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He's taking off



Baker Boy and crew warmed up Tasmania's Party in the Paddock music festival on the eve of their support act with American rap giant 50 Cent. Baker Boy, who raps in Yolngu Matha and English, was joined on stage by palawa musician Denni and palawa dancer Craig Everett and his crew. Baker Boy will be announcing details of his debut headline tour in the coming fortnight, which will take in Western Australia, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Hobart. The young musician has been killing it recently, with audiences loving his high-energy dance performances and mix of modern and traditional sounds. As well as supporting 50 Cent, Baker Boy also opened for British hip-hop star Dizze Rascal and had two of his tracks, *Cloud 9* and *Mayurra*, in radio station triple j's hottest 100. Picture: Jillian Mundy

Towards Treaty



AN agreement signed this month in Adelaide has laid the foundations for Treaty in South Australia.

The Buthera Agreement includes support for the Narungga Nation Aboriginal Corporation to drive

development, economic enterprise and engagement with government agencies on Guuranda (Yorke Peninsula).

It also includes strategies covering youth justice, housing, domestic violence, health, child protection

and education and cultural studies.

The agreement has been hailed as a "great outcome" by Narungga Elder Tauto Sansbury and other Aboriginal leaders in the state.

SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam

Maher said it was the first time any government of Australia had signed an agreement with an Aboriginal group.

"It's the first step towards Treaty," the minister, an Aboriginal man, said.

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My FAMILY

Tania Hartigan – Wallabadah, NSW



THIS a picture from the Natty family reunion just before Christmas. We had about 50 people at my place (south of Tamworth in northern NSW) for the reunion.

The last reunion was held in 2002, so that was more than 15 years ago. I organised this one because some of the family in the generation above me are getting quite up there in age.

I thought it would be sad if the next time we all got together was for a funeral because that's what tends to happen. Someone passes and that's the only time we get to catch up.

It's much nicer to be able to catch up when everyone is happy and doing well.

There's only five of eight Natty children alive and we had four at the reunion. That was amazing.

The reason I picked Christmas time to have the reunion is because I remember when I was a kid and we used to go to Nan and Pop's place.

We'd go over there for Christmas and there were eight uncles and aunts and I think I was one of 16 grandchildren at the time. It was so good to be able to see all my cousins.

I think that's part of what causes a lot of social problems now. We're not so connected to our extended family any more. They say it takes a village to raise a family, and I think that's very true.

My family means everything to me. Family means love and trust and support. It is something I know I'll always have, even though we're spread out now.

You know that in good times or bad, family is always there. It is what makes us in those early years.

If you're lucky, like me, to have your grandparents and your parents around they mold you into the person you are before you're even at school yet.

I grew up playing with all the cousins and with the members of my

extended family around me.

If one of my brothers or even cousins called me and said they needed help I'd jump straight in the car to go and help.

That's what family is. They're always there no matter what.

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If you would like to see your family featured in the 'My Family' section of the *Koori Mail*, email a high-resolution digital photo to myfamily@koorimail.com along with a full caption (always reading from left to right) and between 350 and 400 words about your family. Tell us who is in your family, what you like to do as a family, your traditions and achievements, and what is important to you.

OUR CHILDREN



Chandler Connell and Janaya Lamb were among the crowd at the Festival of Indigenous Rugby League at Redfern Oval, Sydney, this month. See our coverage on pages 28-29.

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TSI MP in plea on climate change



QUEENSLAND
Labor MP Cynthia Lui has called for more to be done about climate change in an emotional maiden speech to the Queensland Parliament.

Ms Lui is the first Torres Strait Islander to sit as an MP in any Australian parliament after last November being elected as the Member for Cook, which takes in Cape York and the Torres Strait.

Ms Lui talked about the threat climate change posed to the communities in her far northern electorate.

"We have seen recent events which have resulted in inundation of outlying communities in the Torres Strait, and we know the impact of high tides at this time of year is becoming more problematic," Ms Lui told Parliament.

"We need to work on the global stage to discuss the causes of climate change and also at the local level to address impacts in

local communities."

Ms Lui brought a traditional mat with her into the chamber for the speech, saying it represented a place to "sit down and create an open dialogue" in Parliament.

She became emotional when thanking her parents for her upbringing, recalling the sacrifices they made to give her an education growing up on Yam Island in the remote northern Torres Strait.

Ms Lui acknowledged her electorate was vast and contained many different communities, but pledged to work to ensure they all had a voice in Parliament.

She also made special mention of fellow Indigenous MP Leeanne Enoch, saying she hoped to emulate her example and inspire others with her "courage to break barriers".

The speech was the first of a number of maiden speeches from first-time MPs as part of the first sitting day of Queensland Parliament for the new term. — AAP



Torres Strait Islander MP Cynthia Lui delivers her maiden speech in Queensland's Parliament House.

Narungga agreement major step to Treaty

By RUDI MAXWELL



SOUTH Australia has taken a significant step towards Treaty with First Nations people, after the State Government signed an agreement with the Narungga nation last week.

The official signing of the Buthera Agreement lays the foundations for Treaty and includes support for the Narungga Nation Aboriginal Corporation to drive development, economic enterprise and collaborative engagement with government agencies on Guuranda (Yorke Peninsula).

The Buthera Agreement also includes strategies covering youth justice, housing, domestic violence, health, child protection and education and cultural studies.

Narungga Elder Tauto Sansbury told the *Koori Mail* that it was a great outcome.

"It means we can really start proper Treaty discussions and begin building something," he said.

Narungga Nation Aboriginal corporation chair Garry Goldsmith said the agreement means a stronger relationship between Narungga people and government.

"The Buthera is an important Dreaming story for the Narungga people, about the formation of landmark on Guuranda, which indicates the significance of this agreement," he said.

"The Buthera Agreement means the Narungga Nation will operate as an organisation to implement and deliver better infrastructure, programs and services, building the capacity of Narungga-owned businesses and creating employment and training opportunities.

"The agreement means a stronger relationship between the Narungga and government, and in the long term towards Treaty and a foundation for a better future for our people."

SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher



Towards Treaty: South Australian Aboriginal leaders look on as State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher signs the Buthera Agreement.

said it was the first time any government of Australia had signed an agreement with an Aboriginal group.

"It's the first step towards Treaty," he said.

"What it means is with goodwill on both sides, Aboriginal groups and government can talk sensibly and come to an agreement that provides very substantial things.

"The agreement we signed provides real economic benefits in fishing, aquaculture, primary industries, ensures that Aboriginal people will be more involved in road projects around the area and also commits the state government to provide Aboriginal people with more of voice in areas that affect them, including justice, education and health."

Western Australian Labor senator Patrick Dodson, who was in Adelaide for the signing

ceremony, said he thought the Buthera Agreement was a "marvellous achievement".

"There was a wonderful atmosphere in the room, the leaders all spoke well, recognising the challenges and celebrating the results from the Government working with the Narungga people," he said.

"The people realise there's a lot more to be done, but the recognition of a sovereign group of people with a unique connection to their lands and culture and wanting to drive changes is a great occurrence and a good example for other jurisdictions to follow.

"This current Federal Government seems totally opposed to any kind of First Nations voice or treaty, or agreement-making process. But Federal Labor has put a hand out, saying that we want to work

constructively with Indigenous people.

"Unfortunately the Prime Minister's statement in the House last week made it very obvious that he has nothing positive to say about agreement-making or recognition.

"I think once people see what's happening in SA and realise the sky's not falling in, that Treaty is very doable with goodwill and good leadership, people will wonder why governments didn't enter into the process sooner."

Mr Sansbury said the agreement had followed 21 weeks of difficult negotiations, but the persistence had paid off.

"I think what we got out is a building block so we can build something substantial," he said.

"It's very important to Aboriginal people in SA, as it is to Aboriginal people in every other state and territory, to acknowledge and recognise our sovereign rights to discuss Treaty.

"Australia is the only country with no treaty with its Indigenous people and this is the beginning.

"I think that's going to come in the near future. I don't know if I'm going to see it in my lifetime, but we need Treaty to state the equal relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people and to build a better base for our children and our children's children."

In early 2017, the SA Government announced the appointment of Treaty Commissioner Dr Roger Thomas to undertake consultations with Aboriginal South Australians. The recommendations from these consultations formed the next steps in the Treaty process.

In September 2017, three Aboriginal groups were invited to enter Treaty negotiations, including the Narungga Nation.

The negotiation process that followed has culminated in the Buthera Agreement between the Narungga Nation Aboriginal Corporation and the SA Government.

New Qantas plane Emily Kame Kngwarreye features artwork based on the late Anmatyerre artist's work *Yam Dreaming*.



Dreaming story for Dreamliner



THE *yam Dreaming* story of Anmatyerre woman and artist Emily Kame Kngwarreye will now fly high on the side of the new Qantas Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner. The new livery for the plane features the culturally significant yam plant. It's an important symbol in Ms Kngwarreye's *Dreaming* stories and is based on her 1991 painting *Yam Dreaming*. It's also a staple food source in her home region of Utopia, 230km north-east of Alice Springs.

Qantas chief executive Alan Joyce said he hopes the striking artwork catches people's eyes and sparks a conversation about the country's dynamic Indigenous culture.

"The aircraft itself will be named Emily Kame Kngwarreye in tribute to the artist," he said.

"A team of more than 60 graphic designers, engineers and painters at Boeing's Seattle facility worked with Indigenous-owned design studio Balarinji to install the design on to the aircraft."

For only the second time in Qantas

history, the iconic flying kangaroo on the aircraft has been changed to form part of the design, with the airline's trademark red tail colour altered to match the earthy red tones and white dots of the artwork.

Balarinji managing director Ros Moriarty said the design studio was honoured to work with the "brilliant imagery of the late Emily Kame Kngwarreye" to create the airline's fifth Indigenous flying art aircraft.

"Emily was an extraordinary artist who is revered around the world," Ms Moriarty said.

"Born in 1910, she began painting only in later life, completing more than 3000 exceptional works up until her death at 86. Her work embodies her cultural and spiritual connections to her country."

The aircraft will fly for about 15 hours from the Boeing factory in Seattle to touch down in Alice Springs on March 2, where it will be welcomed by Ms Kngwarreye's family.

It will then fly to Sydney and Melbourne for domestic flights before it enters service on international routes.

Welfare card trial extended

By RUDI MAXWELL



NOONGAR woman Beverley Walley, from Kununurra in Western Australia, is devastated that the cashless debit card scheme has been extended for another year in the East Kimberley.

"It's an insult," she said.

"I've worked all my life, I'm a retiree as of June last year, and I've been on it for about three months.

"It's like going back to the ration days. It's cruel and devastating our community. The violence is worse than before."

Last week, the Federal Government dropped two Queensland communities as card trial sites in a compromise to get it through the Senate.

The card will now be rolled out in Western Australia's Goldfields region after the Government secured crossbench support in the Senate and the extension passed the Lower House.

The Government shelved plans to take the trial to Bundaberg and Hervey Bay in Queensland, instead compromising on the single expansion site in WA in order to secure the support of the Nick Xenophon Team.

The bill also secured a one-year extension to trial sites in Ceduna, South Australia, and the East Kimberley region.

Labor opposed expanding the trial, saying there was insufficient evidence to

justify expansion, while the Greens are against the card altogether.

Crossbenchers David Leyonhjelm – who claims people should be "free to live as we please so long as we do no harm to others" but argued taxpayers didn't want their money to pay for other people's alcohol or gambling – Fraser Anning, Derryn Hinch and Cory Bernardi also supported the bill.

One Nation supported the scheme, with leader Pauline Hanson channelling her 1996 maiden speech with claims of an "Aboriginal industry" in Australia's welfare system.

Under the trial, 80% of a person's welfare payment is put on to a cashless debit card, which cannot be used to gamble or buy alcohol.

The remaining 20% is put into a bank account and can be withdrawn as cash.

Championed

The scheme was championed by billionaire miner Andrew Forrest, whose Munderoo Foundation flew people from WA to Canberra to lobby for the extended trial.

Ms Walley said the Government was cherry-picking who it talked to about the card and that the community of Kununurra had never been consulted properly.

"It has caused issues with couples. I know of a mother who wanted to take her children fishing but because she didn't

have her payment come through she couldn't," she said.

WA Labor senator Pat Dodson said the removal of the two Queensland trial sites showed the policy was racist.

"The majority of people subjected to it are First Nations people," he said.

"You can't help feeling that racism is motivating this policy.

"There hasn't been enough research into the cashless card. There's very little evidence of people transiting off it, very little jobs, and there's been no delivery of the services people need.

"It's really aimed at penalising those people who are already voiceless and in poverty."

Social Services Minister Dan Tehan hasn't given up on further trials, saying he would work with all parties to expand the rollout.

Ms Walley said the card was creating more problems in the community and invited members of the Government to visit Kununurra to "see for themselves the damage it is doing".

"It hasn't worked at all. We were gutted when we heard the news it was going to continue," she said.

"What little money people have, they're making it difficult for them to access. How dare they.

"It's just going to make matters worse. It's done more harm than good and it hasn't bettered anyone's life." – *With AAP*

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Family calls for justice



RELATIVES and friends of an Aboriginal man who died after falling from an inner Sydney balcony as police tried to arrest him have held a rally calling for justice. Patrick Fisher, 31, died in Waterloo on February 7 after officers attempted to track him down over outstanding warrants.

Officers were acting on information from the public, NSW Police said, and a critical incident investigation has been launched.

Neighbours told the ABC that Mr Fisher slipped and fell as he tried to climb down to another unit, after police knocked on the door.

More than 100 people gathered in Redfern to hold a ceremony and march to demand justice.

Mr Fisher was remembered as a man who was "loved by everyone".

One relative said he was "chased to his death" and didn't deserve to die the way he did.

His cousin Lorna Munro urged those gathered to channel their anger into productive causes.

"What are we going to do with unresolved shit that keeps going and going and going?" she said. "Draw the line right now and don't compromise, don't step back, because I know my brother would be loving this right now – bringing everyone together.

"Carry that strength."

Mr Fisher's sons held a picture of their father.

Ms Munro said everyone should think of the family. "I want you to think of this community and how we can bring it back together," she said.

NSW Police said there were "no issues" at the protest but declined to respond to claims officers contributed to the death, citing ongoing inquiries into the matter.

A critical incident team from Botany Bay local area command is examining "all the circumstances surrounding the incident", police said in a statement.

"The investigation will be subject to an independent review and a report will be prepared for the Coroner." – *AAP*

National Apology 10th anniversary

There's a long way to go, says Rudd



WHEN Paul, who was taken from his mother at five-and-a-half months, sat down with the welfare department he was handed a pile of birthday cards.

He was then 18, a member of the Stolen Generations who had been sent a birthday card from his mother every year. But they were never passed on.

Labor Leader Bill Shorten recounted Paul's story from the Bringing Them Home report while marking the 10th anniversary of the National Apology by then-prime minister Kevin Rudd.

He told how the young boy was taken to St Gabriel's Babies' Home in Balwyn, Melbourne, after he fell ill while his mother was in hospital, and he was made a ward of the state.

"When his mum came to visit him she found only an empty cot," Mr Shorten told a breakfast event in Parliament House to mark a decade since the Apology.

His first adoption in 1967, when he was three, lasted only seven months after his adoptive mother complained he was "dull, unresponsive and an embarrassment at coffee parties".

After turning 18, Paul sat down with the welfare authorities and discovered information about his birth mother, father, three brothers and a sister.

"He was given a file full of letters, photos, 18 birthday cards from his mother," Mr Shorten said.

Paul later found his mother working in a hostel for Aboriginal children. She died six years later when she was just 45.

As a parent, Mr Shorten said he could not imagine going to a cot and finding it empty.

"I do not know how I would carry on. I don't know if I could even have written the 18 years of birthday cards and unanswered letters and dealing with cruel, indifferent bureaucracy," he said.

Mr Shorten paid tribute to Mr Rudd.

"Ten years ago you did a great



Former prime minister Kevin Rudd and wife Therese Rein hug Stolen Generations member Elaine Randall at a breakfast to mark the 10th anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations at Parliament House on February 13. AAP image

thing for this nation," he said.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, representing Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, again acknowledged the impact the removals had on Indigenous people.

"We acknowledge the ongoing and lasting impact that this had on you," he said. "We acknowledge the impact on your culture, your connection to country."

Mr Rudd said Australia had made a lot of progress and tens of thousands of lives had changed, but there was still a long way to go.

"For many of us, 10 years may seem

like an eternity, for our long-suffering Indigenous brothers and sisters, it is not," he told the gathering.

His apology on February 13, 2008, brought tears in Canberra and across the country.

Members of the Stolen Generations called on governments to commit to more healing resources to break the cycle of trauma destroying their families and communities.

Chair of the Healing Foundation Stolen Generations Reference Committee Florence Onus said many Aboriginal people have never had the opportunity to heal from

lifelong trauma that began when they were stolen as children and institutionalised.

"Many haven't started their healing journey because they don't have access to the right tools and support," she said.

"And for those of us who have tackled our demons, we remain worried for our children and grandchildren who have been affected by intergenerational trauma.

"I cried a dam of tears when I heard the former prime minister say 'We're sorry' back in 2018. I think many of us felt as though the pain and suffering we endured as children, and then as adults struggling with unresolved trauma, was finally acknowledged.

"People could no longer say that our history wasn't real."

However, Ms Onus said that a decade on, people were still struggling.

"We need to see more focus on healing – and not just for individuals but whole families so that we can fix the health and social problems in our communities and finally close the gap," she said.

Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston said that until recently, it was not known how many stolen children were still alive, but the foundation is finalising this data as part of its analysis of current needs and believes there are about 20,000 survivors across Australia.

"We hope this work will provide a framework to address issues like national reparations, and generate trauma- and healing-related services for an ageing Stolen Generations population," he said.

"When we talk to Stolen Generations members, they keep telling us that a critical concern is establishing a different future for their descendants.

"Research shows that the Stolen Generations and their children and grandchildren are twice as likely to be arrested by police and a third less likely to be in good health, compared to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who are already at a disadvantage." – AAP

Organisations pay tribute



Kids at a Mallee District Aboriginal Services Apology community day.

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander organisations, people and groups paid tribute to the Stolen Generations on the 10th anniversary of Kevin Rudd's National Apology.

In Mildura and Swan Hill, Mallee District Aboriginal Services hosted community days to mark Apology 10.

The communities came together for a barbecue, kids' activities, community artwork and music.

In Melbourne, Victoria Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins joined Yarra City Council Mayor Daniel Nguyen to announce details

of a Stolen Generations Marker in Fitzroy. It will be a permanent public artwork designed by Aboriginal artist Reko Rennie.

The design will consist of a collection of bronze spears and a coolamon, with accompanying seating, lighting and landscaping.

"I wanted to create an inclusive space where people can sit and reflect, mourn and acknowledge the deep trauma of the past, as well as connect with the ongoing strength and resilience of the Aboriginal community," Mr Rennie said.

The marker will

acknowledge the history of Atherton Gardens and Fitzroy as a place of significance for Aboriginal people where members of the Stolen Generations found family for the first time, and where community continues to gather and connect.

It will pay tribute to and honour the struggles of the Stolen Generations as well as acknowledge the resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, communities, clans and groups who seek to heal from the trauma of the past.

The marker will be unveiled on May 26.

More National Apology anniversary coverage on pages 30-31



Do more, committee urges



THE Close the Gap campaign steering committee has called for a coordinated, consistent and coherent approach by government to addressing underlying inequalities between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the rest of the country.

In a 10-year review, the steering committee made five major findings as to why the gap was not closing:

- The Close the Gap statement of intent (and close the gap approach) has to date only been partially and incoherently implemented via the Closing the Gap Strategy.

- The Closing the Gap Strategy – a 25-year program – was effectively abandoned after five years and so cannot be said to have been anything but partially implemented in itself. This is because the ‘architecture’ to support the Closing the Gap Strategy (national approach, national leadership, funding agreements) had unraveled by 2014-2015.

- A refreshed Closing the Gap Strategy requires a reset which rebuilds the requisite ‘architecture’ (national approach, national leadership, outcome-orientated funding agreements). National priorities like addressing Indigenous inequality have not gone away, are getting worse, and more than ever require a national response. Without a recommitment to such ‘architecture’, the nation is now in a situation where the closing the gap targets



Tom Calma, centre, is surrounded by fellow Indigenous leaders as he speaks about the Close the Gap campaign steering committee's 10 year review in Canberra.

will measure nothing but the collective failure of Australian governments to work together and to stay the course.

- A refreshed Closing the Gap Strategy

must be founded on implementing the existing Close the Gap Statement of Intent commitments. In the past 10 years, Australian governments have behaved as if

the Close the Gap Statement of Intent was of little relevance to the Closing the Gap Strategy when in fact it should have fundamentally informed it. It is time to align the two. A refreshed Closing the Gap Strategy must focus on delivering equality of opportunity in relation to health goods and services, especially primary health care, according to need and in relation to health infrastructure. This should be in addition to the focus on maternal and infant health, chronic disease and other health needs. The social determinants of health inequality (income, education, racism) also must be addressed at a fundamental level.

- There is a ‘funding myth’ about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health – indeed in many Indigenous Affairs areas – that must be confronted as it impedes progress. That is the idea of dedicated health expenditure being a waste of taxpayer funds. Yet, if Australian governments are serious about achieving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health equality within a generation, a refreshed Closing the Gap Strategy must include commitments to realistic and equitable levels of investment (indexed according to need).

Close the Gap Campaign co-chair and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar said state and territory governments need to do more to address the “national shame” of inequality.

“No more finger pointing between governments,” she said.

PM all business as gaps remain



PRIME Minister Malcolm Turnbull says despondency in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is highlighted too often and that does nothing to help those who aspire to succeed.

He insists jobs and setting up businesses are crucial to the lives of Indigenous Australians.

Handing down the annual Closing the Gap report last week, the Prime Minister focused on growth in Indigenous businesses – which isn't one of the Close the Gap targets – as a sign of success, while acknowledging four of the seven targets are not on track.

He announced a new Indigenous grants policy to increase the number of local Indigenous-owned and -controlled organisations.

The policy will extend principles of the Indigenous procurement policy, which Mr Turnbull said has allowed Indigenous businesses to win more than \$1 billion in government contracts since 2015, up from \$6 million in 2012-13.

“The Government must be the enabler of this success,” he told Parliament.

“Too often we are quick to highlight the despondency which does nothing to help those who aspire to be like people that work hard and succeed all the time, all

while being proud First Australians, Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander Australians.”

In highlighting other successes, Mr Turnbull said the latest Closing the Gap report shows the target to halve the gap in Year 12 attainment by 2020 remains on track.

Two more targets – halving the gap in child mortality by 2018 and having 95% of all Indigenous four-year-olds enrolled in early childhood education by 2025 – are both now on track.

However, the remaining four targets are lagging, including a key goal to close the 10-year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and other Australians by 2031.

As well, three of the remaining four targets – to halve the gaps in employment, reading and numeracy, and school attendance for Indigenous students – are due to expire this year.

Work is underway to update the targets, with the deadline for that extended until October.

Former prime minister Kevin Rudd, who introduced the strategy after his apology to the Stolen Generations in 2008, says he isn't against a refresh, but the original targets were meant to be ambitious.

“What I do oppose is if these targets are watered down to let governments, federal or state, off the hook – to lessen the political responsibility, to lessen the

Closing the Gap progress report

- Close the gap in life expectancy by 2031: On track with overall mortality rate down 15% (from 1998 to 2015).

- Halve the gap in child mortality by 2018: Down 33% (between 1998 and 2015).

- Have 95% of all Indigenous four-year-olds enrolled in early childhood education by 2025: On track.

- Close the gap in school attendance by the end of 2018: Little progress.

- Halve the gap in reading and numeracy for Indigenous students by 2018: On track in the ACT and Tasmania

- Halve the gap in Year 12 attainment by 2020: On track.

- Halve the gap in employment by 2018: On track in NSW.

financial burden,” he told the National Press Club.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion says while

some targets are not on track to be met, there has been solid progress in other areas compared with a decade ago.

Northern Territory Labor senator Malarndirri McCarthy challenged the Upper House to take the Close the Gap campaign seriously.

“Close the Gap has a face: my family, my extended families, the Yanyuwa, the Garrawa, the Mara and the Gudanji peoples. They are the people, the faces of Close the Gap,” she said.

“Senator (Pat) Dodson and his family and his people and the people that he represents, they are the face of Close the Gap.

“The Member for Barton, Linda Burney in the House of Representatives, the first ever Indigenous woman to stand in the Parliament where the Prime Minister said ‘sorry’. She is the face of Close to Gap – her family, her children.

“And Ken Wyatt, Minister Wyatt, and his family and extended families and his history, that is the face of Close the Gap.

“So when members come into these Parliaments to talk figures and statistics, they are our figures and statistics.

“If I came in here to talk about your family, how would you feel?

“Each year standing here wondering if your family are going to have their children finish high school, wondering if your family are

going to go on to jail, which is what is expected, if your family are going to have a future on dialysis, if your family are going to have employment opportunities on CDP to look forward to for those who can graduate.

“That’s what we are talking about here. This is the human story of Close the Gap. It matters. It matters that this Parliament takes it seriously.”

Senator McCarthy said she didn't doubt Senator Scullion's good intentions.

“But he's not really the problem, it's the rest of you,” she said.

“It is the rest of you that sit in that Cabinet that sit beside him. Where is your willingness to Close the Gap? To provide the housing instead of providing excuses?”

Senator Dodson says any news of progress, “microscopic as it might be”, is refreshing.

However, he stressed the need to include more Indigenous people in service delivery and improve housing supports.

He also welcomed suggestions the Turnbull Government may be open to the idea of including targets on incarceration rates and child protection.

One Nation leader Pauline Hanson last week revived her attacks on taxpayer money being spent on Indigenous Australians, drawing criticism from Labor. – AAP

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Gurrumul's life to hit big screen



THE life of Yolngu man Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu has been immortalised in a new

documentary *Gurrumul*, by writer and director Paul Damien Williams.

The movie brings to life the Yolngu culture of north-east Arnhem Land and gives an insight into Dr Yunupingu's life and his rise to success as a singer songwriter.

Dr Yunupingu died last year aged 46, after a long battle with illness.

Blind from birth, he found purpose and meaning through songs and music inspired by his community and country on Elcho Island.

His debut album *Gurrumul* brought traditional Aboriginal languages to audiences around the world and sold half a million copies globally, reaching triple platinum in Australia. His second solo album *Rralaka*, released in April 2011, hit platinum.

Dr Yunupingu lived a traditional life on Elcho Island,

surrounded by Yolngu culture as part of the Gumatj clan, as far away from the trappings of fame and fortune as possible.

Mr Williams said *Gurrumul* is a portrait of an artist "on the brink of global reverence", and about the struggles he and those closest to him faced in balancing the things that mattered most to him and keeping the show on the road.

"Gurrumul exists in an aural world, which he expresses through his music with one of the most unique voices ever recorded in Australia," he said.

"At request, he has played to royal families, performed with music legends including Sting and Elton John, and for world leaders including (US President) Barack Obama and (Russian President) Vladimir Putin.

"*Rolling Stone* magazine declared Gurrumul Australia's most important voice – an amazing accolade for an artist that has never spoken publicly and sings in a language only a handful of people understand."

The movie will be in cinemas in April.



The late Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu doing what he did best.

Redress in spotlight



SEXUAL assault counsellors are urging federal parliamentarians to include family members of child abuse victims in a national redress scheme.

"The effect of the abuse on one person in a family extends out to the whole family and to the community," Laurel Sellers, from the Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation in Perth, told a Senate inquiry.

Counsellors also implored parliamentarians to rethink plans to block child abuse survivors who have spent five years or more in prison from accessing redress, and to ensure victims are offered lifetime support.

A Senate committee is investigating legislation underpinning a national redress scheme, which is due to start from July 1, and was a key recommendation of the child abuse royal commission.

Miranda Clarke, from the Centre Against Sexual Violence at Logan in Queensland,

said those who experience childhood sexual abuse in care-giving environments experience lifelong consequences.

"It affects their ability to develop as a child and they miss key developmental stages, which means that's something that can't necessarily be fixed," Ms Clarke told a public hearing in Canberra. "It's not something that can be cured with appropriate treatment, and it's something that will be triggered throughout their life time."

Trauma

Ms Clarke said the trauma of abuse is often carried by family members and loved ones of survivors, and spread across generations.

"We need to be working with the child, we need to be working with the parent, we need to be working with the future children of those survivors," she said.

"Even when that person dies, it doesn't go away for their families."

The royal commission decided against

compensation for families, aside from limited counselling sessions.

It excluded compensation for secondary victims, recommending redress not be provided to anyone who was not themselves a survivor of institutional child sexual abuse.

The Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston said sexual abuse and institutionalisation of Indigenous people contributed to shocking rates of incarceration across Australia.

"Victims were children at the time of the abuse," he told a public hearing.

"While people are serving time in prison, the abuse occurred when they were children, not adults, and should not be held responsible for the impacts of the abuse on their lives through their subsequent behaviour."

Gary Foster, a former police officer who manages counselling clinics for male survivors of abuse, said prohibiting convicted criminals from redress would set up two classes of 'deserving' and 'undeserving'.

Dr Foster said 1000 people in Queensland correctional facilities had come forward to the royal commission, a disproportionate number of whom were Indigenous.

"This will set up deserving and undeserving and it will actually legalise that, and the people who will feel it most will be the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," he said.

"It is an injustice for people who have, through no fault of their own, often placed for their own care and protection, ended up on a trajectory which meant they were in prison, and in prison for a very long time."

Counsellors are also asking Parliament to extend from three months to one year a deadline for survivors to accept or reject redress offers, and to lift the payment cap from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

The Alliance for Forgotten Australians called for the redress scheme to be expanded to survivors of non-sexual child abuse and neglect. – AAP

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More power urged for PLOs

By ALF WILSON



ELDERS have called on the Queensland Government to give police liaison officers (PLOs) more power following the death in custody in Townsville of 39-year-old Indigenous man Trevor King.

Police officers have been accused of manhandling and spear-tackling Mr King just hours before his death in custody on February 10.

The lawyer for Mr King's family says officers were told that he had a heart condition and had probably taken drugs before "trouncing" him after he left his Townsville home.

Police had been called by Mr King's wife Regina in the early hours of the morning because he was talking of suicide.

"He'd have had a better chance of survival if she didn't call the police,"

Sydney-based lawyer Stewart Levitt said.

Mr Levitt said Mrs King and friends who witnessed the incident reported that police repeatedly told him he was not under arrest after spear-tackling him, pushing his face into the dirt and straddling his back.

"It appears by the time the police got him into the ambulance he was dead," he said.

Elders Ernie Hoolihan and Professor Gracelyn Smallwood said PLOs should be available 24 hours a day.

"PLOs have to have more power and authority to do more as our people relate to them better and they are culturally sensitive," Mr Hoolihan said.

He said there had been too many Indigenous deaths in custody.



Townsville Elders Lyley Swan, Allison Hoolihan, Professor Gracelyn Smallwood and Ernie Hoolihan want changes to allow more involvement of police liaison officers. At right is Barrister Josh Creamer.

Professor Smallwood said that unnecessary force was used.

"He was just a little man and had no objects in his possession and police on the scene were not trained to deal with mental health issues. PLOs should be available," she said.

Solicitor Tony Nikolic and barrister Josh Creamer interviewed Mr King's family on February 13.

"I will be meeting police to view body-worn camera footage of the incident," Mr Nikolic said.

Mr Nikolic and Mr Creamer said they would be waiting for the autopsy report.

It is also understood there may be closed-circuit TV footage of the incident from another source.

Mr Levitt described the incident as an "eggshell skull" case and called for police to be better trained to deal with those people who are severely depressed or mentally impaired as well as Indigenous.

"Subjected to the very rough treatment which has been described and the shock of it all, it is quite foreseeable that a man with a pre-existing heart condition would succumb," he said.

Police were not able to say what caused Mr King to lose consciousness and die soon after he was taken into custody about 1.20am.

"An ambulance was present at that time and despite extensive attempts by police and paramedics to revive the man prior to his transport to Townsville Hospital,

unfortunately those attempts were unsuccessful," Chief Superintendent Kevin Guteridge said.

Mr King's death is being investigated by the police Ethical Standards Command, under the supervision of the coroner, and Queensland's Crime and Corruption Commission.

Mr Levitt stressed the extent of police involvement in the incident "must be covered at an inquest".

He also said it was "extraordinary" that Mrs King and her children were ordered out of the family home hours after his death because police said it was "a crime scene".

"How could it be a crime scene? None of these alleged events happened there," he said. — With AAP



Amnesty criticises federal response



AMNESTY International has dismissed the Turnbull Government's "weak" response to the

Northern Territory royal commission into youth justice, saying it has failed Aboriginal youngsters.

Labor slammed the response as "hopelessly inadequate".

The Government released its response to 28 of the royal commission's 226 recommendations, saying it wanted to focus on "improved national leadership and the coordination of early intervention for at-risk children".

The final report of the \$54 million inquiry was released in November.

The inquiry was set up after reports of boys being tear-gassed, wearing spithoods and being shackled.

The Government rejected a recommendation from the commission to give juvenile detainees access to Medicare services and taxpayer-subsidised medication.

Canberra argued the responsibility for prisoner health lies with state and territory

governments and said it was important to prevent services being funded twice from public resources.

The Government committed to improved data collection, an audit of all funding going to the NT and more community engagement.

The commission found the issue was not a lack of funding but a lack of coordination and understanding of how money is spent and outcomes achieved, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said.

Amnesty International Indigenous rights campaigner Roxanne Moore accused Mr Turnbull of wilfully ignoring the cries of hundreds of children still being abused in youth prisons outside the NT.

"The Turnbull Government has again ignored the calls from Indigenous leaders to commit to a national plan that overhauls the broken youth justice system across the country," she said.

"It has failed Indigenous kids around Australia."

Labor attacked the Government's response.

"It says that only 28 of the 226 recommendations are its responsibility and only supports two of those 28 recommendations. The other 26 are only supported 'in principle' or 'subject to further

consultation'," the Opposition said in a statement.

"The Turnbull Government established this royal commission. To effectively wash its hands of its findings and recommendations exhibits a shameful lack of leadership.

"It is laughable for the Government to reference the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) in its response. The IAS and its associated funding cuts has been a policy disaster and left Aboriginal people in the NT worse off. The IAS is part of the problem — it is not the solution.

"Evidence"

"Over 200 courageous witnesses gave evidence and more than 1000 people attended community meetings over the course of the commission.

"The royal commission's report deserves to be taken seriously — so do all of the people who told their stories.

"Australia was horrified by the images from Don Dale of young boys being stripped naked, tear-gassed, spit hooded and held in solitary confinement.

"The protection and detention of Australian young people is a national issue and a national

responsibility — and it deserves Commonwealth leadership.

"These are children we're talking about — they need and deserve better from all of us in positions of responsibility."

The NT Government agreed with the commission's recommendation to close Darwin's notorious Don Dale Detention Centre.

The commission also recommended raising the age of criminal responsibility, ending long periods of isolation and restraints for child inmates and increasing rehabilitation and community programs rather than 'tough-on-crime' solutions.

Last Friday the NT Government announced it had picked a new site for a youth detention centre in Darwin and will also close the current Alice Springs youth detention facility.

Territory Families Minister Dale Wakefield says the Government will close the Alice Springs centre because it too is "not fit for purpose". It will also be replaced by a new facility with the two new centres to "mark a new beginning and deliver better results for rehabilitating at-risk children in the NT", the minister said.

"We need to get at-risk children on the right path to stop this cycle of crime that's been happening for too long," Ms Wakefield said.

"That's why we are undertaking the most comprehensive overhaul of the youth justice system in Northern Territory history."

The new Darwin facility will be located on the site of the existing Don Dale centre, which will be bulldozed.

Design work will start next month with construction to begin in early 2019 and be completed by mid-2020.

In Alice Springs, the NT Government is in talks with Desert Knowledge Australia, which operates a bush education precinct, to locate a new detention centre at the same location.

Ms Wakefield said the NT Government would provide another \$50 million to respond to the royal commission recommendations in addition to the \$20 million already allocated.

She called on the Federal Government to also allocate more funds. "We are taking action to fix the problems highlighted in the report while the Australian Government has walked away and is all talk and no action," Ms Wakefield said. — AAP



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Takayna ads in lead-up to Tas election

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE first ever TV advertisement featuring palawa kani has revved up the campaign to protect Aboriginal heritage in the lead up to the March 3 Tasmanian election.

Featuring the faces of several Tasmanian Aboriginal people and the stunning Aboriginal heritage-rich landscape of the takayna (Tarkine) in north-west Tasmania, the 30-second ad calls for the area's protection as well as leadership in reconciliation.

Palawa kani (Aborigines talking) is the language of Aboriginal people in Tasmania and is actively being revived from the original languages after cultural dispossession.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) teamed up with The Wilderness Society (TWS) to make the ad, which went to air earlier this month.

The TAC said that despite a pledge to 'reset the relationship' with Aboriginal people, the Tasmanian Liberal Premier and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Will Hodgman's most defining policy on Aboriginal issues is to expand destructive four-wheel-drive tracks across the National Heritage-listed cultural landscape on the takayna coast.

TAC chief executive Heather Sculthorpe said the premier's plan involves laying "interlocking plastic matting" over middens and other sites so recreational vehicles can drive over them.

"Premier Hodgman's reset relationship has involved ignoring Aboriginal opinions and pushing ahead with this destructive plan, to the point where we were forced to go to the Federal Court to defend our heritage," she said.

"That's not a 'reset'; that's a hostile act that prioritises cheap, local politics in far north-west Tasmania over his own moral pledge to lead

reconciliation in Tasmania.

"Using our language to defend our heritage from a premier prepared to put politics ahead of people is a powerful new tool that makes us very proud, and we expect it to resonate with wider Tasmania.

"We want all Tasmanians to understand that Aboriginal heritage is the history of this island lutruwita, and it needs to be protected and respected. Destroying Aboriginal heritage on the takayna coast is an attack on Tasmania's history and the premier stands condemned for his failure of leadership."

The ad was filmed on the takayna coast as part of the On-country Program, a TAC and TWS collaboration that seeks to introduce and immerse people on country, build cross-cultural relationships and understanding, record sites of Aboriginal heritage significance and remove rubbish and marine debris.

"Damage"

"4WD tracks on the takayna coast were closed in 2012 based on expert advice as they were doing irreparable damage to Aboriginal heritage sites like middens, tool scatters, hut depressions and a cultural landscape that is already National Heritage listed and of World Heritage quality," Wilderness Society spokesperson Vica Bayley said.

"Premier Will Hodgman has failed to listen to the horror expressed by Aborigines, historians, experts and ordinary Tasmanians at his policy to expand 4WD tracks across this sensitive and sacred landscape.

"The notion of putting plastic matting over irreplaceable middens that tell the story of tens of thousands of years of Aboriginal occupation, so people can drive over them for fun, is truly shocking.

"The premier is betraying his own commitment to reset his relationship with Aboriginal

people, undermining any chance of reconciliation and letting down all Tasmanians and their history."

Despite the Federal Court battle between the TAC and the Tasmanian Government over the reopening of three off-road vehicle tracks, which plough through Aboriginal heritage tens of thousands of years old, the future of the tracks is still unknown, resting with the Federal Environment Department.

It is the second time it has become a Tasmanian election issue.

The Environment Department is waiting on a public environment report from the Tasmanian Government to inform a decision.

Meanwhile, Jacqui Lambie Network candidate Rodney Flowers is facing charges for allegedly driving a vehicle outside a designated area in the Arthur Pieman Conservation Area and failing to stop in April 2016.

Mr Flowers, who has put his campaign posters over safety warning signs in the area, is due to appear in the Burnie Magistrates Court on February 28.

Two current art exhibitions are also calling for the protection of the takayna.

Travelling photographic exhibition *Takayna Niparana – Faces of the Tarkine* will be at 126 Charles St, Launceston, from 5.30-8.30pm this Friday, February 23.

The Bob Brown Foundation's exhibition, featuring works by 120 artists to raise campaign funds, *Tarkine in Motion*, is at the Salamanca Arts Centre until February 27.

The foundation is holding a march for takayna/Tarkine this Sunday, February 25, starting at Franklin Square, Hobart, at noon.

Campaigners are calling for the area to be protected from destruction from mining, logging and off-road vehicles.



Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Victorian Catchment Management Council appointments for 2018

Expressions of interest for appointment to the Victorian Catchment Management Council are now open.

The Victorian Catchment Management Council is the state government's lead advisory body on catchment management.

The Victorian Government is committed to appointing boards that reflect the diversity of the Victorian community. Board directors come from all walks of life, including farmers, small business owners, Aboriginal Victorians and project managers.

Expressions of interest are encouraged from anyone with experience and knowledge of one or more of the following:

- Land protection
- Water resource management
- Primary industry
- Environment protection and conservation
- Local government
- Coastal management
- Public administration and governance
- Community engagement.


Expressions of interest will be open until midday **Wednesday 28 February 2018** through Get on Board <http://getonboard.vic.gov.au> (under 'Vacancies').

New board appointments will commence on 13 October 2018.

Applicants with further enquiries or those with difficulties in accessing the documents should contact the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Customer Service Centre: www.delwp.vic.gov.au

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National Native Title Tribunal Member

Applications are sought from suitably qualified persons for appointment to the National Native Title Tribunal as a Member. The position is established under the *Native Title Act 1993* (the Act).

The vision of the National Native Title Tribunal is '*Shared country, shared future*'. Members are required to work closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as well as non-Indigenous parties in carrying out the functions of the Tribunal.

The principal work of the Tribunal involves mediating and arbitrating in relation to certain proposed future acts (such as the grant of a mining lease). The Tribunal also assists parties wishing to make Indigenous Land Use Agreements to negotiate the agreement, as well as mediating native title claims referred to the Tribunal by the Federal Court of Australia. Members may also be required to conduct inquiries into issues connected with native title claims, and contribute to community liaison and education around native title.

The appointment may be for a term of up to five years. The Tribunal has five offices and the location of the position will be determined in consultation with the successful candidate.

Qualifications

To be eligible for appointment, a person must be able to satisfy the statutory criteria under section 110 of the Act. Applicants must also demonstrate the ability to shape strategic thinking, contribute to the management of the Tribunal, work with others to meet objectives, exercise a high level of judgement and standard of professional and personal integrity, and have a strong knowledge, understanding or experience of the Act.

A degree in law and/or experience in dispute resolution are also desirable.

People who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander are strongly encouraged to apply.

Remuneration

The position of Member is a statutory position in respect to which remuneration and allowances are determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

Information and applications

Information about the position, including selection documentation, and how to apply is available on the Attorney-General's Department's website at www.ag.gov.au.

Applicants should direct any inquiries about this position or their application to Alana Fraser on (02) 6141 4745 or native.title@ag.gov.au.

Applications meeting the requirements set out in the selection documentation must be emailed to native.title@ag.gov.au by **11pm AEDT, 6 March 2018**.

Further information about the National Native Title Tribunal is available at www.nntt.gov.au.

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Prisoners deprived of dignity



SOME prisoners with disability in Western Australia are having to endure the extra stress and humiliation of having to wear nappies

because they cannot physically access a toilet.

One WA prisoner told Human Rights Watch that his wheelchair can't fit in the jail's bathroom or toilet.

"I have to wear a nappy every day," he said. "I don't feel like a man; I feel like my dignity is taken away."

An Aboriginal prisoner had the same issue and had to urinate into a bottle.

The organisation released a new report 'I Needed Help, Instead I Was Punished', which details the conditions of prisoners with disabilities face in Australian jails.

Researchers interviewed 275 people including 136 current or recently released prisoners with disabilities from WA, Queensland and NSW.

They were given unfettered access to 14 WA and Queensland prisons.

Neglected

The report found prisoners with disabilities are often neglected because of staff shortages, a lack of training and resources.

"People with disabilities get lost in bigger prisons. If you're not screaming or kicking, and if your disability isn't visible, you're under the radar," a WA prison psychiatric nurse was quoted in the report.

It also raises concerns about prisoners with disabilities being locked in solitary confinement as punishment for bad behaviour or after mental illness episodes.

In one case, researchers said a female prisoner with a disability was kept in a windowless, perpetually-lit, padded cell for an entire month.

The report recommended:

- a ban on solitary confinement for prisoners with disabilities and a national inquiry into the issue;
- screening incoming prisoners for disabilities and providing adequate support and mental health services; and
- extra training for prison guards.

One Queensland psychologist working on a prison program said it was ethically challenging to make decisions about solitary confinement.

"A (prisoner) is having suicidal thoughts and you stick them in a box with nothing but their thoughts," the psychologist said.

The report said there was evidence prisoners with disabilities were facing increased bullying, harassment, physical violence and sexual abuse.

"I was sexually assaulted (by other prisoners) ... I know at least one of them raped me, but I kind of blacked out," one prisoner with a cognitive disability told researchers.

Guards were sometimes the perpetrators of abuse, the report found.

"They catch you when you're working by yourself and touch your boobs, bum, or put a hand around your waist. Or they make stupid comments like 'You've been here a while, you must be horny'," a female prisoner said.

Aboriginal people are over-represented in the Australian prison population, as are Indigenous people with disabilities. — AAP



Miranda Tapsell co-wrote and will star in *Top End Wedding*.

NT movie production internships on offer



IF you have dreamed of working in movie production, this could be your chance. Screen Australia is

offering four paid internships for emerging Northern Territory-based Indigenous screen practitioners on the upcoming feature film *Top End Wedding*, starring and co-written by Miranda Tapsell and directed by Wayne Blair.

Pre-production begins on March 12 and the shoot will

take place during April and May in Adelaide, the Top End and the Tiwi Islands.

The internships will run for a minimum of five weeks of full-time work, with a weekly pay of \$1200 plus superannuation.

Opportunity

Interns can apply to work for the first assistant director, art department, camera department, production or sound. This opportunity is open only to NT-based Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait

Islander people aged 18 and over. Students are not eligible to apply and applicants must be ready to start work in April.

Successful applicants who are Darwin-based will be expected to look after their own accommodation for Darwin shoots. Successful applicants who live outside of Darwin will negotiate their Darwin accommodation with the production.

The closing date for applications is February 23. For details on how to apply, go to screenaustralia.gov.au

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Women following different passions and ready to lead

By KEIRA JENKINS



FOUR Aboriginal women in Victoria have been learning and developing

leadership skills as part of the Joan Kirner Young and Emerging Women Leaders program.

Penny Scott, Maddi Miller, Melissa Saunders and Keicha Day were all chosen for the inaugural program for their leadership potential.

Archeologist Maddi Miller said she had a number of colleagues and friends send her the application and encourage her to put her hand up for the program.

"I was still surprised when I found out I was chosen for the program," the Darug woman

told *the Koori Mail*.

"I think sometimes people can see potential in you that you can't see."

So far, the program has focused on intensive learning and development sessions as well as networking and making connection with the other participants.

Ms Miller said she felt lucky to be among a group of supportive and determined women.

"Getting to network with a bunch of pretty inspiring women has been, I think, the most important part," she said.

"They're super supportive of each other and it's a really great environment to be part of."

Wiradjuri woman Penny Scott said one of the program's greatest strengths is the diversity of the participants.

"It's absolutely invaluable," she said.

"Knowing that there's people around me for support is so important."

Ms Scott said anyone who is after a bit of support while they work to achieve their goals should apply for next year's program.

"Reach for the stars and don't look back down," she said.

"I grew up in Dubbo; I went to a public school. Now I've been to three different universities; I've done my Masters at Melbourne University.

"I would encourage other women to do this program. If you have support you can do great things."

Melissa Saunders is the manager of the Aboriginal rehabilitation branch at Corrections Victoria.

She applied for the program after being encouraged by a colleague, and a few of her "informal mentors".

The Gunggari woman said she was struck by the diversity in the room on the first day all of the participants came together.

"It was great to listen to different stories and hear about all the women's different passions," Ms Saunders said.

"I think when you work in a certain area for a long time the majority of people you meet through your work have the same passions and opinions as you.

"It was so nice to look at a group of women who are all following different passions but are all doing equally well in their own fields."

Ms Saunders said the other participants create a supportive

and compassionate environment to develop your skills within.

"It gives people a chance to step out of their comfort zone," she said.

"It's a unique base to focus on yourself. You have the space to reflect on yourself and try new things while still being supported."

Applications for the Joan Kirner Program are open now for women in Victoria aged 18-40, who consider themselves an emerging leader.

The program is named after Victoria's first female Premier Joan Kirner and is delivered by Leadership Victoria.

For information or to apply visit www.vic.gov.au/women/women-s-leadership/joan-kirner-young-and-emerging-leaders-program.html

Heritage Act 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

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

The Heritage Council of NSW is currently considering whether to recommend the places below for listing on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of their heritage significance.

Macquarie Homestead Group, O'Connell

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 17 April 2018. Enquiries to David Campbell on (02) 4927 3193 or david.s.campbell@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

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Motion restores the Darling flow



THE Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) has welcomed the decision by the Australian Senate to support a disallowance motion that will ensure 70

billion litres of water can be restored to the ailing Darling River.

Last week NSW and Victoria threatened to walk away from the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, after Labor and Greens senators voted down changes which would have secured more water for farmers, at the cost of environmental flows.

MLDRIN chair Rene Woods said

Aboriginal organisations have made their opposition to further cuts in water recovery in the basin clear throughout the Northern Basin Review process.

"The Baarka (Darling River) and its tributaries are the lifeblood of culture and country for Aboriginal Nations who have called the basin home for tens of thousands of years," he said.

"Our Elders and community leaders have spoken out against the degradation of these sacred rivers since long before the basin plan was signed into law.

"Water for the environment is critical to support our cultural traditions, health and wellbeing.

"Communities have expressed outrage at the degradation of our rivers, the theft of water and the blatant corruption and collusion that has allowed these outrages to go unchecked."

Mr Woods said he saw the disallowance as a crucial opportunity to reset the basin plan for the better.

"Aboriginal people have participated in good faith through decades of water management, while our rights and interests are consistently sidelined to favour the big end of town," he said.

"Now it's time for all basin jurisdictions to respect this decision and get on with the job of achieving a truly healthy basin."

Hubs help businesses



AS an entrepreneur, Kristal Kinsela knows the challenges and opportunities involved in starting and expanding a business. The 2017 NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year is sharing the knowledge from her experience at the Walan Mayinygu Indigenous Entrepreneurship Pop Up Hub in Port Macquarie, NSW, on March 6-8.

"The pop up hubs present an opportunity for local aspiring individuals and businesses to gain insights, new learnings and tools to help grow their business," said Ms Kinsella, who is a partner in Indigenous Professional Services, which helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people navigate the Federal Government's Indigenous Procurement Policy.

Walan Mayinygu Pop Ups facilitate local networking and aim to inspire and hone a wide range of business and entrepreneurial skills, and provide participants with access to government departments, private firms and not-for-profit groups to develop business.

All Indigenous businesspeople, entrepreneurs, young people and those interested in starting businesses are invited to attend the event Port Macquarie event, at the Glasshouse.

Walan Mayinygu features business strategy workshops to build skills, social enterprise workshops to assist organisations tackle social problems,

Walan Mayinygu project leader Kristal Kinsela.



and a pre-start-up workshop will focus on starting a business.

Developed by Associate Professor Michelle Evans, from Charles Sturt University, the project is nurturing Indigenous businesses across NSW by offering entrepreneurial education and practical workshops delivered by successful Indigenous entrepreneurs.

"The pop-up hub will offer Indigenous learning events such as panel discussions, a business plan and pitch development studio, guest speakers and networking opportunities," she said.

To register for the event, visit www.eventbrite.com.au/e/walan-mayinygu-port-macquarie-pop-up-tickets-33479197180

Labor attacks 'voice' stance



SHADOW Human Services Minister Linda Burney has hit back at Prime

Minister Malcolm Turnbull's outright dismissal of a First Nations voice to Parliament.

Last year, following a series of consultations around the country culminating in a summit at Uluru, the Referendum Council delivered a report recommending an Indigenous voice to Parliament – an advisory body with no legislative powers – be enshrined in the Constitution. Last week, a day after Opposition Leader Bill Shorten committed Labor to legislating for an Indigenous voice if it wins the next election, Mr Turnbull insisted Australians didn't want an assembly based on race.

Mr Turnbull declared there was "zero" chance of Australians agreeing to an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative body, as the Parliament marked the 10th anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations.

He told Parliament that while he respected the authors of the Statement from the Heart who proposed the voice, it was inconsistent with the principle that all national representative bodies are open to every Australian.



"The fact that the Prime Minister is doubling down and becoming harder and harder in his response to establishing a voice to the Parliament is just remarkable to me." – Linda Burney

"The prospects of such an amendment to the Constitution being successful were zero," Mr Turnbull said of his previous advice to the referendum council.

"That is the view that I and the Government hold today. If (Mr Shorten) wants to campaign at the next election for there to be a constitutionally entrenched national representative assembly, able to be voted for and occupied by only Indigenous Australians, he is free to do so, but it is not one that this side of the House will respect.

"We believe that all of our national institutions should be open to every single Australian, regardless of their background."

Mr Turnbull predicted it would be "a big election issue". Mr Shorten challenged the

prime minister to reconsider his opposition and work with Labor to design a workable proposal.

Ms Burney said Mr Turnbull's threat to make it an election issue was "nothing short of scaremongering".

"He has described a voice to the Parliament as a third chamber. Not true," she said.

"He has also said that this puts the rights of Aboriginal people above the rest of Australians. I think the rest of this country would be shocked if they truly understood the disadvantage of Aboriginal people.

"Today, in the news we heard the shocking statistics in NSW alone of the amount of Aboriginal children being removed into statutory care. It has doubled since the Apology. It is a completely untenable situation.

"The fact that the Prime Minister is doubling down and becoming harder and harder in his response to establishing a voice to the Parliament is just remarkable to me.

"There is no time that I can think of in my long career in politics where we have seen starkly the disadvantaged and the increased incarceration and the amount of children being put into care.

"The fact that the prime minister has threatened to make this an election issue I think is reprehensible."

Ms Burney backed Mr Shorten's approach of legislation for an Indigenous voice, if the Coalition would not support Constitutional change.

"Aboriginal people across this country have said loud and clear there needs to be a body that is advising, not vetoing, what the Government is doing in relation to the Indigenous space," she said.

"I know that many people just see this as statistics, but the statistics are real children, real people who are dying too early, who are not getting the outcomes the rest of the country is experiencing.

"And for the Prime Minister to say, 'No, we'll make this an election issue,' and propagating a scaremongering campaign about a voice to the Parliament is completely unacceptable to my party." – With AAP

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Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by 7 March 2018.

More information on the project is available at rms.work/M1Upgrades

Women set to detail priorities



THE first community visits for the Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices in Bunuba language) project began in Victoria this week. The project is being led by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar to hear from Indigenous women and girls around the country.

Ms Oscar said she was pleased to start the talks in Mildura on Monday and would be heading to Melbourne today (Wednesday) and was planning to visit more than 30 places throughout the year, including Adelaide, Ceduna, Hobart and Launceston in March.

"This is very much about creating a space for women and girls to raise the issues that are of priority and concern and to hear about their strengths and aspirations," she said.

"From our remote communities to our urban centres, I hope to highlight the diversity that exists among us, as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls."

The Wiyi Yani U Thangani project will build on the legacy of the Women's Business report of 1986, which was the only time national consultations were held with Indigenous women.

"More than 30 years on, we have a great opportunity to elevate the needs and voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls in the national policy landscape," Ms Oscar said.

"I strongly encourage all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls to come together and take part



Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar.

in this important project.

"I want to hear about your ideas, your challenges and your hopes for the future. Together, we will raise our voices as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls and together we will deliver a message to government that demands to be heard.

"Your valuable contribution will help identify key challenges and priorities facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls and help influence positive change for our children and the future generations."

For a list of dates and venues go to <http://wiyiyaniuthangani.humanrights.gov.au>



Aboriginal triplets Jacinta, Roberta and Lauren Ramirez-Smith.

Curtin Uni triplets on the right course



INDIGENOUS triplets the Ramirez-Smith sisters are one step closer to achieving their dreams of

becoming certified physiotherapists.

The 18-year-olds have just graduated from a new course at Curtin University designed to give a pathway into university to Indigenous students who haven't completed Australian Tertiary Admission Rank studies.

It's called the Indigenous Pre-Medicine and Health

Sciences Enabling Course and it's run through the Centre for Aboriginal Studies, the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Curtin Medical School.

Curtin Centre for Aboriginal Studies director Professor Marion Kickett said she was delighted to celebrate the first cohort of graduates from the enabling course.

"The graduates will be starting their undergraduate degrees next month in a range of health courses including nursing, social work, medicine, physiotherapy and health, safety and

environment," she said.

Curtin University deputy vice-chancellor Professor Jill Downie said the success of the enabling course is a strong example of why it is essential to provide alternative learning options for Indigenous students.

"These graduates are among the first set of students from Curtin who will help contribute to the nationwide initiative to provide better health services to Indigenous people by increasing the number of Indigenous doctors and health professionals," she said.

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Notice of an Application for Registration as an Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Yaluk-Ut Weelam Elders Council (Aboriginal Corporation)

Date received: 8 December 2017

Public comments due: 2 April 2018

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by Yaluk-Ut Weelam Elders Council (Aboriginal Corporation) for registration as a registered Aboriginal Party for the area shown on the accompanying map. If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*.

In determining whether to grant this application, the VAHC must consider:

- whether the applicant is a native title party;
- whether the applicant has traditional or familial links to the area; whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area;
- the existence of any grant of land by government in fee simple to an Aboriginal body in the area;
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area;
- any other relevant matter.

The VAHC invites written comments on this application, which can be sent via:

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The applicant will be advised of comments received.

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Office of Environment and Heritage

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This big dance is open to all

By LIINA FLYNN



BIG Dance – It's like an international dance flash mob and everyone is invited to join in. On April 29 people all over the

world will be doing the same dance, which this year has been choreographed by Kokatha woman Frances Rings, in collaboration with dance trainer Craig Barry and Ausdance.

Indigenous and other Australians are invited to learn the choreography and join in on the day, either at one of the scheduled event venues, or wherever takes your fancy.

"People in remote and regional areas can take part in the dance too and connect to the bigger network, which will be streaming on the internet," Ms Rings told the *Koori Mail*.

"Everyone across the world will be doing Indigenous dance movements inspired by Australian culture."

Ms Rings said Big Dance is about connecting with country and acknowledging the rich Indigenous culture of Australia.

"I feel the dancing doesn't belong in a studio. It's about acknowledging this ancient land and the stories and

knowledge that lie there," she said.

Ms Rings envisions people across Australia in all its landscapes dancing at the same time on April 29.

"I can picture different clans dancing in the saltwater landscape or in the desert or by the Murray River or in the Torres Strait," she said.

Ms Rings has choreographed for Bangarra Dance Theatre and is now head of creative studies at National Aboriginal Islander Skills Development Association (NAISDA) Dance College, where she "shapes the next generation of Indigenous dancers".

"Ceremony"

"Dance is how we have documented our history, through stories and dance ceremony," she said.

"It's a natural skill that our young people have and I love empowering them to believe and trust in that, and inhabit space in their own skin.

"Dance training is one of the hardest careers you can chose. It's about discipline and consistency."

For the next two months, free workshops will be held in NSW and Victoria to teach people the dance moves. Online choreography tutorials

are also available on the Big Dance website for all to learn. Dance teachers are also encouraged to learn the dance and teach it to their classes, in time for the big day.

"There are three dances to choose from, depending on your level of ability," Ms Rings said. "The three groups are separated into colours – red, black and white. You need to choose the dance you want to learn and then wear that colour when you dance."

Black represents Indigenous people, white non-Indigenous people and red is the spiritual heart of Australia (bloodline and lineage) and the connection between Indigenous and other people.

Ms Rings said the dance was also open to individual interpretation, with options for freestyling elements.

Big Dance was founded in 2006 and led by the Lord Mayor of London. In 2016, more than 42,000 dancers from 44 countries across the globe participated.

In Australia, Big Dance 2018 events will be hosted in Sydney and Melbourne as well as other venues to be announced.

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Frances Rings works with NAISDA students to learn the Big Dance choreography.



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Expressions of Interest – Suitability Panel, Victoria Appointment as Members

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Members will be chosen from a variety of relevant disciplines including law, social work, psychology, the treatment of sex offenders and other relevant disciplines.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that government boards and committees reflect the composition of the Victorian community. This includes appropriate representation of women, indigenous Victorians, young Victorians, Victorians living with a disability and Victoria's culturally diverse community.

The successful candidates will work sessionally as Panel members. The position is based in Melbourne.

Further information and the position statement can be found at www.suitabilitypanel.vic.gov.au or by contacting Ms Julie Paxton at julie.paxton@suitabilitypanel.vic.gov.au or on 03 8608 5752.

Closing date for applications is midnight, Sunday 4 March 2018.



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Our people in Queen's Baton runs

By KEIRA JENKINS



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people from all over the country have carried the

Queen's Baton for the Commonwealth Games.

Gomeri man Les Knox carried the baton in Gunnedah, north-west NSW.

"When I got the email to say I was chosen I had a tear in my eye," he told the *Koori Mail*.

Mr Knox was nominated by a former mayor of his home town, Narrabri.

"We always got on when I was on the council with him, but we were often on different sides when it came time to vote," Mr Knox said.

"But he was always supportive of the Aboriginal community in town, and he was always supportive of me."

Mr Knox, a well-respected member of the Narrabri community, said a huge crowd came out to see him carry the baton.

"There were 28 of us taking turns to carry it so we went 200m each," he said.

"When I was carrying that baton I was thinking, 'I'm so happy to be here.'"

Mr Knox was joined in Gunnedah by Frank Crump, who was nominated by his son Glen to carry the baton.

Frank, a Gamilaroi man from Moree, said he was thrilled to find out his son had nominated him, but found it hard to keep the news under wraps until he was allowed to spread the word.

"It gave me such a thrill and excitement," he said. "But I was told I had to keep it to myself until the Commonwealth Games announced who was in the relay."

"At the time my mum was sick and she passed just before I could tell her. She's one person I would have liked to tell."

But Frank said she would have been proud, and he knew she was with him during the relay.

"The whole day was emotional," he said.

"It was thrilling; it was exciting. As I was taking that baton I could just hear Mum saying, 'That's my Frankie.'"

"That memory is going to be a treasure in my mind until the day I'm laid to rest."

In Melbourne, 10-year-old Spencer Smith carried the baton around the athletics track.

The Wiradjuri boy said he was excited to get the chance to be part of the relay.

"When I found out I was so



Les Knox, top, and Frank Crump with the baton and, inset, young baton runner Spencer Smith.

excited," he said. "I got a bit nervous when the day was coming closer but everything went well."

Spencer is no stranger to sports, playing cricket and football as well as swimming.

"It keeps me active and I learn lots of things," he said.

It was Spencer's dad Garen Smith who nominated him to carry the Queen's Baton.

Mr Smith said it was a good reward for Spencer to be able to take part in the relay.

"Spencer was diagnosed with autism when he was about three," Mr Smith said.

"Sometimes life can be a bit challenging for him, but he's really excelling. He is magnificent to us. We wanted him to know what a good job he's doing."

Aurukun ‘warriors’ in Army



Australian Army enlistees Curtis Ornyengaia, Tawu Marrott and Nick Pootchemunka will form the nucleus of the Aurukun army patrol.



FIVE Aurukun residents have been sworn in as members of the Australian Army after participating in the Kapani Warrior program. Celestine Fisher, Tawu Marrott, Jayden Marrott, Nick Pootchemunka and Curtis Ornyengaia will now undertake an initial Army recruit course in Weipa.

51 Far North Qld Regiment recruiting and reinforcement cell sergeant Ash Faulks said the group members will learn basic soldiering skills such as weapon handling and navigation, with

further training in either Weipa or Cairns to fully qualify them in their chosen job role.

“Celestine is the first woman from Aurukun and she will join other women enlisted from Wujal Wujal to complete the training,” he said. “We are looking for other ladies who may be keen to enlist.”

“The majority of the enlistees will be trained to become patrolmen, an infantry soldier trained specifically in surveillance and reconnaissance.

“Once qualified, they will have the opportunity to work with Maritime Border Command, the Royal Australian Navy and Australian Border Force in

detecting illegal activity in the Torres Strait.

“Another 15 Kapani trainees from Aurukun have been recommended to the Army and are due to follow this group later in February.”

Aurukun Shire Council Mayor Dereck Walpo said the Kapani Warrior program had inspired and trained young people to find work in their community.

“As well as forming the nucleus of the Aurukun Army patrol, they will work with the Kapani team as uniformed soldiers to inspire and train would-be recruits from other Cape York communities,” he said.

Labor promises commissioner



THE South Australian Labor Government says it will appoint an Aboriginal Affairs Commissioner for Children and Young People if re-elected at the upcoming state election.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher said the new commissioner will be a voice and advocate for Aboriginal children in government policy and legislation.

“The new commissioner will be a long-time advocate for building respectful partnerships with Aboriginal people, their communities and organisations and will work side by side with Helen Connolly, South Australia’s Commissioner for Children and Young People,” he said.

The SA election will be held on March 17.

Funding on offer in Vic programs



ABORIGINAL Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) in Victoria have been invited to apply for funding to help improve their services.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins said \$21.7 million was available in the Aboriginal Community Infrastructure Fund.

“This new program will put the Aboriginal community in greater control of their future – that’s self-determination in action,” she said.

The minister said grants are available in three categories, including repairs and minor works for existing facilities, feasibility studies and business cases.

For more information or to apply for the Aboriginal Community Infrastructure Program or the First Mortgage and Community Infrastructure Program, visit vic.gov.au/aboriginalvictoria.

Applications close on March 14.

Committee backs gender equality



INDIGENOUS girls are missing out on hot breakfast programs and excursions, unlike their male classmates, because of a “significant disparity” in funding.

A report by the Federal House of Representatives Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs is now calling for gender equality in funding for support programs.

Committee deputy chair and Labor MP Warren Snowdon, whose Lingiari electorate covers almost all of the Northern Territory, says the situation is ludicrous.

“It is ludicrous to walk into a school anywhere in Australia and find boys, young men, being given these fabulous opportunities with these full-time mentors in the school and to walk into the corridor and see young women don’t have that same opportunity,” he said.

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Ex-Knight claims discrimination



GAMILAROI man Ashley Gordon said a night out in Sydney turned into an unexpected experience of racial discrimination for him. The former Newcastle Knights NRL player was out with a visiting Aboriginal friend and went into Scruffy Murphy's pub on Goulburn Street. He was refused service and asked to leave, with the bar staff saying he was drunk.

When the manager was called, Mr Gordon explained he had not even had one drink that night and questioned her about whether he was being asked to leave because of his skin colour.

"I was definitely removed on the basis of racial grounds," Mr Gordon told the *Koori Mail*.

"The security guard didn't want to push me out and called the manager. When the manager looked at me, she made her decision quickly, without a lengthy process of observation and refused me service.

"She didn't listen to me speak or watch to see if I stumbled when I walked.

"I found it surprising that she could make that call. It's important to know how to correctly identify someone who's been drinking alcohol."

Mr Gordon works as a NSW Aboriginal Safe Gambling Service manager and said part of his job is to deliver cultural awareness training around NSW and work



Ashley Gordon

with non-Aboriginal services.

"This is my work and to have this happen to me is so wrong," he said.

"I understand and recognise so

many other Aboriginal people before me have experienced racism a lot worse than this is and I want to acknowledge that. I know I can't

stand by and let it keep happening."

Mr Gordon posted about the incident on Facebook and was astounded at the support he received from the wider community.

"Most people would walk away and say, 'I don't want to fight,' but because of the responses I got from others saying that the same had happened to them, and in that venue, I wanted to do something about it," he said.

Mr Gordon wrote to the Anti-Discrimination Board and has received a reply saying it is investigating the allegation of racial discrimination and has contacted the venue about the issue and given it 28 days to respond.

"There are still so many ignorant, racist people in this country who need education," he said.

"If I can do something to educate them and bring about change I will.

"I think the best outcome would be to see people stop stereotyping and be more informed and culturally aware.

"You can't keep using the liquor intoxication excuse to throw Aboriginal people out of a venue. We have some grounds to have them reprimanded. They can't make these allegations and get away with it.

"While I experienced racism when I played football, it was more about the others playing against me, trying to put me off.

"But this situation is clear racism and ignorance."

Uranium mine fears



A TRADITIONAL owner says it was a "sad day" for her people and land after the Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against the approval

of a uranium mine in central Western Australia, but conservationists have vowed to continue the fight.

Former state environment minister Albert Jacob gave the green light to Cameco's Yeelirrie mine proposal in January last year, 16 days before the pre-election caretaker mode began.

The Conservation Council of WA (CCWA) and three traditional

owners, who took the case to court, fear unique subterranean animals in the area will be made extinct if the project proceeds.

WA Chief Justice Wayne Martin determined that the appeal against the ministerial decision should be dismissed. Costs will be determined at a later date.

CCWA director Piers Verstegen said the decision was disappointing but only a setback for the battle.

"It's absolutely not the end of the road for Yeelirrie or the other uranium mines that are being strongly contested in WA," he said.

Tjiwarl native title holder Vicky Abdullah said the court case was only part of the campaign.

"This is a very disappointing and sad day for our people, our land and our future," she said.

"We have fought long and hard to protect Yeelirrie and stop the uranium project. It's a bad decision, but it's not the end decision."

The directors of the Tjiwarl Aboriginal Corporation say they have no comment or position on the legal action.

Impacts

The ministerial endorsement was subject to 17 conditions, including the Canadian company undertaking further surveys and research into stygofauna and troglifauna (microscopic animals

that live underground) to minimise impacts on the tiny creatures.

Mr Verstegen said he always knew the appeal would result in either the uranium approval being ruled invalid or the environmental laws being exposed as inadequate.

"This ruling shows that indeed our environmental laws are deeply inadequate," he said.

There is still a federal decision pending, with the WA appeal delaying the process by months.

"It is now up to the Commonwealth Government to take a rigorous approach to the environmental assessment of this project rather than just relying on the shonky assessment that

was done under the Barnett Government," Mr Verstegen said.

"We call on the Federal Government not to approve extinction at Yeelirrie."

Mr Verstegen said advice would be sought on whether further legal action was possible. Lawyers will also argue it was a public interest case and the applicants should not have to bear the full court costs.

WA has no uranium mines.

A spokeswoman for Mines Minister Bill Johnston confirmed Labor would allow Yeelirrie and three other uranium projects to go ahead because they were previously approved, but would not endorse any new projects. — AAP

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Women at Solid Screen Retreat



Participants in the Solid Screen Retreat.



WOMEN artists, performers and storytellers gathered on the recent super blood moon eclipse for an event acknowledging the history and culture of Indigenous women screen makers. The 2018 Solid Screen Retreat on the Gold Coast focused on the professional development and cultural safety of Indigenous women in a healing environment.

Curator and Solid Screen director Jenny Fraser said the film industry "faced a lot of cultural apartheid here".

"This is increasing more and more as our screen funding dollars are continually diminishing, yet ironically that funding is handed over to the blockbuster films studios for productions such as *Thor*, and *Pirates of the Caribbean*, which is great for a couple of indigenous men from outside of Australia, but what about our own Indigenous women in here?" she said.

"The south-east Queensland region has a prolific film industry, with the funded films making millions in the box office, but there aren't enough opportunities or support shared to showcase the great depth of

Australian Indigenous arts practice.

"So Solid Screen is a great opportunity for Indigenous women practitioners to explore other mediums of expression, and our own stories."

Solid Screen showed films from around the country and across the world, representing art forms including documentary, drama, dance, writing, visual arts and digital storytelling.

It also presented teaching sessions, networked and created new work in a private photo booth session.

This year's event featured Michelle

Blakeney's work *Starr* and Jenny Fraser's documentary *Solid Sisters*.

Each year Solid Screen Awards are handed out, and this year Madeline Hodge won the award for her contribution to screen culture on the Gold Coast.

Ms Hodge is an artist from the Bigambul people and has worked as an actor on films including *Flipper*, *Beast Master*, *Chameleon* and on Indigenous films such as *Hidden Line* and *Good Medicine* (a documentary about her life and artwork). She is now working on documentary scripts about Bigambul people.

Family in appeal for witnesses



THE family of a young Aboriginal man who was hit by a freight train in north-west NSW two decades ago still believe his death was suspicious, and they've backed police who are appealing for potential witnesses to come forward.

It's thought Stephen Smith, 17, was hitch-hiking home to Werris Creek, south-west of Tamworth, after a party before he was found dead on the railway line on October 5, 1995.

A 1996 coronial inquest found Stephen died from multiple injuries inflicted by the train, but his family has always suspected he actually met with foul play.

His brother, Jason, said the family had endured more than 20 years without closure.

"It's something that the family has always wondered," he said in Quirindi.

"If Stephen has met with foul play, we definitely want those answers as well."

The Homicide Squad recently reviewed the case and local detectives are now re-appealing for witnesses to come forward.

"We've ascertained there is some missing information," Chief Inspector Philip O'Reilly, from the Oxley Local Area Command, said.

One witness saw Stephen in Quirindi with two men in the hours before his death. "To this day, we've not identified the

two males," the chief inspector said.

"We're asking for those people to come forward to provide us with any information that can assist us with filling the gaps about Stephen's death."

Stephen's family maintains it would make little sense for him to veer 7km off the main road to the railway line. They don't believe he took his own life.

Jason Smith said the two unidentified men needed to come forward.

"You're going to have vital information that the family and police need to piece things together," he said.

Anonymous call

Chief Insp O'Reilly said that during an earlier appeal, a woman made an anonymous call to police saying she heard people in a nearby street before the death.

He appealed for that person to get back in touch.

Stephen's death bears similarities to the 1988 death of another Aboriginal teenager, 17-year-old Mark Haines, who was found on the same railway line.

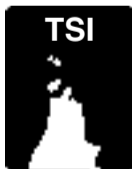
A \$500,000 reward was offered in January for information leading to an arrest and conviction over Mark's suspected murder.

No reward has been offered in the case of Stephen Smith, and police say they have not identified any links between the two deaths. — AAP



Focusing on climate change: from left, Dalassa Yorkston, Bruce Ranga, Napau Pedro Stephen, Hilda Mosby, Vonda Malone, Fred Gela and Wayne See Kee.

Torres Strait leaders target climate change



THE threat of climate change in the Torres Strait has brought together senior leaders in the region to consider the risks involved.

Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC), the Torres Shire Council (TSC) and the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) have agreed to establish a permanent working group for a Torres Strait Adaptation and Resilience Plan.

TSIRC Mayor Fred Gela said local communities have contributed little to the problem of climate change.

"Yet we are being left to deal with the very real threats it brings to our wellbeing, culture and environment," he said.

"We need support from government and all relevant agencies to work with us to implement the priority actions identified in the plan."

Besides sea level rise, climate change is also likely to affect health, water security, and marine resources and will likely contribute to regional instability in areas neighbouring the Torres Strait as identified

in the 2016 Australian Defence White Paper.

TSC Mayor Vonda Malone said the decisions made now will shape the future.

"We need to stay on the front foot and proactively drive climate adaptation and continue to build the resilience of our communities, and we expect all agencies and departments to now be considering how their actions are contributing to this end," she said.

The leaders agreed to form a Torres Strait climate and resilience working group which will meet periodically to assess progress in implementing priority adaptation and resilience actions and to ensure alignment between respective organisations continues.

TSRA chairperson Napau Pedro Stephen said it's widely understood that climate change is an important issue for local communities.

"Our meeting has helped galvanise our resolve for our organisations to work together to ensure we meet this challenge as best we can to ensure a strong future for our region," he said.

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW

Have things changed since my speech saying sorry?

No! Our kids are still being stolen.



A Yarn With...



ROSIE SMITH

Palawa woman
Hobart, Tas

Favourite bush tucker?
Yolla (mutton birds) and seafood.

Favourite other food?
Cheese and fruit.

Favourite drink?
Water.

Favourite music?
When I want to relax I listen to relaxation music.

Favourite sport?
Netball.

What are you reading?
Work, Strife, Balance, by Mia Freedman, and I love writing poetry and plays.

Favourite holiday destination?
Wayatinah (central Tasmania).

What do you like in life?
Being with family and community, and I love dancing.

What don't you like?
There's not much that I don't like. I love life, except for passwords.

Which black or indigenous person would you most like to meet?
I'd love to catch up with Helen Corbett. (In 1983 she co-founded the Committee to Defend Black Rights.)

Who/what inspires you?
People who have a go at things.

What is your ultimate goal?
To write a book.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation for Aboriginal people?
I'd love to see an improvement in Aboriginal health services and improved pathways into education.

Quote



"There are so many more courageous Aboriginal men and women that the award could be named after."

Human Rights award winner
Dameyon Bonson furious
over homophobic comments
by boxer Anthony Mundine

● See page 4

Unquote

Wrong way to solve problems

WITH its extension of the cashless welfare card to Western Australia's Goldfields, the Federal Government – and crossbench senators – have revealed their willingness to demonise Aboriginal people.

WA Labor senator Pat Dodson is bang on the money when he told us that "you can't help feeling that racism is motivating this policy".

No, you can't when the three trial sites are areas with high Aboriginal populations.

And there's not a shred of rigorous evidence to show that compulsory income management even meets the Government's stated aims of reducing alcohol consumption and gambling.

It's this sort of piece-meal, attention-grabbing, superficial approach to policy that has meant the failure of the Closing the Gap measures.

While governments continue to make decisions based on right-wing shock-jock opinions on how best to circumvent the human rights of Indigenous people, we're going to continue to see policy failure.

The only way government policy is ever effective – in any area – is that if the people it's designed to affect have a say in it.

Dictating terms never works.

It's the same message the Close the Gap steering committee delivered in its 10-year review: nothing to us, without



us. You can't sit in Canberra and demand that Aboriginal people in remote Western Australia behave like good little boys and girls or you'll take away their pocket money.

And yet, that's what the Government's cashless welfare card trial does.

It treats Aboriginal people as children, not adults.

We're not saying communities don't have problems. But the way to start to solve them isn't by demonising people. It's by actually sitting down with the people and listening to what they have to say.

But we'll leave the last word on the subject to Noongar woman Beverley Walley, from Kununurra, who retired last year and is devastated by being subject to income management.

"What little money people have, they're making it difficult for them to access – how dare they," she said.

"It's just going to make matters worse. It's done more harm than good and it hasn't bettered anyone's life."

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Brian celebrates 50 years of hard work

By KEIRA JENKINS

BRIAN Olive started working at the Northern Co-operative Meat Company in Casino, northern NSW, as a 16-year-old, sweeping floors and cleaning up.

He's spent the past 50 years working his way up the ladder – packing the meat, then trimming it, slicing it, until he got to the top job in the boning room.

Mr Olive, who is the first Aboriginal man to make it to 50 years' service with the meat company, said the achievement "has only just sunk in".

"I was saying it's just a number, but then the board asked me to lunch with them," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"It was a bit of a surprise."

Mr Olive said that during his time at the company he's seen a lot of changes.

"Back in the early days when you were the new kid on the block, the older fullas would give you a bit of a ribbing," he said.

"If you did that now you'd get the sack. It was hard work and when I started I was just doing the odd jobs and cleaning up."

"I always reckon the 1960s, 70s and 80s were the best time of my life. The older fullas showed me how to use a knife."

"I had people to look up to. I worked for 50 years and I had my mates to guide me through for 50 years."

Mr Olive said there's also been big changes around his home town of Casino.

"My wife is a white woman and I remember walking down the main street holding hands with her," he said.

"People would say, 'What's she doing holding hands with him?' It was different back then. Now no one blinks an eye about it."

Mr Olive said that in the early days, working and supporting a young family was a difficult balance.

"I got married when I was barely 20 and things were tough. I earned \$36 a week," he said.

"I paid \$10 rent, \$10 a week went to pay off our car and we had \$16 a week to live off. We'd had our first daughter by then, too."

"I worked 10 hours a day. For the first five years of my daughter's life she didn't really know who I was."

"I'd leave for work before the kids woke up in the morning and when I'd get home I'd have about an hour with them before they went to bed."

"I took all the overtime I could get. I wouldn't change any of that though – we raised three healthy kids."

Mr Olive said he's worked hard for the past 50 years but he doesn't know where he would be without his wife Noeline and his children.

"If it wasn't for my wife I don't



"If it wasn't for my wife I don't know if I would have done this."

– Veteran Casino meatworker Brian Olive

know if I would have done this," he said. "She really straightened me out."

"We met at school – we were high school sweethearts."

"I had a falling out with school and I went to work. I felt like I had better things to do than school."

"She stayed on at school but we would still hang out sometimes, and now, 50 years later, she's still with me."

Mr Olive said the Northern Co-operative Meat Company has been good to him over the past 50 years, and he's got no intention of leaving, at least until he retires.



Brian Olive on the job at the Northern Co-operative Meat Company in Casino, northern NSW.

TJ not forgotten



A section of the march in Sydney on the anniversary of the death of Aboriginal teenager TJ Hickey. Pictures: Sabine Kacha



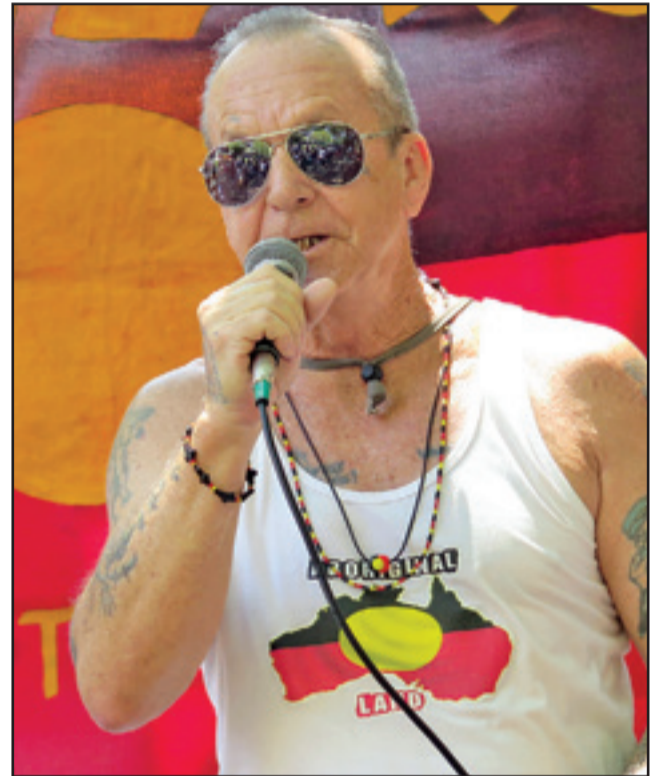
A RALLY was held in Redfern on February 14 to commemorate the date of Aboriginal teenager TJ Hickey's death in 2004.

TJ died after catapulting off his bike on to a metal spike on a fence in Waterloo, after being chased by police. An inquest cleared police of wrongdoing but the family and supporters are still calling for an independent investigation.

Aboriginal poet and activist Ken Canning said he hoped it was the final year people would have to rally.

"There remain no answers," he said.

TJ's mother Gail said she would not give up fighting for justice for her son.



Ken Canning speaks at the rally in Redfern.

Boxing star farewelled

CHAMPION boxer Gary Cowburn, a Wakka Wakka man, died peacefully last month surrounded by family and friends, aged 81.

Born at Gayndah on January 16, 1937, he was the second child of Claude and Matilda Cowburn.

Mr Cowburn was married twice, first to Janice Guivarra, with whom he had six children – Alberto, twins Gary and Robin, Kimina, Rayna and Osman – and then to Joy Cowburn, with whom he had three children – Nicole, Melina and Peta.

A champion boxer, he was inducted into the Queensland and Australian Boxing Halls of Fame. His career included 41 fights, winning 24 (13 knockouts) and two draws.

Mr Cowburn's career took him around the country and world. He took on some of the biggest names in the sport.

He was the only fighter to knock out former Australian champion George Barnes and he fought World Boxing Council champions Roberto Cruz and Ralph Dupas.

He was also a former Australian, Queensland and British Empire welterweight champion.

Mr Cowburn was raised at



Gary Cowburn at his Queensland Hall of Fame induction.

Gayndah, taking up boxing at 16. He showed real aptitude, winning the Australian Amateur 57kg category in 1955, but he was controversially not selected for the 1956 Australian Olympic squad.

Dejected, he did National Service and worked for the Forestry Department before moving to Brisbane and starting a professional boxing career, with his first pro fight in 1959 in a

career that spanned 10 years.

He wed Janice Guivarra in 1961, but the union ended some 13 years later.

Returning to Gayndah, he then moved to Eidsvoll and met Joy, who remained his faithful partner until she passed away last year. After many happy years together they officially 'tied the knot' in 2015, to the great joy of many.

The couple moved to Gladstone in then 1970s, where Mr Cowburn had a range of jobs.

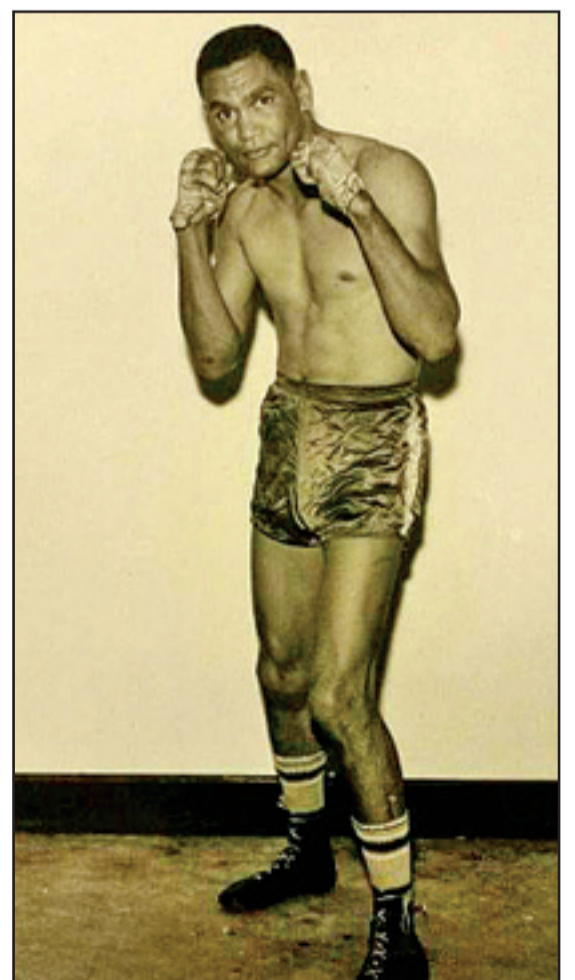
He was very active in the community, serving on several Indigenous organisations. The Cowburn home was a haven for visiting Murri family and friends.

Mr Cowburn coached boxing and was heavily involved in the PCYC.

In retirement, the couple remained active, especially continuing as stalwarts for the Australian Labor Party.

Mr Cowburn's 80th birthday was marked with a huge party and celebration of his achievements.

At his funeral, Mr Cowburn was praised as a generous, decent and humble partner, father and grandfather, and a fighter for his people and community.



The late Gary Cowburn in his boxing heyday.



You're welcome, Coralie

THANKS *Koori Mail* for your recent deadly edition 669 and the colourful nationwide coverage of our recent Invasion/Survival day events.

I would also like to thank those countless non-indigenous and multicultural Australians who outwardly showed their tremendous respect and strong support by joining with us in those marches that took place across our land.

Greatest thanks must also go to North Queensland-based *Koori Mail* reporters Alf Wilson, here in Townsville, and Christine Howes, in Cairns, who regularly go beyond remote boundaries when reporting on our Murri issues.

Eighteen years ago *Koori Mail* published my poem *I am me, an Aborigine* on Wednesday, March 8, 2000. I'm forever in debt to *Koori Mail* for

giving me the chance to have my poem published way back then.

As the main Aboriginal-owned newspaper since 1991 the *Koori Mail* remains at the top of the Indigenous print media industry for its extensive coverage of Aboriginal issues.

Coralie Cassady
Townsville, Qld

An open letter to Anthony Mundine

DEAR Anthony,

Man, what has happened to you? I followed your fight for your brothers and sisters, stuck up for you when people ridiculed you, even my own family. Then there you are in the paper, stating that homosexuality did not happen in Aboriginal society.

I always thought that Aboriginal people had a mind like anyone else, but apparently not! You say you talk the truth!

You poor thing, a Muslim Aboriginal man in Australia.

The next thing you will be telling us is that traditional Aboriginal society were Muslims.

No wonder people make fun of you. Maybe now is a good time for you to move on and live in a country that supports your poor, pathetic ideas.

As many studies have shown the overwhelming evidence that homosexuality is biological, it is logical to assume that homosexuality would have been a part of such a social equation.

It is estimated that there have been four billion Aboriginal people in Australia since the dawn of time. Four billion, and not one gay person? That just defies belief.

Muhammad Ali's conversion to Islam defined his career and legacy

as a fighter with conviction. He went on to become an icon for American Muslims.

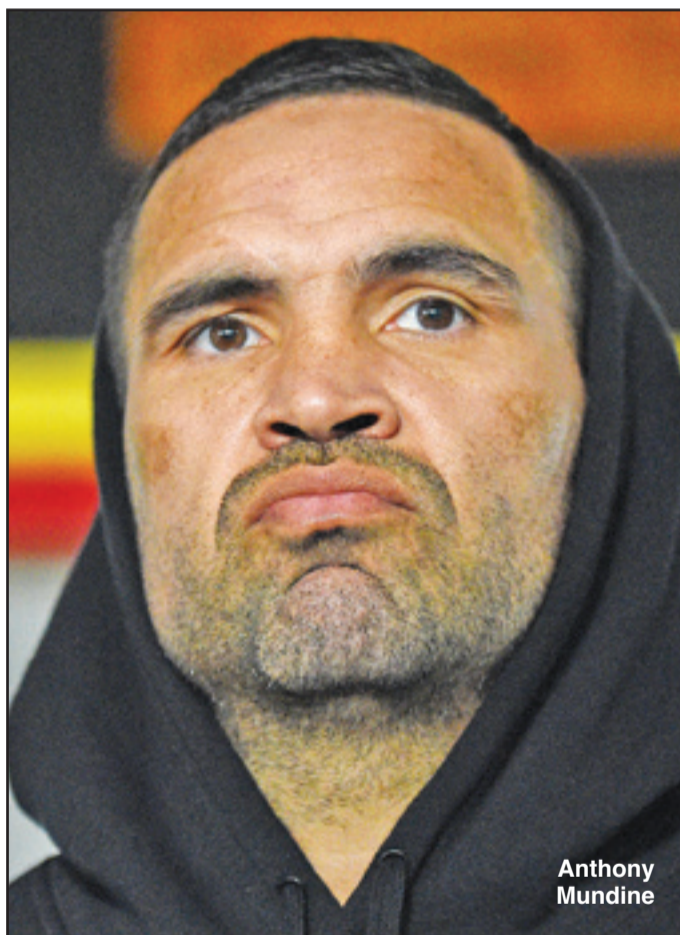
Really Anthony, do you really think that you will become an icon for Aboriginal Australians or Aboriginal Muslims?

Us mob can't run far enough to get away from your type of made-up cults and divisive discrimination. Really.

Given that Islam is a relatively recent religion, it is a poor comparison to Aboriginal culture, which is the longest living culture on Earth. Your arrogance in claiming to know what occurred in Aboriginal society pre-invasion, or what was or was not accepted within a culture that has no written history pre-invasion, is in line with your poor insight into the social cohesion needed in Australia and shows you are willing to peddle unsubstantiated fear, discrimination and bigotry.

Shame on you, shame on your interpretation of Islam, shame on your interpretation of who Aboriginal people accept or don't accept. You have left this Aboriginal person's orbit and I will no longer be part of your right-wing fantasy.

Carolyn Chapman
Port Macquarie, NSW



Anthony Mundine

POETRY

The Way It Should Have Stayed

This Aussie land, my country
I love to walk and roam
Beneath the trees and in the fields
This country is my home.

Looking at a shelter rock
I couldn't help but wonder
Is this where they'd sit in storms
And listen to the thunder.

Out here in the Aussie bush
Beneath the trees so old
I think of all my people then
Who sadly lived on gold.

Gold they didn't think much of
A sweetly simple life
Finding joy in such small things
And living free of strife.

They lived each day with purpose
Each day a job, no orders
Making women, making men
Of their sons and all their daughters.

Bathing by the riverbank
Cousins swam and played
Aunties weaved and yarned with mums
While eyes on kids still stayed.

Yarning in their true language
A rich, complex, raw sound
Talking women's business
While the men were not around.

Sitting by the waterhole
The fathers are so proud
Sons now men, the pain still fresh
Their singing voices loud.

Freely they would work each day
To gather fruit and seed
Hunting kangaroo to share
They knew nothing of greed.

Then at night under the stars
And in each other's arms
'Round the fire, sang and danced
The people far from harm.

Talking of the ancient tales
Passed through generations
Teaching young ones hard lessons
And building strong foundations.

Did they know how rare it was
That people be at peace
Living in the luscious bush
All healthy, no disease.

I guess you'd say and wealthy too
They had all that they'd need
To live here in abundant bliss
The land an endless feed.

In this thinning Aussie bush
My heart is quietly breaking
For the many more like me
Whose land it is they're taking.

So cold of them, destroying land
Land that they don't own
Digging holes for shiny rocks
Their hearts are made of stone.

But as I sit here sadly
Beneath the gumtree shade
I'll visualise the countryside
The way it should have stayed.

Danielle Schaefer

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Five ideas for change

THE failure to reach the Closing the Gap targets is no surprise. We should celebrate those areas where we have seen some gains, but learn from the failures and come up with new strategies that will result in significant improvements in the lives of Aboriginal people.

Today, there are thousands of Aboriginal people who are thriving, so we know it is possible to close the gap – we just need to be smarter and more focused.

Some of those thriving are leaders in their chosen fields, some are our neighbours, and many just go about quietly doing their bit to make Australia a better country.

To make meaningful progress will mean taking a radical change from past approaches. I offer five radical ideas here that I believe are necessary for closing the gap. If these ideas are not utilised, then throwing the allocated billions of dollars at the problem will be like putting a band-aid on cancer.

These ideas will help leverage the enormous amount of goodwill that non-Aboriginal Australians have for their Aboriginal brothers and sisters, and yield a greater return from the huge financial resources available for closing the gap.

The first idea is that while government needs to provide opportunities, it cannot be totally responsible for closing the gap. The people themselves

must play an active role.

Human rights and social justice campaigner Tom Calma has stated: "Governments can't solve the health crisis that we have. It has got to be done with and by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

Many like Tom have achieved success, but there are still many more to follow.

The blaming of government must stop, as it simply saps people from even trying to make a difference in their lives.

Interestingly, the message about what role the people must play was in the final report of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody where it was stated: "There is no other way. Only the Aboriginal people can, in the final analysis, assure their own future."

Sadly, this advice has been overlooked. Instead the report has routinely been used to promote the myth that Aboriginal people in custody are dying at higher rates than other people in custody.

The second idea is to focus on another gap – the one which separates Aboriginal Australians living in poverty and sickness from those who are living a good life.

Those Aboriginal people doing well are generally indistinguishable from other Australians, and are often the recipients of resources and services intended for the most disadvantaged.

Strategies and policies must



Anthony Dillon

focus on need and not just race. This will mean focusing more on those Aboriginal people in remote areas.

Third, there is an urgent need to cease the rhetoric often used in Aboriginal affairs. This is the language of spineless politicians, academics chasing their next research grant, and those Indigenous 'leaders' whose goal is to build their own empires.

Rhetoric sounds impressive and gives the impression that a problem has been identified or that a solution has been discovered, but it's essentially just ear candy. For example, consider the words

of Professor Chris Sarra, a member of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council: "Do things with us, not to us!"

The conversation needs to consist of plain English that discusses those factors that allowed people like Sarra to achieve what he has – education being key among them.

Fourth, there is a need to come out from behind the cultural curtain. That is, we need to stop the silly game of assuming that all Aboriginal people are a culturally distinct species bearing little resemblance to their fellow other Australians.

Many times I've been in meetings with Aboriginal 'experts' and 'leaders' who have spoken of how they live in a different world to non-Aboriginal Australians, and have different needs, only to drop all that once we leave the meeting and step into the nearest café for Coke. I'm left thinking, "What just happened?"

Certainly there are some Aboriginal people who do very much embrace and practise traditional Aboriginal culture (or a form of it) and are less confident in navigating their way through the dominant Westernised culture that characterises much of modern-day Australia. For these people, special considerations are needed.

Let's be clear on a couple matters here: Aboriginal people are people first and Aboriginal second; and the commonalities between

Aboriginal and other Australians far outweigh any differences.

It therefore follows that Aboriginal affairs is everybody's business and that simply having some Aboriginal ancestry does not qualify one as an expert on all things Aboriginal. That last sentence has just upset a few of the Aboriginal gate keepers and Aboriginal industry supervisors.

Finally, let's focus on the real issues: employment, education, housing, and the problems associated with remote living, otherwise we will see more community dysfunction such as violence and suicide. Certainly government has made some valuable contributions, but sadly attention has been diverted onto trivia like Australia Day protests, treaties, an obsession with seeing racism where it doesn't exist, and blaming colonisation.

Political correctness and identity politics has discouraged politicians from maintaining focus and speaking up.

Closing the gap is a generational process, but I believe that if we adopt the suggestions I've offered here, we will begin to see some meaningful change for the next Closing the Gap report.

● Originally from Queensland, Anthony Dillon lives in Sydney and works as a researcher in the areas of educational psychology and Indigenous wellbeing.

They need to listen

AS we remember the 10th anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations, we remind ourselves all is not well through the refrain "#saying sorry means you don't do it again".

We find ourselves in the midst of another stolen generation where once again our grassroots people are rallying on the streets, wanting to wake Australia up from its slumber.

As this was all happening a video emerged of Andrew Bolt, the right-wing conservative journalist – a man who denies the existence of the original Stolen Generation and has openly stated why Aboriginal children need to be removed from their families today – talking with Trawlwoolway and Pinterairer Tasmanian lawyer Michael Mansell about division.

In the video, Bolt says to Mansell, "When you start introducing divisions by race into a country it so often leads to bad things, not good things." He is speaking in what is really a patronising slow tone not befitting when addressing a qualified barrister of the High Court of Australia, nor a man who has travelled the world in representing his Aboriginal people for decades – a published author and scholar.

The idea that we, not history, policy nor legislation, are the problem is not well received by Mansell, who fires back: "Where have you been for the last 200 years?"

Bolt shakes his head, saying, "I was not born for most of this 200 years. See this is your problem."

Mansell responds: "This country was invaded by white people who

took over the lands of Aboriginal people. They have dominated us for 200-odd years. We didn't dominate ourselves ... they have dominated us. All the institutions have dominated us and you want to say ... that we're creating division?"

What Bolt has done without realising is highlight one of the biggest problems associated with race relations in Australia – how so many Australians have absolutely no idea how we as blackfellas see the world.

The very basic principle of our Aboriginal worldview is that we see the world from a collective, a genetic memory passed down from our ancestors that forms the very basis of our consciousness.

When Bolt says he "was not born for most of this 200 years" he is completely dismissing the Aboriginal worldview. That is to say that, yes White Australia, you are responsible for the events of the past. You may have only been born recently, but you remain intergenerational, that through your yanguru – a collective genetic memory and contemporary songlines – you are part of a lineage formed long before you were born.

It's why subconsciously you cling to the date of January the 26th, the arrival of your ancestors, why you put so much meaning into Gallipoli and other memorials that celebrate your history while ignoring ours.

But we are not subconscious, and because we are aware, we are carrying our trauma as well as your own, because you just dismiss anything negative about your own history and refuse to accept responsibility.



Woolombi Waters

It's why as Aboriginal children we were told our ancestors are always watching. This is a common concept across the First Nations people of the world, people who talk of the individual representing seven generations.

You are nothing more than a conduit, a connection between the three generations before you and the three generations to come after you.

I remember when I wrote my first play and my Gurruu (uncle) Reg Knox was the cultural advisor and he was talking to one of the actors about the Aboriginal consciousness we were sharing as Kamilaroi. My uncle asked the actor, "How

do you think I used to get yurrandaali (goanna eggs) for my mother? She loved them."

The actor went into a long yarn about the shrewd Aboriginal hunter slowly approaching the goanna and my uncle Reg stopped him.

"No," he said, "it was like this." You would just freeze and listen because you knew you were in for a mad cultural yarn. Proppa business storytelling.

"I would take my shirt off," he said. "I was about maybe five, six or seven years old and I would lay on the ground with my shirt off, my arms spread wide beside me until I could feel every individual piece of grass between my fingers spread out. I would close my eyes and I could see the roots of the grass in my mind going deep across the ground and back up into the trees and the birds would tell me which trees had the goanna eggs in them. I would just relax, picture everything around me, and the birds would tell me which tree."

I remember not one person in rehearsal making a noise as we all stood in silence. Even those who were attending workshops in other rooms had joined us to finish hearing the yarn. Some started crying, realising what we had lost.

This was no romantic story, a myth told by some old man. This was real. This was true and this is the world we all used to live in, a world we could all feel and believe. Uncle Reg had taken us back, but only momentarily, to a world we all knew, and we could now remember before it was taken from us.

I can't begin to explain the juggling act to non-Aboriginal people, the effort it takes when

raising our beautiful Black kids within a Western education system.

You want them to be informed and understand that they have a separate identity from the other kids in the classroom. There is your identity within the school, as an Australian or New Zealander or any other Western country as you try to fit in. But then there is this other identity you carry around with you unbeknown to people, hidden in the blackness of who you are and the history you carry in remaining aware that your ancestors are in the room with you.

And only those very close to you can ever know who you really are because as soon as you begin to reveal your true identity to those who celebrate colonisation as a European achievement they, rather than listen, will try to persecute you, or tell you that you are the problem.

No wonder then that Malcolm Turnbull as the Prime Minister of Australia leaves a meeting early in discussing the annual Closing the Gap report.

And then less than a week later doesn't even bother to show up to a breakfast honouring the survivors of the Stolen Generations to mark 10 years since former PM Kevin Rudd's apology.

The divide has become so great that for many they don't even have to pretend any more.

Their open hostility, their ignorance and their inability to see their connection to history other than in celebrating their own Whiteness is there for all to see.

● Dr Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail columnist.

Economic participation key to closing that gap

PEOPLE think Closing the Gap is an initiative to eliminate Indigenous disadvantage.

Actually, it's a scorecard of whether all the other programs and efforts are working.

What made it groundbreaking was specific, measurable outcomes, deadlines for achieving them and clear measurement criteria. Nothing like this had been done on this scale before.

Former Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin deserves great credit for championing the initiative.

Closing the Gap shines a huge spotlight on the Indigenous affairs industry: the vast, complex web of state, territory and federal bureaucracies, non-government organisations and corporate social responsibility teams that's grown since the Whitlam Government established the first Department of Aboriginal Affairs in 1972.

Commonwealth, state and territory governments signing on to Closing the Gap in 2008 were like the Trojans opening the gates to a great wooden horse filled to the brim with Greek soldiers. Because now, for everyone to see, at a big public event every year to coincide with the opening of Federal Parliament, the annual Closing the Gap figures are released.

And every year, the figures show the gap isn't closing.

This marked the 10th year of the Closing the Gap initiative, with the report released recently. And while every year there's some good news and green shoots, overall, the targets are not on track to be met and there's been very little progress over the past decade.

The Greeks are spilling out of the Trojan horse. All that money. All those programs. All those activities. And nothing much to show for it. In some areas disparity is getting wider.

Ten years. In truth, nearly 50.

The Federal Government is holding the hospital pass in 2018. But it's not its fault in particular. Most of the day-to-day service delivery to Indigenous people is provided by state and territory governments. Yet I can't actually remember the last time I saw a state premier or a territory chief minister front and centre at an annual Closing the Gap event.

In January, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull announced a 'refresh' of the Closing the Gap targets. I hope this doesn't lead to abandoning or weakening the targets or making them more convoluted and complex so it's harder to measure them.

Because the targets aren't the problem. The gap exists for one reason: lack of economic participation.

Too many Indigenous kids don't



Nyunggai Warren Mundine

go to school. Too many Indigenous adults don't work in real jobs.

If people don't believe we can get Indigenous kids to school and Indigenous adults to work, then just abandon the Closing the Gap targets. Everything else is a waste of time and money because the gap will never close.

Too often I hear excuses why these two objectives are too hard.

I've heard the excuse there's no jobs in remote communities. Untrue. And 80% of Indigenous people don't live in remote communities anyway.

I've heard the excuse school isn't culturally suitable for Indigenous kids. Rubbish. People from every community, every culture in the world go to school. It's essential.

Schools in Australia educate kids from many cultural and language backgrounds and have done so for decades. And schools in Indigenous communities can and do incorporate local languages and traditional culture in the school day.

I've heard the excuse racism, inter-generational trauma, colonisation, even history are to blame. Also rubbish.

Before 1967 when Indigenous people lived under legislated segregation and blatant racism, Indigenous people worked. And they sent their kids to school to the extent permitted.

Many problems plaguing some Indigenous families and communities today, including suicide, children in out-of-home care and incarceration, have gotten worse in the past 40 years.

Are we really to believe inter-generational trauma from colonisation has increased as rights and benefits have been won and

discrimination and segregation done away with? Of course not.

The root cause is social dysfunction arising from chronic welfare dependency which began in the early 1970s.

I've come to the conclusion people who make these excuses don't want to close the gap. Consciously or unconsciously, the status of Indigenous people as victims suits their nihilistic narrative. They can't imagine an Australia without the gap.

The Closing the Gap targets blow the lid on an Indigenous industry busy with activities – not outcomes – and trying to address the symptoms of the problem, not the underlying cause which is low economic participation.

The Closing the Gap targets are a bare minimum to Indigenous people achieving the same standard of living as other Australians. Governments absolutely must refresh the approach to achieving the targets. Governments must unapologetically focus on economic participation through school attendance, jobs and business.

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Close the Gap won't work until we close prison gap

IN 1991, Australians noticed for the first time that Indigenous people were overrepresented in the criminal justice system.

The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody decided that the high number of deaths was a result of the high number of Aboriginal prisoners – 14% of the inmates in prisons.

In the 27 years since then the numbers have continued to climb, and now 28% of prison inmates are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

This is a shocking statistic, as Aboriginal people are less than 3% of the Australian population. It means that Aboriginal people are 15 times more likely to go to prison than other people (Torres Strait Islanders are less highly overrepresented).

It is thought that Aboriginal children are four times as likely to have a parent in prison and children with parents in prison are six times as likely to go to prison.

All of this means that more and more Aboriginal people are going to prison and the numbers are rising every year.

Some people think that there are easy solutions to this problem, such as 'don't commit crimes' or 'don't

make bad choices', and that Aboriginal people could change the situation themselves, but it turns out that most of the people in prison have struggled to learn at school and most of them have come from traumatic backgrounds. Most can't read or write well and most are highly anxious and/or depressed.

Aboriginal people are particularly at risk for a number of reasons – mostly historical disadvantage or poverty, intergenerational trauma, and systemic or institutional racism.

Racial discrimination created intergenerational poverty for Indigenous people. In Western countries wealth is handed down through families, usually by home and/or business ownership.

Indigenous people living on native reserves could not create either and nor could they live their traditional communal lifestyle.

Racism is also deeply ingrained in Western systems of child protection, education, and justice.

People who seem strange seem threatening, and negative stereotypes persist.

A video made to celebrate 200 years of white settlement in 1988 featured a white woman saying that



Meg Perkins

Aboriginal people were lazy and hopeless. It is available on YouTube.

Now that Australia has a law that forbids racial discrimination, some non-Aboriginal people think that Aboriginal disadvantage has disappeared.

The continuing rise in Indigenous incarceration tells us that is not true

and, in fact, it may be incarceration that is maintaining the disadvantage and handing down the experience of trauma. Trauma (the wounding effect of frightening experiences) creates anxiety, anger and depression, substance abuse and family violence.

Once provoked by massacres, forced removals from land, and incarceration on native reserves, now incarceration in prisons, the removal of children whose parents are unwell or in prison, and the arrest and incarceration of children as young as 10 continues the trauma, generation by generation.

Prison is a much more frightening experience than most people will admit. There is physical and sexual violence, and death by suicide and murder. Being locked in a cage made of concrete and metal is defined as trauma in psychiatric textbooks.

As long as the Indigenous incarceration rates are so high, and ever-increasing, massive disadvantage in health and wealth will continue.

Close the Gap will not work until we close the prison gap.

Since 2016 there has been a

campaign to Close the Prison Gap, centred in the Northern Rivers of NSW, to bring this situation to the attention of the wider community and to create a platform for First Nations people to talk about their efforts to keep their children away from the criminal justice system and the severe challenges they face.

In 2016 the focus was on cultural resilience, in 2017 on children, and in 2018 there will be report backs on three official inquiries, the Australian Law Reform Commission inquiry led by Judge Matthew Myers (a Wiradjuri/Gadigal man), the royal commission in the Northern Territory, and the Lammy Review in the United Kingdom. Most of the speakers will be First Nations people, but some are academics who work in the field, and two are from overseas – Thomas Turarongo Wynne from Rarotonga and the Hon David Lammy, from London.

Contact me at mperkinsnsw@gmail.com for more information.

● *Meg Perkins was born in Africa of mixed ancestry. She has worked in the Queensland and NSW criminal justice systems as a psychologist for 27 years.*

Best Director prize for Aboriginal siblings



DYLAN Coleman and Staurme Glastonbury have taken out the Best Director prize at the Fleurio Film Festival, held in McLaren Vale, South Australia, for their short film *Spin Out*.

The brother and sister team said they were excited to have been nominated for the award but couldn't believe it when they won.

Ms Coleman said she "nearly fell over" when the award was announced.

"I had to grab Staurme's hand," the Kokatha woman said.

"It's massive for us. Getting stories out that tell a different story about Aboriginal people is really important for our healing.

"We're coming from a background where our people don't have a treaty. There's ongoing colonisation in government policies.

"There are so many challenges and being able to tell those stories is so important. Storytelling is part of who we are."

Mr Glastonbury said it was amazing to win the award.

"It was pretty cool," he said.

"We weren't expecting it but we pulled it off and got Best Director."

Spin Out is about a young Aboriginal boxer who is falsely accused of a crime, and in the wake of the ordeal begins to 'spin out' with drug use and partying.

Ms Coleman said just seeing the film played on a big screen was enough of an award.

"It was so special," she said.

"It aims to prove those negatives stereotypes of Aboriginal people wrong while the mainstream media continues to perpetuate them.

"*Spin Out* speaks to the strength of Aboriginal people. It explores family, which is at the core of how I think Aboriginal culture has survived."

Mark Coles Smith, who plays the lead role in the film, won Best Actor for his performance.

Mr Glastonbury said the film explores how a wrong decision can cause a ripple effect.

"It's about the stresses of life," the Arrente and Kokatha man told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's about how one wrong decision or being in the wrong place at the wrong time can cause a ripple effect and it can affect you and your family."

The pair are now working on a mini-series with Screen Australia, *Amazing Grace*, about their mother.



Dylan Coleman and Staurme Glastonbury after their win at the Fleurio Film Festival in SA.



Previous participants in Bangarra's Rekindling program Kium Roughsey (Year 8) and Bailey-James Parker (Year 9), from William Ross State High School in Townsville.

Dance workshops aimed at students



STUDENTS in Darwin, Charleville and Thursday Island (Waiben) have an opportunity to take part in Bangarra Dance Theatre's youth outreach program, Rekindling.

Rekindling is an intensive dance-based program for Indigenous secondary students to explore 'who you are' and 'where you come from'.

The participants research and gather stories with help and guidance from Elders in their communities. They then develop dance, performance and creative skills to produce dance theatre with local Elders and residents.

The intensive dance residency will be delivered by former Bangarra dancers Sidney Saltner, Chantal Kerr and Patrick Thaiday.

Youth program director Sidney Saltner said Rekindling's vision is to promote creativity, positive choices and a sense of custodianship in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth.

"We look forward to creating new opportunities for the young participants through the program in three new communities across the Northern

Territory, Queensland and the Torres Strait," he said.

"We have the opportunity to use this unique way of learning to pass on our knowledge, strengthen connections to culture and empower the next generation of cultural leaders to develop a sense of pride and place that will have a lasting imprint in each community."

Participants and Elders are encouraged to share local cultural stories, song and dance through a series of gatherings, which culminate in a community performance of the newly created dances by the youth.

Bangarra returns to each community a year after the performance to run additional workshops and invite participants to bring a friend and share skills.

No dance training or experience is required, just a willingness to learn.

Workshops, gatherings and performances will take place between February and June.

Young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to register at www.bangarra.com.au/youth-outreach/rekindling

Canadian PM moves on treaties

CANADA will create a legal framework to guarantee the rights of indigenous people in all government decisions, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says.

In a sweeping speech that condemned past governments for failing to do enough to protect the rights of aboriginal people, Mr Trudeau said the planned legislation would ensure "rigorous, full and meaningful" implementation of treaties and other agreements.

"We need to get to a place where indigenous peoples in Canada are in control of their own destiny, making their own decisions about their future," he said in a speech to the House of Commons.

"Going forward, recognition of rights will guide all government relations with indigenous peoples."

Mr Trudeau, who came to power in 2015 promising to repair Canada's relationship with aboriginal people, said the Government would consult with

indigenous groups as well as provinces, industry and the public as it writes the legislation, which will be introduced this year and implemented before the 2019 election.

Indigenous Canadians, who make up about 5% of Canada's 36 million people and face more poverty and violence and have shorter life expectancies, have fought for generations to gain greater control of the development of Canada's vast natural resources.

While treaty rights with First Nations are already recognised under Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the new legal framework would ensure the constitution is the starting point for such matters as resource development, self-governance, land rights and social issues.

"This framework could establish new ways to resolve disputes, so that collaboration becomes the new standard, and conflict the exception rather than the rule," Mr Trudeau said. — Reuters

NZ changes set to reduce inequality

NEW Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has promised changes that she hopes will reduce inequality for the country's indigenous Maori in a historic speech marking Waitangi Day.

Ms Ardern became the first female prime minister to be granted the right to speak during the traditional Maori welcoming ceremony held at a Maori meeting house in Waitangi.

The small settlement on the tip of the North Island is where the country's founding document, a treaty between Maori chiefs and the British Crown, was signed on February 6, 1840.

"I do not take lightly the privilege extended to me to speak from the veranda today, not only as prime minister but as a wahine (woman)," she said.

The Labour leader spoke about the inequalities that still existed between

Maori and the rest of the population. There was unemployment and poverty that existed among whanau (family) and rangatahi (youth), Ms Ardern said.

She also raised access to mental health services and the rate of Maori incarceration as important issues.

"So long as this (inequality) exists, we have failed in our partnership. But I inherently believe in our power to change," she said.

Ms Ardern, who is pregnant, urged the assembly of Maori dignitaries to hold her accountable for her work.

"Because one day, I want to be able to tell my child that I earned the right to stand here, and only you can tell me I have done that," she said.

About 15% of New Zealand's population identify as Maori. — DPA

Dancers at the launch of Palm Island's centenary events.



Range of events to mark Palm Island's centenary

By ALF WILSON



IT is 100 years since north Queensland's Palm Island was settled, and residents commemorated the centenary with a launch on February 7. It was the first of four major events to be held in coming months.

Hundreds of locals gathered on the newly developed foreshore at Coolgaree Bay to celebrate and remember the Elders who have worked to build the community since 1918.

Queensland Local Government Minister Stirling Hinchliffe opened the foreshore development, on which much of the work was done by residents.

Many former residents from the mainland were there, but a ferry service from Townsville which had been scheduled for the day had to be cancelled due to bad weather and rough seas.

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Mayor Alf Lacey said residents enjoyed the centenary launch celebrations.

"We don't want to dwell on the past but have to understand the past is also an important piece of history," he said.

"Palm was formed as a government mission and now it is a little town in its own right."

The Coolgaree Bay Foreshore redevelopment is a game-changing infrastructure project for improving the liveability of Palm Island and for the development of sustainable tourism on the Island.

The site is adjacent to the ferry pontoon where visitors arrive, in a central location between the beach, the bistro and the town centre.

It is the current location of events, markets and history tours and is a principal gathering point for locals and visitors.

Redevelopment of the foreshore includes landscaping,

public seating and lighting. It incorporates design elements which can be used for tourism, including a permanent yarning circle for gatherings and cultural interaction and ceremonial posts celebrating the unique history, culture, languages and totems of local groups.

A centrepiece of the design is the Gubbal carpet snake Dreamtime footpath, based on the Manbarra creation story of the Palm Island group, Magnetic Island and their connections to the mainland.

Performances

The launch was followed by performances from Indigenous dancers and other entertainment.

On March 10, a Becoming Bwngcolman event will be held, which will be a reflection of the past 100 years on Palm Island.

The commemoration of the island's past will include events such as a re-enactment of the arrival of the first people placed

on Palm Island, Elders yarning panels, traditional dancing and historic collections and displays.

Although the island was gazetted as an Aboriginal reserve in 1914, it was not until a cyclone hit the Hull River Mission on March 10, 1918, at what is now Mission Beach that people were moved to it.

Since that time the island has had various roles including as a penal colony, reserve, and now residential community with a local council.

From April 20-22, the Deadly Didge 'n' Dance Festival is scheduled when the island's present will be celebrated with a three-day music festival. This will feature an attempt to break a Guinness World Record for the largest Aboriginal dance.

On June 8, a Deadly Futures Forum will look to the island's future, with a focus on youth and including a sustainability forum and careers expo, a health-focused sports carnival and the burial of a time capsule.



Youth advisor Isaiah Dawe.

Isaiah to help youth



ISAIAH Dawe is set to become one of 10 youth advisors who will be leading a community

consultation about a new Aboriginal Centre for Excellence in the grounds of Whalan High School, western Sydney.

The centre is due to open towards the end of the year and will support young Aboriginal people in the region as they move from school to further education and employment.

Mr Dawe will be one of the project advisory committee members and provide advice and oversee the establishment of the centre – its function, design and operation.

"I am honoured to be a part of this process and help to drive such a significant project for Western Sydney," he said.

"It's exciting to be able to support our community to take full advantage of opportunities in the area, and also to support other young people achieve their aspirations."

Culture

Committee member Matilda Harry said part of the committee's role will be to ensure the site has a strong link to culture.

"It is exciting for us to be part of the whole process, to ensure that strong Aboriginal cultural values are reflected in the design, consultation approach and the role of the centre," she said.

"One thing we know for sure is that culture will be at the heart of the centre and underpin all of its future services and programs."

Other project advisory committee members are Matilda Harry, Jake Thompson, Brooke Trewlynn, Mi-Kaisha Masella, Renee Thomson, Tamara Ross, David Haroa, Blake Tatafu and Madalyn Atie.

The Western Sydney Aboriginal Centre for Excellence is a NSW Government initiative managed by NSW Aboriginal Affairs with the support of Cox Inall Ridgeway.

People will have an opportunity to speak to the new committee members, tour the site and hear about the latest developments at a community open day at the site on March 8.

To attend, RSVP by emailing shannay.holmes@coxinallridgeway.com.au or phone 0410 384 825 by March 1.

Prison sentence for former CEO



FORMER Riverina Medical and Dental Aboriginal Corporation (RivMed) chief executive officer Selena Joan Lyons has been

sentenced to 15 months' jail.

The sentence includes an order to repay the \$24,187.25 she wrongfully claimed when she was the chief executive, and an order to serve nine months of her sentence in full-time custody.

On November 22, 2017, Lyons was found guilty of exploiting her position as chief executive of RivMed on 24 occasions by authorising travel payments to herself to which she was not entitled. The

payments occurred between October 2011 and April 2014.

Acting registrar of Indigenous corporations Joe Mastrolembro said Lyons was the chief executive officer of an organisation with a mission to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Wagga Wagga area of southern NSW.

"Sustained dishonesty"

"Her sustained dishonesty over two-and-a-half years constituted a significant abuse of trust and authority," he said.

"Her sentence leaves no doubt that it is unacceptable for a CEO to misuse funds

meant for the most vulnerable in our community."

In handing down the sentence in Wagga Wagga court, Magistrate Erin Kennedy said Ms Lyons' offences amounted to \$24,187.25, every cent of which should have been spent on the local Aboriginal community.

"In terms of objective seriousness, it's in the lower range," she said.

"But, taking into account the importance of the organisation and the number of charges and the position of trust Ms Lyons held within the organisation, all that elevates the seriousness of her offence. Ms Lyons took little responsibility, continuing to blame others over whom she had authority."

Crowd at 2018 Festival of



Lee Clay, Asher Clay, Jillanne Taylor, Mayarra Stamp-Cook Tammy Clay, Lowanna Stamp-Cook and Kristen Clay.



Former Cronulla Sharks player Phil Dotti.



Lisa, Graham and Ellen Bouquet.



Tuesday Murray, Peter Jackson and Eric Robinson are ready for the football action.



Rod Lake, Hayley McIntosh and Caitlin Frail at Redfern Oval, Sydney.



Maurice Stewart and Terrell and Darryl Hamilton, from Narrandera.



Matt Henry with Xavier and Josie McBride.



Ethan Gibuma, Kylie Banu, Jana Banu, Mataika Gibuma, Lydia-Yaffa Gibuma and Melly Gibuma.

Indigenous Rugby League



Ready for the football action: front, Anthony Whitton and Tyson, Alison, Jim, Tyrell and Felicity Adams and, back, Michael Whitton, Nattisse Wren, Jai Whitton and Brian Whitton.



Joe Beale and Jayde Clayton.



Ken and Reggie Wright among the crowd.

Footy didn't disappoint

By KEIRA JENKINS



THE Festival of Indigenous Rugby League drew a large and vocal crowd to Redfern Oval, Sydney, this month.

In the men's game, the First

Nations Goannas did not disappoint, with a 22-16 victory over the New Zealand Maori team. The game started with a war cry from both teams and finished with a popular win for the Goannas. The women's game was also a great display, with the First Nations Gems downing New

Zealand Maori Ferns 18-0. In the Interstate challenge, the Newcastle Yowies beat Dhadin Geai Warriors 38-26. The games were played as part of the week-long Festival of Indigenous Rugby League, a celebration of Indigenous cultures and football.



Tameeka Tighe and Michaela Jeffries.



Chaunty Netley, Tevila Fonua and Lyric Netley.



Rebecca Fynn, Carl Ebsworth, Yvette Kirby and Cathy Fynn at Redfern Oval.



Cindy Manfong and Naomi Broom.



Performers and the team behind the Apology 10 Concert.



Shellie Morris performs.



Uncle Archie Roach was among the many performers at the concert in Canberra.



The Ngambri-Ngunnawal dancers on stage.

Concert draws a crowd

Pictures by **ANDREW ROSENFELDT**



SINGER/songwriter Shellie Morris paid tribute to a diverse culture by performing in some of the 17 First Languages she speaks at the #Apology10 concert in Canberra.

She performed in front of 3000 people at Federation Mall, on the lawns in front of Parliament House, in a concert to reawaken a spirit of unity and healing across Australia.

#Apology10 was a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations and brought together Indigenous and other performers including Uncle Archie Roach, who brought the audience to tears with a performance of his award-winning song *Took the Children Away*.

Queensland duo Busby Marou's reconciliation anthem *Paint this Land* reminded the crowd that a united Australia is a strong Australia, and thousands of people followed the concert live via NITV's Facebook page.

In keeping with the concert's theme 'Heal our past and build our future', #Apology10 was co-hosted by Aboriginal comedian, writer and entertainer Stephen Olive and

music broadcaster Myf Warhurst.

The concert was made possible by the Healing Foundation, a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation established in 2009 to address the ongoing trauma in Indigenous communities.

Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston said the support from the Australian community for #Apology10 was "great to see".

"Thousands coming along showed strong support for the work that still needs to be done to put an end to disadvantage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he said.

"Investment"

"Most importantly, there's been a great deal of discussion over the past few days about the need to increase investment in healing and trauma-related services so that we can tackle the cause of social and health problems.

"But we can't afford for another decade to pass without action.

"The Healing Foundation will be working hard with members of the Stolen Generations to secure a commitment from government on issues like national reparations, specific aged-care services and a strategy to tackle the impact of intergenerational trauma."

National Apology – 10 years on



Priscilla Whiteman in Lismore, NSW: “Sorry wasn’t the answer. Sorry’s just a word.” *Picture: Keira Jenkins*



Protesters march in Sydney to draw attention to the number of children in out-of-home care. *Picture: Sabine Kacha*

Action nationwide



ON the 10th anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations, February 13, Grandmothers

Against Removals (GMAR) staged a national day of action.

In Sydney, GMAR members and supporters marched to Parliament House, where people shared their first-hand experiences of dealing with the child protection system and the heartache.

In Alice Springs, Aboriginal families and supporters gathered for a vigil on the Flynn Church lawns, to commemorate and remember those stolen, and to protest that children are still being taken away.

A commemorative circle of photographs of loved ones was adorned with candles and flags in Aboriginal colours.

Hundreds of children were taken away from their Aboriginal families in and around Alice Springs and placed in homes like The Bungalow and Jay Creek. The Bringing Them Home report documents their experiences of hunger and neglect.

Sylvia Purrrle Neale, who



Sylvia Purrrle Neale addresses the national day of action gathering in Alice Springs. *Picture: Intervention Rollback Action Group*

assisted in organising the event, brought photos of her mother and father, who were both taken.

“It’s still a very raw thing for people to talk about,” she said.

“Even though we hoped that it would never happen again, it is happening. The numbers of children put in care, basically taken away, have increased.

“There is no support for

Aboriginal carers and parents who want to care for the children.”

Aboriginal organisations around the country have called for child protection agencies to utilise kinship care arrangements, where Aboriginal children are placed in the care of relatives and not taken away from their country or family groups.

In Lismore, northern NSW,

GMAR member Priscilla Whiteman said nothing had changed since then-prime minister Kevin Rudd’s Apology in 2008.

“See the pain”

“We were all optimistic at that time, thinking that there’s a big change, but you can see the pain in the younger generation’s eyes,” she said.

“It’s still happening with children being removed more than ever and restoration not occurring.

“The interests of the children and their parents are not seen as a priority. Sorry wasn’t the answer. Sorry’s just a word.”

There are more than double the number of children in out-of-home care today than when the apology was made.



Jenny Munro fires up the action day crowd outside NSW Parliament House in Sydney. *Picture: Sabine Kacha*



Janine Barratt and Paddy Gibson share a moment at the GMAR protest in Sydney. *Picture: Sabine Kacha*

Why the flu shot is so important

If only I had a dollar for every time I've heard "I got the flu shot, and it gave me the flu", "I don't need it", or simply "I forgot". Come on you mob, let's help stop the spread of flu.

Historically, immunisation has been, and remains, a safe, effective and affordable way to improve Aboriginal health, delivering positive outcomes for the First Peoples of all ages.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are more likely to get severe flu, or influenza, and need treatment in hospital, with young children at more risk and likely to get very sick with serious chest infections, ending up in intensive care.

Each year the flu is estimated to kill 3000 Australians over the age of 50.

It has been reported that between 2005-2014 flu took more children's lives than any other vaccine-preventable disease, and it's the most common vaccine-preventable disease that sends children to hospital.

Our mob may be passing the flu virus to our Elders and kids without knowing.

Since 1999, flu vaccines have been available free for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15-49 with underlying medical conditions, and people over 50.

Since 2015, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 6 months to five years are able to receive funded flu vaccines as part of the National Immunisation Program.

Growing up, I remember getting needles at school but didn't understand why, just being told stand in line and roll up your sleeves no question asked.

When my son was due for his first immunisations I remember my mother asking, "Has he had his needles?" I didn't ask why or questions. I just did it!

Today with all the technology and 'Doctor Google', the myth that the flu shot gives you the flu and makes you very sick is rife in our community.

I get my flu vaccine every year to protect myself and ensure I can't pass it on to any of my friends and family to keep our mob out of hospital.

I'm not only protecting my son, nephews and nieces, but the community.

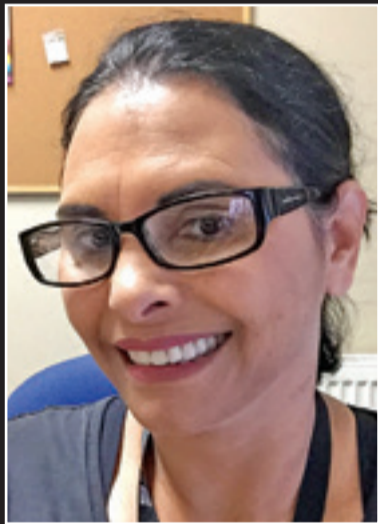
Herd immunity

Herd immunity protects the whole community. If a large percentage of community members are immunised against the flu then the risk of flu disease can fall so low that those that are too young or sick to be given the flu vaccine will not be exposed to the disease.

The more our mob are vaccinated against the flu, the more it will keep our people out of hospital.

Recently I was involved in a national evaluation of the 2015 rollout of the influenza immunisation program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids.

We invited more than 85 immunisation services providers to join in, and conducted 42 individual telephone interviews at times convenient to service providers over 12 months from February 2016. Of the 42 service providers, 33% were from Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) or their peak bodies, with 20%



By **KATRINA CLARK**, national Indigenous immunisation coordinator at the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance.

coming from remote Australia.

Service providers were asked about their experiences with the rollout of the 2015 Influenza Program covering communication and resources, data collection, reporting, strengths, challenges and recommendations for future national immunisation programs.

Many themes emerged from the evaluation, but one that stuck out to me was that our mob was not aware that we could have the funded vaccines if we were in the age brackets six months to less than five years and 15 and over.

I can't stress enough that the funded flu/influenza vaccine is there and we need to encourage our mob to have it.

Conditions

For our mob who have medical conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart disease, every illness they contract can make those conditions far worse and they could end up in hospital.

Getting the annual flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect you and your mob from the flu particularly our Elders and young babies under six months who can't yet receive the flu vaccine.

We know that strategies are needed to improve the uptake of the influenza vaccine to keep our Elders and children from getting sick.

Although the age bracket may be confusing for some of us, the important thing is that we need to let our mob know the flu vaccines are available and to ask when we visit the AMSs or medical professionals.

You can't get the flu from flu vaccine. The most common side-effects from flu vaccine are soreness, redness, tenderness or swelling where the shot was given. Some may get a low-grade fever, headache and muscle aches.

Every year I make sure my son and everyone in my household and I receive the flu vaccine. By protecting myself, I reduce the risk of passing the viruses on to someone I love.

That's not a gamble I'm willing to take.



LEAHA staff and officials: from left, Paula Morgan, Paul Patten, Buddy Gordon, Chantelle Mobourne, Lisa Giblin, Karen Maggs, and Carolyn Alkemade.

VicHealth award goes to Lakes Entrance



THE Lakes Entrance Aboriginal Health Association (LEAHA) has taken out a VicHealth award for preventing tobacco use. The award recognised the association's shared-care model between Aboriginal community controlled organisations and the Aboriginal Quitline.

"It's wonderful to see our partnership with Quit Victoria and the hard work from each and every member of the team acknowledged at the prestigious VicHealth Awards," LEAHA's Paul Patten

said. "Our program is committed to improving the health and wellness of Aboriginal communities in the Gippsland region and supports this by providing Indigenous smokers with access to extra support to quit smoking."

VicHealth chief executive Jerril Rechter said the award winners demonstrate the huge range, value and influence of health promotion in Victoria.

"I congratulate all the finalists, highly commended and winning projects for continuing the world-leading health promotion work Victoria is renowned for," she said.

Stroke risk is targeted



HELPING Indigenous people live well after a stroke is at the heart of a new research project, made possible by a Stroke Foundation grant.

The project will assess and address risks and opportunities involved in implementing Australia's first large trial focused on improving rehabilitation services and quality of life for Aboriginal people affected by stroke and traumatic brain injury.

Senior research fellow from the University of Western Australia Dr Judith Katzenellenbogen will lead the project, which has the potential to improve recovery for thousands of Australians.

Dr Katzenellenbogen said the Stroke Foundation grant of almost \$50,000 would help the team "get the trial right from its outset".

"Health programs often suffer from implementation failure. This is particularly true in Aboriginal health where factors like patient recruitment, staffing, training, cultural knowledge, vast distances and rigid systems can cause road blocks," she said.

"Through identifying factors and circumstances that influence implementation,

we hope to optimise the parent project by fine-tuning various aspects of how it is applied, promoted and measured.

"I am grateful for the Stroke Foundation grant, which has made this ground work possible. It has the potential to strengthen the rehabilitation trial and the benefits it will provide to the community.

"We ultimately want patients and their families to receive optimal care and support."

Stroke Foundation WA state manager Jonine Collins said this was important work.

"Overrepresented"

"Aboriginal people are overrepresented in stroke statistics. They are twice as likely to be hospitalised with a stroke, and 1.4 times as likely to die from a stroke than non-Indigenous Australians," she said.

"This project has the potential to make a real difference for Aboriginal people with stroke.

"Too many people are dying or being left with an ongoing disability as a result of stroke, but it does not need to be this way.

"Stroke is largely treatable, and high-quality evidence-based research like this is so important in our mission to beat this terrible disease."

Meningococcal jabs urged



Little Duncan, with his mum Acquilla Johnny, gets his meningococcal jab from NWHHS immunisation nurse Ludana Avery at Mount Isa's Child and Maternal Health Clinic.



INDIGENOUS health workers at the North West Hospital and Health Service (NWHHS) say Aboriginal children and young people must take advantage of the free vaccination now available for the deadly meningococcal infection.

The four strain meningococcal ACWY vaccine is free to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people, and Indigenous health worker Kirsten Gallagher says it's important for families to take advantage of this.

"There's been an outbreak of meningococcal W in the Northern Territory and there's a lot of contact and movement between the communities there and our mob here in the North West, so we want to make sure we don't have an outbreak here," she said.

"The meningococcal germ or bug can make you sick very

quickly and people can carry the bug in their throats and pass it on without knowing about it.

"There are lots of types of this germ which is why we're vaccinating against all four strains.

"We've been vaccinating kids against the C type for many years and it's worked well. We don't see much sickness from C type any more.

"This new vaccine is for the A, W and Y types with a booster for the C type too."

Ms Gallagher said health workers and Elders were concerned that the W germ has come from NT communities and is now in Queensland.

"We don't want our kids to get sick and die from this," she said.

"All they have to do is to come in to a health clinic – they're all offering free vaccines to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children."

More details at 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

App gets thumbs up



CAIRNS-based Wuchopperen Health Service has celebrated Dietitians Association of Australia Smart Eating Week by promoting the Good Tucker app.

The app works simply, giving foods thumbs up, thumbs across, or thumbs down depending on how healthy they are.

Members of Wuchopperen's Allied Health team have shown clients how the app works, and talked about why particular foods get the thumbs up, across or down.

Community dietitian Matthew Topping said it was a useful tool to help people make healthy choices around what to eat.

"Your smart phone can help you make smart choices," he said.

"Sometimes the nutrition panels on food items can be complex. Using the Thumbs Up app gives people a quick rating to help

them make a better choice.

"There's no need to up-end your diet. The key messages are around scanning a couple of your regular items and if they come up thumbs down or thumbs across, scanning another one to see if it's a thumbs up.

"Small changes are all that's needed.

"The other thing to remember is that the healthy choice is not always the expensive choice. A 'home brand' bag of rolled oats' for example, is only a few dollars.

The Good Tucker app was developed by Uncle Jimmy Thumbs Up!, The University of South Australia and Menzies School of Health Research in partnership with The George Institute, to provide a simple way for people to identify the healthiest food and drink options available in stores.

More details available at <http://thumbsup.org.au/good-tucker/gt-app/>



Thumbs up: Wuchopperen Dietitian Sue Charlesworth, manager Toni Tapim, community dietitian Matthew Topping, exercise physiologist Myles Hardy, diabetes educator Tony Pappas, and coordinator of allied health service Michelle Dougan.



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Johvan is a top NT achiever



CHARLES Darwin University has presented Alice Springs student Johvan Miles with the Northern Territory Top Aboriginal Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) Award for 2017.

The Warlpiri and Arrernte man said that, at first, he didn't believe he had scored the highest ATAR for an Indigenous student in the NT, but he was proud to find he had.

Mr Miles now plans to follow his passion for athletics and work out what he wants to study at university. At the moment he said it's a toss-up between engineering and architecture.

"I want to see how far I can get with my athletics," he said.

"I know I want to go to university, but this year I'll get a job and focus on my athletics while I decide what to do at uni."

Mr Miles said he hopes to inspire younger students to do well, by showing what he has achieved.

In particular, he wants to be a role model for his younger brother, who is in Year 10.

"When you're in Year 10, it doesn't feel like the work you're doing means anything, but you've got to keep at it," he said.

"It goes so fast. It doesn't seem like it when you're doing it, but once you've graduated it seems like it's gone so quickly."

● Pictured at left: Charles Darwin University's Dr Wendy Ludwig congratulates high achiever Johvan Miles.

Initiative in Kimberley



TEN of Western Australia's most remote schools in the Kimberley will be the first to participate in an initiative to encourage children to attend school regularly.

State Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan said the Kimberley Schools Project is critical to giving Aboriginal students the skills they need to have choices in the 21st century.

"The teaching strategies and support services have been shown to achieve real lifts in literacy and numeracy," she said.

"Northern WA will not meet its full potential unless Indigenous communities are woven into the economic landscape, and this program will make that possible."

The minister says the Kimberley Schools Project focuses on teaching to students' needs in literacy and numeracy, providing improved learning and care in the early years, strengthening regular attendance and increasing student and community engagement.

WA Education Minister Sue Ellery said the project will help principals, teachers and staff create strong learning pathways for children across the region.

The 10 schools participating in the program are Bayulu Remote Community School, Dawul Remote Community School, Derby District High School, Djugerari Remote Community School, Kalumburu Remote Community School, Looma Remote Community School, La Grange Remote Community School, Nyikina Mangala Community School, Wangkatjungka Remote Community School and Wyndham District High School.

Sky's the limit at Bloomfield River



TRADITIONAL Indigenous knowledge of astronomy, modern science and a sky dome will combine in a special event later this year at Bloomfield River State School in far north Queensland.

State Science Minister Leeanne Enoch said Bloomfield River was one of 17 schools, community organisations and STEM-education agencies to share \$160,000 in funding as part of the latest round of the Advance Queensland Engaging Science Grants program.

Situated about 180km north of Cairns, Bloomfield River State School is a small facility which includes the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal community and currently has a 100% Indigenous enrolment.

"We've provided the school with a grant of more than \$3000, which they'll use to hire a portable planetarium," Ms Enoch said.

"The aim of the portable planetarium – the Dream Dome – is to draw on a child's curiosity and imagination by actively engaging them in the awesome power of science to help explain and predict the everyday world around us.



Queensland Science Minister Leeanne Enoch, a Quandamooka woman.

"Unfortunately many children start to drift away from science at the end of primary school, and we need to rectify this if we are ever going to achieve our vision of a knowledge economy in Queensland."

The Advance Queensland Engaging

Science Grants are designed to support scientists, researchers, science communicators, journalists and community groups to deliver science engagement and communication projects, events and activities that increase the profile of science in Queensland.

Bloomfield River State School Principal Robyn Farrands said there will be a community barbecue on the evening of June 14, followed by a Tour of the Night Sky in Wujal Wujal.

"This will be led by local company Night Sky Secrets, which specialises in tours featuring an Aboriginal perspective on the southern skies and viewing the deep sky – space outside our solar system – where we'll look at star clusters, nebulae and galaxies," she said.

Ms Farrands said the school endeavoured to link modern technologies with the cultural heritage of its students. "By introducing them to Our Night Sky using modern technology, including the Dream Dome and night vision telescopes, our students will experience modern technology that would otherwise be inaccessible to them," she said.

Student boom in Sydney's west



THE number of Indigenous students in western Sydney is increasing three times faster than the area's general student population.

That's according to a study by the Stronger Smarter Institute, which found that western Sydney has had a 19% increase in the number of school-age Indigenous children since 2011.

In comparison, the total number of school-age children in western Sydney has risen by 6% for the same period.

The findings for western Sydney mirror national statistics, which show that this year will have the highest number of

Indigenous students ever across Australia.

The Stronger Smarter Institute is calling on local educators to ensure they have strong capacity to nurture students of different cultures in the classroom.

Chief executive Darren Godwell said the Indigenous student boom is taking place in western Sydney's already culturally diverse population of students.

"The growth of both western Sydney's multicultural and Indigenous communities means it's becoming more important than ever to ensure that students don't need to leave their culture at the school gate," he said.

"Real learning can only take place if our

children are able to bring their whole selves to the classroom, and this is what we hope to help western Sydney teachers continue achieving.

"Western Sydney has a rich cultural heritage. We believe this is a strength that can and should be celebrated in the classroom.

"This means fostering high expectation relationships, a strengths-based approach and a positive sense of cultural identity."

The Stronger Smarter Institute aims to improve educational outcomes for children from Indigenous and other cultural backgrounds through providing professional training and development for educators.

Its workshops encourage reflection on teaching methods and how these can be adapted to promote equity in the classroom.

Since launching in 2005, the institute has trained more than 3000 educators from more than 825 schools around Australia, including 50 from 22 schools in western Sydney.

The organisation is now running teacher training workshops across western Sydney every month to help local educators grow capacity to nurture students of different cultures in the classroom.

Schools interested in registering can visit strongersmarter.com.au



CDP graduates with their qualification certificates at Barunga in the Northern Territory.

Barunga hosts big graduation



THE Northern Territory's latest Community Development Program (CDP) graduates have received work-ready qualifications at a ceremony in Barunga.

The 24 people were awarded formal qualifications by the Batchelor Institute, after completing study units through the Commonwealth-funded CDP program.

Under the guidance of Roper Gulf Regional Council staff, participants developed construction and machinery skills while working on a range of community projects – including restoration of a historic steam tractor, footpath installation, scaffolding and park upgrades.

This year's Barunga CDP graduates are Ronald Blitner, Anthony Bonson, Gwyn Bulumbara, Francis

Camphoo, Michael Farrell, Shannon Harney Mitchell, Owen Henry, Gregory Hood, Robert Lee, Dwayne McCartney, Clifford McDonald, Edwin McDonald, Ramsey Numungara, Brandon Pamkal, Ricardo Ranch, Wayne Runyu, Jermaine Scrubby, Dilan Thompson, Billy Tiati, Joe Tiati, Travis Tiati, Peter Yeralba, Keenan Martin and Keiran Frank Ranch.

Qualifications

Qualifications presented at the ceremony included Certificate II in Civil Construction (22 students), Certificate I in Construction (seven students) and Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations (15 students).

Several participants received multiple certificates, and a number have since found employment related to their studies.

CDP participant Jermaine Scrubby, who was awarded all three certificates, said the ceremony was a proud moment for all involved.

"It's really good to have a graduation out here at Barunga with the participants and family," he said.

"It was good to work with everyone; they are really happy to get their certificates too."

CDP regional manager Janelle Iszlaub said it was pleasing to see such a large group being recognised for their work and dedication.

"This is one of the biggest groups to graduate through the program in recent times and everyone taking part was really excited," she said.

"To see this group receive a nationally recognised qualification is so rewarding, because it really boosts their future employment prospects."

Applications open for Vic fellowships



APPLICATIONS are now open for State Library Victoria's annual fellowships program, with a new specialist fellowship for Aboriginal researchers on offer.

The Indigenous Victorian Aboriginal Cultural Research Fellowship supports Aboriginal researchers to explore the library's collections and archival records to produce research material.

Fellows receive a grant of \$15,000 for three months' research, a shared office space and access to collections and library experts.

This year's program has 15 fellowships, collectively worth up to \$215,000, offering research opportunities across a range of areas.

State Library chief executive Kate Torney said about \$2.3 million had been provided through the fellowships program over the past 16 years.

"I encourage all writers, historians, scholars and artists working in any art form – whether it's visual arts, new media, dance, musical performance or composition – to apply for a fellowship," she said.

"I am excited to find out what innovative new work results from this year's program."

Past fellowships have produced major exhibitions, public art installations, documentaries, books, graphic novels, plays, musical scores, interactive games, web applications and many other creative projects.

Applications for the 2018 fellowships close on April 22.

Recipients of the 2018 fellowships program will be announced in July 2018. Details at www.slv.vic.gov.au/about-us/fellowships

More students stay at school



NEW schools figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) show the Grade 7-12 Apparent Retention Rate for Indigenous students continued to increase in 2017.

ABS program manager Stephen Collett said the retention rate was 62.4% nationally in 2017, up from 59.8% in 2016.

"These new figures show us that more students than ever, who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, are staying at school until Grade 12," he said of the Schools Australia data.

The increase is the most significant jump since the rate increased by more than four percentage points between 2013 and 2014.

Over the past 10 years, the Indigenous retention rate has increased significantly, from 47.2% in 2008.

The non-Indigenous apparent retention rate for 2017 was 86.0%, up from 85.5% in 2016.



Gender Spirit by Arone Meeks.

Boomalli's latest exhibition celebrates victory of love



NSW BOOMALLI Aboriginal Artists Co-operative is presenting the Mardi Gras exhibition *Luscious All Sorts: LOVE WON* from February 23 until April 1. The exhibition, celebrating the Yes vote recognising marriage equality in Australia, is curated by

Kyra Kum-Sing. Boomalli says it is an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex (LGBTQI) artists to show their talents during the Mardi Gras Festival 40th anniversary. The exhibition features work from Arone Meeks, Luke Close, Jenny Fraser, Jeffrey Samuels, Ella

Bancroft, Jasmine Sarin, Maurice Shipp, Peta-Joy Williams, Graeme Walker, Jessica Johnson, Jai Walker, Hayley Pigram, Peter Waples-Crowe, Wild Barra, Bianca Cruse, Lesley Yasso and Kyra Kum-Sing. *Luscious All Sorts: LOVE WON* opens on February 23 at 6pm. Details at www.boomalli.com.au/



Fair Go, Equality, by Jeffrey Samuels, is being exhibited.



Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse in 2014. Picture: Jarrad Seng

Duo's album takes flight



WA WESTERN Australian performers Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse have released their new album *Bindi Bindi* (Butterfly). This follows their landmark 2014 release *Kalyakoorl* (Forever) which was received with critical acclaim and launched the award-winning duo into the national spotlight. Written entirely in Noongar language, the new album is a celebration of language preservation and storytelling. "The story of the Bindi Bindi runs parallel in many ways to this language," Williams said. "The butterfly starts her life hunted down, yet in her darkest hour she builds a cocoon and takes a nap. "It's easy to think that there's nothing going on, but that is simply not true. What's happening is amazing. "When she finally emerges,

she's transformed and she's beautiful."

The album, recorded at Crank Studios with Lee Buddle, features some of Perth's finest musicians, including Russell Holmes (keys), Daniel Susnjar (drums), Roy Martinez (bass), and Paul Tanner (percussion).

Also performing are Williams' daughters Lauren and Bella McGill, on backing vocals.

Bindi Bindi comprises 10 tracks and continues the duo's narrative of the 'four principles', with songs focusing on Koort (heart), Moort (family), Boodja (land) and Koorlangka (children/legacy).

The album also features a translation of The Church's *Under the Milky Way*.

Following the launch, Ghouse and Williams will tour the east coast, with performances at the Port Fairy Folk Festival (Victoria), Blue Mountains Folk Festival (NSW), Yackandandah Folk Festival (Victoria) and the National Folk Festival (Canberra).

Busy year at Araluen



NT INDIGENOUS events are front and centre for this year's Araluen Arts Centre program in Alice Springs. They include the Beanie Festival, Desert Mob art show and a visit by the Bangarra Dance Theatre. Last year, Desert Mob broke all records with 10,000 people attending and \$1 million worth of sales.

The Araluen Galleries will also host touring exhibitions including *Clay Stories*, featuring contemporary ceramics from artists such as Ernabella Arts and the Hermannsburg Potters, as well as Punuku Tjukurpa.

Araluen Art Collection exhibitions will continue throughout the year with a focus on work that responds to central



The Bangarra ensemble perform *Nyapanyapa, OUR land people stories*. Bangarra Dance Theatre will perform at the Araluen Centre in Alice Springs this year. Picture: Jhunoy Boy-Borja

Australia, featuring pieces by watercolourist Albert Namatjira, works that showcase the beginning and development of the contemporary Aboriginal art

movement, and works by Australian artists.

The full season program is at www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au

Work on show in Berlin

CALLING IN, a series of works on paper by Nici Cumpston featuring the Murray-Darling Basin in NSW, is on display in Germany.

The works, on show at the Michael Reid Berlin gallery until March 17, are an examination of the ecological crisis in the region, and tap into the area's Indigenous history.

Cumpston, a Barkindji (western NSW) woman, said 'calling in' is what she does when she visits sites and looks

for ancestral artefacts.

The pursuit for evidence draws on Cumpston's work in the Forensic Department of the South Australian Police Force.

Her works reveal an apocalyptic-like landscape – the result of pollution, salination and the re-routing of the Murray River in 2007 which cut off the waterflow to Nookamka (Lake Bonney).

Cumpston said that along the western side of the lake there are scar trees, ring trees,

birthing and shelter trees.

"Artefacts and the bones of our ancestors are being exposed as the drying lake recedes," she said.

The figures of dead trees can also be seen in an image of xanthorrhoea (grass trees) that Cumpston likens to 'mulyawongk', a Ngarrindjeri word for the bunyip, a monster that lives in the river.

● Pictured below: Nici Cumpston's *Ringbarked II, Nookamka Lake, 2011/2016*.





Fellowship recipient Travis De Vries. Picture: Mark Gambino

De Vries is named NSW arts fellow



SYDNEY artist Travis De Vries has been named as this year's NSW Aboriginal Arts Fellow, completing the suite of 13 fellows from Create NSW sharing more than \$500,000 for self-directed programs of professional and personal development.

The fellowship is one of five \$50,000 Priority Fellowships offered each year in line with areas highlighted as part of the 10-year NSW arts and cultural policy framework Create In NSW, with seven \$30,000 artform-focused fellowships also supported through the funding.

De Vries will research the Gamilaroi language and lore

through a residency at the Australian Museum this year, using his findings for a major new work scheduled for next year at the Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre.

De Vries has been a practising artist since 2006, working across painting, contemporary dance, choreography, music and writing. He trained in fine arts at Deakin University and in dance at NAISDA College where he received the Chairman's Award for Excellence. He was also a performer with Bangarra from 2010 to 2013.

In visual arts, De Vries has been a finalist in the NSW Parliament Aboriginal Art Prize (2013 and 2015) and a finalist

in the Norville Art Prize (2014).

"Through careful research and experimentation, Travis is able to interpret Aboriginal culture, bringing it to life with a standout graphic style that appeals to both Western and contemporary Indigenous audiences," Create NSW chief executive Michael Brealey said.

"We are passionate about supporting NSW's Aboriginal artists and creating new opportunities for their growth and development across the state.

"We are delighted that Travis will follow past recipients such as author and arts leader Cathy Craigie and theatre producer and curator Andrea James in accepting this fellowship."

Prisoners' art skills on show



THE Torch's Indigenous Arts in Prison and Community Program is set to host three visual arts exhibitions.

The Melbourne community organisation's annual flagship event *Confined 9* will be joined by *Dhumbadha Munga – Talking Knowledge* as well as an exhibition of significant works from the program at the Torch Gallery, showcasing more than 200 works from 170 indigenous artists currently in or recently released from Victorian prisons.

The Indigenous Arts in Prison and Community Program focuses on the role that culture and cultural identity plays in the rehabilitation of Indigenous people in jail. It aims to give Indigenous offenders and ex-offenders an opportunity to connect with the community and promote the practice of culture in rehabilitation.

It also aims to highlight the issue of overrepresentation of Indigenous people in the criminal justice system.

The exhibitions also provide income to the artists, with sales at *Confined 8* reaching \$71,000 and a total of \$280,000 worth of art sold from the program throughout 2017.

Post-release participants receive the full sale value of their artwork directly, and the proceeds for artists still in prison are held in trust by Corrections Victoria until release.

Torch chief executive Kent Morris said the program aims to assist participants to find a new way forward on their return to community.

"One of the visions I had for the program was that men and women who had been through the program could one day be employed to deliver the program," he said.

That hope has been realised, with former participant Robby Wirramanda, being employed as the community arts officer for The Torch and his artworks will be featured in *Dhumbadha Munga*.

Mr Wirramanda joined The Torch program in 2013 while incarcerated at Barwon Prison. He now works with a



Samuel Morrison's *Free As A Bird* will be on show as part of The Torch's Indigenous Arts in Prison and Community Program.

group of 10 men and women in Mildura, Robinvale, Merbein and Swan Hill to support delivery of the post-release program.

Full details including dates at www.thetorch.org.au/

Museum gets set for Weave



THE strength and diversity of Aboriginal dance, art, storytelling and song will be celebrated by the Australian Museum with the launch of Weave, its inaugural Festival of Aboriginal and Pacific Cultures, on March 1.

The month-long festival features exhibitions, performances, films, talks, hands-on workshops and the creation of a new major sculpture dedicated to Sydney's Aboriginal women.

As part of Weave, Elders, artisans and community groups will bring together their knowledge and stories in a bid to build a better understanding of First Nations cultures.

The centrepiece is *Gadi*, an exhibition celebrating the culture of Aboriginal Sydney through historical, contemporary and archaeological material from the museum collections, some of which will be shown in public for the first time.

Headlining the exhibition will be the creation on-site by Elders and master weavers of a major sculptural installation dedicated to Aboriginal fisherwomen,

which includes a 4m woven canoe.

Weave will also feature the world premiere of the virtual reality film *Carriberrie*, which takes viewers on a journey across Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance and music, from Uluru to Moa in the Torres Strait and Sydney Harbour.

Narrated by award-winning actor and dancer David Gulpilil, the documentary explores an array of locations and performances, from ceremonial dances in the Central Desert, to a modern-day performance in Sydney by Bangarra Dance Theatre.

Museum director Kim McKay said the festival will bring historical and contemporary objects and experiences to life through storytelling, creative arts and the

sharing of knowledge.

"Weave is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to explore the rich culture, history and resilience of the world's oldest living cultures," she said.

Weave – The Festival of Aboriginal and Pacific Cultures is at the Australian Museum, 1 William Street, Sydney. More details at www.australianmuseum.net.au

"Weave is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to explore the rich culture, history and resilience of the world's oldest living cultures."

Consultancy marks 25 years



ROD Williams' first experience with business was when his grandmother opened a cafe at Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory. Mr Williams used to work there during his school years, and said he and his cousins would analyse the business.

The Bundjalung man said those beginnings helped him to start his own business.

"I used to cut the potatoes at the cafe when I was in high school, even primary school," Mr Williams told the *Koori Mail*.

"The more businesses owned by Aboriginal people there are, the more kids will see that going into business is a real option for them."

"Growing up working in that cafe I saw business as an option for me."

Mr Williams opened his own business, Gongon Consultancy, in Coffs Harbour, NSW, after seeing a need in the Aboriginal community for a business consultant.

That was 25 years ago, and this month he celebrated the success of his business with family and friends at Southern Cross University's Indigenous Knowledge faculty Gnibi.

"We focus on how to do and understand business, and how to bring culture into your way of doing business," he said.

"I used to work for a mining company and I'd meet with a lot of

Aboriginal people who would show me their business plans.

"I thought it would be better practice to talk with these people instead of having them come to a mining company and say 'I want to go into business with you' because I started to ask what's this going to do to our language, our culture, our environment."

Gongon Consultancy had a humble beginning but over the past 25 years Mr Williams has helped many Indigenous businesses.

He said he's seen lots of change since starting it.

"We used to talk about procurement, and now we have Supply Nation," he said.

"Huge"

"If we get 2% of all government contracts, that's huge. It's great to see lots of young people going into business."

"They just have to acknowledge the work that has been done by their Elders in business to open the door for them."

When Gongon Consultancy started Mr Williams enlisted his mother Elva Dickfoss as bookkeeper, and she stayed there for 15 years.

She said she's a very proud mother.

"He's always worked very hard, even when he was at school," Ms Dickfoss said. "I was talked into being the bookkeeper, but Rod did all the hard work."



Rod Williams with his wife Julie White and mother Elva Dickfoss at the celebration.

Govt launches new strategy



THE first comprehensive roadmap for increasing the Indigenous business sector – the Indigenous Business Sector Strategy – has been launched by the Federal Government.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said that the Government's Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP) has been driving strong growth in demand for Indigenous goods and services.

"The IPP has changed the entire landscape of the Indigenous business sector," he said.

"Since its introduction in July 2015, over 1000 Indigenous businesses have won more than \$1 billion in Commonwealth contracts – a phenomenal success given that in 2012-13 Indigenous businesses were winning \$6.2 million."

"Data from the 2016 Census shows the IPP is overseeing unprecedented growth in the Indigenous business sector. Since the 2011 Census, the number of Indigenous businesses has grown by 30% compared to just a 1% increase in non-Indigenous businesses."

"These IPP firms have an average

Indigenous workforce of 41% compared to just 0.7% in non-Indigenous businesses – meaning our IPP is getting Indigenous jobseekers into employment by almost 60 times the average rate."

"To meet this massive growth in the sector, the Coalition Government made an election commitment to develop a roadmap of support services that the Indigenous business sector would need to continue the growth trajectory."

"Blueprint"

"Since the election, the Government has consulted with over 200 Indigenous businessmen and women across the country, who have co-designed this blueprint for the growth of their sector – the Indigenous Business Sector Strategy."

New measures as part of the Indigenous Business Sector Strategy include:

- the establishment of Indigenous Business Hubs anchored to major cities – a one-stop-shop for business advice and support – starting in Western Sydney in partnership with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council;
- a \$27 million Indigenous

Entrepreneurs Capital Scheme to unlock a range of finance and capital products for Indigenous businesses transitioning to mainstream banking;

- doubling the microfinance footprint across Australia to support more entrepreneurial activity and economic development especially among young people and women, and in regional and remote locations; and

- specific support for Indigenous businesses that want to take advantage of record investment in major infrastructure projects.

The strategy builds on the \$90 million Indigenous Entrepreneurs Fund for Indigenous businesses purchasing plant and equipment.

NSWALC chair Roy Ah-See welcomed his organisation's new Indigenous Business Hub role.

"This is a great vote of confidence in the NSW Aboriginal Land Council to lead efforts to generate economic development and jobs for Aboriginal people in Western Sydney," he said.

"The Western Sydney City Deal provides major opportunities for infrastructure development and is set to transform the economic potential of the region."

Program will foster growth



THE Western Australian Indigenous Tourism Operators Council (WAITOC) is launching a business support program designed to foster the growth and expansion of a range of Aboriginal cultural tourism experiences.

WAITOC chairperson Doc Reynolds said the program, which is being supported by Indigenous Business Australia (IBA), will be highly beneficial for the state.

"This exciting new venture will increase business capacity, skills and sustainability through targeted support, creating more choice and diversity for visitors seeking an opportunity to interact with the world's oldest living culture," he said.

The partnership with IBA is aimed at assisting WAITOC to provide a range of business support services, which are targeted to individual businesses in Western Australia.

It will align with regional economic development strategies to accelerate the development of Aboriginal tourism products with the support of experienced tourism specialists.

WAITOC supports the development and promotion of Aboriginal tourism business ventures across the state.

The council believes that tourism is a unique industry in that it allows Aboriginal people to participate at a real and meaningful level, while still maintaining and valuing their cultural heritage.

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We welcome items for our Calendar of Events. Send them to any of the addresses in the panel on page 23.

National

Ongoing: Lifeline – saving lives, crisis support, suicide prevention. For assistance telephone 13 11 14.

Ongoing: Carer Line is a free national telephone information and support service for and about carers that provides access to information, emotional support and referrals to a range of services. Call 1800 242 636.

Until February 25: *Songlines: Tracking the Seven Sisters* exhibition at the National Museum of Australia. It showcases sections of five Indigenous Western and Central Desert songlines, utilising some 100 paintings and photographs, objects, song, dance and multimedia. More details at www.nma.gov.au

Until February 25: Call for papers, registrations and sponsored delegates applications for the National Native Title Conference 2018 to be held in Broome, Western Australia. Details at www.aiatsis.gov.au/news-and-events/

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

March 13-15: Converge, First Nations Media National Conference, in Brisbane. The annual conference is hosted by Indigenous Remote Communications Association (IRCA), the peak body for First Nations media. More details at <https://irca.net.au/sites/>

From March 27: Dan Sultan's Killer Solo tour starts in Hobart, with performances around Australia in following weeks. More details at www.dansultan.com

June 5-7: 2018 National Native Title Conference, to be held in Broome, Western Australia. Details at www.aiatsis.gov.au

June 28-29: The National Conference on Indigenous Incarceration, at Mantra at Salt Beach, far northern NSW. An optional workshop on healing centres as alternatives to prisons will be held in Grafton, NSW, on June 30. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Close-the-Prison-Gap/1575863035964148>

South Australia

Until March 18: Adelaide Fringe festival. It includes many shows with an Indigenous theme. Details at www.adelaidefringe.com.au

March 2-18: The Adelaide Festival will feature Indigenous acts including Briggs and Christine Anu. Details at www.adelaidefestival.com.au

March 3-4: Port Augusta hosting a round of the Deadly Funny Indigenous comedy competition. There will be entertainment at the Yarta Purtli Port Augusta Cultural Centre on March 3.

More details at www.adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/desert-fringe-deadly-funny-2018-featuring-kevin-kropinyeri-af2018

Victoria

During March: Celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of the Aboriginal First XI cricket team of 1868. The annual Johnny Mullagh Championship Cricket match on March 11 at Johnny Mullagh Oval, Blair Street, Harrow, is a highlight. Full details at www.harrow.org.au

Until March 5: Applications open for the Shepparton Art Museum's 2018 Indigenous Ceramic Award (ICA).

More details at www.sheppartonartmuseum.com.au



People on the Saltbush – Children's Cheering Carpet.

Cheering Carpet out in Adelaide



AN interactive journey through the culture and landscape of Aboriginal Australia is being celebrated through live dance, music, song and stories. at Victoria Square Tarntanyangga in

Adelaide as part of this month's Fringe Festival. Called Saltbush – Children's Cheering Carpet, it is an interactive representation of Indigenous people's relationship with the Australian terrain, using visual art, dance, music and performance to tell the story.

Children are invited to explore, play and dance with the performers as the landscape unfolds around them.

An ensemble of Aboriginal artists including Lou Bennett (music) and Deon Hastie (choreography) have worked with Insite Arts and Compagnia TPO to create the Adelaide shows.

Performances will be held at Victoria Square Tarntanyangga today (Feb 21) and tomorrow (Feb 22) at 11.15am and 1pm, February 23 at 11.15am, 1pm and 5pm, and February 24 at 11am, 1pm and 4pm.

Details at www.adelaidefringe.com.au/

March 10-May13: New exhibitions *Baga-k gaabi bruna biik (Symbols in sand)* and *Benim: Cloaked Histories* at the Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne. Details at www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au

Until March 14: Indigenous Art in Prisons and Community program exhibition *Confined 9* at the Carlisle Street Arty Space, St Kilda. Other exhibitions are also being held at Eildon Gallery and The Torch Gallery, St Kilda. Details at www.thetorch.org.au

March 15-September 2: *Colony: Frontier Wars* exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne. Full details at www.ngv.vic.gov.au

March 23-25: The Lake Bolac Eel Festival – Kuyang Lapakira at Lake Bolac in western Victoria. Details at www.eelfestival.org.au

Western Australia

Until August 13: WA Now *Julie Dowling – Babanyu (Friends for life)* exhibition at the Art Gallery of WA in Perth. Featuring works by the First Nation Badimaya artist. Details at www.artgallery.wa.gov.au

Every Monday in school terms: Reconciliation through music local WA community choir rehearsals. The Madjitol Moorna choir sings for better understanding and to promote Indigenous culture by practising and performing all over the state. Details at www.madjitolmoorna.org.au

Until March 3: *Milky Way: Ballet at the Quarry*, performances devised by the West Australian Ballet, Aboriginal Contemporary Dance Company Gary Lang NT Dance Company and Aboriginal Opera Artist Deborah Cheetham. Held at Quarry Amphitheatre, City Beach, Perth. Details at www.waballet.com.au

March 2-5: Nannup Music Festival, featuring local and Indigenous acts. Full details at www.nannupmusicfestival.org/the-festival/

May 26: National Sorry Day indoor netball tournament at Seamer Indoor Sports Centre, Perth. Details at ms_djc@icloud.com

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.

February 21: The Whitlam Institute at Western Sydney University and Nura Gili, UNSW Sydney, will present a one-day symposium to reflect on the project of Indigenous self-determination, and its various dimensions. Costs apply. More details on (02) 9685 9210.

February 22: Meeting on the Stolen Generations reparations scheme at Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre, Lismore, from 10am. More details from Roseanne Roberts (02) 6621 1000.

February 22-March 10: *Masterpieces from the Western Desert* talk and exhibition at nanda/hobbs gallery, Chippendale, Sydney. More details by emailing info@nandahobbs.com

February 23-April 1: Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative's Mardi Gras exhibition *Luscious All Sorts: LOVE WON*. Featuring works by a range of artists. More details and opening times at www.boomalli.com.au

March 2-3: The Ella 7s rugby union tournament at Coffs Harbour. Details at www.lloydmcdermott.com.au

March 6-8: Wulan Mayinygu Indigenous Entrepreneurship Pop Up Hub at the Glasshouse in Port Macquarie. A masterclass for emerging Indigenous entrepreneurs. More details on (02) 02 6933 4849.

March 7: 'Because of Her' Indigenous Women's Day panel from 2.30pm at Aerial UTS Function Centre, Ultimo, Sydney. A celebration of Indigenous nurses. Details on 0416 300 946.

March 8: Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Workshop at Grafton District Services Club, northern NSW, from 9am. Details from Maria Krohn on (02) 9857 2661.

March 9: Bundjalung Tribal Society's community day at Namabunda Farm, 110 Whites Lane, Alstonville, from 8:30 am. Details on (02) 6621 6992.

March 17: Orange Aboriginal Medical Service Close the Gap Ball from 6.30pm at Orange Ex-Services Club. More details from Zoe on (02) 6393 9000.

Queensland

Ongoing: *The Albert Namatjira Story*, a display featuring early works by Albert Namatjira. Held at Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, daily from 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or visit www.qagoma.qld.com.au

Until February 26: Nominations open for the 2018 Queensland Reconciliation Awards. Full details at www.qld.gov.au/reconciliation.

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

March 7: Black, Bold and Beautiful Indigenous Women's Luncheon at The Auditorium, Brisbane City Hall. A celebration for International Women's Day. Costs apply. More details from Sandra on 0438 448 008.

March 8-April 16: UMI Arts *You and Me* Members Exhibition in Cairns, showcasing works from 12 artists. Details at www.umiarts.com.au/

March 10: The start of Palm Island Council celebrations marking the centenary of the community. Events on March 10 focus on the past, with 'present' events on April 20-22 and 'future' events on June 8-10. Details at www.piac.com.au/

April 4-15: UMI Arts Festival 2018 in Cairns. An art and cultural program that will showcase art, stories and cultures including an art exhibition, artist talks, storytelling and community markets. Details at www.umiarts.com.au/

June 13-15: Indigenous men's and women's wellbeing conferences at the Pullman International, Cairns. Costs apply. Details on this and other Indigenous-related conferences at www.icsconferences.org

Northern Territory

Until April 8: *Clay Stories: Contemporary Indigenous Ceramics from Remote Australia* exhibition at the Araluen Centre, Alice Springs. A survey exhibition of contemporary ceramics by established and emerging Indigenous artists from remote parts of Australia. Details at www.claystories.com.au/touring-venues.html

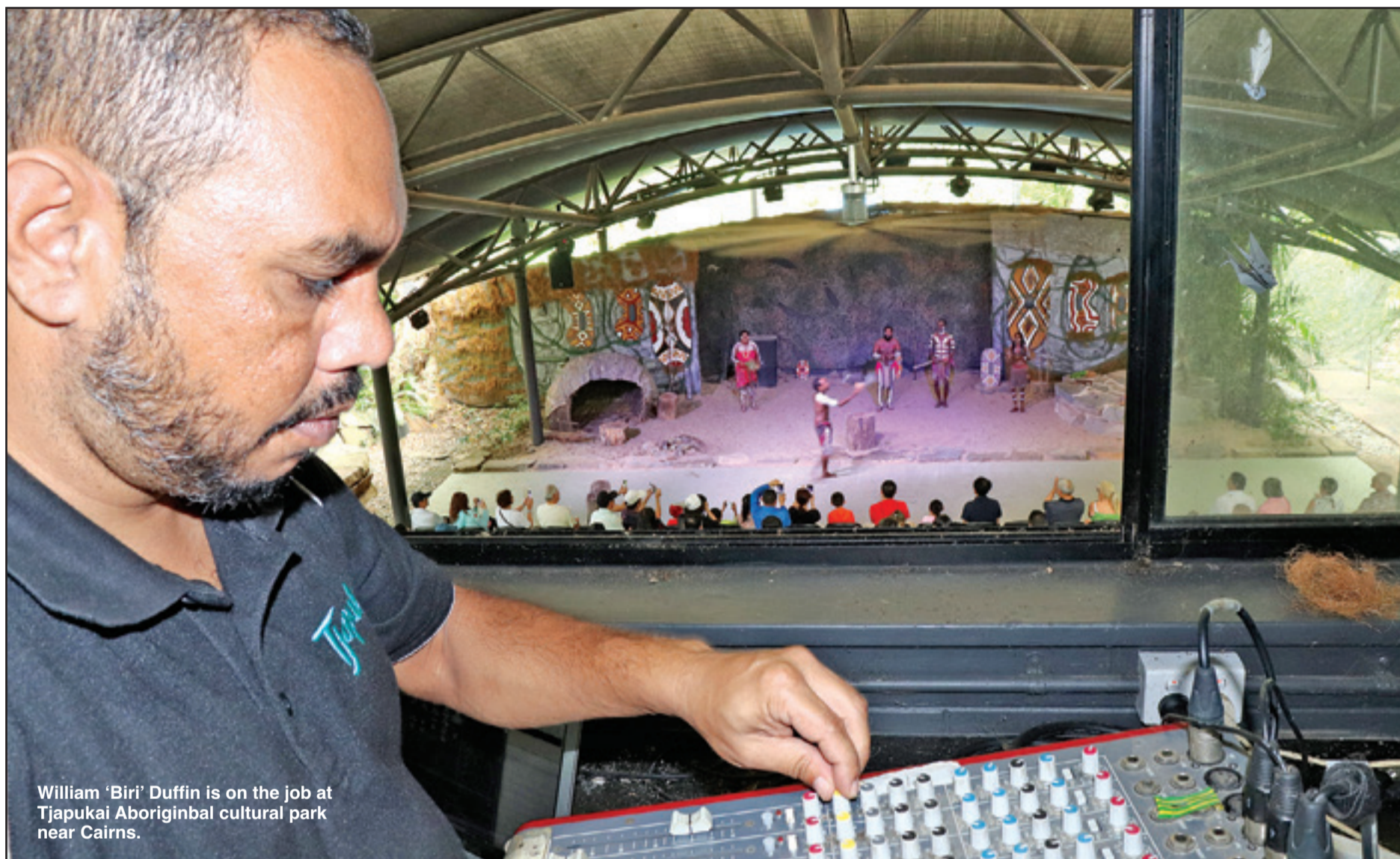
March 2: Jessica Mauboy will headline Queen's Baton Relay free shared celebration at the Darwin Waterfront from 4.30pm.

April 26-29: Tjunga Indigenous Cultural Festival at Ayers Rock Resort. Culture, music, dance, film, fashion, food, sport and more. Details at www.ayersrockresort.com.au/events/

May 21-June 9: Inaugural Northern Territory Travelling Film Festival. Screenings, workshops and more at venues across the Territory. Details at ntravellingfilmfestival.com

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William 'Biri' Duffin is on the job at Tjapukai Aboriginal cultural park near Cairns.

Djabugay pride

WILLIAM 'Biri' Duffin takes great pride in being behind the scene of performances at Tjapukai, an Aboriginal cultural park near Cairns, north Queensland.

Showcasing the culture of the Djabugay people, Cairns-based Tjapukai provides employment for the local Indigenous community, with 26 Djabugay descendants working in the business.

Biri, whose name means fire in Djabugay language, is also chair of the Djabugay Aboriginal Corporations which includes the Buda:Dji Aboriginal

Development Association.

"Buda:Dji has a cultural content agreement with Tjapukai to make sure Djabugay culture is presented correctly and work is created for our mob," the stage technician said.

"Working at Tjapukai is not just about putting a lap lap on and dancing. There is so much to learn in a business like this.

"There are lots of opportunities here for people to gain work skills, whether it's sales, food and beverage or performance."

Tjapukai, which hosted the Queen and Prince Philip in 2002,

was founded in 1987 and is recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's longest-running stage show.

Many Djabugay children grew up imitating and learning the Djabugay language and traditional performance presented by the Tjapukai performers and went on to be employed by the business.

"Performers"

"When I was in high school I used to hang around the theatre on weekends and during school holidays as I was related to many

of the performers," Biri said.

"I knew the dance show and would get called to fill in if they needed an extra. It was good money for a teenager and the experience of performing in front of a large audience was new and fun."

Tjapukai general manager Bryce Madgwick said the business provided opportunities for economic growth for local traditional owners and other Indigenous people.

"Of our 63 staff, 73% are Indigenous and in 2016-17 Tjapukai injected more than

\$4.3 million into the local Aboriginal community through wages, royalties, and the commissioning and purchasing of art and artefacts," he said.

Biri said the cultural park was more than just a business in the minds of the Djabugay people.

"Even when our performers are out the back waiting for a show they will be making traditional costumes or weaving, keeping our cultural knowledge strong," he said.

"That's out there on the front of the building and Djabugay people take pride in that."

It's your guide to employment

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**Project and Policy Officer
Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal**

Melbourne CBD, Full time, Ongoing

The Principal Registrar's Office is seeking to fill a newly created Project and Policy Officer position. The Project and Policy Officer will support VCAT's Diversity and Inclusion Steering Committee to deliver against its policy objectives and strategies.

The successful applicant will use their proven ability to provide advice to senior managers on issues of policy, practice and strategy to contribute to policy development and delivery of VCAT's Accessibility Action Plan and Koori Inclusion Action Plan. They will also need to have highly developed analytical, conceptual and written communication skills.

This is a great opportunity for someone with interest in cultural inclusion and social justice issues to use their policy development skills to contribute towards meaningful action plans.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by 28 February 2018

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**Senior Business Analyst
Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal**

Melbourne CBD Full time, fixed term for 12 months

Following the Access to Justice Review a key recommendation stated that the Victorian Government provide pilot funding for the development and implementation of a new online system for the resolution of small civil claims in Victoria. In addition an Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) Advisory Panel is to be created to oversee the introduction and evaluation of this ODR system.

Working with a range of stakeholders, the Senior Business Analyst is required to establish this pilot program with a specific focus on business analysis and government procurement expertise.

The successful applicant will have strong skills in business analysis with extension experience developing user manuals, Ministerial Briefs, Business Requirement specifications and other relevant documentation.

In return the successful applicant will have an opportunity to use their skills to develop a high-profile pilot program and work with a range of stakeholders across Court Services Victoria and the Department of Justice and Regulation.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by 28 February 2018

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Department of Communities

Housing

Housing & Property Services Officer Pool

Web Search No: HOU0418

Level/Salary: Level 3 \$68,896 - \$74,717pa + Super (PSGOGA)

As a Housing & Property Services Officer you will manage, control and monitor a designated number of Service Delivery tenancies and properties to ensure tenants are supported, payment of rent is sustained and properties are cared for and maintained.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: 08 9093 5202 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Jeanette Bryson on 08 9158 3614

Information Session: email venessa.toreresi@communities.wa.gov.au for details

Location: Broome, Derby

Closing Date: Monday, 26 February 2018 at 4.00pm.

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INTEGRATED PRACTICE LEADER- SUPPORT AND SAFETY HUBS

Full Time

The Integrated Practice Leader will be responsible for driving integrated practice across the Hub and providing practice leadership and expert advice to the Hub workforce on complex cases requiring an integrated or multi-disciplinary approach. The role will build the capability of the Hub workforce to deliver integrated functions and services responding to family violence, child and family vulnerability and functioning, and perpetrator interventions, in line with the Hubs Service Model and Integrated Practice Framework.

Enquiries: Josie Stubbe on 5133 9998

Applications close: 2nd March 2018

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Mungindi Local Aboriginal
Land Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Mungindi Local Aboriginal Land Council (Mungindi LALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Mungindi LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact A/Chief Executive Officer Vivienne Duncan, by email: mungindilalc@gmail.com or on (02) 6753 2259.

Applications can be forwarded to mungindilalc@gmail.com or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson
Mungindi Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 26
MUNGINDI NSW 2406

Applications close Friday 16th March 2018
Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



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Enquiries: Shaun Allan (02) 6768 2283

Closing Date: Sunday 4 March 2018

Candidates will need to go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search on the job reference number or job title for detailed information to apply online.

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NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE



Expressions of Interest are sought for TAFE Institute Board Directors

- Metropolitan and Regional Boards
- Opportunity to govern and oversee a new strategic direction for the TAFE Network in Victoria

The Victorian Government is committed to public participation and increasing diversity in TAFE Network leadership to bring new ideas and to reflect local and regional communities. The Victorian Government's Skills First reforms place TAFEs at the centre of a contemporary, high quality vocational training system.

The Hon Gayle Tierney, Minister for Training and Skills is inviting Expressions of Interest for TAFE Board Director roles.

There are a number of current TAFE Board Director roles across the Victorian TAFE Network that expire in 2018. These roles represent an opportunity to govern and oversee a new strategic direction for Victorian TAFEs.

Individuals with high calibre skills and experience in one or more of the following areas are encouraged to apply:

- Strategic thinking
- Governance
- Planning and leadership
- Strategic risk management and audit
- Understanding of financial statements
- Knowledge of and experience in higher education, vocational education or community engagement
- Legal, financial and other professional skills
- Connections with or understanding of communities serviced by the TAFE Network

Board Directors are eligible for remuneration in accord with the Appointment and Remuneration Guidelines published by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Deadline for submissions: 11:59pm Friday 2 March 2018

For more information on how to apply:

www.education.vic.gov.au/tafedirectorpositions

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**ST VINCENT'S
HEALTH NETWORK**
SYDNEY



St Vincent's is looking for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander candidates for a variety of roles across our Darlinghurst and Auburn sites.

There are a wide variety of opportunities available - working in a hospital can include opportunities in Administration, Management, Aboriginal Health Workers, Counselling, Physiotherapy, Driving and many more.

Get in touch to discuss current opportunities, or to register your interest for future vacancies. See svhs.org.au/home/employment

We are currently seeking people for an Enrolled Nursing Traineeship Program which would incorporate a Diploma of Nursing from TAFE NSW Ultimo College and hands on Nursing Experience.

Please contact Emma Gibson

Manager HR Projects

emma.gibson@svha.org.au

Phone: 8382 4045

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GENERAL PRACTITIONER (OUTREACH CLINIC)

A General Practice (GP) position is available within the Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Centre (EDAHC) outreach clinic located at Gosford Hospital, Nunyara. Clinic hours are Negotiable.

EDAHC is seeking a skilled and highly motivated GP to enhance the holistic patient/family centred primary health care services provided to the Aboriginal people in the Central Coast area.

The GP will work with a multidisciplinary team of GPs, Nurses, Aboriginal Health Workers and visiting Allied Health and Specialists to support the Primary Health care needs to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL HAVE;

- APHRA Registered General Practitioner (VR status) with unrestricted Registration – DWS applies
- At least 5 years' post-graduation experience in medicine
- Commitment to working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Current Driver Licence
- Current CPR certificate

For further information contact: Jessica Wheeler A/Practice Manager PH: 0422 179

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Eleanor Duncan
Aboriginal Health Centre



Aboriginal Health Services Manager

Department: Western Sydney LHD

Classification: Health Manager Level 3

Location: Mount Druitt Hospital

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

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Email: jo.fuller@health.nsw.gov.au.

**Closing Date:
9 March 2018**

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Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged.

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Enquiries: Claire Jennings - 0402 342 197



West Connect
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES INC.

Domestic Violence & Homeless Services for Women & Children

ABORIGINAL MANAGER

35 Hours per week

To be Aboriginal and female is a genuine requirement for this position
(Section 31 & 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

AGENCY OVERVIEW

Using a feminist framework that acknowledges a gendered analysis of domestic violence, West Connect Domestic Violence Services aims to provide a holistic response to women with and without accompanying children who are experiencing domestic and family violence and related homelessness, emphasising the principles of empowerment, self-determination and an acknowledgement of the dynamics of domestic violence in a political and social context. We do this through the provision of direct support, safe accommodation and housing options and programs that aim to create a non-violent community where women and children, regardless of their social and cultural background, age and sexual orientation, will have access to the knowledge and supports needed to take control over their own lives. West Connect Domestic Violence Services is guided by principles of social justice and equality.

West Connect Domestic Violence Service Inc. (WCDVS) is a not-for-profit organisation

WCDVS manages four women's refuges in Nepean/ Blue Mountains and Blacktown / Hills districts, including one Aboriginal specific refuge. We also provide Outreach support services to women who have experienced domestic and family violence in our Community Hubs at Penrith, Katoomba, Doonside and Rouse Hill.

ABOUT THE POSITION:

We are seeking a skilled and experienced Manager who identifies as Aboriginal to oversee the management, operations and service delivery of our Aboriginal Specific Refuge located in Penrith. The Manager reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer and is responsible for effectively overseeing and coordinating the staff, day-to-day operations, and the implementation of the organisation's policies and procedures. The Manager will oversee and support Case Workers, Outreach Workers, and Child Support Workers in their case management approaches and continue to develop best practice. The position will provide regular supervision to staff in the Crisis and Transitional service hubs.

ESSENTIAL

- Demonstrated experience working with Aboriginal women in a culturally sensitive manner
- Demonstrated experience in resourcing and supporting a skilled and cohesive team to respond effectively to the crisis, transitional and early intervention and prevention of the needs of Aboriginal women and children experiencing Domestic and Family Violence
- Demonstrated understanding of a trauma-informed approach to support women and children to recover and heal from the emotional and psychological effects of Domestic and Family Violence
- Experience in maintaining staff support, supervision and staff development needs
- Understanding and a willingness to work from a feminist framework
- Proven ability to work with, and oversee the delivery of culturally appropriate casework to women and children with complex needs
- Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain networks and linkages within the Aboriginal community and with government agencies to advocate for clients on issues related to domestic and family violence in the Aboriginal community
- Demonstrated excellent organisational, interpersonal and communication skills
- Proven ability to effectively manage conflict
- Understanding of basic IT skills and proficiency in working with Microsoft Office programs
- Availability to work after hours and on weekends upon request
- Current NSW driver's licence
- Access to reliable vehicle

DESIRABLE

- To be known and accepted by the local Aboriginal community
- Previous experience working in a Specialist Homelessness Service
- Familiarity with housing entitlement systems and procedures
- Current first aid certificate
- LR Licence or willingness to obtain
- Telephone/ Mobile phone coverage

Employment as per SCHCADS Award

- **ONLY applications addressing the Essential and Desirable selection criteria for employment will be considered**
- **Please provide 2 recent employer references**
- **Successful applicants will be required to undergo a "Working with Children" and a "Criminal Record" check prior to commencement of employment**

Applications to: info@wcdvs.org.au

For questions and enquiries, please call 02 4732 2318

CLOSING DATE: Friday 2nd March 2018

Centre for the Advancement
of Indigenous Knowledges
(CAIK)



Indigenous Australian PhD student

Centre for the Advancement of Indigenous Knowledges (CAIK) is currently searching for an Indigenous Australian person to undertake a PhD focusing on Indigenous leadership in higher education.

Professor's Michelle Trudgett and Susan Page were recently successful in gaining funding from the Australian Research Council (ARC) funded study titled *Walan Mayiny: Indigenous leadership in higher education*. A section of this large-scale study has been identified as an opportunity for a PhD project.

The candidate must:

- Identify as Indigenous Australian
- Hold a First Class Honours or Masters degree
- Demonstrate a passion for education and/or leadership research
- Demonstrate an ability to follow instructions
- Demonstrate strong communication skills.
- Complete the requirements of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences PhD application process

Remuneration: Scholarship of \$27,082 per annum, applicants may be eligible for a top up of up to \$50K per year.

Expressions of interest close
Thursday 1st March, 2018.

For more information
please contact Professor
Michelle Trudgett via
michelle.trudgett@uts.edu.au

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**BALRANALD LOCAL
ABORIGINAL
LAND COUNCIL**

Chief Executive Officer

Balranald, perched on the mighty Murrumbidgee River, is the gateway to Outback NSW and is located on the Sturt Highway, approximately half way between Sydney and Adelaide.

The town is surrounded by unique land and riverscapes which encompasses five iconic rivers, the spectacular outback landscape of the world heritage listed Mungo National Park and the magical wetlands of Yanga National Park. The area boasts spectacular bird life and fauna, and heritage sites such as the Yanga Wool Shed and the Yanga Homestead, both of which are in close proximity to the town.

The Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council is seeking suitable applicants for the above position. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will be responsible to the Members and will report to the Chair and Board of Directors.

DUTIES: To undertake duties involving the day to day administration and financial management of the Land Council in accordance with the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1983). This will include maintaining the organisation's policies and guidelines in its endeavours to achieve community objectives set out in the Community Land and Business Plan, with an emphasis on submissions, maintaining accountability and capacity building.

ESSENTIAL: Applicants must have experience in office management and administration, the ability to work as part of a team and communicate effectively with Aboriginal people. Strong communication and negotiation skills together with an understanding of Aboriginal issues and experience in WH&S practices. Solid practical experience running funded projects and programs. A NSW Driver's Licence is also essential.

Applicants are required to address the Selection criteria in writing.

DESIRABLE: Knowledge of the Aboriginal Land Council functions, administration and funding procedures, knowledge of the local area, rental property management experience and Aboriginality.

GENERAL: Aboriginal persons are encouraged to apply. Applications should specifically consider the relevant job description. Applicants should provide a minimum of two (2) recent references. Some travel may be involved with this position.

A recruitment pack containing the selection criteria, position description and major accountabilities is available upon request.

Salary is negotiable dependent on skills, experience and qualifications (between \$90k-\$95k)

Access to salary sacrifice as a PBI, and a 4wd vehicle is provided

Applications close 5:00pm Wednesday 7th March 2018.

It is envisaged that interviews would be conducted during the week beginning 19th March 2018. Criminal record and probity checks will be undertaken, and will form an essential component of the selection process.

Previous applicants need not apply

For further details on the position and for a copy of the Recruitment Pack please contact David Kelly, CEO on 0467 810 406

Email your application, including cover letter, response to Selection Criteria and current CV, to;

ceo.blalc@gmail.com

COUNSELLOR: Yunggorendi Student Engagement

Ref 493657 Working under broad direction, the Counsellor: Yunggorendi Student Engagement, as part of a multi-disciplinary team, will provide counselling and pastoral care services to Indigenous students. The Counsellor: Yunggorendi Student Engagement will participate in the development and delivery of group and other programs for Indigenous students and provide advice and training to University staff to promote Indigenous student wellbeing. The incumbent will be actively involved in a range of initiatives and activities designed to assist new Indigenous students in their transition to University.

The Counsellor: Yunggorendi Student Engagement will be an integral part of the Yunggorendi Student Services team and is administratively responsible to the Business Manager, but will be supervised professionally by the Senior Counsellor, Health, Counselling and Disability Service. This position has no supervisory responsibilities.

- **Office of Indigenous Strategy & Engagement**
- **Location: Bedford Park, SA**
- **Available on a fixed-term, part-time (0.6 FTE) basis until 31 December 2019**
- **Salary (HEO8): \$93,137 - \$103,330 pa (pro-rata)**
- **Plus 9.5% employer superannuation**
- **Applications close: 11:00am, Friday 2 March 2018**

Please note: Pursuant to the Children's Protection Act 1993 (SA) this position has been deemed prescribed. It is an inherent requirement of the position that the successful candidate maintains a current Child Related Employment Screening which is satisfactory to the University.

Full details including how to apply on-line can be found at our Jobs@Flinders website: <http://jobs.flinders.edu.au/cw/en/job/493657/counsellor-yunggorendi-student-engagement>

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- 2 x Senior leadership roles reporting to the CEO
- Organisation embarking on a new chapter

Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative is a community-controlled organisation that offers a range of health and community services to the Greater Shepparton community. As one of the largest providers of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Australia, the organisation works in partnership with individuals, families and community to support them in achieving an optimal quality and standard of living. The organisation has approximately 600 registered members, employs approximately 200 people and has a budget of nearly \$20 million.

Executive Manager Assets, Infrastructure and Risk

- Develop and implement a 5 Year Infrastructure Plan
- Bring best practice approaches to the organisation

Executive Manager Justice, Alcohol and Other Drugs

- Develop a new service area for the organisation
- Drive high quality service delivery

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Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO)

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer
- Lake Macquarie Police District, Belmont
- Clerk Grade 3/4
- Ongoing Full-Time
- I Work For NSW Requisition No: 00005XT6

Salary Package: \$83,288. **Salary:** \$68,929 - \$75,476. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Purpose of the Role:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to commands in the management of local Aboriginal issues.

They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen cooperation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

Job Notes:

An **information session** will be held on **Tuesday 27 February 2018** at **Toronto Police Station**, corner of Cary Street and Thorne Street, Toronto from 10am to 11:30am and on **Tuesday 27 February 2018** at **Belmont Police Station**, 2-6 Herbert Street, Belmont from 1pm to 2:30pm. To register your interest in attending either of these sessions, send an email to Monique McEwan at MCEW1MON@police.nsw.gov.au.

Essential requirements for this role:

- Aboriginality and a sound knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and culture;
- Current Drivers Licence (clear driving record for 6 months); and
- Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance.

The preferred candidate:

- will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration, in accordance with the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*;
- is responsible for applying for their own WWCC (**an employer cannot apply on behalf of a worker**); and
- will be subject to a National Police Check (criminal record check), NSW Police Force Security Clearance check, probity and prior employment checks.

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 above.

Applications Close: Sunday 11 March 2018

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Andrew Pettit - District Manager on (02) 4922 8801.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for Requisition Number 00005XT6

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JOB OPPORTUNITY

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE NURSE

The Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Centre (EDAHC) has a rewarding opportunity for an experienced Registered Nurse to join our multidisciplinary team in Wyong (NSW Central Coast) on a full-time basis. The centre is fully computerised with AGPAL Accreditation.

Reporting to the Practice Manager, you will be responsible for managing a client case load and delivering culturally safe nursing care, coordinating the clinical management of patients whilst taking a holistic approach to client care.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

- AHPRA Registration (Division 1) and able to demonstrate post graduate experience
- Able to demonstrate your ability to practice within clinical standards and quality of care, which is effective, efficient and in accordance with best practice and agreed standards and policies
- Demonstrated team leadership, well developed interpersonal and problem solving skills, with the ability to work as an effective member of a multidisciplinary team
- Accredited Immunisation Certificate or willingness to undertake training

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

- Accredited Women's Health & PAP Provider
- Demonstrated Computer Skills
- Current CPR Certificate
- Experience working as a Primary Health Nurse in an AMS or General Practice
- An understanding of Aboriginal culture, with a commitment to promoting a culturally safe environment and dedication to the practice of Aboriginal Community Control

Applications close 5 March. Please submit your application with Cover Letter and CV to recruitment@yerin.org.au.

For any enquiries regarding the position, please contact Carisa Cook on 02 4351 1000.

www.yerin.org.au



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Aboriginal Health Centre



Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association

Communications and Engagement Manager

We are seeking a suitably qualified and enthusiastic Communications and Engagement Manager to join our Canberra-based team for 7 months to cover a maternity leave vacancy.

Reporting directly to the CEO, the Communications and Engagement Manager is a key member of the management team and is responsible for the leadership of a small communications team. Your excellent written and verbal communication skills will inform and engage our members and stakeholders to improve health outcomes for Australia's Indigenous Peoples.

\$100k+ base salary with salary packaging is available.

A full position description and instructions on how to apply can be downloaded at <https://www.aida.org.au/our-work/vacancies/>

As an Indigenous organisation, we strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for this position.

Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 28 February 2018.



Senior Aboriginal Health Worker - Palliative Care

Department: South Western Sydney LHD

Temp F/T, Temp P/T or Job Share

at Liverpool Hospital, SWSLHD

Salary: \$78,996 - \$82,060 pa

Enquiries: Patricia Rebello (02) 8738 9753

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977

Closing Date:
22 February 2018

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles in NSW Health organisations. For more information, please visit: <http://www.stepsup.health.nsw.gov.au/> and search Job Reference Number REQ10884

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

East Gippsland Shire Council Employment Opportunities

This fastest growing region is one of Victoria's most beautiful and includes the vast Gippsland Lakes, beautiful rivers and stunning beaches as well as wilderness areas, snowfields and the magnificent 'high country'.

As a major employer in the region, East Gippsland Shire Council represents the needs of around 45,000 residents and over one million visitors annually across an area of 21,000 square kilometres. We are the second largest council (in area) in Victoria.

Aboriginal Best Start Engagement Officer

Position overview

This is a part time, 12-month limited tenure position primarily based in Bairnsdale.

The Aboriginal Best Start program has been established to ensure that local Aboriginal communities and organisations are given every possible opportunity to support positive outcomes for their children and families. The program focuses on children and families experiencing vulnerability and aims to increase the participation of Aboriginal children by ensuring they can participate in quality early childhood experiences through kindergarten, supported playgroups and maternal and child health services.

Working alongside the Aboriginal Best Start Facilitator, this role is responsible for:

- supporting the development of a strong Aboriginal Best Start Partnership with external stakeholders, the Aboriginal community and Aboriginal controlled services.
- contributing to the identification, implementation, evaluation and reporting of change ideas within the early years sector that impact on the Aboriginal Best Start outcomes.

The role requires a well-connected, driven individual committed to improving the health and wellbeing of children and families in East Gippsland. It sits within a supportive, multidisciplinary team where continued learning, information and skills exchange is valued and encouraged.

Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position. The filling of this position is intended to constitute a special/equal opportunity measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth), and s 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic) and s 8(4) of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic).

What you will need to succeed

To be successful in this role you will have:

- Sound knowledge of East Gippsland Aboriginal culture, society, and an ability to communicate effectively.
- An appreciation of and sensitive approach to the needs and aspirations of Aboriginal communities.
- Extensive networks within East Gippsland Aboriginal communities.
- Genuine interest in working in a professional role with the view to further develop skills.
- Well-developed interpersonal skills and the ability to build connections with a diverse range of people.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake a Police Check. Applicants for this position must be legally entitled to work in Australia.

Applications close at midnight on **2 March 2018**.

If this sounds like your next career move, please go to our website www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/employment

For a confidential discussion, please contact Sascha Johns, Community Development Coordinator on (03) 5153 9500.



Clinical Support Officer Newborn Services

Department: Hunter New England Local Health District

John Hunter Children's Hospital

Enquiries: Karen Dixon (02) 4921 3671

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria. In the event there are no suitable Aboriginal applicants, then applications from non-Aboriginal applicants will be considered.

Closing Date:
27 February 2018

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnsw.gov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Numbers REQ23207.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Facilities Coordinator Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal

Melbourne CBD, Full time, Ongoing

This coordination position is located in the facilities management team and reports to the Manager, Facilities.

The Facilities Management team is responsible for the day-to-day management of 55 King Street including engagement with the property managers, responding to hearing room and building requirements, management of fleet including pool and executive vehicles, ordering office supplies, security management, and assisting with special event management.

The Facilities Coordinator is responsible for supporting the Manager, Facilities by being the primary point of contact for all day-to-day FM services.

To be successful in this role, the occupant of the position will have strong organisational and leadership skills with strong knowledge of various building codes and safety measures. In addition, the occupant should have experience in facilities management, contract management and project work.

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to work in a newly created position with a fun and dynamic team – no two days will ever be the same.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by 3 March 2018



Northern Rivers Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services

Specialist Domestic Violence Position
Information & Referral Officer – Court Advocate
– Fixed Term Contract to 30 June 2019.
14 to 35 hours per week as negotiated.

The Service has an exemption under s31 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* to employ women in this role. The Service operates out of the Lismore office assisting women who have experienced domestic and family violence. This position is SCHADS Level 5. Ph: 6621 1000 for a job kit or email ela_foster@clc.net.au. An eligibility list and casual pool list will be developed from this process. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse and Older Women are encouraged to apply.

Closing date: Wednesday 7th March at 4pm

Administrative Assistant
Fixed Term Contract to 30 June 2019.
14 hours per week

The Service has an exemption under s31 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* to employ women in this role. The Service operates out of the Lismore office assisting women who have experienced domestic and family violence. This position is SCHADS Level 3. Ph: 6621 1000 for a job kit or email ela_foster@clc.net.au. An eligibility list and casual pool list will be developed from this process. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse and Older Women are encouraged to apply.

Closing date: Wednesday 7th March at 4pm



Drug and Alcohol Practice Support Worker

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- **Located in Orange, New South Wales with travel to the Murdi Paaki region**

Rewarding position building capacity of the drug and alcohol workforce in the Murdi Paaki region

This is an exciting opportunity for qualified and experienced Drug and Alcohol Practice Support Worker to join our Murdi Paaki Drug & Alcohol Network (MPDAN) program in Orange, New South Wales.

About us

Lyndon in partnership with Lives Lived Well, is a leading not-for-profit organisation delivering innovative and accessible services aimed at influencing behaviour, reducing harm, aiding recovery and bringing about positive change in people's lives.

About Murdi Paaki Drug & Alcohol Network

The Murdi Paaki Drug & Alcohol Network's Hub in Orange focuses on improving access to specialist drug and alcohol knowledge and supporting existing primary health care services to provide evidence-informed and culturally appropriate service.

About the role

Working with Aboriginal Health Services and other agencies in the Murdi Paaki Region, the Aboriginal D&A Practice Support Worker will help build capacity of the drug and alcohol workforce in the Region.

What you will bring to the role:

- Qualifications in Drug & Alcohol, Health, Health Science, Welfare, Community Development, Community Services, Education, Mental Health, Social Science, Social Studies, Training or similar field
- Demonstrated skills in working with / for Aboriginal organisations and communities - including an understanding of the social determinants of health for Aboriginal people
- Experience in service delivery in the industry - experience and/or training as a Clinician would be advantageous
- Willingness to travel the Murdi Paaki Region approximately one week per month

Lives Lived Well considers that being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under s 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). To help us provide a culturally appropriate and holistic service, applicants who identify with Indigenous cultures are strongly encouraged to apply.

Offer of employment will be subject to candidate's ability to gain or hold a Drivers Licence, Working with Children Check (NSW) and National Police History Check.



For more information about the role or to apply please visit our careers website <http://liveslivedwellcareers.org.au> or contact Julie Proctor, Program Manager on 1300 LYNDON (1300 596 366) or m 0409 835 178. A copy of the position description can be found on our careers website.

Applications close 04 March 2018

Regional Operations Manager

- Full time position
- Dubbo location

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. While this is not a role specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people nor solely working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients, Red Cross recognises and values the unique contributions and experience you can bring to this critical role.

Be responsible for the operational management of the Greater Western Region to enable the delivery of quality services and regional growth. Support the Regional leadership team in identifying business growth and improvement opportunities.

A proven track record in managing service / program operations with high level leadership, communication and stakeholder management skills are essential. Your application will demonstrate experience in planning, coordinating and delivering business improvement projects to achieve outcomes.

You have strong community connections particularly with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and have the ability to analyse complex problems.

To apply for this position visit
<https://www.redcross.org.au/about-us/careers>
and search for job #506992.

For more information contact John Pocius
on 0417 695 971.



Case Manager, Post Release

- Full time position
- Based in Blacktown

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. While this is not a role specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people nor solely working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients, Red Cross recognises and values the unique contributions and experience you can bring to this critical role.

Support people from the time they enter custody for up to 6 months post release.

The program will support the reduction of recidivism through the delivery of pro-social support services during incarceration and as participant's transition to the community.

You have demonstrated case management experience including developing and supporting plans with clients. An understanding of best practice working with men with complex needs and behaviours and demonstrated sensitivity to the needs and issues facing people in the justice system will be invaluable in this role. You will be able to maintain professional boundaries and role model healthy relationships.

To apply for this position visit
<https://www.redcross.org.au/about-us/careers>
and search for job #506613.

For more information contact Judy Harper
on 0400 993 092.



Education
and Training

Koorie Engagement Support Officer

Department of Education and Training
Salary Range: \$77,955 - \$91,915
Ongoing Position to commence 16 April 2018
Outer Gippsland Area, South Eastern Victoria Region

The Victorian Department of Education & Training is seeking a suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person to work in the South Eastern Victoria Region as a Koorie Engagement Support Officer.

The position will be based in the Outer Gippsland Area and support schools and early childhood services in the Lakes Entrance and Orbost Areas.

The successful applicant will work as a member of the regional Koorie Education Workforce responsible for the implementation of the Marrung Aboriginal Education Plan 2016 - 2026. You will be responsible for facilitating and managing the delivery of programs for Koorie children and young people through early childhood to school completion.

The occupant of the position will possess strong leadership skills to ensure the successful delivery of educational support services, provide advice to schools, kindergartens, families and the Koorie community on strategies aimed at improving educational outcomes for Koorie children and young people, have a high level of understanding of Koorie education and community needs and have suitable qualification/s.

This role is an identified position and is available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. **VCAT exemption # A195/2009**

Applicants are encouraged to apply on-line via the Recruitment Online website at www.education.vic.gov.au/schooljobs

Please refer to position number **1112659**.

Applications close 28 February 2018

Contact Jenny Leggatt, Service Support Branch Manager for further information.
Leggatt.jenny.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or 0439 930 367



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Indigenous Consultant/ Mentor

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- Access to ongoing learning, development and career advancement
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- An attractive salary package
- Uncapped bonuses for high performers

The Job

- Promote employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians
- Develop strategies and programs to provide sustainable employment opportunities
- Assist to identify appropriate interventions to address candidates barriers
- Mentor and coach candidates once they have gained employment

The Right Person

- Excellent relationship building, business development and marketing skills
- Proactive approach to achieving targets and working to compliance standards
- Strong communication skills and able to deal with a diverse range of people
- Current Driver's License
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience working with Indigenous Australians and communities
- Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Previous Employment Services Experience (ideal but not essential)

We embrace the diversity of our people and flexible working arrangements to ensure our workforce is representative of the communities that we serve.

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Premier
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The Department of Premier and Cabinet are now recruiting for the following positions:

Heritage Project Officer, Loddon Mallee Heritage Programs

Aboriginal Victoria works in partnership with Aboriginal Victorians to deliver the Victorian Government's agenda for Aboriginal Affairs including whole of government social policy reforms. Aboriginal Victoria puts the fundamental human rights of Aboriginal Victorians - including self-determination, equality, participation and cultural rights - at the heart of its social policy reforms, community strengthening and engagement, and cultural heritage management and protection.

This position is an operational role that works with a team of two other staff to manage Aboriginal cultural heritage in the Loddon Mallee region, based in Bendigo. Loddon Mallee is one of Aboriginal Victoria's five regional heritage teams across the state. The region is geographically diverse and covers an area from the ranges at Macedon to the Murray River at Echuca and arid landscapes in the north-west of Victoria to the South Australian border. The role works closely with Traditional Owners, public land managers and local governments in the region to manage and protect Aboriginal cultural heritage.

This is a key role in Aboriginal Victoria's regional delivery of cultural heritage management. The successful applicant must be able to demonstrate an ability to provide strategic advice in relation to complex and sensitive issues. Formal qualifications, or extensive experience in cultural heritage management, are a requirement of this position.

Aboriginal candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

The closing date for this position is **midnight Wednesday 28 February 2018**.

How to apply: Apply before the advertised closing date via <https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1318715>

Senior Project Officer, Cultural Strengthening, On Country Events

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Aboriginal Victoria branch which provides support to Victoria's Aboriginal communities through a range of programs and funding opportunities. The Senior Project Officer, will be responsible for the implementation and management of a new Cultural Strengthening on Country initiative, including supporting the Treaty Campaign and other Community Capability key events.

To be successful in this role you must demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of and experience in working with Aboriginal communities. You will also require sound judgment and a commitment to achieving results whilst demonstrating the ability to partner, communicate and build relationships with Aboriginal communities, across government and other relevant stakeholders.

The successful applicant will have excellent planning, organisational, and project management skills along with an understanding of grants management.

This role is exempt under the Special Measures Provision, Section 12 (1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic) and only Aboriginal Australians are eligible to apply.

The closing date for this position is **midnight Wednesday, 7 March 2018**.

How to apply: Apply before the advertised closing date via <https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1318714>

Senior Project Officer, Aboriginal Victoria

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Aboriginal Victoria branch which provides support to Victoria's Aboriginal communities through a range of programs and funding opportunities.

Reporting to the Manager, Community Capability, the role of the Senior Project Officer will be to manage and support a variety of funding and procurement opportunities through grants and contracts for a number of Aboriginal organisations across Victoria. The Senior Project Officer will also be responsible for leading a small team who manage a variety of grants, and projects on a daily basis.

The Senior Project Officer will play an active role in engaging and building partnerships across government and community to influence future investment and achieve better outcomes for Aboriginal Victorians.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

The closing date for this position is **7 March 2018**.

How to apply: Apply before the advertised closing date via <https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1319675>

Manager, Community Capability

Applications are sought for the role of Manager, Community Capability within the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of the Aboriginal Victoria branch which provides support to Victoria's Aboriginal communities. The Manager, Community Capability will be responsible to provide strong leadership, management and direction to the Community Capability team to undertake a range of projects, programs and regulatory initiatives in accordance with departmental values and the Victorian Government's strategic objectives, budgets and business plan outcomes.

The Manager will play an active role in overseeing a team of project officers responsible for a range of programs including grant funding that strengthen community development, engagement and infrastructure, as well as annual events that celebrates and recognises Aboriginal Victorians and culture.

This role requires strong interpersonal and policy skills and program management involvement, to be successful in this role you must demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of and experience in working with Aboriginal communities. It also requires sound judgment and a commitment to achieving results and demonstrating the ability to partner, communicate and build relationships with Aboriginal communities, across government and other relevant stakeholders.

The successful applicant will have excellent planning, organisational, and project management skills along with excellent attention to detail.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

The closing date for this position is **7 March 2018**.

How to apply: Apply before the advertised closing date via <https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1319858>

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GUREHLGAM

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Gurehlgam is an Aboriginal owned and run community service provider.

Our mission is to help Aboriginal people across the North Coast of NSW.

We are currently recruiting for identified positions in GRAFTON and KEMPSEY.

Male Aboriginal youth worker

based in GRAFTON. The successful applicant will work with young Aboriginal and Torres Strait people to improve educational outcomes; transition to work or higher studies and support their families.

Must have relevant qualifications.
This is a level 4 position.

Aboriginal community support worker

based in KEMPSEY. The successful applicant will assist clients who are victims or survivors of domestic violence to access legal and other support.

Must have relevant experience and training.
This is a level 4 position.



For the recruitment packages, please email
manager@gurehlgam.com.au.

Applications close on Friday March 9th at 12:00.



NORTH QUEENSLAND LAND COUNCIL NTRB ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

PBC Coordinator – Townsville

PBC Support Unit
Fulltime Position

North Queensland Land Council (NQLC) is a Native Title Representative Body appointed under the *Native Title Act 1993*. The NQLC is seeking a dynamic leader to coordinate the team of PBC Support Unit staff, within our Engagement and Development Support Team, to work closely with the 25 PBCs within our region in the design and delivery of support services to PBCs to achieve economic independence.

Applicants must be achievement oriented, have strong written and verbal communication skills, be flexible and adaptable and have the ability to prioritise workloads and meet deadlines.

Applicants will need to demonstrate a sensitivity and understanding of current Indigenous issues and aspirations and be able to effectively communicate with Indigenous Australians.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander persons are particularly encouraged to apply.

The position is a full-time contract to 30 June 2019, with possible extension subject to funding.

A Position Description including Selection Criteria including for this position can be downloaded from the Employment Opportunities section on our website at www.nqlc.com.au

All applicants must address the Selection Criteria in their Application and provide a current CV and two current referees.

** This position is being readvertised and previous applicants need not re-apply. **

Applications close 5.00pm 07 March 2018

Applications should be marked 'Confidential'
and addressed to:

**Chief Executive Officer
North Queensland Land Council
PO Box 679, Cairns North, Qld 4870
Email: cservices@nqlc.com.au**



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Application close date for the above
positions is **5pm Monday 26 February 2018**

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Court Support Services Koori Case Manager Shepparton Magistrates' Court

Shepparton
Ongoing, full time

The Magistrates' Court of Victoria is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic person to be part of this exciting time of growth and change as we establish the Court Support Services (CSS) program across the Hume region.

Based at the new Shepparton Law Courts, the Koori Case manager will be an integral member of the CSS team, delivering high quality case management to Koori clients with complex needs who are involved with the court system. You will also be responsible for establishing strong, respectful and effective relationships with the Victorian Aboriginal community.

We encourage you to apply if you possess the following:

- Case management experience in assessing and engaging clients with complex needs
- Sound knowledge of Victorian Aboriginal culture and society
- Demonstrated ability building collaborative relationships with external stakeholders
- Strong team player with effective communication skills and a flexible approach

In return, CSS offers a unique opportunity to develop your clinical skills within a supportive team environment. You will be provided with ongoing professional development opportunities and be part of a new court-based team committed to supporting people on bail to make changes in their lives.

This is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by 28 February 2018

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Corrective Services NSW Aboriginal Advisory Council Roles

Role of the council

The Aboriginal Advisory Council is a forum that works to improve outcomes for Aboriginal offenders. The Council advises Government on issues relating to Aboriginal offenders and has an advocacy role in relation to reducing the number of Aboriginal people in prison and the rate of reoffending.

The work of the Council includes identifying opportunities to address health, education and employment opportunities for Aboriginal offenders in custody or the community. Members also provide expert advice on issues of kinship, community and culture and how these matters should be considered in the development and delivery of services to Aboriginal offenders.

Opportunity to raise awareness and improve outcomes

Council members are drawn from a wide range of disciplines and backgrounds. We are looking for people to work with their communities to raise both awareness of issues relating to Aboriginal offenders and their families, and opportunities for working partnerships across government and community.

This is a volunteer based role for a period of up to 24 months

How to apply

Expressions of interest should include a Resume and a Cover Letter highlighting the reasons for applying, submitted to CorrectionsStrategyPolicyUnit@justice.nsw.gov.au

If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please contact
Jeremy Tucker at Jeremy.TUCKER@justice.nsw.gov.au

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Gandagara Local Aboriginal Land Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Gandagara Local Aboriginal Land Council (GLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career as the Chief Executive Officer of the Gandagara LALC.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of Gandagara LALC'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 need have tertiary qualifications in Business, Social Sciences or extensive relevant experience. In addition, the successful applicant will need to have extensive and demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communications skills. High level organisational and management experience is an essential requirement of this position 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 including the selection criteria for their application to be considered. To obtain a copy of the recruitment package please contact the Chairperson Tony Scholes by email at tscholes@glalc.org.au or on 0455 503 061.

Applications can be forwarded to Gandagara Local Aboriginal Land Council marked confidential and posted to:
The CEO Recruitment Panel
Gandagara Local Aboriginal Land Council
P.O. Box 1071
Liverpool BC NSW 1871

Applications Close Sunday 18th March 2018 @ 11.59pm

Being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14D or Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW)



Careers with Queensland Health

Cultural Capability Trainer

Education, Training and Research Services, Hervey Bay and Maryborough Hospitals, Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service. Remuneration value up to \$46,426 p.a., comprising salary rate \$37.25 - \$41.04 p.h., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (12.75%) (A04) (Temporary part time position for up to twelve months, 38 hours p.f.) (Applications will remain current for the duration of the vacancy)

Duties / Abilities: Support the delivery and implementation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice Program in Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service. Assist to improving the capability of staff, contributing to positive health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Enquiries: Cathryn Niblett (07) 4184 1870
Job Ad Reference: H1801WB265643
Application Kit: (07) 4150 2066 or www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au
Closing Date: Monday, 5 March 2018

You can apply online at www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.




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...make a positive contribution to Aboriginal Health

I can influence positive changes towards the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in South Australia. My cultural knowledge and life experience will help to break down barriers and improve an understanding of the challenges facing Aboriginal people. At SA Health, my career is varied and diverse, enabling me to do truly meaningful and interesting work.

Aboriginal Clinical Health Worker

Youth Women's Safety & Wellbeing Service
 Angle Park
 Job Ref: 646305

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers
 1300 882 992




i can

...really connect with my clients

I can develop the therapeutic environment my clients and colleagues need to thrive. Being able to really listen to and understand my clients' circumstances, I can make a genuine difference to their lives. At SA Health, I can find the perfect career through rewarding interactions with both clients and colleagues.

Director Aboriginal Health & Research Translation

Central Adelaide Local Health Network
 Royal Adelaide Hospital
 Job Ref: 646293

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers
 1300 882 992




Do you want every young person in Western Sydney to be valued, supported, and engaged?

Youth Action is the peak body for young people and youth services in NSW. We represent 1.25 million young people and the services that support them.

We're looking for an enthusiastic worker with experience in youth development and project coordination who understands the issues facing young people in Western Sydney. You'll be a collaborator who can drive change and eager to get things done.

Interested?

For more information see
http://www.youthaction.org.au/work_with_us
 For an initial conversation about this role, please call WestWood Spice on 02 8594 0594



Psychosocial Support Workers/Peer Workers

Full-time, part-time and casual opportunities based in SW Sydney

- Be part of a large, recognised provider of mental health and disability services
- Attractive salary packaging & professional development benefits

Are you a passionate, driven, empathetic individual? Do you possess a warm, friendly and approachable manner? If so, this could be the job for you!

We are currently looking for Peer Workers to join our team in South West Sydney. Not only will the Peer Worker will be supporting people with their unique recovery journey using intentional peer practice principles, they will be providing a soft and supported entry into psychological therapies for communities that struggle accessing such services, particularly people from CALD and ATSI communities and communities that have limited access to transport. The Peer Worker will work closely with psychologists and support people getting to appointments and also provide psychosocial supports to ensure a holistic approach. Ability to speak Arabic, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese or an Australian Aboriginal language is highly favourable.

You'll appreciate the fact you're really making a difference, where and when it matters, to so many lives. If you have what it takes to be successful in this role, apply now!

To apply and to download a copy of the PD visit www.wellways.org/careers-wellways

For a confidential discussion about the role please contact contact Kate Chatterton, Regional Manager, SW Sydney – 0408 668 443.

Applications close COB 26 February 2018.

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CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Wyong, Central Coast NSW

Barang Regional Alliance Ltd (Barang) is a not-for-profit Aboriginal organisation supporting the empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on Darkinjung Land in the Central Coast of NSW. We are supported by the Commonwealth Government Empowered Communities and NSW Government 'Local Decision Making' initiatives.

This role will be responsible for supporting the implementation of our Empowered Youth regional reform agenda by working with targeted Aboriginal community organisations to build their capacity to deliver improved services on the Central Coast.

Applications close Friday 16 March
 please email admin@barang.org.au for a copy of the Position Description and how to apply.



Indigenous Postdoctoral Research Fellow

UTS Centre for the Advancement of Indigenous Knowledges

UTS Centre for the Advancement of Indigenous Knowledges (CAIK) is an Indigenous academic centre of expertise at the University of Technology Sydney. CAIK was established in 2015, with a core business focus on the implementation of Indigenous Graduate Attributes. It currently houses three senior Indigenous academics, one administrator and ten Higher Degree Research (HDR) students.

As the Indigenous Postdoctoral Fellow, you will be required to conduct significant work on an Australian Research Council (ARC). This is an opportunity to play a key role in the Walan Mayiny grant – including the collection of data, analysis and dissemination of findings through publications and presentations.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Applying for external grant funding
- Attending regular committee and staff meetings
- Publishing in appropriate scholarly journals and books
- Presenting at conferences and at internal or other seminars and events
- Contributing to research degree supervision, where appropriate

As this is an identified role pursuant to the exemption granted to UTS under s126 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW), we will only consider applications for this position from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates.

* For administrative purposes, the Commonwealth has defined an Australian Aboriginal person and/or Torres Strait Islander as someone meeting all three of the criteria below:

- be a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and
- be accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives.

Remuneration & Benefits
Base Salary Range: \$100923 - \$115486 (Level B).
 This role attracts 17% superannuation **in addition** to the base salary.
 This position is full-time and appointment will be made on a fixed term basis for 24 months.

How To Apply
 Please visit the following website for more information on the role or to apply for the position - <http://bit.ly/UTSCAIPostDoc>

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.

Closing Date: Monday 19th March at 11.59pm AEST.



The AH&MRC is looking to fill the following positions which are located at AHMRC (Surry Hills) and AHC (Little Bay).

Comprehensive Care Practice Manager (Surry Hills)

- Comprehensive Care Practice Manager will be the driving force for the development, management and delivery of Aboriginal Health Sector quality improvement initiatives through the establishment of multiple projects to enable optimal business benefit for comprehensive primary health care, social wellbeing and drug and alcohol services by AH&MRC Members Services to Aboriginal people.
- This position is full-time fixed-term position, until 31 August 2018, this position is subject to continued funding. *Identified position*

Policy Management Systems Officer (Surry Hills)

- Provide professional information, support, assessment and referral services to the AH&MRC Members Services. Influencing mainstream health care providers in delivering more informed and culturally safer care to Aboriginal people and provide support to Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and mainstream health systems to Close The Gap
- This position is full-time fixed-term position, until 31 August 2018, this position is subject to continued funding. *Identified position*

Training and Workforce Development Coordinator (Little Bay)

- The Training and Workforce Development Coordinator will be responsible for development, implementation and coordinating programs to support AH&MRC strategies to provide workforce related support services to Aboriginal Community Control Health Sector. Provide learning and professional development opportunities for the of the ongoing, long-term improvement of staff skills enabling them to fulfil their potential within the Primary Health Sector
- This position is full-time fixed-term position, until 31 August 2018, this position is subject to continued funding. *Identified position*

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Surry Hills)

- The purpose of the AH&MRC is to lead the Aboriginal Health Agenda in NSW for improved policies, programs, service and practices. Ensure that Aboriginal knowledge informs decision-making processes and support, strengthen Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to build sustainability within the Health Sector.
- To receive a copy of the Recruitment Information Package for more information and the selection criteria, please contact HR via email or telephone. *Identified position.*

For a confidential conversation please contact Human Resources on (02) 9212 4777 or email gagic@ahmrc.org.au



Aboriginal Community Housing Project Manager

18 months fixed term

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY HOUSING LTD
PART OF THE CHL GROUP OF COMPANIES

Community Housing Limited (CHL) Group of Companies is an innovative and best practice affordable housing organisation which assists access to, develops and manages sustainable housing for people in need. We are looking for a highly skilled, committed and passionate leader to take on the role of Project Manager for our Aboriginal Community Housing entity which, like CHL, will have a national footing. You will be responsible for end to end project management to ensure ACHL's continued establishment, focusing on business development and growth. This position is full time fixed term (18 months) with the potential for further engagement.

Applications close: 5pm Friday 2 March 2018

The role could be located at either our offices in Adelaide, Perth, or NSW (Parramatta, Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour). Please specify in your application your preferred location. If you are interested in this position please visit <http://chl.org.au/work-with-us/join-the-team/positions-vacant/> to view the full advertisement, download a copy of the position description, and apply online.



AIATSIS
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL
AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES

**Join Australia's leading
collecting, research and
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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.

Manager Preservation and Digitisation

Executive Level 1 – Ongoing, Full time
\$89,922 - \$98,639 pa

The manager provides leadership, expert advice and accountability in the strategic planning and management of in house collection digitisation projects, outsourcing projects, the selection, purchase and management of digitisation program resources, the recruitment, management and development of staff and the ongoing development and improvement of AIATSIS collection digitisation activities. Project, staff and resource management experience, suitable technical knowledge, leadership and communication skills, a results delivery focus, and a capacity to meet corporate goals are central to this role.

Closing Date: 5pm Wednesday 7 March 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>

This is an identified position

The Institute values a skilled and diverse workforce to meet the needs of the organisation in the promotion of knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



Health
Pathology

Trainee Technical Officer

Department: Health Pathology
Classification: Trainee Technical Officer
Employment Type: Temporary Full-Time
Hours Per Week: 38
Remuneration: \$30,926.24 - \$43,151.68 pa
Enquiries: Evangelia Papatthomas on
Evangelia.Papatthomas@health.nsw.gov.au

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**Closing Date:
2 March 2018**

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**Applications must be lodged electronically. Please
go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and
search Job Reference Number REQ17993.**

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Council for
Intellectual Disability

NSW Council for Intellectual Disability

Facilitator (Western NSW)

Full or Part time contract to 31 December 2018.

To facilitate workshops, information sessions, small group training and one-on-one sessions for My Choice Matters (MCM) and NSW Council for Intellectual Disability (NSW CID).

The facilitator will work across the organisation to provide young people in Juvenile Justice and Out Of Home Care and people with disability and their families in Western NSW the opportunity to practice new skills relevant for life and transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

This role is based from home with regular meetings in Sydney. Qualifications in teaching, education, training or similar field will be highly regarded. Experience using person-centred planning will also be highly regarded.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people with disability or living with mental illness are strongly encouraged to apply.

To find out more about how to apply for the position, please contact Ann ann@mychoicematters.org.au or call on 02 9211 1611.

Senior Social Planner – Aboriginal Culture
and Community Development



- Lead a team in supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders' health and wellbeing
- Be part of creating a changed environment towards
- self-determination
- Work on the beautiful Mornington Peninsula

Please note: Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply for this position as it is exempt under the Special Measure Provision, section 12(1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2011 (Vic).

About the business & role

The Warringineer team promotes Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community participation by facilitating partnerships with the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community, Council, government agencies and other organisations. Priorities for this Team include participation of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in cultural heritage activities, implementation & review of the Reconciliation Policy and Action Plan, and providing Indigenous access and support via social support activities.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire is looking for a dynamic and experienced Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person to join the organisation. This is a key role that supports Council to enhance the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living on the Mornington Peninsula.

Job Tasks & Responsibilities

The position is responsible for providing Council advice, support and leadership on Aboriginal cultural participation and community development relating to the Mornington Peninsula. The position manages the Warringineer Group's annualised budget, staff, contractors, student placement, and develops programs that engage and support local Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.

Skills & Experience

To be successful in this role, you will have the ability to build and maintain effective partnerships with both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organisations, ensuring the implementation of the Mornington Peninsula Shire's Reconciliation Action Plan and Council recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on the Mornington Peninsula.

You will have well-developed problem solving and decision making abilities, an ability to address conflicts and negotiate successful outcomes, strong political acumen and high level verbal and written communication skills.

You will have a current Victorian driver's licence and a Working with Children Check.

Contact Details

For a confidential discussion about this exciting opportunity, please contact Kathy Heffernan on 5959 1682.

Please submit your application, including a cover letter and resume, by 12 noon, Monday 5th of March 2018.

Please note: you must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident to apply for this position.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council (LPLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

The primary objectives of the Chief Executive Officer are to effectively manage the operations of the LPLALC and its entities in accordance with delegated authorities; to provide accurate and sound advice to the Board to enable informed decisions and to ensure the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

Section 78A(2) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW)* ("ALRA") stipulates the following specific functions:

The chief executive officer has the following particular functions:

- (a) the day-to-day management of the Council's affairs,
- (a1) to assist in the preparation and implementation of the Council's community, land and business plan,
- (b) the exercise of such functions of the Board as are delegated by the Board to the chief executive officer,
- (c) the appointment of staff in accordance with the approval of the Board,
- (d) the direction and dismissal of members of staff,
- (e) such other functions as may be conferred or imposed on the chief executive officer by or under this or any other Act.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the position description and selection criteria, and must address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

To obtain a recruitment package or for enquiries regarding this position, please contact:

Ms Christy Ryan
Phone: (02) 9311 4282
Email: cryan@laperouse.org.au

Applications close: Friday 9 March 2018

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

KOORI EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS



Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer

- **Work to help rehabilitate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander offenders**
- **Ongoing, full time position**
- **Salary range \$65,713 – \$79,790, plus superannuation**

HM Prison Barwon is a maximum security male prison located in Lara.

As the Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer, you will provide ongoing welfare, advocacy and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners, including assisting in the access of appropriate pre- and post-release programs and entitlements to assist with their reintegration into the community. You will also facilitate Aboriginal cultural events and activities at the prison.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Koori community, with the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with its members
- excellent interpersonal, conflict management, and written and verbal communication skills
- a high level of integrity and commitment to the rehabilitation of offenders.

The Department of Justice and Regulation has an established, state-wide Koori Staff Network providing professional development and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close on Wednesday 7 March 2018.

This is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

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Health
and Human
Services

Office Manager

- Ongoing. Full time (76 hours per fortnight)
- Location: Box Hill
- Salary: VPS4
- Value range: \$81,354 - \$92,304 per annum plus superannuation

The Business Services Unit provides a range of administrative supports to staff including Fleet, Records Management, Accommodation Services and Office Services, with a focus on the delivery of high level customer support to a range of programs across the Division.

Are you

- Customer focused and committed to finding solutions that meet the needs of the customer, within resources?
- Highly organised, and able to operate calmly with a degree of autonomy and self-management within a dynamic and demanding work environment?
- Flexible in your approach to tasks, competing demands and keen to be both innovative and disciplined in your approach to the work?

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit: <https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au>

For further information on the position, please contact **Joan McCrossin, A/Manager Business Services** ph: 03 9843 6059

Job Reference number: **VG/DHHS/ED/380664**

Applications close: **27/2/2018**

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For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health and Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

The department is committed to the safety of its clients. The department takes a zero tolerance approach to abuse, including child abuse and abuse of people with disability. Departmental employees are required to comply with all legal requirements including the Child Safe Standards to keep children safe from harm and abuse.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Director positions

Victorian Traditional Owners Funds Limited

Victorian Traditional Owners Funds Limited (VTOFL) requires two company directors. Applications are sought from candidates who wish to contribute their skills and expertise to advancing wealth creation for traditional owner corporations.

About VTOFL

VTOFL is a not-for-profit company that is the trustee for funds paid into the Victorian Traditional Owners Trust through agreements reached under Victoria's *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010*.

In partnership with beneficiaries, VTOFL develops and implements investment strategies that provide a traditional owner corporation with an economic base to achieve its group's economic, social and cultural interests.

Responsibility for managing VTOFL's daily business and affairs lies with company directors who are appointed by the sole VTOFL member, the Secretary of the Department of Justice and Regulation.

More information on VTOFL is available at www.vtofl.org

About the positions

The Department of Justice and Regulation is seeking applicants with experience in financial investments and modelling, and/or government processes and Aboriginal community engagement. Directors will perform a hands-on role in a small business environment.

The successful candidates must be able to attend Melbourne-based meetings and would ideally have an understanding of the issues affecting Victorian traditional owner groups and an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with traditional owners.

How to apply

Applicants are invited to submit their resumé with a cover letter (maximum of three pages) outlining their suitability for and interest in these roles by **Monday 5 March 2018**.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Short-listed applicants will be interviewed in March 2018, and the successful

candidates would commence in May 2018, following approval by the Attorney-General.

Requests for further information, and applications for the positions, can be submitted to nativetitle@justice.vic.gov.au or Dean Cowie on (03) 8684 7523.

VG0483

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY - LANDS & WATER SYDNEY BASIN CENTRAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **PCC Devco 1 Pty Limited** for a bore on Lot 1 DP 791693 for the purpose of dewatering. (A012187) Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Department of Industry - Lands & Water, 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.

BLZ135649

WATERNSW CUDGEGONG ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **ROWAN PARK PTY LIMITED** for one bore to be located on Lot 171 of DP 755418, Parish of Bumberra, County of Phillip, for the purpose of irrigation on the said land portion. Objections to the granting of the above approvals must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018, DUBBO NSW 2830 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. (A012022). The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ136198

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY – LANDS AND WATER LACHLAN FOLD BELT MDB GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000 to amend WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL 40CA411901 has been received from **SIBELCO AUSTRALIA LIMITED** to add two new bores for dewatering purposes on Lot 101 DP 1083781 and Lot 102 DP1083781, Parish of Harden, County of Bobbara (Ref: A012171).

Objections to the granting of an approval amendment must be registered in writing to Department of Industry - Water, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7555, Catherine Fuller, Water Regulation Officer or email regional.wro@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

BLZ135083

WATERNSW MOOKI RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an amendment to an existing WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL Has been received from **GLOBAL AG PROPERTIES II AUSTRALIA PTY LTD** for a 660mm Mixed Flow Centrifugal Pump for irrigation purposes located the Mooki River on Lot 20 & 21 DP 751015 and Lot 30 DP 751032.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 382, Narrabri NSW 2390 or email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection (A11791).

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ136194



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS *NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29*

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	15/1842	DIORO EXPLORATION PTY LTD	316.09HA	15km E'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 121° 19' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	16/555	PADDINGTON GOLD PTY LIMITED	161.13HA	44km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 3' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	25/365	G & D MINE SERVICES PTY LTD	571.86HA	52km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 121° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	70/1369	LAKE HILLMAN MINING PTY LTD	75.26HA	49km E'ly of Dalwallinu	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 117° 10' E	DALWALLINU SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 21 February 2018

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **21 May 2018**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 21 June 2018**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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Department of Planning and Environment

Mining Lease Application 218 (Act 1992)

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

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a Mining Lease

An area of about 25.49 hectares situated approximately 7 kilometres north of the town of Balranald, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

Description of the nature of the act

Grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mining Act 1992 (NSW)*. Balranald Gypsum Pty Ltd (ACN 081 196 947) is the applicant for MLA 218, for a mining lease which, if granted would authorise the prospecting for and mining of Gypsum for a term of 21 years.

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

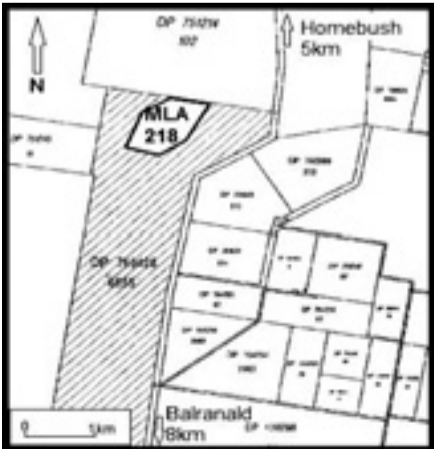
Minister for Resources, PO Box 344,
Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

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

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993 (C'th)* the notification day is **7 March 2018**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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



Department of Planning and Environment

Mining Lease Application 358 (Act 1992)

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

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a Mining Lease

An area of about 474 hectares situated approximately 39 kilometres north north west of the town of Ivanhoe, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

Description of the nature of the act

Grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mining Act 1992 (NSW)*. Balranald Gypsum Pty Ltd (ACN 081 196 947) is the applicant for MLA 358, for a mining lease which, if granted would authorise the prospecting for and mining of Gypsum for a term of 21 years.

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

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

How further information about the act can be obtained

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Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993 (C'th)* the notification day is **7 March 2018**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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WATERNSW

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a COMBINED APPROVAL has been received from **BENJAMIN WITHAM** for a bore on Lot 2 DP 1097929, for irrigation purposes (Boyd/Ugobit). Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A012181) Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Rob Monteith, Manager Water Regulation South. BLZ135976

WATERNSW

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

KYOGLA AREA WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS & USE APPROVAL has been received from **IZHAR & MA'AYAN ADAR** for a 80 mm multistage pump on Fawcetts Creek on Lot 11 DP1152408, Parish of Warrazambil, County of Rous for water supply for irrigation of 6 hectares on Lot 11 DP 1152408. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address, and specify the grounds of objection. (A012172) Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North. BLZ136161

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act* 1978:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
21/144	MUSGRAVE MINERALS LIMITED	510967	106.36HA	23km SE'ly of Cue	Lat: 21° 34' S Long: 118° 3' E	CUE SHIRE
21/144	MUSGRAVE MINERALS LIMITED	517788	101.89HA	23km SE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 34' S Long: 118° 3' E	CUE SHIRE
37/1266	KENNEDY, Paul James	516698	204.24HA	59km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 23' S Long: 121° 4' E	LEONORA SHIRE
38/2666	DUKETON MINING LTD	510098	80.53HA	55km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 51' S Long: 121° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 21 February 2018

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **21 May 2018**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 21 June 2018**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

WATERNSW

NSW MURRAY DARLING BASIN

POROUS ROCK GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from: **SUNSET STRIP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED** for a bore on Lot 4878 DP767618, Parish Hume, County Tandora for Environment Rehabilitation and Recreation. Objections to granting of this Approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 453, Deniliquin NSW 2710 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au , within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection. (A012227). Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Rob Monteith, Manager Water Regulation South. BLZ136195

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2934	SQUADRON RESOURCES PTY LTD	163BL	68km SE'ly of Exmouth	Lat: 22° 22' S Long: 114° 35' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, EXMOUTH SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2964	RESOURCES WA RM PTY LIMITED	30BL	40km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 23' S Long: 117° 20' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2965	RESOURCES WA RM PTY LIMITED	24BL	52km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 29' S Long: 117° 16' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2287	GOLDFIELDS CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	10BL	159km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 10' S Long: 116° 26' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/929	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	72BL	41km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 14' S Long: 117° 31' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/930	ALDORO RESOURCES LIMITED	23BL	45km S'ly of Lesinter	Lat: 28° 19' S Long: 120° 44' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/931	ALDORO RESOURCES LIMITED	43BL	68km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 25' S Long: 120° 17' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3293	STONE RESOURCES AUSTRALIA LIMITED	5BL	36km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 122° 38' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2064	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	124BL	153km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 124° 5' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2065	AURIGEN PTY LTD	63BL	146km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 123° 9' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5074	MEENTHEENA GOLD PTY LTD	8BL	63km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 120° 38' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5075-6	MEENTHEENA GOLD PTY LTD	77BL	49km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 53' S Long: 120° 24' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5088	GREAT SANDY PTY LTD	15BL	101km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 21° 11' S Long: 120° 48' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1178	LMTD PTY LTD	3BL	35km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 54' S Long: 119° 46' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1191	LMTD PTY LTD	45BL	87km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 33' S Long: 120° 34' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1215	GREAT SANDY PTY LTD	49BL	8km NW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 120° 2' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3729	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	200BL	52km NE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 15' S Long: 116° 37' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	47/3928	MEENTHEENA GOLD PTY LTD	200BL	25km NE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 27' S Long: 116° 28' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1870	REEF MINING PTY LTD	6BL	77km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 56' S Long: 118° 46' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3591	ATTGOLD PTY LTD	8BL	6km E'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 22' S Long: 119° 47' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1081	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	5BL	75km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 19' S Long: 119° 26' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1084	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	6BL	89km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 11' S Long: 119° 24' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2295	CROFT MINING PTY LTD	48BL	15km W'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 23' S Long: 116° 32' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4960	DORAL MINERAL SANDS PTY LTD	1BL	2km N'ly of Harvey	Lat: 33° 3' S Long: 115° 53' E	HARVEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5038	PETRICHOR EXPLORATION PTY LTD	12BL	17km S'ly of Quairading	Lat: 32° 6' S Long: 117° 26' E	QUAIRADING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5047	STANIFER PTY LTD	11BL	16km W'ly of Bridgetown	Lat: 33° 55' S Long: 115° 58' E	DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP SHIRE, NANNUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5049	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	6BL	25km E'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 30' S Long: 118° 33' E	MERREDIN SHIRE, WESTONIA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5051	ATTGOLD PTY LTD	20BL	126km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 27° 24' S Long: 115° 24' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5052	ESCOBAR, Nelson Alberto	1BL	39km S'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 114° 11' E	NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5054	KEYSBROOK LEUCOXENE PTY LTD	41BL	17km NE'ly of Mandurah	Lat: 32° 27' S Long: 115° 53' E	MURRAY SHIRE, ROCKINGHAM CITY, SERPENTINE-JARRAHDALE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5059	LAKE MCLEOD GYPSUM PTY LTD	13BL	27km NW'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 117° 42' E	MOUNT MARSHALL SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5061	BLUE RIBBON MINES PTY LTD	21BL	26km SW'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 34' S Long: 118° 37' E	KONDININ SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5066	CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	27BL	63km NW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 6' S Long: 119° 40' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5067	VENTURE LITHIUM PTY LTD	22BL	11km S'ly of Bridgetown	Lat: 34° 3' S Long: 116° 8' E	BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5068	BLUE RIBBON MINES PTY LTD	16BL	38km SW'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 44' S Long: 118° 38' E	KULIN SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5069	AUSTRALIAN SILICA QUARTZ PTY LTD	1BL	27km N'ly of Dalwallinu	Lat: 30° 2' S Long: 116° 35' E	DALWALLINU SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5070	AUSTRALIAN SILICA QUARTZ PTY LTD	1BL	57km NE'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 118° 24' E	MUKINBUDIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5071	AUSTRALIAN SILICA QUARTZ PTY LTD	1BL	40km NE'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 118° 13' E	MUKINBUDIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5072	AUSTRALIAN SILICA QUARTZ PTY LTD	1BL	55km E'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 118° 25' E	MUKINBUDIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5075	VENTURE Z PTY LTD	59BL	20km NW'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 18' S Long: 118° 44' E	KONDININ SHIRE, NAREMBEEN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5076	VENTURE Z PTY LTD	51BL	31km NE'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 15' S Long: 119° 5' E	KONDININ SHIRE, NAREMBEEN SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5077	VENTURE Z PTY LTD	108BL	43km SE'ly of Corrigin	Lat: 32° 41' S Long: 118° 4' E	CORRIGIN SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5078	SORRENTO RESOURCES PTY LTD	12BL	30km S'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 36' S Long: 116° 1' E	CHITTERING SHIRE, SWAN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5081	GALAHAD RESOURCES PTY LTD	58BL	16km NW'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 32° 56' S Long: 118° 21' E	DUMBLEYUNG SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5085	GALAHAD RESOURCES PTY LTD	65BL	28km NW'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 32° 53' S Long: 118° 18' E	KULIN SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5096	BLUE RIBBON MINES PTY LTD	19BL	37km SE'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 34° 15' S Long: 119° 4' E	JERRAMUNGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5097	NORTHAM IRON PTY LTD	70BL	11km E'ly of Northam	Lat: 31° 38' S Long: 116° 47' E	GOOMALLING SHIRE, NORTHAM SHIRE, YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5099-100	GOLD ROAD (PROJECTS) PTY LTD	326BL	41km N'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 32° 44' S Long: 118° 26' E	KULIN SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2479	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	70BL	36km E'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 119° 41' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2332	MONEY, Brian Mathew	9.63HA	49km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 7' S Long: 117° 31' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2466	EXMOUTH AIR CHARTERS (WA) PTY LTD	133.44HA	25km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 43' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	37/9105	TORIAN RESOURCES NL	97.39HA	22km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5871	MILLER, Gregory Rex	146.40HA	54km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 121° 52' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/3044	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	25.96HA	46km NW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 59' S Long: 119° 20' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3031	ROMAN ROAD PTY LTD	199.07HA	58km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 6' S Long: 118° 36' E	CUE SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
		PENDRAGON (WA) PTY LTD				
Prospecting Licence	51/3034	KING, Trent Nathan	199.43HA	27km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 48' S Long: 118° 37' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3035	KING, Trent Nathan	140.54HA	24km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 46' S Long: 118° 37' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3036	KING, Trent	199.51HA	8km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 32' S Long: 118° 26' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
		SELGA, Mark				
Prospecting Licence	57/1431	KING, Trent Nathan	112.33HA	78km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 17' S Long: 119° 24' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 21 February 2018

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **21 May 2018**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 21 June 2018**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518. * - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8km²

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

WATERSNSW

Hawkesbury and Lower Nepean Rivers Water Source

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **Neighbourhood Association** DP286567 for two (2) 50mm submersible pumps on Lot 1 DP286567 to supply water for domestic purposes to Lots 1-15 DP 286567. (A011234)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Salim Vhora, Manager, Dealings Verification and Water Regulation Coastal.

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WATERSNSW

Lachlan Regulated River Water Sharing Plan Lachlan Regulated River Water Source That Part of the Water Source Upstream of Lake Cargelligo Weir

An application for an AMENDED water supply works and/or water use has been received from **FRESH DAIRY THREE Pty Ltd** for a storage dam (capacity 705 ml) on Lot 1 DP 609171, Parish Glenlogan, County Bathurst (A0012156).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077, Rob Monteith, Manager Water Regulation South, or email: customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au

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WATER NSW

GWYDIR REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **STAHMAN FARMS ENTERPRISES PTY LTD** for 2 x 400mm new axial flow pumps on the Gwydir River, Lot 1 DP1234719, Parish of Burnett, County of Yagobe. The application is also for an additional 3 x 400mm axial flow pumps on the Gwydir River, Lot 94 DP41022, Parish of Burnett, County of Yagobe. There is a proposed new irrigation area of 48 hectares on Lot 1 DP1234719, Parish of Burnett, County of Yagobe

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection (A011988).

Any queries please phone 1300 662 077, Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

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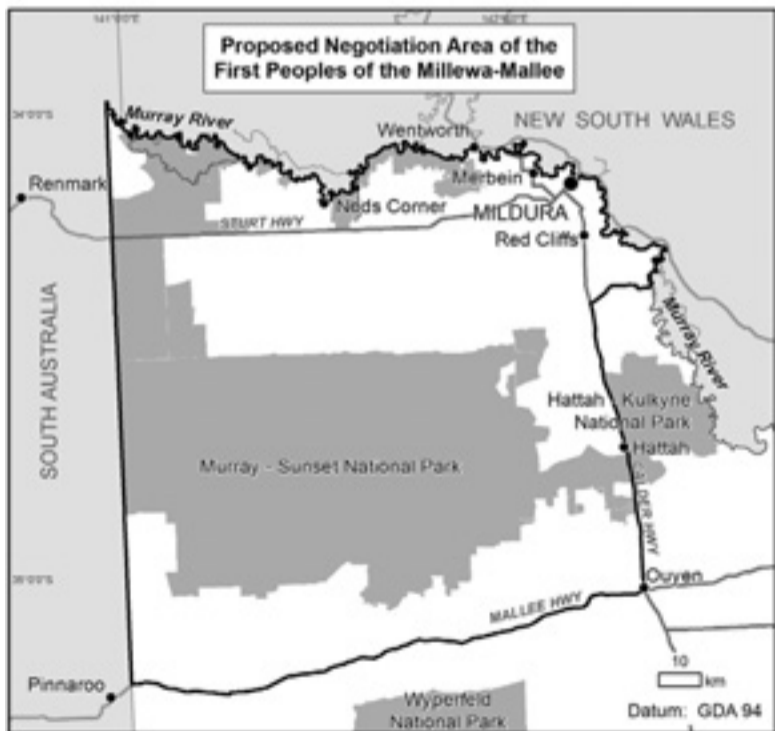
Notice that the First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee Traditional Owner Group intend to negotiate a Recognition and Settlement Agreement

The First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee Traditional Owner Group is seeking to negotiate a settlement with the State of Victoria under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* (Vic).

Members of the First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee Traditional Owner Group define themselves through a combination of descent and other factors as follows:

- descent through either parent from any of the apical ancestors: John and Nelly Perry, Elizabeth Johnson, or Archibald Pepper and Jessie Mayne; and
- activation of inherited rights as a Traditional Owner through:
 - self-identifying as a First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee person by asserting to be a First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee person; and
 - having an active association and familiarity with First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee country and the First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee community; and
 - recognition and acceptance by other First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee people as a member of the First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee.

The external boundary of the proposed negotiation area is shown on the map below.



Members of the wider Victorian Traditional Owner community are invited to comment on whether:

- the First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee is the right Traditional Owner group for the proposed area;
- the First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee group description includes all the Traditional Owners for the area; and/or
- all members of the First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee have had a reasonable opportunity to participate in the full group decision to seek a negotiated Recognition and Settlement Agreement.

Submissions may be made to the Manager of the Native Title Unit, Department of Justice and Regulation, GPO Box 4356, Melbourne VIC 3001, or by email to: nativetitle@justice.vic.gov.au.

Submissions must be received by **5pm, Friday 6 April 2018**. Note that submissions may be referred to the First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee Traditional Owner Group and/or First Nations Legal & Research Services (formerly Native Title Services Victoria Ltd) for their comment.

Go to justice.vic.gov.au/FPMM for a background document and detailed map.

For further information, call the Native Title Unit on (03) 8684 7520, or First Nations Legal & Research Services on 1800 791 779.

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WATER NSW

LOWER DARLING REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a NEW WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **DAVID JAMES BAKER** on Part Lots 828 & 829 DP 761870, Parish of Perry, County of Menindee. Application is for approval to irrigate an area being 1.37 hectares.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 363, Buronga NSW 2739 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of your objection. (A12249).

Any queries, please call 1300 662 077 or e-mail the above.

Rob Montieth, Manager Water Regulation South.

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WATERSNSW

PATERSON REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **BRIAN IVAN HORN AND MARY LOUISE HORN** for a 65 mm centrifugal pump on Lot 192 DP 566075 for the purpose of irrigation.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 2213, Dangar NSW 2309 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A012256)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Salim Vhora, Manager Dealings Verification & Water Regulation Coastal

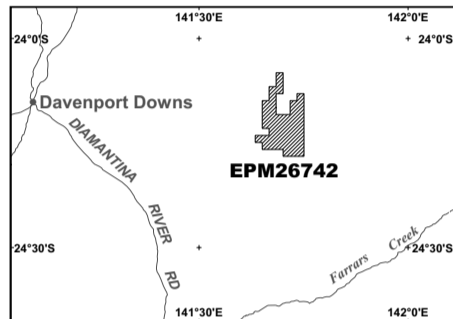
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

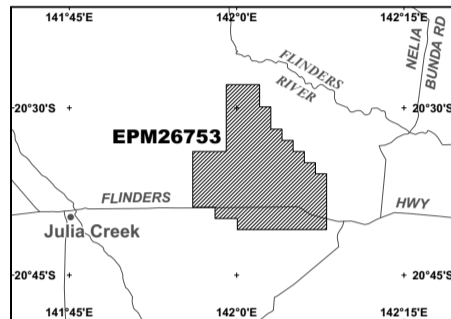
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of Exploration Permits for Minerals as shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

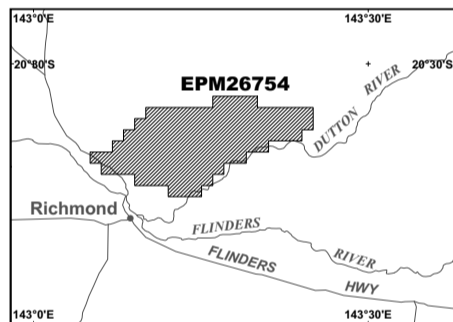
Exploration Permit 26742 sought by Great Southern Opal Mines Pty Ltd, ACN 601 815 801, over an area of 47 sub-blocks (147 km²), centred approximately 60 km East of Davenport Downs, in the locality of the Diamantina Shire Council.



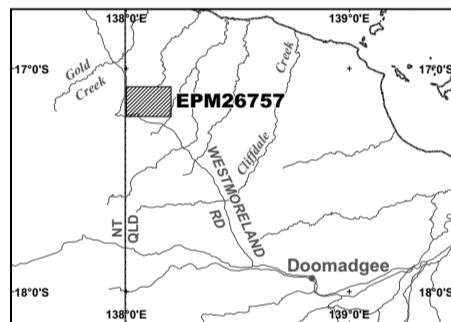
Exploration Permit 26753 sought by Jorge Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 120 443 389, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (321 km²), centred approximately 30 km East North East of Julia Creek, in the locality of the McKinlay Shire Council.



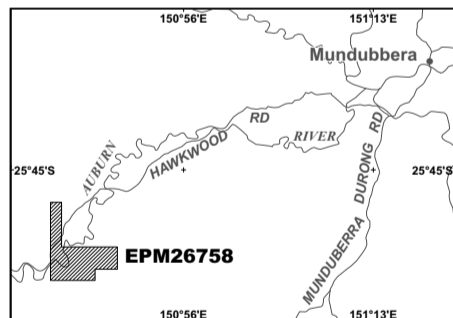
Exploration Permit 26754 sought by Jorge Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 120 443 389, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (321 km²), centred approximately 16 km North East of Richmond, in the locality of the Richmond Shire Council.



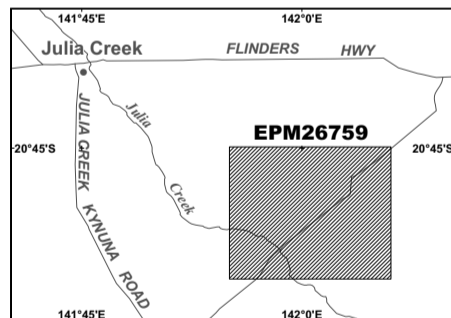
Exploration Permit 26757 sought by Xavier Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 623 262 304, over an area of 96 sub-blocks (314 km²), centred approximately 116 km North West of Doomadgee, in the locality of the Burke Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26758 sought by Auburn Resources Limited, ACN 121 572 192, over an area of 20 sub-blocks (62 km²), centred approximately 55 km South West of Mundubbera, in the locality of the North Burnett Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 26759 sought by Jorge Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 120 443 389, over an area of 99 sub-blocks (318 km²), centred approximately 21 km South East of Julia Creek, in the locality of the McKinlay Shire Council.



BLZ136013, EPM26742-26759

Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 4, June 2017.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Level 4, 1 William Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3199 8085, nativetitleservices@dnrme.qld.gov.au.

Notification Day: 14 March 2018



WATERSNSW
SYDNEY BASIN NORTH GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **CHRISTOPHER IAN FIORE** for a bore on Lot 5 DP755786 for the purpose of irrigation on Lots 5, 9 & 10 DP755786. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A012300)
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Salim Vhora, Manager, Dealings Verification and Water Regulation Coastal

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WATERSNSW
LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **FRANCESCO AND ANTONIETTA POLIMENI** for a bore Lot 55 DP751741, for irrigation purposes (Willbriggie/Cooper). Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A012302)
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or the above email.
Rob Monteith, Manager Water Regulation South.

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WATERSNSW
BOTANY SANDS GROUNDWATER SOURCE (MANAGEMENT ZONE 1)

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **TRANSGRID** for an excavation and pump on Lot 81 DP1033767 for groundwater (dewatering) purposes. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A012235)
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Salim Vhora, Manager, Dealings Verification and Water Regulation Coastal.

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WATERSNSW
CLARENCE TIDAL POOL WATER SOURCE

An application to amend a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **JAMES PHILLIP ARMSTRONG AND SANDRE GAYE ARMSTRONG** as for a pump on Lot 139, DP 751371, Parish Great Marlow, County Clarence, for irrigation purposes. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460 or by email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection. (A012297).
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

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**NOTICE OF YAEGL PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE HOLDERS MEETING
PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (ILUA)**



Date and Time: **Monday, 12 March 2018**
10:00am arrival
10:30am start - 5:00pm
Tuesday, 13 March 2018
9:30am – 3:00pm
Place: **Maclean-Lower Clarence Services Club, 38 River St, Maclean NSW**

NTSCORP Limited, the native title service provider for NSW, is convening a meeting to consult with Yaegl native title holders and obtain their consent to an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (**ILUA**) in accordance with the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

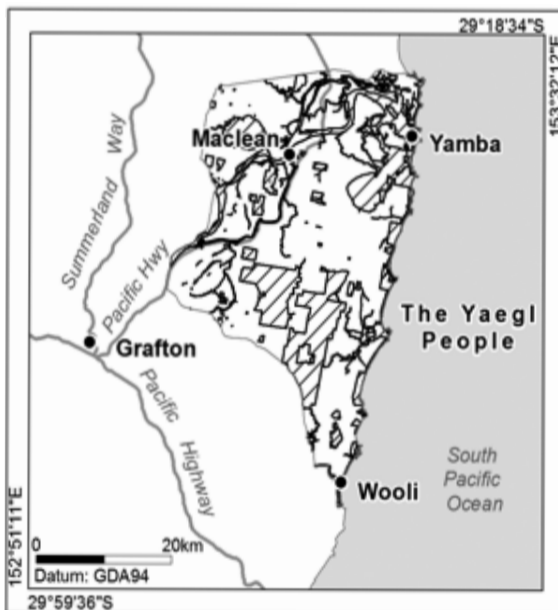
The NSW Department of Industry, Lands (**Department of Lands**) is proposing to enter into an ILUA with the Yaegl Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (**Yaegl RNTBC**) as trustee of the Yaegl People's native title under the Approved Determinations of native title made by the Federal Court of Australia on 25 June 2015 (the Yaegl People #1 and Yaegl People #2 (Part A) native title determinations).

AREA OF PROPOSED ILUA:

The proposed agreement covers that area of the Yaegl People #1 and #2 (Part A) native title determinations where native title is determined to exist, as indicated on the below map, and has an area of about 285.6 sq km. It is located east of Grafton and extends from the vicinity of Maclean and Yamba south to Wooli.

PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED ILUA:

The Department of Lands has identified that a number of licences granted by the Department terminated following the Yaegl People #1 and Yaegl People #2 (Part A) determinations made on 25 June 2015. These licences terminated automatically as a result of a clause in the licences. The purpose of this ILUA is to



1. Allow the Department of Lands to re-grant certain of these licences on an interim basis, for a period of up to five years;
2. Validate the use and occupation of the lands by the former licence holders from the date that the licences were terminated to the date that they are re-issued;
3. Establish an alternative future act regime covering some classes of future acts within the agreement area.

The agreement is intended to operate for an interim period of five years. Within this five-year period the Department is committed to negotiating an ongoing agreement with the Yaegl RNTBC for the re-granting of these licences.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

All persons who hold native title in the area covered by the proposed ILUA are invited to attend the meeting to authorise the proposed ILUA:

In accordance with the Federal Court of Australia's determinations of native title in Yaegl People #1 and Yaegl People #2 (Part A), native title in the area covered by the ILUA is held by the Yaegl People who comprise all of the descendants of the following apical ancestors:

- (a) Dugald Cameron (who was born in Chatsworth Island around 1870);
- (b) Jack Freeburn (who was born in Yamba around 1868);
- (c) Sailor Morris (who was born in Chatsworth Island around 1831);
- (d) Nodo Combo (who was born in Yamba around 1859); and
- (e) Rose Combo nee Yamba and also known as Rosie Yamba (who was born in Yamba around 1856);

and persons adopted or incorporated into the families of those persons and who identify as and are accepted as Yaegl People in accordance with Yaegl traditional laws and customs (and the biological descendants of any such adopted or incorporated persons).

AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING:

1. Discuss the background and the purpose of the proposed ILUA and consult with Yaegl native title holders.
2. Confirm the decision-making process for the authorisation of the ILUA
3. Consider and make decisions in relation to the authorisation of the ILUA

Please contact NTSCORP to confirm your attendance by **Wednesday, 7 March 2018**. Mileage assistance and accommodation will be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP Limited's policies. **Please note that accommodation, where required, will only be provided based on completed meeting registration forms received or confirmed details by telephone.**

Yaegl native title holders who wish to obtain additional information about the proposed ILUA prior to the meeting should contact NTSCORP.

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO NTSCORP ON 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188 or FAX (02) 9310 4177.

**NOTICE OF BANDJALANG PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE HOLDERS MEETING
PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (ILUA)**



Date and Time: **Wednesday, 14 March 2018**
10:00am arrival
10:30am start - 5:00pm
Thursday, 15 March 2018
9:30am – 3:00pm
Place: **Woodburn Evans Head RSL Club, 11-13 McDonald Pl, Evans Head, NSW**

NTSCORP Limited, the native title service provider for NSW, is convening a meeting to consult with Bandjalang native title holders and obtain their consent to an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (**ILUA**) in accordance with the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

The NSW Department of Industry, Lands (**Department of Lands**) is proposing to enter into an ILUA with the Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation Prescribed Body Corporate RNTBC (**Bandjalang RNTBC**) as trustee of the Bandjalang People's native title under the Approved Determinations of Native Title made by the Federal Court of Australia on 2 December 2013 (the Bandjalang People #1 and Bandjalang People #2 native title determinations).

AREA OF PROPOSED ILUA

The proposed agreement covers the Bandjalang People #1 and Bandjalang People #2 native title determination area, where native title is determined to exist, as indicated in the map below, and has an area of about 677 sq km. It is located between Casino in the north, Grafton in the south and Evans Head in the east.

PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED ILUA:

The Department of Lands has identified that a number of licences granted by the Department terminated following the Bandjalang People #1 and Bandjalang People #2 determinations made on 2 December 2013. These licences terminated automatically as a result of a clause in the licences. The purpose of this ILUA is to



1. Allow the Department of Lands to re-grant certain of these licences on an interim basis, for a period of up to five years;
2. Validate the use and occupation of the lands by the former licence holders from the date that the licences were terminated to the date that they are re-issued;
3. Establish an alternative future act regime covering some classes of future acts within the agreement area.

The agreement is intended to operate for an interim period of five years. Within this five-year period the Department is committed to negotiating an ongoing agreement with Bandjalang RNTBC for the re-granting of these licences.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

All persons who hold native title in the area covered by the proposed ILUA are invited to attend the meeting to authorise the proposed ILUA:

In accordance with the Federal Court of Australia's determinations of native title in Bandjalang People #1 and Bandjalang People #2, native title in the area covered by the ILUA is held by the Bandjalang People who are:

- (a) the biological descendants of King Harry, Jack Wilson, Susannah mother of Frank Jock Jnr, Michael "Mundoon" Wilson, George James, Eliza Breckenridge, Jack Breckenridge, Frank Jock Jnr, Ada Jock, Gibson Robinson, Grace Bond; and
- (b) persons adopted or incorporated into the families of those persons (and the biological descendants of any such adopted or incorporated persons) and who identify as and are accepted as Bandjalang People in accordance with Bandjalang traditional laws and customs.

AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING:

1. Discuss the background and the purpose of the proposed ILUA and consult with Bandjalang native title holders.
2. Confirm the decision-making process for the authorisation of the ILUA
3. Consider and make decisions in relation to the authorisation of the ILUA

Please contact NTSCORP to confirm your attendance by **Wednesday, 7 March 2018**. Mileage assistance and accommodation will also be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP Limited's policies. **Please note that accommodation, where required, will only be provided based on completed meeting registration forms received or confirmed details by telephone.**

Bandjalang native title holders who wish to obtain additional information about the proposed ILUA prior to the meeting should contact NTSCORP.

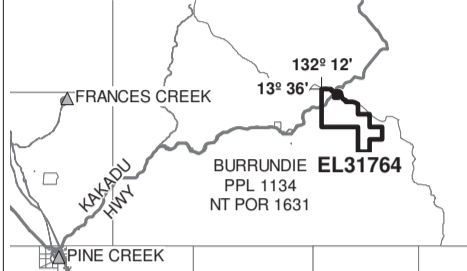
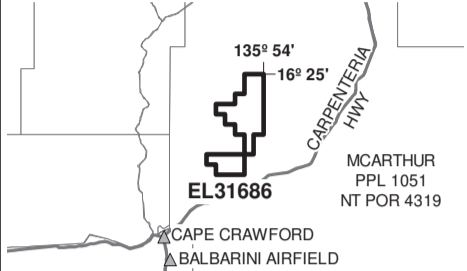
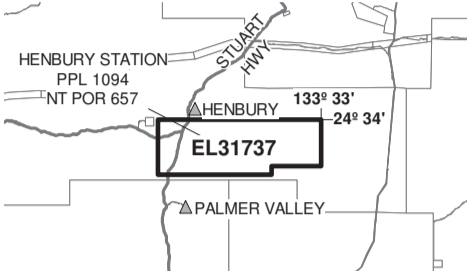
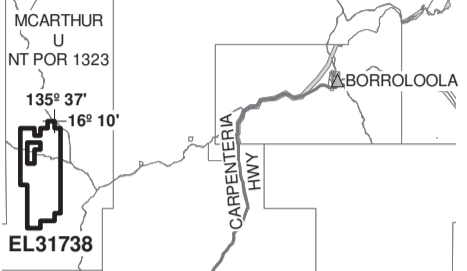
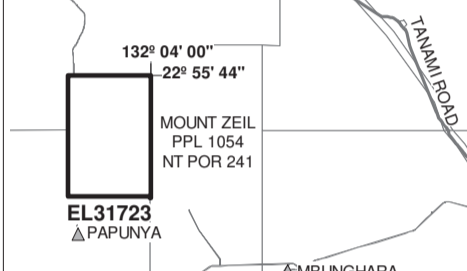
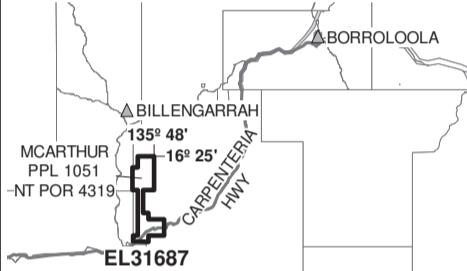
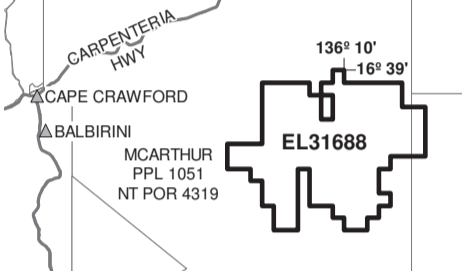
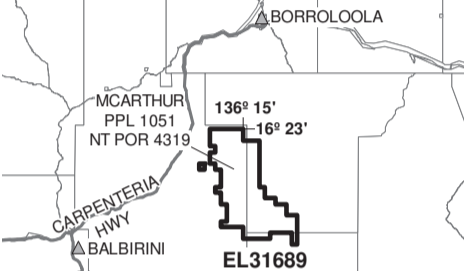
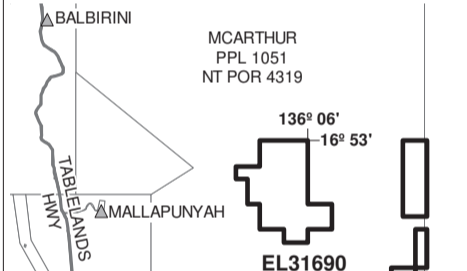
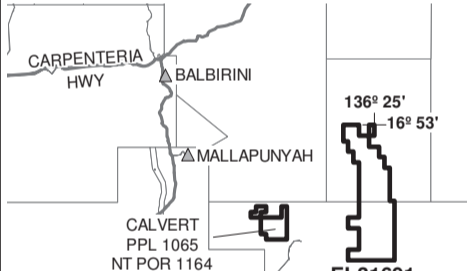
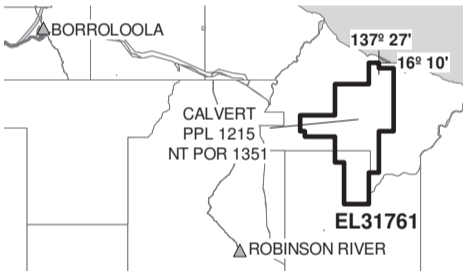
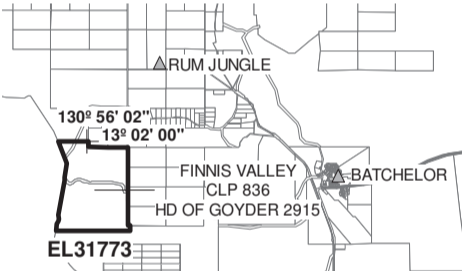
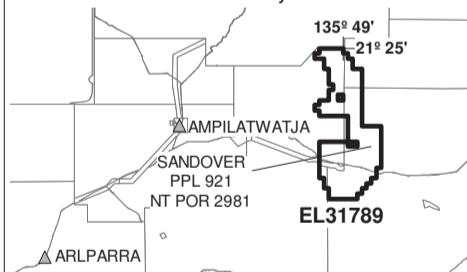
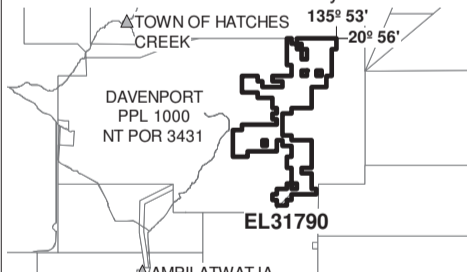
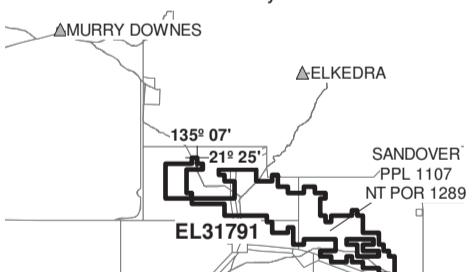
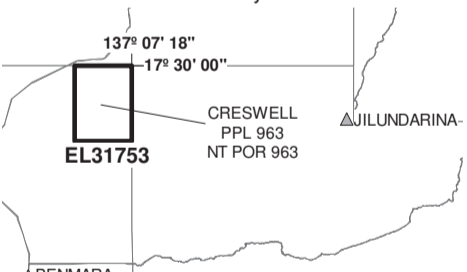
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

MINERAL TITLES ACT SECTION 71 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kenneth Edward Vowles MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry and Resources, and the Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) and section 71 of the *Mineral Titles Act* respectively of the intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

<p>Exploration Licence 31764 sought by BACCHUS RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 606 340 872 over an area of 12 Blocks (38 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RANFORD HILL locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5370</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31686 sought by BMEX LIMITED, ACN 615 217 680 over an area of 28 Blocks (93 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATTEN locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6065</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31737 sought by BMEX LIMITED, ACN 615 217 680 over an area of 155 Blocks (479 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the HENBURY locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5548</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31738 sought by CERBERUS RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 615 192 535 over an area of 70 Blocks (231 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATTEN locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6065</p>
<p>Exploration Licence 31723 sought by INDEPENDENCE GROUP NL, ACN 092 786 304 over an area of 165 Blocks (472 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the HAAST BLUFF locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5251</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31687 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 46 Blocks (151 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATTEN locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6065</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31688 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 134 Blocks (441 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GLYDE locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6164</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31689 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 170 Blocks (560 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GLYDE locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6164</p>
<p>Exploration Licence 31690 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 55 Blocks (181 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GLYDE locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6164</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31691 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 185 Blocks (608 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LANCEWOOD locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6163</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31761 sought by NOMAD EXPLORATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 622 780 027 over an area of 250 Blocks (824 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ROBINSON locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6365</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31773 sought by NORTHERN TERRITORIES RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 124 647 829 over an area of 4 Blocks (10 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the REYNOLDS RIVER locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5071</p>
<p>Exploration Licence 31789 sought by TERRITORY PHOSPHATE PTY LTD, ACN 130 065 351 over an area of 238 Blocks (760 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SANDOVER locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6054</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31790 sought by TERRITORY PHOSPHATE PTY LTD, ACN 130 065 351 over an area of 233 Blocks (747 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GEORGE CREEK locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6055</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31791 sought by TERRITORY PHOSPHATE PTY LTD, ACN 130 065 351 over an area of 250 Blocks (799 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the AMMAROO locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5954</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31753 sought by TM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 166 770 896 over an area of 72 Blocks (216 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NICHOLSON RIVER locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6362</p>

Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the exploration licence/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Objection or Submission, Section 71 of the *Mineral Titles Act*: The landowner(s) of land in respect of which the following applications are made, may lodge an objection to the grant of the exploration licence application; any other persons may lodge a submission. Objections and submissions must be lodged in writing with the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, at the above mentioned address or emailed to titles.info@nt.gov.au, within 30 days from the relevant Notification Date which is set out below.

Notification Day: 21 February 2018

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL OF MINING CLAIMS

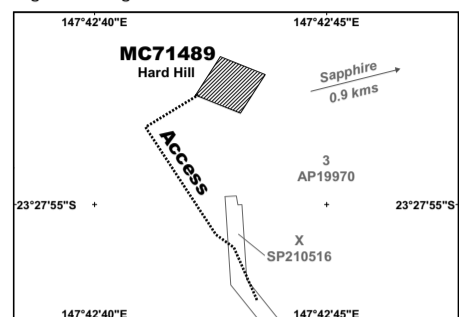
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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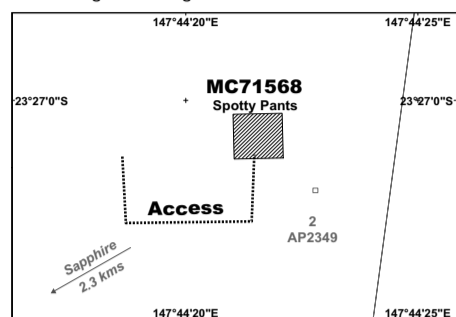
Mining Claim 70374 renewal sought by Jerome Wayne Jefferson, over an area of 776 m², centred approximately 0.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



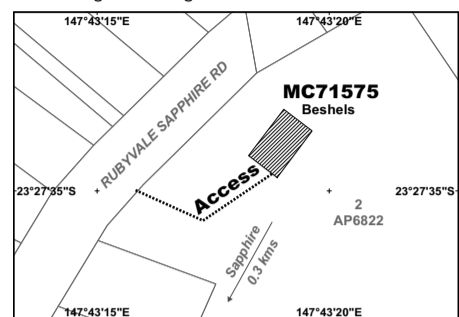
Mining Claim 71489 renewal sought by David Lonie, over an area of 894 m², centred approximately 0.9 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



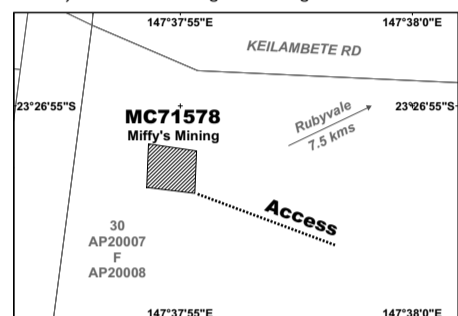
Mining Claim 71568 renewal sought by Wayne Gordon Sattler, over an area of 900 m², centred approximately 2.3 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



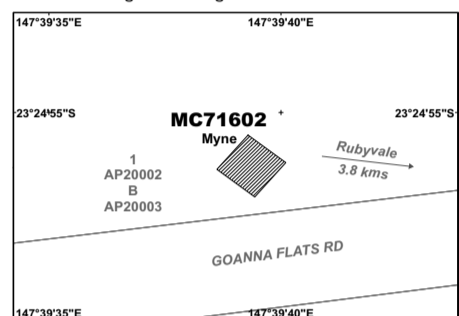
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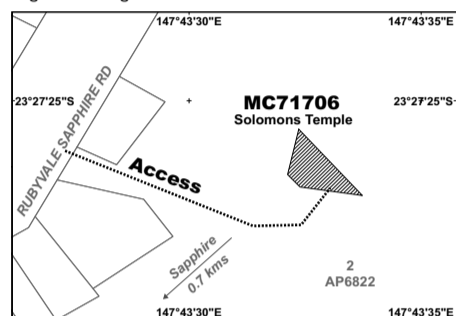
Mining Claim 71578 renewal sought by James Thomas Bamford, over an area of 856 m², centred approximately 7.5 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 71602 renewal sought by Daniel Robert Ungerer, over an area of 886 m², centred approximately 3.8 km West North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



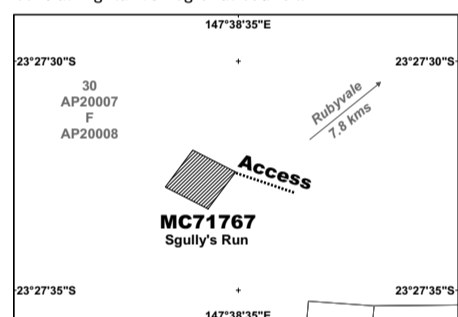
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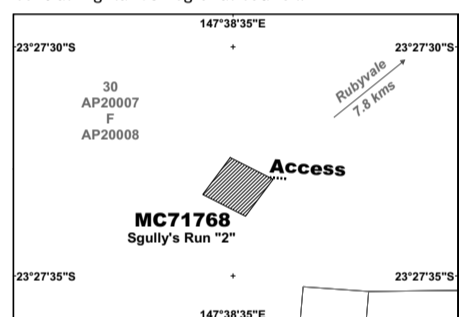
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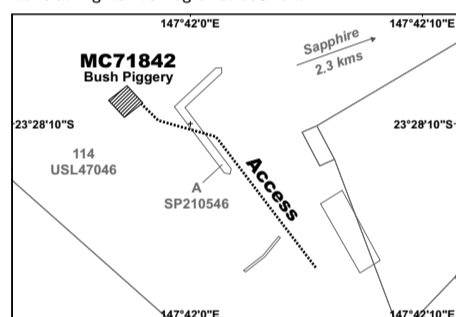
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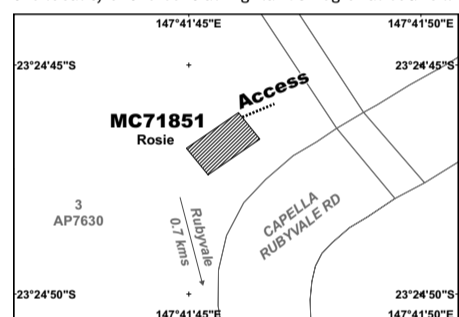
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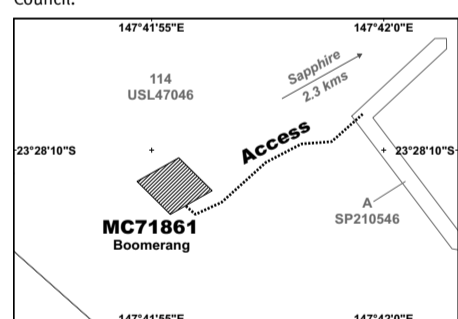
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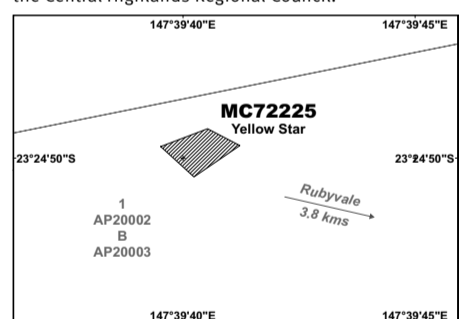
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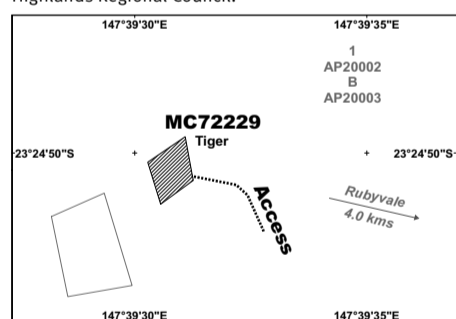
Mining Claim 71861 renewal sought by Noni Louise Harris (50%) and Steven Eric Harris (50%), over an area of 887 m², centred approximately 2.3 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



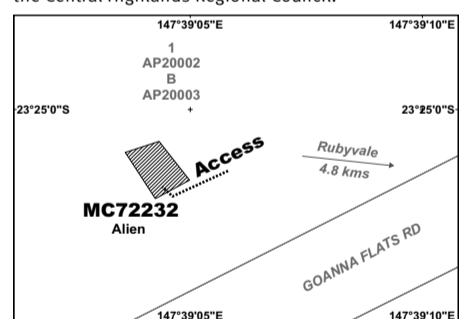
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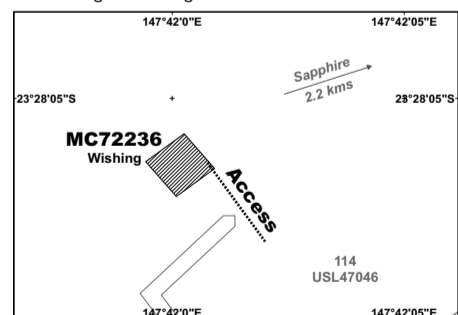
Mining Claim 72229 renewal sought by Molly Rapia Konui as the executor of Mita Michael Konui (Dec.), over an area of 728 m², centred approximately 4.0 km West North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



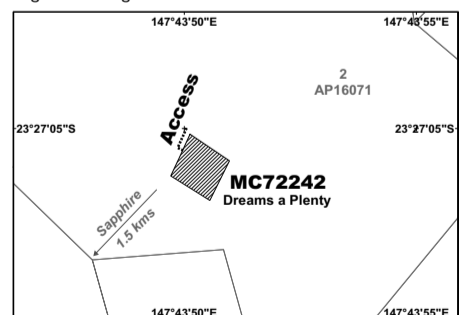
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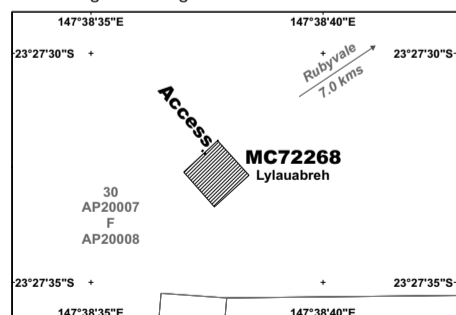
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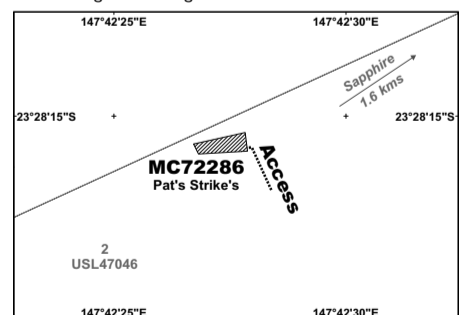
Mining Claim 72242 renewal sought by Annette Howe, over an area of 857 m², centred approximately 1.5 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72268 renewal sought by Anthony Francis O'Hara, over an area of 890 m², centred approximately 7.0 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72286 renewal sought by Patricia Diane Saron, over an area of 306 m², centred approximately 1.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The renewal of Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Claims be renewed subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Renewals may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720. Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal of Mining Claims. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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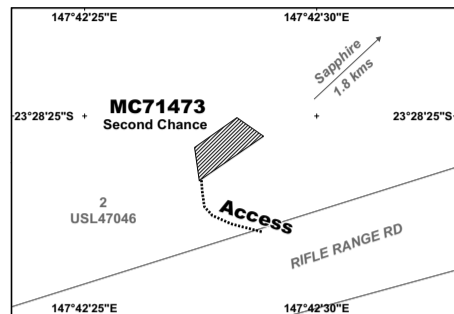
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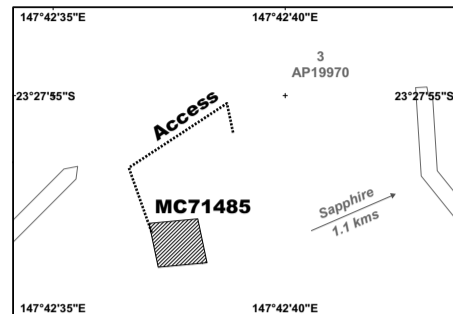
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of MC71473, MC71485, MC71626, MC71631, MC71653, MC71654, MC71655, MC71702, MC71728, MC71747, MC71774, MC71790, MC71815, MC71816, MC71841, MC72271, MC72274, MC72276 and MC72280 and grant of MC300160, shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

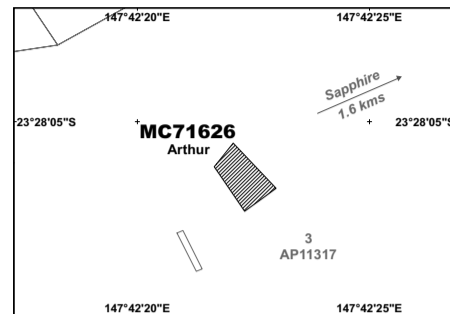
Mining Claim 71473 renewal sought by Norman William Roser, over an area of 804 m², centred approximately 1.8 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



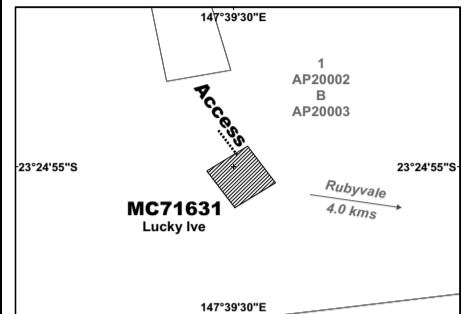
Mining Claim 71485 renewal sought by Carissa Anne Menear, over an area of 896 m², centred approximately 1.1 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



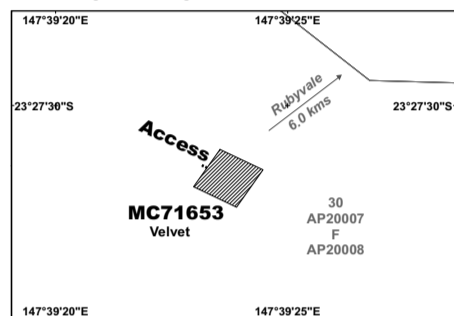
Mining Claim 71626 renewal sought by Kaye Wendy Whitehead, over an area of 804 m², centred approximately 1.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



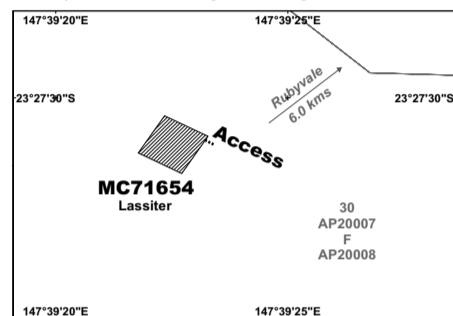
Mining Claim 71631 renewal sought by Aaron Bradley Rule (50%) and Richard James Rule (50%), over an area of 900 m², centred approximately 4.0 km West North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



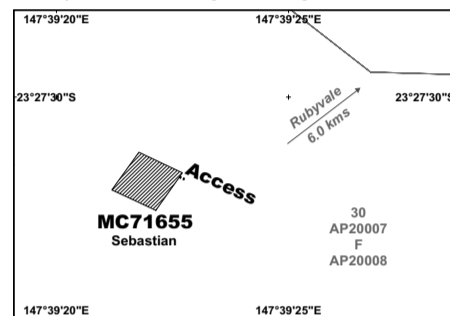
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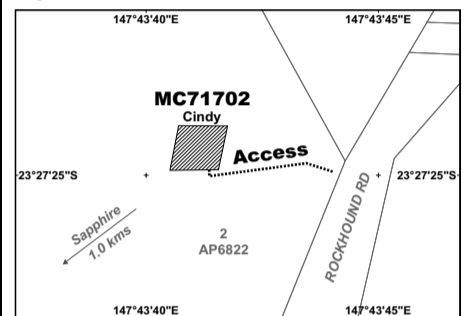
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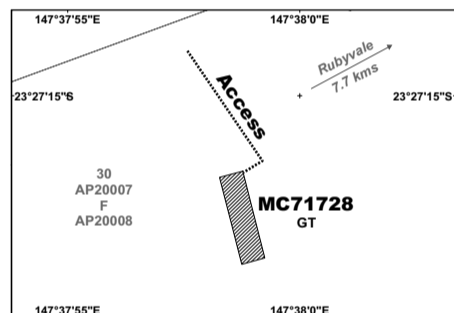
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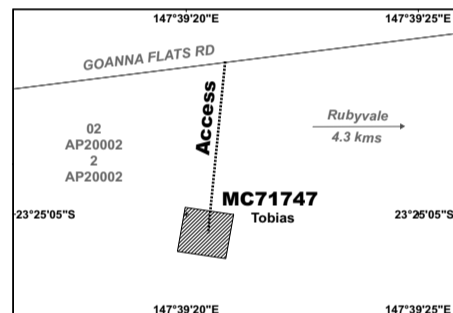
Mining Claim 71702 renewal sought by Brenda Catherine Lindsay (50%) and Brian Lindsay (50%), over an area of 885 m², centred approximately 1.0 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



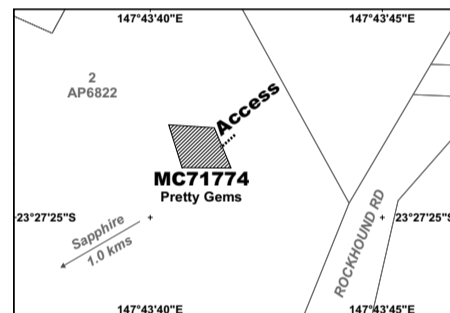
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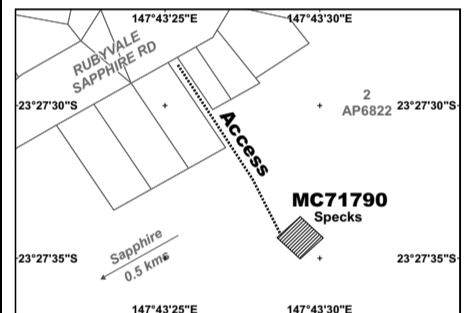
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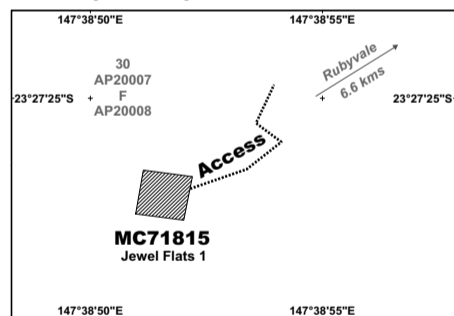
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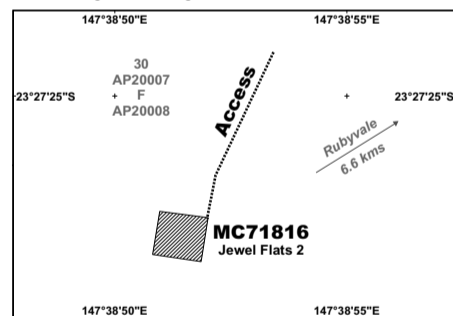
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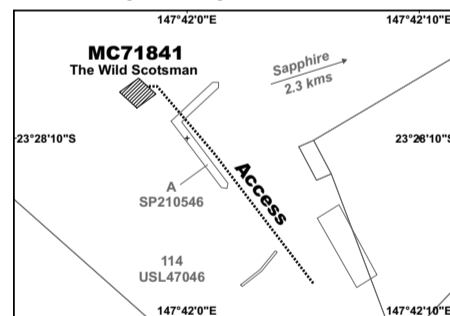
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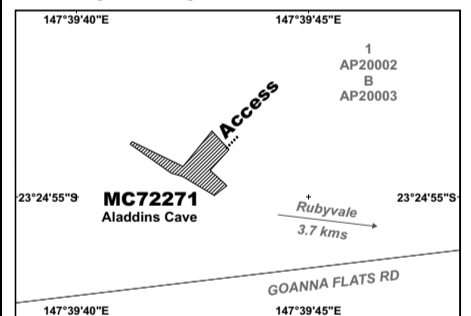
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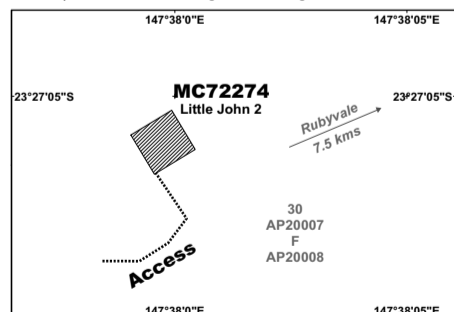
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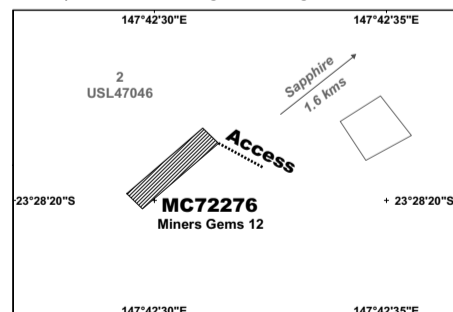
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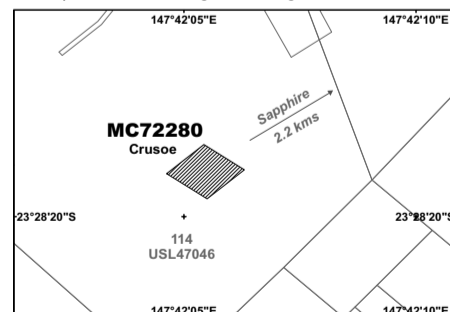
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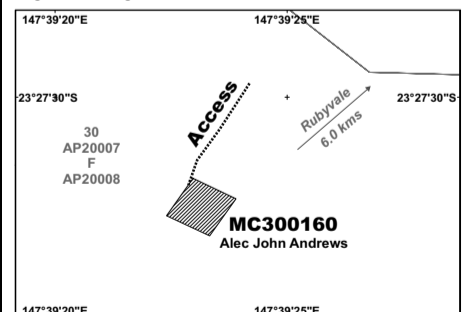
Mining Claim 72276 renewal sought by David Willyan McIntyre, over an area of 896 m², centred approximately 1.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72280 renewal sought by Phillip Roy Moran (34%), Terrence Stanley Dale (33%) and Brian Thomas Thornton (33%), over an area of 856 m², centred approximately 2.2 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 300160 sought by Alec John Andrews, over an area of 878 m², centred approximately 6.0 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



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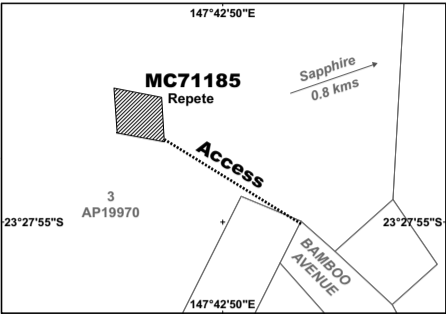
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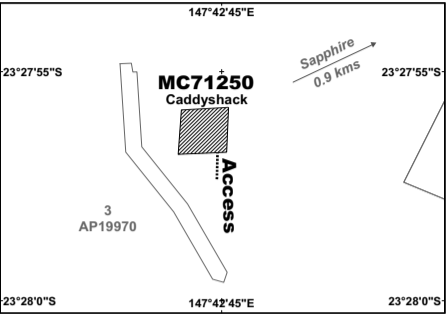
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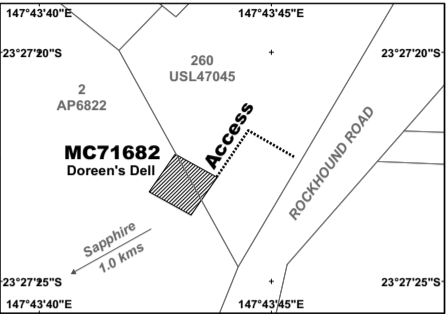
Mining Claim 71185 renewal sought by Denis Bruce Pigram, over an area of 861 m², centred approximately 0.8 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



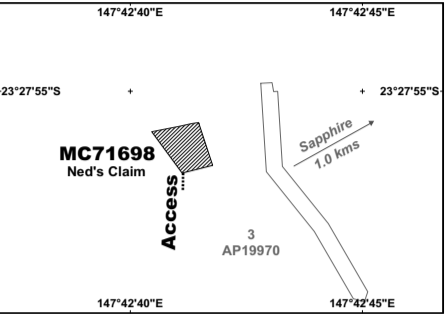
Mining Claim 71250 renewal sought by Lauraine Therese Cotton, over an area of 875 m², centred approximately 0.9 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



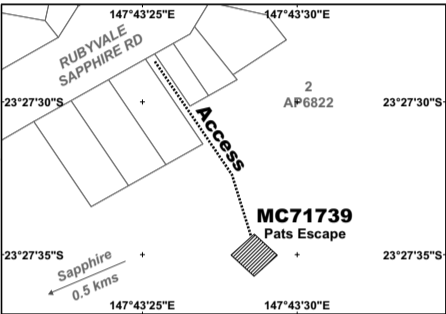
Mining Claim 71682 renewal sought by Doreen June Defina (50%) and John Robert Defina (50%), over an area of 900 m², centred approximately 1.0 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



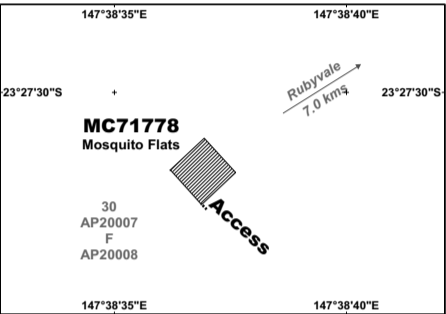
Mining Claim 71698 renewal sought by Grant Wallace Smith, over an area of 746 m², centred approximately 1.0 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



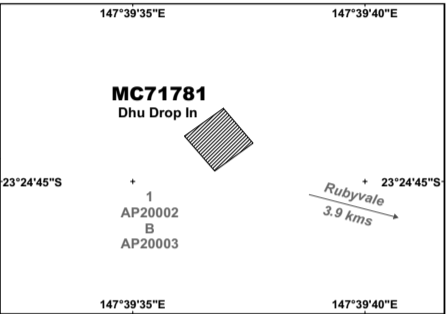
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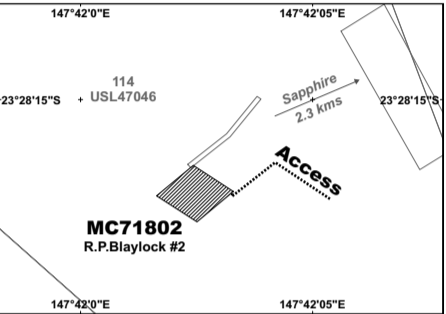
Mining Claim 71778 renewal sought by Kevin John Thor, over an area of 892 m², centred approximately 7.0 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



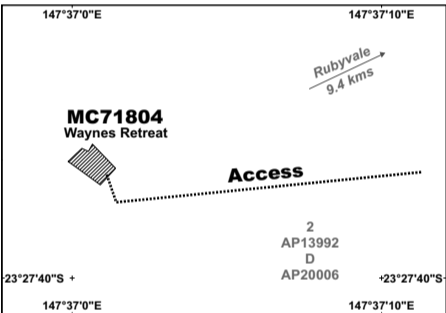
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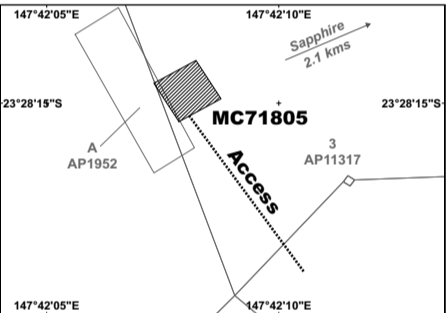
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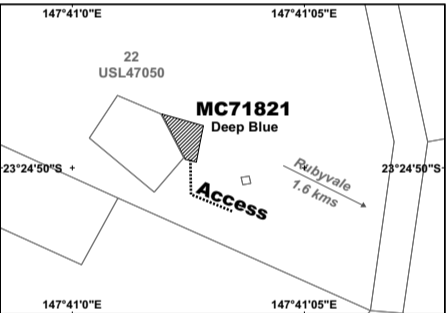
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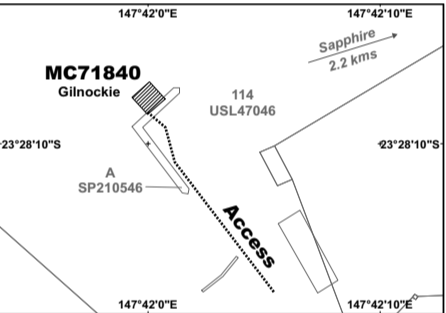
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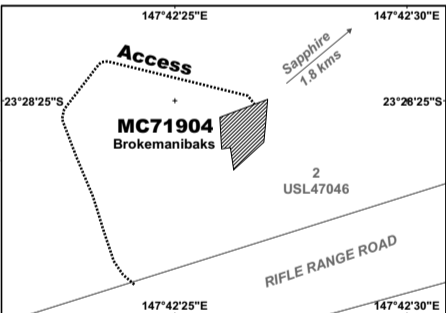
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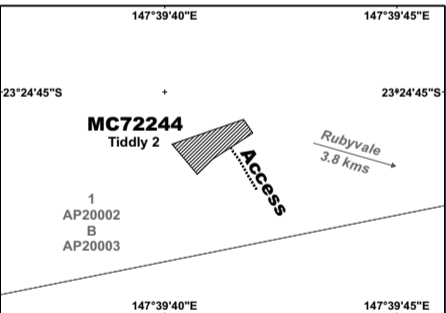
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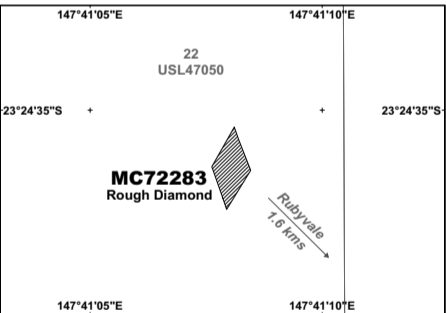
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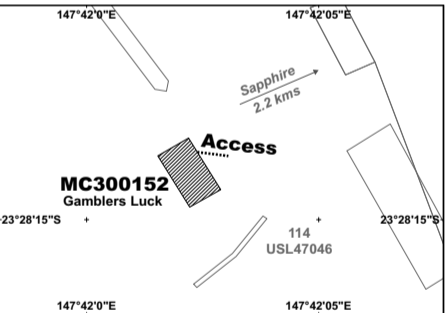
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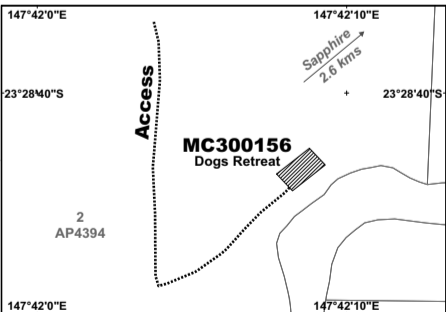
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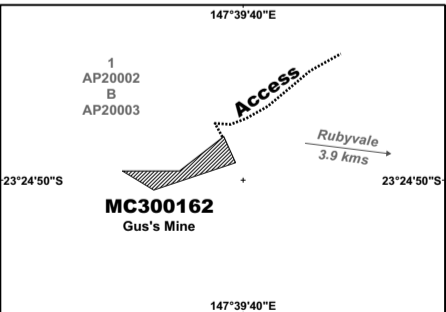
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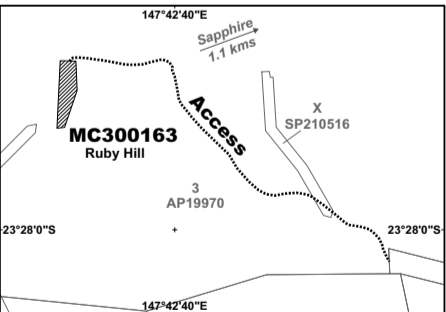
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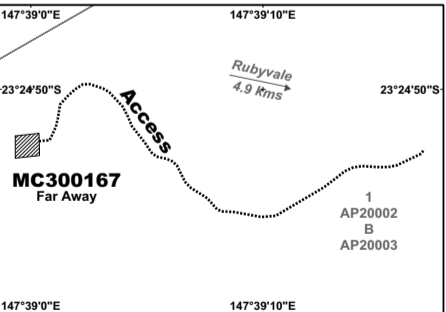
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Nature of Act(s): The renewal or grant of Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Claims be renewed or granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Renewals or Applications may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Claims. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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Notification Day: 14 March 2018

Short, the anchor man



Australia's D'Arcy Short blazes away during the T20 Tri Series international cricket match against New Zealand at Eden Park, Auckland, last Friday. Short was named man of the match. *Picture: Getty*

New-found maturity in stunning season



A MAN-of-the match 76 from 44 balls by D'Arcy Short was the anchor for Australia to

set a T20 cricket record in beating New Zealand on Friday at Eden Park, Auckland.

Australia heads to the Tri Series final this week undefeated after taking home their win over the Kiwis.

New Zealand set a mammoth 6-243 for Australia to chase, helped by a 49-ball century from veteran opener Martin Guptill.

Australia started its chase off well with David Warner (59) and Short (76) leading the way, but a flurry of wickets gave the home side hope as the overs ticked away.

It looked tense in the final overs but a huge six from Aaron Finch sealed the deal late in Australia's innings to take their fourth T20 win in a row.

The run chase was highest in T20 history.

No one player embodies the meteoric lift in output of the national T20 side than Short.

This was a match that featured four scores of 50 or more, including a magnificent century from Kiwi Guptill, and 32 sixes shared across both

innings. Among it all, Short's contribution was judged the most valuable.

It was the second fixture in a row the opener anchored the Australian chase, too.

But the prospect of Short playing second fiddle is something few, let alone the man himself, would have realistically anticipated not long ago.

In the Big Bash League (BBL), Short piled on 572 runs at 57.20 apiece with a healthy strike rate of 148.57. He notched up one century and four half centuries including a 97 and 96.

New string

But once pigeonholed as solely a dasher, Short has found himself with a new string to his bow. Against England last Saturday week, that lesson once again came to the fore, his new-found maturity on display as he guided Australia home.

Similarly on Friday at Eden Park. In relative terms, 76 from 44 deliveries in pursuit of 244 still could still be categorised as an anchor role. But Short set the foundations for the highest T20 chase ever, displaying the perfect combination of explosive power and new-found cricket

intelligence throughout.

David Warner looked good on his way to his 13th T20 half-century, bringing up the milestone in a mere 20 balls as Australia capitalised on the tiny boundaries. Warner's case for captaining Australia's T20 side on a full-time basis continues to grow.

With Guptill (105) and Colin Munro (76) in destructive touch, Warner remained upbeat and his bowlers responded in turn with a much tighter effort in the final overs.

"Even in the field, he was just telling us, 'Keep smiling,'" Short said.

"Just saying we could chase anything, and keeping the boys upbeat and going through what we needed to do.

"I think we could have been chasing 260, 270 at the start but I think the bowlers brought it back quite well and got us to a target we thought we could chase and believed we could."

Warner said he had made it a priority to bring positivity to the team.

"That's what I said from day one when we first started this," he told Sky Sports.

"Just to have a lot of energy, have fun and keep a smile on your face. We're doing what we love and living the dream.

"We're playing cricket for our country ... it's absolutely sensational."

Australia will face the winner of last Sunday's clash between New Zealand and England in the final tonight (Wednesday).

Island of Origin is unlikely

By ALF WILSON



THE popular Island of Origin rugby league carnival is in danger of being cancelled in 2018 after recent series organisers Badu Island Kulpiyam Sports and Youth said it would not be involved this year.

Posters were placed around the island on February 16 advising interested parties of the decision.

Spokesman Jermaine Reuben told the *Koori Mail* that the cost of staging the carnival, a drop in sponsorship, difficulty in attracting teams, and problems with finding a suitable date had been contributing factors.

"If any other organisation is interested in running the carnival, we would like to hear from them," Reuben said.

He was hopeful that the Thursday Island-based Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL) may take over the running of the 2018 carnival. However, an informed source within the KRL told the *Koori Mail* that while the carnival would almost certainly be cancelled in 2018, it may go ahead next year.

"It might be cancelled this year, but will be put up for tender for next year," he said.



● LEFT The scene at a previous Island of Origin rugby league carnival on Badu Island. This year's carnival is in doubt after organisers Kulpiyam Sports and Youth said they were pulling out.

Kulpiyam has run the past five carnivals, three which have been held on Badu Island and two at Thursday Island's Ken Brown Memorial Oval.

Last year just three men's teams competed at Badu's Joe Mairu Memorial Oval.

With prizemoney being allocated from team nomination fees, the fewer sides results in lower money being paid to the winners.

"It is very expensive to run the carnival. Money is tight and the

sponsorship is just not there like it used to be," Reuben said.

Traditionally held over a long weekend in June, the 2017 carnival clashed with the Remote Area Rugby League (RARL) Far North Queensland (FNQ) Challenge in Cairns, where the Torres Strait Stingers and Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) had teams.

"All of the club comps are still going in June, so it is harder to get players and teams," Reuben said.

"We looked at running it in February

but that was not suitable. We also couldn't run it after the normal season because it may affect the Zenadth Kes carnival on Thursday island held in October and the Dan Ropeyarn at Bamaga," he said.

The Zenadth Kes is now the biggest All Backs carnival in the Torres Strait and regularly has 10 men's teams as well as women's sides.

Reuben said another obstacle for the island of Origin was player eligibility rules which meant players had to have bloodlines to the island team they played for.

The inaugural carnival was held in 1985 and was based on the State of Origin between Queensland and NSW which started in 1980.

Legendary local rugby league stalwarts such as Joe Mairu, Barney Mosby, Dave Camm, John Walls and Charlie Kazamias were instrumental in starting it.

The 25th anniversary carnival at Badu in 2010 had numerous 12 men's and five women's sides.

Meanwhile, competitions for basketball and darts will be held on Badu Island on April 13 and 14.

The sports were to be held at January's sports carnival on Badu, but were postponed.

Longbottom sidelined at Hamilton 7s



MAURICE Longbottom was an early casualty in rugby's Hamilton Sevens tournament in New Zealand.

Australia finished third when they beat New Zealand 8-7 for the bronze medal after earlier beating

Kenya 33-12 and losing 24-5 to South Africa on the final day.

John Porch was in blistering form in the game against Kenya, but livewire Longbottom was on the field for just two minutes when he was forced off after his ankle got caught awkwardly in a tackle.

He took no further part in the tournament.

The Australians were backing up from their win a week earlier in Sydney.

The side got off to the perfect start on the final day in Hamilton with a huge 33-12 win over day-one surprise packets Kenya to set-up a replay of the

Sydney decider against South Africa.

In that game, Australia trailed only 5-10 at the break, but the experience of the Blitzboks shone through to win 24-5.

Earlier, the Aussies beat Spain 21-5 and Wales 26-7 before losing 26-15 to Fiji.



Ashleigh Barty, right, and Casey Dellacqua of Australia celebrate a point win in the doubles match against Lyudmyla Kichenok and Nadiia Kichenok of Ukraine during the Fed Cup tie against Ukraine at the Canberra Tennis Centre on February 11. Picture: Getty

Ash leads the charge



ASHLEIGH Barty will lead the charge when Australia attempts to rise back into the Fed Cup's World Group for the first time since 2015 with a home tie against the

Netherlands in April.

The play-off draw was announced in London earlier this month with Australia securing a second straight series on home soil after defeating Ukraine 3-2 in Canberra just over a week ago.

A win in the April 21-22 tie would mean Alicia Molik's team will advance to the top-eight nations for next year's competition and in contention to end a 44-year title drought.

It was two years since playing in Australia, so Molik was naturally delighted to again have the home court advantage.

A choice of venue and surface would be decided soon, with a grass court being temporarily laid against Ukraine.

"It's very exciting to have another Fed Cup tie at home. We've played away in Europe so many times in the past few years," Molik said.

"We need to think about what will work best for the players and their schedules."

Down to decider

Australia survived a scare to get to the play-offs, overcoming a Elina Svitolina-less Ukraine in a live doubles rubber as Ashleigh Barty and Casey Dellacqua secured the tie.

World No 26 Daria Gavrilova was upset twice in her singles rubbers, with teenage sensation Marta Kostyuk winning their match in straight sets.

A Barty trifecta helped Australia avoid an almighty Fed Cup upset against Ukraine.

The tie was pushed to the deciding doubles match after an out-of-form Gavrilova sensationally dropped both her singles rubbers.

World No 16 Barty backed up her two singles wins by reigniting her successful doubles partnership with Casey Dellacqua to deliver Australia a 3-2 win.

An emotional Dellacqua celebrated her 33rd birthday by defeating Ukraine's twin sisters Nadiia and Lyudmyla Kichenok 6-3 6-4 with Barty in what she said was a career highlight.

The result saved face for Australia, with Ukraine entering the tie as serious outsiders due to being without world No 3 Elina Svitolina and being led by teenage prodigy

Marta Kostyuk on her Fed Cup debut.

Australia requested the tie to be played on grass, with a temporary surface laid for Canberra's first Fed Cup tie in 20 years.

After Barty overcame early nerves to defeat Lyudmyla Kichenok 4-6 6-1 6-4 in the opening rubber on the Saturday, Kustyok, 15, responded by upsetting world No 26 Gavrilova to level the tie 1-1.

Too strong

Barty and Kustyok were up first the next day, with the Queenslander too strong for the Ukrainian dubbed the next Martina Hingis, winning 6-2 6-3.

But Gavrilova's troubles on grass continued in her reverse singles rubber, with unranked Nadiia Kichenok delivering a shock 4-6 6-2 6-3 triumph.

New opportunity

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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CHARLIE Cameron's Australian Football League (AFL) life has been one of taking opportunities.

His return to Brisbane is a homecoming of sorts, but it has been a journey of many destinations to get there.

Brisbane needs a player of his calibre, but they also need to understand Cameron's history and his passion if they are to get the best out of him.

While we can say we are all unique, Charlie Cameron is definitely his own man.

He's the only AFL player to come from the small settlement of 200 people on Mornington Island, in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Community work

His commitment to his mob was demonstrated when he was interviewed by the Lions and he asked about the potential of doing community work and if there was a role for him within their academy.

The Lions were happy for Cameron to work with AFL Queensland even though this is Gold Coast Suns recruitment territory.

"I am from a remote community at Mornington Island and I want to be closer to there," Cameron said.

"I feel I can do something up there, contribute in some way, I wouldn't mind doing stuff with young kids and being a role model.

"The Lions have a couple of quiet Indigenous kids in their academy and I am also looking to get involved there and help where I can."

In a time when there is a focus on school attendance as part of the Close the Gap commitment of the Australian Government, the impact of a Charlie Cameron could be profound.

Cameron's connection with the city of Brisbane actually

came through his education when he went to school on a rugby scholarship at Marist Brothers, Ashgrove.

He played Australian rules for a term and immediately impressed Lions scouts who invited him into their academy as a 16-year-old.

But when the school footy season ended, he drifted out of the academy and back into serious rugby.

That all changed when his father got a mining job in north-west Western Australia and packed the family up and moved across the country.

With no rugby to play at Newman, he wandered down to the local footy club and it wasn't long before scouts from WAFL side Swan Districts spotted him.

Given he was a late starter, he was overlooked in his draft year, but the Crows took a punt on him in the rookie draft of 2014.

He was one of their better

players in the grand final loss to Richmond, but now, via Newman, Perth and Adelaide, he is back in Brisbane.

But his knowledge of the Lions from his time in Brisbane is limited despite his involvement in the academy.

Rugby fan

"I didn't really play footy at a younger age, I was a rugby fan," he said.

"I didn't really watch AFL back in the day so I don't know too many of the great old players yet."

However, he certainly has a positive opinion of the playing group he is joining.

In what should be music to the ears of Lions fans, he said he could see the platform for future success with developing key position players Eric Hipwood and Harris Andrews and midfielders Hugh McCluggage and established stars Dayne Beams and Dayne

Zorko in their prime.

Off the field, he was also looking forward to not being under the relentless scrutiny his former team the Crows received in footy-mad Adelaide.

Adelaide was a footy bubble he never quite adapted too, despite developing a reputation as one of the AFL's most exciting young players and being one of the Crows' better players in their grand final loss to Richmond.

"I came back for holidays all the time, but it is good to be back permanently with family and friends," he said.

"Being in Adelaide, it is footy central whereas here it is more rugby league, so I guess it is a bit of an escape.

"Adelaide, it is just footy, footy, footy; here, there isn't as much talk about it and you can get away and enjoy yourself a bit more and not have to think about footy all the time.

"I guess if you think about it all the time, it can play on you. I

had that a little bit in Adelaide, so I am going to enjoy the change."

He said he hadn't thought too much about the greater responsibility he would assume for the wooden spooners but revealed his goal was to push up to play more on the wing.

"I am just looking to play my role for the team and hopefully that can lead to a few more wins," he said.

"But we are a team and you can't rely too much on one person.

"I'm happy to play wherever the coach wants me, but I am trying to build my engine so I can play a bit more time up on the wing."

In his eyes, starting at the Lions will be more of a new opportunity than a challenge.

His history suggests he will make the most of it.

The kids on Mornington Island will be cheering him on!

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



Charlie Cameron avoids the tackle of Richmond's Brandon Ellis during last year's AFL grand final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground last September 30. Picture: Getty.

Fast footy debuts

By PETER ARGENT



SECOND-year South Adelaide footballer Abe Davis was a member of the Panthers title-winning glory in the innovative new game of Australian rules football – called SANFL Fast Football – that was played at Norwood Oval on

February 9-10.

For the premiership-barren Panthers, this was their first title of any form since the late 1970s when they won the Escort Cup night competition – also at the same venue, last winning the league premiership a couple of generations ago – in 1964.

This new form of the game has teams of 12 playing four 10-minute quarters on a full-sized oval. There are also 12 interchange players.

South Adelaide where undefeated in their four games under new coach Jarrad Wright, winning the final against the Eagles by just five points.

The final score was South 6.7 (43) Eagles 5.8 (38) after the scores were locked at three-quarter time.

Davis, aerobically strong and athletic for a big man, excelled in this new generation of the code.

For the Norwood team who were beaten semifinalists, three of the Wilson siblings played together for the first time since they were under-8s teammates at the Salisbury West Football Club in the northern suburbs of Adelaide.

Norwood premiership champion Anthony 'Rabbs' Wilson was joined by his brothers Luke and Clive.

Anthony Wilson, who is also a premiership player at St Mary's in the Northern Territory Football League, won a \$500 prize for the best goal celebration across the weekend for his version of being a goal umpire signalling a major.

A former Crows rookie Anthony Wilson finished with four majors against Adelaide while his brothers Cliff and Luke kicked a pair each, with this family slotting through eight of the 14 majors kicked by the Redlegs.

Izak Rankine, fresh from a win in the prestigious Camden Classic 120m athletics sprint meeting the previous week and an expected top five AFL draft pick in 2018, also excelled for other semifinalist West Adelaide

After one of his goals, the athletic Rankine performed a backflip from a standing start.

Rankine displayed his blistering pace with a stunning victory in the Camden Gift at his professional running debut on Sunday, February 4.

Competing in borrowed spikes, Rankine had no issue with a sore hip that had bothered him for two days to claim an impressive win from the novice mark of seven metres at Camden Oval.

"It was good fun, and a good atmosphere," Rankine said.

"I wasn't coming out here for nothing and I had to give it a red-hot crack."

Rankine won his heat in 12.946 seconds and was first in the final in 12.933 seconds.

The SANFL Fast Football concept is a precursor to the AFLX competition which was held in Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney on February 15, 16 and 17.



Sturt's Byron Sumner looks for space.



Abe Davis
Pictures: Peter Argent



West Adelaide's Izak Rankine is poised in traffic.



The Wilson brothers, from left, Luke, Anthony and Cliff turned out for Norwood at the SANFL fast footy.

Jillaroos inspire

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

“Is that Caitlin Moran? She’s my favourite player!” The excitement of a young Parramatta Eels Tarsha Gale Cup player reflected the response of the whole squad when Moran was joined by fellow Jillaroos Nakia Davis-Welsh and Simaima Taufa at a Wellbeing and Education evening conducted by the club.

Davis-Welsh and Moran are well-known to me and I have followed their careers closely with their performances in the Women’s Indigenous All Stars team providing a platform for their World Cup success.

Both have strong rugby league connections with Moran growing up in a rugby league family that includes current Eels star Will Smith and former NRL players Denis Moran and Dean Widders.

She always had a rugby league ball in her hands and she can lay claim to being the best halfback in the family.

Impressive

Davis-Welsh’s bloodlines are equally impressive, being the daughter of former Balmain Tigers five-eighth Paul Davis and the cousin of Greg Inglis.

She attended Hunter Sports High and only began playing organised rugby league in 2012.

Davis-Welsh represented the Indigenous All Stars at the age of 16, which reflects her meteoric rise to the top.

The growth of female participation in the game has seen the Jillaroos become role models for a generation of players who now have a legitimate elite pathway in the game they love.

Moran, Davis-Welsh and Taufa contributed to all workshops across the evening, sharing their personal experiences, challenges and achievements.

Taufa spoke about completing her Education



Eels Tarsha Gale Cup players with Jillaroos Caitlin Moran, Nakia Davis-Welsh and Simaima Taufa.



From left, Nakia Davis-Welsh, Christina Palu, Jasmine Lepua, Simaima Taufa, Nicole Kennedy and Caitlin Moran

Support qualification with Moran and Davis-Welsh excited about their opportunity to work in the Eels Teachers Aide program and completing a similar qualification.

The Jillaroos then took the squad through some mandatory workshops covering drugs in sport and concussion as well as some important messages relating to road safety.

It was following dinner, however, that the three guests really opened up about their personal journeys in life and the game.

Davis-Welsh made the road safety presentation harrowingly real when she spoke of the loss of her brother Paul in a car accident just after he was signed by the Gold Coast Titans.

“For me, rugby league has helped me through it. It was my way out, my way to release the stress. The game made me feel a lot closer,” she said.

“Every game I have my wrist strapped and write his name on my wrist. He’s a big part; every single game I always think of him.”

Davis-Welsh also spoke of her teammates as ‘family’ in a discussion that centred on the theme of resilience and she extended that sense of family to the girls in the room.

“I want to be your role model,” she said.

Moran and Taufa further explored the theme of family as they shared some of the challenges they faced in reaching their goals.

Driven to succeed

While acknowledging that she was far from a perfect student growing up, Taufa said she used a teacher’s comment that she “would amount to nothing” to drive her to succeed. Born in Tonga and raised in New Zealand, Taufa played rugby union until five years ago.

As important as winning the World Cup and being named the Dally M Player of the Year has been, Taufa spoke of her passion helping the next generation as part of the Creating Chances program.

“I had some issues in high school so I know how sport can be used as a tool to promote leadership skills and teach life skills,” she said.

“I have been out to different schools and enjoy mentoring children and running clinics that use sport to help children.”

Moran told a similar story of how she used her life experiences to help others.

She admitted her life could have gone down a different pathway if it had not been for the game and the support she received.

“I was not the perfect student,” she said. “I had to change schools and I could have ended up nowhere.”

Moran was given the

opportunity to work in the Parramatta Teachers Aide program by Eels Wellbeing and Education Officer DEean Feeney, who was also assistant coach of the Indigenous All Stars team.

Given her own experiences in school, being a teacher’s aide may appear to be a strange choice, but Moran said it allowed her to make a real difference as she explained the importance of empathy.

“One school I worked in has a young Indigenous girl who had only attended one day that term,” she said.

“When I had the chance to meet her, we understood each other; we saw the world through the same eyes. Soon she was coming to school every day.”

The three Jillaroos left the Tarsha Gale Cup squad inspired by their stories.

These pioneers in the modern women’s game are also creating a legacy off the field.

Alice clinches rights



ALICE Springs has secured hosting rights to the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) and the Imparja Cup through to 2021.

The deal between Cricket Australia, Cricket Northern Territory and the Northern Territory Government was announced in Alice Springs at the NICC awards night on Sunday, February 12, by the NT Member for Johnston and Minister for Primary Industries and Resources and Minister for the Arafura Games Ken Vowles.

Mr Vowles also announced a \$2.5 million investment in Alice Springs infrastructure used by cricket in Alice Springs.

Upgrades to venues

This would include upgrades to Jim McConville Oval and Albrecht Oval – two of three venues used for the NICC.

The NT Member for Brainting, Dale Wakefield, welcomed the extension of the partnership through to 2021.

She acknowledged the considerable contribution the Imparja Cup and the complementary NICC added to the Alice Springs and wider cricketering community.

"I'm thrilled that we are able to continue our partnership with Cricket Australia and Northern Territory Cricket in securing the Imparja Cup and the NICC in Alice Springs until 2021," Ms Wakefield said.

"This partnership ensures these events will continue to be held in Alice Springs,



Ken Vowles

showcasing the wealth of Indigenous talent that cricket has to offer."

The Territory Labor Government has invested an additional \$300,000 to this new three-year partnership and is part of a wider \$2.5 million investment in infrastructure used by cricket in the Red Centre, encompassing \$600,000 to upgrade lighting at Albrecht Oval ahead of the 2019 NICC,



Justin Mohamed

and \$2 million to upgrade infrastructure at Albrecht and Jim McConville Ovals.

"Our investment in sporting infrastructure in Alice Springs helps attract and retain these events that bring together more than 600 indigenous cricketers from around the NT and Australia, generating a considerable injection to the economy during a traditionally quieter

period," said Ms Wakefield.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cricket Advisory Council (NATSICAC) co-chair Justin Mohamed said that having the NICC and Imparja Cup in Alice Springs for a further three years was a great step forward for cricket in Alice Springs and for Indigenous cricket.

"The support of the Northern Territory Government has been critical in ensuring the ongoing success of the championships and we are thrilled to have this event locked in for Alice Springs until 2021," Mr Mohamed said.

Proud history

"The Imparja Cup has a proud history dating back to 1994, but we have a great story to tell about cricket in Alice Springs and the NT in the present, and what cricket in Indigenous communities means to us."

NT Cricket director and NT Indigenous Cricket Advisory Council chair Kim Hill also welcomed the agreement.

"It is fantastic to see the cultural connection with cricket started more than 20 years ago through custodians Shane Franey and Rosy Williams continue for another three years with the announcement that the NICC will continue to take place alongside the Imparja Cup," he said.

The Imparja Cup and the NICC continued a big central Australian summer of cricket, after Traeger Park played host last month to a weekend of Big Bash League and Women's Big Bash League matches.

Tandanya plays blind cricket in honour of the late Yami Lester



STAFF from the Tandanya Centre played against Blind Cricket South Australia in a T20 match in celebration of the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) and Imparja Cup.

They played for the Yami Lester Cup, named after blind Anangu man the late Yami Lester.

The initiative was part of the South Australian Cricket Association's (SACA's) community engagement rounds, introduced this season to recognise the involvement of diverse groups in cricket, including individuals from multicultural backgrounds, those with a disability, Aboriginal people and women and girls.

The game featured a rattling cricket ball specifically used for blind cricket, covered in traditional Aboriginal artwork.

Yami Lester passed away in 2017. He was 75.

He was a member of the SA blind team in the 1970s, after he lost his sight as a child as a result of a nuclear test bomb in the state's far north.

He was an avid campaigner for Aboriginal land rights and was instrumental in helping his people take back ownership of the APY Lands and Uluru.

The idea for the friendly match came from Phil Penn, whose father Malcom was a former president of Blind Cricket SA and a teammate of Lester's.



The Yami Lester Cup

In conjunction with Lester's family, it was decided this match would be a fitting way to honour Lester's memory.

University Oval hosted the game, with the Blind Cricket SA team taking home the cup for their 15-run win over Tandanya Centre.

Former AFL footballer Gavin Wanganeen captained the Tandanya team that was also made up of Lester's daughter Karina and Trent Wingard, brother of Port Power footballer Chad.

Ricky Segurra, who was the first Aboriginal person to represent Australia in blind cricket, attended the match and was an integral support team member on the day.

Daniel Rioli a life member of Tigers



DANIEL Rioli is a life member of the Richmond Football Club.

The Indigenous star was one of 25 premiership players made life members on Saturday, February 3, at the club.

Richmond amended its constitution at the 2017 annual meeting last December to enable all Tigers premiership players to receive life membership, regardless of number of games played.

As a result, 17 members of the 2017 premiership line-up – including Rioli – plus coach Damien Hardwick, were granted life membership, together with eight Tiger premiership players from the past – Eric Moore (1969), Mike Bowden (1969), Craig McKellar (1973), Stephen Rae (1973), David Thorpe (1974), Daryl

Cumming (1974), Cameron Clayton (1974) and Stephen Mount (1980).

Five members of the Tigers' 2017 premiership team – Trent Cotchin, Jack Riewoldt, Alex Rance, Shane Edwards and Dustin Martin – already were life members of the club.

Speaking at the presentation, club president Peggy O'Neal said awarding life memberships was one of the most enjoyable parts of her role.

"It's the highest honour we can bestow on those who serve, and those who have served our club. In April last year, the board made the decision to award life membership to each Richmond premiership player, regardless of the number of games that they'd played," O'Neal said.

"That's to confirm that bringing premiership to Punt Road is the ultimate measure of service, and the measure of the club's success."



Richmond club president Peggy O'Neal is with Daniel Rioli.

Ash's sparkling season

By PETER ARGENT



FOR Sydney Sixers batting prodigy Ashleigh Gardner the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) final was cricketing heaven as she played a key role in her side beating the Perth Scorchers by nine wickets on Sunday, February 4, at the Adelaide Oval.

The Sydney side restricted their opponents to just 99 and secured an emphatic victory with one wicket down and five overs to spare.

Gardner and dual national sporting star Ellyse Perry were at the batting crease when the winning runs were scored, embracing in celebration mid-wicket.

This was the Sixers' second successive WBBL premiership, having played in all three WBBL finals.

Gardner, who made a scintillating 72 in a semifinal win over the home side the Adelaide Strikers two days earlier, remained undefeated on 22 not out (16 balls, two 4s, one 6) in the decider.

Gardner's semifinal batting performance will be remembered by those who saw it as one of the best exhibitions of the batting discipline by a woman cricketer at the Adelaide Oval.

Her total of 72 in the semifinal win came from just 45 balls with five boundaries and six sixes being amongst the cleanest hitting seen in the women's game.

While Gardner enjoyed the sweet taste of championship-winning success for the Sixers for a second time, for the Hobart Hurricanes pair of Daniel Christian and D'Arcy Short, it was the pain of grand final defeat at the same venue in the men's T20 title fight, which started at the unusual time of 4pm.

The hosts, the Adelaide Strikers, batted first and made a brilliant 2-202 on the back of a career-defining innings of 115 from

Jake Weatherald. Despite a fine 68 from 44 balls from Short and 29 not out from 19 balls from Christian, the Hurricanes lost the decider by 25 runs.

A couple of days earlier at the new Perth venue in the semifinal win, Christian was the star for the Hurricanes in their knockout semifinal with a parochial home crowd for the Scorchers.

He secured 4-17 from 3.5 overs to go with an impressive cameo with the willow of 37 from 22 balls.

To culminate his brilliant summer in the purple, Indigenous Hobart Hurricanes big-hitting opener D'Arcy Short was named the BBL Player of the series.

Player of the series

Short finished the regular season as leading run-scorer, having blasted 504 runs from 10 matches, including a record-breaking unbeaten 122 against the Brisbane Heat, his innings setting a new benchmark for the highest-ever BBL top score coming off just 69 balls.

Short's remarkable season helped steer the Hurricanes to a finals berth and saw him finish eight votes clear of the Sydney Thunder's Shane Watson (18 votes) and 10 votes ahead of Adelaide Striker's wicket-keeper/batsman Alex Carey (16 votes).

Votes are awarded on a 3-2-1 basis by the officiating central umpires at the end of each match with a player capable of receiving a maximum of six votes per match.

Strikers coach and former 71-Test indigenous cricketer Jason Gillespie proved he had the Midas touch when it comes to off-field leadership as well.

He has previously won English county titles with Yorkshire in 2014 and 2015.

A crowd of 40,732 were at the Adelaide Oval to witness the conclusion of another riveting summer of Big Bash.



● ABOVE: Daniel Christian bowls during the BBL grand final at the Adelaide Oval.

● FAR LEFT: Ashleigh Gardner hits another boundary, this time in the WBBL final at the Adelaide Oval.

● LEFT: Adelaide Strikers coach Jason Gillespie is with former Test teammate and now TV commentator Adam Gilchrist.



Ash Gardner holds the BBL03 Cup. Pictures: Peter Argent



Oh so close: D'Arcy Short grassed this attempted outfield catch off Travis Head in the final against the Adelaide Strikers in the BBL final at the Adelaide Oval.

Gems were too good



SOUTH Sydney Rabbitohs superstar Greg Inglis was an impressed spectator as the First Nation Gems accounted for the New Zealand Maori Ferns at Redfern Oval as part of the Indigenous Festival of Rugby League.

The First Nation Gems claimed victory 18-0 as part of the week-long festival that was filled with culture and pride, and all it needed was a great display of football.

The players and the community ensured the celebration of Indigenous cultures was a positive and empowering experience.

Important

Inglis, along with many other NRL Indigenous players, were keen spectators, as the Gems showed their wares. The star fullback told NRL.com the women's contribution was a valued and important part of the game.

"The festival is significant within itself. It's definitely important that the festival

incorporated and recognised the women in our sport," he said.

"Our culture is the longest living culture on Earth so why not celebrate our women in the sense they want to be celebrated and that's rugby league."

Leading into the women's match, both sides faced off in an emotional and powerful pre-game war cry, hyping up the atmosphere for the vocal crowd.

The Gems and Maori Ferns were aggressive and physical. There were plenty of big hits and strong hit-ups from both sides to create an enthralling contest.

In the end, superior ball security was the telling factor in the result for the Gems.

Early on, the Ferns were caught on the back foot when Gems captain Samartha Leisha opened the scoring in the seventh minute, finding an opening in the visitors' scrambling defence.

Five-eighth Sarah Field added the extras for a 6-0 lead.

At the start of the second quarter, Gems powerhouse forward Rhianna Sutherland came off second best in a defensive contest, but the home

side maintained their lead heading into the main break.

In the third quarter, speedster Taleena Simon used her dazzling footwork to cross the line for the Gems' second try and Field's boot extended the advantage to 12-0.

The Gems kept their momentum going in the final quarter, cancelling out the Ferns' defence. Simon sealed the win when she notched her second try.

Nervous

"We were all a bit nervous before the match but we all reassured each other and we knew we had each other's back. We were going out as sisters regardless," Leisha said.

"I'm so proud. The girls really put in, helped each other out and were there for each other on the field.

"The win feels amazing and to be captaining the side it's an unreal feeling and an amazing experience I'll never forget."

First Nation Gems 18 (Taleena Simon 2, Samartha Leisha tries; Sarah Field 3 goals) d New Zealand Maori Ferns 0.



The New Zealand Maori Ferns perform the haka.



The Gems line up ahead of their match against the New Zealand Maori Ferns. Pictures: Joseph Mayers



Rikka Lamb looks to offload for the Gems against the NZ Maori Ferns.



Taleena Simon dives over for one of her two tries.

Yowies run away in second half



THE Newcastle Yowies had too much firepower for Badu Island side Dhadhin Geai Warriors in

the Koori versus Murri Interstate Challenge rugby league match that was part of the Festival of Indigenous Rugby League at Redfern Oval, Sydney.

The Yowies won 38-26.

The Yowies won the right to represent NSW when they won the 2017 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout, while the Dhadhin Geai Warriors were victors at the 2017 Arthur Beetson Foundation Queensland Murri Carnival.

Showdown

It was a showdown to determine the best non-elite Indigenous rugby league side in Australia.

Both sides were missing key players from their 2017 carnival victories.

Dhadhin Geai Warriors was without star playmaker Maipele Morseu, who lined up later in the day for the First Nations Goannas against the New Zealand Maoris.

Big Daryll Gordon played a big part for the Newcastle Yowies.

He set up a try for Richie Roberts that was a turning point when the Warriors were down by a couple of points and were looking dangerous.

Gordon's offload that led to

a try was reminiscent of the late Arthur Beetson.

A Dennis Moran try from dummy-half soon after virtually sealed the match for the Yowies.

The Warriors coach was respected Terry Abednego who was the 2016 NRL National Volunteer of the Year winner and chief team organiser was George Morseu.

"The team was made up of players with genealogical connections to Badu; we recruited players with linkages to Badu Island," Morseu told the NRL website.

Morseu said the team was happy to be heading to a place like Redfern Oval to be involved in the festival and to play the Newcastle Yowies.

"We were all very excited to be representing Queensland, our communities and our families back home," he said.

Talent scouts could not have missed the effort by Dhadhin Geai Warriors centre Raymond Baira, who was dangerous every time he touched the ball.

Baira scored a near length-of-the-field try at the 32nd minute in a game played over four 20-minute quarters in 30 degree-plus heat.

The hard running Baira broke several tackles and burst down the sideline before touching down under the post.

Other good players were flying back Matthew Gibuma, Remus Phineasa, Lewis Whap, and Aaron Daniels.



Dhadhin Geai player Remus Phineasa is well held by the Newcastle Yowie defence.



Dhadhin Geai player Harold Mosby is collared by the Newcastle Yowie defence.

Goodes' powerful speech

By CHRIS KENNEDY, NRL.com



AUSTRALIAN Football League (AFL) legend Adam Goodes delivered a captivating address to Indigenous rugby league players at the Indigenous Festival of Rugby League in Sydney.

Speaking to a group including Greg Inglis, Alex Johnston, Cody Walker, Joel Thompson, Bevan French and Wade Graham, Goodes spoke about breaking the cycle of poverty that could ruin the post-playing careers of even highly successful Indigenous athletes through poor decisions or simply not understanding how to manage their money.

Goodes also spoke about his own history, bravely confronting racism throughout his playing days and how he came to find his voice and gain the confidence to make a stand.

Speaking to NRL.com after the address, Goodes said he felt passionately about helping young Indigenous men – regardless of what code or sport they played – to break that cycle.

"It's just about providing other Indigenous men advice on my story and how I was able to put my money to work while I was playing to be able to retire from footy debt-free," Goodes said.

"It's about how young Indigenous men who are out there playing professional sport, that they should have goals for their money, they should be putting their money into investments and making that money work for them."

Captive audience

As Goodes addressed the crowd in a small conference room at Sydney's Hyatt Regency Hotel, every pair of eyes was transfixed on the 2014 Australian of the Year as he commanded the full attention of everyone in attendance.

"The brutal honesty of being an Indigenous person is that our life expectancy isn't going to be as high as other non-Indigenous people," Goodes said.

"Our wealth generation is not going to be as high as other people's. They're just the statistics. For me it's about trying to break those statistics, trying to break the

back of poverty, trying to bring as many other Indigenous people as possible on the same journey and the best way to do that is for them to be the best footballer they possibly can be.

"Because if they're the best footballer they possibly can be, they're going to have the potential to earn a lot more money and hopefully have that money working for them."

Goodes also took a pragmatic approach to the targeted racist abuse directed at him from some supporters throughout his career and encouraged rugby league players who faced similar issues to do the same, aiming for an educational and conciliatory approach.

"I don't blame people for the views they have," Goodes said.

"They need to learn a little bit more empathy, learn a little bit more about Indigenous culture because it's a very inclusive culture."

"The people that do frown upon us, look down upon us, say negative things about us – come walk in our shoes, come live a day in our life and see if that might change your mind."

Goodes also had high praise for the inclusive approach the NRL and rugby league community took regarding Indigenous culture through events such as the current festival and also the annual Indigenous All Stars fixtures.

"I think the NRL and these guys that are part of the camp over the weekend, the Indigenous boys, they've got a real opportunity to help mould the NRL and future generations," Goodes said.

Come together

"(They can) make the competition for future Indigenous men coming through a really positive experience about celebrating culture and celebrating who we are, where we come from and even though we're from all different parts of Australia, we can come together and celebrate the way we do."

Joel Thompson told NRL.com that Goodes' message had very much resonated with the rugby league players.

"He's a really powerful speaker and spoke about identity and different things boys can relate to about how to utilise your money that you earn," Thompson said.



The Goannas’ Trent Rose leads the Goannas’ war cry before their game against the New Zealand Maoris. Pictures: Joseph Mayers

Goannas hang on

By TANISHA STANTON



WITH dozens of National Rugby League (NRL) stars watching their every move, the pressure was on the First Nation Goannas and they delivered with a 22-16 victory over the New Zealand Maoris in the Festival of Indigenous Rugby League match.

The Goannas did not disappoint the parochial fans at Redfern Oval in their narrow 22-16 victory over the New Zealand Maoris.

This year’s Festival of Indigenous Rugby League created a strong connection between the Maori and First Nation teams. With a strong showcase of cultural celebration from both teams, they did their people proud with true integrity on and off the field.

The festival captured not only a great display of rugby league, but team camaraderie that was influenced by a deep cultural pride.

The game opened with an intense war cry from both teams, which pre-empted a fiery start to a memorable game.

The Maoris made it interesting early in the match with a perfect grubber from fullback Kurtis Rowe into the in-goal for

Ozzy Tuwhangai to notch a 4-0 lead.

Goannas fullback Ryan Walker flew over the line to square the ledger before Doyle Munga scored to give the visitors a six-point advantage.

Michael Purcell registered a sneaky try and Adrian Davis nailed the sideline to lock the scores at 10-10 going into the half-time break.

Dan Tanner and Kieran Vale propelled the Goannas to a 22-10 buffer before Maori centre Jayden Horo scored to set up a thrilling finish, but the New Zealanders could not bridge the gap.

Proud

Goannas captain Wes Middleton told NRL.com he was filled with immense pride for his team.

“The experience was unreal. I’m very proud of my brothers. It was a bit rusty to start, but it was the first time playing together,” he said.

“Times got tough but we dug deep and ended up coming away with the win in the end.”

First Nation Goannas 22 (Ryan Walker, Michael Purcell, Dan Tanner, Kieran Vale tries; Adrian David 3 goals) d New Zealand Maori 16 (Ozzy Tuwhangai, Carne Doyle-Munga, Jayden Horo tries; Manaia Rudolph 2 goals).



Michael Purcell scores a try for the Goannas.



Try time for Ryan Walker, brother of NRL star Cody Walker.



These two rugby league players from yesteryear need no introduction to league fans – Ronnie Gibbs, left, and Ricky Walford. They were at the Festival of Indigenous Rugby League.

Just miss out



Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya and Harley Windsor, of Australia, compete during the pair skating short program on day five of the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics at Gangneung Ice Arena on February 14 in South Korea. Picture: Getty



HISTORY-making Indigenous Australian Harley Windsor and figure skating partner Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya believe they were underscored after falling short of the medal competition at the Winter Olympic Games.

The pair gave themselves a chance to progress from the short program after skating almost cleanly, but their score of 61.55 wasn't enough for the top-16 cut-off.

They finished 18th of the 22 entrants, well off the 82.39 benchmark set by China's Wenjing Sui and Cong Hang on Wednesday in PyeongChang.

The Australian pair displayed a mixture of delight and relief when they stepped off the ice at Gangneung Arena, having landed their throws.

But they were brought down with a slight wobble by Russian-born Alexandrovskaya

on the second throw.

To Hidden Citizen's cover of the Rolling Stones' classic *Paint It Black*, they nailed their opening element, a triple twist.

Crowned world junior champions last year, the 21-year-old Windsor and 16-year-old Alexandrovskaya were short of their season-best 66.45 which would have qualified them in 13th place.

Bittersweet

It prompted bittersweet feelings in knowing their best would have been good enough.

"I thought that we would have got a lot better score than what we did," Windsor told reporters.

"But it is what it is and there's nothing we can change about it now. We had the potential quite easily to qualify but (for) just little mistakes and the scores not being what we expected.

"But knowing our best — even not our best — could have qualified us, is a good relief."

The second to skate, they finished ahead of entrants from Israel, Austria, Japan and hosts South Korea, who slipped on their first throw.

In competing, Windsor became Australia's first indigenous Winter Olympian. His story has been the focus of much media attention in PyeongChang. From modest upbringings in a big western Sydney family, he stumbled across an ice rink a decade ago after getting lost driving with his mother.

"I was starting to feel a bit nervous last night," a beaming Windsor said. "But I'm really happy with that. Yeah, that was amazing."

"I don't know how I'm meant to feel at the moment," Windsor said. "I'm so happy to have skated at my first Olympics, but I

wanted to make it to the free skate."

The 21-year-old was supported by his mother Josie in the stands, while his father and skating friends watched from back home.

"It felt good to have the support," Windsor said. "It's pretty special knowing so many people were cheering me on."

Media interest

And it wasn't just the Aussies who were backing the historic skater — with Windsor getting swamped with international media requests as soon as he left the ice.

"The attention has been amazing and I just hope I'll be a bit of a role model now," he said. "Hopefully more Indigenous kids get into winter sports."

The duo will enjoy supporting the rest of the Australian team at the Games before heading to Moscow to prepare for the World Championships. — *With AAP*

Inglis unsure of return date



SOUTH Sydney captain Greg Inglis fears he may miss the National Rugby League (NRL)

season-opener as he searches for confidence in his reconstructed knee.

Inglis took a major step in his recovery from an ACL tear suffered in round one last year by completing his first full week of training, but admits he may not be back in time for the Warriors clash on March 10.

"It's touch-and-go (for) round one," Inglis said last week.

"In our game, there's a lot of high-speed turning and twisting. That takes a toll on anybody's knee. And coming back from an ACL, it's just about getting that confidence up."

Inglis' anticipated return has been a hot topic in the NRL since he checked himself into a rehabilitation clinic for depression months after sustaining the injury.

And the Kangaroos and Queensland State of Origin star isn't afraid to admit he's still addressing his mental health issues professionally.

"You're always dealing with it.

It's just something that comes and goes. I have people who I can ring and rely on," he said.

"That's the one thing that people don't understand — once you go through this, you continue your therapy because you never know when it comes back. It's like a snowball effect.

"If you don't keep on top of it, well then it's just going to keep recurring."

Stunned by support

Inglis said he'd been left stunned by the support from the rugby league family, as well as the impact his battle has had

across the wider community.

The 31-year-old encouraged people to speak up when facing similar problems.

"I'm getting letters from fans, from people around the world saying thank you for speaking out.

"I'm just glad that I did something for myself, but it helped a lot of other people," he said.

"It was a massive surprise, to be quite honest. I didn't realise the impact I had on other people's lives until people started coming up to me and thanking me.

"I did this purely for myself, but I'm glad it's helped others."

Inglis was ruled out of the team's two trial matches against Wigan and St George Illawarra, with Alex Johnston likely to start the year at fullback.

Inglis conceded his injury has made him consider switching to the centres in what would be a lethal combination with Dane Gagai, but he will be guided by new coach Anthony Seibold.

"I think it's just getting out there and making up a good game plan, what the best combination is for the side," he said. — *AAP*

Egan named player of the tournament



VICTORIAN
Damon Egan was the star performer at this year's National Indigenous Cricket Championships in Alice Springs.

He won the men's champion player award from Nathan Price (NSW) and Rhys Ward (Tasmania) and was the leading batsman with 284 runs at an average of 71.

Egan's 160 not out was also the highest innings of the tournament.

He also starred with the ball taking seven wickets with his best figures being 4-51.

Only two centuries were scored, but the 50 milestone was reached 25 times.

The awards night started with Queensland's women and South Australia's men teams awarded 'the best team spirit of cricket'. The award was decided by the umpires and based on respect for opponents, respect for role of the umpires and respect for the game.

Queenslander Courtney Hagen, with 205 runs at an average of 68.33, won the women's batting award.

The top female bowler was



Damon Egan holds one of his two awards. Picture: Getty

Jemma Astley (NSW) with nine wickets at 7.56 runs per wicket.

Three players tied for the men's bowling award – Rhys Ward (Tasmania), Wade King (Victoria) and Martin Jeffrey (New South Wales) – who all took 13 wickets.

Brock Larance (NSW) began the tournament with a bang, taking 6-16 in the first game of the carnival.

Amanda Silva (South Australia) made the best return in the women's division with 4-11



Emma Manix-Geeves, from Victoria, won the women's champion player award. Picture: Getty

Sara Darney (NSW) won the women's fielding award with six catches, while Tyran Liddiard (SW) took 10 catches in the men's games.

Emma Manix-Geeves (Victoria) won the women's champion player award with 18 points from Courtney Hagen (Queensland) 15 points and Sara Darney (NSW) 15 points.

Manix-Geeves amassed 182 runs at an average of 60.67, with a highest score of 60 not out.



Lyra Black played a starring roll for Queensland in their women's final loss to NSW. She topscored for the Maroons with 50. Picture: Getty



A fiery Sam Doggett bowls for NSW against Victorian Brad Dolan in the men's final. Picture: Getty



South Australian Mitchell Seekampt steps down the pitch against Western Australia at Jim McConville Oval. Picture: Graham Hunt



NSW captain Nathan Price plays a stylish cut against Western Australia. Picture: Getty



Northern Territorian Andrew Glover bowls against Tasmania at Traeger Park. Picture: Graham Hunt



Tasmanian Luke Williams lines up a square cut against the Northern Territory at Traeger Park. Picture: Graham Hunt



Brisbane Heat Big Bash League player Josh Lalor is out of action at the moment with a broken thumb, but that didn't stop him managing the NSW side at the NICC. He is pictured here moments before NSW won the final against Victoria. Picture: Graham Hunt



Victorian Brad Dolan skies this ball and was out, caught, in the match against Queensland at Albrecht Oval. Picture: Graham Hunt



West Australian Dainira Papertalk is bowled in the match against NSW in the women's semifinal at Albrecht Oval. Picture: Graham Hunt

Desert Eagles too hot for Darwin Barras



THE Alice Springs-based Desert Eagles were too strong for the improving Darwin Barracudas in the final of the Major Centres division of the Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs.

The Imparja Cup is run in conjunction with the National Indigenous Cricket Championships and includes several divisions – Major Centres, women's community division and men's community division.

The Major Centres final was played at Traeger Park on Saturday, February 11.

In the Major Centres final, the Desert Eagles kept the locals happy, chasing down the Darwin Barras' score of 81 with 14 balls to spare and seven wickets in hand.

In the women's community division final, the always popular Bush Potatoes maintained their strong form to be too good for Tennant Creek, claiming a seven-wicket win.

In the men's community division final, the Red Centre Wranglers won a close one by five runs over Brothers in Arms.

Major Centres final: Desert Eagles 3-82 (17.4 overs) d Darwin Barras 9-81 (20 overs).

Women's community division final: Bush Potatoes 3-94 (11 overs) d Tennant Creek 5-92 (14 overs).

Men's community division final: Red Centre Wranglers 4-87 d Brothers in Arms 5-82.



The Desert Eagles are happy after winning the Major Centres division of the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs. *Picture: Graham Hunt*



Imparja Cup co-founder and long-time Desert Eagles player Shane Franey, left, and Desert Eagles captain Ashley Taylor hold the Imparja Cup Major Centres trophy. Franey did not take part in this year's carnival. *Picture: Graham Hunt*



As this picture shows, the community division had its lighthearted moments. *Picture: Getty*



Dan Christian, second from right, is with inmates of the Alice Springs Correctional Centre at the Imparja Cup carnival in Alice Springs. *Picture: Getty*

Positives all around from Christian visit



NATIONAL Indigenous cricket captain Dan Christian led a special training session for prisoners from the Alice Springs Correctional Centre who participated in the men's community division of the Imparja Cup.

The team that played under the banner of the Alice Springs Correctional Centre Eagles has been given the privilege of being allowed outside the prison to participate in the 25th annual Imparja Cup.

Their participation is part of the Correctional Centre's partnership with Cricket NT that since 2016 has seen prisoners who are rehabilitating produce artwork such as bats, balls, stumps and trophies for all the Imparja Cup divisions.

Ian MacDowell Jones, the sport and recreation officer at the Correction Centre, said he used cricket as an ideal tool to prepare his players for release back into society.

"Sport is important for all our men and women, but cricket is becoming a bit more of a passion than any other sport here at the jail," he said.

"Giving players the chance to participate in the Imparja Cup helps teach them about team building, sharing the load and taking responsibility for their actions.

"It also gives them a chance to get involved with a number of Indigenous outside programs that we work closely with so they can put a

name to a face while they are inside the jail so that when they come out they've actually got that face to go to which just gives them a hand on the outside to stay clean, stay healthy and get pointed in the right direction."

"When I told the boys this morning that they were having a one-on-one session with Dan they were absolutely over the moon," MacDowell said.

"They were all ecstatic about the opportunity to work with someone who is a professional in their field and to have someone who is willing to actually talk to them and show them some skills. They just lapped it up."

Positive experience

Christian, who was in Alice Springs working with players and coaches at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC), said the experience with the prisoners was a positive one.

"They were very excited to meet someone who plays in the Big Bash and who they have seen play on TV so it was nice to be able to give them a few tips and to help them out as much as I could," Christian said.

"It was great to hear a little bit about the reintegration program and what they are doing here playing as part of the Imparja Cup, which appears to be working really well for them."

Christian took the group of prisoners through a session that included a combination of bowling, batting and fielding drills.



The 2018 National Indigenous women's Black Caps team includes Emma Manix-Geeves (Victoria), Sara Darney (NSW), Courtney Hagen (Queensland), Dharmini Chauchan (NSW), Nicole Honeysett (NT), Anita Silva (SA), Christina Coulson (Queensland), Kyra Black (Queensland), Julie Muir (NSW), Samara Williams (WA), Jemma Astley (NSW) and Hannah Darlington (NSW). *Picture: Getty*

11 in a row for Blues



NEW South Wales claimed a record 11th consecutive National Indigenous Cricket Championships

(NICC) title in the women's division after proving too strong for a spirited Queensland at Traeger Park in Alice Springs, on Monday, February 13.

Queensland won the toss and elected to bat on the hottest morning of the NICC. The decision appeared a good one as Kyra Black and Tamika Hansen got off to a flyer in the powerplay racing to 0-36 off the first five overs of the T20 game.

NSW then tightened the screws before another rush of runs put the foundations in place for a big Queensland score, reaching 0-73 off 10. NSW finally got a breakthrough, removing Hanson for a run-a-ball 37.

Skipper Courtney Hagen then came to the crease and made her intentions clear early, smashing her third ball to the fence. However, her opposite number Julie Muir bowled her on five and then soon after also claimed the wicket of Clodagh Ryall. NSW were back in the game.

Sitting 3-100 after 15 overs, Black was joined by Christina Coulson and Queensland were on track for a score above 130. With

wickets in hand the pair looked to score off every delivery. Black brought up her 50 off 50 balls in the 19th over before she too was back in the sheds skying the next ball to deep mid-off.

However, with her departure Coulson took control, clearing the rope off the next ball and despite Hannah Darlington claiming two last-over wickets, Queensland went on to post 6-135 and give themselves every chance of a victory.

Remarkable

In reply NSW took full advantage of their powerplay thanks to some big hitting from Sara Darney and Roxsanne Van-Veen.

With the score 0-38 after five overs, Darney and Van-Veen upped the tempo even further, smashing balls all over Traeger Park. The pair combined for a remarkable partnership of 120 from just 11 overs that included 12 fours and five sixes.

Eventually Van-Veen was dismissed for 63 off 32 deliveries, but it was all too late for Queensland as NSW rocketed past their score in 12.5 overs with nine wickets in hand. Darney remained not out on 55 off 37 deliveries.

NSW booked their spot in the final with a crushing win

over Western Australia.

Skipper Julie Muir claimed figures of 5-10 as her side rolled WA for just 36 runs. Muir was well supported by Hannah Darlington who took 3-2. NSW took just 8.5 overs to chase down the total.

In the other semifinal, Victoria made a flying start against Queensland thanks to one of the form players of the competition – Emma Manix-Geeves. She scored 40 as an upset looked on the cards with Victoria 0-75 in the 13th over.

However, when Manix-Geeves was dismissed Queensland tightened the screws, restricting Victoria to just 15 runs off the next seven overs to finish 5-90.

Victoria were still in the game when Merinda Hale claimed the wickets of Tamika Hansen and Courtney Hagen in successive balls, leaving Queensland 2-5.

Then, just as Queensland looked to be back on track, Kyra Black and Clodagh Ryall were also dismissed in succession and Queensland were once again on the backfoot at 4-38 off nine overs.

However, Queensland's experience shone through in the latter overs as Christina Coulson (26) and Giselle Parmenter (18) kept their cool to reach the total in 16.4 overs to set up the final with NSW.



Queenslander Worrin Williams is carried from Jim McConville Oval, Alice Springs, after injuring his knee playing against Tasmania. He took no further part in the carnival. Williams hit a six and collapsed to the ground. He had been carrying a shoulder injury through the tournament. *Picture: Graham Hunt*



Queensland left-arm fast bowler Clodagh Ryall lets one fly against Victoria at Jim McConville Oval. *Picture: Graham Hunt*

Blue whitewash



NSW South Wales dominated the 2018 National Indigenous Cricket Championships in Alice Springs, winning men's and women's divisions.

In the men's final, NSW beat defending champions Victoria, while the NSW women made it 11 titles in succession with a clearcut win over Queensland in the final at Traeger Park.

The men's result was a reversal of 2017 with a nail-biting three-wicket win over Victoria.

Keen to defend a total under lights, Victorian skipper Damon Egan, standing in for the absent Ben Abbatangelo, won the toss and batted.

Struck early

It wasn't long before NSW quick Sam Doggett struck to remove the dangerous Alex Kerr lbw for five.

Brad Dolan (21) and Damon Egan (15) got starts, but were unable to go on with the job. Just when Dolan was looking settled, Doggett clean bowled him to spark wild celebrations in the NSW.

Just eight runs later, Ben Patterson rattled the stumps of the key man Egan and Victoria were in trouble at 3-48.

Nathan Gardiner and Clayton McCartney came together for a 53-run partnership to help get Victoria's innings back on track.

However, a slow run rate meant their

side needed to take some risks from the spin of Marty Jeffrey. That backfired when Jeffrey got one through the gate to remove McCartney for 36.

Wade King didn't last long for Victoria becoming Brock Larance's first victim of the match. His dismissal brought Nick Boland to the crease, who together with Gardiner, built a steady partnership of 77 runs that included Gardiner bringing up his half century.

Gardiner was eventually bowled by Djali Bloomfield for 57 and Victoria pushed through their allocated overs to finish 7-190.

Boland finished on 47 not out, and, for NSW, Doggett had the best figures of 2-55.

NSW's Damien Duroux and Brynley Richards made a conservative start in the run chase thanks to some tight bowling from Ashley Sweet and Nick Boland. Eventually the persistence of Sweet broke through trapping Duroux lbw for 10 and NSW were 1-22 off nine overs.

Nathan Price came to the wicket and immediately lifted the scoring rate with a boundary and one of the biggest sixes of the carnival smashed over deep mid-wicket off the bowling of Damon Egan.

However, just when it looked like things could get out of hand for Victoria, Egan got his revenge forcing an edge from Price to first slip, and Alex Kerr took a sharp catch down low.

Richards and Brendan Smith then recorded a crucial 80-run partnership.

Just as the game started to get away from Victoria once again, Sweet produced a piece of magic in the outfield to run out Smith for 52.

The dismissal of Smith brought the explosive Ben Patterson to the crease. Keen on an early night, he smashed 14 off his first three deliveries and NSW once again restored their ascendancy.

But when Patterson was bowled for 37 off just 23 deliveries, the momentum once again shifted.

Collapse

NSW lost 3-5 with all three wickets courtesy of Nick Boland.

Six wickets down and still needing 10 runs, Victoria found an extra step in the field. Suddenly Boland struck again, bowling Marty Jeffrey and the impossible suddenly seemed possible.

However, when Sam Doggett came to the crease, he smashed a two straight down the ground and NSW escaped with a three-run victory.

For New South Wales Brynley Richards was crucial with a match-saving 55.

For Victoria, Nick Boland put in one of the spells of the tournament to finish with figures of 4-26.

NSW topped the standings after going through the tournament undefeated, and Victoria further cemented their spot in the final with a hard-fought win over Queensland.

In the other men's matches today Western Australia cruised to victory over South Australia.

Earlier, NSW put in a performance that sent shock waves through the men's division with a crushing 188 run win over Queensland.

In one of the most clinical performances seen in recent times at the NICC, NSW batted first and, right from the outset, began clearing the rope at will. Nathan Price (128 off 61) and Brendan Smith (66 off 40) led the onslaught before Ben Patterson (31 off 13) brought the innings home as NSW posted a mammoth 4-246.

Queensland made a positive start in reply, taking 30 off the first three overs.

However, that's where it ended, losing 10-28 from that moment on to be all out for 58. Ben Patterson and Nate Jones doing the damage with three wickets each.

The men's carnival was a mixture of 50-over and T20 games.

There were seven men's and six women's state and territory teams.

Tasmania did not send a women's team.

The tournament provided an opportunity for players to put their hand up for selection for the women's and men's national Indigenous squads.

The Indigenous squads have an extra carrot on offer this year with both teams set to tour England to commemorate 150 years since an Aboriginal XI toured the UK in 1868.



● LEFT: The 2018 Indigenous men's Black Caps team announced at the National Indigenous Cricket Championship dinner in Alice Springs on Sunday, February 12. The team comprises Damon Egan (Victoria), Brodie Hayes (Tasmania), Nathan Price (NSW), Brendan Smith (NSW), Bevan Bennell (WA), Zac Chapman (NT), Rhys Ward (Tasmania), Martin Jeffrey (NSW), Brock Larance (NSW), Ben Patterson (NSW), Djali Bloomfield (NSW), Jack Coppins (SA).

Queensland opener Tamika Hansen scored 37 against NSW in the women's final at Traeger Park.



● RIGHT: NSW opening batsman Damien Duroux was looking for a leg bye in the men's final against Victoria, but the umpire had other ideas and Victorian bowler Ashley Sweet celebrates the umpire's lbw decision. Pictures: Getty





New-found maturity for D'Arcy Short

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The NSW men's team celebrates after winning its sixth National Indigenous Cricket Championship (NICC) at Alice Springs on February 13. NSW beat defending champions Victoria in a gripping final at Traeger Park. NSW went through the series of 50-over and T20 matches undefeated. Pictures: Getty



For the 11th year in a row, the NSW women's team won the NICC title at Alice Springs, this time beating Queensland in the final. Meanwhile, it was announced that Alice Springs would continue to host the NICC and Imparja Cup for another three years under a deal between Cricket Australia, the Northern Territory Government and Cricket Northern Territory. ● See page 62 for details.

Monster weekend



THE weekend around February 11-12 is huge on the Indigenous Australian sporting calendar with Sydney hosting the Festival of Indigenous Rugby League, and Alice Springs again the venue of the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) and the Imparja Cup.

The Festival of Indigenous Rugby League replaced the annual All Stars

game for this year and for the first time if featured matches between Indigenous Australian men's and women's teams against New Zealand national Maori sides.

Throw in the annual Interstate Challenge match between the Newcastle Yowies and Badu Island side Dhadhin Geai Warriors, and it all added up to a huge day at Redfern Oval on Saturday, February 11.

There was a big build-up to the

matches, with a cultural camp being a highlight.

For the record, the Indigenous Australian Goannas beat the New Zealand Maoris 22-16, while in the women's game, the Australian Gems beat the Maoris 18-0.

In the Interstate Challenge, the Newcastle Yowies beat Dhadhin Geai Warriors 38-26.

The Interstate Challenge brings together the winners of the annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout and

the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Carnival in Queensland.

Meanwhile, in Alice Springs, teams were preparing for semifinals and finals of the NICC.

The finals were played on Monday, February 13 and resulted in a NSW clean sweep.

The NSW men beat defending champions Victoria while the NSW women made it 11 titles in a row by defeating Queensland.



The Australian Goannas, made up of non-elite rugby league players, beat the New Zealand national Maori side 22-16 at Redfern Oval on Saturday, February 11. Pictures: Joseph Mayers



The Australian Gems, representing the best Indigenous women rugby league players, beat the New Zealand Maoris 18-0 at Redfern Oval.

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