gov.au**. The closing date for these positions is **Sunday 28 January 2018**

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Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service Chief Executive Officer – full time

Wollongong, New South Wales
Salary Range \$110,000 - \$120,000 + Super
Salary Packaging opportunities
Use of Company Vehicle

The Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service (IAMS) is a community controlled Aboriginal Health Service operating out of Wollongong, south of Sydney, New South Wales. The IAMS provides a range of high quality services designed to improve the wellness and health of Aboriginal people. We are currently looking for a Chief Executive Officer who is dedicated, driven and has a community focus.

The IAMS offer excellent working conditions, supportive and skilled colleagues and an organisational culture that focuses on continuous quality improvement.

Job Description

The CEO is responsible for the efficient and effective planning, budgeting, management and administration of all aspects of the organisation. The position has the day-to-day responsibility and accountability of the organisation through implementing the broad direction of the organisation's strategic plan and for the development of a responsive and innovative model of health service delivery that meets the requirements of the Aboriginal community.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate relevant experience in an executive position and possess the following skills and knowledge:

Essential Criteria

- Identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Applicable University Degree in Indigenous Health or Business and Administration, or equivalent experience
- Experience working in a Community Controlled Organisation
- Knowledge and experience in Aboriginal health
- Sound understanding of Aboriginal culture and community
- Strong business acumen
- Knowledge of continuous quality improvement
- Outstanding leadership and communication skills
- Community minded

The Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service considers that being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under S14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

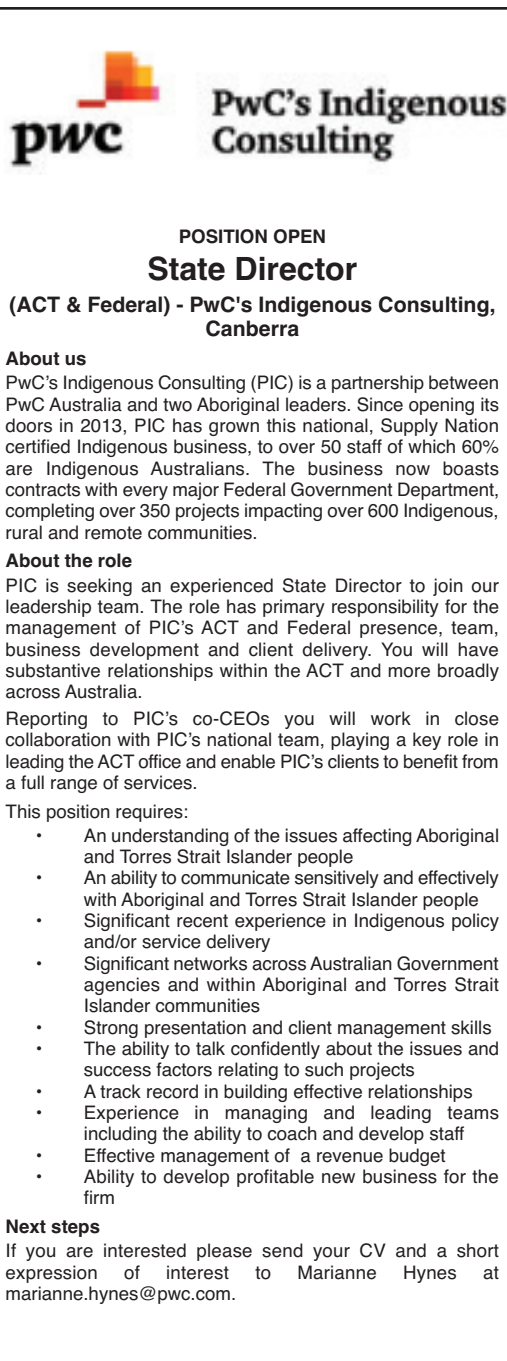
For further information regarding this position, please contact Jodie Duncan, Deputy CEO on (02) 4229 9495 or by email on **jduncan@illawarraams.com.au**

To apply for this position, please forward your Cover Letter, detailed Selection Criteria Statement, and Resume to **klawlor@illawarraams.com.au**

Applications will close at 5pm on Friday 5th January 2018.

A criminal record check will be carried out on successful applicant.

Applications that do not address the Selection Criteria will not be considered.



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POSITION OPEN
State Director
(ACT & Federal) - PwC's Indigenous Consulting, Canberra

About us
PwC's Indigenous Consulting (PIC) is a partnership between PwC Australia and two Aboriginal leaders. Since opening its doors in 2013, PIC has grown this national, Supply Nation certified Indigenous business, to over 50 staff of which 60% are Indigenous Australians. The business now boasts contracts with every major Federal Government Department, completing over 350 projects impacting over 600 Indigenous, rural and remote communities.

About the role
PIC is seeking an experienced State Director to join our leadership team. The role has primary responsibility for the management of PIC's ACT and Federal presence, team, business development and client delivery. You will have substantive relationships within the ACT and more broadly across Australia.

Reporting to PIC's co-CEOs you will work in close collaboration with PIC's national team, playing a key role in leading the ACT office and enable PIC's clients to benefit from a full range of services.

This position requires:

- An understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- An ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Significant recent experience in Indigenous policy and/or service delivery
- Significant networks across Australian Government agencies and within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Strong presentation and client management skills
- The ability to talk confidently about the issues and success factors relating to such projects
- A track record in building effective relationships
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- Effective management of a revenue budget
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Next steps
If you are interested please send your CV and a short expression of interest to Marianne Hynes at **marianne.hynes@pwc.com**.



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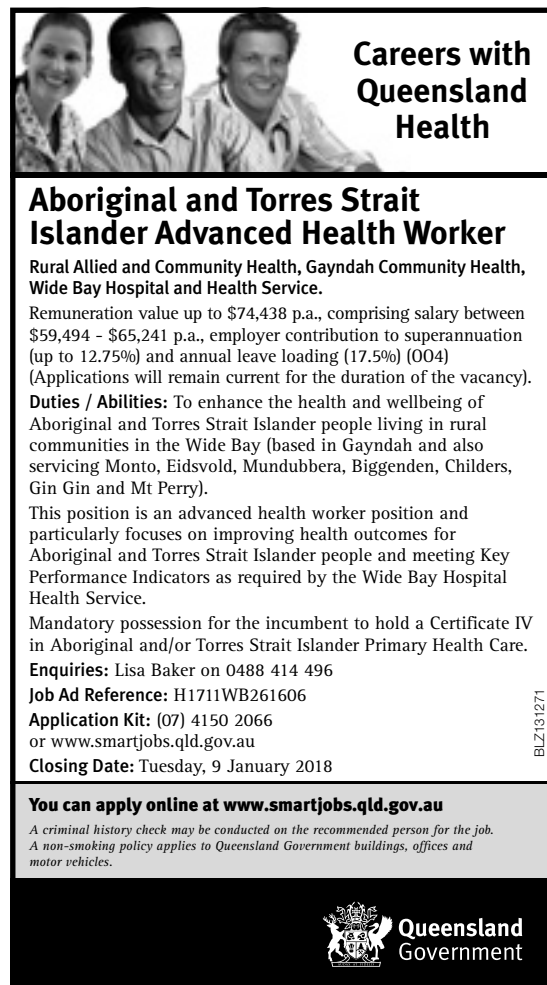
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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advanced Health Worker
Rural Allied and Community Health, Gayndah Community Health, Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service.

Remuneration value up to \$74,438 p.a., comprising salary between \$59,494 - \$65,241 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for the duration of the vacancy).


Duties / Abilities: To enhance the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in rural communities in the Wide Bay (based in Gayndah and also servicing Monto, Eidsvold, Mundubbera, Biggenden, Childers, Gin Gin and Mt Perry).

This position is an advanced health worker position and particularly focuses on improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and meeting Key Performance Indicators as required by the Wide Bay Hospital Health Service.

Mandatory possession for the incumbent to hold a Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care.

Enquiries: Lisa Baker on 0488 414 496
Job Ad Reference: H1711WB261606
Application Kit: (07) 4150 2066 or **www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au**
Closing Date: Tuesday, 9 January 2018

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NSW GOVERNMENT

Ward Clerk
Department: Hunter New England Local Health District
Location: Tamworth
Enquiries: April Trappel (02) 6767 7490
Reference ID: REQ7695
Closing Date: 24 December 2017

Emergency Department Communications Clerk
Department: Hunter New England Local Health District
Location: Tamworth
Enquiries: April Trappel (02) 6767 7490
Reference ID: REQ6580
Closing Date: 24 December 2017

Administrative Officer
Department: Hunter New England Local Health District
Location: Tamworth
Enquiries: April Trappel (02) 6767 7490
Reference ID: REQ7698
Closing Date: 24 December 2017

These are identified Aboriginal Positions. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

Medical Typist
Department: Hunter New England Local Health District
Location: John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Nicole Pettiford (02) 4921 3554
Reference ID: REQ7156

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
Closing Date: 7 January 2018

Closing Date: see above
Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to **healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com/hnelhd** and search Job Reference Numbers as above.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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WATERSNSW LOWER BRUNSWICK RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **KEYWATERS PTY LTD** for 1 x 50mm centrifugal pump and 1 x dam with pipe spillway on an Unnamed Watercourse, Lot 4 DP874348 for recreational purposes and irrigation of 5ha (fruit & vegies) on Lot 4 DP874348.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or email customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A011710) Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ131532

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY – CROWN LANDS & WATER DIVISION NSW BELL RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application under Section 107 of the Water Management Act 2000 for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL (Ref: A011393) has been received from **ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** for refurbishment of existing weir, located on an unnamed watercourse on Lot 63 DP881808, Parish of Orange, County of Wellington.

Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to the Department of Industry – Crown Lands & Water Division. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7447, Jeanette Nestor, Water Regulation Officer.

BLZ130997

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY - CROWN LANDS & WATER DIVISION HUNTER REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a FLOOD WORK APPROVAL has been received from **ROSEBROOK SAND AND GRAVEL PTY LTD** for an existing levee on Lot 1 DP 108093. (A011679).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Dept. of Industry - Crown Lands & Water Division, PO Box 2213, Dangar NSW 2309, within 28 days from the date of publication of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection. Any queries should be directed to (02) 4904 2512, Estelle Avery, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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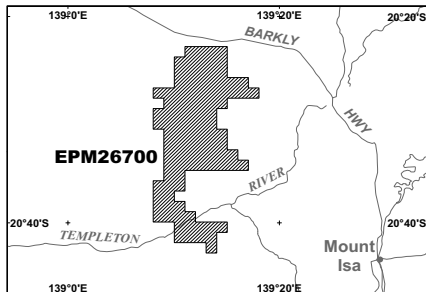
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS AND ADDITION OF EXCLUDED LAND INTO AN EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR COAL

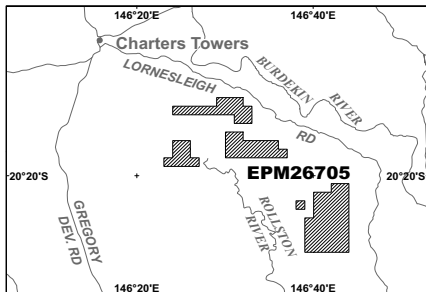
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 as shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and the proposed addition of excluded land to the Exploration Permit for Coal as shown below under section 176A of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

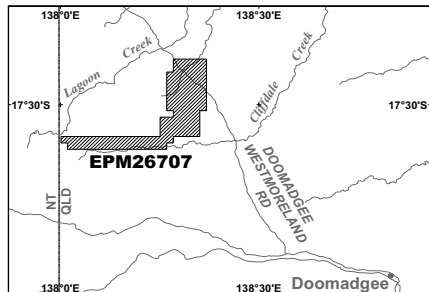
Exploration Permit 26700 sought by Kiwi International Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 088 840 886, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (321 km²), centred approximately 35 km North West of Mount Isa, in the locality of the Mount Isa City Council.



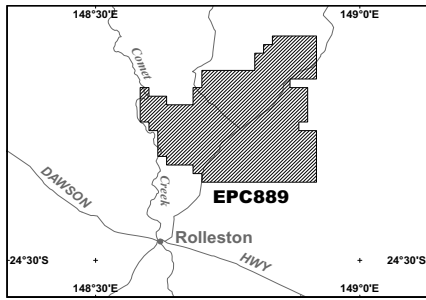
Exploration Permit 26705 sought by BGM Investments Pty Ltd, ACN 162 163 117, over an area of 72 sub-blocks (231 km²), centred approximately 45 km South East of Charters Towers in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



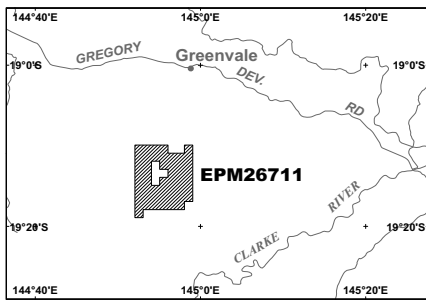
Exploration Permit 26707 sought by Trek Metals Limited, ACN 124 462 826, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (326 km²), centred approximately 80 km North West of Doomadgee in the locality of the Burke Shire Council.



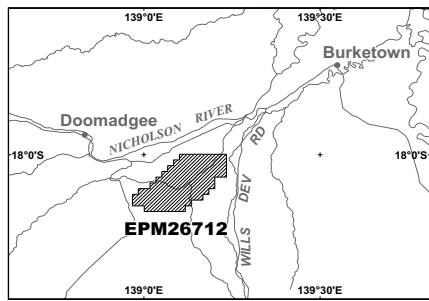
Proposed addition of Excluded Land into Exploration Permit 889, which covers an area of 231 sub-blocks (720 km²) approximately 28 km North East of Rolleston, in the locality of Central Highlands Regional Council has been sought by BHP Coal Pty Ltd (40.75%) ACN 010 595 721, QCT Mining Pty Ltd (15.78%) ACN 010 487 840, Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd (15.53%) ACN 009 779 873, QCT Investment Pty Ltd (12%) ACN 010 487 831, BHP Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd (8.5%) ACN 098 876 825, QCT Resources Pty Limited (6.69%) ACN 010 808 705 and Umal Consolidated Pty Ltd (0.75%) ACN 000 767 386.



Exploration Permit 26711 sought by Shoalhaven Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 614 946 744, over an area of 50 sub-blocks (161 km²), centred approximately 25 km South of Greenvale in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 26712 sought by New Zinc Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 622 780 054, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (326 km²), centred approximately 32 km South East of Doomadgee in the locality of the Burke 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.

The grant of an application to add Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for coal subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant an application to add Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit 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 or Mineral Development Licence is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Level 4, 1 William Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3199 8082, nativetitleservices@dnrm.qld.gov.au.

Notification Day: 03 January 2018

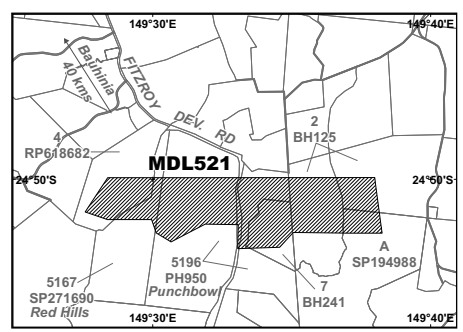


NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN APPROVED ACTIVITIES OF A MINERAL DEVELOPMENT LICENCE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed increase in approved activities of the Mineral Development Licence shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld)

Increase in approved activities of Mineral Development Licence 521 sought by Civil & Mining Resources Pty Ltd, ABN 98 139 596 928, over an area of 6,174 ha, centred approximately 40 km South East of Bauhinia, in the localities of Central Highlands Regional Council and Banana Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The proposed increase in approved activities of a Mineral Development Licence under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the Mineral Development Licence and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). The proposed approval to the increase in approved activities of a Mineral Development Licence is for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the increase in approved activities of a Mineral Development Licence be approved subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed increase in approved activities of the Mineral Development Licence, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Mineral Development

Licence may be obtained from the Mining Registrar Coal, Building E, 25 Yeppoon Road, Parkhurst, Rockhampton Qld 4702, Telephone: (07) 4936 0362.

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 increase in approved activities of the Mineral Development Licence. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 3 January 2018



WATERSNSW

WILLIAMS RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **GRAEME REX KINGSTON** for one 80 mm centrifugal pump on Lot 1 DP 998678 & Lot 2 DP 998640 for the purpose of irrigation.
Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 2213, Dangar NSW 2309 or email customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A011680)
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or the above email.
Salim Vhora, Manager Dealings, Verification and Water Regulation Coastal.

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WATERSNSW

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WORK APPROVAL has been received from **HK FARMING PTY LIMITED** to relocate an irrigation bore to 54//756043 Parish Carrego, County Sturt.
Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, LEETON NSW 2705 or email customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection. (A11660).
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Rob Montieth, Manager Water Regulation South.

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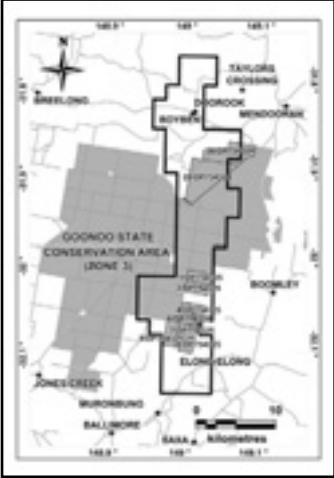
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GOVERNMENT

Department of Planning and Environment

Exploration Licence No 8469 Act 1992

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).
Description of area that may be affected by the Minister's Consent to prospect on native title land.
Lot 58 DP 754324, Lot 29 DP 754324, Lot 1 DP 754325, Lot 2 DP 754325, Lot 4 DP 754325, Lot 6 DP 754325, Lot 7 DP 754325, Lot 9 DP 754325, Lot 8 DP 754325 and unidentified Crown land that was dedicated as Goonoo State Forest No. 436 on 25 May 1917, and unidentified Crown land that was dedicated as extensions to Goonoo State Forest No 436 being No. 11 extension, No. 13 extension and No. 15 extension, dedicated on 17 October 1951, 20 April 1955 (amended 3 June 1955) and 13 November 1957, respectively, within EL 8469, situated approximately 43 kilometres south east of Gilgandra, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.
Description of the nature of the act
Monzonite Metals Pty Ltd (ACN 165 629 818) is the holder of EL 8469 for Group one minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.
Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done
Minister for Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.
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* (Cth) the notification day is **27 December 2017**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.




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

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 27 December 2017




National Native Title Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, Brisbane, Queensland, 4003 on or before **26 March 2018**. After **26 March 2018**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Gamilaraay People v State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD290/2017

Date filed: 12 June 2017

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.

Description: The application area consists of approximately 5402 square kilometres centred about 75km east of Dirranbandi in Queensland, bordered on the south by the state of NSW.

Relevant LGA: Goondiwindi Regional Council & Balonne Shire Council.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

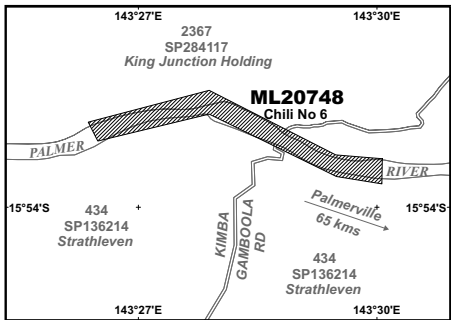
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING LEASES

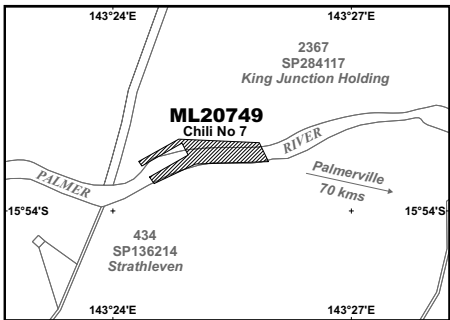
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 Mining Leases shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

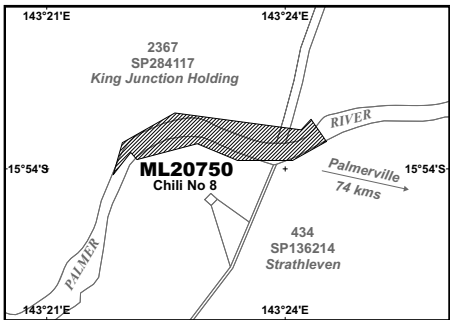
Mining Lease 20748 sought by Palmer Gold NQ Pty Ltd, ACN 124 046 144, over an area of 341.1782 ha, centred approximately 65 km West North West of Palmerville, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



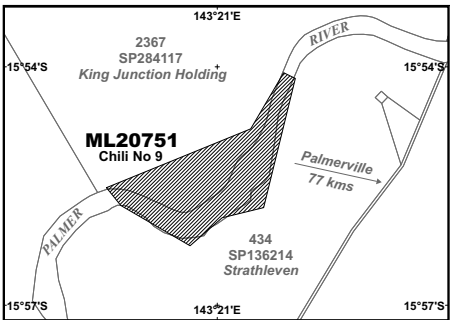
Mining Lease 20749 sought by Palmer Gold NQ Pty Ltd, ACN 124 046 144, over an area of 123.2945 ha, centred approximately 70 km West North West of Palmerville, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



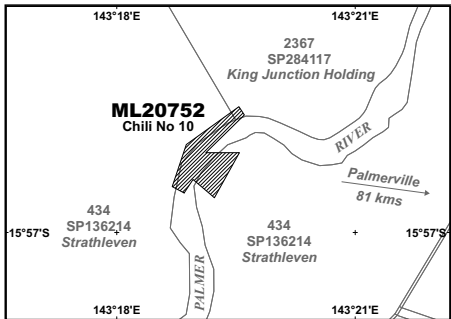
Mining Lease 20750 sought by Palmer Gold NQ Pty Ltd, ACN 124 046 144, over an area of 329.3030 ha, centred approximately 74 km West North West of Palmerville, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



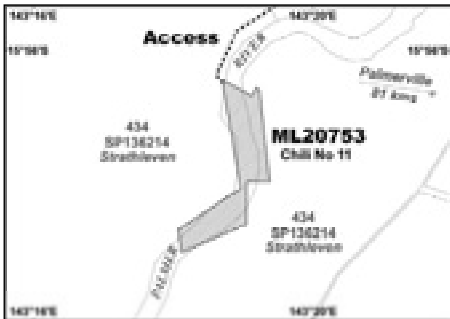
Mining Lease 20751 sought by Palmer Gold NQ Pty Ltd, ACN 124 046 144, over an area of 636.0099 ha, centred approximately 77 km West North West of Palmerville, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



Mining Lease 20752 sought by Palmer Gold NQ Pty Ltd, ACN 124 046 144, over an area of 146.7357 ha, centred approximately 81 km West North West of Palmerville, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



Mining Lease 20753 sought by Palmer Gold NQ Pty Ltd, ACN 124 046 144, over an area of 353.1256 ha, centred approximately 81 km West of Palmerville, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.




Nature of Act(s): The grant of the Mining Leases 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 twenty (20) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Leases 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 Mining Leases including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease Applications may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Mineral Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Finders 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 Leases. 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 the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 3rd January 2018



58 THE KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017.

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE (amendment) has been received from **WOOLCOTT PTY LTD** for one (1) Dam (Storage – Off River) and one (1) Channel Below Ground, for irrigation purposes on Lot 2 DP 602474, 1 and 2 DP1085369, Lot 53 DP 752201, Lot 81-83 DP752201 and Lot 103 DP659811 County of Darling, Parish of Veness..

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, P O Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 or email customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A011539)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077, or email the above.

Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

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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*:

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

Department of Planning and Environment

Exploration Licence Number 8574 (Act 1992)

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

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

Exploration Licence 8574 currently consists of an area of 100 units situated approximately 13 kilometres south south east of the town of Bingara, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

Description of the nature of the act

PTR Resources Pty Ltd (ACN 153 851 702) is the holder of Exploration Licence 8574, for Group one minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

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

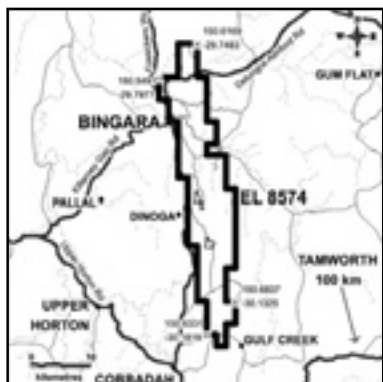
Minister for Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

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

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) the notification day is **28 December 2017**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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

Roads and Maritime Services

Aboriginal Heritage Pitt Town Bypass

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge in the Pitt Town area to contact RMS.

We would like to discuss the significance of Aboriginal objects and places to inform plans for the proposed new Pitt Town Bypass.

A bypass of Pitt Town is planned to reduce traffic through the town centre and improve safety for all road users.

The proposal may result in Roads and Maritime Services:

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

To register your interest or see a map of the proposal area, please contact: Lee Davison, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer
Phone: 1800 793 862
Email: pitttownbypass@rms.nsw.gov.au

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



Courtney Hodder with rugby sevens talent development and recruitment manager Hugh Carpenter. *Picture: Karen Watson Photography*

Courtney shines at Bendigo 7s



THE Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team's Courtney Hodder has won the Player of the Tournament award at the recent National Bendigo 7s.

Courtney became the first Indigenous person to win the award.

She wowed the crowd with her speed, high energy and determination to not only impress the selectors, but her opposition coaches, who were unanimous in voting her best on ground.

Rugby Australia Rugby Sevens talent development and recruitment manager Hugh Carpenter said: "Courtney played an outstanding tournament, not only voted Player of the Tournament by Australian Sevens but also strongly recommended by opposition coaches."

Courtney last week played at the Youth National Sevens and will follow this with a tour to New Zealand for the World School Sevens, to be held on December 16, in Auckland.

In a thrilling day at the Bendigo 7s, NSW Blue won the women's national title 24-5 over Queensland, with Queensland Red defeating Queensland White in a tense men's final.

The National Youth Sevens Championship kicked off in Brisbane at Ballymore Stadium last Saturday, where Australian coaches and scouts were looking to unearth the next Olympic rugby sevens talent.

Gordon in talks with Gold Coast



SYDNEY Roosters fullback Michael Gordon is considering a move to the Gold Coast to replace departed National Rugby League (NRL) star Jarryd

Hayne.

The 225-game NRL veteran signed a one-year extension with the Roosters earlier this year, but is weighing up a two-year offer to join the Titans following Hayne's move to Parramatta.

Gordon had plans to retire to northern NSW at the end of his current deal, but has asked the Roosters for permission to explore the market given the recent opening at the Titans.

Brennan has confirmed Gordon is a player of interest while the club confirmed last Wednesday they were in discussions.

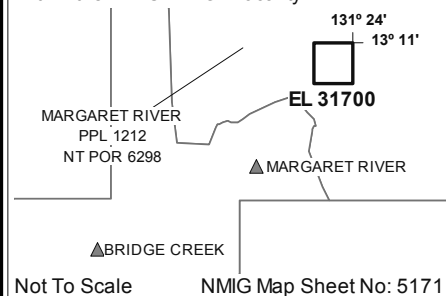
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kenneth Edward Vowles MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry and Resources, C/- Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

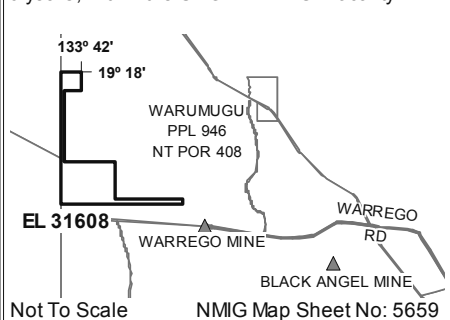
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 31700 sought by BACCHUS RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 606 340 872 over an area of 1 Block (4 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



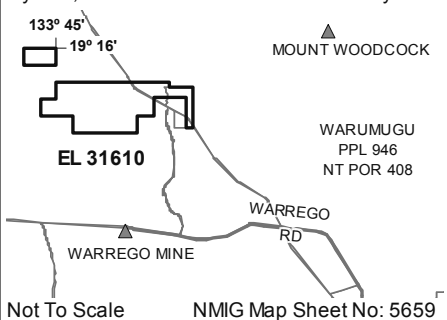
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Exploration Licence 31608 sought by CGM (WA) PTY LTD, ACN 610 789 252 over an area of 22 Blocks (37 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SHORT RANGE locality.



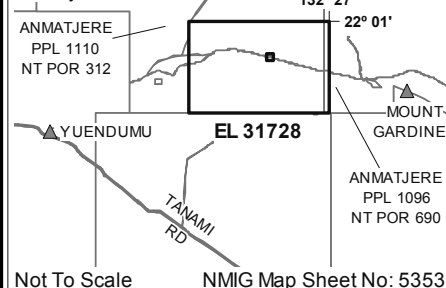
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Exploration Licence 31610 sought by CGM (WA) PTY LTD, ACN 610 789 252 over an area of 25 Blocks (71 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SHORT RANGE locality.



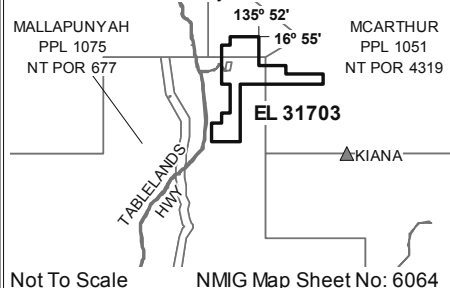
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Exploration Licence 31728 sought by ELM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 612 700 606 over an area of 240 Blocks (762 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DENISON locality.



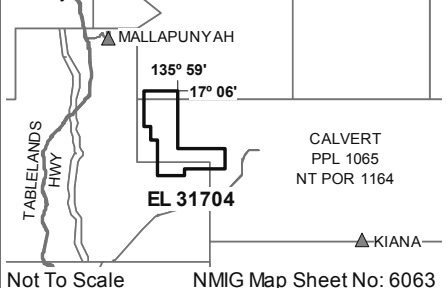
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Exploration Licence 31703 sought by TODD RIVER METALS PTY LTD, ACN 600 314 038 over an area of 40 Blocks (132 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MALLAPUNYAH locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6064

Exploration Licence 31704 sought by TODD RIVER METALS PTY LTD, ACN 600 314 038 over an area of 70 Blocks (230 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the KILGOUR locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 13 December 2017

Barty gains Open seeding



ASHLEIGH Barty is in line for a precious Australian Open top-16 seeding following the withdrawal of world

No 12 Svetlana Kuznetsova. Russia's two-time grand slam champion is out after undergoing wrist surgery, with China's Saisai Zheng the only other top-100 player not contesting the year's first major

at Melbourne Park. Kuznetsova's scratching leaves Barty as the 16th-highest ranked player in the women's 128-strong draw, ensuring the big home hope will avoid top-eight rival until at least the fourth round. The Newcombe Medallist will be among three Australian seeds when the biggest and richest event on the annual sporting calendar gets under way on January 15. World No 25 Daria Gavrilova will again be seeded

as she strives to reach the second week for the third year in a row. Former US Open champion Samantha Stosur, Australian Pro Tour winner Olivia Rogowska and the wildcard playoff winner will join Barty and Gavrilova in the women's event. Australian Open tournament director Craig Tiley is looking forward to welcoming the world's best players to Melbourne. "We have yet another strong

field," Tiley said in revealing the official entry list on Friday. "Last year's tournament broke all of the records and we look forward to welcoming back new mum Serena as she attempts to equal Margaret Court's 24 grand slams (singles titles). "We are definitely a family-friendly event and many players including reigning champion Roger Federer travel with their children to Melbourne so we remain optimistic that she will return." – AAP



Department of Planning and Environment

Exploration Licence No's 8370 and 8600 (Act 1992)

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

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

EL 8370 – An area of about 43 units situated approximately 17 kilometres east of the town of Marulan, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

EL 8600 – An area of about 2 units situated approximately 15 kilometres WSW of the town of Moss Vale, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

Description of the nature of the act

ABX2 Pty Ltd (ACN 139 791 478) is the holder of Exploration Licence No's 8370 and 8600 for Group 2 minerals. The licences contain a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

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

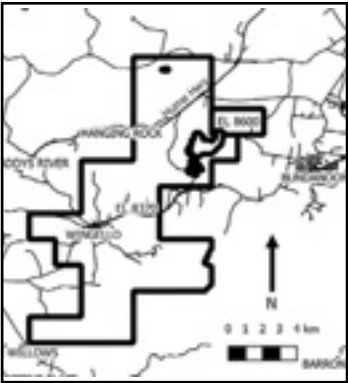
Minister for Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

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

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) the notification day is **28 December 2017**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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



Department of Planning and Environment

Mining Lease Application 547 (Act 1992)

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

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a Mining Lease

An area of about 740.9 hectares situated approximately 8 kilometres north west of the town of Torrington, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

Description of the nature of the act

Grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mining Act 1992* (NSW). Torrington Minerals Pty Ltd (ACN 604 431 370) is the applicant for MLA 547, for mining lease which, if granted would authorise the prospecting for and mining of minerals, Bismuth, Fluorite, Kaolin, Ores of Silicon, Quartzite, Reef Quartz, Topaz, Clay/Shale, Gold, Monazite, Quartz Crystal, Rare Earth Minerals, Tin and Tungsten and its ores for a term of 21 years.

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

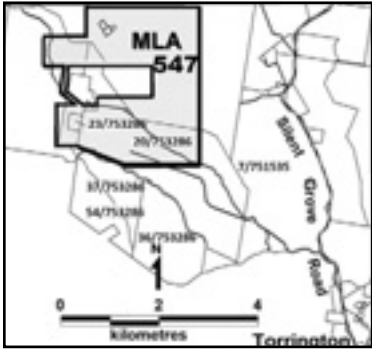
Minister for Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

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* (Cth) the notification day is **27 December 2017**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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



AUSTRALIAN rugby league star Johnathan Thurston teared up after being awarded a human rights medal at a formal ceremony in Sydney on Friday.

Thurston received the Australian Human Rights Commission medal in recognition of his ongoing commitment to improving the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Queensland Australian of the Year for 2017 has championed Indigenous education and accommodation through the Deadly Kindies and NRL Cowboys House programs.

The North Queensland co-captain wiped away tears on stage while declaring he was "truly humbled" to receive the award.

"This far outweighs what I've achieved on the field," the Indigenous mentor said at the ceremony.

"In rugby league, players come and go. I want to make sure my culture is around for thousands of years like it has been."

The Cowboys House ambassador – a home for 50 indigenous students from remote north

Queensland – accepted the medal with one of the students on stage.

"Even though we have come a long way with education and certainly closing the gap, we still have a long way to go," Thurston told reporters.

"The key is in education and making sure the young kids are getting the best access to medical services and education."

Federal Attorney-General George Brandis congratulated Thurston on his achievements and the work of all award finalists.

"This is a very important day for human rights across the world but especially important for human rights in Australia," Mr Brandis told reporters.

The commission's annual Human Rights Awards recognise the outstanding contribution of individuals and organisations in protecting human rights and freedoms in Australia.

National Rugby League (NRL) CEO Todd Greenberg said rugby league was incredibly proud of Thurston's achievements.

"He is a true ambassador of the game and this latest award is testament that what he does goes well beyond rugby League," Greenberg said.



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	04/470	MARTIN, David Leslie	7.40HA	36km E'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 23' S Long: 123° 57' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Mining Lease	25/362	HOGANS RESOURCES PTY LTD	341.15HA	36km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 122° 1' E	KALGOORLIE- BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	25/363	HOGANS RESOURCES PTY LTD	199.14HA	33km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 6' S Long: 121° 59' E	KALGOORLIE- BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	27/499	NORTHERN STAR (KANOWNA) PTY LIMITED PERILYA LTD COVE MINING PTY LTD	36.18HA	20km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 121° 32' E	KALGOORLIE- BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	37/1327	KIN MINING NL	1184.26HA	47km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 31' S Long: 121° 4' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	37/1331	NAVIGATOR MINING PTY LTD	48.99HA	27km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 121° 35' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	38/1278	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	8739.72HA	109km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 7' S Long: 123° 25' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1122	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	1418.10HA	29km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 8' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	46/532	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	134.58HA	3km NW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 120° 5' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	51/882	DORAY MINERALS LIMITED	3475.20HA	41km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 19' S Long: 118° 47' E	MEEKATHARRA 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: 13 December 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 **13 March 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. 13 April 2018**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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Maori women too good



DESPITE losing the inaugural women’s Trans-Tasman basketball clash three games to nil in Cairns last week, the Australian Indigenous basketball women’s All Stars remain optimistic.

The youthful All Stars competed valiantly, but failed to execute in important stages of games when needed.

In the end, the experience and discipline of the New Zealand Maori women’s national team proved the difference.

The visitors from across the ditch defeated their Aussie counterparts in the opening encounter 86-63.

New Zealand guard Jordan Hunter lead her side with 12 points, while Indigenous Rashada Kaigey showcased her potential with a game-high 21 points for the All Stars.

Game number two of the series saw a much tighter affair. Teams traded baskets for the majority of the contest before the Maori side ran away in the final minutes, earning a hard fought 68-60 victory.

Eighteen-year-old Kaigey was once again impressive in a losing effort, finishing with 18 points and four rebounds.

The final meeting of the series ended in a 30-point blowout to the visitors, 85-55.

Hunter was again brilliant for the tourists, tallying a match-high 18 points. Her outstanding performances over the three-games earning her the event’s Most Valuable Player award.

The second instalment of the Trans-Tasman series between the two women’s representative sides will shift to New Zealand in 2018.



Australian Indigenous All Stars player Rashada Kaigey battled hard all series.
Picture: Matthew Adekponya

Our men make it three in a row

THE Australian Indigenous basketball All Stars have won their third consecutive Trans-Tasman title, beating the New Zealand Maori men’s national team two games to one in their best-of-three series last week in Cairns.

Led by big-man Tidjane Diop’s 20 points and eight rebounds on opening night, the All Stars started the contest with a tight 102-94 victory.

Dynamic shooting guard Deba George came to life in the second match-up and, with his Torres Strait Islander teammates Chris and Michael Cedar also connecting from the perimeter, the All Stars managed an eight-point win, 86-78.

The All Stars were unable to complete

the clean sweep though, dropping the third game 94-81.

New Zealand set up their 13-point triumph with a dominant performance in the paint and on the glass.

George, 32, was named the series Most Valuable Player after he compiled a team-high 57 points over the three games, giving opposing Maori players defensive nightmares.

“It’s always a tough challenge going up against the Maori men,” George said.

“They’re always bigger and stronger than us, so we have to speed up the game and try and run them off the court, which we were able to do in those first two matches.”

“It was a hard three games, but also really fun. I look forward to playing these guys each year.”

Australian coach Joel Khalu applauded the efforts of the younger troops in his squad and their contributions.

“I thought those guys really stepped up and were accountable in key moments,” Khalu said.

“It’s not easy for 18-year olds to go and battle against older and more experienced international players, but I thought Verle Williams, Jakobe Hunter and Joel Matysek did an outstanding job.”

“Their energy was contagious and when we combined those players with the

older heads of Kerry Williams and Tyson Demos, we witnessed some really good things at both ends of the court.”

Khalu also praised 15-year old rising star and NBA Global Academy athlete Tamuri Wigness for his impact as a first-time Indigenous All Star.

“Tamuri changed the tide of the second game,” Khalu said.

“His ability to defend with relentless pressure, especially up the floor, gave New Zealand guards all kind of headaches.”

“I think he (Wigness) helped force some key turnovers in that last period and that helped set up our win.”

“Tamuri is certainly an amazing talent and we’re looking forward to seeing his development continue within this group over the next few years.”

With the 2017 series in Cairns now done and the silverware staying in Australia, the annual Trans-Tasman Basketball Clash will shift back to New Zealand in 2018.


Game 1: Australian Indigenous 102 (TJ Diop 20, Michael Cedar 18) d New Zealand Maori 94 (Dominique Kelman 29, Tom Vodanovich 17)

Game 2: Australian Indigenous 86 (Deba George 22, Michael Cedar 13) d New Zealand Maori 78 (Hyrum Harris 25, Dominique Kelman 15)

Game 3: New Zealand Maori 94 (Dominique Kelman 23, Hyrum Harris 20) d Australian Indigenous 81 (Deba George 20, TJ Diop 18).



Verle Williams Jr looks for an option against the New Zealand Maori defence.
Picture: Matthew Adekponya



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
15/1340	STRINDBERG, Hans August Nicholas	517556	25.54HA	8km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 15' S Long: 121° 36' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/1354	STRINDBERG, Maxwell Peter	517555	122.98HA	7km W'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 13' S Long: 121° 35' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/1452	GOLDEN EAGLE MINING LTD	515737	9.88HA	10km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 121° 3' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/1452	GOLDEN EAGLE MINING LTD	515738	10.00HA	10km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
29/921-I	MAINCOAST PTY LTD	518080	21.30HA	83km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 120° 29' E	MENZIES SHIRE
29/1008	MGK RESOURCES PTY LTD	517564	20.15HA	83km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 8' S Long: 120° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
40/353	SEPIA RESOURCES PTY LTD	518320	166.54HA	41km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 121° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
40/353	SEPIA RESOURCES PTY LTD	518321	93.20HA	41km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 121° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
51/1556-I	GTI RESOURCES LTD	516907	2.76HA	56km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 6' S Long: 118° 34' E	CUE SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
51/1556-I	GTI RESOURCES LTD	516908	122.47HA	56km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 6' S Long: 118° 34' E	CUE SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
80/4794	HALLS CREEK RESOURCES PTY LTD	518012	83.16HA	23km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 20' S Long: 127° 49' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 13 December 2017

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **13 March 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 the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 13 April 2018**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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Tiwi girls soak up military exposure



TWELVE Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT) girls

from the Tiwi Islands have spent a week in Victoria being mentored by the Australian Defence Force.

They spent time with the Australian Defence Force Australian Rules (ADFAR) Women's Indigenous team (Guyala Seahawks) and took part in competition in the Victorian Aboriginal Community Services (VACSAL)/AFL Victoria's Koorie Women's Carnival.

The key objective of the program was to use Australian rules as a medium to enable Indigenous ADF women to provide mentorship to selected young Indigenous women from remote communities and in the longer term increase the Indigenous participation rate in the ADF.

The program began with a camp focusing on team building and learning where ADF women exposed the girls to Defence life and broader educational opportunities.

The culmination was the entering of a combined team in the Victorian Aboriginal Community Services (VACSAL)/AFL Victoria's Koorie Women's Carnival.

The ADFAR director partner relations Brigadier David Smith said the ADF was excited to join with AFLNT in developing the young women from Tiwi Islands.

"By training with the Seahawks and participating in the Koorie carnival, we hope to see these young players realise their potential and, for some, achieve national selection in the AFL Women's League in the coming years," Brig Smith said.

The Koorie carnival was played on November 18-19.

ADFAR women's program manager and creator of the mentoring program, Lieutenant-Colonel Dani Glatz, believed the Guyala Seahawks benefited from mentoring the youth development squad.

"ADF personnel are natural leaders and will value the opportunity to pass on their Defence and Australian football experiences with the talented players from Darwin, Melville and Bathurst Islands," she said.

The girls were treated to several damage control exercises that included flood and fire training at the School



The Tiwi girls are with some of the Defence Force's women's Indigenous team, the Guyala Seahawks, at the Victorian Koorie Women's Australian Football Carnival.

of Ship Safety and Survivability at HMAS Cerberus, on Melbourne's Mornington Peninsula.

Tenisha Tipungwuti said. "I really enjoyed the day at HMAS Cerberus. It was awesome, even though the water was cold, it was a heap of fun."

"I'm really thankful to the ADF for bringing me down here to play football."

Participant Joelle Kantilla: "It was fantastic to play footy on Punt Road and I enjoyed getting to know and play alongside the ADF girls. They're really great. I think a career in the ADF would be a good thing."

Despite not having played together and with the limited training, the team performed to a high standard at the football carnival, winning three pool games and a semifinal. Their only one loss at the carnival was in the final.

Results: ADF 2.5 (17) d Fitzroy Stars 2.3 (15), ADF 4.5 (29) d Mallee Tigers 0.2 (2), ADF 4.4 (28) d Gulgurn Manja Gariwerd 0.0 (0).

Semifinal: ADF 8.11 (59) d Koorie Kurburoos 0.0 (0).

Final: Fitzroy Stars 3.10 (28) d ADF 3.0 (18).



Participants of the Tiwi Island Youth Development and Future Leaders Program conduct a flood exercise during a team building camp at School of Ship Safety and Survivability at HMAS Cerberus, Victoria.



Participants in the program get wet during a flood exercise at the team building camp.

Glad to be back

By CHRIS PIKE



THE seven-month road to recovery from double shoulder reconstructions has all been worth it for

Kyah Simon who has now not only made a strong return for Melbourne City in soccer's W-League, but with the Matildas.

On the back of the 2016-17 W-League season with Sydney FC, Simon decided to bite the bullet and have reconstructive surgery on both her troublesome shoulders.

She always knew it would be a tough road to recovery with the operations coming two months apart and reality was it might have been harder than she envisioned.

But that is all behind her now.

The 26-year-old has been right to play in all four Melbourne City W-League games this season.

That showed that she was right to make her international return and she did so coming off the bench for the Matildas in a 3-0 victory against China at Melbourne's rectangular stadium last month.

Simon came on to the pitch in the 67th minute and she had a good impact, touching the ball 18 times with all bar three of those coming in the attacking half.

She couldn't hide her excitement afterwards about getting back out there for her 76th time representing Australia. For it to be a strong win just made it all the better.

"It's obviously exciting to get back on the pitch with the girls and get some minutes under my belt. I'm pretty pleased to get back out there," Simon said.

"It would have been nice to score, but my main goal was to get



Kyah Simon takes control of the ball during the women's international between the Australian Matildas and China PR at Kardinia Park, Geelong, on November 26. Picture: Getty

back out there, get comfortable on the ball and get some touches. It was a good game to come back to. The girls did a great job to already bang in three goals by the time I came on. I'm just happy to be back out there playing."

Reflecting on the rehabilitation work she went through on the

shoulders this year, Simon is happy that it's all behind her.

"Since I got the first one done in March and then the second in May, it was a really tough period and it was probably the toughest period of my career in terms of rehab.

"You don't realise how much

you need both arms until you become dependent on your mum," Simon said.

"As a 26-year-old, that's quite hard. It was a really tough period but I think once I got out of the slings and was in proper rehab mode, I was able to get back in the gym and start doing some stuff.

"It was great to know that I was setting goals to get back and get 100% fit and healthy.

"At the moment I'm really happy with how my body is feeling," Simon said.

"I'm feeling really good, fit and healthy and I'm just so happy to be back playing football."

Injured Nate Jawai busy off the court

By CHRIS PIKE



Nate Jawai in his days with the Perth Wildcats.



WHETHER it's helping promote child safety or bring through the next generation of talent in far north Queensland, Australian basketball giant Nate Jawai is keeping busy despite a foot injury that has him sidelined until early 2018.

Jawai partially tore a ligament in his left foot in the opening game of the 2017-18 National Basketball League (NBL) season. He already had 12 points and four rebounds in the game up to the opening stages of the third quarter when he suffered the injury following a thunderous slam dunk.

He isn't expected to make it back on the court with the Taipans until early January, but that doesn't mean he hasn't remained active in the Cairns community.

He continues to be a great role model throughout the community in Cairns and the far north, using his profile as a former NBA player and one of Australia's finest basketball products to help inspire a whole new generation.

Jawai's work in the Cairns community includes taking part in a child safety and protective behaviour program in schools in the west of the city, which has been identified as a high-risk area.

The program aims to help in the prevention and intervention of youth sexual abuse and violence towards children in the area, and Jawai was only too happy to get on board and help when asked by local police and in conjunction with the Taipans Indigenous Program.

Jawai, along with former Taipans player and current Cairns Indigenous programs manager Kerry Williams, has visited a number of Cairns West schools to promote the causes they are working on. There's no doubt all the students pay that extra bit of attention any time they see Jawai turn up.

On top of that, Jawai recently headlined an elite Indigenous athlete session in Cairns, running over a couple of days, with young local basketball players, including the under-12 and under-14 representative teams. Those teams have the largest number of Indigenous athletes in them and not only did they get the benefits of

working with Basketball Australia's head of high performance coaching, Peter Lonergan, during the sessions, but also Jawai, who was the headline act.

Jawai not only runs clinics and goes through training drills and basketball skill sessions with the players, but also speaks about the pathways for them to follow and the importance of the representative program, schooling and sharing other important messages while capturing their imagination with stories from his remarkable career.

Williams was on hand as well as part of the Taipans Indigenous Program and was excited to offer such high-calibre programs for the athletes aged between eight and 15.

"This was a unique chance for our Indigenous athletes to get together for a specialised clinic with a prestigious representative of Basketball Australia," Williams said.

"Everyone took a lot away from Peter's sessions and any time Nate speaks to these kids, it serves as good motivation for them in their basketball journey with lessons they can take off the court."





Flashback to 2009: the Torres-Cape side that reached the grand final of the Foley Shield.

Foley Shield to return

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander rugby league players competing at club competitions around North Queensland will get their chance to line up in a rejuvenated A-grade Foley

Shield competition in 2018.

Sides from Cairns, Townsville and Mackay will be part of next season's Foley Shield, a competition that began in 1948 and became famous.

It was discontinued four years ago due to high costs.

In 2009, a Torres-Cape side competed

in the Foley Shield at the Townsville Sports Reserve and was given little hope of even winning a game. However the star-studded team rolled heavyweights Townsville and Cairns along with Mt Isa-Mid West in qualifying matches.

In the grand final Torres-Cape went down gallantly 32-22 to Innsfail-Eacham.

Quality players

That Torres-Cape side included players of the calibre of Weipa power forward Garreth Smith, then Queensland Rugby League (QRL) cape development officer David Westley, and many quality footballers from the Torres Strait and Cape York.

Smith, Jimmy Baira, Horace Baira (Badu), Edgar Daniels (TI), Michael Morris (TI) and Stanley Daniel (Dauan) were amongst six Torres-Cape players selected in the Southern Zone side to take on Northern Zone in a North Queensland Marlins selection game after the 2009 Foley Shield.

Torres-Cape also competed in the 2010 and 11 Foley Shields without success when fielding sides with much younger players.

There are many talented footballers of Torres Strait descent competing in the Townsville, Cairns and Mackay competitions who will gain selection in those centres' Foley Shield outfits.

It is expected that the sides will all meet in Townsville over the 2018 May Day long weekend.

After that weekend, a NQ Marlins team will be picked for the annual QRL titles.

The Foley Shield of sorts returned last year when points from games in senior, under-18 and under 20 grades between Queensland Super Cup sides Townsville Blackhawks, Cairns Northern Pride and Mackay Cutters were totalled to decide a winner.

That will continue with points from the May Day long weekend A-grade Foley Shield games added to determine which city is the winner.

Nova Peris' words of wisdom



OLYMPIC hockey and athletics champion Nova Peris called on the more than 4000 students

participating in the 2017 Pacific School Games to dream big and enjoy the journey of sport, just as she did as a schoolgirl.

The 10th edition of the biggest multi-sport school competition for Australian and international students officially started on Sunday, December 3 with the opening ceremony at the Adelaide Showground.

Peris competed at the 1982 and 1984 Pacific School Games in athletics at the start of a ground-breaking sporting career that included hockey gold at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta and a Commonwealth Games 200m title in 1998.

As a hockey player Peris became the first Indigenous Australian to win an Olympic gold medal before switching sports to

concentrate on athletics, leading to Commonwealth gold and running at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

"I remember flying over with the NT team, and my mum and step-dad drove to watch me compete," Peris said.

"My two kids competed in Brisbane 2013 and it was freaky because Jack was the same age as when I competed there at the same Games, at the same track all those years later.

"That's the amazing thing with sport, the generations of people that I competed with, now my kids are competing with their kids.

"I just recall watching the Commonwealth Games a few months later in 1982 and you see Raelene Boyle win – she planted the seed in my head, the dreams and aspirations.

"Now I find myself in the position she was in, where people write to me saying I've inspired them."

Many students with famous



Nova Peris

surnames were competing at the Adelaide Games as Peris' children Jess and Jack did in 2008, and from here it has been proven that anything can happen.

"The beautiful thing with sports is you get friends for life," Peris

said of her son Jack who is the national under-14 400m champion.

"One of my son Jack's friends, it was his birthday the other day and Jack posted on his Instagram a picture of them when they were in under-10s running against each other at Pacific School Games.

"When you're a kid, it's all about the spirit of competition and as you get older it's about how you want to apply yourself in training.

"I also say to kids, dream big as a kid, that's what I did.

"So, dream big, but also remember it's about having fun and those friends and the journey."

The competition of elite under-age talent was just one aspect of the event with students engaging in the Games' educational program and learning about other cultures, with 10 countries taking part.

In addition, a number of Indigenous teams across golf,

netball and basketball were selected by their sport's organisations to compete at the Games as a team named First Nation.

Peris is joined by Sydney Olympic 400m champion Cathy Freeman, NBA player Patty Mills and AFL star Cyril Rioli as some of the Indigenous elite athletes who competed at the Pacific School Games.

"It's awesome for any of these kids to get the exposure; it's just fantastic," Peris said.

"It opens up another pathway and another opportunity for indigenous kids to participate at the highest level.

"You find now a lot of Indigenous kids are moving on from the perception that they're just going to be great footballers or rugby league players – the world is their oyster.

"Being able to promote that there is a pathway and showing that someone has gone before you is important."

Thomas' second chance

By PETER ARGENT



PORT Adelaide has made 11 changes to its playing list over the off-season, with the addition of veteran Lindsay

Thomas in the AFL Rookie Draft, seen as a selection from out of left-field.

Originally from the fishing town of Port Lincoln, Thomas played junior football for Mallee Park – the same club that produced 2004 Norm Smith Medallist Byron Pickett and the Burgoyne brothers – Peter and Shaun – and cross-town rival, the Adelaide Crows' Eddie Betts.

The 29-year-old former North Melbourne forward was selected with pick 12, on Monday, November 27.

Port Adelaide list manager Jason Cripps said Thomas continued Port Adelaide's draft strategy of strengthening the club's midfield and forward lines.

"In Lindsay we now have a proven goal-kicker who can add experience and depth to that part of the ground," Cripps said.

Across 11 seasons with the Kangaroos, the polarising Thomas played 205 games, kicking 325 goals, including winning the Kangaroos' leading goal-kicker award in 2010 and 2013, with the best yield of 53 goals in the later of those two seasons.

Before being drafted by the Kangaroos, Thomas played 38 under-age games, 11 reserves matches and six league games for the Port Adelaide Magpies in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) before being selected by North Melbourne with pick 53 in the national draft for 2006.

"I have been training with 'Boomer' Harvey in the lead-up to the draft," Thomas said on his arrival at the Power facilities at Alberton.

"Before the draft, I had frank discussions with Ken (Power senior coach Hinkley) and I believe I can force my way into the Power's best XXII.

"I'm not here to make up the numbers.

"I had a pretty quiet year this year, it's all documented, but if you look at my stats before this year, I think they match up with some of the best small forwards in the competition.

"There's no doubt my best footy is still ahead of me and coming to a new club, I feel re-energised and like I've been drafted again.

"If I can work hard on the track, I've got no doubt I can squeeze into the best 22 and play some good footy.

"It's exciting to work with guys like Robbie Gray and Chad Wingard.

"The family is over the moon we're back in Adelaide.



Lindsay Thomas

"We're closer to Port Lincoln – I love my camping and fishing.

"It is a one-year deal and I'm happy with that."

Thomas knows he'll have to work hard to make Port Adelaide's best 22.

The 29-year-old fell out of favour with coach Brad Scott this year, managing just nine games for the rebuilding Kangaroos.

Thomas remains confident in his abilities but accepts he won't be guaranteed games in the strengthened Port lineup.

No illusions

"I've been in the game long enough. I'm under no illusions that I'm just going to come here and walk into that best 22," he said.

"They're an exciting list and they've got some absolutely great players in that side. The only way I'm going to crack into that team is if I work my backside off on the track and get the respect of the players and the coaches.

Thomas clearly struggled for form in 2017 and spent a number of weeks on the sidelines for disciplinary issues in the VFL.

With its second pick, No 20, North Melbourne selected exciting outside midfielder-forward, 187cm, 75kg Gordon Narrier from the Perth Demons.

Noted for his extraordinary

explosive pace, Narrier made 17 WAFL league appearances, after making his WAFL league debut in round one against Swan Districts and averaged 13 disposals a game in his inaugural state-league season.

"Gordon represented WA at the Nationals as a 19-year-old and has excellent speed and ground coverage," Kangaroos national recruiting manager Mark Finnigan said. "He comes to us with senior footy experience and will bring some more X factor.

"We're delighted with the rookie draft additions, including Gordon, and feel that they complement our selections from the main draft."

Cam Ellis-Yolmen was dropped from Adelaide's senior list at the end of the season after rupturing his ACL in the 2017 pre-season, but has been redrafted as a rookie.

He has worked diligently in his rehabilitation this year and returned to pre-season training a fortnight earlier than required.

With 14 AFL games in 2014 and 2015, Ellis Yolmen, 24, has a critical 2018 campaign ahead.

Collected by the Essendon Bombers as a category B rookie list player is former Adelaide Buffaloes cricketer in the SACA grade competition and Imparja Cup quick, Luke Lavender, from South Australia.



Gordon Narrier



Cameron Ellis-Yolmen

Lavender's roundabout journey



Luke Lavender



ALICE Springs-born and Adelaide-raised Luke Lavender has a long and unusual journey to now being on the Essendon Football Club list aspiring to become an AFL footballer.

He was collected by the Bombers as a category B rookie draft player where players have to have come from another sporting code and not played AFL football at any level for three years.

Lavender has a strong sporting background in three disciplines.

The 202cm, 96kg ruckman-forward played cricket, soccer and was a junior footballer until the 2014 season.

He was also in the SA Redbacks junior state cricket programs at under-17 and under-19 levels as a strike bowler.

"Aussie rules football started at the Edwardstown Football Club playing from Auskick days, Lavender told the *Koori Mail*.

"I would have played for the 'Townies' to about under-13s, then I had a group of mates who played soccer for the Birkalla Eagles.

"I made the under-16 state (soccer)

squad as a goalkeeper.

"I was playing cricket and in 2012-13 made my SACA A grade debut with the Adelaide Buffaloes.

"There was also had a handful of years playing for the Southern Boomerangs in the Imparja Cup.

"First starting at Imparja Cup as a 13-year-old and also had two years in the Australian national Indigenous team

"We played an "Australia A" side and an under-19 national team.

"I also played with the Adelaide Grit in the SACA Premier League competition and then in the second year of the competition with the NT Strike when I had some time up in Darwin playing club cricket for Pints.

"After soccer I went back and played a couple of years of football with the Goodwood Saints at under-16 and under-18 levels, as well as some SANFL under-16 footy at West Adelaide.

"My last game football was in 2014.

"A mate of mine, Matt Nobes, suggested that I had the height and pace to play AFL football and got me in contact with my now manager Nick Ramsay.

"It took me a month or so to get my

details off to Nick, as I initially thought 'Nobesy' was taking the mickey out of me.

"I'd done some elite combine type testing through cricket and with my 2.95-second 20-metre sprint and a 79cm vertical leap, a number of clubs showed some interest.

"Essendon were the first and I had some testing done at the Bombers' facilities in Melbourne."

"I spent the 2017 season trading with the Glenelg senior squad and their league coach Matt Lokan taught me a lot.

Lavender said that his father Wayne, from where he inherits his Indigenous heritage, is a mad Collingwood supporter, but his mum Amanda and step-dad Scott Keeley are black-and-red-blooded.

"My parents have been great supports and my step-dad Scott has been a strong mentor," Lavender said.

"Playing football in the top level has been a massive dream and something that I thought was out of my reach. Being selected by the Bombers is a life-changing event."

Lavender has two sisters Sheri, 17, and Claire, 15, who are tall and athletic sportswomen. – Peter Argent

Aussie girls on top in 7s World Series



MAHALIA Murphy was in the Australian women's sevens rugby team that won the first leg of the Sevens World Series in Dubai, defeating the USA in the Cup final 34-0.

Australia accounted for England (29-12) and Canada (25-7) in the quarterfinals and semifinals respectively before putting on a clinical display in the final, out gunning the Americans six tries to zero.

The win puts Australia on top of the Sevens World Series ladder on 20 points, with USA (18), Russia (16), Canada (14) and New Zealand (12) in hot pursuit.

The second leg of the Sevens World Series is the Sydney 7s which will kick start a massive Australia Day Long Weekend of sevens rugby as the Aussie women's sevens look to defend their home turf.

Australian coach Tim Walsh said: "Really pleased. As everyone knows the finals day is the important day. To see the team improve game upon game was exceptional.

"To beat a very good Canadian team and to go and blow away the USA in the final was very pleasing and there were some outstanding performances.

"It's always great to get a win but it just starts again. Sydney is just a whole new tournament. We're not going to get ahead of ourselves. We'll get back home and into training as hard as we have been to make sure we attack Sydney in the best possible position."



The Australian womens' sevens rugby team after their World Series success in Dubai. Mahalia Murphy is third from left in the front row.

True achievers

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

AS Christmas and the New Year approach, we often take the time to reflect on the past year and make resolutions to improve our lives over the next 12 months.

Sometimes this can be a negative process as we can look on lost opportunities as failures.

It's like in a game of football when a missed tackle leads to a try, you can see heads go down and you know the team is not going to bounce back.

The strong sides are the ones that can look to the next tackle or the next opportunity with the

ball as their chance to get back into the game.

It is that positive optimism that makes the difference.

As we head into Christmas, I want to highlight two people whose positive attitude has been an inspiration to me personally.

One of the great privileges rugby league has afforded me has been to witness the power of the game to effect real change in communities.

Working at the Titans alongside the likes of Dean Widders and Clinton Toopi in Indigenous communities has been one of those opportunities.

Humble artist

In our time at the Titans there, was the humble aspiring artist Amy Cushway who worked as a case manager and a creative media talent in these programs.

She had that special personality that allowed her to establish an immediate rapport with Indigenous kids in remote communities and encourage them to not only dream, but to chase those dreams.

On a special occasion, she met with Jessica Mauboy to engage her as an ambassador for these programs.

As a performer, Amy Shark, she joined Jessica on the stage at the nationally televised ARIA awards recently where she was recognised as Emerging Artist of the Year.

In a meteoric rise, she has travelled internationally to establish herself as an artist to

follow. There will be many kids in the communities of Doomadgee, Mornington Island, the Surat Basin and her home town of the Gold Coast who will have watched her perform with national and international stars.

They will have remembered her special smile and charisma.

That's Amy – she told us to follow our dreams.

Amy, you have proved that dreams do come true.

Those kids will always remember you.

That's almost as special as winning an ARIA award!

Back to the world of rugby league and the equally inspiring story of World Cup member Dane Gagai.

Gagai recounted what goes through his mind just prior to the game.

"When the anthem is going, I'm thinking about everything that's happened in my life," he said.

Tough time

"It has nothing to do with footy. I think of some people who are dear to me. It was a tough time the last couple of years, losing my grandmother and things like that.

"I think about how fortunate I am to be in such a great team and to be in such a great country where I'm able to have these opportunities. I have a young fella now. I'm thinking about everything that's going on there.

"It's emotional; it's happy thoughts about how lucky I am to

be in the position I am. That's a moment for me now to think about stuff and fire up for the game. I'm stoked to be wearing the green and gold and proud."

Gagai's emotions were on show last year when he broke down on the field in the arms of then Newcastle teammate Tariq Sims just days after his grandmother's death.

His international debut took on extra significance when Gagai, a proud Indigenous man, was able to take part in the Kangaroos' first welcome to country moments before Australia's 18-4 win against England.

"It was unbelievable that we've brought that in," Gagai said.

"This is my first game and to be part of that is something I'll hold dear to my heart.

"I'm proud to be Australian and fortunate that we live in such a great country that's moving forward.

"It's not just about footy for me; it's a lot bigger than that."

Gagai has had tough moments in his personal life that would have seen many give the game away.

That he has remained so positive and shows so much gratitude to his family and those who have supported him should be a reminder to us all about what is truly important.

To you and your mob, have a safe Christmas!

I look forward to seeing you at the footy next year.



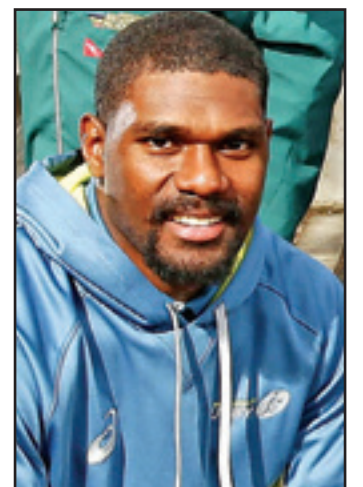
MOSES Sorovi has been confirmed as one of four scrum halves signed by the

Queensland Reds for the 2018 Super Rugby season.

The Reds have signed 10 new players, re-signed six and retained 20 players from the 2017 squad.

Thursday Island-born Sorovi, a product of St Peters Lutheran College, Indooroopilly, plays club rugby with Queensland University. He has represented Australia at schoolboy level and is the son of former Fijian heavyweight boxing champion Moses Sorovi.

He captained the Queensland under-18 squad that won the National Indigenous Championship in 2013.



Moses Sorovi

Back in black and gold

By PETER ARGENT



IN one of the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) biggest off-season recruiting coups, Glenelg has secured the services football journeyman Marlon Motlop.

He will become a second-generation Motlop at the Brighton Road club, following in the footsteps of one of the Northern Territory's greatest footballers, Uncle Mark Motlop, into senior ranks at the Tigers.

Mark Motlop played 43 games and kicked 26 goals for Glenelg during a stellar era for the Bays from 1983 to 1985.

This was along with becoming the first Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) player to reach the 300-game milestone.

His playing accolades included with the 1977-78 Nicholls Medal (competition best and fairest) and five Nightcliff best and fairest honours, along with regular NT state representation.

"Actually, I was ready to go and play a bit of community or country football," Marlon Motlop, 27, told the *Koori Mail*.

"I had a couple of conversations with Glenelg and they just missed out on the top four last year.

"I believe Glenelg



Marlon Motlop

complemented my sort of game. I was impressed with their inside midfield group and they are pretty clinical around the contest.

"I do enjoy the synergies and the connection with my Uncle Mark.

"When I spoke to him he, was

excited about me playing at Glenelg and this helped a little in my final decision process."

The 2015 North Adelaide best and fairest (Barrie Robran Medalist) decided to switch SANFL clubs, leaving the Roosters after 72 games and

kicking 39 goals from 2008 to 2011 and then 2014 and 2017.

In between, Motlop played a season with Swan Districts (2012 – 22 games) and Peel Thunder (2013 – 20 games) in the West Australian Football League (WAFL).

In both years he was third in the respective clubs' best and fairest and in 2013 he also donned the WAFL state jumper.

He added a South Australian state jumper two years ago.

A silky-skilled midfielder, Marlon Motlop averaged 17 disposals in his 10 appearances this season in the SANFL competition before having his campaign ended early due to shoulder surgery.

AFL experience

The 181cm and 81kg, 27-year-old wingman and elite ball user also played in five AFL matches for the Power during a four-year period at Alberton Oval

Motlop currently works with Port Adelaide, where he is the club's Aboriginal programs coordinator and Aboriginal Academy coach. He will join fellow Indigenous talents Terry and Ian Milera to Tigerland

The Motlop name has a strong connection with SANFL football.

Cousin Shannon Motlop, in between his tenures at North and Melbourne, played 55 games over a 10-year period from 1998,



Mark Motlop

including the 2007 grand final.

His brother Daniel Motlop played 33 games in seasons 2000, 2006, 2010 and 2011.

Mark's son Aaron made a single senior appearance at North in 2007.

The boy's Uncle Paul played two seasons with Norwood in 1981 and 1982, along with winning the reserves best and fairest at the Redlegs in his first year, along with playing 11 games (kicking 13 goals).

Harley laps up love of speedway



CORAKI youngster Harley Hyde is in a hurry and that's reflected in his sport of choice – speedway racing.

Harley, 15, has just started racing his own car at Lismore and Grafton meets.

Harley is a descendant of the Wiradjuri mob and lives at Coraki, in Northern NSW, and is finishing Year 9 at Evans River K12 School at Evans Head.

His mother Kelly said that, since he was a toddler, Harley showed an interest in trucks, motorbikes and cars. She said Harley would always be outside with his father David working on cars.

"He had learnt how to do oil changes and change tyres by the age of 10," she said.

"He would – and still does – watch the V8 supercars race. His father decided to take him to the speedway in Lismore when he was 13 years old, watching his dad's mates race."

Kelly Hyde said Harley learned there was a speedway junior segment and this made him feel like

he had a chance to race.

Junior drivers can start at the age of 10 and up to 16.

He started doing odd jobs for family and friends and saved his money to go towards his race car.

His family chipped in and Harley bought a Toyota Corolla. With the help and support from his father and their mates, they stripped the car and rebuilt a junior sedan race car, turning his dream into reality.

"At his first meet in Grafton, we noticed there was no Aboriginal flag represented during the parade. We are led to believe that Harley is the only Aboriginal boy racing in the Lismore and Grafton meets," Kelly Hyde said.

It's early days – Harley has raced just three times.

He's now distributing pamphlets around Lismore seeking sponsors.

He will continue to drive at the Lismore and Grafton meetings and hopes also to race at Archerfield, Brisbane.

The speedway season started in September 2017 and will end in June, 2018.

People wishing to sponsor Harley can contact Kelly) at black_clubsport@hotmail.com



Harley Hyde and his Toyota Corolla.

Impey's fresh start

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AS exciting as the new season is for the new players who have been selected in the draft, there is another group of players who are starting a new journey.

That is the group of players who were successful in securing a trade deal.

When you think of recent trades, the names of Eddie Betts, Patrick Dangerfield and Gary Ablett immediately come to mind.

In a lot of other cases, this group includes less prominent names and they are often players who are seeking a fresh start because they and the clubs agree that things have not worked out for both parties.

Jarman Impey falls into that category.

Impey comes from the Goulburn Valley community of Shepparton and successfully requested a trade from Port Adelaide to Hawthorn.

He will be always grateful for the support they provided him, but he recognised he needed a change.

A fleet-footed player, he has spent the last of his four seasons with the Power in mourning, lacking motivation and missing family more than ever.



Jarman Impey in Port Adelaide colours. Next year, he will turn out for Hawthorn.
Picture: Peter Argent

The man who raised Impey as a single father and doubled as his best friend and No 1 fan, Glenn, lost a long cancer fight shortly after the 2016 AFL season.

"I just came to that decision where I wanted to be closer to my little brother and family," Impey said.

Family first

"Family comes first for everyone, and that was the decision that was made.

"I think at the end of the season I became mentally weak, I guess you could say. I had a big year, obviously, the first year of Dad passing and ... football wasn't probably my No 1 priority – family was."

Impey was one of 12 footballers to successfully seek a homecoming in the player movement period, and did so more classily than most.

The No 21 pick in the 2013 NAB AFL Draft still admits he saw himself in black, white and teal "forever" before cruel circumstances intervened.

However, he is now looking forward to a new future at the Hawks.

"I'd be happy with any role, to be honest, as long as I'm out there trying to get a kick," Impey said.

"I would love to see myself pinch-hit in the midfield, but it's a hard side to get into, so we'll just have to see about that."

He believes he is ready to unleash his best football again.

"It was just a bit of a shock to lose my Dad. My old man was the No 1 person in my life and he taught me a lot of things," Impey said.

"So for him not to be at every game, it was very different. When he wasn't around, it was a huge loss and you're trying to

find your way and it took me that season.

"But I'm closer to family now and have got good motivation, so I have no complaints or dramas or any worries."

Impey was full of praise for the Power, saying it was a great place and that he would be cheering on his old teammates from afar.

Grateful

"I can't fault the club. They've done more for me than I could ever ask. It's a great place to be; it is simply what I believe is in the best interest of both of us," concluded.

Hawthorn recruiting and list manager Graham Wright said the Hawks were rapt to have gained Impey.

"We are really pleased a deal could be reached with Port Adelaide and look forward to welcoming Jarman to the

Hawks," Wright said.

"His outstanding speed and endurance will be a really valuable asset and his ability to play at both ends of the ground is a great advantage.

"Jarman is a competitive character who goes hard at the footy, which makes him an exciting acquisition and a terrific addition to our list.

"At only 22, Jarman has plenty of football ahead of him and we can't wait to see what he can produce in the brown and gold."

Port list manager Jason Cripps wished Impey well.

"Jarman has been a strong contributor to the team and played some exciting football in a variety of roles," Cripps said.

"Although it's disappointing to see him go, we understand the reasoning behind his decision and wish him the best."

Impey's gratitude to Port was obvious.

"Thank you PAFC for getting me through some really hard, dark times and for bringing me back home, I will always be cheering for you. I have made lifelong friends in Adelaide, especially my teammates who I will miss tremendously.

New challenges

"I'm ready to take on football and make the most of the job I'm so lucky to have.

"I am ready for the new challenges ahead of me and feeling very grateful that Hawthorn, the football team that inspired me growing up, has seen the potential in me and welcomed me to their club."

Impey now has his fresh start and let's hope he makes a success of it.

As we head into Christmas and the New Year, he reminds us of two special things.

First and foremost, his story reinforces the importance of family and mob in our lives.

And his move to Hawthorn also serves as a reminder that there will always be new opportunities in our lives if we are willing to work for them.

To you and your mob, all the best for Christmas and bring on the footy in the New Year.

Until Next time... Keep Dreaming!

Two in team, Cook to coach NSW Country



NSW Indigenous captain Nathan Price has also been named to lead the NSW Country squad that will play in next year's Australian Country Cricket Championships.

Price is part of a 14-man squad that will represent the Bush Blues in Geraldton, Western Australia, from the January 5-13.

He is one of four players from Newcastle, which beat Central Coast in the McDonald's NSW Country Champions final played at Bowral's Bradman Oval the weekend before last.

There are also three Central Coast players in the squad along with three from ACT

Southern, and one from Western Zone, Riverina, North Coast and Central Northern.

Another Indigenous player, Ben Mitchell, is also in the team.

The Bush Blues are the defending 50-over champions but were beaten by Queensland for the overall title when the Twenty20 component of the tournament was added. It was the first time that Twenty20 cricket had been played in the Australian Country Cricket Championships.

NSW Country claimed back to back titles in 2011-12 and 2012-13.

The NSW Country coach is Jeff Cook, who has led NSW at numerous National Indigenous Cricket Championship (NICC) carnivals in Alice Springs.



Nathan Price



Ben Mitchell



Jeff Cook

Extended squads are named

By ALF WILSON



TORRES Strait Islander footballers Maipele Morseu, Yamba Bowie and Shaun Nona face

a major dilemma after having been picked in the Australian men's First Nation Goannas rugby league squad and Badu Island side Dhadhin Geai Warriors with both teams scheduled to play on the same day.

The trio were members of the Dhadhin Geai Warriors team that won the final of the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri carnival last September at Redcliffe.

A week later, Newcastle Yowies took out the final of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout at Redfern Oval.

This has set up the Interstate Challenge Murri versus Koori showdown to decide Australia's best non-elite Indigenous rugby league team.

However, on the same day (February 10), the Australian First Nation Goannas will meet the New Zealand Maoris.

Morseu, Bowie and Nona aren't the only ones who could be forced to make a choice on which team to join.

The Goannas train-on squad also includes Newcastle Yowies players Adrian Davis, Ryan Walker and Tristan Lumley.

A women's match between

the Australian First Nation Gems and New Zealand Maori Ferns will also be played.

These two matches will feature those judged to be the best non-elite players in Australia.

Indigenous players would normally give an arm and a leg to line up for a prestigious team representing the First Nation people of Australia.

But equally, any from the Torres Strait are proud of their heritage.

The Murri carnival is Queensland's biggest and the Koori Knockout is by far the largest in NSW.

The Newcastle Yowies qualified for the showdown by beating Griffith Three Ways United 22-8 in the final of the NSW Knockout.

Dhadhin Geai Warriors won the Murri final 48-0.

A Dhadhin Geai Warriors spokesman said they had managed to keep most of the boys.

"But now Shaun, Maipele and Yamba have been named in the Goannas squad so they might play for us," he said.

NRL spokesman Tom Gallimore said the Goannas and Gems sides would be named just before Christmas.

"Players would have the choice as to which team they play in," Gallimore said on December 4.

Yamba Bowie wasn't sure where he would play.

"I am with the Mackay Cutters in the QRL Super Cup competition and we have a game against the Northern Pride at that time. So I would have to talk about it with the Cutters coach and really can't say," he said.

Both sides will be missing players who were shining lights in their Murri and Koori carnivals and these include NRL players such as Sydney Bulldogs outside back Brenko Lee.

Lee was a member of both winning teams and will not be allowed to play in the Interstate Challenge final by the Bulldogs considering the game is only a month out from the opening NRL round.

Cronulla, NSW and Australian and Tongan star Andrew Fifita played for Griffith Three Ways United, which lost the final of the NSW Koori Knockout to the Yowies.

Train-on squads

The First Nation Goannas train-on side:

Adrian Davis (Newcastle Yowies), Andy Sumner (Newcastle All Blacks), Anthony Gadd (Cherbourg Hornets), Ben Jeffrey (Griffith3 Ways United), Bennet Leslie (Arafura Heat), Bradlee Cummins (Combined Countries), Brenton Cochrane (Walgett Aboriginal Connection), Brett Kelly (Cabbage Tree Island Descendants), Dan Randall (South East Qld All Stars), Dan Tanner (Purga Wagtails), Greg Davis (Nambucca Valley Rams),



Yamba Bowie

Hezron Murgha (Deadly Roos), Isaac Briggs (Newcastle All Blacks), Jamie Ingram (La Perouse All Blacks), Hayden Connors (Purga Wagtails), Jordan Biondi-Odo (Arafura Heat), Josh Charles (Griffith 3 Ways United), Justin Toomey White (Nanima Common Connection), Kareel Phillips (Redfern All Blacks), Keiran Vale (Redfern All Blacks), Lindon McGrady (Toomelah Tigers), Luke Dumas (Southern Dingoos), Maipele Morseu (Dhadhin Geai Warriors), Masi Nona (Deadly Roos), Michael Purcell (Purga Wagtails), Noel Underwood (Yarrabah Seahawks), Randall Briggs (Newcastle All Blacks), Reg Saunders (Southern Dingoos), Ryan Walker (Newcastle Yowies), Shane Nolan (Redfern All Blacks), Shaun Nona (Dhadhin Geai Warriors), Sione Tonga (Cherbourg Hornets), Toby Keys (Moree Boomerangs), Trent Rose (Walgett Aboriginal Connection), Tristan Lumley (Newcastle Yowies), Wes Conlon (Purga Wagtails), Wes Middleton (Bourke Warriors), Will Merritt (Dindima), Yamba Bowie (Dhadhin Geai Warriors), Zac Merritt (Nanima Common Connection).

First Nation Gems train-on squad: Akayla McGuire (Highlanders), Amber Pilley (Murri Sistas), Ashleigh Singleton (Murri Sistas), Bo De La Cruz (Highlanders), Brianna Shillingsworth (Gundalu



Adrian Davis

Gadyu), Carly Phillips (Redfern All Blacks), Emily Young (Tiddas United), Eunice Grimes (Wellington Wedgetails), Kaitlin Moss (Gundalu Gadyu), Karri Doyle (Lapa Lovelies), Kazzia Lammon (Brisbane Natives), Kaysha Roberts (Brisbane Natives), Kia Henry-Monaei (Brisbane Natives), Kiara Maza (Redfern All Blacks), Kjumberley Kershaw (Dunghutti Jindas), Kyla Gordon (Sydney Indigenous Academy), Layla Faid (Gundalu Gadyu), Lillanne Mason (Redfern All Blacks), Montana Roberts (Sydney Indigenous Academy), Nicole Collins (Gundalu Gadyu), Nyeasha Hoskins Moore (Redfern All Blacks), Paris Robinson (Redfern All Blacks), Patrice Chambers (Brisbane Natives), Rihanna Sutherland (Nanima Common Connection), Rikka Lane (Newcastle Yowies), Robyn Draper (Hunter Coast), Samartha Leisha (Tiddas United), Sarah Field (Gundalu Gadyu), Shakia Tangai (Dunghutti Jindas), Sharon McGrady (Dunghutti Jindas), Shaylee Bent (Red Belly Blacks), Shaylin Williams (Redfern All Blacks), Sophia Fisher (Tammy Dalton memorial), Stephanie Mooka (Gundalu Gadyu), Suvahaha Connors (Murri Sistas), Tahlia Hunter (Red Belly Blacks), Taleena Simon (Redfern All Blacks), Tanika Marshall (Brisbane Natives), Tayla Pilley (Murri Sistas), Taylor Reynolds Addo (Red Belly Blacks).

Barbara lifts her way to world bronze medal



KETTLEBELL lifter Barbara Baugh has returned from the World Championships

with a bronze medal.

Not bad for someone who took up the sport just two years ago.

Baugh, from Darwin, finished third in the veteran women's long cycle (40-49 years) 63kg category with 131 reps in the one-arm 16kg long cycle.

Her goal at the World Championships in Seoul, South Korea, was to beat her personal best of 103 reps in 10 minutes,

lifting the 16kg kettlebell.

She became the first Australian to win a medal in the one-arm long cycle.

Baugh was one of two Australians to pick up medals in Seoul.

Like the other Australian medallist (bronze), Baugh was competing in a major event for the first time.

With that experience behind her, Baugh is setting herself for 2018 regional, national and world championships.

The World Championships will be held in Latvia.

Baugh is also fired up to spread the word about her sport

and wants to talk to gym around Darwin about setting up workshops for kettlebell lifting and eventually hold competitions.

Girevoy (kettlebell) sport is a unique cyclical power endurance sport. It combines some technical elements of Olympic weightlifting with aerobic qualities seen in whole body endurance sports such as rowing and cross country skiing.

Athletes generally compete in 10-minute events, however, relay races, marathons (up to 12 hours), strength challenges and power juggling are additional facets to competitive lifting.



Barbara Baugh competes in Seoul.

Rockhampton to host league carnival



THE 2018 Warba Wangarunya Rugby League Carnival (WWRLC) will be held at Rockhampton next January 26-27.

Organisers say they have moved the carnival to the Australia Day long weekend to align with the carnival's vision of "One Community; One Game; One People".

They said the 2017 carnival was a brilliant display and showcased a successful community and culturally inclusive event.

"The 2018 event will be no different with conversations taking place which will hopefully see cultural markets run alongside the WWRLC," they said. "This will allow for cultural markets, food vendors, service stalls for organisations

to promote their programs and entertainment."

Organisers are looking for silver and bronze sponsors, saying the carnival was a great opportunity to promote brands and businesses.

The carnival will be held at Brown Park. It will cost \$2000 for men's team registrations and \$1000 for women's registrations.

Preliminary games will be played on the first day and semifinals and finals on the second day.

Details: James Mundy, events, partnerships and community engagement officer, traditional Indigenous games facilitator, Darumbal Community Youth Services Inc, 79b Bolsover Street, Rockhampton, Qld, 4700. Phone: (07) 4922 6180.

Jillaroos triumphant



TEARS of joy flowed as the Jillaroos defended their Rugby League World Cup title with a 23-16 win over

the Kiwi Ferns at Brisbane's Lang Park on Saturday, December 2.

The Jillaroos finished 2017 undefeated.

Halfback Caitlin Moran sealed the result with a field goal 13 seconds from time after centre Isabelle Kelly bagged a double in the four-tries-to-three win.

The Jillaroos were surprise 2013 Cup winners when they beat the three-time champion Kiwis for the first time in the final, ending a 13 year winless drought.

Worthy champions

But there was no doubting the Jillaroos were worthy champions on December 2 after holding out the visitors, enduring some anxious moments when the Ferns scored in the 69th minute through five-eighth Raecene McGregor to make it 22-16.

"We knew it would come down to how badly they wanted it," Jillaroos coach Brad Donald said.

"You could see the way they defended on their own try line they wanted to win this for each other."

It was an impressive win by Australia after they were without star fullback Sam Bremner (leg fracture) for the entire tournament.

Her replacement Nakia Davis-



Caitlin Moran lines up the drop goal that sealed Australia's 23-16 win over New Zealand in the Women's World Cup final at Lang Park, Brisbane. Australia led 22-16 when Moran kicked the goal 13 seconds from fulltime.

Pictures: NRLPhotos

Welsh suffered a leg injury in a 73rd minute tackle.

The Jillaroos grabbed an unlikely 12-10 halftime lead after

halfback Moran stepped through four defenders to score in the 36th minute.

It was a shot in the arm for the

hosts after 36-year-old winger Honey Hireme grabbed a first half double to give opposite number Chelsea Baker nightmares, taking

her tournament try tally to a staggering 13.

Earlier, Australia thrashed Canada 58-6 to advance to the World Cup final but only after suffering a worrying second-half lapse.

As expected, the reigning champions advanced past the vastly inexperienced Ravens in the semifinal in Sydney on November 26 to set up a clash with New Zealand in the decider.

The Jillaroos took their foot off the pedal in the second half with a number of fundamental mistakes and penalties, allowing Canada to score a surprise try.

"We weren't as good as what we could have been in the second half," coach Donald said.

After beating the Ravens 88-0 in their pool clash just four days earlier, the Jillaroos were never expected to be troubled, however were at times wasteful.

Davis-Welsh proved her class with a 50-metre burst to set up Karina Brown midway through the first-half before scoring a scintillating solo try in the 61st minute.

Halfback Moran also suffered an asthma attack during a post-game signing session, however was walking around comfortably in the sheds afterwards.

New Zealand advanced to the final with a 52-4 defeat of England. - AAP



The Jillaroos' Nakia Davis-Welsh looks for support in the Women's World Cup final against New Zealand at Lang Park, Brisbane.



Indigenous players Rebecca Young, left, and Caitlin Moran with the Women's Rugby League World Cup in the dressing room after Australia's 23-16 victory over New Zealand at Brisbane's Lang Park on December 2. Young did not play in the final, but played for the Jillaroos in earlier qualifying games.



Redfern All Blacks star Lavina O'Mealey evades a New Zealand tackle in the Women's World Cup final.

Kangaroos win close encounter



THE Kangaroos defended their Rugby League World Cup crown with a tense 6-0 win over England at Lang Park, Brisbane, on Saturday, December 2.

Australia were in control for most of game, but were pushed until the final minute by a stirring English outfit that refused to give in.

In the end it was only Boyd Corder's 15th-minute try that was the difference, with Australia keeping their tryline intact for the third time in the tournament.

Having conceding 16 points in five games on the way to the decider, the Kangaroos again were resolute in defence to claim their 11th World Cup.

In front of a crowd of 40,033, it was Australia's first World Cup triumph on home soil since 1977 and their 13th straight win under coach Mal Meninga to keep his unbeaten record intact.

Meninga also became the first person to captain and coach the Kangaroos to World Cup glory.

England had a number of opportunities late in the second half, including being thwarted twice in as many minutes by clutch defensive plays from Josh Dugan.

Dugan first denied the visitors with a tough run out of the in-goal to avoid a

line dropout in the 63rd minute, before stopping a certain try when he ankle-tapped a runaway Callum Watkins.

In a last roll of the dice, England coach Wayne Bennett injected utility Jonny Lomax at fullback and switched Gareth Widdop into the halves but it wasn't enough as Australia held on.

Tempers flared early when skipper Sam Burgess came after Josh McGuire for retaliating to Luke Gale's high tackle on Smith in the 10th minute that ignited a mini melee.

However the incident only spurred the hosts to crank up the pressure with four straight sets, the last of which ended with Corder running his trademark left-edge off Morgan.

From there Australia expertly managed possession and territory – it was only a desperate England defence and Gale's long-range kicking that limited the Kangaroos to one first-half try.

The visitors had a handful of looks at the opposition line but brought themselves undone by committing most of their six first-half errors in good-ball position.

Indigenous players Dane Gagai (wing), Will Chambers (centre) and bench player Wade Graham played for Australia. – AAP



Dane Gagai, with son Jacob, holds the Rugby League World Cup after Australia beat England 6-0 to retain the cup at Lang Park, Brisbane, on December 2.
Pictures: NRLPhotos



Centre Will Chambers is driven to the turf by England defenders in the World Cup final at Lang Park, Brisbane



Wade Graham ponders his options in the World Cup final against England.

New deal for women's rugby league



THE National Rugby League (NRL) has unveiled what it says is a new era in women's rugby

league with a program that includes a NRL women's premiership, a stand-alone State-of-Origin match and Jillaroos international matches.

The aim is to have some of it running next year.

NRL CEO Todd Greenberg said the women's game was the fastest growing participation segment and the NRL was determined to give female players new opportunities.

He said that for the first time, a women's premiership would be held in 2018, featuring up to six teams aligned with NRL clubs.

The premiership was scheduled to be played as 'double-headers' in the lead-up to and during NRL finals matches, to ensure the women's teams were given the chance to play on the biggest stage.

Greenberg said the new program would also feature:

- a stand-alone State of Origin match (formerly known as the

Interstate Challenge) between New South Wales and Queensland, played during the NRL's representative weekend in mid-June;

- state league competitions, with grand finals to be played as double-headers prior to Women In League Round matches;

- a National Championships Carnival and Talent Combine, congregating the best state talent on a national stage and providing a sequential pathway for female players to progress to the elite level;

- the Jillaroos playing international matches in the Pacific and New Zealand; and

- the Jillaroos competing in the Commonwealth Games Championship in Redcliffe, ahead of the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

In addition, Greenberg said an initial 40 players would receive Jillaroos contracts, which would include payments for matches and participating in a series of high-performance camps, as well as access to high-performance staff and elite athlete training programs year-round.

"In other words, we are taking

the women's game to a new level," Greenberg said.

"For the first time, there will be a dedicated pathway for our women to follow – from grassroots junior league, to state competitions, and on to premiership matches and representative Origin and Test match opportunities.

"The women's game has become an attraction in its own right and anyone who has seen the Jillaroos in action cannot help but be impressed by the skills and athleticism on display.

"The NRL is determined to provide the right channels for women to follow and play rugby league – and today is a great starting point for that program."

Greenberg said he expected the NRL aligned women's premiership to grow as more women signed up to play rugby league – and more players developed the skills to take part in an elite competition.

"We are not going to rush in with a larger competition until we have the numbers to give it the quality it deserves," he said.

"But I have no doubt that, as

more women take up the game, the competition will grow."

Greenberg said the new program was the result of extensive consultation with clubs, states and the elite women's playing group.

"What we have come up with is a comprehensive women's rugby league program that takes into account balancing personal, work and playing commitments, as well as providing a continuous pathway to participate in local, national and international rugby league year-round," he said.

Partners

Harvey Norman will continue as the major partner of the Jillaroos and Women In League Round, while Holden will be the major partner of the women's premiership and State of Origin match.

An announcement on NRL clubs aligned with the 2018 women's premiership teams will be made in the new year.

The Rugby League Players' Association (RLPA) has welcomed Greenberg's announcement.

It said it would play a key role in ensuring the players are protected

and properly remunerated through negotiations with the NRL and clubs in coming months.

RLPA CEO Ian Prendergast said it was an exciting time for the women's game and looked forward to continuing to advance the interests of the players involved.

With almost 50% of all nationally registered female players competing in NSW Country Rugby League (CRL) tackle and tag competitions, and more than 1800 players competing in CRL women's nines competitions in 2017, the announcement featured a number of exciting initiatives for female participants across regional NSW.

The CRL will field a side in the new national championships, which will take place over three days in June and feature more than 120 players from across Australia, along with taking on City in an interstate clash in the lead-up to the Women's State of Origin.

The CRL said these initiatives, along with current CRL women's nines competitions, would provide regional players with a direct pathway opportunity from grassroots to elite level football.



Flashback to 2012 and Evonne Goolagong Cawley wishes Queensland wildcard entry Ashleigh Barty good luck at the Brisbane International tournament. Picture: SMP Images



Ashleigh Barty, left, and partner Casey Dellacqua hold the runners-up trophies after losing to China's Peng Shuai and Taiwan's Hsieh Su-Wei in the women's doubles final at Wimbledon in 2013. Picture: AFP

Barty's glowing tribute



TENNIS ace Ashleigh Barty has paid an emotional tribute to doubles partner and "best mate" Casey Dellacqua after crowning her remarkable season with the Newcombe Medal.

Barty was formally recognised as Australia's outstanding player of 2017 on November 27 after soaring from No 271 in the rankings to the world's top 20 in her first full year back on tour after a career switch to cricket.

"It's been an amazing year," Barty said after receiving Australian tennis' highest individual honour from John Newcombe, the legend after which the award was named.

The 21-year-old joined grand slam champions Lleyton Hewitt and Samantha

Stosur, along with Nick Kyrgios, Sam Groth and wheelchair champion Dylan Alcott on the honour roll after her breakout season that featured three WTA Tour finals and a maiden top-level title in Malaysia.

A Wimbledon junior champion at just 15, the rising superstar will begin 2018 at No 17 in the world and a genuine chance of winning the Australian Open in January.

But the former teenage prodigy revealed she may have never returned to tennis had it not been for Dellacqua.

"Case, my best mate. She's not here tonight, but I don't think she quite understands how much of a massive impact she has had in my life, bringing me back into the sport to be honest," Barty said.

"She was the one who started the ball rolling again, to sort of finish that

unfinished business in doubles and now we've been able to have a pretty amazing singles and doubles year.

"Case is my best friend, my mum on tour, my shoulder to cry on through many times and she helped me through my darkest days and has been able to share this year with me and really helped through it the most.

"Case is probably the biggest thank you of all."

Indebted

Barty also said she was indebted "to the boss", high-performance coach of the year Craig Tyzzer, and conditioning guru Narelle Sibte for her "massive, massive impact".

"We started from zero. We had no ranking. We didn't know what tournaments we'd get into and, 18 months later, to be

here, it's been a really special year," Barty said.

That it has.

As well as making finals in Kuala Lumpur, Birmingham and Wuhan, Barty was runner-up in the French Open doubles with Dellacqua after the duo became the first all-Australian women's pairing in the open era to reach the title match at all four grand slam events.

In singles, Barty recorded five top-10 wins in total, her scalps including Karolina Pliskova, Garbine Muguruza and Angelique Kerber, who all enjoyed stints at the top of the rankings in 2017, as well as grand slam champions Venus Williams and Jelena Ostapenko.

Barty beat fellow nominees Daria Gavrilova, Kyrgios, John Peers and Jordan Thompson to claim the 2017 medal. – AAP



The 2018 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout will be held at Dubbo's Caltex Park.

It's Dubbo's Knockout



DUBBO is to host the 2018 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival.

The Newcastle Yowies made the decision to take the carnival back to Dubbo because they thought the city did such a good job when it hosted the Knockout in 2015.

As winners of the 2017 Knockout, the Yowies won the right to host next year's event to be held from Friday, September 28

to Monday, October 1. Spokesman Wok Wright said the Hunter region had hosted its fair share of Knockouts in recent years and the Yowies felt it only fair to take it elsewhere to showcase NSW's premier Aboriginal carnival described as the biggest gathering of Aboriginal people in the state.

Wright said Dubbo was geographically centrally located and the city offered facilities that few places could match.

"The Dubbo Council has gone out of its way to make us feel welcome," he said.

"The council is looking at ways to make the trip to Dubbo even more worthwhile.

Plenty of accommodation

"Dubbo offers plenty of accommodation and there is a flow-on to places like Narromine, Wellington and Gilgandra."

Wright said the Yowies would follow the

Knockout tradition and there would be no big departures from how the event was organised and run.

"We acknowledge that we don't own the Knockout," he said.

"It belongs to the people and we have been lucky enough to organise for a year. We feel blessed.

"We will stick to tradition."

Wright said the Yowies would call a delegates' meeting early next year.

'The Man' to step back into the ring



ANTHONY Mundine is to step back into the ring in Sydney next month.

His opponent in a non-title fight will be Australian Tommy Browne.

Mundine (47 wins, eight losses) is classified as a light heavyweight and his opponent Browne (35 wins, six losses, two draws) is a super welterweight.

Browne's two most recent fights were in Singapore, where he won both.

Mundine's last fight was against Danny Green at the Adelaide Oval in February, when two judges scored it 98-90 and 96-94 in Green's favour while the third judge scored it 94-94.

For Mundine and Browne to meet in relatively neutral terms, Mundine will have to lose weight or Browne will need to pack on weight.

Browne, born in Camden and now living nearby at Campbelltown, has an Australian super welterweight ranking of No 4 and an international ranking of 81.

Mundine's Australian light heavyweight ranking is No 2

and he has an international ranking of 23.

The Sydney Morning Herald said the Mundine-Browne fight would guarantee the winner a top-10 WBO ranking and a potential shot at the division's champion, superstar middleweight Billy Joe Saunders.

The Herald said Gennady Golovkin, Saul Alvarez and Jeff Horn were also on Mundine's wish list.

A third consecutive loss would end those ambitions.

"This will be the resurrection of 'The Man' or the demise of 'The Man'. We'll soon find out," Mundine said at the announcement of the Browne fight at The Star last Thursday.

"I want to test my skill against the best in the world.

"(Saunders) is definitely one of the best, a great challenge and a big accomplishment if I can beat him.

"I want to fight the best and he's the WBO champion. He will be one that we try to look at."

Browne has remained active, is unbeaten in his past 10 fights and at age 34 is eight years younger than the former footballer.

Indigenous players to figure in T20 cricket



A RECORD eight Indigenous sportsmen and women are involved in Cricket Australia's men's and women's Big Bash League (BBL) cricket.

The Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) competition began last weekend with three games on Saturday (North Sydney Oval – two games, and Glenelg) and three games on Sunday at the same venues.

Playing in the WBBL are Sydney Sixer Ashley Gardner and Sydney Thunder's Hannah Darlington.

Lining up for the men's BBL starting on Tuesday, December 19, are Dan Christian and D'Arcy Short (Hobart Hurricanes), Scott Boland (Melbourne Stars), and Josh Lalor and Brendan Doggett (Brisbane Heat).

Coaching the Adelaide Strikers will be former Test bowler Jason Gillespie.

Christian, originally from NSW, plays Sheffield Shield cricket for Victoria.

Short, originally from the Northern Territory, plays Sheffield



D'Arcy Short

Shield for Western Australia.

Boland, originally from western Victoria, also plays Sheffield Shield for Victoria.

Doggett recently forced his way into the Queensland Sheffield Shield side and made an impressive debut.

Lalor has been a fringe player for NSW.

Gardner this season forced her way into the Australian women's T20 and one-day teams and



Josh Lalor

narrowly missed Test selection.

Darlington is a product of the Westfields Sports High School.

She made the under-15 female NSW team and was named captain.

She then represented the Cricket Australia XI at the under-18 nationals in Hobart.

At the age of 14 was selected in the Australian merit team.

She plays second grade club cricket with Penrith.

First steps to New York



THE search has begun for the next crop of runners to join the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP).

Giving young Indigenous runners the opportunity to run in the New York Marathon is the core program of the Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF), headed by marathon legend Rob de Castella.

Each year the IMP tours Australia inviting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to offer themselves as potential team members of the squad for the New York City Marathon.

Applications for the 2018 squad are open and the national tour will take place early next year to identify the six male and six females to use the skills the marathon teaches them to celebrate Indigenous resilience and achievement in their communities.

The project is open to all Indigenous Australians aged 18-30 and no prior running experience is necessary.

Successful applicants will have just six months to train for the New York City Marathon, with the support of de Castella and coach and 2014 IMP graduate Adrian Dodson-Shaw.

"It's a really exciting time," Dodson-Shaw said.

"Everywhere I go I'm blown away by the incredible potential across the country and the willingness of young Indigenous Australians to step up and challenge themselves."

In addition, the squad will be mentored by the 75 IMP graduates who have passed through the program since its inception in 2010, and who continue to be an integral part of the IMF family.

The search is not about



Members of the 2017 IMP team that ran in the New York City Marathon.

discovering Olympic runners; it is about finding motivated people who have the strength of character to inspire their communities and the nation through their commitment and ability to tackle challenges.

Demanding, rewarding

De Castella said joining the IMP would test the limits of the 12 successful recruits, and offered huge rewards.

"Don't hesitate. Register now and take up the IMP challenge," he said.

"Running is easy, just one step after the other, but running a marathon is hard, just like life can be, especially if you want to make a difference.

"IMP will change your life and the lives of other in your community and family; just ask any of the 75 IMP graduates. Many of them never thought they

could do it, but they did. Don't hold yourself back. Give it a go and apply now."

Next year's national tour will visit communities around Australia and select six men and six women in a trial that includes a 3km run for women and 5km run for men, in addition to an interview.

The group will also be expected to complete a Certificate IV in Sport and Recreation, first

aid qualification, Level 1 Recreational Running accreditation and a mental health program as part of the project's education component.

Applications can be made online or a form can be downloaded from the website www.imf.org.au.

More information about IMP can be found at www.imf.org.au or visit the Facebook page, The Marathon Project.

Golden girls make history



AUSTRALIA'S beach volleyball golden girls Taliqua Clancy and Mariafe Artacho del Solar have won the women's Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) World Tour event at Volleyfest Manly, all but sealing their selection for the Commonwealth Games.

It was the first international tournament win at home by an Australian women's team since Kerri Pottharst and Natalie Cook won gold at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

Indigenous athlete Clancy and Artacho del Solar are the first Australian women's team to win an FIVB World Tour event on home sand since the women's World Tour began in 1992.

Clancy and Artacho del Solar defeated China's Fan Wang and Xinyi Xia in straight sets 21-17 and 21-14 on November 26.

China didn't make it easy for the Australians, continually applying the pressure but the composure of the Australians in front of their home fans saw them respond stronger each time.

Clancy and Artacho del Solar's self-belief was evident the entire match, openly enjoying each point win and showing the smooth teamwork that makes this pairing so successful. The final two points to end the match came from powerful spikes from Artacho del Solar which found empty space in the Chinese half.

Clancy continues to cement her status as Australia's leading female beach volleyball player and is clearly enjoying the new-found partnership with Artacho del Solar and its seemingly unstoppable success. This was the fourth consecutive gold medal since they joined forces in early October, 2017.

"We work hard on our communication and allow each other freedom to play. We're playing tough so we've got to play at a high level all time," said Clancy.

Clancy admits the call of the Commonwealth Games is strong.

"Definitely it's in our minds, but right now we are just going to enjoy this moment. It's the end of a long season," she said.



Taliqua Clancy celebrates a point late in the match.



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John Newcombe medallist Ashleigh Barty poses with her dad Robert and mum Josie at the 2017 Newcombe Medal presentation at Crown Palladium, Melbourne, on November 27. *Picture: Getty*

Big things ahead

Goolagong Cawley says Barty a majors contender



TENNIS great Evonne Goolagong Cawley believes Ashleigh Barty has arrived as a genuine grand slam contender who can challenge for 2018 Australian

Open glory.

No-one was prouder than Goolagong Cawley when Barty was awarded the Newcombe Medal on November 27 as Australia's most outstanding player of the year.

Barty shares Goolagong Cawley's

Indigenous heritage and cherishes having the former world No 1 as a mentor.

Now the seven-times grand slam champion says the 21-year-old, who rocketed from outside the top 300 to world No 17 in 2017, can follow in her footsteps and win the sport's biggest trophies.

"When I watch Ash play now, it actually makes me want to play again. She's got so many wonderful skills," Goolagong Cawley told AAP.

"She's got the power, she's got everything and it's just a pleasure for me to watch her.

"She's improved so much. She's won against past champions and I think she's beginning to realise that she can beat those players."

Goolagong Cawley believes Barty's 18-month sabbatical from tennis, during which she excelled playing WBBL cricket for

Brisbane Heat, was the best decision she made.

"Because otherwise she wouldn't have found out that she really missed tennis," she said.

"She's been through some highs and lows.

"Obviously the high was winning junior Wimbledon first and I remember it was around that time that I first saw her play and I thought 'wow, she's got everything'.

"But she was getting pretty tired of travelling and was going on a downer.

"But she's come back and the main thing with Ash is she's happy. When you're happy, you play your best tennis."

Barty modestly played down Goolagong's claim she was ready to contend for majors, but said she was happy to carry the burden of expectation from a nation of fans craving a first local

Australian Open singles champion in 40 years.

"I'm a long way off. I've made two third rounds and there's a lot to build on before maybe that elusive slam's there," Barty told AAP.

"It's about consolidating next year and hopefully staying in the top 20 for most of the year if I can.

"We all know the very famous saying in tennis that pressure's a privilege and I think that's something I will carry into the summer and I'm very excited.

"I love playing the Australian Open and the Australian summer and I can't wait to get out in front of everyone and hopefully play my best." – AAP

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