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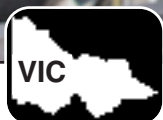
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He's every Koorie kid's bestie



SEVEN-year-old Yuin/Waradjuri girl Tia-Jade Golden-Brown from Narromine, in western NSW, catches up with new bestie Koorie Klaus during the Koorie Heritage Trust's third annual Koorie Krismas at Federation Square in Melbourne. See our coverage on page 28. *Picture Jillian Mundy*

Still in danger



THE peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's organisation says child sexual abuse in institutions is not a thing of the past. SNAICC chief executive Sharron Williams' warning comes after the release of the final report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

SNAICC's chilling warning in the wake of child sex abuse royal commission report

Ms Williams says it is clear that more urgent work is needed to keep our kids safe. Along with many others, she

welcomed the royal commission's report and called for all 402 recommendations – some of them Indigenous-specific – to be

accepted and implemented. Called in 2013, the royal commission heard the chilling stories of almost 7000 survivors

of child sexual abuse, 985 of whom are Indigenous.
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My FAMILY

Alana Solomon – Bairnsdale, Victoria



THIS is me with my husband Max Solomon and our sons Jararah Solomon and Max Solomon III, pictured at the Aborigines Advancement League 60th anniversary celebration.

We had come down to Melbourne for this, my Dad's 50th and a cousin's 21st. It was a big weekend.

We live in Bairnsdale. I've got a big family up that way, and my Mum's mob is originally off the Lake Tyers mission – Gunditjmara/Gunaikurnai mob. She still lives out on the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust, and that's where we spent Christmas, out on the block.

A lot of my family still live out there. My grandparents passed away and they're buried out there, and my Nan's siblings are still out there. My great grandmother is a traditional shareholder, and her shares will be passed on and eventually me and my babies will get some of those.

My hubby's mob is the Ngango (Manero) crew, just outside Orbost

(Victoria) and Gerang Gerang (Bundaberg), but he grew up in Bairnsdale. His nan moved down when she met Pop Sol – Max Solomon I.

But Bairnsdale is home, and I know that if we ever moved away we would always go back.

Back home we play plenty of footy, netball and basketball. The boys played soccer last season.

We go camping and fishing a lot out at Tyers. We normally get a big crew to come with us. They get out in the kayaks on the lake, catch bream and flathead, go bike riding, and my husband goes diving for abalone when he's up near Orbost.

The boys have been able to cast rods since they were three years old, and they love it.

My family means everything to me.

It gives me my daily purpose, the reason why you get up and do what you do – showing your babies a better life.

– As told to Jillian Mundy

OUR CHILDREN



COOPER, 5, Kobi, 5, Tulli, 4, Shaquille, 5, and Lailah, 5, are all smiles at Awabakal Preschool in Newcastle, NSW. The Aboriginal-run preschool has become one of just 49 childhood centres nationwide to be awarded the highest National Quality Standard rating. See the full story on page 8.

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Our Eurovision entrant



WHEN Jessica Mauboy was 11, she made up whatever excuse she could to persuade her parents to let her stay up late and watch Eurovision. Now, the 28-year-old singer has just months to come up with a song to win over the judges at the world's biggest TV music competition, in Portugal this May.

Mauboy has been named as Australia's entrant, following in the footsteps of Guy Sebastian, Dami Im and last year's entrant Isaiah Firebrace, who is also Aboriginal. All three placed in the top 10 of the annual international TV song competition, which attracts millions of viewers. A delighted Mauboy said culture and storytelling

would be at the heart of her songwriting process for the Australian entry.

"I really want to start with culture," she said. "I think that's always something to really consider when you're representing a country and your people."

The award-winning Indigenous singer, who hails from Darwin, didn't rule out letting her country music roots have some influence on her track. "You never know. I think music is so spontaneous," she said.

Mauboy has already had a taste of all the glitz and glamour of Eurovision, having been Australia's first representative in the competition in 2014, singing *Sea Of Flags* as an interval act in Denmark.

She said it would be hard to decide what to wear for this year's glitzy contest until her song takes shape.

CDP's future in spotlight after inquiry



A LABOR and Greens-dominated Senate inquiry into the Community Development Program (CDP) has called for participants to be paid the minimum wage.

It comes as the Federal Government launched a new discussion paper on the future of the remote employment work-for-the-dole scheme.

CDP has been under attack from a range of groups that have labelled it discriminatory, overburdened with red tape and basically unfair.

Under the current initiative, jobseekers from remote regions – 83% of whom are Aboriginal – must do 25 hours of work a week to receive welfare payments. That's up to three times longer than other unemployed people.

In the past two years, about 350,000 participants have been hit with financial penalties for



Nigel Scullion

being late or failing to attend activities required under the CDP. The Senate inquiry said the scheme was not working and was often nonsensical.

It called on the government to ensure that CDP participants have the same legal rights and other responsibilities as other income support participants.

But the government has rejected the inquiry findings and released a new discussion paper with three options, including

a 'wages-based' model.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the Senate report was partisan and inaccurate. Defending the scheme, he said: "The government strongly believes that all Australians can make a contribution to their community and that the best form of welfare is practical support to find a job."

The Minister said the discussion paper outlines three potential reform areas that could increase the remote labour market, empower communities and provide more incentives to jobseekers so they can move off welfare into work.

"These are an improved version of the CDP to provide more tailored support, a model based on the CDP Reform Bill introduced in 2015 and a wage-based model," he said.

Submissions, which close on February 9, can be made at www.pmc.gov.au/resource-centre/indigenous-affairs/

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All set for putalina



PUTALINA, the biggest Aboriginal festival in Tasmania, will be held this Saturday, January 13. The annual gathering will be from 11.30am at putalina, the historic Aboriginal site near Hobart.

The focus is on music, with a host of local performers including Fox Ransom, Kartanya Maynard and Boil Up. Putalina, which has run for more than 30 years, commemorates the reoccupation of the historic site by the Aboriginal community on January 16, 1984. More details on the festival can be found at www.tacinc.com.au

New Minister in Queensland



QUEENSLAND has a new Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships following the Palaszczuk Government's re-election late last year.

Brisbane-based Deputy Premier Jackie Trad has taken over the portfolio from Mark Furner, who is the new Fisheries Minister. Liberal National Party MP Christian Rowan has been named as Shadow Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

Hands full, and loving it



LATEASHA Garlett has her hands full with Kurtis Smith, left, and Jradon Barfield at the Swan Aboriginal Community Christmas Party in Midvale, eastern Perth. A large crowd turned out for the celebration, now in its ninth year. See our coverage including more pictures on page 34. Picture: Tash Gillespie

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Anger over toxic waste



TRADITIONAL owners have condemned the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority's backing

of Australia's first national toxic waste repository on their country.

The EPA has recommended approval of a central Australian salt mine to house up to 400,000 tonnes of hazardous waste underground a year for 25 years.

It is planned by Tellus Holdings Ltd for the Chandler mine on Maryvale Station near Titjikala, 120km south of Alice Springs, on Pitjantjatjara country.

The NT EPA identified 'potentially significant' environmental impacts and financial risks and made 19 recommendations to help mitigate them.

But this is nowhere near good enough for local traditional owners, who have aired their concerns at local meetings.

Waste proposed to be stored at the site includes:

- Lead and other heavy

metals from batteries, computer parts and television screens.

- Contaminated soil, chemicals and poison from factories and incinerators.

- Waste salty water and chemicals from potential fracking.

Local people are concerned about what they say is the lack of long-term monitoring proposed for the waste, and the site's potential to leach

Traditional owners say information provided by Tellus Holdings on the hazardous waste storage component of the project was not explained to them during consultation meetings, nor plans for permanent storage and environmental risks.

"I say no. It's dangerous for our land and our people. We all say no," Maryvale traditional owner Angelina Shilling said.

In its findings, the EPA said Tellus must ensure rigorous regulatory oversight, including public disclosure of any financial assurance or security held in respect of the proposal, and independent auditor and process safety oversight reports.

"A whole-of-project financial assurance would ensure that significant residual environmental impacts and risks are acknowledged, and financial risk to the NT Government is avoided, covering all financial obligations under an appropriate regulatory regime," EPA chairman Dr Paul Vogel said.

"It's a danger to our kids, ourselves, especially our drinking water. It will affect kangaroos, goannas, everything. That's why we are saying no!"

toxins into the Finke River.

"These are decisions made from people who are living 'over there', but we live next to it," Titjikala resident Jennifer Summerfield said.

"It's a danger to our kids, ourselves, especially our drinking water. It will affect kangaroos, goannas, everything. That's why we are saying no!"

Singers in a league of their own



VICTORIAN songman Kutch Edwards, a Mutti Mutti man, scored these happy young back-up singers, from left, Gynea Wickey, Destiny Murphy, Liana Liddle and Rebekah Liddle, while giving a standout performance at the Aborigines Advancement League's 60th anniversary celebration in Melbourne. The party attracted people from across the state. See our coverage on pages 32-33. *Picture: Jillian Mundy*

New year's hopes and resolutions

We asked Indigenous people from around Australia for their new year's hopes and resolutions. Find out what they had to say on this and following pages.



Roy Prior – Palm Island, Qld: I hope 2018 will bring much happiness to my family and friends, and they all stay safe and healthy, because without your health, family and friends, then there's not much else.



Celeste Carnegie – Birrigubba (Qld) woman living in Sydney: This year for me will be about quality over quantity, and being selective in who I give my time and energy to.



Dogie Spratt – Merredin, WA: I am going to try to quit smoking.



Maree Summers – Cape Barren Island, Tasmania: I will be looking to completely give up the drink.

Warning over threat to kids



CHILD sexual abuse in institutions is not just a thing of the past. That's the chilling warning from SNAICC

chairperson Sharron Williams in the wake of the final report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

The head of the peak Indigenous children's organisation said it was clear more urgent work was needed to keep kids safe.

Ms Williams welcomed the royal commission's report, and wants to see all 402 recommendations accepted and implemented as soon as possible.

Called in 2013, the commission heard the stories of almost 7000 survivors of child sexual abuse, 985 of whom are Indigenous. The great majority of these people had been abused before 1990.

Among the commission's recommendations are funding for Indigenous healing approaches and full implementation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle, where Indigenous kids are placed where possible with family or Indigenous carers.

It also stresses the need for safe schools and hostels for Indigenous boarding students, and the importance of cultural safety for children in youth detention.



Antoinette Braybrook

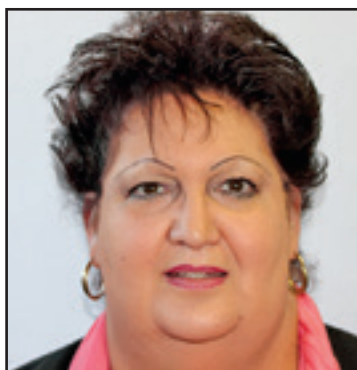
Ms Williams said strong cultural identity, connections to family and community, and cultural care practices are non-negotiable factors in keeping Indigenous children safe.

"The pain and injustices of the past have been acknowledged, and must now be redressed," she said. "At the same time, we must tackle current challenges to ensure our children are kept safe in family and culture."

National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services chief executive Antoinette Braybrook also welcomed the report, saying that access to Aboriginal community-controlled bodies is essential to healing.

She said Aboriginal community-controlled organisations are best placed to support survivors.

"The royal commission has



Sharron Williams

acknowledged the importance of culture and developing specific initiatives to keep our children safe," Ms Braybrook said.

"We work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children nationally who have experienced family violence, and the royal commission identified that many of those have been victims of child sexual abuse.

"It's the trust and confidence that our people have in us that takes us into those communities to raise awareness and provide support."

Three-quarters of the Indigenous survivors interviewed said they were sexually abused in out-of-home care, with most cases occurring in historical residential institutions like mission dormitories and children's homes. More than one third of survivors said they

were sexually abused for between one and five years.

Bringing Them Home Committee (WA) co-chair Tony Hansen said there has been little acknowledgement of the injustices faced by Aboriginal children who were taken from their families, with the recommendations of the 1997 Bringing Them Home report "largely ignored by governments".

"The significant level of sexual abuse suffered by Stolen Generations children over many generations was confirmed when the Bringing Them Home report was tabled over 20 years ago, yet little has been done to implement the many recommendations in that landmark report," he said.

"We will be looking to Commonwealth and state governments and the various churches who failed our children to commit to the proposed redress scheme and to the implementation of the recommendations in the report, but also to review the Bringing Them Home report, which acknowledges the specific plight of Aboriginal children.

"If we want our families to heal and end the cycle of intergenerational trauma, the solutions are to be found in the recommendations of the royal commission report and the Bringing Them Home report. It is time for action."

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New year's resolutions



Shirleen Campbell – Mbantua (Alice Springs), NT: I want the community to keep working together to stop family and domestic violence. We want our kids to grow up with clear and vibrant futures.



Eddie Hocking – Clare, South Australia: This year I'll be controlling my own world and making better choices.



Talicia Jetta – Bunbury, WA: I am going to be more spontaneous and live in the moment.

Dungay family wants justice



RELATIVES of Indigenous man David Dungay Jr, who died in custody in NSW, have confronted guards outside his former prison on the second anniversary of his death.

The 26-year-old diabetic was three weeks away from being released on parole when he was restrained and died in Sydney's Long Bay Prison Hospital in 2015 because he refused to stop eating biscuits. His grieving family is now waiting for a 10-day inquest into the matter, which will be held in July.

On December 29 they marched with supporters to the entrance of the prison, with Mr Dungay's furious younger relatives unleashing abuse at several guards through the closed prison gates.

Mr Dungay's mother Leetona demanded to know why she had been told there was no CCTV footage to show whether her son was okay the day before the incident.

"Watch your children," she yelled to several visitors waiting at the entrance. "This is what they did to my son."

Ms Dungay said every time she attended a march or rally it stirred up grief, but being at the prison on the second anniversary was especially tough.

"Once I get through the coroner's court and get justice, I'll feel much better," she said.

Ms Dungay wants to see more safeguards in all prisons to make sure deaths in custody are stopped.

"Our people aren't sent in there to be apes and animals and treated unfairly," she said.

"That goes for every nationality. We all deserve to be treated like a human being, not like an ape."

Solicitor George Newhouse, from the National Justice Project, which is working on the case,



Friends and relatives of the late David Dungay Jr gather outside Long Bay Correctional Centre in Malabar, Sydney.



"Our people aren't sent in there (jail) to be apes and animals and treated unfairly."

– David Dungay Jr's mother Leetona

said the family had no faith in the system and wanted justice and accountability.

"The family need closure on this episode and ask for the public to understand their

frustration on this tragic anniversary," he said.

A NSW Corrective Services spokeswoman said Commissioner Peter Severin "deeply regrets" Mr Dungay's death.

The commissioner and the department's Aboriginal Strategy and Policy staff have met with Mr Dungay's family to discuss their concerns and provide support, according to the spokeswoman.

She said the department had been conducting a thorough investigation into the death, but could not comment further due to the impending coronial inquest. – AAP



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Mornington Island Hospital staff, from left, community health nurse Coreen Reading, clinical nurse Michael Wood and director of nursing Heather Byrne with the new shoes for their patients.

Mt Isa Hospital staff step up to help Mornington Island patients



STAFF from Mount Isa Hospital's surgical ward have dug deep to help Mornington Island patients with footwear.

Nurse unit manager Kishen Bundhoo said all staff on the ward chipped in to help, resulting in 50 pairs of adult and

children's shoes for patients from the Gulf of Carpentaria island.

He said patients were coming to the hospital with worn-out footwear, which was resulting in infections.

"We saw we could easily help, so we just used our own money to go out and buy some shoes," he said.

Mornington Island Hospital director of nursing Heather Byrne welcomed the donation.

"This will go a long way towards helping our patients with their foot care," she told the *Koori Mail*.

The shoes were delivered to Mornington Island Hospital just in time for Christmas.

Ministers hold their positions



THE Federal Government's two ministers with direct responsibility for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander matters have retained their portfolios.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull made changes to his ministerial line-up in a pre-Christmas shake-up.

But Northern Territory senator Nigel Scullion remains in Cabinet as Minister for Indigenous Affairs, while Aboriginal man Ken Wyatt, from Western Australia, keeps the outer ministry portfolio of Indigenous Health.

Vic gets treaty commissioner



THE Victorian Government has appointed a Victorian Treaty Advancement Commissioner. Gunditjmara woman Jill Gallagher, who takes up the post this month, will have a key role in steps towards a treaty between the government and Victoria's Aboriginal people.

Ms Gallagher has spent the past 20 years at the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation.

She will resign from her current position as co-chair of the Victorian Aboriginal Treaty Working Group to lead the establishment of the new Aboriginal Representative Body in her role as commissioner.

The Victorian Government has allocated \$28.5 million for the treaty process.

SA native title claim ratified



THE Federal Court has ratified native title covering a large area in South Australia.

At a sitting on country, the court approved the claim by the Ngarrindjeri and other Aboriginal people over traditional lands stretching from Murray Bridge south west to Cape Jervis and south east almost to Tintinara.

Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority chief executive Clyde Rigney described the ruling as "massive".

The claim process has taken almost 20 years to settle.

Ah-See, Dennis keep top jobs



ROY Ah-See has been re-elected chair of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.

And Anne Dennis will remain as deputy chair following a meeting late last year in Sydney.

Cr Ah-See, a Wiradjuri man, is set to continue leading the largest member-based Aboriginal organisation in Australia until the 2019 election.

Cr Dennis, a Gamilaraay woman, has served as a NSWALC councillor since 2011.

Court hearing on Adani mine



THE battle over native title on land covering the site of the massive proposed Adani coal mine in central Queensland returns to the Federal Court this month. The court has made orders preventing any surrender of native title until an application by mine opponents within the Wangan and Jagalingou (W&J) group is heard on January 30.

W&J members have argued that an existing Indigenous land use agreement over the site is a sham and should not have been registered.

Plaque to honour speech



A PLAQUE to commemorate the Redfern Speech by

former prime minister Paul Keating will be installed at Redfern Park, Sydney.

City of Sydney Council unanimously supported the move, which was one of the final wishes of Redfern and national Indigenous leader the late Sol Bellear, who passed away late last year.

Mr Bellear served as MC at the event on December 10, 1992, where Mr Keating gave the famous address.

The council acted after receiving a letter from NSW Aboriginal Land Council chair Roy Ah-See urging councillors to honour Mr Bellear's wishes.

The plaque will include quotes from Mr Keating's speech.

Sydney councillor Linda Scott said Mr Keating's speech was a watershed moment in the fight for reconciliation.

"I am humbled to be able to carry out one of Sol Bellear AM's final wishes to ensure the dedication of this plaque in Redfern Park," she said.

Students are still lagging



THE latest NAPLAN results show gains for Indigenous students in reading (Years 3 and 5), spelling (Years 3 and 5), grammar and punctuation (Years 3 and 7) and numeracy (Years 5 and 9).

But the 10th NAPLAN education report, released last month, shows Indigenous students still lag behind their non-Indigenous peers.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Northern Territory students continue to significantly underperform their national

peers on all NAPLAN measures, with Aboriginal kids in remote communities the most likely to miss minimum Australian benchmarks.

The NT remains the worst-performing jurisdiction in every educational metric and age group amid low school attendance rates and high

language," she said.

The more remote an Aboriginal NT child lives, the less likely they are to attain the national minimum standard, with 92% of Year 9 Indigenous students in very isolated regions failing to reach that benchmark for reading.

In stark contrast, 92% of their non-Indigenous peers from very remote areas hit the national minimum standard.

Ms Baylis said NT kids have been making gains over the past six years, noting remote Aboriginal students achieved better results this year for every test domain and year level, apart from Year 3 grammar and punctuation, compared to 2016.

The figures also reveal the less education a Territory parent has, the less likely their child is to reach the national minimum standard across all domains and year groups. – *With AAP*

"Nearly 50% of our students are located in remote or very remote locations across the Territory with many speaking English as a second language."

socio-economic disadvantage in the bush.

Education Department head Vicki Baylis concedes there's much work to do.

"Nearly 50% of our students are located in remote or very remote locations across the Territory with many speaking English as a second

New year's resolutions



Ringo Hood – Gippsland, Vic: I'm looking forward to celebrating more of our culture and history. We don't get to do it much.



Beryl van Oploo – Walgett/Redfern, NSW: This year I'll continue to watch the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence grow towards becoming self-sustaining.



Michael Cross – Perth, WA: Like lots of others, my resolution is to get healthy and enjoy more activities in my area.

Preschool one of the best



NEWCASTLE-based Awabakal Preschool is one of just 49 childhood centres nationwide to receive the highest National Quality Standard rating. The rating places the Aboriginal-controlled preschool, which has been celebrating its 40th anniversary, in the top 0.003% of all early childhood services in Australia.

The rating is based on criteria including excellent education care, leadership that contributes to the development of community, and commitment to sustained excellent practice through continuous improvement and planning.

Awabakal Preschool offers a range of playgroups for children aged 0-6. Activities include painting, playdough, arts, crafts, story time, building and outdoor activities, with many of them provided from an Indigenous perspective.

Awabakal early learning and education principal Renee Smith said the rating was a huge achievement for the organisation.

"This is the biggest recognition in our field, and to be the first Aboriginal early childhood service in NSW and the first service in Newcastle and Hunter region to be awarded this rating is an extraordinary achievement," she said.

"The staff at Awabakal are constantly searching for ways to continually deliver the best educational and social outcomes to our children and families, and we take pride in delivering the highest quality learning



Awabakal Preschool principal Renee Smith (holding award) and Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority officials (beside her) Michelle Hilton-Moon and Jessica Davis with Awabakal staff, back, Dannielle Christie, Jodie Miller, Courtney Rossetti, Bella Bird and Jessica Lennox and, front, Jarcara Priestly, Jade Tapper and Kylie Mitchell.

experiences so that we can create a community of leaders."

Ms Smith said educators from as far afield as the United States, Japan and China are keen to learn from Awabakal's educational model.

Newcastle man Billy Hooper, who has two children at Awabakal Preschool, said the

formal recognition simply confirmed what people knew – that the centre was doing a great job with local kids.

"It only formalises it for me. I've always believed this is the best preschool I've ever seen," he said.

"I've got older kids as well and they never had anything like this."

Govt seeks native title submissions



SUBMISSIONS close on January 25 on an options paper covering proposed changes to native title.

The Federal Government released the paper, which it said covers reforms aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*.

It canvasses claims resolution, better agreement-making around the use of native title land, and promoting the autonomy of native title groups to make decisions about their land and resolving internal disputes.

"As more claims are determined, the focus of the system must shift to how

native title holders can make agreements with other parties and resolve disputes," then Attorney-General George Brandis said.

The discussion paper looks at whether existing agreements should be considered valid, and how they should be agreed in the future.

Scenarios

It includes potential scenarios highlighting what the government says are the benefits of simplifying the Act, including examples involving new mines or theme parks.

One of the options proposed would require a majority of native title claimants to agree to a decision, rather than needing

agreement from every member.

The *Native Title Act* was amended last June after a Federal Court decision in the *McGlade* case found the required signatories to an agreement must include all individual members of the native title group – including dead people.

Before the *McGlade* case, an area agreement could be registered as long as it had been signed by at least one member of the registered native title claimant.

The discussion paper is online and submissions are open until January 25, with draft legislation due in the first half of 2018. Details about making submissions can be found at native.title@ag.gov.au

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Turnbull rejects 'third chamber'



MALCOLM Turnbull has vowed to not give up on recognising Indigenous Australians in the Constitution but has reaffirmed his opposition to a 'third chamber' advising Parliament.

The Prime Minister insists he does not want to kick recognition "into the long grass", preferring to look closely at recommendations from last year's summit of Indigenous leaders at Uluru.

In October, his government rejected the Referendum Council's report on constitutional recognition, calling for an Indigenous voice to Parliament.

"An assembly of the kind that was proposed would be in effect a third chamber of Parliament," Mr Turnbull said on ABC TV's Q&A program.

"I don't believe our Parliament should have any chambers other than the two that it does, the House and the Senate, and they are open to all Australians."

Mr Turnbull said he would continue to seek Labor's support on the road ahead for constitutional recognition.

"We're discussing the terms of reference with the Opposition at the moment because I do want it to be bipartisan," he said.

The Prime Minister said the Uluru Declaration for a constitutionally enshrined voice in Parliament was one of many recommendations on the subject.

"I do not believe what would in effect be a third chamber of Parliament available only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is consistent with our Constitution," Mr Turnbull said.

The proposal would have "no prospect whatsoever" of being successful at a referendum, he said. — AAP



Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group coordinator Shirleen Campbell on the site of the public garden to acknowledge domestic violence victims.

A garden for reflection



AUSTRALIA'S first public garden acknowledging domestic violence victims will open this year in the Northern Territory. The \$100,000 joint project between NT Police and the Tangentyere

Women's Family Safety Group will be established on the lawns near the Alice Springs Police Station and Court House.

Safety group coordinator Shirleen Campbell says the idea came after hundreds of people marched in Alice Springs last July to draw attention to the daily dangers faced by local women.

"After the success of the march in raising the visibility and voices of Aboriginal women affected by family violence, we wanted a permanent place to honour the

memories of women who have lost their lives," she said.

"This Garden of Reflection – Iterrentye akngerre akerte apmere – will be a place for everyone, where the community can come together to remember there is no place for family violence."

Indigenous women are up to 35 times more likely to be hospitalised from domestic violence-related assaults than other women.

Safe space

NT Police Commissioner Reece Kershaw said he often sees both family violence survivors and perpetrators waiting on the lawn before a court hearing, and wants the garden to be a safe space designed by and for the community.

He said it would be ready for next year's march on July 11, but noted there's much work to do in combating the alarming number of family violence cases.

"Since 2011 we have had a 50% increase in the number of incidents that we respond to," he said.

NT police will trial a cross-border at-risk violent offender register with South Australia and Western Australia to reduce reoffending, in recognition that Indigenous communities from central Australia's APY Lands cross state lines.

An Australian-first, it will involve intensive case management of perpetrators which Mr Kershaw said will be "similar to how we treat child sex offenders, where there may be mandatory rehabilitation programs." — AAP

Revamp for gap agenda



THE Federal Government is canvassing the views of Aboriginal people as it

revamps its Closing the Gap agenda, recognising the original targets were created without consultation.

The Commonwealth has started an overhaul of the strategy after failing to significantly improve First Nations outcomes in life expectancy, mortality, health, education and employment for nearly a decade.

"In 2008, the original Closing the Gap targets were developed without consultation from Indigenous Australians and without the direct involvement of state and territory governments,"

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said.

"Targets were not as effective or as well directed as they should have been."

Only one of the seven national key indicators is on track and four will expire this year, with some stagnating and others going backwards.

Targets

Senator Scullion said that for the first time the states would establish targets in areas for which they were responsible and prepare action plans to support them.

The Minister has previously resisted calls to include an incarceration target, saying it falls within the domain of the states. But it might now be on the table.

The Coalition is seeking

feedback on a vastly different framework that could be broadened to include cultural, community and environmental prosperity goals.

The new approach may consider whether aspirations like home ownership and overcoming trauma should become objectives.

All Australians have been invited to make submissions to a Council of Australian Governments (COAG) discussion paper investigating whether connection to country, breaking intergenerational transmission of poverty and community safety should also be aims.

Round tables were held in Broome, Dubbo and Cairns in November and December, and more sessions are scheduled in coming months.



New year's hopes and resolutions



Lee Hewitt – Darwin, NT: I'm resolving to eat more healthy foods... and maybe I'll give up salty plums.



Herb Patten – Melbourne, Victoria: This year I'm going to keep fighting – for mostly Aboriginal causes.



Delilah MacGillivray – Kalkadoon (Qld) woman living on Gadigal country (Sydney): This year I want to spend more time with the special people in my life.



Brenton Brown – Wynyard, Tas: My goal is to complete a Cert III in Land Conservation, and see my kids succeed in school. Education is the key.



Aunty Noelie Briggs-Smith at the Moree Cemetery: "These are my people and they really need to be identified."

Aunty Noelie committed to righting a disgraceful wrong



SHE'S identified 177 unmarked graves of Aboriginal people buried in the segregated section of the Moree Cemetery

between 1940 and 1968.

Now Aunty Noelie Briggs-Smith is crowdfunding so she can buy headstones for each of them.

The Elder has devoted three decades of her life to righting what she says is a disgraceful wrong.

In 1983, Aunty Noelie returned to Moree and went to the cemetery to visit her relatives, but she couldn't find them.

"Only three or four headstones were

visible, all the rest had been washed away by floods through the years and it was just like an overgrown paddock," she said.

"It was absolutely disgraceful, so I set about working to get something done."

Aunty Noelie cross-referenced council and court records to locate each of the 210 people whose graves were unmarked.

'Tranquility area'

She also campaigned to have a series of concrete plinths constructed above the graves and to include a 'tranquility area' in the cemetery to honour Aboriginal returned servicemen buried there.

Aunty Noelie says she wants to ensure

her people have a sacred and significant place where they can rest with dignity.

She has raised more than \$3000 to fund the headstones, but much more is needed.

"These people were segregated. These are my people and they really need to be identified," Aunty Noelie said.

"It's really hard to speak about. The poor things, some of them have been lying here for 77 years without anything to identify them.

"They have to be identified. They just have to be."

To help with fundraising, visit www.pozible.com/project/moree-aboriginal-cemetery-project

Plan to aid jailed kids



AN action plan aiming at ending the abuse and over-representation of Indigenous

children in prison urges the Federal Government to improve the youth justice system.

'Free To Be Kids: National Plan of Action' is the work of Change the Record, an Indigenous-led national coalition of leading Indigenous, legal and human rights organisations.

Change the Record co-chair Antoinette Braybrook said the Federal Government must take action on the recommendations of the Royal

Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory.

"We can't let this report be yet another inquiry report to gather dust on the desks of politicians," she said.

"We know that change is desperately needed across Australia to overhaul the youth justice system, away from harsh, punishment-focused policies to a better approach, focused on supporting children to thrive, with the solutions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities at its centre."

Free To Be Kids calls for the following major changes:

- raising the age of criminal responsibility to 14;
- getting children who are not sentenced out of prison;
- adequately funding Indigenous community-controlled legal and other support services;
- ending abusive practices in prisons;
- setting targets to end the over-representation of Indigenous children in prison;
- improving collection and use of data; and
- working through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) to reform state and territory laws that breach children's rights.

Death a tragic example, says Coroner



A MAN'S death while trying to flee police by swimming across the Murray River in South Australia has been described as another tragic example of an

Aboriginal death in custody.

Jason Wilson died trying to cross the river at Berri in 2013 after being spoken to by police about a robbery.

Two officers said they entered the water to try to save him, with their actions described by Coroner Mark Johns as "highly commendable".

"The police officers found themselves unable to resist an act of humanity and, while not to be recommended, their valour is certainly to be admired," he said.

The court heard that the river was dangerous because it was murky and flowing quickly.

The officers were able to see Mr Wilson from the bank but once in the water were unable to locate him.

"Mr Wilson's story is another tragic example of an Aboriginal death in custody," Mr Johns said.



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LOCATION	DATE	VENUE	TIME
Mt Druitt	Monday January 15th	Mt Druitt PCYC 453A Luxford Road, Shalvey NSW 2770	9am – 12pm
Liverpool	Wednesday 17th January	Whitlam Leisure Centre 90A Memorial Avenue, Liverpool NSW 2170	9am – 12pm
Doonside	Monday January 22nd	Kareela Reserve Eastern Road, Doonside NSW 2767	9am – 12pm
Redfern	Thursday, February 15th	South Sydney PCYC 638 Elizabeth Street, Redfern NSW 2016	3pm – 6pm



Initiative pays off for Jacea



YIDINJI woman Jacea Brennan says she's passionate about closing the education gap.

Now the 18-year-old is a major step closer to doing just that after graduating from the TAFE Queensland Cairns campus with a Diploma of Education.

Ms Brennan was one of more than 50 students who participated in the 2017 RATEP program, a community-based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education initiative. RATEP aims to increase the number of teachers and teachers aides working in regional and remote Queensland.

"It'd be great for Indigenous kids to see more Indigenous teachers at their school. It may help to motivate students to come to class," she said.

Ms Brennan said her TAFE Queensland studies took her back to a familiar setting.

"I had to complete work experience as part of my course and I was really excited when I was placed at Ravenshoe State School, as that's where I went to school," she said.

"I was in charge of a few prep lessons and, while I was quite nervous at the start, by the end of my work experience I gained a lot of confidence.

"I was quite proud of myself and how I engaged with the students and I felt really happy at the end of the day, which confirmed that I really want to be a teacher and feel that way every day."

TAFE Queensland North Region general manager Joann Pyne said



The latest RATEP course students after their graduation ceremony and, inset, Jacea Brennan.

RATEP is a "special initiative".

"RATEP has been operating successfully for 27 years now and more than 1000 people have graduated from the program," she said.

"RATEP allows Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander students to stay in their communities and study a Certificate III, IV or diploma education course while gaining work experience.

"Eligible graduates can then use their TAFE Queensland qualification to gain

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Welfare docking scrapped



THE Federal Government will scrap a controversial \$30 million program that docks the welfare payments of Northern Territory parents whose children skip school in remote communities.

The School Enrolment and Attendance Measure (SEAM), which was part of the NT Intervention response, had been branded racist by Aboriginal groups and tagged as ineffective by the United Nations.

The scheme will now be canned, allowing the government to save \$29.6 million over four years.

But the Commonwealth will continue to fund social workers and truancy officers in the 23 NT communities and 52 schools where SEAM currently operates.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the "badly designed and woefully implemented program" was put in place by the Labor Government. Three evaluations since 2013 found no evidence that it delivered change.

"I am absolutely confident that there will be no adverse impacts on students by this decision," Senator Scullion said.

"I believe that most communities would in fact support the government's decision to refocus its efforts on more practical measures."

Senator Scullion also criticised the long lag period between truancy offences and Centrelink penalties.

NT Education Minister Eva Lawler said truancy officers with a permanent SEAM-funded position will retain their roles, which will eventually have a "greater engagement" focus.

The Commonwealth has spent more than \$128 million on the Remote School Attendance Strategy since 2013, and almost 50% of the money went to the NT.

This year, the government says it will spend \$9092 per NT student against a national average of \$5335.

Almost half of NT students live in remote or very remote areas, with many speaking English as a second language.

A very happy new year for Purple House dialysis mob



IT'S been a happy new year for the Western Desert Dialysis Purple House mob in Alice Springs.

The Aboriginal-controlled health organisation has just opened three more on-country kidney dialysis units in Central Australia – at Docker River, Papunya and Mt Liebig.

That takes to 15 the number of remote centre units now being operated by Purple House. Just 15 years ago there were none, with dialysis available only in Alice Springs or Darwin.

To top off a big Christmas, an Albert Namatjira watercolour painting donated to Purple House was sold for \$95,000 – enough to fund a nurse in one of the centres for a year.

The painting, donated by the Ngurratjuta Aboriginal Corporation (NAC) based in Alice Springs, had been on show at the town's Araluen Centre.

A private buyer bought the masterpiece, and promptly loaned it back to the Araluen centre, where it remains on public display.

"It was extraordinarily generous," Purple House chief executive Sarah Brown told the *Koori Mail*.

"The money raised means people in desperate need of renal dialysis will be able to stay on country to receive it.

"Ngurratjuta Corporation's donation of the painting is a wonderful example of getting community members home."

Statistics highlight the need for renal dialysis in Central Australia.

Right now about 370 people across that huge region receive the treatment. That is



Araluen Cultural Precinct director Mark Crees and Purple House chief executive Sarah Brown with Mt Liebig traditional owner Kayleen Collins. Ms Collins is now receiving dialysis treatment on her own country thanks to the opening of a new treatment centre in her community, 325km west of Alice Springs.

estimated to rise to 500 by 2020.

And given the nature of the illness, dialysis will be needed for many years to come.

"Kidney disease comes from poverty, dispossession and powerlessness," Ms Brown said.

"The people we treat long to be back on their country, and their family want them there as well. That's why we work so hard to make this happen, so they can have better, more fulfilling lives."

Purple House, which operates the 15 remote dialysis centres in the Northern Territory and Western Australia as well as a mobile unit, expects to open four more this year, including one desperately needed in South Australia's APY Lands.

But while governments have funded the units, Purple House still has to find ways to fund the nurses that operate the dialysis chairs. Ms Brown says it's donations like the Namatjira painting that's helping to make all the difference.

Namatjira family has win



THE Namatjira family is now on the way to receiving fair payment for any licensed reproduction of famed central Australian watercolour artist Albert Namatjira's work.

Following the successful decades-long campaign for the return of Namatjira's copyright, the Namatjira Legacy Trust has enlisted the Copyright Agency to manage the artist's licensing rights.

Royalties from the copyright licensing will support the activities of the trust, which has been established to 'secure positive futures for this iconic community and family'.

Trust chair Sophia Marinos has been working with the family on the issue for eight years.

"The trust is really pleased to be working with the Copyright Agency to ensure best-practice licensing and access," she said.

"Fair payment"

"After such a long campaign, it's important that the family receives fair payment and the public can more freely enjoy the works of this iconic artist – their grandfather."

Fellow trust director Gloria Pannka, who is a granddaughter of Albert Namatjira, said she was elated at the news of the copyright victory.

"We're happy we finally got it back," she said. "The whole family is really happy and proud."

Copyright Agency, which recently merged with Viscopy, is Australia's national copyright licensing organisation for the publishing, media, surveying and visual arts industries.



UNSW announces new PhD Program for Indigenous Studies

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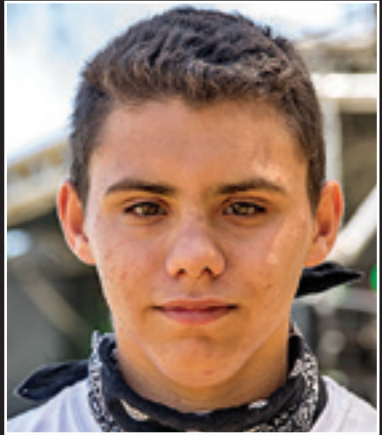
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New year's resolutions



Gurrenah Foley – Melbourne, Vic: I'm looking forward to more fighting matches. I just started boxing.



Nicole Ross – Torres Strait Islander living in Townsville, Qld: I want to promote mothers getting back into playing sport. For a long time Indigenous women have just taken kids and grandchildren to events, and now I want it to be our turn at least once.



Grant Cameron – Gamilaroi man from Tamworth, NSW, living in Sydney: I aim to live a healthy and more active life to be a role model for my kids and the community.

Tangentyere men want visitors to follow rules



THE rejuvenated Tangentyere Men's 4 Corners Council is urging visitors to 'follow the rules' when they stay in Alice Springs town camps. The council ensures traditional Aboriginal law and cultural practices inform the wider Tangentyere Council's service delivery and operations in Alice's 18 town camps.

The group says funding support from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet has enabled it to expand and refocus its activities. This recent work includes promoting community safety and leadership, including a refresh of the Going to Town Rules, which sets out preferred lifestyle and behaviour rules for visitors to town camps.

Council senior worker Chris Forbes said the rules were first negotiated with Elders from the communities around Alice Springs in the 1990s.

"We've reprinted the rules and put them on posters, which we want to get out to communities,



Members of the rejuvenated Tangentyere Men's 4 Corners Council in Alice Springs.

so people know they have to behave and have respect when they visit Alice Springs and stay on town camps," he said.

"Town campers want safe and positive places to live and raise their families. We are keen to get the message out to visitors that they have to follow the rules

when they stay in our town camps."

The rules cover how visitors are expected to behave, how long they should stay, and that respect should be shown to Arrernte traditional owners, their country and sacred sites.

"We've started taking the

rules around to communities again and we've had positive feedback about them," Mr Forbes said.

"We are just asking visitors to show respect and behave when they come. We would do the same when we visit their homes."

Day patrols back on beat in Darwin



DAY patrols have restarted in Darwin as the Northern Territory Government moves to target anti-social itinerant behaviour and homelessness.

From 5am to 10am daily Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation is running the program, which gets people sleeping rough off the streets and into support services.

It was cut in 2015 but the day patrol is now working in tandem with the night patrol, which operates from 4pm to midnight.

Larrakia Nation chief executive Robert Cooper says the initiative is helping to reduce homeless people's involvement with

authorities, and boost community safety.

"We are looking forward to this program being the springboard for achieving better long-term lifestyle outcomes for our clients," he said.

The itinerant issue divided Territorians last September when a video emerged of a Darwin business owner hosing an elderly homeless Aboriginal man away from a footpath.

Measures

Soon afterwards Labor launched a suite of measures, including a cash injection for sobering-up shelters to expand operations from six to seven days a week.

NT Deputy Chief Minister Nicole Manison said anti-social itinerant behaviour was a long-standing issue affecting businesses.

She said it was "one of the reasons we promised to bring back the Banned Drinkers Register which blocks the sale of alcohol to problem drinkers."

Larrakia Nation, which went into special administration last June amid internal strife, has also been given \$1.5 million over five years to run its return-to-country strategy to help Indigenous people return to their remote communities from urban centres.

The day patrol project is funded until June, after which a longer-term contract will be awarded from a tender process. — AAP



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Submissions close at 5 pm on Monday 29 January 2018.

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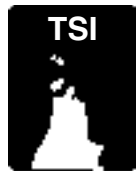
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Better learning forecast



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) has supplied all 16 Tagai colleges in the region

with their own weather station.

TSRA chairperson Napua Pedro Stephen said the stations would help Torres Strait students learn about and understand weather.

"The weather stations we have provided to the schools will allow students and communities to monitor their local weather conditions as well as provide TSRA's Land and Sea Management Unit with additional weather data from around the region," he said.

The data collected will supplement weather data collected from the formal weather stations TSRA has set up with the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS). These stations are at Thursday Island, Masig, Saibai Maizab Kaur and a new station has just been installed on Badu.

Mr Stephen said local people are already highlighting how temperatures and seasons in the Torres Strait seem to be shifting. "As part of our climate

change work we need to track these changes and the TSRA has significantly expanded the amount of weather data collected for the region through the installation of additional weather stations above and beyond the two stations run by the Bureau of Meteorology," he said.

"Information from the expanded weather station network will be helpful to our local air services as well as for communities and to assist with safer boat travel as people will be able to access local conditions across the region."

Encouraged

The schools are being encouraged to register their weather station on the Wunderground weather website that collects weather data from more than 25,000 personal weather stations around the world. The data from each of these stations can then be viewed on the internet.

Data from the TSRA/AIMS stations can be viewed at <http://weather.aims.gov.au/#/overview>

The Wunderground weather site is at <https://www.wunderground.com/>



Tagai student Jack Solomon, from Ugar, with his school's new weather station. Image: Education Qld

Northern leaders to advise



THE Federal Government has established a body of Indigenous leaders to advise on its northern development agenda.

Northern Australia Minister Matt Canavan says the eight senior community figures will ensure the policy benefits Aboriginal businesses and supports innovation.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said a major proportion of northern Australia was Indigenous land, where more investment and jobs are needed.

"Indigenous Australians must have a seat at the table and have the opportunity to pursue development that they want on their land if we are to realise the potential of our north," Senator Scullion said.

Northern Territory appointee Dr Donna Odegaard said the group wanted to expand the capability of First Nations communities, with many having their own successes which others could learn from.

Western Australian appointee Peter Yu said he would embrace the challenge to investigate policies to drive critical growth in remote regions.

The group will attend the next ministerial forum on northern development to be held early this year.

Other Indigenous Reference Group members appointed by the government are Lawford Benning, Joe Morrison, Vonda Malone, Colin Saltmere, Fiona Jose and Nigel Brown.

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Elders enjoy Geraldton lunch



MORE than 100 Elders from across Western Australia's mid-west region

enjoyed a Christmas lunch courtesy of the Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (GRAMS).

GRAMS chair Sandy Davies and chief executive Deborah Woods said it was the organisation's way of recognising the important role Elders plays in the local community.

Entertainment included performances by *X Factor* contestant and local Yamatji man Zain Laudehr and country musician Eric Dalgety.

Nola Gregory also produced a heartfelt poem for the event.

And the Elders enjoyed 'pampering stations' where they received massages, manicures, hand care and haircuts. There was even a barber there for the men.

This year's event also included a scrapbooking station, where participants were able to make their own cards.



Elders tucking in at the Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service Christmas lunch.

After lunch, Santa Claus paid a surprise visit and handed out gifts.

Ms Woods said it was "truly special" to see so

many Elders enjoying themselves.

"The GRAMS Elders Christmas lunch is a day just for them – not the

children or the grandies," she said.

"They deserve this and more for everything they have done and continue

to do for our people.

"This is our way of giving back to them and saying thank you, we appreciate what you do."

ORIC has acting registrar



JOE Mastrolemba has been named as acting registrar of the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous

Corporations (ORIC).

The appointment, by Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, comes with the departure of Anthony Beven, who was registrar for 10 years.

The process of appointing a new registrar is set to start, with Senator Scullion committing to an Indigenous person in the role.

The minister said Mr Mastrolemba, the current deputy registrar, has the experience to be a strong advocate for Indigenous organisations.

He also paid tribute to Mr Beven. "Since Anthony was appointed to this position over a decade ago, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations have thrived, which has benefited communities nationwide," he said.

"The results speak for themselves. Of the largest 500 Indigenous corporations registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*, revenues have increased to nearly \$2 billion over the past decade – a 121% increase."

SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY INTO HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY



DRAFT FINAL REPORT CONSULTATION: REGIONAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITY FORUMS

The independent Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing of Onshore Unconventional Reservoirs in the Northern Territory is holding regional and remote community forums regarding its draft Final Report.

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Community forums will be held at the following locations commencing 29 January 2018:

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Borroloola	Humpty Doo	Nhulunbuy
Daly Waters	Jilkminggan	Tennant Creek
Darwin	Katherine	Yirrkala
Elliott	Maningrida	Yuendumu
Gapuwiyak	Mataranka	

Dates and venues to be confirmed on the Inquiry's website in the near future.

Individuals, organisations and stakeholders are welcome to attend.

Registration is not required.

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Survival Day will be busy



THERE'S plenty of ways to mark Survival Day this January 26 with events being organised around the country.

In Sydney, the Yabun festival at Camperdown features live music, market stalls, panel discussions and community forums, children's activities and cultural performances. The music line-up includes Troy Cassar-Daley, Joe Geia, Kardajala Kirridarra, Electric Fields, Baker Boy, Dobby, Johnny Nicol, Mi-Kaisha, Jarrod Hickling, Baraya and Sean Choolburra.

In Tasmania, the Change the Date Rally will mark Invasion Day, with a march from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre to Parliament House in Hobart. The march will be followed by the rally, ceremony, speeches and entertainment.

In Victoria, the Balit Narrun Festival will include performances from Dan Sultan, Archie Roach, Kaiit, Shauntai Batzke and Phillip Murray. Held at the Treasury Gardens in Melbourne, the festival program also features craft and food stalls and children's entertainment.

Also in Melbourne, Borthwick Park will be busy with music, stalls, children's activities and food for the Belgrave Survival Day event. This year's headline act is Gawurra Gaykamangu.

In Canberra, the day will be marked with a march from the Aboriginal Tent Embassy to Parliament House.

In Adelaide, Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute is hosting a day of music, dance, stalls and workshops at the Semaphore Foreshore.

In Queensland, the annual march from Parliament House, Brisbane, will go through the city to Musgrave Park, where there will be entertainment.

In Western Australia, the Birak Concert from 3pm at the Supreme Court Gardens in Perth will feature performances from Mary G, Pipeline, Yabu, Theona Councillor, David Pigram, Nyrie Kickett, the Reuben Brothers and Downsyde.

This year's Saltwater Freshwater Festival, usually held on the NSW Mid North Coast, will not run this year. Organisers say they are committed to holding it in 2019.



STOLEN WAGES CLASS ACTION
NOTICE TO GROUP MEMBERS



Hans Pearson v State of Queensland (Federal Court of Australia, Queensland Registry, QUD714 of 2016)

Mr Hans Pearson has brought a case in the Federal Court against the Queensland Government on behalf of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who weren't paid all their wages between 1939 and 1972. The Queensland Government is defending the case.

The case is called a "class action" because Mr Pearson is bringing the case for everyone like him who was not given all his or her pay.

Mr Pearson's lawyers are Bottoms English Lawyers ("BELAW"), and they are helping him run the case. A company called Litigation Lending Services Ltd ("LLS") is paying for the case to be brought.

What do you need to do to be part of the case?

- You are automatically part of this case if:
- (1) **You are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person;**
 - (2) **Between 1939 and 1972 you lived in a district or on a mission or reserve in Queensland and had a paid job at some time;**
 - (3) **Your pay was controlled by the Queensland Government or the head of the mission or reserve; and**
 - (4) **You believe you weren't given all your pay**
Or
 - (5) **You are representing a family member who qualifies and has since passed away.**



INFORMATION MEETING SCHEDULE

Town	2018 Date	Time	Location
Atherton	Tue 20 Mar	9am-4pm	Biddi Biddi Housing Association-Cafeteria Room (20 Jack Street, Atherton)
South Brisbane	Tues 20 Feb	9am-5pm	Jagera Community Hall (121 Cordelia Street, South Brisbane)
	Wed 21 Feb		
Bundaberg	Wed 24 Jan	10am-5pm	Coronation Hall (71 High Street, Walkervale)
Cairns	Wed 14 Feb	9am-4pm	Cairns & District Darts Association Inc (40-42 Macnamara Street, Manunda)
Cairns	Thur 22 Mar	9am-4am	Woree Community Centre (Cnr of Toogood Road & Jasper Street, Woree)
Charleville	Tues 12 Mar	9am-5pm	The Charleville Town Hall (47 Wills Street, Charleville)
Cunnamulla	Tues 13 Mar	9am-5pm	Shire Hall Complex, Supper Room (49 Stockyard Street, Cunnamulla)
	Wed 14 Mar	9am-12pm	
Dalby	Fri 02 Mar	9am-3pm	Myall Youth & Community Network Centre, Small Conference Room (Cnr of Warrego Highway & Nicholson Street, Dalby)
Eidsvold	Tue 23 Jan	10am-4pm	Eidsvold Council Community Hall (54 Moreton Street, Eidsvold)
Emerald	Wed 31 Jan	10am-4pm	Emerald Town Hall, Supper Room (33 Egerton Street, Emerald)
Gladstone	Thur 25 Jan	10am-4pm	Gladstone City Library, Meeting Room (39 Goondoon Street, Gladstone)
Gordonvale	Wed 21 Mar	9am-3pm	Gordonvale Community Hall (17-19 Cannon Street, Gordonvale)
Inala	Thur 22 Feb	9am-5pm	Old Inala Hall (Cnr of Albelia & Rosemary Streets, Inala)
Ipswich	Mon 26 Feb	9am-5pm	Ipswich Civic Centre, Lockyer Room (Cnr Limestone Street & Nicholas Street, Ipswich)
	Tues 27 Feb	9am-4pm	
Kowanyama	Tues 06 Feb	9am-5pm	Training Centre (Lot 41 Chapman Road, Kowanyama)
	Wed 07 Feb		
	Thur 08 Feb		

If you want to continue to be part of the case you don't need to do anything. (You will be part of the case unless you tell the Federal Court you don't want to be part of it).

If you want to find out more about the case, or give your own information to help the case you can:

- Come to an Information Meeting at the times and places shown with this advertisement:
- Ring BELAW on the **Stolen Wages Hotline - 07 4041 1641**
- Go to **www.stolenwages.com.au**

You don't have to pay anything upfront to be part of the case. You will only have to pay something if at the end of the case you (or the estate you represent) get money from it. The Federal Court has said that if the Queensland Government pays you money, you will need to pay LLS up to 20% of what you get, plus your share of what it costs to run the case. You (or the estate you represent) will get paid the rest.

Choosing to be part of the case means that you will be bound by the result whether it wins, loses or settles.

What do you need to do if you don't want to be part of the case?

If you don't want to be part of the case you need to fill out a form to tell the Federal Court you don't want to be part of the case. This is called "opting out" and the form you must fill out to not be part of this case is called an "Opt Out Notice."

Should you wish not to be part of this case, a copy of the Opt Out Notice can be obtained from www.stolenwages.com.au or by ringing BELAW on the Stolen Wages Hotline - 07 4041 1641 - or by writing to BELAW or visiting them at their office at 63 Mulgrave Road, Cairns, Queensland 4870, or attending an Information Meeting.

The opt out notice must be sent to the Federal Court by 4pm on 1 May 2018.

If you choose not to be part of the case, then you will have to bring your own case if you think you have a case against the Queensland Government. You should get your own legal advice about this.

Town	2018 Date	Time	Location
Lockhart River	Mon 05 Feb	9am-5pm	Puuya Centre (Piiramo Street, Lockhart River)
	Tues 06 Feb	9am-4pm	
Logan	Fri 23 Feb	9am-5pm	Logan Central Library, Room 2 (26 Wilbur Street, Logan Central)
Mackay	Mon 12 Feb	9am-5pm	Mackay & District Senior Citizens Association, Senior Citizens Hall (58 MacAlister Street, Mackay)
	Tues 13 Feb	9am-4pm	
Maryborough	Mon 22 Jan	12:30pm-5pm	Maryborough City Hall, Reception Room (388 Kent Street, Maryborough)
Morningside Island	Mon 22 Jan	12pm-5pm	Council Hall (1 Mission Road, Morningside Is.)
	Tues 23 Jan	9am-4pm	
Mount Isa	Mon 19 Mar	9am-5pm	Mt Isa Civic Centre, Studio room (23 West Street, Mount Isa)
	Tues 20 Mar		
Normanton	Mon 5 Mar	2pm-5pm	Normanton Shire Hall (29-33 Haig Street, Normanton)
	Tue 6 Mar	9am-5pm	
Pormpuraaw	Mon 29 Jan	9:30am-5pm	Council Hall (Rirranth Street, Pormpuraaw)
	Tues 30 Jan	9am-5am	
Rockhampton	Mon 29 Jan	9am-5pm	Schotia Place (201 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton)
	Tues 30 Jan	9am-3pm	
Roma	Thur 15 Mar	9am-5pm	Roma Cultural Centre, Ernest Brook Room (57 Bungil Street, Roma)
Strathpine	Mon 19 Feb	9am-5pm	Strathpine Community Centre, Tom Petrie Room (199 Gympie Road, Strathpine)
Toowoomba	Wed 28 Feb	9am-5pm	Toowoomba City Library, Multipurpose Room (Cnr of Victoria & Herries Street, Toowoomba)
	Thur 01 Mar	9am-4pm	
Townsville	Wed 14 Feb	9am-4pm	Garbutt Community Centre (15 Lonerganne Street, Garbutt)
	Thur 15 Feb		
Woorabinda	Thur 01 Feb	9am-4pm	HAAC Venue (Munns Drive, Woorabinda)
Yarrabah	Mon 12 Feb	9am-4pm	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Community Hall (56 Sawmill Road, Yarrabah)



Course participants and staff, from left, Caleb Munyarryun, Steven Mununggurr, CDU pro vice-chancellor VET Christine Robertson, Samuel Bidingal, Barbara Cram, Luis Espinoza, Arnie Kroezen and Mark Fudge. Image: Harry Hackett

Gulkula students graduate



TEN Charles Darwin University students are set to enter the workforce after becoming the first graduates of an innovative work-readiness program at the Gulkula Regional Training Centre in east Arnhem Land.

CDU Vocational Education and Training executive officer Barbara Cram was among 200 well-wishers who congratulated the students at a celebration near Nhulunbuy.

"We were delighted by their high levels of commitment and attendance, and their enthusiastic approach to work placements and employment," she said. "We were equally delighted to be

invited by Gumatj Corporation and the Yolngu community to be part of this exciting new program to build the region's future workforce of young Yolngu men and women."

CDU was the primary trainer in the program, developed by the Gumatj Corporation to attract, train and support jobseekers.

"Embedded"

"The program was quite different to other vocational education and training that has been delivered in the Northern Territory and interstate," Mrs Cram said. "Training was embedded in Yolngu culture, with participants living, studying and working in culturally significant

surroundings at the Gulkula Centre.

"We delivered a broad, flexible 17-week program that comprised theory with hands-on practical experience in the mining, construction, civil engineering, business and cookery sectors."

Students were enrolled in either the Certificate I in Hospitality/Cookery, the Certificate II in Construction Pathways, or the Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation.

"All graduates will now move into traineeships and jobs with employers such as the Gulkula Mining Company, Rio Tinto, Deltareef Gumatj and the NT Government," Mrs Cram said.

CDU will run the program twice more this year.

Time for best of country



THOUSANDS of people are expected to flood into Tamworth for the annual Country Music Festival, which starts on January 19.

Aboriginal star Troy Cassar-Daley will take to the stage in the north-western NSW city, but it's not just the big names who will get the chance to perform.

Once again the festival includes the Aboriginal Cultural Showcase, where up-and-coming Indigenous talents get their chance in the spotlight. It starts on January 23.

Local performer Goori Knox returns as MC for the four-day showcase.

Singer-songwriter Maddie Collier will make her debut on the showcase stage, while 13-year-old Millie Mills will have the opportunity to show her talent.

Indigenous rocker Scott Darlow is also on the program, while singer-songwriter Jacob Ridgeway is returning for another year.

Award-winning singer-songwriter Warren H Williams will also play at the festival, while Indigenoise will perform hip hop-infused beats.

Other artists on the line-up include Light it Up, Mark Atkins, YANAYA, Elizabeth Steadman, Kelsey Strasek-Barker, Westdale Gems and Isaiah Spearim.

The showcase is at the ABC stage on Peel Street in Tamworth.

For more information visit the Aboriginal Cultural Showcase Facebook page.

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They're a tech-savvy mob at Wujal Wujal



THE Cape York Indigenous community of Wujal Wujal has become the first township in Australia to launch a private

wireless network that gives residents unfettered access to a range of free telecommunication services even during severe weather events.

Queensland's smallest shire has established an emergency management wireless network, creating a 'hotspot' in the valley where the community is located, and enabling residents and visitors to communicate freely within the township.

"It's all about creating equity and accessibility for our mob," Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council chief executive Eileen Deemal-Hall said.

"The WiFi dome will allow us to have that autonomy."

The network, installed by South Australian-based infrastructure engineering company Factor UTB, was originally designed to enable the council and residents to communicate with local emergency services following power and telecommunication breakdowns, which periodically leave the community isolated.

But the council-managed private and secure network, funded under the State Government Works for Queensland infrastructure program, has brought a host of other benefits.

"Local phone calls within the community are now free, as is video-conferencing and the transfer of images and videos. Devices such as smart phones, tablets, and personal computers are all be supported by the network," Ms Deemal-Hall said.

"It will also allow our council assets to 'talk' with each other. And the network possesses battery back-up to ensure the service will remain uninterrupted, even if mains power is disrupted."

One of 17 discrete Indigenous communities in Queensland,



Community pride on display: This colourful mural graces the wall at the Wujal Wujal sports hall on Cape York in far north Queensland.



"We want to use technology to not only maintain our regulatory compliance requirements, but honour our cultural obligations."

– Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council chief executive Eileen Deemal-Hall

Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council services a population of about 680 and relies solely on grant funding.

But technology is now set to play a crucial role in bringing about sustainable development in the community, and connectivity to mainstream economies.

Last year, the council installed a water monitoring system capable of providing around-the-clock data on the health of the Bloomfield River, which empties into the Great Barrier Reef, and

also provides fish – an important food source for the community.

"We do daily water testing here," Ms Deemal-Hall said.

"We want to set the standards.

"Obligations"

"Water is the embodiment of our culture. We want to use technology to not only maintain our regulatory compliance requirements, but honour our cultural obligations."

The council has set up a high-tech weather station to

monitor changes to the climate in the region.

A new sewage treatment plant is also in the pipeline. It will adapt to fluctuating population numbers, withstand extreme weather events and maximise discharged water quality.

Capacity partners, including the Queensland Reconstruction Authority and the State Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, are all lending their expertise to assist with infrastructure projects and further Wujal Wujal's vision –

as is the council's designated State Government Ministerial Champion, Leeanne Enoch, the first Indigenous woman elected to Queensland Parliament.

"With the assistance of our capacity partners, we are looking at niching ourselves, so we can become a hub of learning for other councils in a range of strategic and innovative functions," Ms Deemal-Hall said.

"We also want to use our data to select construction materials that pose minimal risk to our environment, enable us to collaborate with research institutions, and open opportunities to market our findings to manufacturers involved in developing weather-resistant products for climates similar to ours."

Ms Deemal-Hall says technology also offers opportunities to make funding stretch further. The council is investigating equipping its workshop with 3D and even 4D printers capable of replicating maintenance parts onsite, thus avoiding high freight costs associated with manufacturer-produced replacements.

Ms Deemal-Hall acknowledges that technology can be intimidating.

"But definitely, from where we sit, we see technology as an opportunity where we can connect our mob," she said.

● Reef guardians on the job at Wujal Wujal – page 30



CLASSIC EASTWOOD



A Yarn With...



Trevor Wingard

Tackling Indigenous Smoking project officer
A Kurna/Baundig man living in Murray Bridge, South Australia.

Favourite bush tucker?
Berries.

Favourite other food?
Chicken.

Favourite drink?
Lemonade.

Favourite sport?
AFL football.

Favourite read?
Peter Lines' new book *South Australian Country Football Digest – Volume II*.

Favourite holiday destination?
Victor Harbor, South Australia.

What do you like in life?
Family is everything!

What don't you like?
Tuna.

Which black or Indigenous person would you most like to meet?
NBA basketballer Patrick Mills.

Who/what inspires you?
My Mum.

What is your ultimate goal?
Life balance.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation for your mob?
Positive role-modelling.

Quote



“They deserve this and more for everything they have done and continue to do for our people.”

– Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service chief executive Deborah Woods speaking at the organisation's Christmas lunch for Elders

● See page 16

Unquote

The only way to proper healing

THE Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse's final report leaves no doubt that Indigenous children in institutions were abused in the worst ways.

But there should not have been any doubt in the first place.

Indigenous families have known for generations what happened.

Brave Indigenous people from across Australia were among those who shared their stories and gave evidence about their experiences of abuse and suffering.

Three-quarters of the Aboriginal people who told of abuse said it occurred in out-of-home care. They were traumatised by the very people who were charged with looking after them.

The system failed them, and as we report in this edition, it continues to fail many more.

The royal commission's final report recommends the full implementation of the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle. Incorporated into legislation in 1983, the principle is designed to ensure Indigenous children are raised with a connection to family and culture.

Sadly, this has not always been the case – far from it.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait



OUR SAY

Islander people have been stressing the importance of culture to our children for decades, but the system continues to ignore its strength.

When will they accept that it's the best way forward?

Our children are still being removed from their families and their culture at alarmingly high rates.

They deserve so much better than that.

If anything is going to change, it has to start with the recognition that culture is intrinsic to keeping our children safe.

Only then can the healing truly begin.

ON a happier note, welcome back to another year.

We trust your Christmas and New Year were as happy and refreshing as ours.

Rest assured we'll continue to bring you all the news you need – just as we've done for the past 27 years.

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Paramedic Michelle Crilly.

Paramedic is ready to help

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ONCE Michelle Crilly embarked on becoming a paramedic there was no turning back. With her innate kindness – something that can't be taught at university – and determination, the 23-year-old knew it was the career for her.

But it wasn't all smooth sailing.

While studying for the Bachelor of Paramedicine degree, the softly spoken Yorta Yorta woman from Melbourne's northern suburbs lost her beloved grandfather, leading to depression and anxiety. In the end it took her five years, rather than three, to complete her degree.

"It was difficult. I really wanted to finish the degree; it didn't matter that I failed, I wanted to repeat it," Ms Crilly told the *Koori Mail*.

"I knew that it was the job for me throughout the five years, and nothing has ever stopped me from wanting to do this job.

"I think I have a very caring trait. I always look after people, and I love being able to go out and actually help people and care for them," she said.

"You can learn how to do a blood pressure check and you can learn how to do an IV at school, but you have to have kindness in your nature already. You can't learn those kind of things, from what I believe."

The day late last year that Ms Crilly passed the final exam of her degree, she had a small 'V' (the Roman numeral for five) tattooed to her right wrist in celebration of her achievement and determination. She originally wanted the image of an

ambulance, but it wouldn't fit on her wrist.

Ms Crilly is one of the first in her family to finish high school, let alone graduate from university, and one of only three Aboriginal paramedics to graduate in 2017.

On her other wrist are her grandfather's initials, and birth and death date.

Ms Crilly says her caring traits are something her community recognises in her. Her mother has insulin-dependant (type 1) diabetes which she helps her with. Her grandfather also had it.

She said her training has enabled her to understand her mother's condition better and help her with it a lot more.

For years Ms Crilly knew she wanted to be either a police officer, firefighter or paramedic, and it was later in high school that the medicine aspect inspired her to study paramedicine.

"I just wanted to help people," she says.

Inspired

Going on placement, and learning the ropes of the job, Ms Crilly was inspired and in awe of other paramedics and their care of patients. She says she can't wait to pull her uniform on and get out in the 'truck' and start helping her community.

She is currently in the process of applying for a graduate year position where she will work as a paramedic under the guidance of a clinical instructor.

"It makes you feel proud; you're part of something special," Ms Crilly said.

"It's an exciting job, it's a new challenge every day. Each day every patient is different and some days you get to help with a road accident and some days you get to help with a mental health patient.

"I love to be challenged, and this job really tests you, especially mentally.

"From what I've seen so far on placement, this job is not all about the blood and guts everyone sees. It's a lot about how you talk to people, one on one, and you have to have that trait."

As for the blood and guts, Ms Crilly said there is no time for freaking out, and training has her well prepared – "this person is potentially going to die, you're there, you're in charge, it's your responsibility."

She said the first thing for a paramedic to do was build a rapport with their patient and be kind to them, otherwise their management could be more difficult, and could cause anxiety and in turn affect their vital signs.

"That's the key to the job, that's the kind of thing you can't learn; you have to be able to speak to people in a certain manner, otherwise it's not going to work," Ms Crilly says.

"You won't be able to manage this person, they won't trust you to put an IV in their arm, they won't trust you to give a certain drug. It's all about building that trust and reassurance with them, and that's what they remember."

Ms Crilly said there is a constant demand for paramedics in Victoria. In November 2016, the Victorian Government announced a \$500 million funding injection into Ambulance Victoria, which included 450 new paramedic positions, and more than half of these have already been filled.

Ms Crilly also volunteers at Thornbury Primary School for the MALPA health leadership program, teaching Aboriginal students about first aid and healthy lifestyles.

She was also a 2017 Victorian Miss NAIDOC finalist.

New year's hopes and resolutions



Deidre Atkinson – Melbourne, Vic: I'm aiming to be healthier than I am, including staying well hydrated.



Brad Firebrace – Darwin, NT: I need to stop pretending I'm in a band (inside joke) and contribute to my group chat with my friends more.



Ronda Clarke – Derby, WA: I want to get the culturally appropriate MAPPA Tool up and running for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

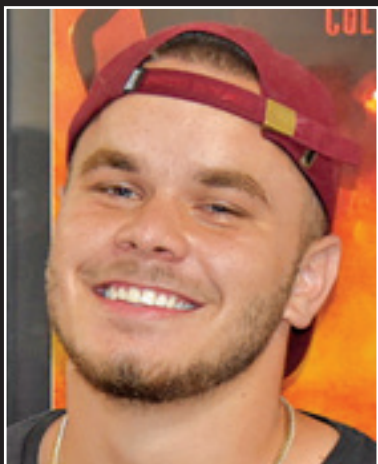


Gordon King – Charters Towers, Qld: I'm going to give up smoking and go to the gym to lose 5kg and tone up my body. I've smoked since I was aged 17.

New year's hopes and resolutions



Beverly Maymur – Yirrkala, NT: I'm looking forward to another print-making exhibition and taking my grandmother Nonggirrga Mununggurr to it.



Tasman Keith – Bowraville, NSW: I want to make more music, and eat more Devon and less chocolate.



Taumanu Voliamu – Townsville, Qld: I want to find a suitable job to set myself up for the future. I've finished Grade 10 but if I can't get a job I'll go back to school and do Grade 12."



Izak Rankine – Mile End, SA: I am going to be a better role model to kids and my family.

Harley's goal is Miss Gay crown

By KEIRA JENKINS



PERFORMER and linguist Harley Dunolly-Lee hopes to make history this month by taking out the top award at the Miss Gay & Miss Transsexual Australia international contest. The Dja Dja Wurrung man, who goes by Ana Diction on stage, will be vying for the Miss Gay Australia crown in Melbourne on January 27.

Mr Dunolly-Lee told the *Koori Mail* it was his partner who inspired him to compete in the pageant.

"I've been doing drag for a little while now but when I first started out my partner said I should compete," he said.

"I thought I needed more experience back then. It took a while for me to discover my persona and work out who I wanted to be on stage.

"I took up cabaret and bellydancing, and then started on burlesque and brought that into my drag. I decided that I'm ready to compete this year."

Mr Dunolly-Lee is the second Aboriginal contestant to compete for the title after Sydney's Krista Herrington took out First Runner Up and Best Mardi Gras Costume in 2015.

For Mr Dunolly-Lee, drag is a way of not just expressing himself, but also giving back to his community.

"It's something that I want to do for myself," he said. "I'm trying to represent something new and different and also advocating for Aboriginal women.

"Awareness"

"I'll be promoting awareness of violence against Aboriginal women because growing up gay and in a small town some of the only people who stood up for me were Aboriginal women.

"Aboriginal women are resilient and this is my way of saying thank you. My message is to always look after mob no matter what. No matter if they're straight, gay, trans – look after each other."

Another of Mr Dunolly-Lee's passions is language, and the 27-year-old has been working on preserving the Dja Dja Wurrung language since he was a teenager.

"I said to my mum 'Do you know any language?' and she knew a little and taught me what she knew," he said.

"I then asked my grandmother, but she didn't know a lot either. She told me my grandfather, who passed away when I was a kid, knew a lot of language and used to speak it all the time.

"I tried getting hold of local Elders but it got to a point where no-one could tell me any more. I started doing my own research.

"I had this book of Dja Dja Wurrung words, but it only had about 700 words in it. I started by learning the words in the book but thought we needed a real dictionary.

"I knew I'd have to do linguistics, and I was accepted to study at Monash University, and I've been working on language since."

Mr Dunolly-Lee said that growing up he had restrictions on finding out more about his language and culture, and he wants to lift some of those for other people.

"I don't want anyone to have the same restrictions and give up; I don't want people to feel like that," he said.

"I've felt like giving up but I pushed through and I had people to help push me through."



Harley Dunolly-Lee as Ana Diction: "I'll be promoting awareness of violence against Aboriginal women because growing up gay and in a small town some of the only people who stood up for me were Aboriginal women."





Blunt warning on the dangers of ice

I WRITE with a blunt warning. Tragically, the drug crystal methamphetamine or ice (pictured) is having a shocking impact on many suburbs and areas of Australia.

It is true to say that in many parts of Australia, crystal meth/ice is now cheaper to buy than even a takeaway pizza. It is very disturbing.

I write to warn readers of this most dangerous drug and to highlight to readers that it is never worth dabbling with a drug like ice. It is so dangerous and so addictive.

Ice is tearing a massive number of families apart. This sadly includes damage to a massive number of Indigenous communities. In some communities, grandparents, parents and children are all using crystal meth.

There is a very big misconception in the community that alcohol is the big issue for Indigenous Australians. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Close to 100% of our clients have been



impacted by ice, and shock TV ads seem to be having no impact.

You can buy ice in many parts of the country for as little as \$5.

We want to see governments everywhere developing rapid-response teams to deal with a problem that has frankly got out of hand.

People aren't getting the help they need at the speed that is necessary.

The answers lie in the development of rapid-response teams.

The under-reporting of ice use is at a huge level. This problem is much bigger than people realise.

People are being touched by ice everywhere. Young people are so vulnerable.

One of the biggest issues is that crystal meth is so potent. It does not take much for people to become addicted.

People end up feeling like they are bulletproof and invincible. This is just one of the dangers of this drug.

We are asking governments everywhere to take action because of the scale of the problem.

I would also like to highlight that people can get more information about my organisation by visiting www.adac.org.au

Scott Wilson
Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council
of South Australia

Wake-up call needed over national anthem

I WONDER which silly Indigenous people decided to think to incorporate Aboriginal-themed music into the national anthem. They really need a wake-up call.

If you watched the recent Rugby League World Cup on TV you know what I'm talking about. It was sickening and disrespectful to hear Aboriginal-themed music playing over the national anthem.

Seriously, how can some Aboriginal people think that the national anthem is somehow relevant to us Aboriginal people?

The Australian anthem is a pro-white song meant for white Australian people.

These 'cupboard Aboriginals' who have been living under a stone for the past 40 years blindfolded in this country need to open their eyes properly to the big picture and issues happening in our country.

As for our Indigenous rugby league players, as much as we love them and barrack for them, why ain't they taking a stand and protesting against this pro-white anthem as (American footballer) Colin Kapernick did in the United

States towards that country's anthem?

It makes you wonder if they have any guts to stand up for their people or even stand up against government and take them on verbally.

None of this is happening because I guess they all have to toe the line with their sponsors, sports club and government organisations who endorse them and pay them to silence them against the real issues happening in this country.

It seems that Aboriginal

celebrities/sportspeople are gutless and have no real backbone when it comes to fighting for the people's proper rights or highlighting an issue. They've gotta act in a particular way by their masters/bosses or they're sacked.

The evil, almighty dollar that they yearn for drops them down to this behaviour, and it is a total shame they can't even speak up or take a stand for us in a deadly way like they should be.

Brad Higgins
Yarrabah, Qld

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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POETRY

Tribes of the Earth

My Brothers and Sisters who are before my eyes, let me tell you a story which holds no lies,
Many suns and moons ago,
there was a race of beings who had nowhere to go.

The world from whence they came was destroyed, through dividing their people in a game they enjoyed.
Domination their game, and war was their theme, and take control of the masses or so it would seem.

Pinning one against the other they said
"Here's what we'll do,"
"First we'll take their lands, then their resources too."
"We'll establish a Government and make slaves out of them, those who refuse we'll keep locked in the pen.

"And those who are sick, disabled or old, we'll issue them chemicals, imagine much will be sold
"They are after all just cattle and thus, never show them the fences and they'll obey us,
"Break them down, make them rely and depend, on our new Government who's secretly their foe and by no means is a friend."

"Divide the masses," they did say,
"One by one we'll lead them astray.
"We'll poison their waters and the foods they eat, we'll even offer them vinegar cider to drink.
"Tell them it's healthy and that all is good, then watch them become fat and slow as all cattle should.
"Turn them against one another you see, then they'll soon seek assistance from you and from me."

Almost dividing the world and claiming it as theirs,
To deprive the originals of their sovereignty and lands,
To take away ancient culture and their tongue,
This was just the beginning, for they thought they had won.

The frequency of their planet began to shift, and with it came wisdom and intelligence so swift.
The beings from the planet began reading their minds,
Travelling backwards and forward throughout space and time.
They communicated again across distant lands,
And would warn each other as to what was happening there.

We were called the clay made from water and earth,
And with a mixture of stardust,
Mother Earth gave birth.
The phoenix people they have also called us, because in darkness we dwelled alone and afraid
Until one day the Guardians of Light heard us.

From their places they flew and swam, to meet these people in the promised land.
The land of the south is where they came, like animals mass migrate, they too did the same.

Back to the place from whence they were born, and realised there was important messages for all.
From all over the world these people did come, for many of cycles they had been lost like a child who just needed their mum.

Deborah-May (Nyalla) Torrens
Daughter and Messenger
of Great Spirit



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Members are advised that the AGM (2017) has been set down for Wednesday 31 January, 2018.

LOCATION: Coffs Harbour Surf Life Saving Club,
24 Surf Club Rd, Coffs Harbour.

DATE: 31ST January, 2018

TIME: 10.30 AM

AGENDA

- 1) Open & Apologies
- 2) Welcome to Country
- 3) Receipt of Audited Financial
- 4) Appointment of Auditor for 2017/18 Financial Year
- 5) Change to the Many Rivers Rule Book
- 6) Election of Board of Directors
- 7) General Report
- 8) General Business
- 9) CLOSE

A Meeting of the new Board will be held at the conclusion of the AGM.

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Regional Forest Agreements for the Eden, North East and Southern Regions of New South Wales

Invitation to provide a submission on the review of the NSW Regional Forest Agreements

A report on progress with implementation of the New South Wales Regional Forest Agreements - Second and third five-yearly reviews July 2004 to June 2014

The Australian and New South Wales governments have prepared a report on the implementation of the three NSW Regional Forest Agreements between 2004 and 2014.

The Implementation Report considers the performance of the NSW Regional Forest Agreements during Period 2 (2004 to 2009) and Period 3 (2009 to 2014) which provides an assessment of progress against the milestones, commitments and obligations.

Submissions are invited on the review of the NSW Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs).

Making a submission

The Implementation Report and information on making a submission is available online at: www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/native-forestry/about-public-native-forestry/regional-forest-agreements-assessments/review-regional-forest-agreements or by phone at 131 555 or (02) 9995 5555 (for outside NSW).

Submissions close 5 PM on Friday 23 February 2018 and may be sent:

online at: www.epa.nsw.gov.au

by email to: forestry.policy@epa.nsw.gov.au

by mail to: NSW Regional Forest Agreements, Forestry Branch,
NSW Environment Protection Authority,
PO Box A290, Sydney South NSW 1232

If you are making an email or mail submission please ensure that a cover sheet is included with your submission. This can be downloaded from the EPA website.

NOTE: The NSW and Australian governments are also, in a separate process, inviting interested stakeholders to have their say on the future of Regional Forest Agreements in NSW. Further information can be found at www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/have-your-say

Opinion

A lifeline for those of us feeling pain

I WANTED to write this first article of the year by reaching out to those who have struggled through the Christmas/New Year break, a time of the year which for many is the most painful. I hope this article reaches you and you know that someone is thinking of you and someone cares for you.

Personally I have been ringing Lifeline now for close to four decades, having started when I was only 12 years old. I still call Lifeline around Christmas – but for very different reasons than before.

It's really important when suffering from depression that you find someone to talk to, and for me this became Lifeline when I couldn't turn to anyone else.

Christmas, though a time of celebration for many, can also become a trigger in confronting problems in our relationships, worrying about money and feeling alone when surrounded by so many images of happiness.

It's important to know you are not alone.

I wanted to share my experience in the hope that by telling my story it might help you or someone you love.

Back in 2015, the Human Rights Commission released its Children's Rights Report revealing that at least four or five kids in Australian classrooms have either witnessed or experienced violence as direct victims.

It's not something we usually link with Christmas.

But the immediate feelings of despair people may be feeling in the present are not always associated to what's happening today, which is why Christmas becomes a trigger due to past trauma and anxiety.

I can still remember the first time I was able to go to my local shops and sing out to everyone with a happy smile 'Merry Christmas' and complete strangers would smile and answer back. It was an awesome feeling.

But this was less than five years ago. Such was my own personal journey.

What it taught me was the benefit in making a conscious change in my own positivity and how seeing life through different eyes can make change.

But it takes work. I know from experience that you don't



Woolombi Waters

just 'get over' childhood abuse once you're an adult.

Experiencing domestic violence as a child or adolescent has been identified as a significant risk factor in developing poor mental health and disorders later in life.

If I could go back, I would tell the 12-year-old me: "You will learn to live with this, you will even learn how to forgive and, yes, in time you will even be happy. You will eventually manage the hold it has over you... and you will learn to breathe again, to trust people and even to love and be loved."

Over time and with help and therapy I have learned how to manage my pain.

Please don't be afraid or too shame to seek counselling. Counselling has helped me to understand what I was going through and has also helped in finding strategies to cope, which have changed my life significantly.

That one word – shame – held back so many of my generation. As blackfellas we were 'too shame'.

I believe much of this was due to trauma, passed down through generations, having to bear unspeakable crimes carried by families who never received the support required to put an end to that pain.

I have now learned not to let shame define my life the way it once did.

And we need to help not only our children but also adults – this is a community and family problem and we are in this together.

In my case, prayer and

taking responsibility has changed my life.

In having come out of the Christmas period, I say without shame that I believe in Jesus Christ as the son of Budjaar (God and creation) and see no conflict within my own Burruguu-ngayi-li or Dreaming.

I have so for years and it is here within my faith that I was able to begin a road back to normality, or as normal as one can be having suffered severe trauma as a child.

In prayer I began to read the scriptures and in reading I learnt that I was responsible, not for my pain, but in allowing it to overcome me rather than choosing other options which would guide me out of the darkness.

I am not talking about a hard-line punitive 'need to take responsibility', the way that Aboriginal reform is usually sold by government and in the media.

I mean a caring "Are you okay my sista, my brotha and what can I do to help you?"

It is so important as blackfellas that when we find solutions we share them with our mob.

What is most important is realising that you are not alone. Every 50 seconds, somewhere in Australia, someone is making a call to Lifeline.

This past festive season, Lifeline received close to 30,000 calls for help.

When I began calling Lifeline I would get through almost immediately, but now I will often have to wait for 45 minutes to an hour. With more support from individuals and government, they could answer even more calls sooner.

In wanting to give back, I tell the person counselling me on the line that while it was not them personally who saved my life, it was in calling Lifeline as a child that I developed resilience and strategies that allowed me to cope.

I tell them that over the years they have become one of my closest and dearest friends, explaining that they know my deepest secrets, greatest joys and helped me overcome the trauma of my childhood.

And that after all these years I am still calling – but now wanting to simply say thank you and leaving the pain of my past behind me.

● Dr Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail columnist.

Getting down to business

RECENTLY I began hosting a new Sky News program, *Mundine Means Business*, featuring Indigenous-owned businesses from across Australia.

Business isn't something Australians associate with Indigenous people. It's usually disadvantage, welfare, remote communities with 'no jobs' and disparity.

The disparity is real and exists for one reason: too many Indigenous people don't participate in the real economy. Lack of economic participation underpins all Indigenous disadvantage.

For most people, economic participation means a job. But setting up new businesses is also critical, particularly in remote and regional Australia, where Indigenous people live in disproportionate numbers.

There've always been Indigenous business owners. But we've seen a lift in new business creation in recent years, driven by initiatives like procurement parity.

Many who watched the show were surprised to know there are Indigenous people succeeding in business. Many Indigenous people contacted me to tell me about enterprises they know of that want to be on the show.

And – like clockwork – the leftist keyboard warriors were out complaining that business is evil;

that the show is about making Indigenous people assimilate, become 'white' or 'urbanised'.

What a load of rubbish.

Indigenous Australians have always done business. Even before colonisation, First Nations people traded with each other; some even with south-east Asia. They forged trade routes and used land and sea as an economic resource.

These activities looked a lot different to business today, but were based on the same principle we see in every community, time and location. Using the resources around you to support your family, sustain your community, and be self-sufficient.

After colonisation we did business battling colonists and governments who tried to stop us through land dispossession and segregation laws which restricted our economic participation.

Since the 1970s, the battle has been with sit-down money.

The idea white people have some monopoly on business and black people who engage in commerce are assimilating is a poisonous lie.

It's amusing that those who peddle this lie reject capitalism as 'Western' but embrace socialist economics and cultural Marxism, which are also products of Western thought. Tweeting about the evils of capitalism on your smartphone from



Nyunggai Warren Mundine

an inner city café is an utterly Western thing to do.

People who say business means assimilation perpetuate the myth of the noble savage – that Indigenous Australians have a natural state, uncorrupted by civilisation, where innate human goodness has been preserved. Shaming Indigenous people by saying business means

rejecting culture is racial bullying.

Business isn't about abandoning culture. It's about expanding our cultures. Embracing new things and making them our own.

Years ago I met Jean-Marie Tjibaou, a leader of the Kanak independence movement in New Caledonia who told me something I've never forgotten. He said indigenous peoples aren't museum pieces to be frozen in a pre-colonial way of life. He wanted his people to embrace the modern world and adapt to new ways. Far from being a threat to their culture, this was essential to its survival.

He wrote, "We are not survivors of prehistory ... but men of flesh and blood."

Great Indigenous leaders have known this. In 1938, Aboriginal leaders Jack Patten and Bill Ferguson petitioned the government for full citizens' rights. They said "We do not wish to be ... 'preserved', like the koala bears, as exhibits... We ask you to teach our people to live in the modern age, as modern citizens ... Give our children the same chances as your own, and they will do as well as your children!"

The first *Mundine Means Business* episode featured a report from north-east Arnhem Land where the Gumatj clan have opened the first Aboriginal-owned bauxite mine. You won't find a group more

steeped in traditional culture. And clan leader Galarwuy Yunupingu is proud they're engaged in business.

In the 1800s, Japan's Emperor Meiji actively embraced modernity, adopting the best the world had to offer. Not so as to be subsumed by the West but the opposite – to make Japan independent and the equal of any world power. The Meiji Restoration saw Japan emulate and often surpass the rest of the world in virtually all aspects of life, while maintaining a unique culture.

After my show, particular scorn was directed at Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion who said in an interview that Indigenous business has a great brand. Detractors said he was cheapening Indigenous people; treating us like a commodity. That's also rubbish.

Brand signifies reputation. Think about the brands of nations and regions across the world. Italy. France. Japan. Good things come to mind when we think of them. We want what they offer.

Indigenous business should aspire to the same – so that the first things that come to mind when people think of Indigenous people aren't poverty and disadvantage, but quality, success and prosperity.

● Warren Mundine is host of *Mundine Means Business*, Sundays at 8pm on Sky News Live. The program returns in late January.



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New year's resolutions



Chantelle McGuiness – Melbourne, Vic: I want to save money for a family holiday to America in 2020 and finish my course in financial counselling.



Brendon Barlow – Darwin, NT: I want to show more love and respect to my family and friends, to let them know I'm there for them and always will be. I want to be better at my job, be a better person – and lose some more weight.



Kim Kite – Salisbury, SA: I'm going to try to be a better person and look after the kids well.

Ugar lands vital projects



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA), with the Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC), has approved

more than \$1 million for safe transport infrastructure projects on Ugar (Stephen Island).

Funding has been committed to the key infrastructure projects, which include subsidised air transport.

TSRA chairperson Napau Pedro Stephen said the authority is continuing to work with the council on opportunities for more cost-effective, safe transport options to the Ugar community.

"Ugar Island is a volcanic atoll and the only air transport that is possible is by helicopter," he said. "The island is also surrounded by reef, therefore causing difficulty accessing the land during low tide."

The TSRA Safe Communities Program worked with TSIRC to identify the best transport options available under the conditions of the funding.

Since 2013, two successive TSRA boards have allocated a total of \$3 million to address the



Ugar (Stephen) Island in the eastern section of the Torres Strait.

lack of all-tide transport access for the island's residents.

TSIRC mayor Fred Gela said Ugar has had major access issues for many years.

"With no local airstrip and

without an all-tide access marine facility, my people have been greatly restricted and, at times, island-bound," he said.

"Our elderly and frail are the ones who suffer the most.

"TSIRC provides a helicopter subsidy scheme during the festive season to assist families who are unable to move freely, simply because of affordability and rough weather."

Tributes flow for a true trailblazer



TRIBUTES have been paid to Denis Walker, who passed away at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy on December 4.

Mr Walker, a trailblazer in the Aboriginal movement, was a Noonuccal man from Minjerribah (Stradbroke Island) in southern Queensland. He was instrumental in establishing a number of services for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

He co-founded the Brisbane chapter of the Australian Black Panther Party in 1972. His time in the party helped ensure those services were set up for Indigenous people.

His work also resulted in bodies such as the National Aboriginal Health Organisation and the Aboriginal Legal Services.

Many activists looked up to Mr Walker, who has been described as a revolutionary and ahead of his time.

Sovereignty

Mr Walker spent his final years fighting for sovereignty and treaty at the Tent Embassy in Canberra. He also set up one of the first tent embassies in Brisbane in 1969.

His son Raymond read the eulogy at the Canberra Tent Embassy, where about 100 people gathered to farewell the activist.

"He will be remembered not only as a father, grandfather and great-grandfather, but an advocate, leader and a warrior for our people in his mission for peace, prosperity and healing," Raymond said.

"May his spirit rest in the Dreamtime."

Health pioneer Les Collins said Mr Walker was a modern-day Pemulwuy or Windradyne.

"He was a fighter and a visionary, and as far as I know to my knowledge he never took a day off from fighting for our rights," he said.

"If we all learn of his contribution and as long as he is in our minds, he'll always be here."

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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.

Hadley Park, Castlereagh

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 5 March 2018. Enquiries to Emma Dortins on (02) 9585 6465 or emma.dortins@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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Argyle House, 85 Lower Fort Street, Millers Point

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 13 February 2018. Enquiries to Mary Ann Hamilton on (02) 9873 8565 or Maryann.hamilton@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Shipwrights Inn (former), 75 Windmill Street Millers Point

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 13 February 2018. Enquiries to Mary Ann Hamilton on (02) 9873 8565 or Maryann.hamilton@environment.nsw.gov.au

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Notice of Action – Cape Preston Project Deed (WGTO Compensation)

- 1 CITIC Pacific Mining Management Pty Ltd, Sino Iron Pty Ltd and Pastoral Management Pty Ltd (CITIC Parties) are parties to the Cape Preston Project Deed (WGTO Compensation)(Deed). The Deed includes provisions for the payments of compensation to the WGTO (Wong-Goo-Tt-oo) People as a 'Native Title Party'.
- 2 Native Title Tribunal Claim WC98/40 by the WGTO People was dismissed on 23 October 2009, and the WGTO People were removed from the register maintained at the National Native Title Tribunal on 27 October 2009.
- 3 In proceeding CIV 1260 of 2015 in the Supreme Court of Western Australia (Proceeding), the CITIC Parties are seeking determination of whether the Deed remains enforceable in light of the deregistration of the WGTO People as a native title group. A copy of the CITIC Parties' Defence and Counterclaim in the Supreme Court Proceeding is available on request from Thaluntha Pty Ltd.
- 4 Wilfred Hicks, Peter Jeffries and Peter Hicks have each been appointed as representatives of any 'Native Title Party' under the Deed for the purposes of the Proceeding.
- 5 As at the date of this notice, Peter Jeffries has not participated in the Proceeding and Peter Hicks is not presently participating in the Proceeding. That is, neither of Peter Jeffries nor Peter Hicks is presently representing people that have an interest as a 'Native Title Party' under the Deed.
- 6 If you have an interest as a 'Native Title Party' under the Deed, you are entitled to seek to be heard in the Proceeding or to be made a party to the Proceeding on application to the Court. If you seek to appear in the Proceeding, and are unsuccessful, you may be liable for costs.



The fantastic Baker Boy lets rip during the Indigenous Hip Hop Projects performance.

Heritage trust's Xmas with a 'K'

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Koorie Heritage Trust celebrated Christmas with a 'K' at its third annual Koorie Krismas at Federation Square in Melbourne.

The free day-long event with an array of Indigenous-themed crafts, activities and performances attracted a large crowd.

Musician James Henry opened the day with 'Koorie Klassics', including covers of hits such as Coloured Stone's *Black Boy* and No Fixed Address's *We Have Survived*.

Indigenous Hip Hop Projects, fronted by Baker Boy, turned Federation Square into a jiving dance floor with a performance full of somersaults, back flips and breakdancing, and an audience-inclusive dance-off and conga line.

The crowd was well pumped for the much-anticipated arrival of Koorie Klaus, aka Black Santa, with children and adults lined up to get a moment and a photo with the bearded fella, dressed in red, yellow and black.

Gunditjmara-Belgian musician Corey Theatre finished off the afternoon with an array of mellow tunes.



Wolithiga (Yorta Yorta) woman from Melbourne Bernadette Atkinson ran a lemon myrtle ball making workshop. She's pictured with Dale Capes, Thomas Brown and Bryce Rankin from East Gippsland.



Norbet Willams and his daughter Hineana clap along to the entertainment.



Jasmine Beckett helps her daughter Tigerliley, 2, see Koorie Klaus.



Taungurung women Kate Tenbuuren, from Yarn Strong Sista Consultancy, and her aunt Bernadette Franklin at their bush bouquet workshop.

Double celebration for employment strategy



Staff and guests at the AES celebration.



THE Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) has celebrated the achievements of its latest group of young Indigenous trainees at its 2017 graduation ceremony.

It was a double celebration for the AES – Australia's largest Aboriginal recruitment and group training agency – which also marked its 20th year of business.

"Our 2017 graduates represent everything the AES stands for – Aboriginal people achieving secure and fulfilling employment, building self-confidence, harnessing the power of cultural identity, and enhancing the well-being of their families and their entire community," chief executive Kristy Masella said.

"These graduates are exceptional role models who are rewriting the narratives in our communities to one of strength, resilience, excellence and innovation."

The 2017 graduation ceremony, held in Sydney, featured a welcome performance by the Muggera Dancers, a speech by

"These graduates are exceptional role models who are rewriting the narratives in our communities to one of strength, resilience, excellence and innovation."

television personality Ray Martin, an address from graduating trainee Janaya Lamb, video, and a performance by Indigenous singer-songwriter Mi-kaisha.

Awards were also given to recognise the achievements of several trainees and key participants in the program.

A total of 65 graduates in all completed the 2017 AES trainee program.

AES works with many of the big banks, as well as corporate and community partners such as Scentre Group (Westfield), councils, Lendlease, IHG, the NSW Government and local Aboriginal organisations in delivering traineeships.

Since its establishment in 1997, the AES has brokered more than 20,000 employment opportunities and 2500 traineeships and apprenticeships for Indigenous people nationally. The AES now operates 13 offices.

The AES says it has more than 95 new traineeship opportunities available this year.

For more information, visit www.aes.org.au

Smoking rates above average



THE smoking rate of NSW Aboriginal people has dropped from about 43% in 2008 to 40% in 2016. But that remains well above the state average.

The figures were revealed in the latest NSW Government snapshot of smoking in the state. It showed that nine out of 10 NSW households are now smoke free.

In 1997 almost 25% of NSW adults smoked but that dropped to 15% by 2016.

Porter urged to restore service



NEW Federal Attorney General Christian Porter is being urged to restore the Tasmanian Aboriginal legal aid scheme to Tasmania from Victoria.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre spokesman Michael Mansell said former Attorney General George Brandis had approved a Victorian takeover of the Tasmanian Aboriginal service, and more recently a Darwin takeover of the Alice Springs-based service.

He said the move from Tasmania to Victoria had been disastrous, resulting in confusion and higher rates of imprisonment for Indigenous people. Many were expecting similar problems in the NT.

Heritage funds on offer in west



FUNDING applications for preserving heritage under Western Australia's Aboriginal Sites Grants Program are now open.

Aboriginal not-for-profit organisations from across WA are invited to apply for a share of \$250,000 in grants to support the protection, preservation and promotion of Aboriginal sites.

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

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

Stewart leads Vic federation



MARCUS Stewart, a Taungurung traditional owner from central Victoria, has become the first chief executive of the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations.

The federation is Victoria's peak body for traditional owner corporations and Mr Stewart will lead the implementation of a strategic plan and drive economic, political and country programs.

Mr Stewart was previously deputy chair of the federation and chief executive of the Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation.

Federation chair Janine Coombs said Mr Stewart is well-known and respected in the Victorian Aboriginal community, and the board has every confidence he will expand the federation and position it as a "leader in the political, economic and cultural landscape".

Margaret River to host festival



THE annual Act-Belong-Commit Undalup Birak Festival is on this Saturday, January 13, at Margaret River in Western Australia. Hosted by the Undalup Association, the free event is a celebration of the

Aboriginal culture of the south-west of WA during the Noongar season of Birak.

Sad picture on homelessness



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people are grossly overrepresented in new national homelessness figures. The Australian Institute of Health and

Welfare's Report on Specialist Homelessness Services 2016-17 paints a grim picture.

It found that while Indigenous people make up just 3.3% of the Australian population, they constituted 25% of the clients accessing specialist homelessness services in 2016-17.

And it indicates that Close the Gap targets are doing little to address the problem.

The report found more Australians

are accessing homelessness services, and that in 2016-17, more than 288,000 clients were assisted by specialist homelessness services agencies, a 3% rise in the past year.

Key findings of the report were:

- Indigenous client numbers increased by 5% since 2015-16 to about 64,650 in 2016-17, and grew at a faster rate than the general population (3% increase).

- There were more returning Indigenous clients (58%) than new Indigenous clients in 2016-17, meaning over half the Indigenous clients in 2016-17 had received assistance at some time in the previous five years.

- The duration of Indigenous client support continues to increase, up from 44

to 46 days in 2016-17, and remains notably longer than that of non-Indigenous clients (39 days in 2016-17).

- The proportion of Indigenous clients receiving accommodation services decreased to 42%, down from 44% in 2015-16, but the median length of accommodation increased slightly (20 nights, up from 19 nights) but remains significantly shorter than non-Indigenous clients (41 nights).

- An estimated 3000 (or 6%) more Indigenous clients ended support in public or community housing and fewer Indigenous clients were in short-term or emergency accommodation following assistance from housing agencies in 2016-17.

More Reef Guardians on job



WUJAL Wujal is the latest Queensland local government area to formally express support for the Great Barrier Reef. Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council, between the Cook and Douglas shires on Cape York, has joined 17 other local governments in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's (GBRMPA) Reef Guardian Council program.

GBRMPA chair Russell Reichelt welcomed the council's commitment.

"The Wujal Wujal community is doing excellent work in water quality monitoring and upgrading its water treatment plant along with reef-related community engagement activities," he said.

"We recognise that building the reef's resilience requires a coordinated effort from industries, communities and all levels of government, and working with local councils is key to encouraging and facilitating region-specific engagement for reef stewardship."

Wujal Wujal mayor Desmond Tayley and staff showcased their land-to-sea initiatives at a recent meeting attended by local government representatives.

"Everyone made us feel welcome at the meeting and I think there is a lot we can



Wujal Wujal Council director of works and services Victor Mills at the Bloomfield River Falls, a sacred site for the Kuku Yalanji traditional owners.

learn from each other," Mr Tayley said.

"Our culture aligns well with the Reef Guardian philosophy of hands-on community action to help the

Great Barrier Reef. We want to do everything we can to help preserve the reef for future generations."

The first step for the Wujal Wujal Council will be

developing a 12-month action plan to identify activities already undertaken and new activities to promote and protect the reef.

With the assistance of

GBRMPA staff, the council will consider land, water and waste management, community education, and climate change as key focus areas.

Millions for kids' health



THE Federal Government has pledged more than \$12 million for nine Northern Territory medical research projects which target Aboriginal children's health.

The government said the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) funding would be for researchers at Darwin's Menzies School of Medical Research.

Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt says the research will inform government policy to help save children in the Territory.

"From diet improvement to vitamin supplements and antibiotics, this broad range of critical work will continue to increase our clinical knowledge," he said.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion says the funding focuses on chronic diseases to help close the gap on Aboriginal life expectancy.

He said it will support Menzies to undertake a trial of maternal

immunisation to prevent pneumonia in infants.

Menzies will also continue the nation's longest group study of Aboriginal health, which examines almost 700 children to identify disease risk factors.

Darwin mother Dianne Walker entered her newborn daughter Rekeesha into the study 29 years ago to track her development, and is happy the project is getting more funding.

"We hope it can improve the health of Aboriginal babies," she said.

Menzies director Alan Cass said the money will allow experts to tackle childhood health issues that can fundamentally change the lives of Aboriginal Australians.

Prof Cass said there's much work to be done on this in remote communities, stressing recurrent ear infection has profound effects on a child's language development, which worsens school outcomes and job prospects and can lead to antisocial and criminal behaviour.

"We aim to make the maximal

difference," Prof Cass said.

The grants are for:

- preventing early-onset pneumonia in Indigenous infants through maternal immunisation;
- vitamin D supplementation trial to prevent respiratory infections;
- early life and contemporary influences on body composition, mental health, and chronic disease risk markers;
- antibiotics study to reduce hospitalisations in children with respiratory tract infections;
- reducing retail merchandising of junk food and beverages in remote Indigenous community stores;
- diabetes and cardiovascular risk among Indigenous women after pregnancy complicated by hyperglycaemia;
- a study of community-acquired pneumonia in children and adults in tropical Australia;
- vaccine and antibiotic selective pressures on the microbiology of otitis media in northern Australia; and
- an equipment grant. — AAP

KLC welcomes title decision



THE Kimberley Land Council has welcomed a Federal Court ruling upholding the appeal by Mount Jowlaenga traditional owners

against mineral sands company Sheffield Resources Ltd and the West Australian Government.

The appeal centred on the application of the good faith obligation in relation to negotiations under the *Native Title Act*.

Sheffield Resources' submission that it was no longer required to meet the good faith requirement in its negotiations, after it had applied to the Native Title Tribunal for a determination, was dismissed.

The decision acknowledges for the first time in the history of the *Native Title Act* that native title parties are protected by the good faith obligation at all stages of the negotiation, even after an application is made to the Native Title Tribunal for a decision on a matter.

The KLC says the court ruling is fundamental to native title parties having the ability to give

genuine consent to agreements for resource development on their lands.

Chief executive Nolan Hunter said the KLC had been steadfast in its support of the Mount Jowlaenga traditional owners, who have been represented by Arma Legal throughout the Federal Court appeals.

"The Kimberley Land Council will always support and stand up for the native title rights of traditional owners in the Kimberley," he said.

"Negotiate"

"This decision makes it clear that companies that want to operate on Aboriginal lands must negotiate in good faith at all times.

"The right to negotiate is a bedrock of the *Native Title Act* and is crucial in redressing the disparity between the strength of a mining company as opposed to a native title party.

"This is a landmark decision that is fundamental to the ability of traditional owners to give their genuine consent to agreements regarding use of their traditional lands."



Vocalist Kartanya Maynard, left, who performed at the launch, greets Michelle Maynard.



Denise Gardener, Karen Brown and Rodney Gibbins enjoy the celebration.



Singer-songwriter Dewayne Everettsmith, who sang in palawa kani at the launch, Erica Bush, Sheldon Thomas and Jess Digney with MONA owner David Walsh at the event.



Rose Brown, Ray Martin and Wendal Pitchford at MONA in Hobart.



Zoe Rimmer, Merinda Sainty and Ruth Langford at MONA.

Walking tour is on track

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIA'S first Aboriginal-owned and operated high-end guided walking tour has been launched with a celebration at the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) in Hobart.

The three-night, four-day, all-inclusive walk begins with a visit to the Aboriginal Elders Council, then moves through the homelands of the palawa (Tasmanian Aborigines) in Tasmania's north-east, taking in forests and isolated beaches, concluding with a night's stay in the newly renovated larapuna (Eddystone Point) historic lighthouse keeper cottages.

During the walk, participants are told about the culture, history, adversity and survival of the palawa, see Aboriginal middens and other heritage, hear a creation story, get treated to gourmet meals featuring bush tucker and other Tasmanian produce, learn traditional crafts and stay in purpose-built dome huts at krakani lumi.

The venture has been the vision of Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania chairperson Clyde Mansell for the past 15 years.

He said it took time because his community needed to get to a point where they wanted to engage in tourism, had learned to manage land so they could present such opportunities and retrieve the benefits, and for bureaucracy to "fall in line" with what was needed in terms of licences and leases.

Feedback

Mr Mansell said the key to success was in the Aboriginal guides "and from feedback after the training walks they have been great".

And the most important aspect of the wukalina walk?

"I think the opportunity to express our cultural relationships, cultural participation," Mr Mansell said.

All profits will be held in a trust to be directed back into Aboriginal training and skills development.

Mr Mansell said there has been a steady flow of bookings for the first season.



Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania manager Graeme Gardner with his wife Penny, son Danny and grandson Manala.

Native title win in Queensland



THE Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng and Taribelang Bunda peoples have won native title over a large area of their country in central Queensland.

The decision covers more than 46,000 square kilometres of land and water in an area from Bundaberg north to Gladstone.

The area includes 26 national parks, and the Aboriginal groups have signed an Indigenous land use agreement with the Queensland Government to protect them.

Nine more join Vic Honour Roll



NINE Indigenous Victorians have been inducted into the 2017 Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll. Those honoured were June Atkinson-Murray,

Muriel Bamblett, Carolyn Briggs, Vicki Clark, Joyce Johnson, Diane Kerr, Eddie 'Kookaburra' Kneebone, Elizabeth Maud Morgan-Hoffman and Brien Nelson.

Their stories have been added to the Honour Roll, which is on permanent display in the Victorian Parliament.

Acting Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Luke Donnellan said the roll "acknowledges the contributions of Aboriginal people who have made Victoria a better and fairer place for all of us."

The inductees' stories are at www.vic.gov.au/aboriginalvictoria

Works program at Tjuntjuntjara



MAJOR works and services are to be carried out at Tjuntjuntjara community in Western Australia's Great Victoria Desert. Under the National Partnership on Remote Housing agreement between the WA

and federal governments, 18 existing properties will be replaced or refurbished and four new homes will be built.

There will also be infrastructure upgrades to boost the quality and quantity of drinking water as well as improve sewage treatment and wastewater use. The community's power supply will also be enhanced.

Fry remains on board at IBA



INDIGENOUS Business Australia (IBA) chair Eddie Fry has been reappointed for an additional four-year term.

A Dagoman-Wardaman man from the Northern Territory, Mr Fry has been IBA chair since December 2014 and is also chair of the Indigenous Land Corporation.

The government has also reappointed current directors Richard Allert and Shirley McPherson for further four-year terms.

SA youth crime rates improve



YOUNG South Australians are committing fewer crimes, new figures show. But Indigenous youths continue to be over-represented in the figures.

Over the past five years, there has been a downward trend in youth crime, data from the SA Attorney-General's Department reveals, with 5630 arrests in 2016 compared to 8366 in 2011. A total of 1979 of the arrests were Indigenous youths, compared with 2270 in 2011.

Aborigines Advancement



Anne Wolfe, from Carlton in Melbourne, with nieces and nephews Tarneen Collopo, Matt Flanagan, Kirreayani Collopo, Kath Flanagan and Kylie Belling at the Aborigines Advancement League 60th anniversary celebration.



Djirri Djirri dancers (back) Kiera Hunter, Samantha Piper with daughter Azalea, singer Many Nicholson, Hailey George and didge player Damien Nicholson and (front) Stacie Piper, Laila and Bella Cameron-Dukes and Dharna Nicholson-Bux.



Sean Moffat, a member of the Stray Blacks band, rocks some deadly shades.



Comedian Dane Simpson was among the entertainers.

League celebrates 60 great years



X Factor singer Isaiah Firebrace isn't short of fans. He was one of the star attractions at the Aborigines Advancement League celebration in Melbourne.

Six decades of success

By JILLIAN MUNDY



AUSTRALIA'S longest running Aboriginal organisation, the Aborigines Advancement League (AAL) marked 60 years with a festival at its Thornbury premises in Melbourne.

Hundreds turned out for a day of homegrown music, dance, fun and reminiscing. Included in the line-up was the Djirri Djirri dancers, Archie Roach, Kutcha Edwards and Isaiah Firebrace.

AAL chief executive Esme Bamblett said the league holds a special place in the Aboriginal community.

"In Victoria people do regard it as the mother of Aboriginal organisations. They regard it as the legacy and the history holder. They regard it as important because she is a living history of what has happened in Victoria and a continuous one," she told the *Koori Mail*.

The theme for the anniversary was 'black diamond' – black representing the people and the diamond 60 years as well as referring to the Greek origins of the word, which means unconquerable and enduring.

"That describes the leadership of the league," Ms Bamblett said.

Founded in 1957, the AAL has been a focal point for community welfare, sporting and recreational activities for the Aboriginal community in Melbourne.

Over the past six decades the league has advocated on behalf of Aboriginal communities throughout Australia and Victoria, and has been a powerful and



Koori Court manager Joanne Atkinson and AAL chief executive Esme Bamblett at the celebration.

strong lobby organisation, influencing the fight for civil rights and taking a stand against government assimilation policy.

Its activism with government and the United Nations predates the Tent Embassy and provided a Victorian, national and international perspective on Aboriginal affairs with many of its leaders community heroes and role models for Aboriginal youth.

Ms Bamblett noted the establishment of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, lobbying for the 1967 referendum, campaigning for the successful handover of Lake Tyers and Cummeragunja Farm to the Aboriginal community, and being at the forefront of self-determination policy and recognition of Aboriginal expertise in Australia as

some of the AAL's top achievements.

Past leaders were recognised with new paintings around the entrance to the AAL, and a mural is to be installed inside and launched early this year.

The mural of nearly every board member over the six decades – about 160 of them – was previewed at an anniversary dinner the evening before the festival.

"It was really important to recognise every board member who had served on the AAL over that 60-year period. Every one of them played a significant role in making the league what it is today," Ms Bamblett said.

Mutti Mutti songman Kutcha Edwards' performance at the festival was a highlight, with the impromptu accompaniment of a line-up of excited young back-up singers and dancers, as well as his yarns about early days at AAL.

He sang, cracked jokes and recalled "snippets of time implanted in his spirit", such as five generations of one family sitting on the car bonnet watching the "almighty" Fitzroy Stars football team play at the oval at the AAL's home, and going to the AAL drunk. This year Mr Edwards is 20 years sober.

The Mutti Mutti man said he began his musical career singing at Aboriginal Funeral Fund cabarets, and recalled when the AAL moved to its current home in Thornbury and started hosting the fundraising cabarets.

He said the AAL had always been a social support for his community and playing at the event was an opportunity to give back.



Wemba Wemba/Yorta Yorta singer-songwriter Illana Atkinson.



Raffle winners Mutti Mutti/Wamba Wamba woman from Melbourne Margaret Clarke and Gunnai man from Glenroy Ian Richards.



Cousins Gwen Austin (Brook) and Janice Austin from Framlingham Mission.



Eleanor Jones and Jenni Brodie, from Swan Alliance, with party organiser Di Ryder and Jen Pearce from the Australian Manufacturers Workers Union, which was a major sponsor of the event.



Jamie Ryder gets his present from 'Santa', Robert Dickie Snr, at the party in Midvale.

Hard work pays off at Swan party



MONTHS of hard work and planning paid off at the Swan Aboriginal Community Christmas Party in Midvale, eastern Perth.

Organisers hailed the event a huge success, praising supporters including the Australian Manufacturers Workers Union (AMWU), City of Swan, Swan Alliance, Ngala, Anglicare WA, Mission Australia, HIPPIY Ngala and Landgate.

Now in its ninth year, the Christmas party was officially opened by Cindy Nelson, with entertainment provided by Hot Likwid, Madjilil Moorna Choir and Annette Panaia's Karaoke.

There was plenty for the children, including bouncy castles, a water slide, bucking bull, pony and train rides, face painting, airbrush tattoos, and the PCYC activity bus.

Volunteers packed and distributed more than 200 Christmas hampers to families in the Swan area.

And 95 'It's in The Bag' packs, filled with personal care products donated by the Share the Dignity

Neeeah Kaukasi-Hicks enjoys a pony ride.



charity, were also distributed to women at the party.

Event organiser Di Ryder said the Christmas party originally started with the hampers.

"Families were identified in our local community who needed of a bit of help at Christmas time," she said.

"We wanted to provide them with hampers and a day filled with fun, good food and entertainment, to let them know that we as a community cared for them."

The highlight of the day

was the arrival of Santa Claus, who came with gifts for the kids.

"I'd like to thank Jenni Brodie and Eleanor Jones, and also the wonderful volunteers and the staff from AMWU, my family and the many volunteers who, without their help and support, the Christmas party wouldn't have been so successful," Ms Ryder said.

"This event is about our community coming together to celebrate Christmas in the true sense of reconciliation."



Malidji Ryder, Harley Stack and Brayden Garlett perform at the opening of the Swan Christmas party. Pictures by Tash Gillespie



Akeva and Alexis McGlade at the community Christmas party.



Townsville Hospital's Michael Illin holding one of the toiletry packs with Tjengala Style workers, from left, Sam Reuben, Pel'e Reuben, Jennifer Reuben, Colin Doolah and Cynthia Frazer.

Business helps with basics for hospital patients

By ALF WILSON



WHEN people from remote Indigenous communities need an urgent medical transfer to Townsville

Hospital, simple daily essentials are the last thing on their minds.

So a donation from small Indigenous business Tjengala Style has been warmly welcomed by the Townsville Hospital and Health Service.

The motivation and professional guidance company has provided a six-month supply of toiletry packs, which include shampoo and conditioner, body lotion, soap and a toothbrush and toothpaste.

Townsville Hospital and

Health Service Indigenous liaison officer Mick Illin said they'll be more than handy for patients who come from a huge area of the state.

"Just being able to have the basics sorted for you can take so much stress off a hospital stay," he said.

Tjengala Style, together with partner Doolz Fitness, decided to lend a hand after staff attended a community meeting where Mr Illin spoke about the ongoing need for the packs.

In a release, Tjengala said it was important to give back to the community.

"We would like to encourage any other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses to find small opportunities to provide support for our people," the firm said.

WA Govt plan is praised



ABORIGINAL businesses will be granted a portion of WA Government procurement contracts in an attempt to increase Indigenous economic participation.

All government departments will have to award at least 1% of contracts to buy goods and services, including community services and works, to registered Aboriginal businesses from July, increasing to 3% by 2020.

WA Finance and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ben Wyatt said the policy would not only improve the economic prosperity of Aboriginal businesses in the state, but also the broader Aboriginal community as a whole.

The move was welcomed by Supply Nation chief executive Laura Berry.

"Supply Nation congratulates the WA Government and strongly supports the work that is being done to grow the Indigenous business sector across the country," she said.

"We have seen with the Federal Government's Indigenous

Procurement Policy that the setting of measurable and reportable targets opens up opportunities to Aboriginal businesses.

"We believe that the introduction of this policy in WA is likely to drive significant outcomes for Aboriginal entrepreneurs, their families and communities."

Congratulated

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion congratulated Mr Wyatt on being the latest minister to implement a state-level Indigenous procurement plan he said was broadly in line with the Commonwealth's Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP), after recent moves in Queensland and Victoria.

"The success of the Commonwealth's IPP has shown what can be achieved with clear leadership – since it was established at a federal level almost 1000 Indigenous businesses have won 4880 contracts worth \$594 million, compared to just a handful winning \$6.2 million in the last year of the former Labor Government," he said.

Countdown starts for Arnhem Space Centre



AUSTRALIA'S first commercial space centre is expected to unlock more than \$100 million in economic benefits for the Northern Territory, with the first rockets due to launch by the end of the year.

Traditional owners and a commercial rocket launching company have secured 275ha in north-eastern Arnhem Land to establish the station on the Gove Peninsula.

The NT Government has signed a project agreement with Equatorial Launch Australia, Gumatj Corporation and

Developing East Arnhem Ltd covering the first phase of the project.

Chief Minister Michael Gunner says about 35 jobs will be created during the construction period and there will be 32 fulltime equivalent jobs once the centre is operational.

"Significant"

"The Arnhem Space Centre will be a significant site in the Asia Pacific region and will attract new business to the region," he said.

"In addition to launching satellites there will be other opportunities with a focus on science, technology,

engineering and maths.

"The project will support job creation, drive innovation and development of new technologies, boost tourism and attract new investment."

Mr Gunner said the Gumatj clan's sub-lease to ELA demonstrates "incredible potential" of Aboriginal lands and the desire for Indigenous businesses to innovate for the future of their people.

Pending further regulatory processes and environmental assessments, ELA expects to start construction of the Arnhem Space Centre early this year, with the first launch expected by year's end. – AAP

Top ILC post to Button



THE Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) has a new deputy chief executive officer.

Tricia Button, of the Kungarakana and Warumungu language groups, is the first Indigenous woman in the organisation to hold the leadership position.

Chief executive John Maher said the board was pleased to announce Mrs Button's promotion to the role and looked forward to working with her to deliver the ILC's strategic repositioning agenda in 2018.

"Tricia's appointment signals the renewed focus on our core mandate, as the new board and



Tricia Button

executive challenges the ILC to reset its agenda to strategically invest in Indigenous-held land to foster prosperity and empowerment for Indigenous Australians," he said.

Mrs Button has extensive experience in Indigenous affairs, having spent more than 20 years in state and federal government.

She joined the ILC in 2015 as the divisional manager of the eastern division and was subsequently appointed executive director program delivery, driving land acquisitions, land management, landholding and land grants nationwide.

As deputy chief executive, Mrs Button will focus on the operational aspect of the corporation and the organisation's core mandate to deliver on land acquisition and land management.

All Stars score for good health



Indigenous All Stars players and supporters in Cairns.



INDIGENOUS athletes played a starring role in healthy lifestyle campaigns as part of the recent Trans-Tasman Basketball Clash played in Cairns.

The Apunipima Australian Indigenous men's and women's All Stars teams performed well in the tournament, and spent their time off

the court promoting the health service's current healthy lifestyle campaigns 'Don't Make Smokes Your Story' and 'Sugary drinks proper no good'.

"The players completely embraced their role as health ambassadors for Apunipima Cape York Health Council," Apunipima's Alicia Bobbermien said.

"They're athletes first and know

that their lifestyle has a direct effect on how well they perform on the court, which makes them outstanding role models for our social marketing campaigns."

In the days leading up to the Trans-Tasman clash, the players spent time visiting local schools, PCYCs and after-school care groups to shoot some hoops with local kids.

"It is an honour for us to be part

of the Apunipima Indigenous All Stars, and it's always a privilege to share our experiences with the kids. You never know who you will inspire," men's team coach Joel Kahlu said.

"When we share healthy lifestyle messages it shows the kids that being a good sportsperson starts with healthy choices, like not smoking and avoiding sugary drinks."

Extra funding for aged-care services



THE Federal Government says it is providing more than \$3 million in extra funding for new and expanded residential aged-care services to Indigenous people in remote areas.

Aged Care Minister Ken Wyatt said the latest round of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program (NATSIFACP) funding would help people in the Gulf of Carpentaria, Northern Territory and Western Australia.

"This targeted investment aims to help improve the lives of Elders in some of our most remote areas," he said.

"This includes three additional North Queensland residential aged-care services to be funded from January, at Doomadgee, Normanton and Mornington Island.

"As well, two existing services will receive extra support to deliver care to older people with complex needs at Docker River in the NT, and Fitzroy Crossing in WA.

"The expanded funding is dedicated to providing responsive,



Federal Minister Ken Wyatt.

culturally comfortable care, to help ensure people can stay close to their homes and country."

The new locations will increase the number of NATSIFACP services, mainly in rural and remote locations, to 35.

Mr Wyatt says \$43.1 million is being provided to expand the NATSIFACP over five years, to meet the increased need for aged-care services in remote communities.

Concern on gonorrhoea



A RISING number of gonorrhoea cases has been described as a potential 'perfect storm', with the emergence of

extensively drug-resistant strains overseas.

There were about 20,000 cases of the sexually transmitted infection in Australia last year, with the highest incidences among men who have sex with men in urban areas, and among people in remote Indigenous communities.

University of Queensland researchers are leading a clinical study determining the most appropriate treatment for patients by analysing drug resistance from the DNA of the organism causing the infection. Associate Professor David

Whiley said this would enable the most powerful antibiotics to be kept for cases that would not respond to other drugs.

"We know the antibiotic pipeline is wearing thin, so we're using the molecular test to identify gonorrhoea that

Dr Whiley warned that infections have increased dramatically in the past five to 10 years.

"We are losing the battle to control gonorrhoea even though we have organisms that are still very susceptible to our current drugs," he said.

"The key thing is for GPs and sexual health clinicians to ring all the alarm bells if someone appears to have failed treatment, particularly if it's our current first-line dual therapy of the antibiotics ceftriaxone and azithromycin.

"We really want to know about that, and fortunately that message is getting out there.

"But really, in Australia at the moment what we have is a control issue rather than a treatment issue."

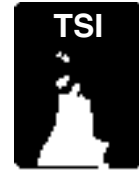
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would be susceptible to older drugs like ciprofloxacin," he said. "Ciprofloxacin would not be recommended for general use but could be effective for many patients, instead of our really precious drugs that we need to protect."

Bright centre in Torres Strait



The colourful new Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine centre on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait.



THURSDAY Island in the Torres Strait is now home to a bright new health research facility. The Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine (AITHM) centre brings together the expertise of a number of research centres to enhance infectious disease, chronic disease, public health, translational and health systems research.

Research undertaken by the centre will focus on the health problems of most importance to tropical Australia and the tropics worldwide.

AITHM was established by James Cook University and encompasses other health research facilities in Townsville and Cairns.

The Thursday Island facility, designed by Wilson Architects in association with Clarke & Prince Architects, has been welcomed locally.

Local Elder Aunty Romina Fuji says the design is a reflection of the region and a love for colour.

"It's about all colours and a multicultural society. It belongs to all of those people that have come through in the past, and who will be here in the future," she says.

"It's an opportunity for our people to help in the research."

The exterior draws colours from trees, flowers, the water and ground. The sloping site enables the laboratories as well as the short-term accommodation to make the most of the centre's views to the ocean.

New test is good news for women



NEW resources have been developed to let Indigenous women know the Pap test has

been replaced with a new cervical screening test.

These resources have been designed by Rachael Sarra, an Indigenous artist, designer and illustrator from Goreng Goreng country in Queensland.

They include a poster and brochure providing simple information on the new screening test, as well as a fact sheet explaining how the upcoming option for 'self-collection' works.

Self-collection will be offered later in the year. A fold-out card explaining how to understand test results will also be available soon.

All of these resources are available in English, as well as Alyawarra, Arrernte, Luritja, Pitjantjatjara, Torres Strait Island Creole and Warlpiri languages.

The resources let Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women know:

- They only have to do the new test every five years (instead of every two years for the old Pap test).
- The test is quick and simple.
- Women may ask for it to be collected by a female health worker.
- It will feel the same as the old Pap test. It might be a bit uncomfortable, but it shouldn't hurt.

Indigenous women aged 25-74 are encouraged to have the test every five years. Their next test is due two years after

their last Pap test, and then it will be every five years if their result is all clear.

They will also receive an invitation three months before their next test to remind them.

Health authorities say that regular testing is by far the best way for women to stay healthy and strong for themselves, their family and their community.

More information at www.cancerscreening.gov.au/cervical or phone 131 556.

The new cervical screening resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, including translated versions, can be downloaded from www.cancerscreening.gov.au/cervical/resources/indigenous, where organisations can also order copies of each of the resources.

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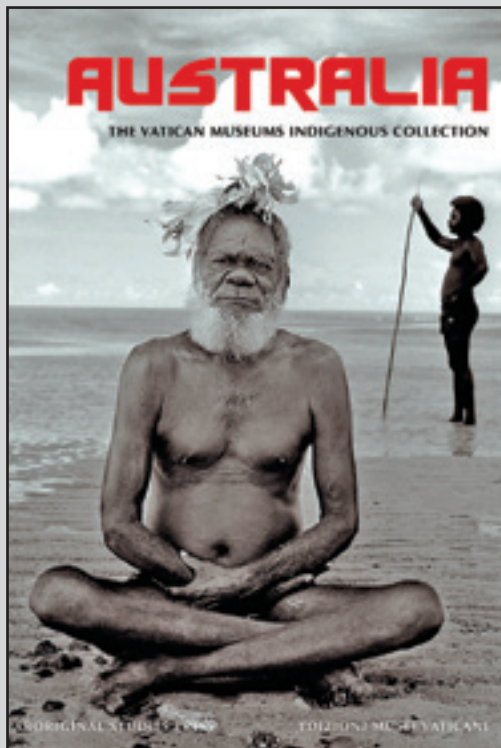
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Rennie finishes major artwork



Aloisius Puantulura with ceremonial cockatoo feathers (1988) appears on the cover of the publication.

AIATSIS and Vatican work together on publication



ONE of the earliest known sets of Pukumani poles from the Tiwi Islands features in the new publication *Australia: the Vatican Museums Indigenous Collection*.

The book draws primarily from three areas – the Kimberley region, the Tiwi Islands and New Norcia in Western Australia – and the catalogue collection includes materials not exhibited in Australia.

It's a collaboration between the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) publishing arm Aboriginal Studies Press (ASP) and the Vatican Museums.

AIATSIS chair Professor Michael McDaniel said the process taken to reconnect these cultural forms with their communities of origin is particularly significant.

"In sharing the story of the Vatican Museums' Indigenous collection, the Vatican Museums and AIATSIS have identified a shared interest in promoting dialogue and raising awareness of the richness and diversity of our cultures," he said.

"Through the process of reconnection, conversations emerged between generations about the importance of land, law and culture, and the preservation of heritage and cultural continuity."

Vatican Museums director Barbara Jatta said the *Australia* catalogue is an example of successful cooperation and interconnections born through cultural contact.

"Through the process of creating the catalogue, the objects were brought alive again by reconnection with local knowledge and current meaning. They became active in preserving cultural heritage from the past for the future," she said.

"Representatives from the museum followed a process of collaboration to trace the objects back to the communities they had originated from, to consult with the cultural custodians today and, through photos, culturally resituate them with their heritage."

Objects in the catalogue are on show in an exhibition space in the Pope's Museums in Vatican City dedicated to valuing and learning about the cultural heritage of Australia.



ABORIGINAL artist Reko Rennie has completed his major

contemporary art installation at Barangaroo South in Sydney's city centre.

Called *As the Crow Flies*, the artwork is painted over buildings, hoardings and rooftops spanning a 1500 square-metre footprint – the equivalent size of a high-rise city building – and will remain in place for at least two years.

Melbourne-based Rennie explores his Kamilaroi identity through his work, provoking discussion around Indigenous culture in contemporary urban environments.

Rennie said he based *As the Crow Flies* around the fallen feather of a crow, using this as a motif throughout.

"The feathers mirror a congregation of people – a meeting place of diverse individuals, philosophies and histories – coming together, reflecting the hive of activity that is unfolding in the redevelopment of Sydney's Barangaroo precinct," he said.

The large-scale two-colour installation, in bright cobalt blue and neon pink, has been painted vertically and horizontally on to the exteriors and interiors of buildings and



Reko Rennie with a small section of *As the Crow Flies* at Barangaroo. Photo: David Varga

hoardings in Barangaroo South, between International Tower Three and Hickson Road. The work extends into the entry and exit areas of the main carpark and covers rooftops, making the pop aesthetic-inspired installation clearly visible from nearby office towers.

As the Crow Flies was

commissioned by Lendlease with support from International Towers Sydney and Dulux. It is part of the Barangaroo Public Art and Cultural Plan that guides the commissioning of public art and seeks to enliven the precinct with landmark artworks that provide an engaging interpretation of the site's important Aboriginal,

maritime and industrial histories.

As the Crow Flies follows recent Indigenous artwork commissions by Lendlease for Barangaroo South including work by Bidjigal artist and Elder Esme Timbery and artist Jonathan Jones, a member of the Wiradjuri and Kamilaroi nations of south-east Australia.

Travelling film festival covers a lot of Territory



SHORT movies with an Indigenous focus will be a feature of the first Northern Territory

Travelling Film Festival to be held this year.

From May 21 until June 9, the festival will screen 10 short films over two hours at centres across the NT.

The outdoor screenings will start in Alice Springs before heading north to Tennant Creek, Nitmiluk National Park near Katherine and Kakadu. Along the way there'll also be screenings at remote communities including Tangentyere, Ntaria, Mungkarta, Elliot, Borrooloola, Beswick, Gunbalanya, Barunga and Binjari.

Ancestral stories are included in the festival program.

Local filmmakers and



Veteran Aboriginal actor Tom E Lewis (white shirt) in a scene from *Finding Maawirrangga*, which is on the NT Travelling Film Festival program.

young people will also have the chance to participate in workshops and see their own creations on the big screen before the program of shorts.

The NT Government, Darwin Film Society and regional creative producing

company ACCOMPLICE have joined forces to present the cinematic roadshow.

ACCOMPLICE's Britt Guy said the festival was an opportunity to develop the region's film scene.

"We've seen amazing

growth and recognition in the Northern Territory's film industry over the past few years thanks to recent industry initiatives SPARK, the Capricornia Films Award and the popularity of the Darwin International Film Festival and the iconic Deckchair Cinema," she said.

"The festival is proud to be supporting a new era of filmmaking in Australia's north.

"We are excited to be sharing some of our best and eccentric silver screen tales, packed with plenty of Territory flair, with tourists and more than a dozen regional and remote communities and towns."

The festival program will be launched on March 4 in Darwin during the Deckchair Cinema's *Flixs in the Wet* program.

For more information and venues, times and costs, visit nttravellingfilmfestival.com

From Aurukun to Federation Square



Aurukun artists, from left, Roderick Yunkaporta, Vernon Marbendinar, Lex Namponan, Garry Namponan, Leigh Namponan, Bevan Namponan and Bruce Bell at the *Past Legacy Present Tense* exhibition in Melbourne.



SEVEN male artists from Aurukun's Wik & Kugu Art Centre have visited Melbourne to see their collection of hand-carved wooden dog sculptures (ku) on show at Federation Square until January 26.

The National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) bought the entire collection of Wik & Kugu Art Centre dogs from the 2016 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF).

The opportunity to view their works came when the Aurukun centre won the \$10,000 Art Centre Prize in CIAF's inaugural art awards. Aurukun artist Garry Namponan also won the Premier's Award for Excellence.

Art centre manager Robin Maxwell, who went on the trip along with Aurukun man Brealen Baker, said the win allowed the artists to fulfil a desire to see their works on display at the *Past Legacy Present Tense* exhibition.

CIAF general manager Vanessa Gillen said the art awards were created to enhance professional development while recognising innovation and excellence.

"Knowing that our award winners used their prizemoney in this way is very rewarding and underpins both the integrity of the event and the awards strategy," she said.

Ms Maxwell escorted the men on what was their first trip to Melbourne.

The group also travelled to Mornington Peninsula Sculpture Park, visited Melbourne Zoo with the express aim of seeing a polar bear, and were special guests at the annual NGV Supporters of Indigenous Art Dinner. The men also had a back-of-house tour at NGV International.

Millions will see artwork



THE Aboriginal artist behind a new artwork, which will have a guaranteed stream of 15 million

visitors every year, hopes those passing by will appreciate its deeper meaning.

United Neytions, a piece by Kamilaroi artist Archie Moore, has been selected to hang from the ceiling at Sydney Airport's international terminal.

The design features 28 large flags showing designs used by the Aboriginal nations that existed before European arrival on their shields and bodies and in rock and tree art.

"Hopefully it will have them (passengers) think about that there were other nations here before white people came and that you're standing on another nation's soil," Moore said.

He hopes the placement of the flags will give them the feeling of the status already given to official international flags.

"These nations that existed

before, Aboriginal nations, were sovereign nations with their own laws and customs that were different – there was a protocol and a way of traversing between those lands," he said.

"They had no flags but they had shield designs which I've used on the flags, which I think do the same thing."

Passengers

An estimated 15 million passengers pass through the international terminal each year, with a large number of those travellers coming from overseas.

Moore says he hopes his artwork will share the stories of ancient Aboriginal culture with these travellers as they wait "in limbo".

"The airport is ... a kind of no-man's land that's sitting on top of the Aboriginal people's land and it's got so many nations there. Now people from all over the world will be sitting there and looking at it," he said.

United Neytions will be installed and unveiled in mid-2018.



Kathy Ramsey, *Dick's Yard (Bow River Country)* [Detail], 2017. Image courtesy of the artist and Warmun Arts Centre. © Kathy Ramsey.

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Award-winning student Loretta Glanville.

Tragedy no bar to this top student



PERSISTENCE and determination have paid off for TAFE Queensland student Loretta Glanville. The 42-year-old from Weipa, on western Cape York, has overcome family tragedy to graduate with a Dual Diploma of Business, Leadership and Management.

"I began my TAFE Queensland studies with my eldest daughter, but she was diagnosed with leukaemia and passed away in 2013," Ms Glanville said.

"I had times when I wanted to give up, but I urged myself to carry on because I wanted to set a good example for my other children and to show that you can overcome obstacles.

"I am so grateful for the support and motivation that my husband, children and eldest sister have given me.

"I think that my daughter would be very proud of me for completing my Certificate IV in Business last year and now my dual diploma in 2017."

Accolade

Ms Glanville received the 2017 Ida-May Pearson Award at last month's graduation ceremony. The accolade is in memory of a Thursday Island woman who had a passion for knowledge and encouraged Indigenous people to pursue their education goals. The award is given to an inspirational graduate who embodies Ms Pearson's determination to succeed, and the recognition has particular significance for Ms Glanville.

"I personally knew Ida-May. Her grandfather and my grandfather were brothers. I met my husband at her house and my children called her nana," Ms Glanville said.

"I'm quite emotional about receiving this award. It means a lot to me because Ida-May was an amazing role model and it's such a blessing to know that others think I have similar qualities."

Ms Glanville said it's never too late to learn something new and chase your career goals.

"I grew up on Moa Island in the Torres Strait and my father made sure that I understood the importance of education and I'm passionate about passing that on to my own kids and people in my community," she said.

"Parents often put their family first and themselves last, but parents need to remember that it's worth investing in yourself, because your children will benefit from that experience too."

Remoteness doesn't stop this Alyangula achiever



FINDING the motivation to go to school every day can be hard. But for 17-year-old Travis Kennell, who was the only Year 12 student at

the remote NT Alyangula Area School last year, it was a major undertaking.

Each morning involved a 45-minute bus ride to school from his home on the Angurugu community. He would spend each day in front of a computer, studying with the NT School of Distance Education (NTSDE), before taking the bus home again.

But he wasn't always alone. He was supported by his teacher and mentor, Alyangula Area School assistant principal Mel Moore, and he would socialise with other students at break times.

Ms Moore said Travis was the first person from his community to complete Year 12 at the school by studying academically (rather than through alternative pathways and work experience) and with an A-class score.

"The inner motivation required for this is huge," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"Education is not highly valued by a lot of families and it's not easy to study on your own."

The Alyangula Area School is based on an island at the top of the Gulf of Carpentaria in the Arnhem region, more than an



Travis Kennell studies remotely at Alyangula Area School.

hour's flight from Darwin.

Travis said his NTSDE teachers, who were based at Darwin High School, also made visits to the island to assist with his learning.

"I would sometimes fly for residential at Darwin High," he said. "There, it was like a normal school situation, instead of being behind a computer screen by myself doing webinars and Skype sessions with teachers."

Travis is not sure what the future holds for him. But he is keen to use his education to bring something back to his remote community of about 300 people.

"It's been a hard year with my

grandmother's passing," he said.

"But my mother and grandfather have been very supportive of my education and are proud of my achievement."

Travis's grandparents were both teachers in the local community mission, so he's not ruling out teaching as a career.

"I enjoyed studying physical education and health subjects the most," he said. "And I also studied Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management and Certificate I in cookery."

"I understand education is the key to being successful, but I'm not sure what I want to do."

Lester receives national award



Professor John Lester, left, with Ray Debus Award selection committee chair Professor Robert Lingard.



A LEADING academic at the University of Newcastle has received the Ray Debus Award for Doctoral Research in Education. The national award, which recognises excellence in educational research by outstanding doctoral graduates, went to Professor John Lester, an authority in Indigenous education and research.

The Wonnarua man was recognised for his work that examined the impact of current school systems on Aboriginal student engagement.

With more than 35 years' experience working across education and government, Prof Lester said disengagement from school was a reoccurring issue for Indigenous students due to "poor community engagement and inappropriate and lack of inclusive quality teaching".

"Indigenous communities are not being effectively engaged in school participation, which is crucial for creating effective learning environments," he said.

"Engaging Indigenous kids in schooling will not be achieved by simple, quick-fix programs. What my community and our kids need is quality engaging teaching, which is inclusive of Indigenous ways of knowing and doing."

Presented annually since 1989 by the Australian Association for Research in Education (AARE), the Ray Debus Award honours the memory of AARE's founding member for his passionate commitment and contribution to educational research.

USQ Indigenous trainees win praise



University of Southern Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Trainee Program graduates, from left, Joshua Tribe, Karlee Germon-Peterson, Kiara Taylor and Hannah Ward.



FOUR young people have graduated from the University of Southern Queensland's 2017 Indigenous Trainee program. Hannah Ward, Karlee Germon-Peterson, Kiara Taylor and Joshua Tribe spent last year building their skills and knowledge at the Toowoomba-based university.

It was part of USQ's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Career Development and Employment Strategy, which aims to attract, recruit and retain Indigenous people to academic and professional positions.

Ms Ward, a Kunja woman, praised the program. "I've spent the past year as an Indigenous trainee and I can't tell you how much it has meant, not only to me, but to our people," she said.

USQ vice-chancellor Professor Geraldine Mackenzie congratulated the trainees at their graduation.

"USQ is committed to closing the gap in training, education and employment outcomes between non-Indigenous and Indigenous people, and by improving educational outcomes we can contribute to closing the employment gap," she said.

USQ Indigenous employment officer Sharron Jackson said the 2017 trainees had every reason to be proud.

"They have worked very hard and demonstrated great professionalism and commitment," she said.

"The traineeship program is a great success, with indicators being that the majority of graduates have ventured into further education or employment."

ANU school proves to be inspiring



HIGH school student Izayah Davies says he has been inspired to follow his dreams to study medicine after meeting Nobel Laureate Professor Brian Schmidt at a summer school for Indigenous students at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra.

Izayah, a Bardi Kija teen from Broome in Western Australia, was one of 19 Indigenous students across Australia selected by their school principals to attend the program, which focused on science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine.

Students combined classroom lessons with field trips to Questacon and the ANU Mount Stromlo Observatory, where Prof Schmidt, who is also the ANU vice-chancellor, introduced the students to astronomy and astrophysics.

"I met Brian Schmidt – 'The Man'," Izayah said.

"I've read about him in text books at school. He's the man who figured out the universe's expansion rate and I always thought 'Oh, I'm never going to meet him – he's some Nobel Prize winner.'"

"But I met him and got a photo with him. So that's one off



Students Seth Seden, Izayah Davis and Max Chesini get hands-on at the ANU summer school. Picture: Stuart Hay, ANU

the bucket list. It was really amazing to meet him."

Izayah said he loved visiting ANU. "It's been fantastic. I've never been on a university campus before and I really like it here," he said.

"Relaxed"

"It's a really nice environment to study in. There's a lot of pressure in high schools, but here it's so much more relaxed."

Izayah has chosen human biology, chemistry, maths applications, English literature and modern history for his high school subjects. He wants to become a general practitioner (doctor) and work in the community where he grew up.

"I think it's very important to have Indigenous doctors

working in remote communities so we can help our mob up there and make sure everyone's happy and healthy," he said.

Anne Martin, the director of the Tjbal Higher Education Centre at ANU, said the program aimed to encourage, influence and inspire young Indigenous students to think about their careers.

"The ANU has a national responsibility to these students and we don't want them to be struggling when they get midway through Year 11 or 12 with their career path," she said.

"If these 19 students have a wonderful experience here, then they'll go back and talk about it in their communities and that will hopefully spark the interest in other people too."

Mi-kaisha 2018 head girl at IGS



INDIGENOUS student Mi-kaisha Masella is this year's International Grammar School

(IGS) head girl. The Year 12 student is among 20 Indigenous scholars at the independent, secular, co-educational and bilingual school based in Ultimo, near the University of Sydney and Notre Dame University.

A young Dharumbal Murri woman, Mi-kaisha is a keen performer and songwriter.

"Mi-kaisha is an outstanding young woman whose leadership qualities and awe-inspiring talents are appreciated by all at our school and in the wider

community," IGS principal Shauna Colnan said.

"I am excited to see Mi-kaisha make her mark on our school as head girl in 2018."

Mi-kaisha said she was proud to become the first Indigenous head girl at IGS.

"I am an example of when equal opportunities are given to Aboriginal kids," she said.

"When there is an environment of the same expectation of Indigenous students as that of non-Indigenous students, we can achieve amazing things and tear down countless barriers."

"This time that I have as head girl is an amazing opportunity to break stereotypes and prejudice."

"I want to thank the Elders and leaders of the Sydney Aboriginal communities for sharing so much with me about my culture and

the importance of carrying them on to younger generations, fighting for our rights and having pride in my story and the stories of my ancestors."



Mi-kaisha Masella: "This time that I have as head girl is an amazing opportunity to break stereotypes and prejudice."



We welcome items for our Calendar of Events. Send them to any of the addresses in the panel on page 23.

National

Ongoing: Lifeline – saving lives, crisis support, suicide prevention. For assistance telephone 13 11 14.

Ongoing: Carer Line is a free national telephone information and support service for and about carers that provides access to information, emotional support and referrals to a range of services. Call 1800 242 636.

Each Sunday: *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 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 about 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. Details at www.arts.gov.au/indigenouslanguages

June 5-7: 2018 National Native Title Conference, to be held in Broome, Western Australia. Details at www.aiatsis.gov.au

Victoria

January 26: Balit Narrun Festival – Share the Spirit from 1pm at Treasury Gardens, Melbourne. Dan Sultan and Archie Roach are on the program. More details at www.songlines.net.au

January 26: Belgrave Survival Day at Borthwick Park, Melbourne. More details at www.burrinja.org.au/projects/belgrave-survival-day

February 3: Yalukut Weelam Ngargee Festival, part of the St Kilda Festival. Opening day with Indigenous arts and music on display. More details at www.facebook.com/events/120062345351198/

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan Street, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903.

Ongoing: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous people across NSW who would benefit from a 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



Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston.

Unity concert in Canberra



SOME of Australia's most popular Indigenous and other acts will share the stage to send a message of unity and healing at a concert to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations.

The free concert, on February 13 at Federation Mall (lawns of Parliament House in Canberra), will be hosted by the Healing Foundation.

The foundation will lead a range of commemorative activities for all Australians to celebrate Indigenous cultures and inspire healing-informed and trauma-aware national action.

The concert will be hosted by Aboriginal comedian Steven Oliver and TV and radio presenter Myf

Warhurst. It will feature live performances from Archie Roach, Shellie Morris, The Preatures, Busby Marou and Electric Fields.

Called 'Apology10 – Heal Our Past, Build Our Future', the concert aims to shed light on the continued strength and resilience of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

"This anniversary is a great opportunity for all Australians to come together and acknowledge a significant milestone in our history," Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston said.

"The National Apology made in Federal Parliament on February 13 2008 was a landmark event as the first formal, national recognition of past atrocities and a first step towards national truth telling and reparation."

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/what-we-offer/

January 19-28: Tamworth Country Music Festival, including the Aboriginal Cultural Showcase, from January 23. More festival details and program at www.tamworthcountrymusic.com.au

January 26: Yabun Festival at Camperdown, Sydney. Details at www.yabun.org.au

February 10: Performance by young Indigenous singer Isaiah 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, including a week-long celebration and games at Redfern Oval, Sydney. Full details and program at www.nrl.com

February 16-March 3: Celebrations to mark the 40th anniversary of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, including annual parade and fair day. More details at www.mardigras.org.au

March 2-3: The Ella 7s rugby union tournament at Coffs Harbour. Details at www.lloydmcdermott.com.au

Queensland

Ongoing: *The Albert Namatjira Story*, a new display featuring early works by Indigenous watercolour artist Albert Namatjira. Held at Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, daily from 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or visit www.qagoma.qld.com.au

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

January 26-27: Warba Wangarunya Rugby League Carnival in Rockhampton. Men's and women's competitions. Details on (07) 4922 6180.

Northern Territory

May 21-June 9: Inaugural Northern Territory Travelling Film Festival. Screenings, workshops and more at venues across the Territory. Details at nttravellingfilmfestival.com

Western Australia

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

January 13: The Act-Belong-Commit Undalup Birak Festival at Margaret River in Western Australia. It is a celebration of the Aboriginal culture of the south-west of WA during the Noongar season of Birak. More details at www.undalup.com

January 26: Birak Concert at the Perth Supreme Court Gardens 3pm-8.30pm. More details at www.fringeworld.com.au/whats_on/birak-concert-2018-fw2018

January 28: One Day in Fremantle community event at Esplanade Reserve in Fremantle. The City of Fremantle calls the free community event starting at 2pm an inclusive celebration of modern Australia.

South Australia

January 26: Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute's Survival Day event at the Semaphore Foreshore in Adelaide. More details at www.reconciliationsa.org.au/news/events/survival-day-2018

February 16-March 18: Adelaide Fringe Festival, including many shows with an Indigenous theme. More details at www.adelaidefringe.com.au

Tasmania

January 13: Putalina festival at the historic putalina site near Hobart. An extensive program of music and more. Details at tacinc.com.au

January 26: Change the Date Rally on Invasion Day with a march to Parliament House, Hobart, from 11.30am. More details at tacinc.com.au



Some of the latest graduates from the National Indigenous Training Academy, based at Ayers Rock Resort in the Northern Territory.

Indigenous trainees are ready to step up



VOYAGES Indigenous Tourism Australia has celebrated the graduation of 22 Indigenous trainees and 12 Indigenous Step Up leaders from its National Indigenous Training

Academy (NITA), based at Ayers Rock Resort in the Northern Territory.

NITA, which was established to develop an Indigenous workforce for Ayers Rock Resort and the wider tourism and hospitality industries, has had 295 graduates since opening in 2011.

Voyages chief executive Andrew Williams congratulated the latest graduates.

"About 40% of our team at Ayers Rock Resort are Indigenous and we are

"About 40% of our team... are Indigenous and we are committed to further growing our skilled Indigenous workforce."

committed to further growing our skilled Indigenous workforce," he said.

NITA Indigenous trainees receive accredited, enterprise-based, residential training in hospitality and related disciplines, and are guaranteed employment on completion.

About 30% of Ayers Rock Resort's Indigenous employee base are graduates from NITA, and many other

graduates are continuing their careers in the industry.

Voyages works with industry partners such as Accor to provide career pathways for graduates.

Voyages' current focus is on helping Indigenous employees gain skills to move into senior and leadership positions. To that end, among the latest graduates are 12 who completed the

Step Up Leadership Program in 2016 and 2017.

Voyages has also launched its Indigenous Future Leaders program aimed at Indigenous employees with the potential to move into management roles. Six workers are now undertaking the program.

"Increasingly, our guests are seeking more authentic travel experiences and meaningful connections with Indigenous Australians during their stay, and our Indigenous team members really help deliver this," Mr Williams said.

"This is complemented by our suite of free Indigenous guest activities which include a bushfood experience, garden walk, bush yarns and Indigenous dance and theatre performances."

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- sourcing content and writing the monthly newsletter
- managing social media messaging using a range of social media platforms
- assisting with drafting and developing printed communication materials
- proactively liaising with employees, Board and members to identify and record case studies, stories and information that could be usefully shared and promoted
- preparing funding submissions and assisting with related projects and administrative function as necessary

This role will suit a savvy Communications specialist who has worked in a similar role previously - ideally in a not for profit organisation or in local government. You will be able to produce content for a variety of mediums and projects whilst meeting deadlines and remaining calm under pressure.

It is imperative that you possess strong written communication skills, have a high level of accuracy and attention to detail, excellent proofreading and editing skills as well as having the ability to think creatively. You need to be able to work both autonomously and in a team environment and help to create a harmonious workplace. Integrity, flexibility, resilience, good judgement and strong interpersonal skills are essential, as is the ability and willingness to commute to Broadford.

If this opportunity is of interest to you, please apply now by addressing the selection criteria and sending your resume with a covering letter to Libby Laird libby@evansfaull.com.au



Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer - ACLO

Full time ongoing appointment

Position number and location: 174174, Tamworth

Total remuneration package valued to: \$83,665 p.a. (salary \$68,929 to \$75,476 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The NSW Department of Education serves the community by leading the provision of world-class education. The department protects young children by regulating preschool and long day care providers. Once children move into school, we provide them with a world-class primary and secondary education. We also work to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

About the role

The role works as part of a team to develop partnerships and understanding between the Aboriginal community and the Department of Education at all levels, thereby helping to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal school students.

How to apply

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.

For the application process, you must answer any pre-screening questions and any essential requirements. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the role description in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

This is a child-related role. If you are the successful candidate you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>.

In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. How do you see yourself personally working with the local Aboriginal community and highlight for us how you see yourself establishing the links between schools and the community? 300 word maximum.
2. How have you worked as a member of a team to ensure that partnerships with Aboriginal community are strengthened, resulting in improved outcomes for students? 300 word maximum.

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Closing Date: 24 January 2018

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and refer to Job ID 174174 to see full position description.



nsw Federation of
Housing Associations Inc.

Aboriginal Specialist – Community Housing

The NSW Federation of Housing Associations is the peak industry body for community housing in NSW. The Federation is supporting the development of an Aboriginal peak for the Aboriginal community housing sector and now has around 50 Aboriginal member organisations. We are looking for a dedicated and skilled Aboriginal Specialist to help us extend our work with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organisations.

It is a time of change and opportunity for the Aboriginal community housing sector and you will be a critical supporter and advocate for the sector. This is an exciting and unique role that offers the opportunity to make a significant difference to the Aboriginal community housing sector and beyond as you support and develop skills and business models across a range of not-for-profit housing providers.

The Aboriginal Specialist will provide advice, mentoring and organisational development support. Your skills will include project management, excellent presentation and written skills, and will include successfully engaging Aboriginal organisations.

Essential criteria

- Excellent project management and project leadership skills
- Excellent writing skills
- Demonstrated experience in engaging Aboriginal organisations
- Demonstrated experience in the provision of resources and advice to support organisations' business development
- Ability to manage contractors to ensure effective project delivery
- Excellent communication and presentational skills with the ability to engage stakeholders of all levels
- Knowledge and understanding of the cultural, social and economic needs of Aboriginal people in NSW
- Knowledge and understanding of the challenges and barriers that affect Aboriginal communities and organisations in NSW
- Ability to work independently and as part of a cross-functional team
- Ability to support the development of Aboriginal cultural competency in organisations
- This is an identified position and applicants must provide Confirmation of Aboriginality

How to apply

If you would like to be considered for this position, please submit your resume together with your responses to the above criteria to: Recruitment@communityhousing.org.au

Closing date for applications is Thursday 25th January 2018

For further information visit communityhousing.org.au/S6_jobs.html to download the Position Description, or email Adam West at adamw@communityhousing.org.au



Principal Project Officer, Native Title and Joint Management

- Office of Environment and Heritage
- Grafton and Dubbo
- Clerk Grade 11/12
- Vacancy Ref: 00005T23
- Temporary full time up to 3 years (2 roles available)

Duties: Lead OEH participation in whole of government native title negotiations with Aboriginal communities including Aboriginal joint management of parks and reserves, based in Northern NSW and Western NSW respectively. Manage the development and delivery of large scale complex multiple projects, including planning, scoping, resourcing, stakeholder consultation and key milestone reporting within a defined program of work. Ensuring completion within agreed timeframes and quality standards at or below budget, and compliance with project management best practice standards, to support the achievement of NSW Government and OEH corporate outcomes.

Total Remuneration package: \$156,294 pa Package includes salary (\$121,917 - \$140,996), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Applications Close:
Wednesday 17 January 2018 (11.59pm)**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Mark Peacock (02) 6841 0932.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number: 00005T23

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Pathways Manager

- Innovation in Indigenous education
- Opportunity to make a difference
- Part time role (.6 FTE), commence early 2018

Leading our Pathways Team, help MITS alumni through Years 8 to 10 as they transition to new schools, host families and make choices about their post-secondary pathways and identify their career paths and ambitions.

You are an experienced educator with extensive experience and a broad understanding of the development and educational needs of Indigenous youth.

For a full position description visit www.MITS.vic.edu.au

Executive Management Opportunities

Tennant Creek, NT



Jualalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation (JCAC) is an Aboriginal community service organisation governed by Julalikari Council, an elected body representing the Aboriginal community of Tennant Creek, NT.

Council has a deep commitment to Aboriginal participation in the design and delivery of its programs and services. This has helped JCAC pioneer the design and delivery of many programs which are now adopted by governments and other Aboriginal service providers across Australia.

JCAC now has several exciting executive leadership opportunities for individuals to join their team on a full-time basis:

- * Executive Manager - Business
- * Executive Manager - Employment
- * Executive Manager - Corporate Services
- * Senior Gallery Curator (Aboriginal Identified)

To view specific details and to apply for the above roles, please visit <http://julalikari.applynow.net.au/>



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Salary Package – To be negotiated upon successful appointment)

Full Time/Permanent

The Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council (NLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of full-time Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the NLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA) (or the ability to rapidly acquire), the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Wesley Fernando, by email: wesley.fernando@alc.org.au or on (02) 6659 1200.

Applications can also be marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Ngulingah LALC CEO Recruitment Panel
PO Box 1912, COFFS HARBOUR, NSW 2450

Applications close Friday 16th February 2018
Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply



Great opportunity for an Aboriginal Cultural Officer to join our team

- Department of Industry
- Ongoing Full-time role
- Location Options: Albury, Parramatta, Queanbeyan, Wagga Wagga, Buronga, Deniliquin, Dubbo
- Salary: Starting from \$92,470

We have an exciting opportunity for a passionate individual to support Aboriginal communities' participation in the management of water resources in NSW. The position will also inform and support our policy teams to understand Aboriginal cultural values associated with water management and identify opportunities for improved outcomes for Aboriginal communities.

Please Note: this is an identified role and there are essential requirements that applicants must meet to be considered. Essential Requirements are outlined in the Role Description.

Applications Close: 28 January 2018

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Tracey Brownbill, Manager Groundwater Planning on 0459 840 258

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 495828

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Customer Service Representative

- Aboriginal targeted position
- PoliceLink, TUGGERAH
- Clerk Grade 1/2
- I Work for NSW Requisition: 00005NI5 - Ongoing Full-Time
- I Work for NSW Requisition: 00005NI8 - Ongoing Part-Time

Salary Package: \$73,970. **Salary:** \$61,658 - \$67,031. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading plus shift allowances.

Job Description:

The Customer Service Representative supports customer service delivery by responding to and processing urgent and non-urgent enquiries contacts for customers, providing information and advice and escalating issues as applicable.

Job Notes:

To be eligible to apply for these roles, applicants **must** identify as Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

The part-time role is ongoing, working 25 hours per week (5 hours x 5 days per week). Salary will be paid at the pro-rata rate.

Applicants **MUST** obtain an information package via the following link:

<https://www.hoban.com.au/policelink>

If you have any further enquiries after reading the information package, **please contact the Enquiries Officer (see details below).**

Applicants **MUST** then undertake an initial call centre simulation test. Suitable applicants will then participate in a preliminary interview.

Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an Assessment Centre.

Successful applicants will need to be committed to perform rotational shiftwork to cover 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Successful applicants 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 role held and/or information/data accessed.

Successful applicants will be required to provide a **FULL Birth Certificate.**

For further assistance with completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check and Security Clearance, please contact the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257 or via email haboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications Close: Sunday 28 January 2018

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Crystal Rosengren on 1300 235 084 or via email: policelink@hoban.com.au

For the targeted questions, a downloadable role description, and information package and to apply, please go to *I Work for NSW* (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00005NI5 (Full-Time role) or 00005NI8 (Part-Time role).

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KOORI EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS



Aboriginal Recruitment Business Partner

- Play a pivotal role in a dynamic recruitment team
- Utilise your knowledge of Koori cultural issues
- Melbourne CBD location
- Salary range \$81,354 – \$92,304 + super

The Recruitment Services branch within People and Culture provides expert advice and support to the Department of Justice and Regulation on all recruitment related matters, including attraction, selection, redeployment and other recruitment and retention practices.

As the Aboriginal Recruitment Business Partner, you will ensure that target hires for identified, designated and mainstream roles are achieved across Corrections Victoria. You will effectively partner with regional stakeholders to deliver end-to-end or part recruitment support services.

You will contribute specialist advice to regional stakeholders on Koori cultural issues, employment related policies and legislation that impact on the Koori community and be a strong advocate for the department as an employer of choice. You will also promote Corrections Victoria roles to the Koori community across Victoria.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- knowledge and understanding of the Koori community, both society and culture, and the issues impacting on it
- the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with members of the Koori community
- subject matter expertise in recruitment, with recruitment business partnering experience in a Koori employment context
- excellent presentation, influencing and negotiation skills.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by 28 January 2018.

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

VG0241

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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ABORIGINAL VICTORIA

Project Facilitator

Full time, 18 months fixed term position.

Aboriginal Victoria's Right People for Country Program is seeking a Project Facilitator to work with Traditional Owner groups to support Traditional Owner-led agreement making.

The Right People for Country program supports Traditional Owner groups to make agreements:

- Between groups – about boundaries and extent of Country
- Within groups – about group engagement, representation and membership

These agreements can assist Traditional Owner groups who are seeking to become Registered Aboriginal Parties under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and / or seeking to negotiate settlements with the Victorian Government under the Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 and Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

The Project Facilitator role involves working with Traditional Owner groups to facilitate Traditional Owner-led agreement making processes, with a focus on facilitating family engagement processes.

The role requires experience in engaging with Aboriginal communities and facilitating meetings / working with families or groups. An ability to manage projects, build relationships, communicate effectively and take initiative is also essential in this role. An understanding of strengthen based engagement and therapeutic / holistic approaches will be highly regarded.

The successful candidate will work collaboratively with a small team of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal staff dedicated to working with Victorian Traditional Owners to support self-determination.

This is a designated position established as a special measure under section 12 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010*. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.

How to apply: Search reference number **1312486** at **http://careers.vic.gov.au**
The closing date for this position is **midnight Friday 9 February 2018**.

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AIATSIS
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL
AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES

**Join Australia's leading
collecting, research and
publishing institution on the
cultures and histories of
Indigenous Australians.**

Over its 50-year history, AIATSIS has evolved into a national authority on Indigenous studies. It is a hub for collaborative, ethical collecting and research and develops Indigenous staff and researchers. AIATSIS Collections are one of the world's leading collections of printed, audio and visual materials on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and societies.

Registrar

APS Level 6 – Ongoing, Full-time
\$72,056 - \$81,960 pa

Closing Date: 5pm Monday 22 January 2018

Project Manager, Change and Communications Project

Executive Level 1 – Non-ongoing til 30 June 2018 with likelihood of extension
\$89,922-\$98,639 pa

Closing Date: 5pm Thursday 18 January 2018

How to apply:

Applicants must address the selection criteria which include the ability to demonstrate knowledge and an understanding of both Indigenous cultures and the issues affecting Indigenous Australians today and an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Please consult the AIATSIS web site **www.aiatsis.gov.au** for more information including the position description and selection criteria and follow the steps for how to apply at **http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/about-us/work-us/how-apply**

These are 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.



**PwC's Indigenous
Consulting**

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
- Experience in managing and leading teams including the ability to coach and develop staff
- Effective management of a revenue budget
- Ability to develop profitable new business for the firm

Next steps

If you are interested please send your CV and a short expression of interest to Marianne Hynes at marianne.hynes@pwc.com.



SA Water

SA WATER VACANCIES

For more information and to apply for vacancies with SA Water, please visit www.sawater.com.au and follow the 'careers' link.

Diversity is a key to our success - We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people from diverse backgrounds and those seeking flexible work options.



**relationships &
reproductive health**

Board Director

True Relationships and Reproductive Health (True) invites suitably qualified candidates to register their interest in becoming a voluntary Director on the True Board.

True has provided reproductive and sexual health services throughout Queensland since 1972. Today, True operates from nine regional centres in Cairns, Rockhampton, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Ipswich, Toowoomba and the Gold Coast. From these sites True provides a range of clinical, education, training and information services, with administration based in Brisbane.

Applicants with the following skills are sought:

- fundraising,
- medical, particularly in reproductive and sexual health, and
- finance.

Please visit the True website (www.true.org.au) for more information on the organisation.

To obtain a copy of the Expression of Interest document and additional information, please contact Charles Robinson (Company Secretary) on 0400 404 929 or email charlie.robinson@corporatecompanion.com.au

Applications must be received by 19 January 2018.



Training and Resource Officer (Identified)

An exciting opportunity to join the SNAICC team has become available. Are you passionate about the rights, needs and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, ensuring their safety, development and wellbeing? SNAICC- National Voice for our Children, the national non-government peak body in Australia for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children is seeking experienced training professionals. Our Training roles focus on the design, development and delivery of training programs for people working in the Early Childhood and/or Child and Family Support services.

If you are keen to make your mark:

- Engaging with parents and educators in Early Years services
- Working directly with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia
- Delivering family violence, trauma, and cultural competency training
- Empowering communities to fulfil their potential

And you have:

- A background in training and significant workplace experience
- Experience and understanding of working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Sector experience in the Early Childhood / Child and Family Support sectors
- The ability to travel interstate regularly for 2 plus days at a time

Then we want to hear from you!

Fixed term, full-time positions with the possibility of permanent employment, located at the SNAICC offices in North Fitzroy, Melbourne. Training and Resource Officers can expect to earn between \$63,000 and \$68,304 depending on experience, plus superannuation and salary packaging. Additionally you will be able to access excellent professional development and training opportunities.

This is an Indigenous Identified role only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The filling of this position is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth), and s12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic).

Application deadline is Sunday 28th January 2018. Visit the SNAICC website www.snaicc.org.au/about/employment/ to download the full position description. Enquiries to Katherine Hinton at katherine.hinton@snaicc.org.au



SNAICC Senior Policy and Research Officer

2 positions available

Full time, 12 months

Based in North Fitzroy, Melbourne

Salary Range \$77,000 - \$85,000 plus super and salary packaging

Are you passionate about advancing the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children?

SNAICC – National Voice for Our Children, the national peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, is seeking two experienced and tertiary qualified Senior Policy and Research Officers. The Officers will provide high-level evidence informed policy analysis of issues relating to SNAICC's objectives and the rights and needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and children. The Officers will work alongside and support SNAICC's national Board and Council of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders to achieve SNAICC's vision of "an Australian society in which the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people and families are protected, our communities are empowered to determine their own futures, and our cultural identity is valued."

These challenging roles include:

- researching and drafting papers, briefings, submissions and resources
- providing secretariat support to high-level national working groups and committees
- project management of significant national policy and research projects
- consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, service sectors and community representatives

This opportunity is ideal for exceptional individuals with demonstrated experience in policy and research, an in depth understanding of issues impacting upon Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families, and strong commitment to their rights, needs and aspirations.

Visit our website, www.snaicc.org.au/about/employment/ for the position description and how to apply. Initial inquiries to katherine.hinton@snaicc.org.au

Applications close: Sunday 28 January 2018.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

EXCITING CAREERS AT CQUNIVERSITY

LECTURER, INDIGENOUS STUDIES

CRICOS: 00219C | RTO: 40399 | J_AD_180029

CQUniversity Australia is looking for a new Lecturer, Indigenous Studies to join our School of Education and the Arts in Rockhampton. In this role you'll conduct a range of teaching duties specific to Indigenous focused units.

This full time, continuing role provides an attractive remuneration package of \$109,599 to \$130,150 pa (including superannuation and leave loading).

Applications close 11.59 pm
Sunday, 21 January 2018.

For further information and to apply please visit cqu.edu.au/jobs.



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Engagement and Referral Practitioner (Specified)

Act for Kids is a prominent provider of free prevention, professional therapy and support services for children who have suffered abuse and support for families at risk. With over 20 centres nationally, we have supported thousands of children and their families for more than 28 years.

We are looking for an **Engagement and Referral Practitioner (Specified)** to join our Family and Child Connect (FaCC) team on the Gold Coast at Labrador and Burleigh. This role is **full-time, fixed-term until 31 Dec 2022**. Responsibilities include:

- Provide active engagement and referral for support to vulnerable families where there are child protection concerns, including conducting cold calls and appointments with non-consenting clients.
- Maintain a case load of client families; identify family needs using specified tools; and successfully engage families in a timely manner and gain their consent to refer into appropriate services.
- Make effective referrals for client families to meet their identified needs.

You will bring a tertiary degree in a relevant discipline (allied health, social work, human services); at least 2 years' experience working within the child protection framework or ability to quickly learn about the framework; an ability to identify child protection concerns or learn to identify concerns within a child protection framework, and a high level of engagement skills including ability to engage with clients in a respectful and non-threatening manner. More information about the role on our careers site, see link below.

Important...

- Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural background or have substantial experience working in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities.
- Willingness of a respected Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural referee to vouch for your appropriateness for this role.

More details about the role

To view the full position description, remuneration package, find out the contact person for job enquiries, and to submit a job application please visit our website: <https://www.actforkids.com.au/careers.html>

Closing date: 28 Jan 2018



Social Worker

Why work for Awabakal?

Awabakal is a dynamic and innovative community organisation with the support and wellbeing of the Aboriginal community in Newcastle, Hunter Valley, Lake Macquarie and Port Stephens at the heart of everything we do.

Our highly skilled teams across medical, aged care, housing and preschool services are passionate and driven to provide the most progressive and flexible services to our local Aboriginal communities and we actively empower our staff to be creative and forward thinking.

What we are seeking?

With a commitment to continuous improvement, through innovative programs and excellence in service delivery, we are seeking an experienced permanent full time Social Worker to join our medical team in this newly created role.

The position:

This position will work as an integral part of Awabakal's Medical team. The position will report to the Senior Clinical Psychologist.

The role will require you to provide support to Awabakal patients who will be clients of the following teams:

- General Practitioners
- Mental Health
- Family Health
- Youth

The position requires effective management of referrals, counselling and coordination of client care. You will be responsible for assisting clients to understanding their diagnosis, and connecting them with the relevant services to support wholistic care.

To achieve this, you will ensure strong integration between all Awabakal services including external Health Service Providers. Reporting directly to the Senior Clinical Psychologist you will have significant influence to create an innovative and professional wellbeing service which will bring about significant and lasting change by advancing the wellbeing of the Aboriginal communities in Newcastle, the Hunter Valley, Lake Macquarie and Port Stephens area.

What you need to be successful:

- Bachelor Degree of Social Work, Psychology or Sociology
- Australian Association of Social Worker (AASW) Accreditation
- Demonstrated experience of working effectively with Aboriginal clients and community
- Demonstrated understanding of cultural issues impacting access to care for Aboriginal people
- Clinical experience in the coordination of health and social services issues as they relate to Aboriginal communities
- Current Class C Drivers Licence

Salary:

Our teams are professional, hardworking and passionate, best describing our culture as innovative, flexible and supportive and we are committed to ensuring our leadership team members reflect our important organisational values.

A competitive salary will be negotiated with the right candidate, to match skills, experience and qualifications.

This position is primarily based at the Awabakal Medical Service in Hamilton and will provide social services to several Awabakal medical sites within our service delivery area.

Please note as part of Awabakal's recruitment process, prior to an offer of employment being made, recommended candidates will be required to undertake and provide a current Working with Children and National Police Check.

How to Apply:

Applications are required no later than **9am Monday 22 January 2018**.

To apply please forward your resume and supporting covering letter, or alternatively contact Kristie Teerman on (02) 4940 8743 for a confidential discussion.



ITAS Administrator

Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research

UTS has a bold vision to be a world-leading university of technology. We are a dynamic and innovative university, ranked by the Times Higher Education as Australia's top young university, and located centrally in one of the world's most liveable cities. With a culturally diverse campus life and extensive international exchange and research programs, UTS prepares graduates for the workplaces of today and tomorrow.

The Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research is committed to improving the quality of teaching and research at UTS by facilitating active links with the Indigenous communities, Higher education institutions, and other professions with particular emphasis on Australia's growth as a multi-cultural nation. Jumbunna administers a range of innovative programs that support Indigenous students during their studies including the administration of the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS). This program plays a central role in the overall student success at UTS.

The ITAS Administrator will be part of the Students and Community Engagement team and is expected to work collaboratively with the Jumbunna Learning Development team. The incumbent plays an important role in the provision of the overall administration of the program and is expected to implement strategies to attract qualified disciplined based tutors and matching with Indigenous students.

Responsibilities of the role:

- Work closely with Student Support and Learning Development teams to:
- Promote tuition support
- Attract disciplined based tutors
- Issuing employment contracts
- Database management
- Records management and compliance
- Sessional reporting

The successful candidate will possess the following:

- Experience in working with Indigenous Australians
- Excellent written and oral communication
- High level computing skills
- Able to maintain collaborative and respectful relationships with staff, tutors and students
- Work independently with minimum supervision
- Experience in working in a similar role

For the full list of the selection criteria and role responsibilities please download the position description from the UTS job website.

Remuneration: \$67,614 to \$77, 351 p.a. (HEW 5)

This role attracts 17% superannuation **in addition** to the base salary. Employee benefits include flexible work practices, child care centres, generous parental leave and salary packaging opportunities.

This position is full time and appointment will be made on a fixed term basis for 2 years.

How to Apply

Please visit the UTS job site at www.uts.edu.au/staff/jobs-uts/working-uts and search for the role using **IRC102762**.

Specific enquiries or issues with your application may be directed to the UTS Recruitment Team at recruitment@uts.edu.au or on 02 9514 1080.

For enquiries regarding this position and/or your application, please contact Maree Graham or Natasha Mitchell on telephone: 02 9514 1902.

Closing Date: Sunday 11th February 2018 at 11.59pm (AEST)

Applicants must have current and valid work rights in Australia. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.

We are committed to diversity and social inclusion, evidenced by our WGEA Employer of Choice citation, Wingara Indigenous Employment Strategy and the UTS Access and Inclusion Plan. We welcome applications from women (particularly for senior and non-traditional roles), Indigenous Australians, people with disability, those who identify as LGBTIQ and applicants from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

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Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements



National Native Title Tribunal

State of Queensland
Notification day: 17 January 2018



QI2017/012 Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng and Taribelang Bunda People/Monte Christo ILUA

Description of the agreement area:
The agreement area consists of 2 areas on Curtis Island, with a total combined area of about 43 sq km.
Link to map: <http://arcg.is/2jzkDDb>
Relevant LGA: Gladstone Regional Council

The agreement does not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in either section 24EB(1) or subsection 24EBA (1) or (4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The ILUA is about the parties’ agreement regarding the exercise of native title rights and interests in the ILUA area.



QI2017/013 Port Curtis Coral Coast Tenure Resolution ILUA

Description of the agreement area:
The agreement area consists of multiple areas, with a combined area of about 14368 sq km approx. 45 km south east of Rockhampton.
Link to map: <http://arcg.is/2i4Ply4>
Relevant LGA: Banana Shire Council, Bundaberg Regional Council, Gladstone Regional Council, North Burnett Regional Council

The agreement contains the following statements:
[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]
5.1 The parties consent to the Surrender. 5.2 The Surrender will take effect upon Registration. 5.3 The parties agree that the Surrender permanently extinguishes all Native Title Rights and Interests, if any, in the area of the Surrender from the date the Surrender takes effect. 5.4 The parties consent to the Surrender of Determined USL. 5.5 The Surrender of Determined USL will take effect immediately prior to the issue of a deed of grant in accordance with clause 6. 5.6 The parties agree that the Surrender of Determined USL permanently extinguishes all Native Title Rights and Interests, if any, in the area of the Surrender of Determined USL from the date the Surrender of Determined USL takes effect. 5.7 The parties consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts. 5.8 To the extent that any of the Agreed Acts are Future Acts, the parties acknowledge that the non-extinguishment principle applies, other than to any Surrender, or Surrender of Determined USL.
Agreed Acts means all acts necessary to give effect to this Agreement including but not limited to any acts done as part of, or in relation to the acts

specified in Schedule 5 *[Agreed Acts]*.
Immediate Surrender Area means the area described in Schedule 2.
Revenue Share Lots means those parcels, or part parcels, of land identified in the table in Schedule 3.
Surrender means the surrender to the State (and the permanent extinguishment of) all Native Title Rights and Interests in the Immediate Surrender Area.
Surrender of Determined USL means the surrender to the State (and the permanent extinguishment of) all Native Title Rights and Interests in any Revenue Share Lot in Schedule 3 sold in accordance with the processes set out in clause 6 *[Revenue Sharing]*.



QI2017/014 Port Curtis Coral Coast Protected Area ILUA

Description of the agreement area:
The agreement area consists of multiple areas, with a combined area of about 2048 sq km approx. 55 km south east of Rockhampton.
Link to map: <http://arcg.is/2jzdSAY>
Relevant LGA: Banana Shire Council, Bundaberg Regional Council, Gladstone Regional Council, North Burnett Regional Council

The agreement does not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in either section 24EB(1) or subsection 24EBA (1) or (4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The ILUA is about the parties’ agreement regarding the exercise of native title rights and interests in the ILUA area.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

QI2017/012 Kerry Blackman, Dean Sarra, Lurleen Blackman, Richard Johnson, Nathaniel Minniecon, Mathew Cooke & Neville Johnson C/- Dillon Bowers Mr Jeff Dillon PO Box 626 Townsville QLD 4810	Monte Christo Pty Ltd C/- Thynne & Macartney Mr Mark Boge GPO Box 245 Brisbane QLD 4001	QRE Pty Ltd C/- Thynne & Macartney Mr Mark Boge GPO Box 245 Brisbane QLD 4001
QI2017/013 Kerry Blackman, Dean Sarra, Lurleen Blackman, Richard Johnson, Nathanael Minniecon & Mathew Cooke on their own behalf and on behalf of the Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Taribelang Bunda People and Shayne Blackman and Anne-Marie Johnson C/- Queensland South Native Title Services PO Box 10832 Adelaide Street, Brisbane QLD 4001	State of Queensland C/- Crown law GPO Box 5221 Brisbane QLD 4001	First Nations Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Taribelang Bunda Aboriginal Corporation C/- PCCC Land Trust PO Box 537 Bundaberg QLD 4670
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Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:
These three applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by each agreement is shown in the respective maps. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Sydney, NSW, 2000** by **17 April 2018**. Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.
For assistance and further information about these applications, call Dianne Drake on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY - CROWN LANDS & WATER DIVISION
WYONG RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **CPB Contractors Pty Limited** for a 160 mm electric pump with a capacity of 20 litres/second on Lot 11 DP 255532 for construction purposes. (A011592) 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.

BLZ132285

Notice of a non-claimant application
for determination of native title in
the state of New South Wales

Notification day: 24 January 2018

This application is a 'non-claimant' application, an application made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 23 April 2018. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before **23 April 2018**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17 Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 23 April 2018**. After **23 April 2018**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council
Federal Court File No: NSD1897/2017

Non-native title interest: Freehold title in Certificate of Title Folio 103/758769

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The Application area covers about 1128 square metres being the entirety of Lot 103 on Deposited Plan 758769 in the vicinity of Newcastle. **Link to map:** <http://arcg.is/2zXIPu3>
Relevant LGA: Newcastle City Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call

Sylvia Jagtman on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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Notice of a non-claimant application
for determination of native title in
the state of Queensland

Notification day: 24 January 2018

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Applicant's name: Anson Holdings Pty Ltd (ACN 009 854 835) v State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD658/2017

Non-native title interest: The Applicant is the Registered Lessee of Lot 4513 on PH1727 (Rolling Term Lease).

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area consists of three portions covering about 34 sq km and is located about 30 km south-west of the town of Mossman. **Link to map:** <http://arcg.is/2l2NKMx>

Relevant LGA: Mareeba 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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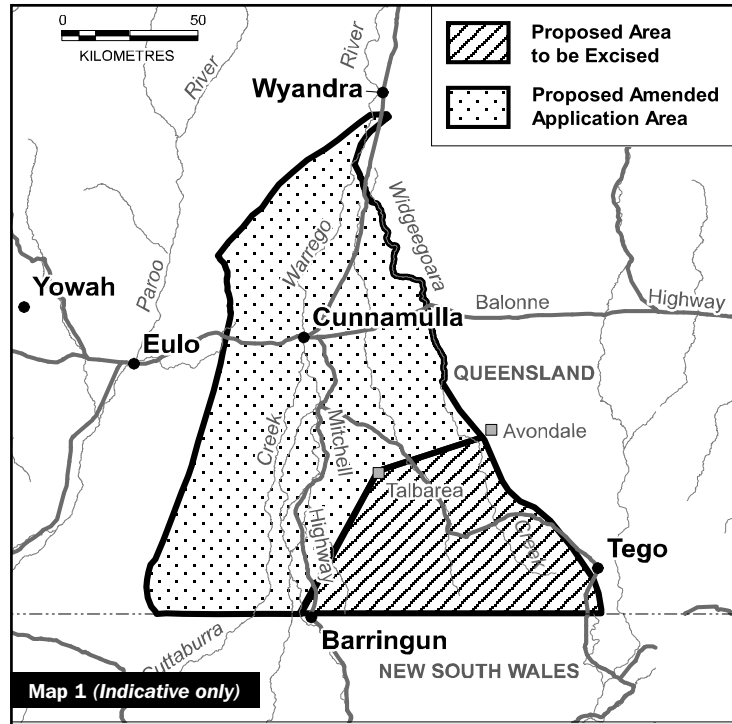
NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION MEETINGS FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE KUNJA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM (QUD 598 / 2015)

Date of Meetings: Sunday, 4 February 2018

Venue of Meetings: Paroo Shire Council Hall, cnr Jane Street and Stockyard Street, Cunnamulla, Queensland

Time of Meetings: **Authorisation Meeting #1:** 10.00 am. Registration opens 8.30am.
Authorisation Meeting #2: Not before 1.30 pm. Registration will occur before the meeting starts.

The persons entitled to attend each meeting, and the purposes of each of the above meetings, are set out below.



AUTHORISATION MEETINGS #1 & #2

Who may attend both meetings: The meetings are open to all Kunja People, that is, to all of the persons in the current Kunja People Native Title Claim Group who are the descendants of:

1. Killamunda (including her children Margaret Turner (Granny McKellar), Annie/Nannie Widgell and Jack Brennan);
2. Flora Maranoa;
3. Maria Major (including her children Jack Oliffe, Ron Wyman, Walter Wyman and Lila Lynett); and
4. Jimmy Nyngan,

in accordance with Kunja traditional laws and customs.

("Current Claim Group")

Purpose of Authorisation Meeting #1

1. To consider whether to reduce the current application area in accordance with the available evidence, as indicated generally at **Map 1**. The current application area is centred around the Warrego River, extending from the Queensland / New South Wales border, west of Tego in the south, to Wyandra in the north, and Widgeegoara Creek in the north east, and includes the town of Cunnamulla.

The proposed change is to excise an area roughly on the south-eastern portion of the application area (as indicated), starting at a point on the Queensland / New South Wales border on the Warrego River west of Barrington, extending northeast to Talbarea, then east-north-east to a point near Avondale to the east of Widgeegoara Creek.

If the Current Claim Group authorises the current application area to be amended at the first authorisation meeting (Authorisation Meeting #1), it will become necessary to have a second authorisation meeting (Authorisation Meeting #2) to reconsider the authority and continuing authorisation of the current Applicant to bring the claimant application (as amended).

Purpose of Authorisation Meeting #2

1. To authorise an Applicant (which may include re-appointing members of the current Applicant) to:
 - (a) where required, make application for an order pursuant to section 66B of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) ("**Native Title Act**"); and
 - (b) make the proposed amended Kunja claimant application, as authorised, and deal with all matters arising under the Native Title Act in relation to it, on behalf of the Current Claim Group.

REGISTRATION FOR EACH MEETING

Registration will occur before each meeting commences. Members of the Current Claim Group are required to register under the name of the ancestor through whom they claim to be Kunja People.

Before the meetings, any person descended from any of the ancestors referred to in this Notice is invited to contact QSNTS Community Relations Officer, Diana Healey, on **freecall 1800 663 693** to advise, their intention to attend at and participate in the meetings and, the name of their ancestor through whom they claim to be Kunja People.

KUNJA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE INFORMATION SESSION

In order to inform the Kunja People about the matters proposed for decision-making at the Authorisation Meetings, QSNTS has organised the following information session:

Date of Information Session: Saturday, 3 February 2018

Venue of Information Session: Paroo Shire Council Hall, cnr Jane Street and Stockyard Street Cunnamulla, Queensland

Time of Information Session: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

All members of the Kunja People are invited to attend the information session above. To register to attend the information session, please contact QSNTS Community Relations Officer, Diana Healey, on **freecall 1800 663 693**.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the meetings or information session outlined above, or with accommodation costs. However, morning tea, lunch and afternoon will be provided to participants.



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Time to enter Ella 7s

COFFS Harbour in NSW will again host the annual Ella 7s rugby tournament from March 2-3. Organisers are expecting 24 male teams and 12 female teams and are hoping that NITV will show the highlights over a 12-week period from June to August. The tournament, which is in its 11th year, is a great opportunity for players to showcase their skills in front of

national Indigenous selectors. Registration fees are \$1210 per team and teams will receive jerseys, shorts, socks, rugby balls, drink bottles and lunch. Teams can register via the Lloyd McDermott home page. Anyone wishing to be the broadcast sponsor or a tournament sponsor can contact the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team on 02 8005 5596 or 0402 006 130.

Nothing compares with this carnival

By ALF WILSON



IT is one of the most difficult tasks in Australian cricket. That is winning the B-2 division of the Goldfield Ashes Cricket Carnival at Charters Towers from January 26-28.

Climbing a mountain to take out that division is obvious when you consider 137 sides were in B-2 at the last Ashes.

But Aboriginal side West Indigies went so close, finishing runners-up last January, and their captain Glenn Butler reckons they can go one better.

“We have players of the calibre of Nathan Baker Snr and Jnr, Jordan Baker, Brendan Mackinnon, Joshy Yasso, Kienan Kerr, Kevin and Bobby Mclean, Justin Crane and Jai King,” Butler told the *Koori Mail*.

Butler himself is a quality allrounder who is an aggressive middle-order batsman and medium-pace bowler who can also

be called upon to send bowl spin. A total of 234 teams lined up in four men’s divisions and a women’s grade at the 2017 Ashes. That figure may even be bettered later this month if enough fields are available. It is estimated that about 20% of all players are Aboriginal or of Torres Strait Islander descent. The Black Bream XI, consisting of local Aboriginal players from Charters Towers, won the B-2 grade several years ago and always field a good team. Garbutt Magpies have players of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent and will field teams in the men’s B-2 as well as social grades. Most of the Magpies’ social team will be women. Matches will be played on more than 70 fields at Charters Towers and surrounds. About 20 are privately-owned grounds on local properties. The remainder are parks, school grounds, the aerodrome reserve, the racecourse, the gun club, the golf club, and an old people’s home.



West Indigies XI – runners-up in B-2 of 137 sides at the last Ashes at Charters Towers.

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINING ACT 1971
SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that **HAMELIN GULLY PTY LTD (ACN 605292377)** (“**Hamelin Gully**”) of Level 1, 290 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton, South Australia proposes to undertake mineral exploration activities in an area located within Exploration Licences Nos, 5866, 5867, 5976, 6009, 6016 & 6046 held by Hamelin Gully and described below.

EL 5866 – YUNTA AREA - Approximately 80 km WSW of Olary, bounded as follows:
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°33’S and longitude 139°40’E, thence east to longitude 139°44’E, south to latitude 32°39’S, east to longitude 139°51’E, south to latitude 32°45’S, west to longitude 139°33’E, north to latitude 32°44’S, west to longitude 139°27’E, north to latitude 32°35’S, east to longitude 139°40’E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (**AGD66**).

AREA: 618 square kilometres approximately.

EL 5867 – GOODE HILL AREA - Approximately 20 km southeast of Olary, bounded as follows:
AREA A - Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°32’S and longitude 140°33’E, thence east to longitude 140°39’E, south to latitude 32°35’S, west to longitude 140°33’E and north to the point of commencement.

AREA B - Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°38’S and longitude 140°22’E, thence east to longitude 140°26’E, south to latitude 32°42’S, west to longitude 140°22’E and north to the point of commencement. All the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (**AGD66**).

AREA: 98 square kilometres approximately.

EL 5976 - BENDLEBY AREA - Approximately 105 km northeast of Port Augusta, bounded as follows:
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°57’S and longitude 138°42’E, then east to longitude 138°57’E, south to latitude 32°11’S, west to longitude 138°51’E, south to latitude 32°25’S, west to longitude 138°42’E, and north to the point of commencement, but excluding areas bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°06’S and longitude 138°45’E, then east to longitude 138°47’E, south to latitude 32°07’S, west to longitude 138°45’E, and north to the point of commencement, and commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°07’S and longitude 138°49’E, then east to longitude 138°50’E, south to latitude 32°08’S, west to longitude 138°49’E and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (**AGD66**).

AREA: 968 square kilometres approximately.

EL 6009 – WADNAMINGA AREA - Approximately 45 km SSW of Olary, bounded as follows:
AREA A - Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°30’S and longitude 140°22’E, then east to longitude 140°24’E, south to latitude 32°36’S, east to longitude 140°26’E, south to 32°38’S, west to longitude 140°22’E, south to latitude 32°41’S, west to longitude 140°19’E, south to latitude 32°42’S, west to longitude 140°18’E, south to latitude 32°43’S, west to longitude 140°15’E, south to latitude 32°44’S, west to longitude 140°11’E, north to latitude 32°43’S, east to longitude 140°12’E, north to latitude 32°42’S, east to longitude 140°13’E, north to 32°41’S, east to longitude 140°14’E, north to latitude 32°40’S, west to longitude 140°11’E, south to latitude 32°41’S, west to longitude 140°09’E, north to latitude 32°39’S, east to longitude 140°10’E, north to latitude 32°38’S, east to longitude 140°11’E, north to latitude 32°36’S, west to longitude 140°10’E, north to latitude 32°33’S east to longitude 140°11’E, north to latitude 32°32’S, east to longitude 140°13’E, north to latitude 32°31’S, east to longitude 140°22’E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA B - Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°47’S and longitude 140°02’E, then east to longitude 140°04’E, south to latitude 32°48’S, east to longitude 140°05’E, south to latitude 32°49’S, west to longitude 140°03’E, south to latitude 32°51’S, west to longitude 140°01’E, north to latitude 32°48’S, east to longitude 140°02’E and north to the point of commencement. All the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (**AGD66**).

AREA: 459 square kilometres approximately.

EL 6016 – MATT WHIM AREA - Approximately 70 km north of Orroroo, bounded as follows:
AREA A - Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°06’S and longitude 138°45’E, then east to longitude 138°47’E, south to latitude 32°07’S, west to longitude 138°45’E and north to the point of commencement.

AREA B - Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°07’S and longitude 138°49’E, then east to longitude 138°50’E, south to latitude 32°08’S, west to longitude 138°49’E and north to the point of commencement. All the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (**AGD66**).

AREA: 9 square kilometres approximately.

EL 6046 – YUNTA AREA - Approximately 100 km ENE of Peterborough, bounded as follows:
AREA A - Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°39’S and longitude 139°15’E, then east to longitude 139°17’E, south to latitude 32°43’S, west to longitude 139°15’E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA B - Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°44’S and longitude 139°15’E, then east to longitude 139°19’E, south to latitude 32°47’S, west to longitude 139°17’E, north to latitude 32°45’S, west to longitude 139°15’E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA C - Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°36’S and longitude 139°25’E, then east to longitude 139°27’E, south to latitude 32°41’S, west to longitude 139°25’E, south to 32°42’S, west to longitude 139°23’E, north to latitude 32°38’S, west to longitude 139°15’E, north to latitude 32°37’S, east to longitude 139°25’E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA D - Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°31’S and longitude 139°39’E, then east to longitude 139°44’E, south to latitude 32°32’S, east to longitude 139°48’E, south to latitude 32°33’S, west to longitude 139°40’E, south to latitude 32°35’S, west to longitude 139°33’E, north to latitude 32°33’S, east to longitude 139°35’E, north to latitude 32°32’S, east to longitude 139°39’E and north to the point of commencement.

AREA E - Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°29’S and longitude 139°46’E, then east to longitude 140°23’E, south to latitude 32°30’S, west to longitude 140°22’E, south to latitude 32°31’S, west to longitude 140°13’E, south to latitude 32°32’S, west to longitude 140°11’E, south to latitude 32°33’S, west to longitude 140°10’E, south to latitude 32°36’S, east to longitude 140°11’E, south to latitude 32°38’S, west to longitude 140°10’E, south to latitude 32°39’S, west to longitude 140°09’E, south to latitude 32°41’S, west to longitude 140°08’E, south to latitude 32°42’S, west to longitude 140°06’E, south to latitude 32°43’S, west to longitude 140°05’E, south to latitude 32°44’S, west to longitude 140°02’E, north to latitude 32°40’S, east to longitude 140°03’E, north to latitude 32°30’S, west to longitude 140°00’E, south to latitude 32°35’S, west to longitude 139°49’E, north to latitude 32°34’S, east to longitude 139°56’E, north to latitude 32°32’S, west to longitude 139°50’E, north to latitude 32°30’S, west to longitude 139°46’E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA F - Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°41’S and longitude 140°19’E, then east to longitude 140°22’E, south to latitude 32°42’S, west to longitude 140°21’E, south to latitude 32°43’S, west to longitude 140°19’E, south to latitude 32°44’S, west to longitude 140°18’E, south to latitude 32°45’S, west to longitude 140°17’E, south to latitude 32°46’S, west to longitude 140°12’E, south to latitude 32°48’S, west to longitude 140°09’E, south to latitude 32°49’S, west to longitude 140°07’E, south to latitude 32°50’S, west to longitude 140°06’E, south to latitude 32°51’S, west to longitude 140°05’E, south to latitude 32°52’S, west to longitude 140°03’E, north to latitude 32°49’S, east to longitude 140°05’E, north to latitude 32°48’S, east to longitude 140°06’E, north to latitude 32°47’S, east to longitude 140°07’E, north to latitude 32°46’S, east to longitude 140°08’E, north to latitude 32°45’S, east to longitude 140°10’E, north to latitude 32°44’S, east to longitude 140°15’E, north to latitude 32°43’S, east to longitude 140°18’E, north to latitude 32°42’S, east to longitude 140°19’E and north to the point of commencement.

AREA G - Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°39’S and longitude 140°26’E, then east to longitude 140°28’E, south to latitude 32°43’S, west to longitude 140°24’E, north to 32°42’S, east to longitude 140°26’E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (**AGD66**).

AREA: 925 square kilometres approximately.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

Hamelin Gully proposes to carry out exploratory and drilling operations on the Land to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralisation. Those operations may include: reconnaissance; gridding; geological mapping; aerial photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical soil, calcrete and rock chip sampling; shallow trenching; auger, rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation or diamond core drilling and include all things necessarily incidental to any such operations.

The proposed operations are or will be authorised by the Exploration Licence Nos 5866, 5867, 5976, 6009, 6016 & 6046 (including any extensions or renewals of the exploration licences and any future exploration authority under the Mining Act over the Land or any part of it).

Hamelin Gully seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the *Mining Act 1971*.

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relation to the Land to which this notice relates, Hamelin Gully may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to section 63N of the *Mining Act 1971* (SA) authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land.

ANY PERSON who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact the proponents, Hamelin Gully, for the purposes of negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land.

TAKE NOTICE that if within four (4) months of the initiation of these negotiations, **Hamelin Gully** and any native title party or parties have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the *Mining Act 1971* (SA) for a determination in relation to the conduct of the mining operations on the Land.

If you require further information, please contact:
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Contact Person: David Clarke

Hannah on verge of debut



KAMIRALOI 16-year-old cricketer Hannah Darlington was named in the 13-player Sydney Thunder squad that was to play back-to-back games against the third-

placed Perth Scorchers in the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) last Sunday and Monday. Darlington was included in the team to travel to

Perth for games against the Perth Scorchers at Lilac and the West Australian Cricket Association (WACA) ground. Darlington is a Thunder

Academy graduate and was a chance to make her WBBL debut, replacing Belinda Vakarewa.

She is a product of Westfields Sports High School.

She played for the Cricket Australia XI in the Under-18 Nationals in Hobart and was named

in the Australian merit team.

She was the NSW Under-15 female captain.

Darlington plays for NSW at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships in Alice Springs.

She is a right-hand batter and right-arm medium pacer.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

Notification day: 24 January 2018



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 1806, Darwin, NT, 0801 on or before 23 April 2018. After 23 April 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: Colin Freddie and Ors on behalf of the Kankawarla, Kanturrpa, Kurtinja, Patta, Pirrtangu, Purrurtu & Warupunju Landholding Groups and Northern Territory of Australia (Tennant Creek Pastoral Lease)

Federal Court File No: NTD48/2017

Date filed: 3 October 2017

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.

Description: The application area comprises 9 land parcels and covers approx 3692 sq km, extending about 60km east and about 60km south-west of Tennant Creek.

Link to map: <http://arcg.is/2zpZRxj>

Relevant LGA: Barkly Regional 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 a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the state of New South Wales

Notification day: 24 January 2018



National Native Title Tribunal

This application is a 'non-claimant' application, an application made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 23 April 2018. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before 23 April 2018, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title.** The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney, NSW, 2000, on or before 23 April 2018.** After 23 April 2018, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Uralla Men's Shed

Federal Court File No: NSD1993/2017

Non-native title interest: Lot 36 DP1124710 to utilise the land and existing building (Uralla Scout and Guide Hall) for the activities of the Uralla Men's Shed.

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area consists of approximately 2986 square metres, identified as Lot 36 on DP1124710, located in the township of Uralla.

Link to map: <http://arcg.is/2mMUN39>

Relevant LGA: Uralla Shire Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Allan Palmer on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Hannah Darlington bowling for NSW at last year's National Indigenous Cricket Championships in Alice Springs. *Picture: Getty*

Short eyes IPL stint



EXPLOSIVE left-hander D'Arcy Short has declared that he wants to make his mark in overseas T20 cricket tournaments.

After scoring 97 against the Sydney Thunder just over a week ago, Short was just as destructive against the Adelaide Strikers on Thursday evening, scoring 96 which helped guide the Hurricanes to a seven-run win at Bellereve Oval, Hobart.

After nominating for the Indian Premier League auction last season, Short says he intends to do the same again, with Australian selection also not far from his thinking.

"I think about it, but I try not to. I'm just trying to concentrate on my game and be as consistent as possible, which will help me push for higher honours," he said.

"I will nominate for the IPL. I nominated last year as well off the back of having a decent BBL so we'll see if anything comes of it."

Short has been one of the form batters of the BBL season, currently sitting atop the BBL run-scorers list with 242 after four games at an average of 60.5 and a strike rate of more than 160.

"I'm definitely full of confidence at the moment and just happy to be scoring runs and doing it consistently," he said.

"I have a clear plan and just keep it simple really – trusting my swing and trying to stay still at the crease. They're the only things I've worked on this year."

"The first innings I wasn't as disappointed (not to get a hundred), but the second innings I was. Getting there the second time and not quite finishing it off, but my focus is the team – trying to get us off to a good start and getting us to a good score at the end."

Short said the team was focused on continuing their winning form, but still has room for improvement ahead of their next match.

"It's good just to get the ball rolling with wins," he said.

"The first two games we didn't really hit our straps, while the last two games I wouldn't say have been perfect, but we're definitely on the way to doing that and keep winning hopefully."

The Hurricanes were to face the so far winless Sydney Sixers at Bellereve Oval last Monday as part of a double-header with the WBBL Hurricanes taking on the Brisbane Heat women's team.



Christian named in 2017 World T20 team



STAFF at ESPNcricinfo have picked their Test, T20 and ODI teams of 2017 and Dan Christian is in the T20 team.

Wiradjuri man Christian is the only Australian in the T20 team.

ESPNcricinfosaid Christian scored 512 T20 runs in 2017 at a strike rate of 141.13 and took 31 wickets at 24.90 and an economy rate of 8.18.

The T20 Team of the Year is: Evin Lewis (West Indies), Brendon McCullum (New Zealand), Hashim Amla (South Africa), Rohit Sharma (India), Jos Buttler (England), Dan Christian (Australia), Kieron Pollard (West Indies), Sunil Narine (West Indies), Rashid Khan (Afghanistan), Hasan Ali (Pakistan) and Jasprit Bumrah (India).

There are no Australians in the ODI Team of the Year, while David Warner, Steve Smith and Nathan Lyon are in the Test Team of the Year.

● **Right: Dan Christian batting for Notts Outlaws in 2017.**

Benjamin firmly focused on football career



BUNDJALUNG youngster Benjamin Duroux, 9, loves his soccer and is already aiming for higher honours.

Ben has been selected after trialling for the Spirit Football Club Skills Acquisition Program (SAP).

The SAP is run by the Gladesville Hornsby Football Association (GHFA).

This is Ben's second year playing for the Spirit FC and he is quickly climbing the player pathway and hopes to continue all the way to the top.

Ben trains three days a week for the club.

GHFA runs academies for under-6 to under-12 groups where players receive specialist training by qualified GHFA coaches in addition to their club training and matches.

When players reach the under-9 age group, they can seek selection in the SAP, or continue with the GHFA academies that allow them to train and play matches with their local club.

Players selected into SAP train and play matches within the Football NSW program.



Bundjalung soccer player Benjamin Duroux.

NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION MEETING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT UNDER THE *NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)*

The State of South Australia proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*.

The proposed ILUA is in relation to the land and waters in the area set out in the maps attached to this notice (**the ILUA Area**).

Who should attend this meeting?

All those persons who hold or may hold native title in relation to the land and waters in the ILUA Area should attend this meeting.

The native title holders for the ILUA Area as determined by the Federal Court of Australia in *Croft on behalf of the Barngarla Native Title Claim Group v State of South Australia (No 2)* [2016] FCA 724 (***Croft (No 2)***) are the Barngarla People. The Federal Court determined that the Barngarla People are those persons:

- who are related by means of the principle of descent to the following Barngarla apical ancestors:
 - o the siblings Percy Richards and Susie Richards;
 - o Maudie Blade who is the mother of Phyllis Croft;
 - o George Glennie and Mary Glennie;
 - o the siblings Bob Eyles and Harry Croft;
 - o Jack Stuart;
 - o Arthur Davis (also known as King Arthur) and his sons, Andrew Davis, Jack Davis, Stanley Davis and Percy Davis; and
- who have a connection with the Determination Area in accordance with the traditional laws and customs of the Barngarla People; and
- who identify as a Barngarla person and who are accepted by the Barngarla People as a Barngarla person.

The Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation ICN 8603 (**BDAC**) was nominated in the Federal Court to be the Prescribed Body Corporate for the Barngarla Determination. Accordingly, it is also proposed to be a party to the ILUA. Any member of the Barngarla People as defined by the Federal Court in *Croft (No 2)*, is eligible to be a member of BDAC. Under the BDAC Rule Book, only Barngarla native title holders can be members of BDAC. Accordingly, any member of BDAC (who by definition will also be a Barngarla native title holder) should attend this meeting.

If you have any doubts about whether you should attend this meeting you can contact Nick Llewellyn-Jones on the details contained at the bottom of this notice.

What is the ILUA?

The ILUA is required to finalise matters outstanding in Schedule 7 of the Barngarla Determination made by the Federal Court in *Croft (No 2)*. It will provide for the following:

Adjacent and Subjacent Land

- Adjacent land is land adjacent to navigable waters in the State of South Australia and covers, amongst other areas, the majority of coastline of the Eyre Peninsula.
- Subjacent land is the land under navigable waters in the State of South Australia.

The ILUA proposes to confirm that the vesting of adjacent and subjacent land under the *Harbours and Navigation Act 1993 (SA)* to the Minister is valid whilst confirming that the non-extinguishment principle continues to apply to this land and the native title rights and interests are not entirely suppressed.

Parcels listed in Schedule 7(2) of the Determination

The State of South Australia will be seeking that native title be surrendered over the land and waters on some of the parcels listed in Schedule 7(2) of the Determination, namely:

• H560100S11	Hundred of Ash
• D51145A50	Hundred of Boothby
• D51145A51	Hundred of Boothby
• D51145A52	Hundred of Boothby
• D51145A53	Hundred of Boothby
• D68273A1	Hundred of Boothby
• D35207A773	Hundred of Lincoln
• D50937A31	Hundred of Playford
• D52460A32	Hundred of Playford
• D75391A29	Hundred of Pygery
• D67562A1	Hundred of Randell
• D62518A156	Hundred of Walpuppie
• T611001A27	Hundred of Walpuppie

ILUA Area Map (the ILUA area is the area shaded black in the below map and includes the parcels listed above)



More detailed maps are available if you contact the details below

Details of ILUA Authorisation Meeting:

The details of the ILUA Authorisation Meeting are listed below:

Date:	Sunday 14 January 2018
Time:	10.30am (registration)
Location:	West Whyalla Football Club 172 Playford Ave Whyalla South Australia (Cnr of Playford Avenue and Slee Street)

Please email or call to register your attendance at the authorisation meeting or to obtain a copy of any of the documentation associated with the ILUA

(including the Notice of Meeting or a plain English summary of the ILUA):

barngarlacontact@gmail.com
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Games clock is ticking for athletes

By PETER ARGENT



THE clock is ticking as Indigenous sprinters Josh Ross and Tjimari Sanderson-Milera race against time as they seek to represent Australia at this year's Commonwealth Games on the Queensland Gold Coast.

Nine-times national sprint champion Ross and South Australian dual-sports talent Sanderson-Milera competed in the 2017 Bay Sheffield meeting at Colley Reserve, Glenelg, on December 28.

Noted as one of the largest and most prestigious running meetings in the nation, and second behind the Stawell Gift, the 2017 event was the 131st time the 'Shef' was held.

Ross, a two-times winner of the 120m event, again ran off scratch and Sanderson-Milera, who has a second and a fourth in two Shef finals appearances, was off 3.50 metres.

Sanderson-Milera, who also competes in surf lifesaving beach events, finished an impressive second in his heat and ran 12.528 seconds.

He was knocked out in his semi-final, clocking 12.548 seconds and finishing third.

During the summer track season, Sanderson-Milera has been focusing on the 400m discipline and recently ran a personal best.

"I've been working my butt off at training in pre-season," he said.

"The 400 metres has been a real focus. I ran a PB 47.5 seconds three weeks ago and had certainly 0.8 (of a second) in the tank.

"My ambition is to make the 4 x 400m relay side at the Commonwealth Games.

"There are a big couple of weeks ahead. I travel to Canberra twice to run on the fastest track in Australia and then there is the Queensland titles in early February.

"In the Commonwealth Games trials that start on February 16, I need to run 46 seconds to be guaranteed a qualifying time.

"The feedback I've received is they are prepared to send a relay team and I have to run in the 46 seconds to get that chance.

"I haven't competed in the surf sports season at all and won't do anything in that area until after the Commonwealth Games trials."

Ross, who turns 37 on February 9, competed for Australia at the 2004 Athens and 2012 London Olympics.

He ran 12.967 seconds in his Sheffield heat, not featuring among the placings.

He is looking forward to a 2017-18 summer season revival and selection for the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in April.

However, there are suggestions retirement at the end of the campaign is also on the cards should he fail to restart his career.

"A month ago I was not in shape," Ross said in a recent interview.

"I've always used pro running

throughout my career for preparation for the season."

Ross acknowledges athletics had been a struggle for the past three years.

He is endeavouring to settle again after moving back to the NSW Central Coast, the region where he grew up and won his first race as a 10-year-old.

For the past five years, Ross has been based in Melbourne.

"I've moved back to the Central Coast for the lifestyle... I missed running on the beach and fishing," Ross said.

"If you are not happy, you are not going to run properly; running is a reflection of your happiness.

"I'm a strong-willed individual and don't take no for an answer.

"I'll keep moving forward to where I used to be."

One feels there may just be another chapter or two to write.

Sanderson-Milera, 24, is an ambassador for the Bright Youth Foundation and volunteer on youth programs. His roles include planning and supervision, coaching and fitness activities, and mentor work.

He is moving back to Adelaide from the Gold Coast in the middle of the year.



Tjimari Sanderson-Milera running in the 2016 Bay Sheffield.

Picture: Peter Argent



Josh Ross running in the Bay Sheffield.

Picture: Peter Argent

Stars of Big Bash League

KOORI Mail correspondent Peter Argent took these pictures of Brisbane Heat Big Bash League (BBL) Indigenous players Josh Lalor and Brendan Doggett (right) during the game against the Adelaide Strikers in Adelaide on December 31. Doggett did not play in the match, but Lalor finished with 3-40 in the Strikers' innings of 7-147 and scored nine runs from 10 balls in the Heat's reply of 91 (all out). The pictures below show Lalor celebrating the prize wicket of Striker Alex Carey and Lalor about to let fly a delivery.



Roberts signs on with Wolves



GOLD Coast Titan Tyrone Roberts has signed a three-year deal with English Super League club Warrington Wolves.

Despite assurances from the Titans that Roberts would stay with them, Roberts decided it was time for a career move.

Roberts debuted for the Titans in round one of the 2016 National Rugby League (NRL) season, playing 41 matches over his two-year stay.

The Wests Newcastle and Ballina junior played a total of 138 matches in the NRL over his seven seasons.

Roberts, who was off-contract, had long been linked with a move to Warrington and rumours last October intensified with English media declaring the 26-year-old had finalised a deal to be a marquee Wolves player in 2018.

Reports indicated his manager Warrick Wright was in England recently for talks to have Roberts join former South Sydney centre Bryson Goodwin as recruits at Halliwell Jones Stadium.

Wright later confirmed with the *Koori Mail* that he had been in England to negotiate a deal for Roberts.

The news was met with discontent from Titans fans, given Roberts' strong form in an overall difficult year for the club.

Negotiations between the Titans and Roberts were stop-start for much of last season.



Tyrone Roberts in the 2015 Indigenous All Stars jumper.

The club's commitment to Jarryd Hayne, Kane Elgey, Ash Taylor and Nathan Peats as their spine had complicated Roberts' place in the pecking order beyond utility status.

Roberts proved his versatility last year by starting games at fullback, hooker and in the halves.

The Titans were operating on a similar timeframe for Roberts' close mate Ash Taylor. The star No. 7 has another year to run on his deal but on November 1 became a free agent for the 2019 season.

Funding boost for Shooting Stars



FUNDING for the Shooting Stars netball program in Western Australia has received a boost with the Federal Government

chipping in for another three years.

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet has reaffirmed its support of advancing Indigenous women in remote parts of Western Australia through the Shooting Stars program, extending the current partnership for up to three years, including \$1.5 million in the first year.

Acting Prime Minister Julie Bishop delivered the news to Glass Jar

Australia chairwoman Professor Colleen Hayward, Shooting Stars executive officer Fran Haintz, and Netball WA chief executive Simon Taylor during her visit to the State Netball Centre.

Haintz welcomed the Federal Government's support.

"This funding allows us to continue to change the lives of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls living in Western Australia's remote communities and regional towns," she said.

The funding will enable Shooting Stars to operate in its existing six sites.



Sydney Thunder Indigenous XI captain Ben Patterson and the Kenyan captain with the umpires before their game in Sydney on January 2.

Indigenous team beats Kenyan under-19s



THE Sydney Thunder Indigenous XI had a six-wicket win over the Kenyan under-19 team at Punchbowl Park, Sydney, on January 2.

Batting first, Kenya scored 133, with Rohan Davis (2-28) and Mike Jeffrey (2-21) the leading wicket takers for Sydney Thunder.

In response, the hosts lost a couple of early wickets before captain Ben Patterson constructed a patient innings to eventually

guide his team to victory.

"The game was incredible – the challenge it presented, the standards we encountered, and the opportunity to play an international team made it so enjoyable," Patterson said.

"The importance of this side is vital: giving young Indigenous kids the opportunity to play better cricket, and a chance to learn of other Aboriginal cultures from their teammates."

Patterson top scored with 91 not-out as the hosts passed the target for the loss of four wickets.



● ABOVE: Ben Patterson leads the Thunder Indigenous players onto the field at Punchbowl.

● LEFT: Ben Patterson scrambles to back up an attempted run-out of a Kenyan batsman.

Ready for fresh start



HAWTHORN star Cyril Rioli wants to find the fun in Australian rules footy again as he emerges from an incredibly difficult period of his life.

Rioli's season ended prematurely after seven games due to a knee injury but that setback paled into insignificance when his father had a heart attack.

The 28-year-old was granted indefinite personal leave in November so he could remain by his dad's bedside in Darwin.

But with his father – also named Cyril – on the mend following heart surgery, the four-time premiership player is back at Hawthorn.

"It's been a bit weird not starting pre-season but my dad means everything to me and to be able to spend time with him and try and get him through the tough times, that's been the No. 1 priority," Rioli said.

"Obviously, it's a late start to pre-season, but I'm just looking forward to getting back into footy (matches). I don't know when that will be due to my late start to pre-season, but I'm just looking forward to going out there and having fun.

"Last year was pretty tough with the injury and the family stuff happening but I think this year (I want) to just find that fun again and just play free footy."

Rioli's father is back home after two months in hospital as he continues his recovery.

Once Rioli Jnr has overseen his return to full health, he will turn his attention to returning to the field.

He has worked on his own program away from the club and the knee injury he suffered against Brisbane in round eight won't hinder him.

"Towards the end of the season (the knee) was looking pretty good and it still is," he told the club's website.

"I've been able to run and train and do all the normal things.

"So the knee is fine and I'm just looking forward to next year." – AAP



Cyril Rioli and his father Cyril after the 2014 AFL grand final.
Picture: Peter Argent

Christian to return to Nottinghamshire as T20 captain



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE County Cricket Club has signed Daniel Christian as their T20 captain for another two years.

Christian took charge of Notts in the T20 Blast in 2016 and last season helped guide them to their maiden title.

The Indigenous Australian allrounder has great experience of T20 leagues around the world and was a key performer in Notts' title win, scoring 356 runs at 35.60 to go with 11 wickets at 23.54.

"To lead the Notts Outlaws to their first T20 Blast finals day win this summer ranks as one of the most memorable

moments of my career. I'm thrilled to be captaining the side again in 2018 and 2019," Christian said.

"I've really enjoyed working with head coach Peter Moores and a very talented squad of players, who really showed what they were capable of in 2017. I firmly believe we can challenge for more T20 titles in the seasons to come."

Notts were the leading white-ball team in the country in 2017, lifting the Royal London Cup as well as securing the Blast for the first time.

Moores said: "We know exactly what we are getting with DC – he's a quality player with bat and ball and is an excellent captain too, as we've seen in his previous time at Trent Bridge."

Sunshine Coast girl to carry Games baton



AUSTRALIAN Budgies netballer Abbey Morcom (pictured) has been chosen to be a Queen's baton bearer for this year's Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

Abbey lives at Pomona, on the Queensland Sunshine Coast, and attends Sunshine Coast Grammar School.

She will carry the baton at Noosa on Monday, March 26.

Since being told of her baton duties, Abbey also represented the Australian Budgies Indigenous netball team at the School Sport Australia Pacific Games in Adelaide in December.

She also represented the Queensland Murri team at the National Indigenous Netball Championships last week at Tallebudgera, on the Queensland Gold Coast, and also recently travelled to Fiji to compete.

She has received an Indigenous scholarship at Sunshine Coast Grammar.



Hunter man wins world crown

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line to represent Australia in Cyprus at the WFF World Championship in November 2017.

"Barry battled it out with the best and went on to win the men's WFF Pro Division."

Mrs Lawler said her son had previously won many state and national competitions.

Lawler first played football with his best mate Mac Percival, but then they moved into body building as teenagers and the pair have never stopped.

"In fact, this was their calling," Mrs Lawler said.

"They fell in love with bodybuilding.

Barry and Mac have done everything together and they have been mates from their preschool years, even working

together in the building and construction industry and undertaking apprenticeships together.

Being a world champion takes a lot of work effort, structure and self-discipline. To maintain this level and commitment, Lawler is constantly training and works out at the World Gym at Maitland.

Coach Steve Baudo also contributed to Lawler's success.

Rugby league festival teams named

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Kiara Maza (Redfern All Blacks), Sharon McGrady (Dunghutti Jindas), Stephanie Mooka (Gundalu Gadyu), Kaitlin Moss (Gundalu Gadyu), Carly Phillips (Redfern All Blacks), Amber Pilley (Murri Sistas), Paris Robinson (Redfern All Blacks), Taleena Simon (Redfern All

Blacks), Ash Singleton (Murri Sistas), Rihanna Sutherland (Nanima Common Connection), Shakia Tungai (Dunghutti Jindas) and Shaylin Williams (Redfern All Blacks).

Coach: Ben Jeffries.

● New Zealand Maori:

Anthony Cherrington, Brad Clark, Zach Clay, Levi Dodd, Carne Doyle Manga, Patrick Herbert, Jake Jackson, Paoro

Kemp, Jesse Malcom, Rulon Nutira, Piki Rogers, Kurtis Rowe, Manaia Rudolph, Dylan Smith, Reuben Taylor, Spike Teo, O'Shea Tuisua, Aussie Tuwhangai, Waka Wanahi, Clayton Williams and Parahi Wilson.

Coach: Mark Horo.

● New Zealand Maori

Ferns: Billy-Jean Ale, Jess Bennett, Aleasha Brider,

Sherri Burgess, Teina Clark, Josophy Daniels, Te Aroha Hapuku, Chanel Hundleson, Kerehitina Matua, Terehia Matua, Tanika-Jazz Noble, Lisa Rua, Jonsal Tautari, Karley Te Kawa, Kadison-Tyra Robertson, Liahona Wanoa, Geneva Webber, Kararaina Wira-Kohu, Sharnita Woodman and Suzanne Yee.
Coach: Victor Heke.

Fiebig to lead SA Scorpions

By PETER ARGENT



SA FORMER South Australian Scorpions Women's National Cricket League (WNCL) cricketer Cara Fiebig has taken over from Jordan Doecke as the new SA Outbacks leader at the 2018 Australian Country Cricket Championships (ACCC) being held in Geraldton, Western Australia, from January 6-13.

Currently playing A grade cricket at the Wandearah Cricket Club in the Port Pirie competition, Fiebig was ecstatic about getting the role.

She becomes the first Indigenous cricketer to lead a South Australian senior women's team, according to SA cricket historian Geoff Sando.

"It was pretty exciting getting that call from our coach Kevin Frick," Fiebig told the *Koori Mail*.

"Being captain this year is up there with the biggest accolades in my sporting life."

"Being a country girl and

having strong rural ties, this is a big honour."

Last year in the 2017 ACCC, Fiebig collected a hat-trick and was one of the three Outbacks selected in the Australian Country team for her performances at the Wollongong tournament.

A teacher at John Pirie Secondary School, who's moving into a role as assistant principal of the middle school this year, Fiebig is unable to commit to the National Indigenous Cricket Championship (NICC) because it falls during the early weeks of the 2018 school curriculum.

Fiebig has Indigenous heritage through her mother Raylene.

Originally from a family farm five kilometres west of Murray Town, in the mid-north of the state, Fiebig played junior netball alongside Adelaide Lightning superstar basketball Abby Bishop at Booleroo-Melrose-Willington Lions in her youth and also won a Northern Area's Netball Association best and fairest medal in 2011 with

the Southern Flinders Tigers.

She played in an A grade netball flag with the Tigers in 2012.

This year she played with the Blue Wren netball club in Port Pirie and coached the A1 reserve side to a premiership.

SA Outback coach Kevin Frick believes that Fiebig will again be a key contributor to the Outbacks chances to win their first ACCC tournament.

The SA Outbacks were grand finalists in the first ACCC women's tournament in Mount Gambier in January 2016. Last January at Wollongong, the SA women Outbacks were semi-finalists.

Fiebig played for her state in the WNCL from 2007-2012, playing in 16 one-day fixtures and 18 T20 games.

A middle order batter and off-spin bowler, Fiebig has best WNCL figures of 4-11 and a highest score of 55.

At the ACCC tournament last year, Fiebig collected 14 wickets at an average of 9.50 runs and a strike rate of a wicket every 11 deliveries.



Cara Fiebig batting for the Scorpions.

Gagai set to be a centre



AU SOUTH Sydney recruit Dane Gagai has his sights set on playing right centre after dismissing the thought of dethroning skipper Greg Inglis as Rabbitohs fullback next National Rugby League (NRL) season.

Australian winger Gagai said he enjoyed playing fullback at former club Newcastle but couldn't see himself wearing the Rabbitohs No. 1 jersey any time soon.

"(Inglis is) pretty set I think. He's earned the right to play wherever he wants to play and I'm sure whatever number he chucks on his back, he's going to kill it in that position," Gagai told foxsports.com.au.

"I'll probably be looking more for that right

centre role. I love playing fullback, don't get me wrong, but I love the fact of having a centre on the opposite side of you... as much as it's a team game, there's a little one-on-one battle between you two."

New Rabbitohs coach Anthony Seibold declared 30-year-old Inglis would remain as captain and get first crack at No. 1 when the NRL star returned to pre-season training earlier this month.

Inglis' 2017 season lasted barely an hour before he suffered a knee injury in South Sydney's opening round clash that put him out of contention for the rest of the year.

Inglis will make his official comeback to the field in a Charity Shield match against St George Illawarra on February 24. —AAP

Adelaide Strikers coach Jason Gillespie models the Aboriginal shirts to be worn by Strikers players in the BBL and WBBL matches in Alice Springs this weekend.



Special shirts for cricket games



AU THE Adelaide Strikers will wear one-off shirts designed by Aboriginal artists during their inaugural Big Bash League games in Alice Springs this weekend.

The design, by South Australian artists Mel Agius and Colleen Strangways, represents the Strikers making their way from Kaurna land to Alice Springs, the place of the Arrernte people, to play the Perth Scorchers.

The shirts will be worn by the Strikers' players and men's coach Jason Gillespie – the first Indigenous Australian Test cricketer – for the BBL and WBBL double-header on Saturday, January 13, and the second WBBL game the following day at Traeger Park.

Perth Scorchers will also wear their own design.

"It's a great initiative," Gillespie said.

"The shirts look brilliant; the artists have done a great job. We

will all be very proud to wear them in Alice Springs."

Adelaide Strikers general manager Bronwyn Klei said:

"These shirts will be seen by millions of people watching the games across Australia and the world."

"This will be the biggest sporting event in Alice Springs history with the game being broadcast to more than 130 countries."

"We want to recognise the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island heritage and culture, celebrate Indigenous cricket and its long history, promote Indigenous cricket pathways and inspire the next generation of cricketers."

"There will be clinics, including an exclusive opportunity for children from remote communities who will be brought into Alice Springs, and hospital visits, open training sessions, a coaches' forum and autograph sessions."

The Adelaide Strikers have a two-year agreement with Cricket Australia and the NT Government to play games in Alice Springs.



Perth Scorchers players Piepa Cleary and Michael Klinger with shirt designer Richard Walley.

Young golfer overcomes handicap

By ALF WILSON



AUTISM has not proven a barrier to young Weipa golfer Tom Kebisu Whittle, who was selected in the

First Nations team to compete at two prestigious Australian tournaments.

Twelve-year-old Tom, of Torres Strait descent, competed in the 2017 Greg Norman Junior Masters on the Gold Coast from December 9-15 and the Pacific School Games in Adelaide from December 2-3.

His father Rod Whittle and mother Frances (nee Mosby), of Kulkalgal clan descent from the Torres Strait Central Islands, have been highly supportive of Tom, who is one of the outstanding local golfers at Weipa's Carpentaria Golf Club.

"Tom played well at Pacific School Games in Adelaide. He led the First Nations team at Glenelg Golf Club in the opening team Ambrose event," Whittle said.

"They finished with 57 nett – 17 shots under par.

Unfamiliar conditions

"The next few days were a massive test of golf with unseasonal cold and rainy conditions... totally unfamiliar.

"Tom played to his handicap over the three days to finish mid-field.

"He and Gary Abraham, from WA, played very well and held their own.

"The event was a steep learning curve for all in the team.

"The program was a huge success and Golf Australia and School Sport Australia are keen to build on this.

"At the Greg Norman Junior Masters on Gold Coast, Tom played very well to finish 16 out of 36 in the under-13s.

"The top 15 progressed through to the final round.

"He also finished third in the nett."



Tom Whittle and Weipa Carpentaria Golf Club player Rob Cedar with a cricket memorabilia picture of Australian legend Mitchell Johnson that was donated by the Commonwealth Bank towards Tom's fundraising.

Whittle said Tom was proud of his Torres Strait heritage and he had achieved a lot through golf.

"The Carpentaria Club and the Weipa and Napranum communities also got right behind him, and Tom lives in a remote area and has become one of the elite young golfers in the country," Whittle said.

Born with autism, his parents were looking for a 'bridge' – a way for Tom to interact more successfully with the world – and golf has done that.

Tom has reduced his handicap from 35 to 11 and is regularly among the winners against older opponents at Weipa.

He played in the Peninsula under-12 championships and won it for two consecutive years.

He was also named in the Queensland team as a shadow player.

FNQ representative honours were earned and Tom played in the Gary Player Classic in Brisbane in the under-15 group.

He then went to Cairns and qualified for the Greg Norman Junior Masters for 2017 by winning the 54-hole Southern Junior Classic.

Golf Australia has recognised Tom's achievements and potential, and selected him in the inaugural under-12 Australian Indigenous First Nations golf team that played in the Pacific School Games in Adelaide late last year.

Robert Cedar, of Darnley descent, is one of the Weipa golfers who have supported Tom.

Kaya's whirlwind ride to success



ONE young Rirratjingu Football Program participant from East Arnhem Land is taking the Australian football by storm after

making her Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) debut for the Darwin Buffaloes in the female under-15 competition.

Kaya Mununggurr, who is a product of the Yirrkala-based program, is now heading to Darwin on weekends to pull on the double blue guernsey.

Her rise to the NTFL caps off a whirlwind season of football for Mununggurr, who at the age of only 14 captained the 2017 Djarrak Football Club women to their maiden premiership.

Mununggurr said she was humbled to be selected to play in the NTFL.

"It is very special to be selected to play for the Buffaloes and I am really looking forward to playing more games in Darwin," she said.

The Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation created the Football Program in 2015 in order to create pathways to employment and implement positive social change through the sport.

The program has also engaged with Charlie King and the No More Campaign, and created the first Domestic Violence Action Plan for a club in the Gove AFL.

Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation's social programs coordinator, Hayden Rickard, highlighted the importance of the program in helping young people.

"The program provides a stable and disciplined environment that not only helps

nurture footballing potential, but also helps participants become the best people they can be," Rickard said.

"We have seen Kaya make significant strides away from the football field this year, particularly an improvement in school attendance.

"The program has demonstrated positive outcomes for our people and Kaya is a testament to our holistic approach to driving positive change."

With Yirrkala within the Geelong Football Club's Next Gen Academy region, Mununggurr has also come on the radar of the Geelong Cats women's and Academy coach Paul Hood.

Inspiring

"It's fantastic to see Kaya progressing so well in these early stages of her career. The passion for football in East Arnhem Land is inspiring and it's terrific to see the growth in women's football," Hood said.

"We look forward to watching Kaya develop through the various AFLNT pathways in coming years and the Cats look forward to supporting her and all footballers throughout the region in various ways.

"Kaya has already shown great leadership with her GAFL club and we hope she can continue to be a great role model for young women in football.

"Geelong Football Club has two East Arnhem players training with our men's VFL side in Raven Marika and Lochlan Dhurrkay. We'd love to be able to host a female player."

Mununggurr will continue her training with the program with a view to entering the NT Thunder Junior pathway in the future.



Rising Australian football player Kaya Mununggurr from East Arnhem Land.

Rockhampton to host Easter T20 carnival



ROCKHAMPTON is to host an Indigenous T20 cricket tournament this Easter.

The Stan Alberts Shield (SAS) is named after Stan Alberts, who is a well-known local sporting great and an

Indigenous Elder in the Rockhampton region.

Uncle Stan's sporting achievements include being a former Queensland cricket

representative, Golden Gloves boxer and rugby league representative.

He also volunteered his time in coaching, adjudicating and was employed as the groundsman for the Rockhampton cricket grounds, Browne Park and the Southside Soccer Club.

The SAS has been coordinated by Team Indigenous Corporation (TIC) since 2016 and the tournament has grown each year, with the 2017 carnival including eight

men's, two women's and two junior teams.

Teams came from Bowen, Brisbane, Toowoomba, Ipswich, Woorabinda and the Rockhampton region with about 600 spectators attending.

A spokesman said the SAS profile received coverage on local radio, newspaper and television as well as social media and was included on the Queensland Cricket website and events calendar.

He said the SAS vision was to create a

pathway for Indigenous juniors, women and seniors to play representative cricket.

In conjunction with the Bidgerdii Community Health Service, health checks were conducted on the players from the Rockhampton region.

"We envisage Bidgerdii to conduct further health checks as well as basic medical tests (sugar levels, blood pressure etc) to all attendees at the 2018 competition," the spokesman said.

Return on investment



Lance Franklin during a Sydney Swans AFL pre-season training session at Weigall Sports Ground, Sydney, on December 4. Picture: Getty

Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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THE signing of Buddy Franklin to a long-term contract that consumed so much of the Swans' salary cap was always going to be a controversial decision.

From day one, it created debate about value for money and whether it was the correct move for the continued success of the club.

Last year, former coach Pau Roos weighed into the argument, saying that Buddy's pay packet meant that the Swans could not develop the necessary depth to be a genuine threat

to the competition.

And that's what the argument boils down to.

There is no doubt that Buddy's signing has been a commercial success for the Swans.

He is the type of player who not only puts bums on seats, but also cuts through the competitive media and commercial market of Sydney.

But the success of footy clubs is not just measured by the bottom line.

Fans and members want to not only see their team be competitive – they also want to win flags.

Pressure

And that is why external pressure will mount on Buddy and the Swans as many in the media have an opinion, which they hold as fact, that for the deal to have been a success, Sydney must win a premiership.

To believe that one player holds the responsibility for premiership success on his shoulders is unrealistic and unfair.

It fails to take into account just how many moving parts are required to be working at full capacity before a club can hold up the cup.

One thing that gets mentioned regularly is that Buddy's sizeable pay packet has squeezed out other important Sydney players, namely Shane Mumford and, last year, Tom Mitchell.

What doesn't get mentioned

very often is that Buddy was a free agent, meaning Sydney didn't trade for him, and the AFL – not Sydney – sent pick 19 to the Hawks as compensation for Buddy moving on.

As highly as I rate Mumford and Mitchell, the deal is so far looking like a terrific one from Sydney's perspective.

Outside of the exodus of players Buddy's arrival caused, the other issue raised is Buddy's salary, which is regarded as the largest total package an AFL player has ever received, even though other players have been paid more on a per year basis.

Since Buddy signed on to play for Sydney, the salary cap for clubs has increased from \$9.5 million to \$12.5 million a year, a rise of close to 30%.

While his salary is still very handsome, his mooted \$1.1 million a year when translated to 2014 numbers is closer to the value of \$800,000 a year when translated to a percentage of total player payments.

Marketability

Those market rates are for his on-field performance alone, and fail to acknowledge the enormous marketability of Franklin to the footballing public in Sydney, who constantly need compelling reasons to follow the Swans and the AFL.

Sydney can't fall back to the emotive pull that many of the Victorian clubs can.

Although they have a small base of supporters who've followed from the South

Melbourne days, they have fewer fans who have long-standing family ties with the club than many of their Victorian counterparts.

Brownlow Medallist Gerard Healy believes Lance Franklin's time at Sydney has already been a "great success", even though the Swans have yet to win a flag over the past four seasons.

But Hawthorn legend Jason Dunstall believes that no Swans flag with Franklin would be a failure from "a Sydney philosophical perspective".

But Healy, who played 81 games for the Swans, said the value of the Franklin deal shouldn't be judged solely on Sydney's grand final record.

"It seems to be almost a rush to the phone or the typewriter as soon as the Swans get knocked out in a final – let's talk about the Buddy deal," Healy said.

"Buddy Franklin makes people talk about football in Sydney.

"We're spending 30-odd million dollars out in the west to get people to talk about footy – Buddy's doing it for one million dollars."

Another former great – Jonathan Brown – agreed with Healy, saying all Franklin had to do was give the Swans the best possible chance of winning a premiership.

"Buddy's got them to two grand finals, or certainly been a big contributor to that," Brown said.

"What he's done for the game... there's very few that can

transcend codes like Buddy has. He's like Lockett, like Barry Hall to a degree.

"If they went nine years and didn't win a flag but gave them three or four cracks at it, I would've thought there's a lot of other pieces that haven't fallen into place. He's done more than his job to this date, I would've thought."

But Dunstall said there were two parts to the Franklin assessment – and one of them would view the Buddy deal as a failure.

"The philosophy of Sydney was to try and buy some big-price recruits that would deliver a premiership, so if they don't win one – from a Sydney philosophical perspective – I think it fails," Dunstall said.

Value for money

"But has Franklin been value for money? Absolutely. He's played brilliantly and all the spin-offs off-field and what he's brought to the Sydney Swans has been enormous."

To my mind, Buddy Franklin is one of the greats of his era.

The pressures on him are enormous, but we have seen him answer his critics on the field time and time again.

Franklin could pay the biggest dividend to the Swans as he is at the peak of his powers.

A premiership flag would be the biggest return on investment he could deliver.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Thriving in Europe

By CHRIS PIKE



WILLIAM McDowell-White is settling into life in Germany so well that he has just been named Player of the Week in the second

division and has already broken into the first team as the 19-year-old's basketball career continues to thrive.

It has been quite the journey over the past couple of years for McDowell-White. The son of triple AFL premiership winning Brisbane Lions star Darryl White, he emerged as yet another emerging Australian basketball star while still at high school in Brisbane.

He starred at the under-19 World Cup in 2015 before also emerging on to the world stage at the 2016 Nike Hoop Summit playing for the World Team.

It appeared college would be a natural fit for him to further develop in the United States, and he did attempt to join older brother Darryl at Fresno State.

When that didn't work out, it was time for plan B and initially that was to finish the last NBL season playing under Andrew Gaze at the Sydney Kings.

He showed some good signs in his first taste of professional basketball as a development player and went on to have a strong Queensland Basketball League season averaging 17.3 points, 8.7 rebounds and 4.7 assists with the Brisbane Spartans.

Having considered remaining home in the NBL, it was when German powerhouse Brose Bamberg came calling that he sat up to take notice.

Immediately, McDowell-White knew that's where he wanted to be and signed a four-year deal with the club even with the knowledge that he would be starting with their second division club, the Baunach Young Pikes.

The still 19-year-old has had no trouble settling in to life in Germany and on the basketball court in the ProA competition for Baunach.

The talented point guard is averaging 11.3 points and 6.4 assists a game this season, but continues to improve even if his team is struggling on the bottom of the standings having won just two of 16 games.

In round 16, he delivered a dazzling 28 points and 12 assists in a 91-89 win against Chemnitz. That saw him earn the ProA Player of the Week honour for round 16.

He has also spent time with the Brose Bamberg team in the top division in Germany, further highlighting that he has made a move that is already improving his basketball.

It was the likelihood of the German

club being best for his development that attracted McDowell-White to make the move in the first place, having had other offers to weigh up.

"It kind of came out of nowhere really. I was playing in the NBL back home and didn't really know what I was going to do," McDowell-White said.

"I was looking at teams back home and fortunately an agent that we knew explored options over here and found Bamberg. They needed another guard in the second team and it has all worked out from there.

"We looked at the history of this club and what they've done with players that have been here and where players have gone after playing here and a lot of them went on to the NBA and to be EuroLeague champions with other teams.

"Once we saw that, we thought this was an opportunity to go to the highest level or at least develop here and go to a big-time European club."

Bamberg have won seven of the past eight German championships so it seems that McDowell-White has gone to the right place for his long-term development.

EuroLeague debut

While he has been with the Baunach team most of the time, McDowell-White has trained when possible with the main team and even got to make his EuroLeague debut with the club, making a three-pointer to close his debut appearance.

"It's an exciting time being called up to the EuroLeague team and even just suiting up is an accomplishment for me," he said.

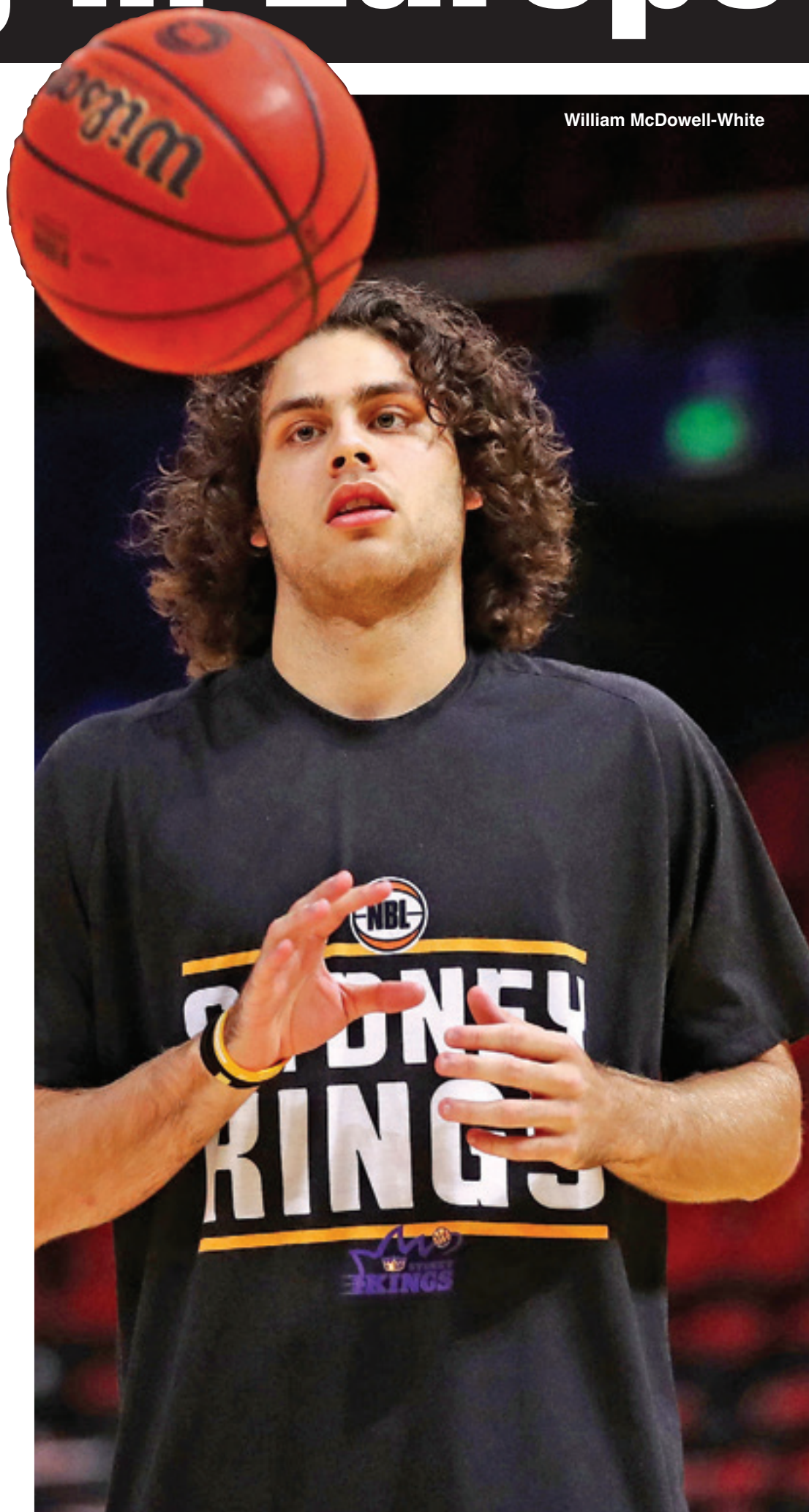
"Against CSKA, coming in and being able to knock down a three-pointer was probably the highlight of my career so far. I'm just looking forward in the future to playing some more and contributing any way I can."

McDowell-White found out quickly that he had to improve his defensive play dramatically when he arrived in Germany. He has been happy with the progress he has made in the months since, but is far from done improving.

"I think I'm doing well, but I could obviously still do better. Offensively, I probably could be a little bit more selfish instead of looking for somebody else all the time. The biggest improvement for me has been defensively though," McDowell-White said.

"In the pre-season with the first team, I was absolutely horrendous defensively and that's unlike me. I was just getting blown by whenever but I have worked on it and I have become a defensive asset for the second team. I'm just trying to help out the first team with my defence."

William McDowell-White



Brendan Doggett's 5-35 his best BBL figures



WORAMI man Brendan Doggett on Friday night returned his best bowling performance in his short Big Bash League cricket career, taking 5-35 for the Brisbane

Heat against the Perth Scorchers at the Gabba, Brisbane.

The Heat won the match, thanks mainly to the efforts of Doggett and

batsman Ben Cutting.

Flying high after four straight wins, the defending champions suffered a major reality check with a 49-run loss to the Heat in front of a packed Gabba.

Shoddy fielding

Rubbing salt into the Scorchers' wounds was the shoddy fielding which cost them dearly as the Heat smashed 6-191.

Paceman Doggett was a standout, shining on the boundary rope in between his bowling exploits.

It was the first BBL loss in almost a full 12 months for the Scorchers who had won their past seven matches, including last year's semi-final and final.

Cutting produced a lusty match-turning knock of 46 (20 balls), including five sixes, to pilot the Heat to 6-191.

The victory put Brisbane (4-2) level on points with the two-time defending champions but they have played one extra match.

Mark Steketee (3-28) and Doggett led the way, with Doggett claiming his first when he dismissed the dangerous Ashton Turner (18) in the 10th over, returning at the end of the innings to take another four and seal his first BBL five-wicket haul.

WA Hall of Famers

By CHRIS PIKE



THE outstanding Australian rules football careers of Derek Kickett and Keith Narkle have been recognised with the pair inducted into the West Australian Football Hall of Fame.

The pair will have their names forever etched into history after being recognised at the WA Football Hall of Fame ceremony late last year at a glittering ceremony held at Subiaco Oval, which will no longer play host to AFL matches with the opening of Perth's new stadium.

It was only fitting that two more Indigenous greats were part of the inductees on the night as Keith Narkle joined brother Phil in the Hall of Fame while Kickett became the first inductee from his famous football family.

The others inducted alongside Kickett and Narkle were Bob Shields, Mike Ball, Charles Doig, Peter Bosustow, Frank Walker, Alan Johnson, Simon Black and Joel Corey.

Kickett's induction came as recognition of his outstanding career in WA and the AFL.

His journey began in the WAFL with West Perth in 1984 before he moved to Claremont for two seasons where he played in the 1987 premiership and claimed the most votes in the Sandover Medal, but was ineligible through suspension.

After time with Central District in Adelaide, Kickett spent a season with North Melbourne in 1989 before joining Essendon. He would go on to display some dazzling performances, with his long kicking and ability to perform the mercurial making him a standout.

But once he was left out of the 1993 premiership winning team, it left a sour taste from him for coach Kevin Sheedy that remains to this day.

He looked to move on and landed at Sydney where he would go on to play a further 63 games, including the 1996 grand final.

His AFL career came to an end following that grand final loss to North Melbourne after he played 152 games and kicked 179 goals.

Aged 34, he returned to Perth and joined his third WAFL club – Subiaco – and played 12 games and kicked 29 goals before announcing his retirement.

All up, he played 266 games and kicked 424 goals across two states while playing for WA another seven times.

Long-distance torpedoes

He will forever be remembered for his ability to launch long-distance torpedo punts and to make the football talk in ways that few players ever had before or have since.

It's only fitting he now takes his place in the WA Football Hall of Fame.

Meanwhile, Narkle had a remarkable career with Swan Districts, having started his senior football career with Bunbury, in the South West Football League.

He arrived at Swan Districts for the 1971 season and up until the end of 1985, put together a career for the ages.

Along the way, Narkle played in Swans' hat-trick of premierships in 1982, 1983 and 1984. He was captain of the last two of those. He was also the Swan Medal winner as fairest and best at Swans in 1977, 1978 and 1984.

Being captain, fairest and best, and of course a premiership player in 1984, made it a remarkable season in its own right for the then 32-year-old.

Narkle retired at the end of the 1985 season having played 254 games for Swan Districts and kicking 162 goals.

He also represented WA on three occasions.

Since retirement, the accolades have continued to be bestowed upon him, including being named in the Swan Districts Team of the Century and inducted into the Swan Districts Football Club Hall of Fame.

Now his legacy is cemented by entering the WA Football Hall of Fame, joining younger brother Phil, who was inducted in 2006.

Narkle was initially somewhat taken aback when he found out he was to be inducted, but pride soon took over as the overriding emotion.

"I was surprised when I was told about the honour of going into the Hall of Fame, but now that I have had time to think about it, it feels really good," Narkle said.



Derek Kickett being presented with his WAFL Hall of Fame citation by WA Football Commission chairman Murray McHenry.



Keith Narkle, left, speaking about his footballing days with Channel Ten's Tim Gossage at the WAFL Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Aussie rules like you've never seen it before



THE Australian Football League (AFL) has outlined the addition of AFLX, an alternative version of the traditional

game, to run in the lead-up to the 2018 Community Series.

AFLX is described as a fast and exciting version of Australian football and is to be played on a rectangular field, and aims to showcase the most thrilling aspects of the game to attract new fans.

The public will get their first chance to see AFLX in February when Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney host individual tournaments featuring all 18 AFL clubs.

AFL general manager of game development Andrew Dillon said the confirmation of AFLX was the first step in the launch of the alternative version of the traditional game.

"AFLX has been created to provide us with the options to play a form of the game in places where oval grounds are limited and to showcase our game internationally at a point in the future," Dillon said.

"Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide have each been chosen to host the individual tournaments with six clubs playing against each other in a round-robin format.

"The decision to hold three individual tournaments during the men's 2018 pre-season period has been chosen to introduce clubs, their players, their fans and the wider public to the AFLX game."

The AFL will continue to support AFL 9s, a nine-a-side non-contact social version of the traditional game, for all levels of participation.

The X in AFLX relates to the Roman numeral character for the number 10, which is a constant through the alternative version of the game.

Ten quick facts about AFLX:

- Played on a rectangular field (about 70m width x 110m length) with four posts at each end (as per a normal AFL field). Ground markings will showcase X as the centre square and 40m arcs.

- Two field umpires, two boundary umpires and one goal umpire at each end of the ground.

- Ten players per team, seven on field at all times and three on the interchange bench. No restrictions on player rotations.

- Ten-minute quarters or halves depending on the tournament format.

- Free kick against for last touch out of bounds.

- Kick-ins from behind the goal line after all scores.

- No marks paid for backwards kicks (except in forward 40m area).

- Quarters start with a 'ball up' in the centre and at least two players from each team starting inside the 40m arc.

- Free shot from forward 40m arc – directly in front for deliberate rushed behinds.

- Ten-point super goals when goals kicked on the full from outside the 40m arc.

Michael Gordon finally home



MICHAEL

Gordon says there was a tinge of regret when he didn't join the Gold Coast in

their inaugural NRL campaign, but says he can play an important role having finally returned home more than 10 years later.

Gordon was released from the final year of his contract by the Sydney Roosters last month to join the Titans on a two-year deal, solving the fullback dilemma created by the departure of Jarryd Hayne.

The one-time NSW representative grew up in northern NSW and played his junior football with the Tweed Coast Raiders.

He had hoped to return to the region with his family following his time at the Roosters, but admitted even his premature return was much later than it could have been.

"I had a chance to maybe come back in the inaugural year (in 2007) and didn't," Gordon said.

"It's something I sort of looked back and thought maybe if I'd done things differently."

Gordon chose to remain loyal to Penrith for the 2007 season and has gone on to carve out 225 NRL games for four different NSW-based clubs.

But he has always looked to return to the Titans.

"Pretty much from about 2010 I've tried to come back every year and its either fallen down from my end or the club's end," he said.

"It's taken me 10 years but I'm finally here."

New coach Garth Brennan was without an established fullback after the departure of Hayne, however, Gordon will fill that void and is also likely to assume goalkicking duties.



The Cowboys' Michael Morgan attempts to tackle the Sydney Roosters' Michael Gordon during the 2017 National Rugby League preliminary final at the Sydney Football Stadium on September 23. Picture: Getty

Hayne asked for a release from the Titans in order to move back to Sydney for personal reasons and signed with former club Parramatta.

Gordon's spot in the Roosters line-up was uncertain after the signing of incumbent Blues fullback James Tedesco, with the experienced back tipped to move to the wing.

Team man

"It was never about where I'm playing; I'm always a team first sort of person," Gordon said.

"The chance to come home, bring the kids home and be around family and friends was too hard to ignore."

Roosters coach Trent Robinson wished Gordon well,

adding weight to the anticipation that he would boost the Titans' culture as well as on-field performance.

"Popular among his teammates and a valued contributor on and off the field, Mick has definitely left his footprint on the club and we wish him, his wife Tess and their children Cruz and Kahlani all the very best," Robinson said.

Gordon's departure from the Roosters may leave them without a recognised goalkicker for 2018.

After losing two of the competition's best sharpshooters in James Maloney and Gordon over the past three seasons, their lack of a kicker shapes as a major chink in their armour.

Gordon is recognised as one of the NRL's leading goalkickers, boasting a career success rate of 81.3% (596 goals from 733 attempts).

He was brought in by coach Robinson last year to address his side's kicking woes and his effect was profound.

In 2017, the Roosters proved the masters of the clutch, winning 12 games by six points or less – an all-time competition record, according to Fox Sports Stats.

They also won seven games by two points or less – an equal competition record.

Several of those wins can be attributed to Gordon's trusty right boot with the 34-year-old kicking 72 of 92 attempts (78%).

– AAP

Another Sailor on board



THE Sailor name could be back in the National Rugby League (NRL) with St George Illawarra as early as this year.

Tristan Sailor, the son of Queensland, Brisbane and Dragons great Wendell Sailor, was one of several new faces in the Dragons' NRL squad at pre-season training late last year.

Two-year contract

After a stellar debut year in the under-20s, the Dragons had enough faith to sign the 19-year-old utility to a two-year contract extension which will keep him in Wollongong until the end of 2019.

This year he will step up to be a part of the Dragons' top 25 as a development player and will be eyeing a first grade debut

at some point over the next two seasons.

"I played soccer until I was eight but because of Dad, I wanted to follow in his footsteps," Sailor said.

"Being around that culture, it was always a goal of mine to get into this squad."

Wendell Sailor won three grand finals and made 21 Australian and 17 Queensland appearances over an illustrious career that also included five years in rugby union during which he was capped by the Wallabies 37 times.

He returned to rugby league via the Dragons in 2008-09, where he became a club favourite before hanging up the boots.

Asked about the pressure that comes with having a famous last name, Tristan said he had learned to embrace it and was determined to carve out his own path.

"I'm not really feeling it. I just want to

develop. I don't think too much about that," he said.

"Through the juniors, there's probably been a bit of pressure but that's external. But I thrive under it."

Versatile

Sailor debuted for the Dragons' national youth competition side as a winger last year, but is capable of playing five-eighth or fullback.

He is highly rated and was nominated for the Dally M and Rugby League Players Association under-20s player of the year award.

Asked about his ambitions for 2018, Sailor said: "(Coach Paul McGregor) just wants me to work as hard as I can, put in that effort, build a little bit of size up and we'll go from there." – AAP

GI's new resolve

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

GREG Inglis and Johnathan Thurston may be the best new recruits for season 2018.

I know it is a strange way of looking at it, but players returning from long-term injuries are almost as good as new signings to a team.

In the case of GI and JT, there will be additional motivation as they near the end of their careers and they focus on what further achievements can be delivered.

For both of them, the break from playing and training and, in particular, not having to deal

with the extended season created by the World Cup, will hopefully refresh them not just physically, but mentally as well.

GI has already indicated his strong resolve to have a successful season.

Even when in rehabilitation, he was planning his comeback and contributing to the development of the playing list and was critical in landing Dane Gagai at the Rabbitohs.

He called Gagai and, largely through their relationship, the Newcastle Knights star confirmed he would be heading to Souths for the next four years despite speculation the deal may fall through.

This was when GI was going through a tough time himself and it's hard to talk about his road to recovery without talking about the physical and mental demons he has, and still has to, overcome.

Began with injury

Inglis really began to struggle when rugby league was taken away from him because of his serious knee damage.

"It just hit me all of a sudden," he said.

"Going through what I went through, looking back at it now, I think there was a week when I said to myself there's definitely something not right here.

"After the Anzac Test in Canberra, I came back here and told Richo and the club that this (rehab) was the best thing for me.

"You just know yourself. If

you know yourself and you know your body, then you pick up on little things... as long as you pay attention to yourself. You can never take any day for granted. That's just the way it is. That's the way everyone should be looking at their life."

There is no doubt that he took the right path.

Those in South Sydney's inner sanctum can see a notable difference.

He's happy.

Well, as happy as you can be for a 30-year-old undergoing his first full pre-season since he was a teenager.

New coach Anthony Seibold has had plenty of conversations with Inglis since his appointment.

The first revolved around the captaincy.

The Rabbitohs saw the benefits in easing the burden on Inglis, but that conversation didn't last long.

"I want to be captain of this club," Inglis told them.

"It's something I've taken responsibility for. If the team doesn't perform, then that's something I put my hand up for. It's something I enjoy."

Then there were conversations to determine where he would fit into the coach's plans.

The suggestion after his injury was that in order to preserve his body, he would have to give up the No 1 jersey.

They discussed the option of moving to the centres or five-eighth, but both agreed that

wasn't where he was needed.

"I said to him 'Where do you think I should play?' He said fullback and I was happy with that. I don't want to move anywhere else, to be honest. I still feel I can give 100% at fullback."

Despite Alex Johnston showing patches of brilliance in his stint at fullback, South Sydney weren't the same team without Inglis out the back.

"When he plays fullback, defensively we're a better team," Seibold said.

Experience

"Something as simple as getting our defensive splits organised, your fullback is the captain of your defence. Having his experience in getting those numbers right, people at home don't see that. But as a coach and as a team it's important to us.

"You ask the question, 'Is he going to be able to handle the loads?' Well, we're confident in the way we train here and exposing him to high-speed running, exposing him to change of direction and exposing him to repeat-effort areas, we're very confident that we can get him in the right physical condition to be able to handle the loads of a fullback.

"One thing we haven't done with Greg is rush him. He's got the goal and we've got the goal as a club that we'd love to see him have half a game in the Charity Shield against the Dragons.

"That's the goal. He still has plenty of work to do. His welfare is the most important thing. When he's ticked off all the boxes and progressed through the stages he needs to, we'll make a decision on where and when he plays."

"I actually think if he's as good as we think he is mentally and physically, 12 months off won't have been bad for him.

"He's resolved things in his life and he has given his body a rest when he hasn't had a rest for so long.

"It's a rejuvenated GI and he's annoying me at the moment. But it is great to see him like this. I think it will prolong his career. He's been playing 30-odd games a year for so long.

"I have no doubt he can get back to his best. He's a champion. He's a winner. He wants to beat you at cards and marbles. Hopefully he can lead Souths to another premiership."

Regardless of how he comes back, Inglis' legacy is virtually set in stone.

Some say he will be remembered in the same light as Clive Churchill, considering his contribution to delivering the foundation club's long-awaited 21st premiership.

Dane Gagai may be the prize recruit, but a fresh GI will make all the difference to the Rabbitohs as they attempt to compete for a return to the top.

Look for a steel new resolve to the Rabbitohs in 2018.

Happy New Year!



Greg Inglis at a South Sydney Rabbitohs training session at Redfern Oval on December 5.
Picture: Getty

De Castella's IMF to host Badu fun run



A FUN run organised by the Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) will be held on Badu Island as part of the Kuki Cup Sports from tomorrow to Saturday.

It will be the first time Rob de Castella's IMF has hosted such an event on Badu Island.

After the success of establishing running clubs, known as Deadly Running Groups, on other remote islands, including Thursday and Mornington, the chance to leave an IMF footprint in the white sands of Badu was an occasion not to be missed, said IMF program manager and former Thursday Island local Elsie Seriat.

"I'm so excited by the opportunity for Thursday Island Deadly Runners to partner with the Kulpiyam Youth and Sports Association for this event – the Gaubuth Fun Run," Ms Seriat said.

"Since 2014 it has been our vision to reach out to the wider Torres Strait Islands with the IMF message. This is only the beginning. And hopefully we can get another Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) representative for 2018,

but this time maybe from the Zendath Kes (Torres Strait) region."

IMF director and former world champion marathon runner de Castella said he was looking forward to consolidating the foundation's presence in the area.

"Since 2010, IMF has spread our Run Sweat Inspire message across more than 40 Indigenous communities, from the very remote to country towns and major cities," he said.

"It is very exciting to host an event on Badu Island, and use running to increase levels of physical activity. We all know that this will lead to significant improvements in health and wellbeing, and will be fun for kids, adults and the elderly.

"There is a real and significant culture of distance running spreading. Congratulations to our IMP graduates for organising this, and the Badu Island community.

"I'm thrilled to be able to visit."

There will be four Deadly Fun Runs scheduled throughout the region in coming months, and participants in all four runs may be chosen for a coveted spot at the National Deadly Fun Run

Championships at Uluru in June.

The Gaubuth Fun Run will also double as a try-out for the IMP for any Torres Strait Islanders who harbour dreams of running the New York City Marathon as Ms Seriat, Harold Matthew, Saliman Bin Juda, Alicia Sabatino and Maletta Seriat have in previous years.

Registrations for the 3km and 5km fun runs will be held at 5pm at the Badu Island Stadium on Friday, January 12, with the event scheduled for Saturday, January 13 at Joe Mairu Memorial Oval.

For more details on the Badu Island Gaubuth Fun Run, contact Nadine Hunt on 0439 774 548.

The IMP is a program of the IMF, a not-for-profit foundation established by de Castella. Each year IMP selects a squad of 12 young Indigenous men and women to train for the New York City Marathon in November, complete a compulsory education component – a Certificate IV in Sport and Recreation, media training and coaching accreditation – and through their achievements celebrate Indigenous resilience and success.



Elsie Seriat and Rob de Castella after the 2014 New York Marathon.

New national rugby XVs competition



OPPORTUNITIES for Indigenous rugby players of the calibre of Mahala Murphy and Taleena

Simon are to get a boost with Rugby Australia announcing a Super W competition that it says will redefine the landscape for women's XVs rugby in Australia.

The five-team competition will kick off in March.

Australia's five state representative teams – Queensland, NSW, ACT, Victoria and Western Australia – will compete around the country in a six-week competition that will conclude with a final in April.

The new women's national XVs competition, Super W, is the second national women's competition to be launched a year after the successful first season of the University Sevens Series that was held from last August to September.

Rugby Australia says the Super W competition will provide greater opportunity for XVs players across the country, lift the standards of rugby and redefine the pathway to the Wallaroos.

In a further development for women's rugby, Rugby Australia also confirmed that it would bid for the 2021 Women's Rugby



Indigenous women's rugby 7s players Mahala Murphy, left, and Taleena Simon.

World Cup. If successful, it would see the 12 best rugby nations descend on Aussie soil to fight for the global crown.

Outgoing Rugby Australia CEO Bill Pulver said: "For a young girl picking up a rugby ball for the first time next season, she will now have a clear and accessible pathway to represent her country through the Wallaroos and Australian Women's Sevens team."

"Super W will allow our

women's XVs players the opportunity to play in a high-quality competition, fully entrenched within the professional programs in each state, giving them access to elite coaching and high-performance facilities. This will make the Wallaroos a significantly stronger outfit.

"The pathway is now complete in both with the University Sevens Series and Super W working in tandem to provide elite opportunities for players in both formats of the game.

"Bidding for the Women's Rugby World Cup I hope signifies to the community how serious we are about making rugby a game for all and growing female participation. If we are successful with our bid, it will have an immediate and significant impact on women's rugby."

Rugby Australia also confirmed it was bidding for the 2027 Men's Rugby World Cup.

Australia hosted the men's edition of the Rugby World Cup in 1987 with New Zealand as well as 2003 with great success, but has never hosted a Women's Rugby World Cup.

Mahala Murphy and Taleena Simon play rugby 7s for Australia.

Girls so close in NZ



AUSTRALIA led just about all the way, but lost to New Zealand in the final of the World Schools Sevens tournament in Auckland, New Zealand, last month.

The Aussie girls were leading with time almost up, but a controversial penalty to the New Zealand girls was all that was

needed for them to win 20-19.

The boys did well to get to the semi finals, losing to eventual winners NZ Condor.

They then went on to win their third-place play-off against Samoa.

● Pictured below are the Aussie girls, with National Indigenous players Rhiannon Revell Blair, far left, and Courtney Hodder, in pink headgear.



Woman at rugby's helm



FORMER Canterbury National Rugby League (NRL) chief executive Raelene Castle has been confirmed as Rugby

Australia's (RA's) new boss in another piece of sports administration history.

The New Zealander was announced as Bill Pulver's successor as chief executive at RA's Sydney headquarters at Moore Park last month.

Castle will take up her post on January 15, becoming the first female boss of any of the national governing bodies of the four major football codes in Australia.

When confirming in August that Perth's Western Force was being cut

from Super Rugby, Pulver said he would stand down once a replacement was found.

His contract was due to expire next month.

Castle comes well credentialled, with RA chairman Cameron Clyne declaring her the stand-out applicant among more than 200 candidates.

She was the first female CEO of an NRL club and stepped down from the role in May.

Before that, she headed up Netball New Zealand.

"Raelene is an extremely impressive executive who covered every base as far as what the board was looking for in a chief executive officer to lead our game into an important new chapter," Clyne said.

– AAP

Imported sand for Games beach volleyball



IF Indigenous beach volleyballer Taliqua Clancy wins gold at this year's Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, it will be on home soil... err, sand.

But it won't be the sand that's found naturally at the beach volleyball venue at Coolangatta.

International standards

Volleyball Australia last month announced that it was fully aware and supported the International Beach Volleyball Federation's (Fédération Internationale de Volleyball, FIVB)

ruling for the need to bring in sand for the beach volleyball competition so as to meet the specific technical requirements.

Volleyball Australia spokesman Steve Hart said: "This is nothing new or a big surprise. There are precedents all over the world and here in Australia where sand is brought in to ensure the coarseness of the sand meets international standards for beach volleyball.

"The simple fact is that the Gold Coast sand is beautiful and pristine, but too fine for elite international beach volleyball competition."

Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth

Games Corporation (GOLDOC) deputy CEO Brian Nourse said: "The atmosphere at the beach volleyball competition at Coolangatta's Queen Elizabeth Park will be incredible.

"The advice from the FIVB is that the sand at Coolangatta and surrounds is so fine that it requires a mix of coarseness to ensure that the athletes have a safe playing surface consistent with the requirements of the federation.

"That is why arrangements are under way to secure a coarser sand – approximately 1000-1200 tonnes for the competition and warm-up courts and an additional 500-520 tonnes for the Runaway Bay training courts.

"GOLDOC has assessed that there are potential suppliers of the sand in the Brisbane, Gold Coast and wider south-east Queensland region and negotiations for supply are continuing.

'Local' sand

"Nothing has been signed yet with any of the suppliers, but the sand will be coming from our region," Mr Nourse continued.

"Through these arrangements, we will provide the best and safest playing surfaces to meet the necessary international standards for the best beach volleyball athletes of the Commonwealth."



D'Arcy Short of the Hurricanes bats during the Big Bash League match against the Sydney Thunder at the Sydney Showground on January 1. Picture: Getty

Short says he's an allrounder



D'ARCY Short declares he has evolved into a true allrounder as he continues to demand the attention of the Australian cricket selectors.

The left-hander fell agonisingly short of centuries in consecutive Big Bash League (BBL) innings.

But he did enough to spearhead the Hobart Hurricanes to a nine-run victory over the Sydney Thunder in their BBL clash at the Sydney Showground on the first day of 2018.

Short's classy 97 off 63 balls was the difference-maker despite throwing his wicket away on the second last ball as he attempted to loft Shane Watson over the mid-wicket boundary rope.

Last Thursday, he scored a dashing 96 from 58 deliveries in the Hurricanes'

win over the previously undefeated Adelaide Strikers in Hobart.

He continues to show considerable promise with the bat despite being primarily viewed as a left-arm orthodox spinner for most of his career.

Short earned Sheffield Shield selection this season primarily as a bowler and batted as low as No. 9.

But he showed glimpses of his talents during the 2017 one-day cup when he hit 132 in three innings for Western Australian at an average of 66, including an unbeaten 119 against the Cricket Australia XI.

Asked if he saw himself as a genuine allrounder, the 27-year-old Northern Territory native said: "Yeah, I do.

"I got picked a lot in Shield cricket this year to bowl as a spinner and I batted down the order.

"I want to keep progressing with the bowling as well."

Not only did Short show his class with the knock, which was vital as the Hurricanes posted their first win of the season, but he also did it despite suffering two leg injuries early in his innings.

Short said he had learnt to value his wicket more and was placing expectation on himself to bat for long stretches.

"I've just put a bit more pressure on myself and emphasis on my wicket, trying to bat longer and deeper into the 20 overs," he said.

Asked about his ambitions to represent Australia at limited overs level, Short said: "If it happens, it happens.

"I've just got to keep concentrating on my game and keep being consistent."

— With AAP

Motlop plays straight bat on Port's prospects



STEVEN Motlop doesn't feel like he needs to don a superhero cape to justify his part in Port Adelaide's heralded Australian Football League (AFL) off-season recruiting spree.

The arrival of Motlop, Tom Rockliff and Jack Watts at the Power headlined a busy period of acquisitions that also included Trent Mackenzie, Jack Trengove and Lindsay Thomas.

But while Port's recruiting splash might have raised fan expectations, Motlop doesn't feel any extra pressure to perform.

"I think we've just got to come in and learn how to be a Port Adelaide player," Motlop told reporters last month.

"Just bond with everyone and try to play our roles. We don't need one big hero coming in to take the whole game over.

"We just want everyone to play their roles and we'll win as a team and lose as a team as well."

Motlop, who kicked 175 goals in 135 games for Geelong, plans to split his time between forward and midfield roles in Ken Hinkley's retooled line-up.

The mercurial 26-year-old was unsuccessfully shopped around by the Cats during the 2016 trade period, but did enough last season to make himself a sought-after free agent.

Adelaide and Gold Coast were the other main suitors for his services, but the road out of Geelong was always going to end at Alberton for Motlop.

"I was pretty lucky... I had a few clubs after me but in the end I just thought that Port Adelaide was the best fit for me," Motlop said.

"When I came in and met everyone, it just felt right.

"It was always Port Adelaide." — AAP



The Power's Steven Motlop. Picture: Peter Argent

Ashleigh Barty plays a forehand in her match against Lesia Tsurenko of the Ukraine during day two of the 2018 Brisbane International at Pat Rafter Arena on January 1. *Picture: Getty*



Barty's shock exit



AFTER a shock Brisbane International first-round exit, Australian No. 1 Ashleigh Barty insists it was the opponent – not the occasion – that got the better of her.

World No. 17 Barty was thrashed 6-3 6-2 in just over an hour by the Ukraine's Lesia Tsurenko – ranked 25 spots lower than the Australian – in front of a shellshocked crowd at Pat Rafter Arena on January 1.

Eighth seed Barty admitted it felt “different” dealing with the added pressure of being the nation's top-ranked female ahead of the Australian Open.

But the 21-year-old had no concerns about her mindset before the year's opening Grand Slam, instead saluting the power-serving Tsurenko.

“There were a few butterflies, first match of the season, at home, but it was excitement more than nerves,” Barty said.

“It's a little bit different (being in the spotlight as No. 1) but I prepare for every single match exactly the same.

“And any players in the top 50, when you're not playing your best, they're going to punish you.

“It's obviously disappointing. It's not the way I envisaged my first tournament of the year.”

Barty had arrived at her home tournament still buzzing from a stellar 2017.

She started that year at No. 271, was Australia's No. 1 by October and finished in the top 20, knocking over five top 10 players along the way.

But Barty only showed glimpses of brilliance against Tsurenko, a Brisbane semi-finalist in 2013.

Tsurenko, 28, clinched the first set with

her fifth ace and had her foot on Barty's throat when she broke in the opening game of the second after the Australian double faulted.

Barty, who has never been beyond the third round of a Grand Slam, wasn't reaching for the panic button.

“I didn't work my butt off all last year to spit the dummy after one match,” she said.

Barty contested the Brisbane doubles – where she was seeded second with fellow Australian Casey Dellacqua – before setting her sights on the Sydney International and Australian Open in Melbourne.

Barty has an admirer in fellow Australian player Samantha Stosur.

Stosur knows how hot it can get at the top, but says Barty can handle it.

Stosur, having dropped to world No. 41, is set to miss out on being seeded for January's Australian Open, while Barty should gain a top-16 slot with the withdrawal of Svetlana Kuznetsova.

While Stosur said her dip wouldn't impact her mental approach, the 33-year-old admitted Barty would need to call on all her apparent strengths to handle the pressure that came with the territory.

“She's pretty level-headed, pretty low-key,” Stosur said of the 21-year-old.

“She doesn't get too over-excited about anything on the court and off as well.

“If she can handle it throughout the summer and year, there's no reason she can't at least stay where she is and hopefully keep going.”

Stosur injured her hand while on a dream run in last year's French Open and was sidelined for more than three months.

In that time, Barty flew up the rankings, finishing the season at No. 17 and as

Australia's highest-ranked man or woman.

“It's remarkable, given she hasn't been back for very long. To find herself in the top 20 after just one full year on tour shows just how good a player she is and how good she can still be,” Stosur said of her fellow Queenslander.

“If I was her, I'd be very excited and looking forward to the year ahead to see where she can get to.

“Hopefully, we can all get toward the ends of the tournaments without having to knock each other out.”

Molik tips big year

Fed Cup captain Alicia Molik is another backing Barty to have a big year.

Molik is backing Barty's supreme conditioning and on-court smarts to help the new Australian No. 1 cope with the intense summer spotlight.

Molik, one of only three homegrown stars in the past 30 years to make the Australian Open women's quarter-finals, has no doubts the world No. 17 is ready to handle the heat.

“I love the way she plays. She always plays exciting,” Molik said.

“She has great hands, and she has a great mind too, to pick her opponent to pieces. She knows where their weaknesses are.

“She also has the variety to expose them and a definite area where Ash has gotten better is her physicality on court.

“It doesn't trouble her if she has to engage in a long, difficult, physically exhausting rally. She's prepared to do that now.

“Going back a few years, she'd want to get out of those rallies. She'd want to

make something happen.

“Now she's more prepared to use all of her flair and power and spin as well. That's her priority.

“When she needs to dig deep, she's happy to do it.”

Molik always had confidence in Barty's ability to crack the top-20 elite, but is still surprised how meteoric the 21-year-old's rise was in 2017.

The former world No. 8 is convinced Barty's decision to start from scratch as an unranked player when she returned to tennis 18 months ago, following a stint playing cricket, was instrumental in her rapid ascent.

“Ash came back the hard way,” Molik said. “She lost her ranking. She didn't protect her ranking. So before she even started on her comeback, mentally she was prepared. It was what she wanted.

“She was prepared to work hard for it. She played low-level challengers, she played a lot of doubles, started off playing a lot of Pro Tour events and \$25,000 events, so she eased her way and I think it was a smart way to go.

“But coming back from not having a ranking is very, very different to having a protected ranking and picking and choosing your tournaments.”

Molik said managing her time and off-court demands over the summer would be key for Barty.

“Everyone's going to want a piece of her,” she said.

“So it's about having the tools and being equipped to say no when you need to and keeping your eye on the cherry, so to speak, and I have no question that Ash will do that.” – AAP

Our Ash goes the big bash



Ashleigh Gardner of the Sixers hits out during the Women's Big Bash League match against the Perth Scorchers at North Dalton Park, Wollongong, on December 12. Picture: Getty



ASHLEIGH Gardner launched her Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) campaign in the best possible

manner with a record-breaking ton against Melbourne Stars on December 9.

The Sydney Sixers first-drop was on from the first delivery she faced, smashing her way to the fastest 50 in WBBL history, taking just 22 balls to reach the milestone.

It was a feat Stars' boom recruit Lizelle Lee equalled in the second innings, but the South Africa wicketkeeper-batter couldn't carry on, trapped LBW by Lauren Smith on 64.

Records galore

For Gardner, however, it became an historic knock. As she belted her way to the highest score in WBBL history (114 off 52), captain Ellyse Perry was happy to keep ticking the strike over to keep the in-form 20-year-old on strike.

The pair combined for the third-highest partnership the WBBL has seen, putting on 150 runs for the second wicket.

"It's so surreal. I can't believe it's happened to be honest," Gardner said post-match.

"When I got out there Pez (Perry) just said to me, 'Just bat the way that you do' and it did help that they bowled into my arc probably more times than not.

"But it was just so awesome to be out there and to score a hundred – (to be only the) third one in the WBBL is just so special, and obviously I'd love to do it again.

"(It's the) first game, so hopefully I can put on another performance like that this year."

Gardner's phenomenal innings featured 10 sixes and nine fours, bringing a heavily pro-Sixers North Sydney Oval crowd to its feet when – fittingly – the ton came on the back of another belting maximum.

So heavily did the exciting young talent dominate the innings, she hit her half century while her captain was still in single digits.

"When I got out there, I just felt so positive, and obviously batting with Pez was a massive help as well, but I never knew I was going to do that," Gardner said.

"She did actually have a joke with me, saying she was my runner out there, because I probably did hog the strike a little bit, but she was so great out there. She was just trying to get me on strike and hitting to my strengths."

Perry had an innings to remember in her own right, smashing her highest WBBL score with an unbeaten 91.

Thousands of fans packed into North Sydney Oval and hundreds of thousands more tuned in to watch records tumble as the third season of the WBBL opened in scintillating fashion across a blockbuster weekend.

A crowd of more than 8726 fans headed to the picturesque North Sydney Oval for four of the six weekend matches, with the remaining two matches being hosted at Glenelg.

Crowds were treated to incredible cricketing feats, a wonderful family friendly atmosphere, and plenty of off-field entertainment.

Record short-lived

Sydney Thunder's 6-200 in the opening match of the season stood as the highest recorded score in WBBL history for just a few hours before Sydney Sixers superstars Ashleigh Gardner and Ellyse Perry powered their side to a massive 4-242. This was the highest ever total compiled in the women's or men's Big Bash competitions.

Gardner's 114 off 52 balls, which featured a world record 10 sixes, was the highest score by an individual in a women's domestic T20 competition, the fastest WBBL century (47 balls), and was just the third century in WBBL history.

Gardner also reached 50 runs in record time (22 balls), before the Melbourne Stars' South African recruit, Lizelle Lee, equalled the record in the next innings.

The Sydney Sixers versus Melbourne Stars match aggregate of 398 also exceeded the previous best total in a WBBL match.

Ashleigh Gardner – 114 off 52 balls: 1464.44.4..1.41.61.. 612.6.12.62..4611.61.1.146.661.

Time against Mundine



A WORLD Boxing Organisation (WBO) top 10 ranking is assured if Anthony Mundine can beat fellow Australian Tommy Browne in Sydney on January 17.

Mundine is embarking on what could be his last year in the ring and if he wants to match it with the world's best, time is running out for the 42-year-old.

Mundine will fight Browne at Sydney's Star City Casino for the vacant World Boxing Organisation (WBO) oriental middleweight title.

Fellow Australian Browne, from Campbelltown, normally fights in the super welterweight division.

He has had 25 wins (13 KOs), six losses (two KOs) and two draws in a professional career that began in 2002.

He has strung together nine wins and

a draw in his last 10 fights.

Mundine's record stands at 47 wins (27 KOs) and eight losses (three KOs).

The *Sydney Morning Herald* says a win over Browne would give Mundine 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.

Make or break

"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.

The bout is significant for other reasons. It is Mundine's 56th fight since walking away from rugby league, but marks the first time he isn't performing before a

pay-per-view television audience.

It is also his first assignment since his controversial loss to Danny Green almost a year ago. The dodgy hip that hampered him during that fight, and many others over the past decade, is no longer an issue.

"There's a calculated plan to have a big year and make all of my dreams come true," the *Herald* quoted Mundine as saying.

"Then sail off into the sunset."

Browne has remained active and at age 34 is eight years younger than the former footballer.

For Mundine, the Browne fight is an opportunity to earn what would be just his second win in four years, as well as a crack at more lucrative opponents.

"I want to test my skill against the best in the world," Mundine said.

"(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 the one that we try to look at."

Matt Rose \$2 million offer

Meanwhile, Sydney agent Matt Rose has offered Jeff Horn's promoter Dean Loneragan \$2 million for a non-title bout featuring Mundine against Horn in the new year, possibly at the Sydney Football Stadium, where Mundine beat Danny Green in 2006.

Loneragan said the \$2 million offer to face Mundine would be Horn's biggest purse and was an offer "worth considering".

Horn and trainer Glenn Rushton are not keen, though, saying they want to build their reputation against the world's leading fighters rather than "money" opponents such as Mundine.

Horn receptive to Rose's \$2 million offer

JEFF Horn is refusing to rule out a showdown with Anthony Mundine if it presents a more financially attractive option than Terence Crawford.

Horn is set for a massive 2018 after successfully defending his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) welterweight championship with a late stoppage against Gary Corcoran last month.

But despite Top Rank promoter Bob Arum's plan for an April clash with mandatory challenger Crawford in Las Vegas, no deal has been done and Horn's next opponent is far from settled.

Negotiations are being held between Arum, Horn's trainer Glenn Rushton and Duco Events boss Dean Loneragan.

Horn said he is open to the

idea of an 'easier' fight with veteran Mundine, which could reportedly net him as much as \$2 million.

"I'm interested in the fight... (it could be) a lot more money than Terence Crawford," Horn told reporters after the Corcoran fight.

"He should have retired after the last fight but he's still after something in boxing, he wants to

prove himself and get back up there. I'd use that as a stepping stone for my next fight."

Rushton admitted his charge would ideally fit in at least one more bout before facing Crawford, which he said was "probably the hardest fight in the world right now".

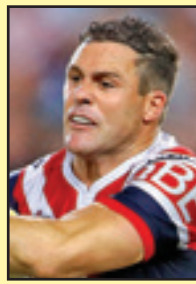
Crawford is unbeaten in 32 career fights after cleaning out the

super lightweight division and is one of the biggest names in the sport.

Fitting in another bout before April looks a tough ask.

However, Loneragan said nothing was off the table.

"If Jeff wants to fight Mundine, then he's got to be listened to. He's the guy who's got to get in the ring," Loneragan said. –AAP



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He's world champion



WORIMI man Barry Lawler has won a world body building title.

Lawler capped an incredible year by collecting a world title in Nicosia, Cyprus, late last year.

His mother Rhonda Lawler, of the Mindaribba Land Council in the NSW Hunter Valley, told the *Koori Mail* that her son had made his family and community very proud.

"My husband Brian and I are just so proud of our son... the determination and commitment he has shown to become a world champion is just amazing," Mrs Lawler said.

"Barry has exceeded his own goal this year of winning the World Fitness Federation (WFF) Australian championships in Melbourne, where he finished first in the WFF Super-Body, first in the WFF Overall Champion, received his WFF men's bodybuilding Pro Card, and came second in the WFF Pro division, which then put him in

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World body building champion Barry Lawler from the NSW Hunter region.

Picture: Danny D'Mello

SA women join NICC



A WOMEN'S team from South Australia will be an addition to the 2018 National Indigenous Cricket Championships in Alice Springs next month.

The annual carnival that brings together Australia's best Indigenous cricketers will be held from February 5-12.

South Australia will join perennial women's winners NSW and Victoria, Western Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Chasing 11th straight title

NSW have won the women's division champions every year since it began in 2008.

In the men's division, Victoria will be defending the title they won for the first time last February.

They beat traditional heavyweights NSW in the final at Traeger Park after



The NSW and Victorian shirts to be worn at next month's NICC carnival in Alice Springs.

beating the Blues in an earlier round.

In the final, Victoria, batting first, were in trouble at 5-74 in the 21st over of the 50-over match.

Clayton McCartney and Nick Boland mounted a fightback and support from other batsmen helped Victoria reach 8-228.

NSW struggled in the early part of their innings and were 3-64 in the 14th over.

Nathan Price and Jonte Pattison



figured in a 64-run partnership that steadied the ship. But Pattison's dismissal was followed fairly quickly by two more.

Price's partnerships with Ben Mitchell and Ben Patterson helped keep NSW in the hunt, but the match ended when Price was out for 78.

The champion NSW women's side was pushed all the way by Queensland in the T20 final at Traeger Park.

The Queenslanders, playing in just their second NICC carnival, kept the Blues to 5-135.

They came agonisingly close to winning, needing 12 runs off the final over in their innings.

They reached 9-129.

The format for the 2018 carnival will be unchanged.

All women's matches will be T20 games.

The men's games will be a mixture of T20s and 50-overs.

Festival teams named



NSW players will dominate the First Nation Goannas rugby league side to play the New Zealand Maoris at Redfern Oval, Sydney, on Saturday, February 10.

There are 14 NSW players and six from Queensland in the reduced squad.

The men's and women's Indigenous and Maori squads have been named ahead of the Festival of Indigenous Rugby League in February.

The 2018 festival will be the second of its kind, with a week-long celebration planned in Sydney ahead of the men's and women's matches on February 10 at Redfern Oval.

Six teams will play as part of the festival, including an Interstate Challenge match between teams from Queensland and NSW.

Popular Indigenous All Stars elements will also form

part of the festival, including the Youth Summit, a Wellbeing and Employment Expo and NRL Indigenous Players' Camp.

NRL general manager of Indigenous strategy Mark Deweerd said the festival was an exciting way to welcome in the 2018 rugby league year.

"Rugby league's Indigenous ties are extensive throughout the game, with 12% of the NRL playing group identifying as Indigenous and more than 17% of grassroots players hailing from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds," Deweerd said.

"The festival provides an opportunity for communities to acknowledge and celebrate the next generation of Indigenous and Maori players outside of the NRL that are coming through the ranks.

"It will be a wonderful occasion as the teams run on to Redfern Oval – a site that has been a spiritual home for many Indigenous people over

many years."

Tickets for the Festival of Indigenous Rugby League are on sale at www.nrl.com/tickets.

Teams playing at Redfern Oval on Saturday, February 10 include:

● Men – First Nation Goannas v New Zealand Maori.

● Women – First Nation Gems v New Zealand Maori Ferns.

● Interstate Challenge – Newcastle Yowies (NSW) v Dhadin Geai Warriors (Qld).

● First Nation Goannas: Isaac Briggs (Newcastle All Blacks), Randall Briggs (Newcastle All Blacks), Josh Charles (Griffith Three Ways United), Brenton Cochrane (Walgett Aboriginal Connection), Wes Conlon (Purga Wagtails), Adrian Davis (Newcastle Yowies), Greg Davis (Nambucca Valley Rams), Bennett Leslie (Arafura Heat), Tristan Lumley (Newcastle Yowies), Will

Merritt (Dindima), Zac Merritt (Nanima Common Connection), Wes Middleton (Bourke Warriors), Maipela Morseu (Dhadin Geai Warriors), Michael Purcell (Purga Wagtails), Trent Rose (Walgett Aboriginal Connection), Dan Tanner (Purga Wagtails), Justin Toomey-White (Nanima Common Connection), Noel Underwood (Yarrabah Seahawks), Kieran Vale (Redfern All Blacks) and Ryan Walker (Newcastle Yowies).

Coach: Laurie Daley.

● First Nation Gems: Layla Faud (Gundalu Gadyu), Sarah Field (Gundalu Gadyu), Eunice Grimes (Wellington Wagtails), Tahlia Hunter (Red Belly Blacks), Rikka Lane (Newcastle Yowies), Samatha Leisha (Tiddas United), Kazzia Lemmon (Brisbane Natives), Tanika Marshall (Brisbane Natives),

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